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Editor's Column

By Connie

HOW DID WE EVER SURVIVE THE OLD COUNTRY SCHOOL?

We've been thinking about that old school picture we printed last week, and we finally began to wonder how we ever came out of those one-room, one-teacher, Grades One through Eight school days without the warped ids so worried about by modern "educators".

We had one teacher for a roomful of kids aged five through sixteen or eighteen; we had set studies and set recitations, and we made passing grades or else.

We never knew of any kid hurt irreparably if he flunked a grade. In fact, those grand old-time teachers took time out (what time, with a roomful of kids of all grades and ages?) to help any kid heading toward grade failure.

We didn't have counselors, we didn't have gymnasiums, we didn't have buses to tote us back and forth to school.

Yet we grew up literate, and as the picture we printed last week shows, we grew up solid citizens making our own way and raising our own families.

The Roe kids went barefoot to school during April and May, September and October, in that one-room school we attended in Greenwood Township in Clare County before the Roes moved to Weidman.

We can't remember any inferiority complexes developed by any of us because of that fact. Most of the kids in Greenwood Township went barefoot to school when the weather was not actually freezing.

Then the Roes moved to Weidman, and lo! the schools here were really something. There was the "little school," a small building on East Main Street where the littlest ones attended first and second grades, maybe third, we can't remember exactly.

The rest of us walked a couple of miles to the "high school" across the Coldwater River bridge east of town.

There the classes were separated into elementary, and two
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CALM AFTER WHAT A STORM!--Around here we looked like this Tuesday morning after intermittent blizzards, snow storms and driving winds from Saturday night through Monday. Messenger photo

SCHOOL MILLAGE ELECTION IS SATURDAY, MARCH 20

A special school election to decide the Chippewa Hills School request for 15 mills taxation on real estate property is scheduled for Saturday, March 20.

Ten of the 15 mills is a request for renewal of voters' approval which runs out, with a five-mill hike to help cover costs of operation and the costs of moving into the new school building and maintaining it.

Voters in this area may cast their ballots at the Weidman School, with polls open from 7 a. m. till 8 p. m. Only registered voters will be allowed to cast ballots.

Those voting in the Weidman School are citizens from Coldwater, Sherman, Broomfield, Gilmore, Nottawa and Deerfield Townships.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Baker and children of Bath were Saturday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

ANOTHER BIG SNOW STORM HITS MICHIGAN IN MARCH

This area, along with all of Michigan, experienced its second major snow storm, with drifting snow and high winds, Saturday night and again Sunday afternoon.

All area schools were closed Monday and Tuesday.

Home owners had just got their drives and walks cleared of Saturday night's blast when a second storm moved in Sunday afternoon, refilling roads and drives. High winds continued through Monday, piling up drifts on roads, driveways in general in areas cleaned out in the morning.

We hear an interesting but dismaying report of an almanac's forecasting of weather, hitting it right on the head so far. Only thing is, the almanac said we would continue with weather like this into April.

We do hope the almanac is wrong.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

LIONS FISH FRY IS THIS FRIDAY NIGHT

Don't forget the fish fry at the Weidman School cafeteria this Friday evening, March 12, put on by the Weidman Lions Club.

Serving will be from 5.30 to 7.30 p. m., with the men doing the cooking and the Lions ladies doing the serving.

Tickets are \$1.75 for adults and \$1 for children under 12.

Proceeds will go for improvements at Mitchell Memorial Park in Weidman, a joint effort with the Weidman Business Association.

The Lions held a fish fry after the Latham family lost everything in their home fire recently, and gave the proceeds to the family.

This time the Lions will allot the proceeds to their regularly-scheduled civic work at the park.

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TRAILER HOUSE BURNED AT CHRIS LARSON PLACE

The Weidman Firemen were called out Saturday night about 9 o'clock, in the beginning of the weekend blizzard, by a fire at a trailer house adjacent to the garage and close to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Larson were watching television, they reported, and looked up and saw a glow of fire. They called the Weidman Firemen, who responded quickly, but were unable to save the trailer where the fire was contained.

The trailer was a total loss.

An adjacent garage was damaged some. Both buildings were very close to the house, and the firemen worked to save the other buildings.

Damage was estimated at about \$2,000.

Firemen had difficulty driving to the Larson place through the beginning storm, and reported two inches of fresh snow on their truck by the time their work was done.

They returned after 11 p. m.

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REBEKAH CARD PARTY POSTPONED BY WEATHER

The regular card party sponsored by the Weidman Rebekahs, scheduled for Tuesday afternoon of this week, was postponed to March 23, on account of our stormy weather the weekend.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kremreiter and Bob Pung took Mary Pung to Ann Arbor Sunday, for surgery Thursday. It will be heart surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bierschbach are driving a new Ford car.

