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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### PROPERTY TAX CREATES HAVOC AMONG OWNERS

Last Friday we received a phone call from a woman in Mt. Pleasant who said that GEM Survey put her small home in that city at \$7,200 "true cash value".

She said she went to the annex and waited the usual four hours to get to talk with a GEM Survey representative, and would not go through that again for anything.

Her complaint of too-high valuation was noted, apparently; the Mt. Pleasant woman said she had that day, last Friday, received a "corrected" valuation from Bob Grinzinger's Office of Equalization in Mt. Pleasant--and the valuation was raised to \$8,500.

She wants to know if she is the only one in Isabella County who suffered a hefty raise in tax valuation after protesting to the survey people.

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And we see by Friday's Detroit Free Press where a "citizens' suit" has been filed in the State Court of Appeals charging that cities and suburbs are paying more than their fair share of property taxes.

The suit alleges that the Boyne Mountain ski resort is assessed at \$38,000, or about five percent of its total value.

The suit asks that the tax commission see to it that all property be assessed at 50 percent of its value.

According to the Free Press, the tax commission has admitted that \$140,000,000 to \$200,000,000 is being lost each year because of inequalities.

Isabella County has uncounted instances of inequalities in evaluation by the GEM Survey Company, and we'll stand on the sidelines and cheer for that Detroit couple who are attempting to get the tax commission to correct or at least recognize she-nigans in land and property valuation all over the state.

It won't be easy, though.

State law says (Bless the Boys at Lansing!): "Conclusiveness of assessor's valuation: Assessments may not be disturbed by supreme court unless they are so at variance with undisputed facts

as to be in eyes of law fraud on taxpayer."

And, "In absence of fraud or discrimination, actions of state tax commission are final and courts will not dispute its judg-

ment."

That's pretty final.

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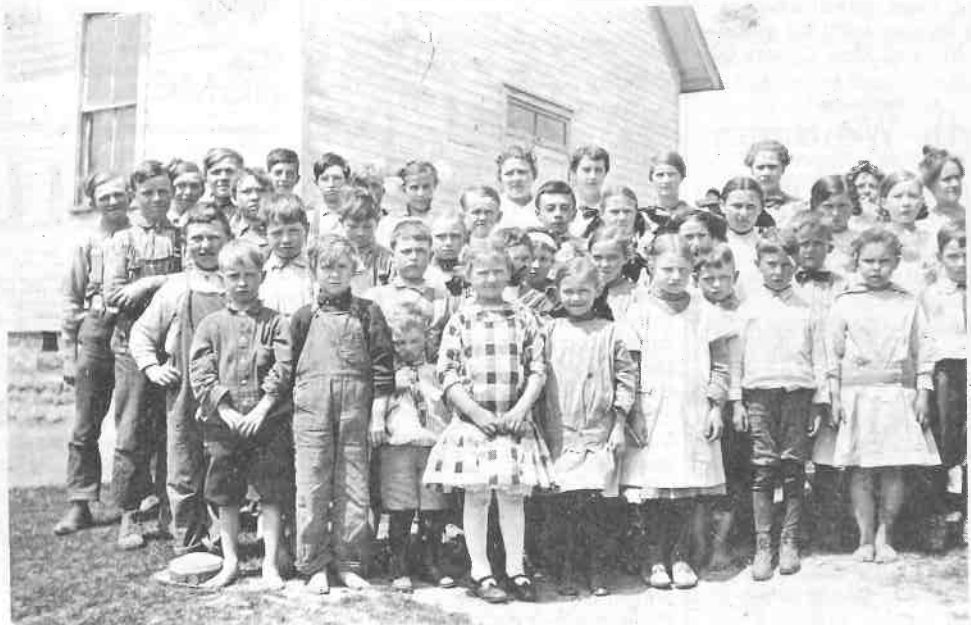
LIONS CLUB FISH FRY  
FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 12  
Friday evening, March 12, is

the date for the Weidman Lions Club's fish fry at the Weidman School cafeteria.

Profits will go toward new rest rooms for Mitchell Memorial Park,



WE PRESENT TWO VERY OLD PICTURES--This one thought to be Weidman's first baseball team--although we can't identify anyone, and we came here in 1912. Esther Stanley, who brought us the picture owned by Andrew Little of Rosebush, says she thinks her father, Andrew Irwin, played on early Weidman teams. Mr. Irwin died a year ago at age 93. For the life of us, we can't identify the cement steps and balustrades in the scene above. Anyone have information?



