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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### TAXPAYERS ARE FED UP, AND ARE GETTING HEARD

Isabella County real estate taxpayers are fed up to here with this year's taxes (higher than last year's), the GEM Survey absurdities, and the insulting attitude of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners.

The County Board has been doing its best to ignore the Taxpayers, but signs in other areas indicate that the Taxpayers' Association is not to be taken lightly.

Last weekend the Mt. Pleasant Times News, a paper ordinarily not given to criticism of local governing bodies, lashed out twice at the County Board, and in no uncertain terms.

(This was after the editor of the Times News had attended last week's meeting of the Taxpayers' Association at West Intermediate School in Mt. Pleasant. We personally were unable to attend, but we understand it was a rip-snortin' meeting.)

Apparently the temper of the Taxpayers, and the proofs they offered on GEM Survey's outlandish "appraisals" of our taxable properties, convinced the young and likeable editor of the Times News that the Taxpayers mean business, and that there is honest ground for their anger.

Last Wednesday the County Board of Commissioners carried on its official meeting with Taxpayers present, and a motion to pay GEM Surveys its requested \$90,000 was rejected by one vote. The matter was "tabled," as long as the Taxpayers were present.

As if by magic, as soon as the Taxpayers had left, a representative of GEM Surveys appeared and presented his pitch for money, and the Board took the motion off the table and voted the man \$60,000 immediate payment of Isabella County Tax money.

As the Times News remarked in its editorial, this "confirmed the wildest suspicions of distrust of local government held by some members of the Taxpayers' Association."

Which is putting it mildly, in reality. It confirmed the "wild-"  
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### BRINTON QUILTING CLUB COMPLETES BEAUTIFUL SPREAD--

Ladies of the Brinton Ladies' Quilting Club last week completed work on a beautiful quilt sent them by Mrs. Alexander of Saginaw for the quilting. The Brinton ladies chose dacron filling for the coverlet, making it a delightfully light-weight bed-cover; and they chose permanent-pressed percale for the backing, in a beautiful pale green shade. Mrs. Alexander had done the surface of the quilt in cross-stitched blocks, no two alike. Hold the quilt for the picture are Violet Sloan and Eva Gray. The Brinton ladies completed

their work on the Saginaw quilt in four quilting days, or meetings of the club. The club meets each Wednesday with pot-luck dinner at noon, and then they buckle down for an afternoon of

quilting.

They are now starting work on a lovely basket design quilt for Etta Skalitzky, a member of the club.



LAST WEDNESDAY'S SESSION OF THE QUILTING CLUB--Seated around the quilting frame holding Etta Skalitzky's beautiful new quilt are (left to right): Violet Sloan, Eva Gray, Maggie Boger, Lena St. John, Pearl Geasler, and Etta Skalitzky. The meetings are held in the popular and very adequate Brinton Community Hall.  
Messenger photo

## Men in Uniform

Tom Fussman wants to thank all those who sent him cards and gifts at Christmas time; especially Saint Ann's Altar Sodality, and Knights of Columbus of Beal City, and also the VFW Post of Shepherd; and friends and relatives for their cards and gifts at that time.

Tom is in Germany, for a year probably after March, when he will have been there a year.

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## in the Editor's Mail

To the Editor:

This letter is written to inform the public who did not attend the County Commissioners' meeting, or the public meeting held by the Isabella County Taxpayers' Association Jan. 13, of the whole truth. We want to tell it like it is.

Is this a government of free speech, when we, the people, attend public meetings and unless we ask the chairman to be heard and are granted permission by the Board, we must sit and listen, but keep our mouths shut?

Never have people been treated with less respect or regard for their opinions on vital issues of government.

We cannot, and will not, permit dictatorship here, when boys have fought and died to protect our freedom. Could it be our Commissioners do not believe in this? How can men such as these represent us, when they will not listen to us?

On Jan. 13, members of the Isabella County Taxpayers' Association attended a meeting of the County Commissioners, to plead with them to examine the inequities collected (of the GEM Survey--Ed.)

Members arrived at 1 p. m. It was 4 p. m. before request was granted and two members were allowed to speak.

The members spoke, and also requested the Board to withhold payment to GEM Survey until after the proof was examined.

We were given the impression the Board would not act on the financial report and pay GEM Survey until the following Wednesday session.

We would like to know how Mr. Mask got to speak. Did he  
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# Editor's Column

By Connie

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est" suspicions of all taxpayers in Isabella County as to the integrity of its Board of County Commissioners.

Too bad, but that's the way the ball bounced after the Taxpayers had left the meeting last week.

That night the Taxpayers held a county-wide meeting at West Intermediate School, and it was an intensive affair, to put it mildly.

