

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### PANIC SPREADING AMONG HOME OWNERS

It is no exaggeration to say that there is panic spreading like wildfire among home owners and other land owners in Isabella County.

Last week we all received notices from the office of Robert Grinzinger, "equalization director" for Isabella County on tax matters, but containing "True Cash Value" prices set on our homes and lands by a Detroit outfit named GEM Survey Company.

We recall our spine-tingling response to the robot-like polite unresponsive unyielding young man who came to our door last summer with a letter of introduction signed by Maynard Gilmore, County Clerk.

The following week we printed an editorial blast on the robot-like young man's invasion of our home and privacy.

Last week we received the "GEM Survey Company's" valuation of our home and lake lots.

We were certain there must have been some mistake, for straggly little Connie Skinner was listed as holding a fortune amounting to \$67,800 in taxable property.

Our impulse is the same as that of many who have come to our office or called on the phone. Dump it.

Is this what the Isabella County Board of Commissioners wants? If we all start dumping our property at any price, real estate in Isabella County will be dead.

Is this what all this finagling by the Board of County Commissioners is about? (They hired the "GEM Survey Company" of Detroit to come up here and tell us what we are worth for the sake of taxation purposes by the County.)

Is the County out to ruin itself? It will, if real panic develops among landholders here. And that there is panic among land owners, there is no doubt. This is "equalization?"

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And here we wish to correct an impression made in last week's Messenger anent the infamous County Zoning Ordinance passed by the Board of County Commis-

### BEAL CITY SCHOOL TO HAVE LEARNING FESTIVAL AND BOOK FAIR

St. Joseph the Worker School at Beal City will sponsor a Book Fair and Learning Festival Dec. 5 and 6, two days. The first will be after the 8 p. m. Mass Saturday evening, and after the 8.30 and 10.30 a. m. Masses Sunday. There will be a social hour from 3 to 5 p. m. Sunday, when the teachers will be there to visit with the parents and visitors.

The Book Fair and Learning Festival invites all students, parents and visitors to attend. It will encourage student interest in reading and in building home libraries. It will arouse student interest in learning, and will also contribute to a worthwhile project. All profits will be used for library and learning materials.

The Book Fair and Learning Festival will include attractive new books from many publishers, in all popular prices and interest ranges, including classics, fiction, adventure stories, science, nature, mystery, and reference books.

Many games and toys, including simple science experiments, magnets and motors, nature collections, number games, educational handicrafts will represent all areas of interest to children. They make wonderful gifts, and in time for Christmas, too!

Mrs. Wm. Fox and Mrs. Aloy Andres are chairmen for the event.

### BETTER THAN A LETTER

sioners.

We've been told that Elwin Larrance of Gilmore was not on the Board at the time of voting on the ordinance.

We've also been told that Roger Galer of Broomfield was the only man on the Board who voted against the ordinance. And he had guts enough to stand up and tell the Board it did not know what it was doing.

Bully for you, Roger, and also our apologies to Mr. Larrance. We lumped both of them last week in our list of County Commissioners "who gave us this ordinance."

Two on a board like that can't do anything to stop the irresponsibilities of the board's voting. But we're proud to have at least one who has nerve enough to tell 'em off when they need it.

### PETITIONS FILED FOR SPECIAL ELECTION ON ORDINANCE

Thirty-eight hundred signatures on petitions for a special election to set aside the infamous county zoning ordinance recently enacted by the Board of County Commissioners were filed with the County Clerk Monday.

Further petitions on this same subject are being circulated, as we have until Friday, Dec. 4, to get them all in.

Only 729 signatures were needed. The fervent response by county citizens shows the county's opinion of recent actions of the Board.

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### LETTERS FROM YOU WILL HALT THE TAX GRAB ON COUNTY HOME PROPERTIES

A short and simple letter from every land owner in Isabella County will halt the tax grab as put forth by GEM Survey Company. Its "survey" has not yet been adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, and if every land owner in the county writes a letter to the Board, the Board will think twice before accepting GEM's "survey".

Simply say, "Do not approve the GEM Company's tax survey of Isabella County property."

That's all you have to say, although it would be doubly effective if a lot of people really expressed themselves to the Board.

Address your letters to:

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, % Maynard Gilmore, Clerk, Court House, Mt. Pleasant, Mich. 48858.