THOUGHT TO BE NOTTAWA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2--around 1900 or before. The school building was turned over to the township when the Beal City Public School was established, and is now the Nottawa Township Hall. Photo owned by Andrew Little, loaned the Messenger by Esther Stanley.

## EAST

**Coldwater**

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Harold Skinner went to work Saturday morning, but on his return Saturday evening he got only a quarter of a mile east of Brinton and couldn't see the road for blowing snow, and ran his car into a snowbank. He walked back to Brinton and spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler. Sunday Pete Wright took him home on his snowmobile. There were really some drifts in Coldwater Township, and one car stuck in the Township Park was buried so you could only see the top of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turnbull and children called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, one day last week. Mrs. Boger's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler, were also callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Skinner and Susie of Lakeview called on their parents Saturday. On returning home they encountered blowing snow at Barryton, and got their car stuck where it stayed from Saturday till Monday afternoon when the plow went through.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Connors of Stanwood are the proud parents of a baby boy, born last Thursday, Feb. 25, weighing seven pounds, five and a half ounces, at the Lakeview Hospital. He was named Steven Merle. Mrs. Connors is the former Joyce Olger. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger are the proud grandparents. Joyce and the baby are staying with them a few days.

Mrs. Laura Latham called on her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger, last week.

Mrs. Dale Olger was rushed to the Lakeview Hospital last Tuesday, suffering a heart attack. Baby Martin is staying with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger.

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**North Weidman**

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Hermione Smith spent Sunday at the Don Alwood home. Elmer Davy plowed Mrs. Smith's driveway out. She had snowbanks waist-high all around her house.

Rusty Alwood took his brothers, Jim and Donny, bowling at Mt. Pleasant Sunday. Bill and Joy Alwood went with them.

Danny Parker spent Saturday with Donny Alwood. Don Battle and boys and George Beers called at the Alwood home.

Don Alwood and Orma Kripa heard from their sister, Gladys Benic, in Mt. Clemens, saying she is home after being in the hospital for weeks, suffering from a severe heart attack. The doctor said her blood sugar was so high that it caused her illness. Proper diet and plenty of

rest is on the list for Mrs. Benic's recovery. She hopes to go back to her job at a school in Mt. Clemens in the near future.

Neighbors have heard from Roy and Ella Adams, who are spending the winter at Bradenton, Fla. Roy underwent surgery for prostate gland three weeks ago and was coming along real well. They expected to start for home the last part of March. Ella wrote it has been cool down there when we have had our below-zero weather.

Mrs. Laura Latham spent Thursday afternoon and Friday with the Dewey Olgers. She called on Joyce Connors and baby and also on Mrs. Dale Olger at the Lakeview Hospital Saturday evening. Joyce and the baby came home Sunday.

Elvah Gott was sick with flu last week, but was better the first of this week.

Little Sherry Allen of Lansing spent Friday at the John Gott home. Debbie Graham spent Monday over night with her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott of Farwell and Mr. and Mrs. Al Gott of Winn called on their parents one day last week.

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**In the Editor's Mail**

Dear Connie:

Please renew our subscription for another year. We look forward every week for the Messenger, and enjoy reading it.

Thank you.

Paul Fahnestock, Detroit

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Dear Connie:

Enclosed is my check for renewing our paper for another year.

We enjoy the paper so much. We read it down in Florida at our friends' house while we were there.

The Lawrence Dells, Lake.

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Connie:

Our paper is due. Sorry to have been forgetting to send the \$5.00.

Would hate to do without it.

Sincerely,

Henry Simmer

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To the Editor

Some way, some how, by some means, a tool must be found to correct the rising ratio of total tax (including hidden) vs. income.

There is a missing link in our system of government somewhere.

It appears that an absence of management has developed.

W.E. Remington

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Weidman Messenger

Weidman, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Eugene Flachs, a friend of mine of Remus, sent me the Weidman Messenger of Feb. 4.

Please send me the Feb. 11 copy and for another month on. I am interested, as I am one of the taxpayers caught in the GEM Survey.

We are glad that you are publishing the facts about them.