The County Board, in ignoring the Taxpayers, pitted every owner of every acre of real estate in this county against the whole Board, with the exception of one member: Roger Galer, who has consistently stood up for caution, investigation, and reason in dealing with this explosive affair.

Roger Galer has just as consistently been put down by votes of the rest of the Board, and we do hope he doesn't get discouraged and resign, as we've heard he would like to do. Don't do it, Roger.

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# in the Editor's Mail

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have a vote taken from the Board in order to do so?

Why did Mr. Mask wait until every member of the Association had left before making his appearance?

Were the Commissioners afraid of the Big Bad Man? Was this not a form of blackmail? "Give me money or you do not get appraisal cards." Can these cards be used? Is not \$17,000 a big price to pay for the cards in Mr. Mask's car--cards that may be shelved?

Commissioner Brown stated that some of our complaints were misleading. This is not true. We have proof from all points of the county.

The Taxation and Judicial committees were appointed to meet with members of the Association and a representative of GEM Survey.

We welcome Mr. Mask. This will prove to him and Mr. Grinzinger that this is no laughing matter, as they seemed to think by their actions conducted in the Equalization Department office during the meeting Jan. 12.

These men, who are supposed to represent the people, have sold us down the river.

Only one Commissioner, Roger Galer, has steadily stood up in our defence. Let us all remember this during our recall campaign.

We are told we should participate in our local government,

and have faith. By the actions of the Commissioners, we have no choice now but to distrust them.

We will be on guard and watch their every move. If our elected officials will do things such as this with people knowing it, what the hell will they do behind our backs?

Della Walker  
Vera Cashen  
Mt. Pleasant

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## TAXPAYERS' MEETING WITH COMMISSIONERS FURTHER CLOUDS PUBLIC RELATIONS

A meeting of a Taxpayers' Association committee and a committee of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners Monday afternoon resulted mainly in further aggravation between the Board and the county taxpayers.

About 30 cases of error or inequity were presented by representatives of the Isabella County Taxpayers' Association, out of a possible 700 cases the Taxpayers have collected.

It quickly developed that nothing could be accomplished at that meeting, inasmuch as the Commissioners said that GEM Survey had not delivered all appraisal cards back to the Commissioners.

The County Commissioners are attempting to use aerial maps in their defense of GEM Survey's findings, to which the Taxpayers' Association objected.

A meeting Wednesday evening between Isabella County's individual Township Supervisors and a representative from the Michigan State Tax Commission was to have pointed out "what the supervisors could do and what they couldn't do", in relation to alterations on the GEM Surveys' appraisals of property in Isabella County.

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## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Rusty Alwood called at the home of his uncle and aunt, the Dan Kripas, of rural Mt. Pleasant, Friday evening.

Helen Alwood called on Pearl Battle over the weekend to see her baby boy, Brian Douglas, who got home from the hospital. He was born Nov. 26, and weighed a little over three pounds.

Sunday afternoon callers at the Don Alwood home were Mrs. Hermione Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alwood and two children of rural Rosebush.

Jim Alwood and David Burden spent Saturday afternoon in Barryton with a group of students learning to bowl at a bowling alley.

Callers at the Laura Latham home were Mrs. Carl Latham of Blanchard and Rose Leiter, one day last week.

Mrs. Lloyd Conley and Mrs. Ed Olger attended the funeral of Wm. Agle at Farwell.

Albert Gott took his folks for

a ride Sunday. They had birthday dinner with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott spent Wednesday with Carolyn Jewell at Brinton.

Thursday they took Jim Abbott to the Saginaw Veterans' Hospital for examination. He has to go back soon, as they found he has a bad heart.

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## PIONEER FARM BUREAU MEETS WITH RICHARD BELLS

The Pioneer Farm Bureau of Gilmore Township met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bell Jan. 11.

The hostess served a delicious ham dinner plus pot-luck, prior to the business meeting, conducted by Chairman Wm. L. Phillips.

Eleven members were present. Olive Irwin led in a discussion of

the topic, "School Supplies".

The next meeting will be held Feb. 8 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newman.

Mrs. Wm. L. Phillips  
Farm Bureau Reporter

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## NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Clyde Beutler went to East Lansing Monday morning to visit her daughter and family, the Robert Tibbettses.

Don Clark, Lela Whearett and Connie Skinner enjoyed the smorgasbord put on by the Broomfield Grange Saturday evening.

Mrs. Carol Johnson and Mrs. Sue Embrey attended the Young Home Makers Extension Club meeting last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Linda Krueger.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Vera Hagerman has returned to her home after spending some time at the home of her son, Everett, and family, in Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Hagerman has been ill, but was reported some better the first of the week.

## Obituary

### AMELIA WIEBER

Mrs. Amelia Wieber died Jan. 17 in CMC Hospital. She had suffered a stroke. She had many friends in this area who will mourn her passing.