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### DOG VACCINATION CLINIC HERE NEXT THURSDAY EVE

A dog vaccination clinic for rabies inoculation will be held at the Weidman Fire Hall next Thursday evening, Dec. 10, beginning at 7 o'clock and closing at 9.

Dog owners must show evidence of inoculation against rabies before being issued licenses for the coming year.

Clinics are being held all over Isabella County, with Veterinarians J. M. Donaldson, Robert Spaulding and Neil F. Stirling, with co-operation of the Central Michigan District Health Department and the Isabella County Humane Society.

A charge of \$2 will be made for each inoculation. Proceeds will be donated to the County Humane Society by the veterinarians.

## Men in Uniform

Mr. and Mrs. David Garrett and baby spent Sunday afternoon with her grandmother, Mrs. Kit Johnson.

The Garretts left Monday for Okinawa, for an overseas hitch. David is in the United States Navy.

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Lieut. Steve Smith spent two days with his family at Beal City, home from Jacksonville Naval Base.

He flew a Navy A4 jet fighter plane to Selfridge Field and then came on up for a visit with his folks.

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Sp/4 Greg Martin came home Monday from Vietnam, having a 30-day drop for being over there a year.

He was in the Artillery. He has his discharge from the Army and will rest up a while before going back to his work at Fishery Body in Lansing.

Welcome home, Greg!

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Smith of New Jersey flew out for the Thanksgiving weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lou- isell. Buzz did some hunting here, with no luck.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family had Thanksgiving dinner with the Joe Clark family. All the Clark family were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower and Davie of Toledo, O., spent from Thursday morning till Monday morning with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Flower. Miss Jennie Flower returned to her studies at Ferris State College after spending the Thanksgiving week at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frantz had all their children and their families home for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich had Thanksgiving dinner with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert.

George Kuntz of Petoskey spent last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knipfer and baby of Lansing spent Saturday with the Goodriches.

Forgive us for leaving out some news this week. We promise to catch it up next week.

## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

The home of Roy Donnelly was leveled by fire last Wednesday evening. Roy had just done extensive remodeling this summer. The Weidman and Farwell Fire Departments were called to the scene, but the fire was too far advanced for them to save the place. Hugh Douglas discovered the fire, and went to his home nearby to get a fire extinguisher, but when he got back the whole place was ablaze. He called the fire departments, but it was too late to save the house. Mr. Donnelly lives in Detroit, and was not here. The house is known as the old Douglas place.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth.

Tuesday callers of the Paul Coles were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Beulah Wixson.

Norman Geasler was feeling much better after his bout with arthritis.

Paul Cole put up snow fence for Dr. McArthur on his place north of Rosebush Wednesday and Friday.

Reports on little Gary Wardwell are that he is doing fine. He had more surgery on his leg last week. He was a victim of a car-pedestrian accident about a month ago.

Clarence Wardell of Flint is up for a weekend of deer hunting.

Eddie and Denny Wardwell both got their bucks.

The Paul Coles and Velma were dinner guests for Thanksgiving at the Dan Kripa home.

Larry Wixson was another lucky deer hunter.

Weekend guests of the Paul Coles were their son-in-law, Joe Mossell and boys of South Bend, Ind. Saturday callers were Mrs. Beulah Wixson and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Don Wixson, and Mrs. Al Hanner, and Miss Ruth Border.

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## Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

Emma Phipps underwent surgery on her ankle last Wednesday. She broke it a year ago, and has worn a cast on it since. She is in the Midland hospital.

Mrs. John Laverty is in CMC Hospital.

Callers at the Egbert Fordyce home last Friday were Mrs. Lena Davison of Ann Arbor, and Mrs. Inez Bentley of Farwell, in the forenoon; and Mrs. Donna Fordyce of Saginaw in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dell spent Thanksgiving at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller and family of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ducommon

of Littlefield Lake spent Thanksgiving with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones, of Huron Beach.

Stonewall Hatcher is still in the Mt. Pleasant hospital, but was reported better the first of the week.

Dean Graham of Indiana and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Thompson of Missouri were spending Thanksgiving with their brothers and sisters and visiting their mother, Mrs. Lola Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kobel and Mr. and Mrs. John Sanborn of Lansing spent Thanksgiving with their mother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Badgley.

Marlene Pitts of Big Rapids spent a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce. They took her home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McAlvey spent Thanksgiving with their son, Lamont, and family in Lansing.