Sincerely,

Ray B. Johnson

Riverdale, Mich.

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Dear Connie:

Sorry I'm late, but time slipped up on me.

Hope you are well. We are pretty good for old folks.

As ever,

Annetta Bellows

Calder, Idaho

Ralph Geasler was in Clare Friday, where he had dental work done.

**Local Items**

Mrs. Bonnie Sprague and Mrs. Jennie Sprague were Thursday callers of Mrs. Ann McCann of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family spent the weekend with the Wendell Cook family at Amelia, Ohio, near Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crane and family of Littlefield Lake were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family.

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 3261 Second Street (the for-  
 mer Ray Shook house).  
 Feb. 4tf

### Legal Notice

#### BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN--  
 To all persons liable to assess-  
 ment for taxes in the Township  
 of Sherman, County of Isabella,  
 State of Michigan:

That the first meeting of the  
 Sherman Township Board of Re-  
 view will be held March 8, at  
 the Sherman Township Hall,  
 for the purpose of reviewing  
 township assessment rolls.

From 9.30 a. m. to 4 p. m.

EARL OPLINGER

Supervisor

Sherman Township

Feb. 25t2

GOOD USED FURNITURE--For  
 Sale. Antiques and many dish-  
 es. Thursday and Friday, 9  
 until 5, other times by chance  
 or appointment. Phone 433-  
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 March 4tApr29p

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 with 5 leaves. Small china  
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 ors' Corner, 4163 N. Mission,  
 Rosebush, Mich.

Mar4t1p

HAY FOR SALE--Tel. 644-  
 3353, Weidman.

Mar. 4t3

### COLDWATER TOWNSHIP TAKES LEAD IN LOCAL ZONING LAWS

At a special meeting of the  
 Coldwater Township Board, a re-  
 solution was adopted declaring  
 intent to proceed toward home-  
 rule zoning laws for the township,  
 which will supersede any county  
 zoning laws.

A recent county-wide zoning  
 ordinance passed by the Board  
 of County Commissioners has  
 galvanized township boards to  
 take action to make their own  
 laws anent zoning.

Most townships admit need for  
 local zoning restrictions, but the  
 County Board of Commissioners'  
 ordinance was unacceptable to  
 most out-county townships.

Coldwater Township is the first  
 in the out-county area to start  
 proceedings toward local control  
 of zoning laws.

### Legal Notice

ORDER OF PUBLICATION  
 STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 NO. 11,615

Probate Court for the County of  
 Isabella.

Estate of GUY JACKSON, De-  
 ceased.

IT IS ORDERED that on April  
 7, 1971, at 9.30 A. M., in the  
 Probate Courtroom, Mt. Pleas-  
 ant, Michigan, a hearing be  
 held on the petition of Wendell  
 Jackson for appointment of an  
 Administrator, and for a deter-  
 mination of heirs. Publication  
 and service shall be made as pro-  
 vided by Statute and Court Rule.

BURKE MCCLINTIC

Judge of Probate

Dated February 10, 1971.

Stephen W. Fox

102 Hersee Bldg.

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Feb. 18-25-Mar.4

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#### BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN--  
 To all persons liable to assess-  
 ment for taxes in the Township  
 of Coldwater, County of Isabella,  
 State of Michigan:

That the first meeting of the  
 Coldwater Township Board of Re-  
 view will be held March 8 and  
 9, 1971, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.  
 in the Community Hall at Brin-  
 ton,

For the purpose of reviewing  
 township assessment rolls.

LEWIS BOWEN

Supervisor

Coldwater Township

Feb. 25t2

### Legal Notice

#### BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN--To  
 all persons liable to assessment  
 for taxes in the Township of  
 Nottawa, County of Isabella,  
 State of Michigan:

That the first meeting of the  
 Nottawa Township Board of Re-  
 view will be held Tuesday, March  
 2, at the Nottawa Township Hall.  
 And on Monday and Tuesday,  
 March 8 and 9, 1971, from 9 a.  
 m. to 4 p. m., each day;

For the purpose of reviewing  
 township assessment rolls.

ERNEST SCHMIDT

Supervisor

Nottawa Township

Feb. 25t2

#### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Brien  
 and children, Tom, Barbara and  
 Dennis, spent the weekend with  
 Mrs. Nina Forbes, returning to  
 their home at Berkley Sunday  
 afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen went  
 to Alma Monday, to move his  
 father, Floyd Allen, from the  
 hospital to the Schnepps Nursing  
 Home in St. Louis.

