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Editor's Column

By Connie

MICHIGAN'S NEW CONSTITUTION IS A WONDERFUL THING

Back when George Romney was chairman of the committee or commission to whack out a new constitution for the State of Michigan, and before The People voted on it, there was much ado in state papers about the wonderful advantages of a brand new constitution and the doing away with the patched-up old thing we'd been struggling along on for lo these many years.

Nowhere did we ever read, in any state newspaper, anything about the details now plaguing the taxpayers, and the total disruption of fairness in state tax assessments.

The new constitution gave us our Board of County Commissioners. The new constitution gave the legislature total power to set the rate of assessment on taxation of real estate property.

These are just a couple of the details of the wonderous new constitution we're now saddled with.

In its Enabling Act (necessary, we understand, to put the new constitution to work), the legislature set the tax assessment at 50 percent of one-half of the "true cash value" of all real estate property.

The new constitution stated that the legislature should and would set the rate of taxation assessment "at not over 50 percent"; whereat the legislature, in its first act on the new constitution, set the taxation rate at 50 percent of assessed valuation.

That, as we remember, was in 1967, long before Gem Survey and the ever-increasing "factor" element in local real estate taxation. That was before we had our valuations hiked (most of us) by figures from three hundred percent to a thousand percent. (Some got off easy; we have noticed some properties that Gem Survey really tiptoed around on and left about as they had been. The rest of us got it whammo! in the neck.)

One of the excruciating inequi-



RUSSELL WRIGHT WITH SOME OF THE TROPHY PIGS--

Russell Wright of Brinton (shown above) was with the last party of wild boar hunters to roam Skidway Island, off the coast of Georgia, week before last. The island has been taken up by real estate developers, and the wild country soon will become a housing and home-owners area rather than the paradise it has been, and the exciting prospects for wild boar hunters.

A hunting party composed of Russell Wright, Ken Tupper, Gary Bugh of WCEN, Gene Smith, Chuck Wentworth, Don Gould, Uncle Merley and Ted Van Avery left Mt. Pleasant March 5 and arrived in Savannah, Georgia, Sunday morning, March 7.

The party of hunters, from Brinton, Mt. Pleasant and Shepherd, brought back seven trophy pigs, two goats, one ram, and 10 meat hogs.

All reported a wonderful time at Hall Brothers' Hunting Club on the island.

The party returned home last Thursday night. Most of the party are members of the Black Creek Sports Club located near Oil City.

Russell said it was most exciting, and he loved every minute of the expedition.

ties felt in this area is in the upcoming school millage election, which is this Saturday, March 20.

Isabella County taxpayers will shovel in to the school in tax monies two and three and ten times more per like parcel of property than Mecosta County

LIONS CLUB FISH FRY WAS WELL ATTENDED

The Friday evening fish fry put on by the Weidman Lions Club was well attended, with profits expected to come out between \$200 and \$250.

The money is earmarked for new rest room facilities at Mitchell Memorial Park this spring, a project sponsored jointly by the Lions and the Weidman Business Association.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Clare Oberlin and Alvin Schumacher at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing Saturday. They went over to Cedar Springs and had supper with Mr. and Mrs. George Looman.

taxpayers. Mecosta County has lakes, resorts, "recreation" land, but its tax rate is 'way below ours.

Any way you look at it, it's a royal mess, beginning with the new state constitution and continuing through the state legislature and right into our own front yards

There will be a lot of property up for grabs in the 1974 state tax sales, we predict.

Men in Uniform

Army Lieutenant Larry A. Sprague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant, is attending an air defense artillery officer qualification course at the U. S. Army Air Defense School at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin hosted a going-in-service party Saturday evening for Larry Leiter, who will leave a week from Monday. A pot-luck dinner was served. The Charles Garner family, the Oren Leiters, Jennie Flower and Mary Ellen Baxter and several neighbor boys were present.

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MARCH 15 GAVE US OUR FIRST THUNDER SHOWER

In the very small hours of Monday morning, March 15, we had our first thunder shower of the coming season.

Plenteous rain came down, and by morning a good portion of our snow banks were down to where we could see they eventually would disappear.

Some patches of bare ground were visible in most places.

Colder weather forecast for the middle of the week, however, dampened our enthusiasm.

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Debbie Graham spent Sunday with Joan Allen of Farwell.

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SCHOOL MILLAGE ELECTION THIS 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 this 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.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Ella Cox and Mrs. Leona Courser and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Courser and baby were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Rodney.

Mrs. Minnie Flaucher entertained the C. M. B. Club Thursday, with 13 ladies present. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaucher and family of Midland were Saturday supper guests of the Ray Flauchers. Ray and Minnie spent Saturday evening at the Richard Flaucher home near Farwell, and were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaucher.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn of Belding and Mr. and Mrs. John Bunting had supper Friday with the folks, Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting. The Elton Buntings were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kaysor and family of Saginaw spent Sunday with the Charles Garretts. Mr. and Mrs. Terry Martin were Saturday visitors.