Elsie Wood has been moved to the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant. She would be glad to receive cards and letters.

Monday Mr. and Mrs. Leo Battle of Paris were called to Canada for a funeral. They left the two boys, Steve and Lee, with their Grandpa and Grandma Faber.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber had all the family except Steve, who is in the service in Colorado, home for Thanksgiving. In the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Schumacher and Bernard Van Buskirk were callers. Mrs. Van Buskirk is in the hospital.

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## Local Items

Thanksgiving Day guests of Helen Smith and Ula Cummins were Judy and Pamela Lawrence of Midland and Don Decker of Mt. Pleasant. Sunday afternoon guests were Cheryl Cummins and Dawn Marie of Ithaca. Larry spent the evening, after doing some deer hunting. Flora Wood and Blanche Carr were Saturday callers. Garth and Judy Lawrence and Pam were Friday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Getchell of Gilmore.

Rehearsal was held at the Gilmore Church of Christ Saturday evening for Miss Mona Pitts and David Wood, whose marriage is set for Dec. 4, at 7 p. m., at the Gilmore Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls hosted a pre-Thanksgiving dinner Sunday, Nov. 22, with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague and Mrs. Bessie Teall as guests. They entertained all of Bonnie's family Thanksgiving Day, with 22 present.

Earnest Gross spent a few days in Grand Rapids, visiting relatives. He spent Thanksgiving with his cousins and other relatives.

## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Elaine Esterline and family in Farwell.

Leon McArthur spent Thanksgiving at the home of his son, Gerald, at Wixom.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague took Mrs. Bessie Teall to Loomis for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen were Thanksgiving dinner guests of the Ivan Allen family. Also present were Rev. and Mrs. Carl Allen and family of Lansing and the Alton Allens, Jr., of St. Louis, and Floyd Allen, also of St. Louis.

Clyde Beutler was reported still in CMC Hospital Monday, feeling some better.

Mrs. Clyde Beutler attended a bridal shower Saturday afternoon for her granddaughter, Jane Beutler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler, at Center Church. Mrs. Linda Carroll and Mrs. Diane Cook were hostesses.

George Miller, Mabel Allen and Connie Skinner were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Tranbarger.

Emma Middlesworth spent from last Tuesday till this week Sunday in CMC Hospital, suffering from a virus infection. She was staying at the home of her daughter, Joan Charnes, a few days.

Mildred Tompkins came last Tuesday to visit Blanche Cliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday evening with his mother, Mrs. Kit Johnson.

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NOW OPEN--B&M Sales and Service (Leonard Station in Weidman) which has been closed since last Monday, is now open and back on normal schedule. Ken Waters. Dec. 3t1

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## Obituary

**ELLSWORTH EMMONS**  
Ellsworth C. Emmons of Not-tawa died Friday, Nov. 27, at CMC Hospital. He was 54. He was born Sept. 4, 1916, in Watervliet, Mich., and had been a resident of the Beal City area since 1962. He was employed in the maintenance department at CMU.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in Broomfield Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Wilma; eight stepchildren, Mrs. Ruth Harless, Mrs. Margaret Overla, Mrs. Loretta Turner; and John Donald and Mrs. Bertha Thompson of Lansing; Richard Donald, of Ionia; Mrs. Mary Ellen Holliday and Mrs. Doris McArthur of Weidman; one sister, 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The family have the sympathy of all.

## the Churches

**WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
(1 mile west of Weidman)  
Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, ph. 644-3504.  
Sunday School, 10 a. m.  
Preaching, 11 a. m.  
Choir practice, 6.45 p. m.  
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.  
Dec. 4: Central Michigan Regular Baptist Quarterly Meeting, 7.30 p. m., at First Baptist Church of Clare. Dr. W. W. Welch, president of Grand Rapids Baptist College, will be the speaker.

William Sheldon, Jr., of Mt. Clemens visited his sister, Rosie Leiter, over the weekend.