She was born Sept. 25, 1888, in Grand Rapids, and had lived on the farm of her husband, Will Wieber, about 62 years. Her children were born there.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Joseph Wawersik (Angela), and Mrs. Walter Hauck (Irene) of Rosebush; a sister, Mrs. Helen Simmer, of Beal City; eight grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

She was a member of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Beal City, and a member of St. Ann's Altar Sodality.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the church, with Rev. Father S.A. Bur officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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## Card of Thanks

On behalf of the patients and staff of the Isabella County Medical Care Facility, I wish to extend sincere thanks in appreciation for the contributions of individuals, clubs, organizations, churches, news media, and especially to the Isabella County Medical Care Facility Auxiliary, who made the day a little "brighter, the way a little "clearer," and a friend a little "dearer" during the past holiday season.

John P. Verwey  
 Administrator

### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt and family of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday afternoon callers of Mrs. Nina Forbes. Sunday was Rodney's birthday, and his grandmother had a birthday cake and dinner for him and Russell, Roger and Diane, who came back Sunday afternoon.

## the Churches

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST  
 Rev. Athel J. Lynch, Pastor  
 Weidman Church:  
 Church School starts at 10 a.m.  
 Worship Service, 11.15.  
 Methodist Men, fourth Saturday evening, 7 to 9.

WSCS, first and third Thursdays 2.30 p.m., at the church.

WINN CHURCH:  
 Worship service, 8.45 to 9.45.  
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.

COOMER CHURCH:  
 Worship service, 10 a.m.  
 Sunday School, 9 to 9.55 a.m.  
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### NEWS OF THE WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

One mile west of Weidman  
 Pastor: Marvin Eldridge. Ph. 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
 Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
 Choir practice, 6.45 p.m.  
 Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.  
 Roller skating Monday, Jan. 25, 7 p.m., at Lake Roller Rink.

Church Visitation, Wednesday, Jan. 27, at parsonage, 7.30 p.m.

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### BROOMFIELD ZION LUTHERAN

Located six miles south of Weidman on Coldwater Road.  
 Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor  
 Sunday School, 9.15 a.m.  
 Worship Service, 10.30 a.m.  
 Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

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### GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

George Getchel, Minister  
 Located six miles south of Farwell; northeast of Weidman on Coleman Road.  
 Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.  
 Bible School, 10.30 a.m.  
 Youth Hour, 6 p.m.  
 Evening Worship, 7.30 p.m.  
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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

The Merry Go Round Club met at the Brinton Community Hall Thursday, with 12 members present. The next meeting will be with Nora Geasler, Feb. 11.

Hazel Graham of rural Clare and Frances Beck and Nora Geasler attended the anniversary party for Fern and Clayton Beutler at Weidman Sunday.

Minerva Owens called on her brother and wife, the Lewis Bowns, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe entertained her sister, Diana, and family of Barryton, Sunday.

Eunice La Londe and Eathel Beers joined Fern Verette in Big Rapids Friday, for shopping.

Connie Bowen attended the Tip-Up Town activities at Houghton Lake Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family spent Sunday with the Frank Graham family at Rosebush.

# Real Estate Transfers

(Published in this paper through the courtesy of Donald R. Sandbrook, Register of Deeds.)

Martin H. Bowerman and Elizabeth V. to Einar M. Hemmingsen and Gladys M. et al, Lot 526, Lake Isabella Plat No. 4, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Oscar D. Long and Doris M., Lot 150, Lake Isabella Plat No. 2, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Peter Yasenchak and Margaret A., Lot 402, Lake Isabella Golf Est. No. 2, Broomfield.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Harold L. Artz and Margaret J., Lot 574, Lake Isabella Plat No. 4, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Samuel E. Straight and Marion L., Lot 614, Lake Isabella Plat No. 4, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Jay G. Myers and Cecilia M., Lot 43, Lake Isabella Woods No. 1, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Frank Serwatowski and Joyce, Lot 12, Lake Isabella Forest No. 1, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Norman E. Clarke, Trustee U.A., Lot 335, Lake Isabella Golf Est. No. 2, Broomfield.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Floyd D. Monaweck and Elizabeth, Lot 327, Lake Isabella Golf Est. No. 2, Broomfield.

LeRoy R. Nelson and Eleanor et al to Jeanette A. Galles, pt. sw sw sec. 17, Deerfield.

Walter C. Mey and Mary L. to George L. Robinson and Dolores T., pt. ne ne sec. 24, Deerfield.

Earl Blodgett and Myrtle to Clarence Talsma and Jeannette, pt. s 1/2 se sec. 30, Gilmore.