Brenda Martin broke both arms jumping from a slide at school recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge of Owosso were Sunday guests of the Robert Cooks.

Mrs. Edna Toarmina and Mr. and Mrs. Casper Toarmina and son of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hale of Sparta were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leimaar.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones of Evart were Saturday visitors at the home of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and Dixie were Sunday guests of the Rhodes.

Miss Helen Saunders of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Saunders and children of Midland were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Saunders.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mead and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Schafer and family spent Sunday evening with Herman and Alliance Cook and Mrs. Glee Krueger.

Roxanne and Shelly Hines were Sunday supper guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Seybert and sons of Elsie were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Earl V. Seybert.

We appreciated that couple of nice days the first of the week, and hope the cold will go away.

Edwin Cook of Canadian Lakes suffered a heart attack last week. He will have to take it easy for a while. He is in the Lakeview Hospital.

Mrs. Hazel Schafer returned home from CMC Hospital last weekend after spending a week there for treatment of pneumonia. She was taken to the hospital at 2, 30 a. m. Sunday by her husband, in the thick of that blowing-snow storm.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Lloyd (Buck) Swan of Great Plains was a weekend guest of his parents, the Fred Swans. They all were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and daughters.

The Cub Scout Den met at the Weidman School Saturday with their Den Mother, Mrs. Harold Krueger, in charge.

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BROOMFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETS WITH TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

The Isabella County Taxpayers Association of Broomfield Township and the Broomfield Township Board met at the Township Hall Tuesday evening to discuss township zoning for Broomfield.

Members of the Township Board are Ralph Strong, Supervisor; Harold Lapham, treasurer, and Gale Krueger, Clerk.

This was an exploratory meeting, as no resolution had been passed by the Township Board to set up township zoning at that time.

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CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder were guests of honor on their Golden Wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon at Remus.

A delicious luncheon was served by the immediate family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lueder have a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Howell, and a son, Ralph Lueder; and seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Relatives attended from Grand Ledge, Reed City, Saginaw, Coldwater Lake, Grand Haven, Remus, Mt. Pleasant, Blanchard, Greenville, Trufant, Belding, Lansing, Cedar Springs, and also many friends and neighbors from this area called in to congratulate them.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

Well, it looked Monday like spring was just around the corner, as the snow was beginning to disappear.

About a week and a half ago Ed saw a flock of geese fly over, then this past week a couple more flocks were seen.

Had a nice chat with Loretta Lorenz Monday. Said they were feeling pretty good now.

Basil Rogers called at the Lorenz home Saturday. Friday night Bill and Eva Lorenz of Mt. Pleasant and Clarence and Lois Ritter called, and they all enjoyed a few games of cards. Then on Sunday evening, Kate Martin and son, Ray, came over and played cards with them. Sunday guests were Lou Theisen and girls of Mt. Pleasant, the Ron Lorenz family, and Paul and Rose Simmer and three oldest children.

Rick and Pam Klumpp bought a new mobile home, and have moved from the Smith home to Ashley, nearer Rick's work. Rick and Pam stopped in here for a few minutes Sunday.

Ed has been doing some spring painting. He painted a kitchen and porch for Julius Schumacher.

Our son, Bob, stayed with Mike Schafer Wednesday night.

Don and Judy Schafer came over Thursday evening and played cards with us.

Friday night we went with Don and Judy to Beal City and played cards with Grandma Schafer.

Sunday evening Bob and Joyce Schafer entertained with a birthday party for Grandma Schafer (Tillie), who had a birthday Sunday. Those attending were Milo and Ann Eldred of Blanchard, Walt and Wanda Schafer of Mt. Pleasant, Al and

Ruth Klumpp, Oscar and Eileen Schafer of Wimm, Jerry and Bethel Schafer and Ed and Marge Schafer. The evening was spent playing cards and singing old songs. Sandwiches and birthday cake were served. Everyone had a real good time. Happy Birthday, Mom!

Loretta Schueller, a former resident of Beal City, is in Munson Hospital in Traverse City.

Father King, formerly of Beal City, was reported seriously ill, also hospitalized at Traverse City.

We have a new grandson, born Monday, March 15, in Plattsburg, N. Y., to Edward and Maryann Schafer. He has been named Eric Edward.

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Vina Bailey returned to Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday, to spend time at the home of Mildred Ruegsegger there, until the two can move to their summer home at Coldwater Lake.

REAL ESTATE

DO YOU WISH TO SELL?

We have buyers for real estate in this area. LISTINGS WANTED

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WANT AD RATES: 50 cents per week for ordinary ad; space rate of 50¢ per column inch for those of longer length. Card of Thanks 75¢, unless very long. Ph. 644-2000.

IF PLUGGED--Don't dig. Call 644-2058 for information and price. Electric sewer rod 100 feet long.