Mary Pung's address at the Ann Arbor hospital is: St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Phil Andres enjoyed a wonderful dinner with his family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Anderson,

Will Yuncker and Vi Sutton spent two weeks in Florida. They all had a wonderful time, and came back with suntans.

Larry and Wayne Egbert spent last weekend with their father, Larry Egbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh, Jr., plan to move to Traverse City in the near future.

Sister Samuel of West Branch spent the weekend with relatives here.

Mrs. Louise Schafer and Sister Samuel spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Nick Schafer and family.

Mrs. Walter Rau and Ann and

Louise Smith and Rose Pung visited the Crittenden Funeral Home Sunday evening last week to pay respects to James Henry who died Saturday, March 6, after a heart attack.

The grandchildren of Louise Smith called on her last Tuesday afternoon. They are from St. Johns: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Van Camp and baby, Debbie.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant attended the funeral of James Henry in Remus last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard spent Friday evening with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer are vacationing in Florida this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Joe Schafer of Mt. Pleasant are staying with their children while they are in Florida.

Mrs. Tony Schafer and Dollie Rau spent some time Sunday af-

ternoon with Mrs. Louise Smith. Mary Pung was a Thursday evening caller. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rau and family of Lansing spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau.

Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sheppard Sunday. Mrs. John E. Schafer and Mrs. John Bergy were also callers.

Mrs. Leo Gross and Mrs. Gertrude Gross, Clara and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger and Viola Engler spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Monica Grinzinger.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Stevens of Sanford spent last Tuesday with Mrs. Ina Gillett. Mrs. Wilbur Benn of Shepherd was also Mrs. Gillett's guest.

Mrs. Choice Foster was a Sunday caller of Mrs. Ina Gillett.

HOWARD TILMANN OF BEAL CITY CATCHES TROPHY FISH--

He got a 42-pound kingfish while he and his wife and the Richard Tilmanns were spending a couple of weeks in Miami and the Florida Keys recently. Howard entered his big fish in the Metropolitan Miami Fishing Tournament, and will receive a citation for his catch. He was fishing out of Islamorada in a charter boat with Capt. Lou Steiner. It's a real deep-sea prize.



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 mer Ray Shook house).
 Feb. 4tf

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
 HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Legal Notice

SETTLEMENT DAY NOTICE
 Annual Township Board Meet-
 ing.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN--That
 the annual meeting of the town-
 ship board of the township below
 named will be held at the Town-
 ship Hall
TUESDAY, MARCH 23
 For the purpose of making the
 annual settlement.
ALL PERSONS--Having claims
 against said Township are hereby
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 March 11t2

Obituary

Mrs. Emma McAlvey of Mt.
 Pleasant died last Thursday,
 March 4, at CMC Hospital, fol-
 lowing a three-week illness.
 She was born May 6, 1888, on
 a farm near Rosebush, and was
 a lifelong resident of Isabella
 County.
 Surviving are her husband, Jay;
 two sons, Raymond and Cloyd
 of Niles; one brother, Hugh Swin-
 dlehurst, of Mt. Pleasant; three
 sisters, Mrs. Clifford (Mabel)
 Ray of Lansing, Mrs. Will
 (Clara) Morrison of Rosebush,
 and Mrs. Clifford (Lillian) Ba-
 con of Pontiac; also two grand-
 children, two great-grandchild-
 ren, and several nieces and
 nephews.
 Mr. and Mrs. McAlvey lived in
 Mt. Pleasant for the past years.
 Before moving into the city they
 lived on a farm in Gilmore, and
 many there will remember her.
 Funeral services were held Sun-

day, March 7, at 2 p.m. from
 the Stinson Funeral Home with
 Dr. John Osborn officiating. Bu-
 rial was in Memorial Gardens.
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the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
 (1 mile west of Weidman.)
 Pastor: Marvin Eldridge
 Ph. 644-3504
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.
 Morning Service, 11 a.m.
 Evening Service
 (Our Evening Service will be
 with the Weidman Methodist
 Church for their Hymn Sing, at
 7.30 p.m.)
 Ladies' Missionary Meeting
 March 17, 1.30 p.m., at the
 parsonage. The project is the
 preparing of missionary packets
 for Betty Guthrie in Mexico and
 Marge MacMillan going to Li-
 beria.
 Baptismal Service March 17,
 7 p.m., at Lake Baptist Church.

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.

BROOMFIELD ZION LUTHERAN
 Located six miles south of Weid-
 man 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.

GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
 George Getchel, Minister
 Located six miles south of Far-
 well; 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.