Ivan D. Allen and Rowena to Jerry R. Blodgett and Margaret, pt. se se sec. 12, Sherman.

Floyd Henry Bazaire and wife to George W. Adelman and wife, nw nw sec. 9, Coldwater.

Joseph McBride and wife to Albert O. Schlemmer and wife, pt. sw sw sec. 23, Deerfield.

Frank A. Fabiano and wife to Richard A. Tilmann and wife, pt. Lot 3, Blk. 28, Kinney's Add., City of Mt. Pleasant.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Martin H. Bowerman and wife, Lot 526, Lake Isabella Plat No. 4, Sherman.

Charlie C. Cernek and Robert A. et al to Howard V. Evans and wife, Pt. Lot 27, Hiawatha Hills, Deerfield.

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## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow, Mrs. Lyle Denslow and daughter, Mrs. Robert Corwin, went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz of rural Remus Saturday evening, where they surprised Mr. Dargitz (Micky) in honor of his birthday. They spent an enjoyable evening. Happy Birthday, Micky!!

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott and Michael were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow.

Michael Gray of Mt. Pleasant visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Gray visited her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dague, at Tubbs Lake, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirvan visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John Sunday evening.

Mrs. Lyle Denslow accompanied her brother of Blanchard, taking her sister, Mrs. Wyona Risdon, of Blanchard, to a Grand Rapids hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coon were Sunday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip. Ski-dooers over the weekend at the Schrock home were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Olger, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Connors, Bruce

Welch and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Orval (Spike) Branson and family of Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dosenberry of Lansing were Saturday overnight and Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, and Paul and Keith.

We are glad to report Mrs. Donald Zill improving in health. Mrs. Zill says her mother is visiting her nephew, Wm. Dean, at Albion. Her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baxter, of Flint, are vacationing at Arizona, California, Texas and Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock, Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley were among those attending the 25th anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler Sunday afternoon at the Masonic Hall in Weidman. It was a lovely event. Mrs. Imogene Forbes of Detroit, who came to attend the party, was a Sunday overnight guest at the Beutler home.

Harvey Leiter of Horsehead Lake visited his brother, Ira, and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, and family, Sunday. Mrs. Leiter reported that Aunt Mary (Mrs. Harvey Leiter) wasn't feeling too well.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loomis and family of south Weidman visited at the Leiter home Sunday evening. Mrs. Daniel Stebelton and Renee of Mt. Pleasant came up to spend Monday.

Mrs. Keith Thompson visited her mother, Mrs. Leona Courser, of Mt. Pleasant, Saturday.

Phillip Schrock spent Wednesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley while his father attended the funeral of his great-uncle, Joseph Brown, at Riverdale. Wednesday evening guests at the Stanley home were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gorby of Lake Thirteen, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung of Beal City, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley of Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and Debbie, Pam and David, Jr., of Lake Thirteen were Saturday luncheon guests of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City were Sunday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley went with Mr. and Mrs. Pung Sunday night to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Vinton of Farwell, honoring them on their sixth wedding anniversary. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fussman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kent and daughters, and Norman Vinton of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley of Weidman.

Mrs. Stanley went with Mrs. Lyle Denslow and daughter, Mrs. Robert Corwin (Sharon), who was the latter's guest, Mrs. Otto Skalitzky and Mrs. Otis Conley, to the Weidman Hep TOPS Club

anniversary banquet Friday evening at The Embers in Mt. Pleasant.

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Edna McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie McDonald and family were Sunday afternoon guests at the Earl Oplinger home. Mr. and Mrs. Oplinger attended an NFO meeting at Mt. Pleasant Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent called on her mother Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Dent and all their children and their families spent from Friday to Sunday at Goose Lake, snowmobiling, and having fun.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wright were weekend guests at the Paul Miller home.

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox was a Wednesday morning caller of Mrs. Flora Wood, Rev. and Mrs. Wolfgang and son, Jon, were Thursday afternoon callers. Mrs. Wood was a Sunday dinner guest of her son, Vance, and family.

Mike Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood of Mt. Pleasant, won a trophy in the snowmobile races Sunday near Barryton. He came in third.

Ivan Dutcher was a Wednesday afternoon caller at the Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman were Sunday supper guests. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Sunday evening callers, and Ardis also called on Yours Truly.

Mrs. Blanche Carr was a Saturday dinner guest of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were recent callers at the Wilbur Wright home. Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich and family were Saturday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller were Saturday evening guests.

Mrs. Opal Denslow announces the birth of a great-granddaughter, Kristy Lynn, born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harvey at the Mt. Pleasant hospital Jan. 15, weight seven and a quarter pounds.

Jim and Bob Thompson were business callers near Lansing Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family were Sunday supper guests of her father, Charlie Gross, and family, in Weidman.