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GOOD USED FURNITURE--For Sale. Antiques and many dishes. Thursday and Friday, 9 until 5, other times by chance or appointment. Phone 433-2934. Collectors' Corner, 4163 N. Mission, Rosebush, Mich. March 4-Apr 29p

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE--On your income tax report? Call Jack Snider, tel 644-2381, in Weidman. Home at 3261 Second Street (the former Ray Shook house.) Feb. 4tf

NORWEGIAN ELKHOUND Puppies for sale. Call 644-2164 after 6 p. m. March 11t2

SMORGASBORD--This Saturday evening, March 20, at Broomfield Grange Hall, corner M-20 and Coldwater Roads. Featuring turkey, salmon casserole, meat noodle casserole, our usual beautiful salad bar. Serving from 5 p. m. to about 8.30. Adults \$1.50, children under 12 75¢, under five years free. March 18t1

CLIP THIS AD!

It is worth \$1 off on any shampoo and set up to March 27 at Wanda's Coiffure, 6181 West Remus Road. Ph. 644-2281.

Legal Notice

SETTLEMENT DAY NOTICE
Annual Township Board Meeting.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN--That the annual meeting of the township board of the township below named will be held at the Township Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

For the purpose of making the annual settlement.

ALL PERSONS--Having claims against said Township are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned on or before the above date.

TOWNSHIP OF SHERMAN
COUNTY OF ISABELLA
KEITH LOOMIS
Township Clerk
Mar. 12t2

HELP WANTED--Part time and full time. Apply in person. Family Restaurant, Weidman. Mar. 18t2

CARPENTER WORK--Wanted. Outside, inside, old or new places. Room paneling, cement work, etc. Jerry Horstman, Weidman, ph. 644-2512. tf

PAINT JOBS WANTED--Brush and spray. Interior and exterior. Edw. Schafer, Coldwater Lake, ph. 644-3967. tf

FAMILY RESTAURANT--In Weidman. Open 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. Specials every day. Try our meals. tf

GERT'S a gay girl--ready for a whirl after cleaning carpets with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer \$1 at Fox Hardware, Weidman. Mar. 18t1

HAY FOR SALE--Tel. 644-3353, Weidman. Mar. 4t3

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus and children of Flushing spent the weekend with Mrs. Leah Scharer.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses during the illness and death of our brother, Earl Strong.

Myrle Blodgett
Clara Lutz

Obituary

DALE BADGLEY

Dale Badgley died suddenly at his home on Littlefield Lake Saturday night. He had worked at Farwell all day Saturday, and apparently was not in bad health. He apparently died of a heart attack.

He was 69 years old.

Surviving are his wife, Florence; and a daughter near Coleman.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, March 16, at 2 o'clock from the O'Laughlin Funeral Home in Coleman, with George Getchel officiating. Burial was in Warren Township Cemetery at Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Badgely were active in church work, both being members of the Gilmore Church of Christ; and in the Merry Go Round Club, of which Mrs. Badgely was a member.

Mrs. Badgely and the family have the sympathy of their many friends of this area.

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EAST

Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mrs. Harold Skinner and Ray went to Lakeview to bring Dick home after visiting his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Skinner, and baby over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Routhaux and children of St. Louis and Elana Miller, who has spent most of the winter there, were Tuesday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and family. They couldn't believe the snow we had here, as they had mud. For the last three weeks they have called to come up, and our answer was we were snowed in.

Maggie Boger called on Clara Smith of Weidman Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Connors and baby of Stanwood spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger.

Mrs. Dale Olger and baby are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murray, of Remus, after Mrs. Olger returned from the Lakeview Hospital, where she was rushed last Monday morning.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cole of Detroit spent several days at their farm.

Congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shaner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Swan were Thursday afternoon guests of the Paul Coles.

Tony Maswechupek spent the week at his farm.

Dale A. Badgley passed away Saturday at his home at Westview Shores on Littlefield Lake. Our sympathy to the family. An ambulance drove in at the Paul Cole place, trying to find the Badgley residence. Mr. Badgley was dead when they got there.

Sunday dinner guests of the Paul Coles and Velma were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing, of Vassar, and Mrs. Cole's sister, Mrs. Helen Wardwell of West Stevenson Lake Road.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cornell and daughters of Gladwin were Saturday supper guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and children visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Worth, at Chippewa Lake, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler visited his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, and his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Friday.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson spent several days in Flint.

Mrs. Helen Wardwell visited her brother, William Wixson, Saturday evening.

Sunday breakfast guests of Mrs. Charlotte Hart were Mrs. Lane Chapman and Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis, Mrs. Charlene Riley and Kim, and Stanley Shaner.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler called on Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger Friday.