BRINTON CHAPEL
 Norman Brines, Pastor
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.
 Church, 11 a.m.
 Thursday, youth meeting, 5.30
 p.m. Choir practice, 7 p.m.
 Prayer meeting, 7.30 p.m.
 Second Sunday of each month,
 evening services at 7.30 p.m.

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 HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY
 BETTER THAN A LETTER

**YOUNG FARMERS OF FARM
 BUREAU MEET MARCH 2**
 A special meeting of the Isa-
 bella County Farm Bureau Young
 Farmers met March 2 at the ele-
 mentary school in Wimm. Their
 program centered on a discus-
 sion of public relations for agri-
 culture.
 Carl Kentner, manager of in-
 formation division, Michigan
 Farm Bureau, explained some of
 the prices farmers received for
 a commodity and what the con-
 sumer is paying for the packag-
 ed product. The portion of in-
 come received by a farmer from
 some products is very small com-
 pared to what the housewife has
 to pay for it.
 The idea of a rural-urban meet-
 ing was explored, where farmers
 and city friends could meet to
 gain common understanding.
 A drawing for door prizes, fur-
 nished by Farmers Petroleum,
 was conducted by James Graham,
 chairman of the Young Farmers.
 Prizes were won by Jim Judge,
 Bob Benaski and Bob Neeland.
 Jim Graham
 Chairman
 Young Farmers
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**BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS
 HAVE 16 1/2 TABLES IN PLAY**
 At their regular card party last
 Thursday, the Senior Citizens
 met at the Beal City Knights of
 Columbus Hall with 16 1/2 tables
 of pepper in play.
 First prize was won by Minnie
 Schafer, with second going to
 Mrs. Jerome Young.
 First prize for the men went to
 Julius Schumacher, with second
 to Herman Cook.
 Julius Schumacher also won
 the pepper prize, and Viola Eng-
 ler won the door prize.
 The next regular card party of
 the Senior Citizens will be held
 at the Knights of Columbus Hall
 in Beal City Thursday afternoon,
 March 18.
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**McARTHUR INSURANCE
 AGENCY OLDEST ONE
 FOR AUTO OWNERS CO.**
 The McArthur Insurance Agen-
 cy in Weidman is the oldest
 known agency in the state for
 Auto Owners Insurance Company
 the Messenger learned last week.
 It is the oldest Auto Owners
 agency in the state that the com-
 pany has record of as being still
 in business.
 Auto Owners Insurance Company
 was started in Mt. Pleasant in
 1916, according to Leon McAr-
 thur, with John J. Miller, Chas.
 Carnahan and Valentine Moulton
 among the founders.
 The company moved its head-
 quarters to Lansing in 1917, and
 has been operating as a major
 insurance company ever since.
 At first, Leon said, he insured
 only autos, but now the company
 insures everything.
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 HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Lena St. John returned home from the Lakeview Hospital one night last week. Nora Geasler called on Lena Saturday.

Russell Wright joined Ken Tupper and a party from Mt. Pleasant to join the annual boar hunt in Georgia. They left Friday.

Due to our bad roads, the Merry Go Round Club was cancelled for the month of March. The March meeting was to have been held at the home of Nora Geasler.

Sorry to report that Mrs. Dale Olger had to be taken back to the Lakeview Hospital Monday. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Wright and boys spent the weekend at the Russell Wright home.

Connie and Irene Bowen were at the home of Darrel Haenke and family Saturday, and Wanda and babies returned home with them.

Geraldine Olger has taken some time off from her work at Wolverine's in Big Rapids.

Sorry, not much news, only everyone being snowed in, in our annual weekend storm.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Here it is Birthday Time again. I suppose I'm late, as I usually am with everybody's. Have the name in my book but not the date. I don't forget mine, though!

Had a very pleasant year. Many friends called in a two weeks' span (not all in one day) and had cake, ice cream and coffee with us. Two cakes were made for me. Some also came to celebrate our anniversary ahead of time, as they couldn't come that day.

We haven't been feeling too good this winter. Have cold after cold. Never saw it stay so cold for so long at one time before. Really took the fuel.

We didn't go any place much, only to town for groceries and the necessities. We think it is best to stay off the slippery roads at his age. So many terrible accidents, it makes a person shudder.

I received cards from your niece, Betty (Woodin) yesterday. I keep in touch with her at least once or twice a year. Hope to see her some day. We seem to miss each other at school reunions. I wasn't there the year she was, and she wasn't there the year I was. It's nice to be able to keep in touch with the nice friends, and it would be terribly lonely without them.

Hope you are feeling better from your ear trouble. Everyone has some kind of ailment they have to live with. My husband has arthritis. I have sinus, and so it goes.