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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WILL MEET NEXT THURSDAY

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Gladys McArthur Memorial Library in Weidman, a branch of the Mt. Pleasant Public Library, will be held at the Library Building at 7.30 p. m. next Thursday, Jan. 28.

Reports of various committees will be given, and election of new officers will be held.

All interested persons and present members of the organization are urged to attend this important meeting.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Bev Smith was home for the weekend from Pinconning, and enjoyed the time with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith, and family.

John Fedewa called on Louise Smith Monday, and gave her a nice mess of fresh fish. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Smith. De-lores and Brian Rau were Wednesday callers. Doll and Brian Rau were Sunday visitors.

Mrs. Ann Eldred of Winn and Mrs. Al Klumpp spent Wednesday with Mrs. Tillie Schafer.

Sister Marie Alexander of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with relatives here.

The Al Klumpp family and Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of near Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer and family of Bay City called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer Sunday.

A large number from here attended the funeral of Joseph Gruss last Wednesday at St. Joseph the Worker's Church.

A number from here visited Tip-Up Town at Houghton Lake.

Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith and family Sunday afternoon.

Gail Schumacher and Michael Pasch were married in St. Joseph the Worker's Church in Beal City last Thursday evening at 7.30.

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### REPORT CARDS ISSUED AT BEAL CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Report cards were issued on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Beal City Public High School, for all students 7th through 12 grades, according to the school.

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## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Well, last week, I (not Ed as in Beal City news) took care of the children of Jerry and Bethal Schafer a couple of days while they went on a trip.

Thursday evening our son, Jerry, and wife, Jane, gave me a lovely birthday dinner at their home in Mt. Pleasant, which I enjoyed very much. Grandma Schafer went with Ed, Bill, Bob and me.

Had a nice chat with Loretta Lorenz. She said Tuesday evening they and Clarence and Lois Ritter went over and played cards with Ray and Kate Martin. Friday she entertained her grandchildren, Straus and Simmer, by playing cards with them. Saturday night Rose and Paul Simmer had dinner with the Lorenzes.

Sunday guests at the Lorenz home were Don Jacobs and family of Flint, Max Straus and family, John Sheppard, the Ron Lorenz family, Lou Theisen and children, Bob Kolarik and Lori,

Linda and Paul Simmer.

John Schafer and family of Bay City called here Sunday, and when they didn't find us home went to the Milo Eldred home near Blanchard.

We went to Leo Schafer's and took them to Walt Smith's, where we enjoyed several games of cards. Then we went to Lake George to the Jamboree.

Until next week, Marge

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## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Edwin Courser and children were Sunday afternoon visitors of her mother, Mrs. Celia Allen, of Blanchard.

Fred Woodruff visited his sister, Mrs. Leona Courser, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Larson were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ege spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting.

Richard Cook left from Detroit Sunday on a world tour with 30 other Michigan farmers. The trip is sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation as a good-will tour. They will return Feb. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Bunting and Steve and Stacey of Belding were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts spent the weekend at their cottage on Goose Lake, snowmobiling.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaughter and family at Lake Thirteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caulkins of Alto visited their sister, Mrs. Nettie Crowley, in the Edmore Hospital last week.

Roderick Nicholson is improving nicely, and expects to be home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnson of Newberry brought their son, Danny, back to return to CMU for another term. They also visited the Fred Swan and Basil Rogers homes, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Swan and baby were Sunday dinner guests of the Fred Swans.

Mr. and Mrs. Einar Sandelius and Don, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Herman and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Bywater and sons attended a Golden Wedding Open House for Mrs. Sandelius' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Oligny, of Cadillac, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Oligny and baby came back with them and were Saturday overnight guests at the Sandelius home. They returned home to Byron Center Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines. Roxanne Hines had Sunday dinner with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fiorillo took a group of young people to the Din 'n Racket rink for a roller skating party Sunday evening.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones of Evert Sunday. Terry Lueder spent Wednesday evening with the Rhodes.

Mrs. Florence Harvey has two new grandchildren: A son born to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Harvey (Jeffrey Clark), and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harvey (Christine Lynne).

Earl V. Seybert was released from CMC Hospital Jan. 12m where he had been a patient with respiratory illness. Mrs. Seybert stayed with her son, Earl, Jr., and family, at Elsie, while he was hospitalized.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Keysor of Midland were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett. Mrs. C. Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Leiter went to Saginaw Monday to see Elmer Garrett, who had just had surgery on his eyes.

Mrs. Kate Martin is visiting the John Passerillo family in Saginaw this week.

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Mrs. Hermione Smith had Sunday dinner with Helen Alwood and family.

## McARTHUR MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAS MAGAZINES

The Gladys McArthur Memorial Library in Weidman has received a list of magazines which are now available or will be available in current copies by the end of this month.