Mrs. Irene Jones visited her sister, Mrs. Estella King, Wednesday.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wixson has been quite ill.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague called on her mother, Mrs. Besie Teall, at Pleasant Manor in Mt. Pleasant Sunday. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton took a fish supper from the Lions Club affair at the Weidman School to Mrs. Emily Wood, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Warner and family of Clare spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Garold St. John and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and children of Wolverine were Friday overnight guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock visited his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, and her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith, of Riverdale, and also Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMacken of Shepherd, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilmot and Linda of Weidman were afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Showers and Mrs. Kate Darnell, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow all were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky.

Mrs. Lyle Denslow visited them Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley and Kurt were Sunday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Burton and Gerald Hemstreet of north Clare and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Crooked Lake were Friday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley, and enjoyed supper at the Coldwater Lake Inn. Mr. and Mrs. Conley were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Loraine Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock were Sunday supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson visited his grandfather, Manley Oliver, and aunt, Marguerite Coleman, of Remus Saturday.

Mrs. Leona Courser and Mrs. Ella Cox of Two Rivers were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Roddy.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Courser and son, Brian, of rural Mt. Pleasant visited them Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leiter of Hannah Lake were Friday visitors of his brother, Ira, and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stebelton and Renee of Mt. Pleasant visited her parents Sunday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Eldridge were Wednesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe. Mrs. Walter Graham and Patrick of Lake Windoga visited Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City and Ernest Gray were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray. Gary Portenga and children of Lake Isabella visited Mr. and Mrs. Gray Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson were among those attending the Lions Club delicious fish fry at the Weidman School Friday evening.

Mrs. Lyle Denslow took her sister, Mrs. Wyona Risdon, to the home of their brother, Louis Abbott, at Blanchard, Friday. Mrs. Risdon visited her doctor at Grand Rapids Saturday, and re-

turned to the Denslow home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Juanita Struble of Mt. Pleasant visited her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow, during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirvan visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent called Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dosenberry of Lansing were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patterson of Marion were also Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dosenberry visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Rosser, at Evart, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peeper and son, James, of Lansing were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Loomis and daughters called on Mr. and Mrs. Michael Loomis and new baby, Dawn Cedelia, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Loomis and Mrs. Warren Leiter, Mrs. Steven Voss and Mrs. Daniel Stebelton attended a baby shower for Dawn Cedelia, daughter of the Michael Loomises, Thursday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Denslow of Barryton.

Gilbert Schrock plowed our yard and driveway Wednesday, and helped Mr. Stanley get in a load of wood. He and son, Philip, who spent the time with me, were dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley of Weidman visited his parents Wednesday evening.

We visited the Davis Clinic last Wednesday, where x-rays showed arthritis. My wrist had given me the worst pain I ever experienced.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley visited Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stanley of Barryton Friday afternoon, find Lorena improving in health. We visited Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gorby and family of Lake Thirteen Saturday, and were supper guests at the Moore home.

We called on Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stanley again Sunday afternoon, and had a visit their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ray, and Michael, of Sparta, who spent the weekend with her parents.

We saw Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sisco in Weidman Thursday, who reported Mrs. Isabel Sisco of the White School District had returned home from the hospital after suffering a broken hip.

We saw Mrs. Robert (Butch) Berryhill Friday, and she reported her father, Edwin Cook, improving in the Lakeview Hospital. He was still in the intensive care unit, however.

Mrs. Robert Pung of Beal City had successful heart surgery Thursday morning at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, and was doing well.

We heard that our daughter, Mrs. Adelbert Pung, of St. Johns was feeling much better after surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City called on us Sunday evening. The children stayed with us while their parents visited the Andy Stanleys at Barryton.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Margaret Denslow was a Sunday dinner guest of her son, Dean, and family. The Floyd Millers called on both families in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and family were weekend guests of her folks, the Gerald Dents. The Harold Krueger family, the Lynn Johnson family and Mrs. Emily Wood were Saturday supper guests. The Johnson family, the Krueger family and Harold's mother, Mrs. Krueger, were Sunday dinner guests.

Mabel says she saw a large flock of geese Monday. They came from the west, then turned south. Maybe spring isn't too far behind!

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Ivan Dutcher was a Friday caller at the Charlie Losey home.

Brad Martin celebrated his birthday Thursday. Cathy Keck and some friends from college were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger were Saturday business callers in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Gross and Amy were Sunday guests at the Gerald Losey home.

Sorry, no telephone Monday morning.

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In the Editor's Mail

Weidman Messenger
Weidman, Mich.

Dear Connie:

I have a question.

As I recall, one of the selling points of our school consolidation was that we would have vocational training for our children.

I have not seen anything in your paper as you discuss the need for millage as needing it for this vocational education.

What about this? Are we opening the new high school without the promised program?

We need this training desperately, in our low-income area.

Are our officials depriving our children of the opportunity to become self-supporting adults by not giving them an adequate background?

Whereas, many of the people of Chippewa Hills School District need to know this before they vote on March 20.