Hope you had or will have a very nice birthday.

Helen (Tanner) Hudson
Midland

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SHERMAN BOARD OF REVIEW HESITATES TO LOWER LAND VALUATIONS

Although land owners got to the Sherman Town Hall Monday on drifted roads by using snowmobiles, or walking, they found not much help from the Board of Review which sat two days.

As one member of the Board put it, "We hesitate to lower these land values much, for fear the State will put a factor on us."

To land owners' roars of "LET 'em put a factor on us--it would be better than Gem Survey figures!" the Board sat adamant and most owners came away disappointed.

There were so many protesters that the Board gave out printed cards for land owners to make out stating their gripes, the location of their land, and so on.

The Board was not scheduled to meet again Wednesday even though Monday's storms prevented many from getting to the Town Hall.

However, township officials say that if any land owner demands a hearing, the Board will have to listen to his complaint.

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Obituary

LYLE R. WARNER

Lyle R. Warner of rural Mecosta died Friday afternoon in Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. He was 78. He was born Nov. 19, 1892, in St. Johns, and was a retired railroad worker.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. John (Lucille) McCabe of Livonia, Mrs. Durward (Gloria) Dickenson of Okemos, Mrs. Donna Zimmerman of Mason, and Mrs. Leon (Sharon) Lee of Scotland; two sisters, Mrs. Warren Adams of Mecosta and Mrs. John Youngs of Baldwin; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday from the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with Rev. Michael Mattison officiating. Burial was in the Broomfield Cemetery.

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Local Items

Earnest Gross spent three days last week in CMC Hospital, returning home Thursday.

Last week callers of Mr. and Mrs. James Noe were Rev. and Mrs. Harry Hoyt of Perry. They are former residents of Coleman.

Miss Paula Beutler returned to her home in Vernon Friday, after spending the week with her grandmother, Mrs. Clyde Beutler.

Where To Write Your Congressmen

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Old Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20315

U.S. Sen. Robert P. Griffin
Old Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20315

Cong. Elford A. Cederberg
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

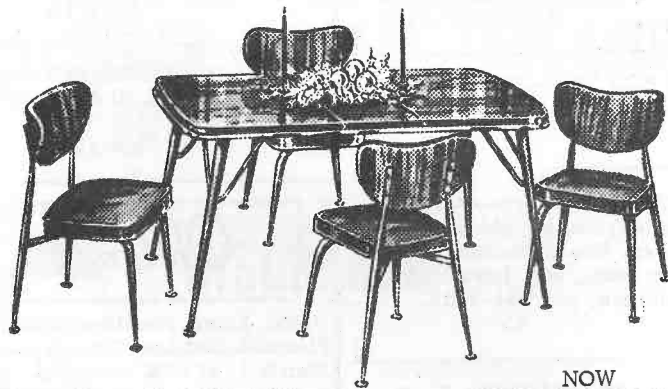
Legislators

State Sen. John R. Toepp
State Senate Building
Lansing, Mich. 48901

State Rep. John Engler
House of Representatives
Lansing, Mich. 48901

State Rep. Donald E. Holbrook, Jr.
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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bleise spent the weekend at the homes of her father and brother, the Claude and Harold Cassidys, of Clare.

Mrs. Safford Terry of Barryton spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Clyde Beutler.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott have another great-grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen of Lansing, named Todd Joseph. He was born March 1 in Lansing. He weighed eight pounds and eight ounces.

Mrs. Forrest Johnston and Ronald of Rosebush spent Tuesday morning with her mother, Mrs. Clyde Beutler.

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THE TAXPAYERS MEET WITH THE COMMISSIONERS

We present without comment excerpts from the minutes of a meeting Jan. 18 between a committee of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners and representatives of the Isabella County Taxpayers Association.

The Commissioners had a tape recorder in the room, and also a court stenographer. The tape recorder failed to pick up some of the conversations, and also the stenographer was unable to hear everything said.

Here are some excerpts of the court stenographer's minutes:

Present: Board of Commissioners: Earl House, Chester Brown and Delmar Watson.

Taxpayers Association: Dick Tilmann, Ron Ervin and Harold Verleger.

Gem Survey: Glen Mask, Dan Smith and Ken Bush.

Equalization Department: Bob Grinzinger and Lorraine Stevenson.

Tilmann:(Showing photo) Here is the view of that section of land in question. Take a look at this land here, can you tell me what is under water and what is not, from these two pieces?

House: I couldn't say.

Brown: No.