The magazines are on subscription basis, and will be coming regularly. The list:

Better Homes and Gardens, Changing Times, Consumer Reports and Buying Guide, Farm Journal, Good Housekeeping, Hobbies, Hot Rod, Life, Look, McCalls Magazine, National Geographic, Newsweek, Popular Mechanics, Popular Photography, Popular Science, Readers Digest, Redbook, School Arts, Science Digest, Science News, Scientific American, Seventeen Magazine, Sports Illustrated, Time.

These magazine subscriptions are made available to the McArthur Memorial Library in Weidman through its affiliation with the Mt. Pleasant Public Library and the Chippewa Library League.

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### NEWS NOTES

Jim Beutler and children were Sunday visitors of his mother, Mrs. Clyde Beutler. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston of Rosebush were evening callers.

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## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Marion Beutler entertained the Busy Bees Thursday afternoon, with 10 ladies attending. Mrs. Flora Wood and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were both ill, so didn't attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler attended Open House for Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler Sunday at the Masonic Hall in Weidman, for their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Decker of Barryton visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Ronna Dutcher and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher attended the TOPS banquet at The Embers in Mt. Pleasant Friday night.

Monroe and Ruth Dutcher of Clarkston called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher called on the Robert Hineses Sunday afternoon.

Florence Hoffman called on Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., Thursday.

Mrs. Barbara Dutcher and Patti visited her folks, the Theodore Cases, Sunday afternoon.

Monroe and Ruth Dutcher visited the Richard Dutchers Saturday evening, after snowmobiling.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Joyce and Walter visited the Clayton and Dale Dutchers several times during the week, and did some snowmobiling.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher spent Saturday over night with the Gary Dutchers.

Bob and Rex had Sunday dinner with the Clayton Dutchers, also the Walter Howes and Jim and Betty Dutcher. The Dale Dutchers visited the Walter Howes Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew had dinner with the Dewey Kirvans of Barryton Thursday. Edna attended the Busy Bees with Florence Hoffman in the afternoon, at the Howard Beutler home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and Karen called on the Dewey Kirvans Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew attended the 25th wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler at Weidman Sunday.

Orval Merrihew visited his father, Orrie, several times during the week. They had Fellowship dinner at the church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and family spent from Friday night till Sunday afternoon with the George Merrihews and the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. They brought their snowmobile and did some riding while here.

Billy and Timmy Ransom had spent some time visiting their

grandparents, the Harry Hardenburghs. Harry and Opal took them home to Flint Monday.

William Lumbert of Six Lakes visited Emory Dell Sunday afternoon. The Hardenburghs and Emory have been having the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler took his mother, Mrs. Clyde Beutler, to Lansing Monday to visit her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tibbetts. The ladies will celebrate their birthdays together this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark spent Saturday evening with her folks, the Harry Gatehouses.

The Jack Wernettes of Remus spent Sunday afternoon with the Duane Threns.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and two daughters, Jane and Kathleen, of Mt. Pleasant, were Sunday evening visitors of his mother, Mrs. Kit Johnson.

Mrs. Irene Caulkins of Rosebush spent last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Emily Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Kirvan and son, Gary, of Oscoda were Sunday visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan and GERALINE Johnson and children were visitors during the week.

Mrs. Clarence Geitman is in the Alma hospital. She entered the hospital last Thursday.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



TWENTY SNOWMOBILES SET OUT FOR HOUGHTON LAKE--And 19 made it, Sunday morning, to see the famous Tip-Up Town. Above are some of the machines ready to take off from gathering place at Russell Maeder's home. Messenger photo

They left about 10.30 a. m., and, with several "pit stops", for hot coffee and general thawing out, they arrived at Houghton Lake about 3.30 p. m.

They had nice running, all on trails or back roads except three miles on highways.

Their wives drove the family cars up to Houghton and met them with bounteous packed lunches which all enjoyed outdoors on the ice at Houghton Lake.

Art Tilmann drove his 40-foot trailer truck up and toted the snow machines home after the festivities.

In the caravan starting from Maeder's were Gordon Ritter, Russell Maeder, Bud Fredrickson, Dale Lawens, Fuzz Weber, Ed Weber, Bill Brown, Joe Faber, Dale Tilmann, Tim Hauck, John Hauck, Rusty Alwood, Roger

Maeder, Bob Fedewa, Ron Pasch, Charles Reihl, Tom Maeder, Ed Miller, Fred Yuncker, Tom Pasch, and Kenny Vogel.

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## BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR JODI SPRAGUE

Miss Jodi Sprague, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague, celebrated her 10th birthday Sunday with a dinner party.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague, and Mrs. Bessie Teall of Mt. Pleasant.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leon Horstman went to Detroit Sunday for a few days' visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenny Stemplin of Detroit were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Jim.