Thank you.

Charles Garner
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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Very Interesting!

That's the story of saving at Isabella County State

Bank, thanks to our generous interest rates. It's

an interest-ing phenomenon to watch your dollars

multiply at the friendliest bank in town. Isabella

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your savings, and let us add some interest to your

life!

Isabella County State Bank

MEMBER F. D. I. C. FRS

WEIDMAN

MT. PLEASANT

BOWLING

CONTINENTAL LEAGUE
March 10

	W	L
Household Appliance	21	
Schlitz Beer	21	
Beal City Service	20	
Wentworth IGA	17	
Giant Super Mkt.	17	
Pabst Blue Ribbon	17	
Weidman Bank	16.5	
Lowery Northern	14.5	
Central Concrete	14	
Beal City Tavern	14	
Marchiando & Rau	13	
Smalley Builders	13	

High Team Series: Giant Super Mkt. 2994, High Team Game: Central Concrete 1074.

High Indv. Series: Larry Mason 545, Bob Bleise 543, Dick Haney 542.

High Indv. Game: Dale Lawens 219, Bub Schafer 209, Paul Hutchins 199.

GUYS & DOLLS March 12

Lawens-Pantenburg	30	6
Blehm-Hyde	23	13
Thon-Blake	23	13
Bierschbach-Huber	23	13
Moore-Long	21	15
Ecker-Eldred	19	17
Moore-Moravy	17	19
Nolte-Kolarik	17	19
McConnell-Myers	15	21
Bleise-Straus	11	25
Stewart-Bleise	10	26
Pung-Keesler	7	29

High Team Series: Bleise & Straus 2500. High Team Game: Bleise & Straus 908.

High Indv. Series, men: Jerry Thon 623, Howard Kolarik 560, Loren Eldred 556.

High Indv. Series, women: Mary Blake 487, Mickey Blehm 480, Theresa Maeder 472.

High Indv. Game, men: Jerry Thon 236, 211; Steve Straus 218, Bob Moore 204.

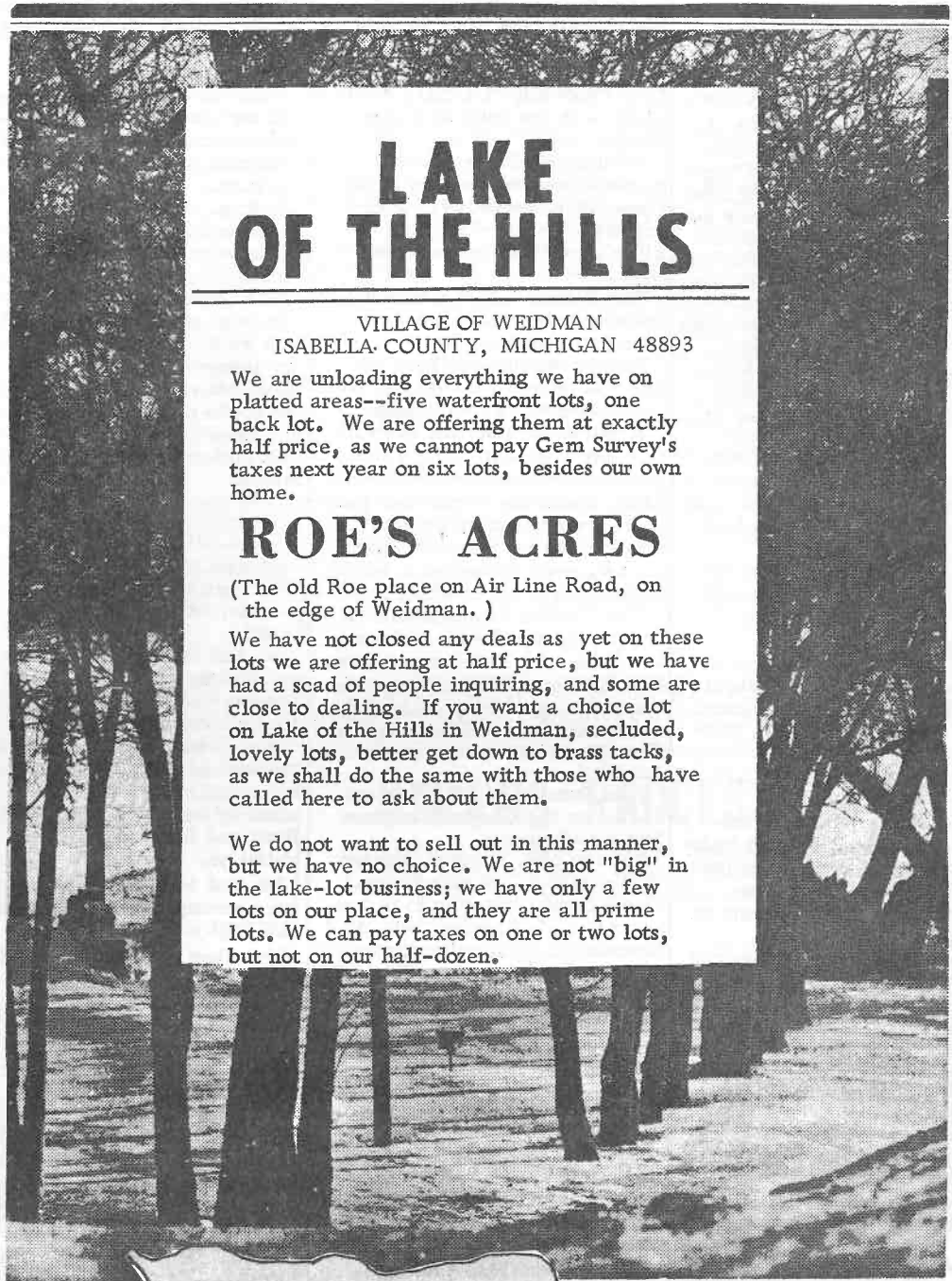
High Indv. Game, women: Mary Blake 213, Mary Hyde 183, Mickey Blehm 183, Jan Moore 177.