## Obituary

### MERLE CROWLEY

Merle Crowley of rural Remus  
 died at the Sheridan Hospital last  
 Saturday, Feb. 27. He was 63.

He was born in Kent County  
 March 2, 1907, and was an em-  
 ployee of the Gibson plant in  
 Greenville.

Surviving are his wife, Ella;  
 two sons, David and Edwin, both  
 of Blanchard; three daughters,  
 Juanita Crowley of Remus, Mrs.  
 Yvonne Springer of Mt. Pleas-  
 ant, and Mrs. Sharon Rhode of  
 Shepherd; two brothers, Clayton  
 of Remus and Milford of Blan-  
 chard; one sister, Mrs. Phyllis  
 Sharp, of Grand Rapids; and 11  
 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wed-  
 nesday at 1 p. m. from the Crit-  
 tenden Funeral Home in Remus,  
 with Terry Brigner officiating.  
 Burial was in the Broomfield  
 Cemetery.

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### SUSAN GIESELER

Susan Gieseler of rural Barry-  
 ton, died Sunday, Feb. 28, at  
 Kelsey Memorial Hospital in  
 Lakeview. She was 83.

She was born April 16, 1887,  
 in West Virginia, and had lived  
 in the Barryton area since 1911.

Surviving are four sons, Her-  
 man of Midland, Lawrence of  
 Jackson, Delmer of Barryton,  
 and John of Grand Rapids; and  
 12 grandchildren and 15 great-  
 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held  
 Wednesday at 1 p. m. from the  
 Daggett Funeral Home in Barry-  
 ton, with Rev. Wayne Lyon of-  
 ficiating. Burial was in Flake  
 Cemetery in Barryton.

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### SATURDAY'S BLIZZARD WAS WINTER'S SECOND WORST

Saturday, Feb. 27, this area  
 experienced its second worst bliz-  
 zard in years.

High winds and blowing snow  
 caused driving hazards, with a  
 number of minor accidents re-  
 ported by Mt. Pleasant lawmen.

Telephone lines apparently  
 were damaged in some areas, but  
 electric power stayed on, where-  
 as in our storm of the week be-  
 fore the Weidman area, along  
 with most of central Michigan,  
 experienced a blackout on Con-  
 sumers Power lines.

Chippewa Hills Schools were  
 closed Monday, waiting on coun-  
 ty snowplows to get at side roads  
 blocked with snow. By Tuesday  
 most roads in the county were  
 cleared.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horstman  
 were Sunday evening guests of  
 Mr. and Mrs. Will Boucks of Bar-  
 ryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson  
 and Mrs. Pat Hathaway spent  
 Friday evening with Mrs. Nina  
 Forbes.

**J. STANLEY WEIDMAN DIES  
IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

The Messenger received word Monday of the death of J. Stanley Weidman, son of John S. Weidman, in Phoenix, Arizona, where he and his wife were vacationing through the winter.

A letter from his secretary, Grace Shober, says:

"It was a great shock to all of us when Mr. Weidman died suddenly Thursday, Feb. 18, in Phoenix.

"He had been in the hospital since Monday and the doctor had thought he would be leaving the hospital by the weekend. Thursday morning about seven they were preparing to take him up to x-ray when he died suddenly, and quietly.

"Sorry I did not get a note off to you sooner, but there has been much to do.

"Sincerely, Grace Shober."

We present below a clipping from the Durango, Colorado, daily paper expressing the feelings of local people toward Mr. Weidman.

Stanley Weidman and his son, John, stopped off in Weidman,

Mich., in the summer of 1968, and visited with old friends like Leon McArthur, Walter Russell in Mt. Pleasant, and others, and they also stopped at the Skimmer home to meet Connie and George, with whom Stanley had corresponded.

We mourn the passing of this the last of John S. Weidman's sons. The Weidman family had an innate gentleness, besides a fortunate ability to recognize opportunity and make the most of it.

We deeply regret the passing of J. Stanley Weidman, with whom Connie Skinner has corresponded for many years, lately on a plea for his writing an introduction to a history of the village of Weidman that grew from his father's building a sawmill here, and survived as a town after the closing of the Weidman mills.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Pami Sprague was a Friday overnight guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Jodi Sprague stayed Saturday night with her grandparents.