Tilmann: This whole area is under water. I am talking about an aerial map. I use them all the time, but still have to visit the property to see what is under water and what is not. To determine value, you have to get out and check. I say you can't do it by aerial maps. I determine you have to use a soil test map or get out on the property to check it. This is my point. I don't think you can do it from an aerial map and this is the way you are doing it.

Smith: This is our only possible means, with the length of time we have for this purpose, we must use aerial maps.

Tilmann: The contract says this, just looking at your contract (with the County Commissioners), the contract says, gentlemen, "after having determin-

ed the basic unit or acreage values for block and street, and after examining each lot and parcel in the field and all factors affecting market value to determine the value of each..." I contend you cannot do it from an aerial map, I can't do it and I am the buyer of a lot of property. Unless I get out and test the soil and run a perk test myself, I can't tell it from an aerial map. I contend if you did not use soil test maps or did not get out on the property, you can't give a fair appraisal on that piece of property.

Mask: We do what we can without walking the property, and use aerial maps. The type of appraisal that you are talking about would be of great cost to the county.

Tilmann: Contract says you will determine the value. (Reads contract again.)

Mask: We have determined this. The contentions and disputes over the property would still be finally determined by the State Tax Commission.

Ervin: This is true, Mr. Mask, but my personal feelings are that the Tax Commission would accept your studies much quicker than ours. If they would accept the figures of our Supervisors or Equalization Department before, there would be no reason for having the survey to begin with. The reason was that they wouldn't accept their figures.

Mask: Mr. Grinzinger, can you quote the figure, I don't know what it was, of what they were going to add to the county.

Verleger: Total for county?

Mask: Until we get the totals of the sketches we don't have it.

Verleger: I thought you had one set of cards already done?

Mask: There are 13, no, 11, townships done, and those totals are there.

Verleger: I thought you said you had one set completely finished.

Tilmann: What we are to discuss here is that Gem Survey has presented its appraisal and has placed a true cash value on your property. We have low as well as high. I want to make a point here that I don't think anyone can make an appraisal of property from aerial view.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Some buy it. A gratifying number subscribe to it. Some borrow it. Some loan it out to relatives, neighbors, friends.

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However they get it, everybody reads the Messenger, from South Vietnam to Barryton.

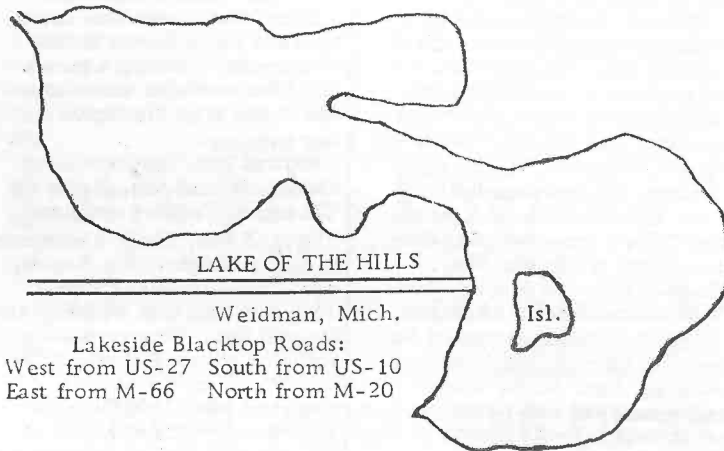
\$5.00 per year locally

Anywhere in the World \$7.50

A SELLOUT

ROE'S ACRES

VILLAGE OF WEIDMAN
ISABELLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN 48893



Low down payment—Low monthly payments

Due to the recent GEM Survey and the consequent "real cash value" of lands, including our lake lots and land under water, we shall be unable to pay next year's taxes on what we have-- which is not a great deal, but enough to break us under GEM's valuation figures and the county and school millage rates.

We are therefore offering all we have on platted lands, and the price will be half or under the "true cash value" amount.

We have: On Plat No. 1, Lot 66, a prime waterfront lot; Lot 78, a good back lot; and Lot 73, a very large lot facing the lovely island.

On Plat No. 2, we have three lots we are offering as a parcel, as taken together they will insure absolute privacy and seclusion. These three lots are just off the blacktop, the Airline Road, and yet are so private and secluded we were asking premium prices for them. Not now. You can have these three lots at half the price we were figuring on.

The portion we own (which is most of it) on the beautiful island is also for sale, at reduced price.

We were going to "just sit", hoping to sell about one lot a year and take the real estate business easy; but now we must unload everything we have to avoid confiscation by the state for non-payment of taxes. Singly, the taxes on lots can be borne; all together, as for a land owner holding a batch of them, the taxes cannot be borne.

This is a real opportunity.

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ROE'S ACRES

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

We were glad to hear that Mrs. Lena St. John was home and feeling better.