Split conversions: Joyce Moravy 2-10, Joyce Straus 4-5-7, Dorothy Huber 4-7, Mary Hyde 3-7-10.

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Local Items

Mrs. Ethel Bywater received a couple of interesting post cards Saturday, one from Dale Bywater who said he was leaving Hong-kong March 6. He had been in China for the Dow Chemical Co. Dale was on his way to Australia for about three weeks of work there. Mrs. Bywater also received a card from Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch, who are vacationing in Florida. The card was from Nokomis, Florida, and said: "Hi: We are thinking of you and hope you are okay. Weather here is about 75 degrees. Too bad we can't send some home. We are leaving here for Venus, Florida, where we hope for even warmer weather. Give our regards to all at home. Harriette and Al."



LAKE OF THE HILLS

VILLAGE OF WEIDMAN
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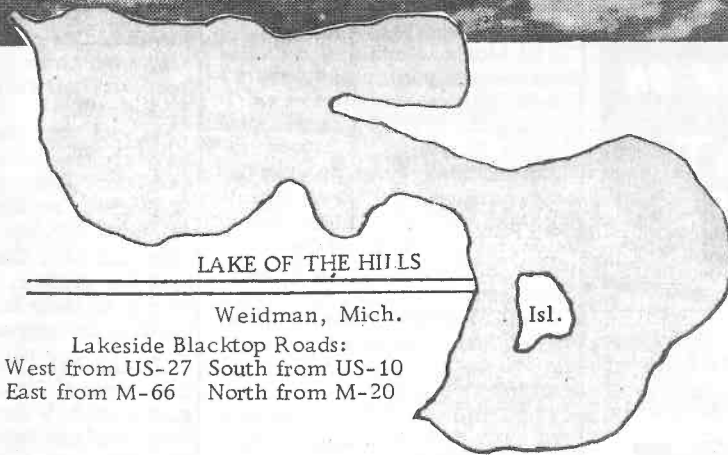
We are unloading everything we have on platted areas--five waterfront lots, one back lot. We are offering them at exactly half price, as we cannot pay Gem Survey's taxes next year on six lots, besides our own home.

ROE'S ACRES

(The old Roe place on Air Line Road, on the edge of Weidman.)

We have not closed any deals as yet on these lots we are offering at half price, but we have had a scad of people inquiring, and some are close to dealing. If you want a choice lot on Lake of the Hills in Weidman, secluded, lovely lots, better get down to brass tacks, as we shall do the same with those who have called here to ask about them.

We do not want to sell out in this manner, but we have no choice. We are not "big" in the lake-lot business; we have only a few lots on our place, and they are all prime lots. We can pay taxes on one or two lots, but not on our half-dozen.



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OUR CHOICE LOTS CAN BE PURCHASED ON LAND CONTRACTS and we are not taking advantage of high interest rates. We are writing contracts at 6 percent interest, and we hold our own paper.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Well, here I am again. Clayton and I decided on a vacation in Florida, so we went down there to see what everyone was going back for, year after year. We left here Thursday, Feb. 26, and returned home March 13. Had a real good trip each way. When we got to Ruskin, where Floyd Dutcher spends the winter, they were having record-breakers for this time of year, weather-wise. I was ready to start for home, as I didn't like the heat.

We arrived there late Friday night, called home Saturday to let our family know we arrived safely, and found out they were having a blizzard here at home, so decided I could stand the heat after all. Was glad to miss both the weekend blizzards.

Florida had a rain that cooled the temp. way down, so needed a fire and heavy clothes for a few days.

We visited Floyd at Ruskin and my sister and brother-in-law at Linger Lodge south of Bradenton. Also the Alva Cummins, Sterling Oplingers, Clifford Leiters, Tommy Lathams and the Carl Lathams, all at Ruskin.