## EAST Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter  
Geraldine Olger, Vandra Olger and baby and Laura Latham were Friday shoppers in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Olger and baby were Thanksgiving dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murray, of Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Miller and family of Clare, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Routheaux and family of St. Louis and Ella Ward Wardwell of Farwell were Thanksgiving dinner guests of their mother and sister, Elana Miller, of Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Olger called on Mr. and Mrs. Danny Connors of Stanwood Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn West and son of Montrose and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Knoth and son, also of Montrose, spent the weekend in their campers at the Harold Skinner place, hunting. They all returned home Sunday, with no luck. Maybe next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Allen and children of Blanchard called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and family Sunday evening. ---0---

## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter  
The La Londe family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil La Londe, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and girls of Petoskey, Mr. and Mrs. Gary La Londe and boys of Barryton, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe and Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe, enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the Community Hall in Brinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fosberg spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Geasler in Iowa. Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker and son of White Pine, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. John Baker of Grand Rapids, and Jack of Berrien Springs.

Neighbors are pleased to know that Clarence Conley has returned home from the Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, where he recently had surgery, and he is reported as doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place spent the holiday weekend at Port Huron with their brother and family.

Guests of Flossie and Don Scott for Thanksgiving were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott and family of Suttons Bay.

Laura Roberts has been a patient at CMC Hospital, suffering from pneumonia. Little Kevin stayed with Bonnie Sprague in Weidman during his mother's stay in the hospital.

Helen Place and her mother, Mrs. Teeter, attended church at Lake Sunday evening. Gilbert, Mary and David

Moore spent Wednesday evening with Frances Beck. They returned home to Battle Creek Thursday, after spending some time here, hunting.

Bud Longtin and Frances Beck were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Seymour of Mt. Pleasant. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Seymour, and Grandpa and Grandma Seymour (Elam and Verna).

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett called on Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Al-len Blodgett called Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beers had as guests over Thanksgiving their family and grandchildren. ---0---

## BEAL CITY CARD PLAYERS' CHRISTMAS DINNER DEC. 10

The annual Christmas pot-luck dinner party held by the Senior Citizens who gather to play pepper every two weeks at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be held at noon Dec. 10.

Ham, buns and coffee will be furnished, and table service also will be set by committees when players arrive.

Players are asked to take along a dish to pass, and after dinner enjoy an afternoon of cards.

At the party last Thursday afternoon, Coletta Gross won first prize for the ladies, Helen Schumacher won second.

Joe Gruss won first prize for the men, with Russell Wilson taking second.

Julius Schumacher won the pepper prize, with the door prize going to Rose Funnell. ---0---

## Local Items

Sam Waters underwent nine hours of surgery on his throat Monday at Ann Arbor. He came out of the operation in good shape, doctors said, and may be home in two weeks, barring complications. His address: University Hospital, Outpatient Bldg. Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Straus and family were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and Mike. Weekend guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider and family of Mt. Clemens. Sunday the Spragues hosted a belated Thanksgiving dinner for her family. Besides the Harland Sniders were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keiser and children of Belding, Mrs. Bertha Zuke and family of Big Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Straus and children.

Mrs. Ethel Bywater spent Thanksgiving Day with her stepson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Burr Abrahamson, and children, of Mt. Pleasant. They came and got her, and then brought her home in the evening.

Glenn Davy and son called on the Gene McArthurs Sunday. Glenn is from near Stanton.

## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter  
Fred Liming of Drayton Plains was a Saturday afternoon caller at the Alva Cummins home. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and Dawn Marie, Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins were Sunday callers. Larry spent the day at the Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family, Mrs. Susie Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Ron and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz were Thanksgiving dinner guests at the Charlie Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger spent Sunday afternoon at the Steve Rau home near Mt. Pleasant. Kenny Oplinger and Gary Krueger went to Detroit Sunday to the car show. Jeff Martin was a Saturday overnight guest of Eddie Oplinger.

Mrs. Katie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller were Thanksgiving dinner guests of the Wilbur Wrights. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan were Friday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller are the proud grandparents of a seven-pound, five-ounce baby girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski Thanksgiving Day at the Alma hospital. The baby is named Terri Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wilson and family were Thanksgiving dinner guests at the Jim Thompson home, and they all called on Jack Thompson at the hospital during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and

Gary and Beth were Sunday dinner guests at the Al Cochran home.

Edwin Bierschbach has been spending a few days at the Joe Martin home. Thanksgiving guests were Mrs. Irene Keck and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Keck, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sopocy and Harry Hardenburgh. Leo Bahr, and Mrs. Charles Bahr and two daughters were Saturday evening guests. Sunday visitors were the Lloyd Carroll family, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cole and family and Mrs. Alma Byron.