Among friends calling on her during the week were Mrs. Nina Forbes and Mrs. Maggie Boger, Tuesday; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Conley, Wednesday afternoon; and Mrs. Ralph Geasler, Saturday.

Arthur Schrock visited his doctor at Midland Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Schrock were Saturday supper guests of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock, and Philip. The occasion celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary, which was Friday, March 5. Happy Anniversary, Art and Annabel!

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss of the Ojibwa were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey. Tom Voss called Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lyle Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Wednesday evening. Mrs. Micky Dargitz and Brian, Jill and Kathy of rural Remus called Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were at Gaylord Monday, due to the death of his niece, Mary Heine. They went back Thursday and attended her funeral. She leaves six children to mourn their loss. We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Conley and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley and

Kurt visited his parents Sunday afternoon and evening.

Snowmobilers who visited Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dent, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller, and Veryl Wright.

Sunday supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coon and Ray Brecht.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Recker of Inwood, Canada, and Mr. and Mrs. William Tait of London, Ontario, spent the previous weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes. They were here to attend the party for the Keith Thompsons' wedding anniversary, but shoveled snow instead and made it to Thompson's Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed visited Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson of Roger Heights, Big Rapids, were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and family of rural Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Packer, and family, of Deerfield Center.

Mrs. Clarence Ley of Conklin visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray, Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Chester Henderson of Barryton visited Wednesday. Mrs. Gary Portenga and Lee Ann of Lake Isabella called Thursday, and Lee Ann stayed over night, and Mr. and Mrs. Gray took her home Friday and visited at the Portenga home.

Colin Lowery of Barryton was a Sunday caller at the Gray home.

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Eldridge and sons were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss of the Ojibwa visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leiter called on her father, Arthur Loomis, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Dosenberry took a bus to Lansing Friday noon and visited her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dosenberry. Clyde and his wife took her to the bus in Mt. Pleasant.

Donald Stanley and sons, Micky, Marty and Ricky, came out Sunday afternoon and cut wood for us, and were supper guests. We appreciate getting wood in the woodshed!

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley called on their son, Andy, and son Leon of Barryton Wednesday. We are glad to report that Lorena came home from the Grand

Rapids hospital Friday.

We had a phone call from St. Johns from our daughter, Caroline (Mrs. Adelbert Pung) that she had had surgery Thursday morning, and was able to return home Sunday.

Philip Schrock spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Stanley.

Ronald Stanley and friends, Paul and Carl Snyder, called on us Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and girls spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Theisen in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis spent an evening last week at the Keith Loomis home.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

The Don Alwoods received a card from Walt Davy of Seattle, Wash., last week. Walt was in Ketchikan, Alaska, on business. The card had a picture of an Alaskan king crab, which grows up to 25 pounds and has a six-foot spread.

Donny Alwood spent Saturday afternoon and over night with the three Battle boys. They enjoyed snowmobiling.

Mrs. Helen Alwood called on Mrs. Cora Shippee of Mt. Pleasant last Thursday. She also stop-

ped at the home of her daughter-in-law, Joy Alwood, and children, on the way home from work.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham of Mt. Pleasant called on Laura Latham Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Latham spent Friday with the Dewey Olgers, helping with her great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Muriel Miller and Debbie called on Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys Sunday. Tom Kennedy and children of Mt. Pleasant were also callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen of Farwell and Mr. and Mrs. John Gott helped Debbie Graham celebrate her 12th birthday Monday evening, March 1, with ice cream and cake.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott called on Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott of Wimm and Mr. and Mrs. John Gott called and had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGillis of Lake.

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NEWS NOTES

Connie Skinner was a Sunday dinner guest of Lela Whearett and Don Clark, for Lela's gourmet chicken cacciatore, a most delectable recipe for roast chicken.



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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Kathy and Clay McCreight stayed with their cousins, the Courser children, over the week-end. Mrs. Leona Courser and Mrs. Ella Cox attended the Coomer Ladies' Aid at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Brewer in Wilm, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Combs of Lansing were weekend guests of Mrs. Ella Cox.

The Elden Marshalls and Ella Cox spent the weekend a week ago in Mentor, Ohio, visiting the James Marshalls.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Mickap-arooff and son of Detroit were weekend guests of Mrs. Choice Foster and granddaughter, Connie.

Eddie Martin and family of Lakeview were Saturday visitors of his grandmother, Mrs. Kate Martin, and Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter went to their cottage at Cheboygan Saturday, and found the electric and heat off, and the water pipes frozen. They returned Sunday, and it took them all day on account of the storm.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaughter and family of Midland were Friday supper guests of the Ray Flaughers.