We called on the Mack Denslows and the Carl Embreys visited us one day. The Carlton Johnsons called to see us, but we missed them, as we had gone to Bradenton.

There were so many things and places we wanted to see, but, having such a short vacation, didn't make them all. Was glad

to get back to Michigan and home again, but hope to go back again some time, as we enjoyed it all and the people we met from Ohio and Cass City, Mich., along with the folks at Linger Lodge.

My brother, Percy Secord, came home with us after being there since November. He enjoyed the winter there, out of all of our Michigan cold and snow.

The Robert Dutchers were here and the Dale Dutchers called Saturday evening.

Patrice Dutcher has been ill, and was taken to the doctor Saturday, but was better Monday.

Rebecca Dutcher has been ill the past week with a high temperature. Another virus of some kind, which the doctor said that there wasn't much they could do to check it, just take aspirin to keep fever down and it would have to wear off in time.

The Clayton Dutchers had Saturday supper with the Richard Dutchers, Jim Dutcher and Garry Dutcher and children were callers Saturday evening on his folks, except for Becky. Grandma and Grandpa called on her Sunday morning.

Ivan Dutcher of Mt. Pleasant called on the Clayton Dutchers Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called at the Coleman Funeral Home Sunday evening to pay respect to Dale Badgley, who died Saturday night shortly after retiring to bed. His wife Florence said he never complained of any pain. He had worked Saturday on the church. He died of a heart attack. The family has our sympathy.

Received word Monday that my brother, Charles Secord, of Dimondale, was in the hospital in Lansing after a heart attack. He was in intensive care.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew attended the Lions Club fish fry at Weidman Friday evening.

The Monroe Dutchers of Clarkston spent the last couple of weeks here snowmobiling and visiting the Ervin Dutchers and George Merrihews.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher had supper and spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines Friday. They attended Open House at the new school Sunday afternoon.

Orval Merrihew visits his father often. Orrie says he's fine, and glad to see the snow and ice melting.

The Dean Carey family of Lansing spent Sunday afternoon with the Dale Gatehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew visited the Chris Comstocks of rural Blanchard last week. Chris was home from the hospital, feeling better.

Ervin Dutcher had x-rays last Tuesday. He visited his doctor in Midland Thursday a week ago and they stopped and had supper with the Jack Gaudard family.

They called on the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family Sunday evening.

Mildred Rhode spent Friday evening with Beatrice Gatehouse.

Hazel Davis of Pennsylvania left for home in one of our Saturday blizzards, as she had been sick most of the time while visiting here.

Barbara, Goldie and Ronna Dutcher attended Open House at the new school Monday evening.

Had a nice long letter from Alice Terry in California a while ago, and one from Mrs. Hibberd last week. She says she is feeling better now, after a long siege with flu. Glad both ladies are feeling better. Hope they can keep feeling better. So you gals both take care of yourselves.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Frantz of Clio were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frantz.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kniffen and children of Lansing spent Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Mrs. Wanda Graham and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen of Farwell and at the home of her brother, to help Ruth and Richard celebrate birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague were among those touring the new high school Sunday.

Mrs. Burr Abrahamson of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Ethel Bywater. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Myers of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon guests.

Mrs. Clyde Beutler was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Lela Whearett and Don Clark. Mrs. Beutler accompanied Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler, who took their daughter, Jane Mengot, back to Ludington. Mrs. Mengot was here to attend the Ludington-Standish game at Mt. Pleasant, with Ludington winning, to become District champions in basketball.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey have received a letter from Carl and Daisy Embrey from Palmetto in Florida, saying they would leave for Michigan April 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent took her mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, to their home Saturday evening for supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Enos and three sons of Elsie were Sunday guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider, and family. The men are cousins, and had not seen each other for 20 years. Mr. Enos is Chief of Police at Elsie. The Sniders took their guests to call on Mrs. Pearl Case at Remus, while they were here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horstman were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Boucks of Barryton. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boucks of

Lansing were also evening guests.

Mrs. Irene Caulkins of Rosebush was a Monday dinner guest of Mrs. Emily Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham and family of Rosebush spent Sunday with the Bernard Pitts family, and were dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton and family of Ashley were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and family. They all called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams Saturday evening.

Kevin Roberts of Lake was a Monday morning visitor at the Ronnie Sprague home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen spent a few days at the home of their son, Rev. Carl Allen, and family, of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Allen and family spent the weekend with the Harvey Winckles family in Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Halsted and family, Leon McArthur, and Doug Kennedy were Saturday supper guests of the Bernard Pitts family.

the Churches

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Pastor: Marvin Eldridge

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Sunday School, 10 a. m.

Morning Service, 11 a. m.

Evening Service

Choir practice (Thursday), 6.30 p. m.