Mrs. Flora Wood was a Thursday dinner guest at the Richard Wood home, and a Sunday dinner guest at the Vance Wood home.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow announces the birth of a new granddaughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow Thanksgiving Day at the Alma hospital. Her brother and sister are proud of her. She has been named Ginger Lee. The rest of the family spent Thanksgiving and the weekend with Mrs. Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam spent Thursday and Friday with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Other Thursday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins and Bill Cummins.

Mrs. Opal Denslow and Sharri Lynn Harvey enjoyed Sunday dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Derry Dunn's at the Coldwater Lake Inn. Mrs. Albert Miller and Mrs. Marge Hathaway were Sunday evening callers of Mrs. Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent called at the Lynn Johnson home Tuesday afternoon to see Steven, who had the mumps. They also stopped Thursday on their way from work, and had Thanksgiving dinner with them.

Darrell Kirvan of Flint spent Thursday and Friday at the Dent home. Mrs. Kirvan came Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. John Pyle and son and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and family were weekend guests. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sides were Friday evening callers. The Harold Krueger family were Saturday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and baby, the Harold Kruegers and Mrs. Emily Wood were Sunday dinner guests. Mrs. Fred Rescoe and Mrs. Harold Rescoe were Saturday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent entertained all their children over the weekend. Darrel Kirvan spent from Tuesday through the rest of the week with them. His wife came Saturday evening. Ralph McCreight was a Saturday evening caller. Gerald won a colored tv from the Mt. Pleasant Marine store. He says it's the first thing he ever won.

Monday was such a nice day-- why should we want to go to Florida?

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones of Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Montgomery of Morrice were recent dinner guests of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder took Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder to Detroit, where they were to take a plane to spend the winter with their daughter and family in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines spent Thanksgiving Day with their daughter and family, the Eugene Flachs, of Remus. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Young of Remus were recent visitors of the Hineses.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. David Garrett and baby called on Elmer Garrett Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. David Garrett and baby left Monday for his Navy station on Okinawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Carr of Saginaw were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Blanche Carr. Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa, Mrs. Earl Billsby and Jill White of Shepherd were Sunday supper guests.

Mrs. Alma Albers and Seldon Peterson were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hochrein.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter and the Ronald and Richard Flaughter families were Thanksgiving Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaughter and family of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter spent Sunday at their cabin at Cheboygan.

Thanksgiving guests of the Ed Coursers were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Rodney, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson, the Dean Chaffees, the Tom Coursers, Mrs. Leona Courser, Mrs. Celia Allen, and Dale Wyant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and daughters were Sunday dinner guests of the Fred Swans.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses and family of Flushing spent Thanksgiving with the Harold Kruegers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Trap of Muskegon and Mrs. Ted Hall of Bay City and Mrs. Leah Wright were Sunday guests of Mrs. Herman Martin and Ray. Mrs. Wright spent the weekend here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Larson and family of Birch Run were Thanksgiving guests of his parents, the Chris Larsons. Mr. and Mrs. Louisa Larson and children of Tuscola spent Sunday with them.

Mrs. Vern Foster and Connie had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fiorello and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank of rural Wheeler called on Blanche Carr Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Seybert, Jr., of Elsie and their family were Thanksgiving Day guests of the Earl V. Seyberts.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leon Horstman were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horstman and family. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wilbur of DeWitt were afternoon visitors.

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### Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Sunday evening callers of Louise Smith were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Van Camp and Jerry Smith of St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Debbie. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant was an afternoon caller. Mrs. Rose Grinzinger and Tillie Schafer called Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Andrews are getting ready to move to Mt. Pleasant soon.

Louise, Ann and Dora Smith and Ginger and Larry Rau and Irene Kane of Bay City had Thanksgiving dinner at the Walter Rau home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and family entertained company at Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rau also entertained company for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kremsreiter entertained their club Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carter of Lansing.

Larry and Wayne Egbert spent Thanksgiving Day with their father and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert.

The Garrett children, Dolores, Cathy, Mike and Howard, spent Thanksgiving Day with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and

Theresa spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trowbridge and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Theisen entertained his family of brothers and sisters and their families at Thanksgiving dinner.

John Forest and Mrs. E. G. Thompson spent Thanksgiving Day in Saginaw with Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block entertained company for Thanksgiving.

Margaret Judge and Jeann, Mrs. Doris Sprague and Mary and Clara Fox spent Thanksgiving at Traverse City with Mr. and Mrs. George Swagger.