Thayne Sides took Alton Allen to his doctor in Grand Rapids Monday.



EVERY MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DRAWS CROWDS OF TAXPAYERS As this meeting last week indicates. Never again, with the present membership of the Board, can the public sit back and rest assured that our true interests are considered in these Board meetings. Since the sneak payment to GEM Survey last week after the Taxpayers had left believing the payment would be held up until the middle of this week, the public with any interest in real estate taxes has felt it necessary to be present to see and hear what the Board says and does. Times-News Photo

# BOWLING

CONTINENTAL LEAGUE

Jan. 13

	W	L
Schlitz Beer	9	
Weidman Bank	7	
Lowery Northern	7	
Pabst Blue Ribbon	7	
Beal City Tavern	7	
Central Concrete	6	
Household Appl.	6	
Marchiando & Rau	5	
Beal City Service	5	
Wentworth IGA	5	
Giant Super Mkt.	4	
Smalley Builders	4	

High Team Series: Weidman Bank 3063. High Team Game: Weidman Bank 1093.

High Indv. Series: Roger Hughes 568, Bob Lyon 563, Dick Haney 560.

High Indv. Game: Roger Hughes 223, Bob Lyon 215, Bob Bleise 210.

## GUYS & DOLLS

Jan. 15

Lawens-Pantenburg	8	0
Blehm-Hyde	7	1
Thon-Blake	6	2
Ecker-Eldred	5	3
Moore-Long	5	3
Nolte-Kolarik	4	4
Bierschbach-Zill	4	4
Moore-Moravy	3	5
Bleise-Straus	2	6
McArthur-Anderson	2	6
Stewart-Bleise	1	7
McConnell-Myers	1	7

High Team Series: Blehm & Hyde 2434. High Team Game: Blehm & Hyde 897.

High Indv. Series, men: Paul Hyde 555, Bob Bleise 542, Perce Blake 541.

High Indv. Series, women: Mary Blake 541, Jan Moore 503, Mary Hyde 463.

High Indv. Game, men: Paul Hyde 222, Mitch McArthur 217, Bob Bleise 214.

High Indv. Game, women: Mary Blake 186, Jan Moore 185, Joy McConnell 180.

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## REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS EIGHT TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular Rebekah-sponsored card party last Tuesday, there were eight tables of pepper in play.

Bill Appelgreen won first prize for the men, with Ida Mae Dent winning first prize for the women.

Kit Johnson won low. Pepper prize was won by Ruby Douglas, with the door prize going to Mrs. Clyde Beutler.

The next Rebekah card party will be Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 26.

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## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were in Lansing Friday. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Clare Oberlin. Mrs. Oberlin was just home from the hospital, after surgery. They called on Alvin Schumacher, who is a patient in St. Lawrence Hospital there.

## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

The Merry Go Round Club meeting was held Thursday at the Brinton Community Hall. The next meeting will be Feb. 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Geasler.

Thelma Cole has been on the sick list.

Miss Mary Blodgett is in the Saginaw hospital, quite ill with kidney trouble.

Paul Cole received word that his nephew, Charles Dumont, will have knee surgery Jan. 16. It will be at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. His knee was injured in a snowmobile accident two years ago.

Mrs. Dumont just returned home from Sparrow Hospital, after a heart attack.

Paul Cole was surprised to get a telephone call Wednesday morning from his friend, Diana Kripa Anderson, of Nebraska, wishing him a Happy Birthday.

The Paul Coles and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Melissa all helped Dan Kripa celebrate his birthday Jan. 11. Ice cream and cake were served. Helen Mahon made Paul Cole a very nice birthday cake. Helen and Paul had birthdays Jan. 13.

Wm. Wixson remains quite ill in CMC Hospital.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart had a pleasant surprise Friday morning when someone was very nice and plowed out her driveway.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis were Sunday guests of her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and boys were dinner guests Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cornell, of Gladwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler were Sunday dinner guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth, and family.

Mrs. Paul Cole received word of the death of her cousin, Mrs. Irene Pringle. Irene Colosky Pringle was born and raised in Gilmore township.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Melissa took Lena Cole and Beulah Wixson on a trip to Houghton Lake Saturday. It was a very nice trip.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wixson and family of Flint visited his mother, Mrs. Beulah Wixson, over the weekend.