Church Visitation March 24, 6.30 p. m.

Saturday the young people attended an excellent Youth Rally at Mt. Pleasant. Rev. Mel Rutter, a former missionary and now a mission director, gave a very interesting missionary appeal.

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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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.

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.
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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Laura Wolf, Mrs. Noreen Ocobock and Mrs. Ethel Homrich of Grand Rapids spent the weekend of March 7 with Monica Grinzinger and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger.

Jerry Ruemmler celebrated his first birthday Saturday, March 13. Happy Birthday, Jerry!

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh, Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh, Sr., Saturday.

Deborah Ruemmler had a small gathering at her home Saturday night. Guests included John Fox, Phil and Dick Andres and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh, Jr. Pizza!

Rose Grinzinger spent some time with her sister, Louise Smith, Saturday morning.

Ginger Rau was home over the weekend.

Everett Schafer and wife and Louise Schafer drove to Shepherd Sunday to see Norman Schafer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trowbridge and family spent Sunday at the Bob Blasen home. With their triplets, they visited quite a number who went over to see the babies. They are nearly two months old now, and are three fine boys. Ginger Rau took Louise Smith over to see her great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and

family of Big Rapids spent the weekend with Mrs. Irene Smith.

Dora Smith baby-sat for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Theisen Sunday afternoon.

Ken Martin is in the Mt. Pleasant hospital.

Denise Yumcker had a party for her girl friends Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann and Bob Pung motored to Ann Arbor Sunday to see Mary Pung, who had heart surgery last Thursday, and was recovering satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baird left Friday for a 10-day vacation in Florida.

Marjorie Klumpp and three girl friends left Friday for a 10-day vacation in Florida.

Mrs. Gertrude Schafer attended the funeral of her sister at Custer, Ohio, last Thursday.

Jerry and Bethel Schafer returned Saturday after a brief visit in Florida.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Time for another renewal check. We sure enjoy your good paper, reading about all our old friends and neighbors up that way.

Sincerely
Helen Bigelow
Shepherd Route

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Our sympathy to the Dale Badgley family at Littlefield Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Eldridge and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wellman and children, Rick Abbott, Carol Abbott, Elvah Gott and Barb Graham attended a get-together at the Bud Bywater home Sunday evening. We sang hymns and had a Bible quiz and prayer. Coffee and cookies were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham of Blanchard called on Laura Latham Sunday. Laura spent Friday with the Dewey Olgers of Brinton.

Jim Abbott came home from Veterans Hospital in Saginaw last Wednesday.

David Abbott spent Sunday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chapman of Mt. Pleasant and Tom Kennedy and boys called on Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys Saturday. Tom and boys also called on his sister, Muriel Miller, and family.

Richard Gott, Brenda Allen and Ruth Reigle of Farwell called Tuesday evening on Mr. and Mrs. John Gott. Debbie Graham spent Thursday night with her grandparents.

Mrs. Hermione Smith had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood and children Sunday.

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Jessie Rosencrantz and Hattie Losey were guests of Connie Skinner at the Lions Club fish fry Friday evening.

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ENGAGED--Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Cotter announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Kay, to Arnold Eugene Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Price of Mt. Pleasant. The bride-elect, a 1970 graduate of Beal City High School, is attending Mt. Pleasant Beauty School. Her fiancée, a 1969 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School, is employed with Sowle Mayflower Moving Agency. A fall wedding is being planned.



SP/4 GARY RECKER MEETS TV STAR--Gary Recker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Recker of Broomfield, shook hands recently with Sebastian Cabot (Mr. French on "Family Affair," tv) at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam. Gary said "Mr. French" was just getting out of a helicopter, and shook hands so hard with Gary "Mr. French" nearly fell out of the "chopper".

Mr. French (Sebastian Cabot, an actor) was in South Vietnam just to "look things over and see how all servicemen were doing". Apparently he was not with an entertainment group, but was traveling on his own. Gary says he is a very nice person. Gary also has met a boy from

Coldwater Lake named McCall. Gary is with the 124th Transport Company, and he works all day at the airport at Cam Ranh Bay, guiding planes and choppers in at the port. ---0---

Mrs. Ted Smith spent three days last week in the Midland Hospital for oral surgery.



HERE'S ANOTHER PHOTO OF GARY--at the same location. His mother said there was no identification of the building, but on the back of the photo Gary wrote "Geuse ho Gary".

WISE TOWNSHIP BOARD VOTES FOR LOCAL ZONING

At its regular meeting last week, the Wise Township Board voted to begin proceedings to acquire home rule on zoning.

At the Board's request, Richard Tilmann appeared before it and presented information on procedures of township zoning laws. The Sherman Township Board

also met and decided to ask Lansing for more information before making a decision on home-rule zoning.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Flower spent the weekend in Toledo, at the home of their son, Tom, and family. Temperatures were in the 50s there, with no snow, and trees budding.

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