Mrs. Leo Gross, Mike Gross and Mr. and Mrs. McCormick spent Thanksgiving at the Bernie Gross home.

Mrs. Tillie Schafer spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Ida Tilmann is visiting her sister, Irene, at Chesaning.

Donna and Cindy Klumpp spent Saturday night with their Grandma, Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp and girls drove to Farwell Sunday to visit Mrs. Mabel Klumpp at the Ardis Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and family entertained company for Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Andrews and family of St. Johns spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Asa Andrews.

### WEIDMAN TOPS CLUB MEMBERS LOSING WEIGHT

The Weidman Hep TOPS Club held its regular meeting last Tuesday evening with Jeanne Smith, president, presiding. Most of the members were present.

We are proud to report a good weight loss for the previous week.

Delores Rau was our Queen for the week, and Becky Graham Princess. Kathryn Strauss was our backslider Queen.

The fact that our president, Jeanne Smith, has lost 10 weeks in a row inspires all members to try and do the same.

Ann Lawler was reported to be on the gain and expected to leave the hospital soon.

We are planning a bake sale of Christmas goodies Dec. 12. Some of the members volunteered to make posters for the event.

Hope everybody had a Happy Thanksgiving, but hope to see all members lighter when we meet again. E. V. S.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and family had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sides. Mrs. Sally Pick of Lake of the Hills was a Monday visitor of Phyllis. Thayne took Alton Allen to Grand Rapids Monday.

### North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and family.

Dinner guests at the Norman Abbott home Thanksgiving Day were Carolyn Jewell and children, Jack Parrish, and Miss Carol Mount of Barryton.

Mrs. Laura Latham spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blodgett of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Wanda Graham and girls spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. John Gott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood of Gilmore.

Sam Waters underwent serious surgery on his throat Monday, at the hospital at Ann Arbor. It was not known at this time what the results will be, except that he apparently came through the operation in good shape.

Helen Alwood expected to return home this week from CMC Hospital, where she spent some time for a skin disorder.

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Nov. 25

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Giant Super Mkt.	22.5	16.5
Weidman Bank	21	15
Schlitz Beer	20.5	18.5
Wentworth IGA	19.5	19.5
Beal City Service	19	20
Marchiando & Rau	19	20
Pabst Blue Ribbon	18.5	20.5
Lowery Northern	18	21
Beal City Tavern	17.5	21.5
Smalley Builders	10	29

High Team Series: Giant Super Market 3091. High Team Game: Central Concrete 1056.

High Indv. Series: Dick Haney 583, Dale Lawens 575, Tom Bierschbach 554.

High Indv. Game: Jerry Baumann 214, Tom Bierschbach 211, Dick Haney 207.

## GUYS &amp; DOLLS

Nov. 27

McArthur-Anderson	33.5	18.5
Thon-Blake	32	20
Blehm-Hyde	32	20
Ecker-Eldred	30	22
Moore-Long	30	22
Bierschbach-Zill	29	33
Lawens-Pantenburg	28.5	23.5
Bleise-Straus	27	25
Nolte-Kolarik	27	25
McConnell-Myers	26	26
Moore-Moravy	12	40
Stewart-Bleise	6	46

High Team Series: Blehm & Hyde 2421. High Team Game: McArthur & Anderson 834.

High Indv. Series, men: Bob Anderson 623, Gary Moore 551, Mitch McArthur 540.

High Indv. Series, women: Mary Blake 503, Gertrude Nolte 499,

Mickey Blehm 490.

High Indv. Game, men: Bob Anderson 233, Bob Lyon (sub) 210, Keith Harrington (sub) 209.

High Indv. Game, women: Mary Blake 198, Mary Hyde 186, Wilma Long 183.

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**S. W. Sherman**

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

I wish to correct an error in last week's paper:

Mr. Clayton Dutcher and Mrs. Ronna Dutcher attended a bridal shower for Nancy Howard at the home of Mrs. Jack Cook. Nancy will become the bride of Butch Hardenburgh in December (not Nancy Howe, as stated). Sorry, folks.

Darlene Dutcher of Lake Orion spent Thanksgiving Day and was a dinner guest of Sandra Dutcher. Her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher, and girls called on their way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker and son, Chris, of White Pines, U. P., spent from Thanksgiving Day till Sunday with their folks, the Clarence Chaffees and Kenneth Bakers. They started home Wednesday night but ran into so much ice they had to wait until morning.