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## NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Dorothy Snyder of Ithaca, Mrs. Jennie Sutton and family of Ashley and Mrs. Andy Faber and family were last Wednesday dinner and afternoon guests at the Ronnie Sprague home. Mr. and Mrs. Ace Kruss and family of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday afternoon visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Junior Bakos and family of Ashley were supper and evening guests.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## ENGAGED



CHERYL LYNN LEITER

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter of rural Lake announce the

engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cheryl Lynn, to Stephen John Voss, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Charles Voss of Lake Route 1. Cheryl is a 1970 graduate of Chippewa Hills High School. Steve graduated from Weidman High School in 1966 and is employed at Ferro Manufacturing as a tool and die apprentice.

The wedding will take place at the Weidman Baptist Church this Saturday, Jan. 23, with a reception in the Brinton Community Hall at 8 p.m.

Friends and neighbors are cordially invited.

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## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Don Papesh and daughter of Coldwater, Mich., were weekend guests of the Gardol St. John family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower and son, Davy of Toledo spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Flower.

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KOPS QUEEN OLLIE DENSLow

Photo by Wanda Graham

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of our KOPS Queen, Ollie Denslow.

Ollie is the wife of Lyle Denslow, and they reside two miles north and two and a half miles west of Weidman.

Their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow, are now managing the farm, as Mr. Denslow works full time at Edmore, and Ollie (Mrs. Denslow) part

#### WEIDMAN HEP TOPS CLUB HOLDS FOURTH ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The Weidman Hep TOPS Club held its fourth anniversary banquet Saturday evening, Jan. 15, at The Embers in Mt. Pleasant.

Eileen Faber was Mistress of Ceremonies. Carolyn Sowle said table grace before we enjoyed the delicious salad bar and chicken and ham and other delicacies.

The meeting was opened with TOPS Fellowship song, and welcome messages by Jeanne Smith, our leader, who also introduced our area captain, Jackie Post, and husband, who attended the event as our guests. Jackie is a member of the Mt. Pleasant Topettes, and has been a KOPS for five years, and is an inspiration to all TOPS members in our area. She gave a reading written by Diana Pung, a member of her club, which has helped her keep her KOPS status.

The club history and yearly re-

time at the CMU Center.

They have two daughters, Mrs. Micky Dargitz (Darlene) of rural Remus, and Mrs. Robert Corwin (Sharon); and five grandchildren, Brian, Jill and Kathy Dargitz, and Robert, Jr., and Kyle Corwin.

Ollie joined the Weidman Hep TOPS Feb. 13, 1967, reaching her goal in the latter part of 1969. She graduated as a KOPS Feb. 17, 1970.

port were given by Wanda Graham and Loretta Blevin. Club officers, Leader Jeanne Smith, Co-Leader Carol Bierschbach, Secretary Nina Carrick, Treasurer Caroline Sowle, received officers' charms, as did Weight Recorder Wanda Graham and Assistant Weight Recorder Loretta Blevins.

Special awards were given Loretta Blevins, our Summer Queen, and Dianne Schumacher, Stork Club Queen.

Division winners were announced by Jeanne Smith: Delores Rau was best loser, joining our club in October, without a weight gain; June Blasen, division winner, Diane Schumacher, Stork Club Queen, winning, and Becky Graham, our lovely Best in Teens Division.

KOPS members Etta Skalitzky, Vada Conley, Ella O'Hara, Ann Schafer and Ollie Denslow were introduced and honored with the the group singing, "Oh, You

#### Beautiful KOPS!"

The club members honored Jeanne Smith with a \$20 gift certificate on a Mt. Pleasant store, in recognition of her tireless work in TOPS and the local chapter.

The meeting closed with the TOPS Pledge, followed by our Goodnight song

The committees for the event were: Flowers, ribbons and awards, Nina Carrick; table decorations, Loretta Blevins; program, Jeanne Smith; banquet arrangements, Wanda Graham; and tickets, Carolyn Sowle.

Everyone enjoyed the event, and as we begin another year, I'm sure we'll have more KOPS to honor at our anniversary party in 1972, if we keep on Taking Off Pounds Sensibly.

See you lighter. E. V. S.

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#### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Crane and family of Littlefield were supper guests Saturday of the Bernard Pitts family.

#### ATHLETIC BOOSTERS TO MEET NEXT WEDNESDAY

The Chippewa Hills Athletic Boosters Club will meet next Wednesday evening, Jan. 27, at 7.30 in the Remus School.

Booster Club members and the coaching staff are expected to be present.

Leo Schmitz of a commercial company will meet with the group to discuss basketball scoreboards for the school's new gym.

Chuck Wernette, of the Central Michigan Bank, also will be present to discuss the bank's part in the scoreboards' purchase.

Other scoreboard companies have been contacted.

Coaches have been trying out a television monitor to use with the school's video outfit. Cost is at \$295. Discussion of the feasibility of purchasing it for the Athletic Department will be on the agenda.

Also on the agenda for discussion will be Talent Night, and a bake sale auction in April.

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