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

Brenda Hines spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines.

Paula Hines and friend, Joan Wells, of Bay City were Sunday supper guests at the Hines home.

Mrs. Bea Adams and Mrs. E. R. Rhode visited Mrs. Maycie Cook Friday.

Mrs. Rhode went to see her sister, Mrs. Mary Cook, and Mrs. Myra Hummel, at the Medical Care Facility, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear spent Saturday evening at the Jack Cook home.

Mrs. Florence Harvey is taking care of Mrs. Pearl Smith in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight and Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher, and Mrs. Lynn Johnson spent the weekend at Goose Lake, snowmobiling.

Lynn Johnson is on business for Morbark Company at Thunder Bay, in Canada.

Eva Denslow was a Saturday afternoon visitor of Blanche Carr.

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Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls were Sunday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. R.D. and Jennie were Sunday supper guests of Ronnie and Bonnie.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Margaret Denslow called on Mrs. Ollie Strong Saturday afternoon, and found her improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and Scott and Kerri spent the week-end with Mrs. Denslow, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker. The Keith Bakers and the Dean Denslow family were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Denslow.

Mrs. Denslow called on her cousin, Mrs. Lois Waring, of Mt. Pleasant, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin went to Manistee Sunday afternoon to be with her father, who underwent surgery Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey.

Nancy Losey and Robin McDaniel and Patti Losey were Sunday supper guests of the Charlie Loseys.

Verlia Wilcox and Norma McCarey were Friday afternoon callers of Flora Wood. Mrs. McCarey was a supper guest.

Mrs. McCarey went Saturday morning to the home of her daughter in Grand Rapids, from whence she will go to her home in Boyne City. She had been caring for Mrs. Pearl Smith in Weidman for the past four months. Mrs. Florence Harvey will be taking care of Mrs. Smith from now on.

Flora Wood was a Sunday dinner guest at the Vance Wood home.

There were no services at the Church of the Nazarene again Sunday, due to the storm.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were Thursday callers in Lansing. Bob Thompson attended a Youth Rally at the Methodist Church in Edmore Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and Kerri, were Saturday callers at the Elwood Miller home. Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Monroe and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dent. The Dents stayed over night.

The Jerry Dents and Elwood Millers were snowmobiling and called on the Miles Millers and the Gilbert Schrocks Sunday.

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Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all the wonderful people who remembered me with cards, letters, gifts, visits and prayers during my long convalescence.

Mere words cannot express my deep appreciation.

Emma Phipps

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Hi: Well, guess Winter isn't over yet. All area schools were closed again Monday and Tuesday. Guess Jerry and Bethal Schafer had a good idea. They left Sunday evening for Florida to spend a week.

Jerry Joe and Jane Schafer are staying with their children while they are gone.

Walt and Dellie Wischmeyer spent the weekend in Indiana.

Esther Morford and daughter, Sandy, called here Saturday. Vic Eismann and Bob Schumacher were Friday callers.

Met another neighbor, Kathy King, last week when she called here.

Bill Dunn, son of the Derry Dunns, was discharged from the Army last week.

Sorry to hear Oral Miller of Mt. Pleasant was in the hospital. Hurry up and get well, Oral! (He said he reads the Messenger.)

Until next week,

Marge

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson, Mrs. Pat Hathaway and Mrs. Nina Forbes attended a School of Instruction meeting for the Rebekah Lodge in Shepherd last Wednesday evening. The lesson was given by Donna Larson, Assembly Marshal, of Mio. Other ladies attending from there were their Noble Grand, Vice Grand, and Past Noble Grand.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

(Continued from Page 1)

"high school" grades, ninth and tenth. The Superintendent taught some of the high school classes.

We didn't have supervised play. At recess time the boys went their ways in play and the girls grouped together in theirs.

We remember one day when the girls were playing baseball on an improvised diamond (don't ask us where the ball and bat came from: Probably from Floyd Mitchell, the banker, or from the Dralletes or Middlesworths, the town's "rich" families at that time.)

Connie Roe was at bat, and Josephine Mitchell was catcher. Connie fanned out, and on her last swing she put such effort into it she zapped Josephine Mitchell a solid hit on the shin.

Josephine didn't cry, nor did she berate the tongue-tied Connie, who was dying of remorse and embarrassment and had no words.

We were on our own, a batch of growing-up kids whose behavior was an individual responsibility.

We learned to read and write, spell and do simple arithmetic (not Math, or the New Math, as kids are playing around with today.) We learned to add and subtract and multiply, as everyone must be able to do in everyday life, even in this marvelous day of computers and educationists' gobbledegook.