Mrs. Frank Doerr of Remus and daughter, Betty, of Wyoming were Monday visitors of Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardenburgh and family of Pierson and Ernie Dell of Middleville were Sunday visitors of Emory Dell and the Harry Hardenburghs. Linda Hardenburgh and Shirley and Tammy Griffith spent Monday evening with them.

Florence Fitzgerald of Lansing

spent the weekend with her folks, the Carl Fitzgeralds. After dinner Thanksgiving Day they all attended the Holiday on Ice in Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald spent Sunday evening with the Robert Deckers of Barryton. Tuesday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woodin of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Wernette of Davison visited the Fitzgeralds.

Russell Merrihew and daughters of Pontiac spent Thanksgiving with his father, Orrie, and brother Orval. They had a turkey dinner at five, and Russell and girls spent the night and left early Friday morning for home.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Dutcher of Lansing, Mrs. Ruth Dutcher and children and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton Friday.

Theron and Don Merrihew were Sunday callers of the George Merrihews. Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and Nancy were evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case and Burgess had all their children and grandchildren home Sunday for a Thanksgiving dinner. They were all there except Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Terry Case.

The Russell Maeders and the Dale Maeders were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pung spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse.

George Merrihew has a new great-granddaughter, born Nov. 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Nation of Saline.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and children and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Dutcher spent from Wednesday night till Sunday with the George Merrihews and Ervin Dutchers. They were Thanksgiving Day guests of the Merrihews. Eva Merrihew of Leaton called on the George and Orrie Merrihews and had lunch with Orrie Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and family and Vicki Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls were Thanksgiving dinner guests of the Clayton Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn of Midland spent the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case and Burgess were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and children of Lake Orion spent over night and Thanksgiving Day with the Ervin Dutchers. Jack Gaudard and sons spent from Friday till Sunday with them. They got a buck while here, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls spent Saturday with the Clayton Dutchers.

Donna Thren came home from CMC Hospital last Tuesday afternoon, with her new daughter, Christie Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gatehouse

and Vicki had dinner Thanksgiving Day at the Duane Threns'.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse and children were Thanksgiving Day guests of her folks, the Bernard Pungs.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss of St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schultheiss of Sandusky spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children.

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**In the Editor's Mail**

Letter to the Editor, and Open Letter to the Isabella County Taxpayers and the County Commissioners:

When determining the value of rural real estate for tax purposes, why not use the same factor as when property is wanted for a superhighway or school?

By hiring a professional appraisal company at the tune of \$150,000 (of taxpayers' money--Ed) which is pretty good music in any key, you the Commissioners have acknowledged you haven't much confidence in local talent and by the same token it seems to me you have admitted your own incompetence.

In the basement of the courthouse annex building Monday, a meeting was held (I assume) to smooth the feathers of the taxpayers by taking us singly into a room and giving a cut-and-dried cock-and-bull story. In my case, they said my taxes would be raised very little if any.

Among other questions, I asked if they took soil samples. The answer was No. I asked if there was an agreement, whether spoken or implied, between the County Commissioners and the GEM Survey Company or the company and men in the field, to raise the valuation on all rural land, and their answer was No.

Monday morning, Nov. 23, I asked for a copy for their findings on which they based their appraisal. They refused me, saying the copies were in St. Clair, but would be available Nov. 30 at \$10 a throw.

Contrary to what Mr. Kruschev once said, I don't want my grandchildren to grow up under Communism, neither do I want them to grow up under Fascism, where everything is for the State and to hell with the man who pays the freight.

We can't depend on someone else. We have all got to do our utmost NOW, or things will get progressively worse.

One way is to put every politician who is in office now OUT at the next election.

I suggest and support a petition to oust the Isabella County Commissioners.

Paul Cole  
Lake, Route 1

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Mrs. Kit Johnson was an overnight guest for Thanksgiving of the Charles Johnson family in Mt. Pleasant.

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# Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck were their daughters and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. William Louisell, Jr., and Patrick and Jill of Grand Haven, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell and Heather of Spring Lake; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Louisell of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Smith of New Jersey, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Sr., of Weidman. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell and Heather spent the remainder of the week with her parents, returning to their home at Spring Lake Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilmot and family of Weidman. Mrs. Voss and sister, Mrs. Laura Latham, and Mrs. Wilmot were Saturday supper guests of their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flaughter, of south Weidman.