Ye Ed confesses to trouble with one problem in sixth grade arithmetic about how many rolls of wallpaper to buy for a 10x15 foot room. Katie Schafer, now Mrs. John Cotter, saved Connie Roe's bacon at that time, even making understanding momentarily. We got through life without having to figure wallpaper rolls, however, as Jessie Rosencrantz always knew just how many would be needed for every room.

How did we ever grow up to become the "elder" segment of population?

We went through more traumatic changes in our country and in our world than children of today will ever see.

We saw the change from horse and buggy to automobile, to airplane, to radio, television, and men on the moon; we lived through two world wars and two undeclared wars, both defeats for the United States. We too have lived under the threat of the atom bomb.

We think, perhaps, because the old schools put responsibility on students of every age, that we just naturally grew up expecting to be accountable for our acts and not to blame our forebears for a world we did not make as children.

BOWLING

CONTINENTAL LEAGUE

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High Team Series: Wentworth IGA 3057. High Team Game: Wentworth IGA 1061.

High Indv. Series: Jack Taylor 598, Bob Lyon 569, Joe Hartuppee 558.

High Indv. Game: Jack Taylor 236, 212, Joe Hartuppee 211.

GUYS & DOLLS

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| Lawens-Pantenburg | 27 | 5 |
| Moore-Pung | 21 | 11 |
| Blehm-Hyde | 21 | 11 |
| Bierschbach-Huber | 21 | 11 |
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| Moore-Moravy | 16 | 16 |
| Ecker-Eldred | 15 | 17 |
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| Bleise-Straus | 8 | 24 |
| Pung-Keesler | 6 | 26 |

High Team Series: Moore and Moravy 2393. High Team Game: Moore & Moravy 835.

High Indv. Series, men: Dale Lawens 601, Gary Moore 558, Jerry Huber 553, Jerry Thon 553.

High Indv. Series, women: Mary Blake 479, Carol Pantenburg 478, Barb Moore 465.

High Indv. Game, men: Dale Lawens 212, Gary Moore 211, Jerry Huber 209.

High Indv. Game, women: Carol Pantenburg 180, Carol Bleise 176, Mary Blake 168.

Splits picked up: Jerry Huber 3-7, Tom Bierschbach 6-7.

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OLD TIME PICTURES PARTLY IDENTIFIED

We heard from quite a number of people after last week's Messenger came out with those two old-time unidentified photos on the front page.

As to the school, it was definitely Nottawa District No. 5, located two miles north of the Weidman Road, on Vandecar Road. It was identified as the Hyslop or Hillcrest School, but not definitely.

Many individual children in the picture were identified, and they are now some of our most successful and respected heads of families.

The school picture was placed tentatively at around 1914 or 1915. The teacher was thought to be Mamie or Genevieve Riley. Frank Huguélet of Coldwater Lake says he taught school there in 1922 or 1923. The school building is gone now.

We received only one call on the Weidman baseball team

photo. Earl Blodgett said he was certain the manager, shown in the top row, was Harry Terwilliger. No one has yet identified the setting, or the remainder of the team.

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Gladys McArthur Memorial Library of Weidman was held at the Library in Weidman.

At the end of the first year's operation our Library operation was praised by Lloyd Hansen, Librarian of the Mt. Pleasant Public Library, who said he was pleased with the circulation of books as well as the operation of the Library.

Circulation of books for the past year was 2,813 volumes. The Library is open daily from 2.30 to 5 p.m.

Diane Benn reported a need for more volunteers to assist during these hours. If you have free time and would be willing to help occasionally or regularly, contact Diane Benn at telephone 644-3316, or Carol Schafer at 644-3501.

It was reported that Bernard Pitts had donated a radio for the use of the Library.

Annual dues are now payable and may be turned in to any of the officers, or at the Weidman Bank, or the Library. Dues are 50 cents per year, and your continued support is solicited.

The following financial report

was presented and approved:
OPERATING EXPENSES:

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| Building | 577.81 |
| Electricity | 32.78 |
| Fuel | 100.00 |
| Insurance | 33.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 31.55 |

775.94

INCOME:

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| Donations | 815.12 |
| Auction Sale | 131.00 |
| Membership | 53.96 |
| Bake Sales | 224.45 |
| Library Fines | 11.76 |

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| Total Income | 1,236.29 |
| Less expense | 775.94 |

Balance Dec. 31 1970 460.35

Respectfully submitted:
Board of Directors

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague spent Saturday snowmobiling with Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bouck spent Sunday night with the Jerry Horstmans, after getting their car stuck in the driveway.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey spent the weekend with other couples from this area at a cabin near Vanderbilt, snowmobiling. Eight couples from here enjoyed the snowy weekend.

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