Edward, Mary, Susan and Debbie Schrock of Farwell spent Thanksgiving weekend with the their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock. Their father, Rodney Schrock, joined them for Thanksgiving dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Schrock visited his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, and her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith, at Riverdale Sunday evening. Philip Schrock spent a few days during the week at his grandparents' home.

Mrs. Lena St. John and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler and Clifton and Mary were dinner guests Thanksgiving Day of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Beutler at Weidman.

Floyd (Buck) Sowle enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil La Londe at Brinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Othel Denslow of Lake Windoga have moved to Rosebush, where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. Clayton Beutler and Mrs. Clarence Conley went to Grand Rapids Saturday, bringing the latter's husband, Clarence, home from Butterworth Hospital. He is greatly improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley and Kurt, and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky were Thanksgiving dinner guests of the formers' daughter, Loretta, and Terri. Mrs. Conley, Mrs. Leo Denslow and daughter, Mrs. Willis Finney, and Mrs. Jack Sowle of Barryton were Grand Rapids shoppers Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Favreau of Holland visited Mr. and Mrs. Conley Sunday.

Gilbert Schrock has been having a bout with 'ole flu bug' the past week. Mrs. Schrock and Philip visited her parents, Mr.

and Mrs. Edmund Owens, of Lake, Sunday.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stebelton and Renee of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Leiter, and Steven Voss.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson of Roger Heights, Big Rapids, were dinner guests Thanksgiving Day at the home of the former's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser, of Mt. Pleasant. Ralph Thompson enjoyed the holiday dinner with his grandfather, Manley Oliver, and aunt, Mrs. Marguerite Coleman, at Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and Brian, Jill and Kathy of rural Remus, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corwin and Robert, Jr., and Kyle were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray of Mt. Pleasant were host and hostess to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray, and other relatives, for a delicious Thanksgiving dinner and get-together. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gray and son, Christopher, visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Portenga and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Portenga of Conklin spent Thanksgiving weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga and family. Mr. and Mrs. Larry De Voss of Conklin area visited Thanksgiving afternoon.

Sorry we overlooked Clyde Emmons' news last week. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Amsler of Battle Creek were their guests during the first part of deer season. Richard and Sarah Bobroski spent the weekend with them also. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fifield and daughter, Sarah, of Lansing visited them Thanksgiving afternoon. Mrs. Lyle Denslow and grandchildren, Robbie and Kyle Corwin, were recent callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky visited Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis at Sherman City Saturday evening. Mrs. Otis Conley called on Mr. and Mrs. Skalitzky Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peeper and sons of Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loomis and family and Mr. and Mrs. Vance (Mike) Loomis visited Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Theisen and family of Mt. Pleasant visited Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dosenberry of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and Blaine were dinner guests Thanksgiving Day of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry and Paul and Keith.

Mrs. Dosenberry is busy preparing the tax bills for Sherman Township. Ouch! It's that time

again?

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Denise hosted their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald De Vries and Rhonda, Richard and Paul of Big Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott and Michael at Thanksgiving dinner.

Mrs. Lyle Denslow, Mrs. Dale Denslow, Mrs. Robert Corwin and Mrs. Barry Conley called at the Denslow home Thursday afternoon to make the acquaintance of Paul Charles, new son of the De Vries'.

Thanksgiving dinner guests at the Stanley home were Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Susan and Sandra of St. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and family of Weidman, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stanley of Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and family of Lake Thirteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Battle and Franceen and Mary Kay of Wyo-

ming were Saturday night visitors. Mary Kay, who was in the hospital in Grand Rapids, has recovered miraculously. Other visitors and callers during the week were Mrs. Bruce Kent, Rhonda and Julie, and her nephew and niece, Robert Abendroth of Ojibwa and James Gorby and friend of Portland, Leon Stanley and John Pung.

We are pleased to report the birth of a new great-granddaughter, Martha Ann, weighing five pounds, 12 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Nation of Saline, Nov. 19. Mrs. Nation is the daughter of our eldest son and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley, Jr., of Mt. Morris.

It's a beautiful day for the last of November! (Monday.)

Happy Birthday to Merrill Russell, Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley's eldest son, who attends college in Illinois, but likes to read the Weidman Messenger when he comes home.

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