**Around Horr**

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Sorry, we had telephone trouble over the weekend, along with our lovely snow storm.

Kevin Johnson came home Monday of last week from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carr of Lansing were Friday evening guests of the Earl Oplingers. Eddie Oplinger came home from Florida Saturday, and was glad to get home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were business callers in Lansing Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wilson and family were Saturday overnight and Sunday guests of the Thompsons. Kenny and Eddie Oplinger were Saturday evening callers.

Weekend guests at the Elwood Miller home were Mrs. Velma Volker and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Volker and family of Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and baby. Sunday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cummings and Mr. and Mrs. Gale Cummings.

Mrs. Betty Thompson went with the Chippewa Hills High School Orchestra to Grand Rapids Wednesday to hear the Interlochen Academy Orchestra. Bill and Bob Thompson took part in a Lenten service at the Remus church Wendesday night.

Brad Wager was a Thursday overnight guest of Bill Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Weeks and

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weeks were Saturday morning callers of Mrs. Flora Wood. They intend to put a mobile home on their property, but decided there was too much snow yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and Steve and Lisa Suman were Sunday afternoon callers of Mrs. Wood. Jeanne Wood and Terry Lueder were Sunday evening callers. Mrs. Wood tells me Ralph Bergquist fell on the ice and is going on crutches.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber at Farwell Friday.

Mrs. Opal Denslow stayed over night Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Derry Dunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman were Saturday dinner guests of the Charlie Loseys. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey were Sunday dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were afternoon callers.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent.

Mrs. James Hulett and daughter and Michael Reynolds of Lansing, and Mrs. John Pick and Mrs. Larry Egbert were last Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich. Sunday guests were their grandson, Michael Knepper, and wife and daughter, of Lansing.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

**THE DURANGO (COLO.) HERALD**

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Friday, February 19, 1971

**Editorials****J. Stanley Weidman**

A friend observed Thursday that the death of J. Stanley Weidman represented the passing of an era. Weidman would have replied with a penetrating quip. Exaggeration was fuel to his fine sense of humor.

Nevertheless his going makes all who knew him feel they have lost something they will never have again. He was his own human being and a most rewarding one.

Weidman overcame adversity twice, once when he lost his money in the thirties and again in 1968 when his son John, with whom he worked closely, died unexpectedly. He never imposed these troubles on others, although in the latter case sorrow was deep within him.

His acquaintance with hardship increased his awareness of life. He valued what he found enjoyable and among his pleasures were his friends. He liked their foibles as well as their virtues and treated their foibles with witty, gentle humor.

His major Durango success was the expanding Weidman mill, a success which provided many families with jobs. He helped bring progress to the town. He never sought public recognition for the causes and individuals he so generously helped.

His most treasured and enduring relationship was with his considerably younger wife, Madelyn who shared his successes and his sorrows. He took pride in his children and people like Grace Shober who presided over his office at the mill and Denny Viles, his constant golfing companion.

These people will miss him greatly, but so will many others.

# Very Interesting!

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**WEIDMAN**

**MT. PLEASANT**

## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and Miss Ruth Border visited Wm. Wixson Wednesday evening. Bill was still on the gain.

Mrs. Wixson and sister, Ruth Border, spent the weekend in Alma, caring for Mrs. Wixson's three grandchildren, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Coloff.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Swan called on the Paul Coles Wednesday.

Reports are that Mrs. Julia Allbee has been quite ill again.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole called on Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan on Thursday.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart went to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wayne Curtis, and family, last Thursday, for a day or so.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hamilton and baby, Sarah Lee, of south Mt. Pleasant called on several neighbors here, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma, Tuesday evening.

Jay Purdy and boys of Flint spent the weekend with his sisters, Mrs. Irene Jones, Mrs. Stella King, and his brother, Walter Purdy.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa were Saturday evening guests of the Paul Coles.

Mrs. Norman Geasler had to postpone her houseware party again, due to bad weather.

Sorry to report that dogs killed one deer and crippled one, on the corner of Littlefield Lake Road and West Coleman Road, the middle of last week.

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### SARAH (KELLER) PRICE DIES

Sarah (Keller) Price, an old-time resident of Gilmore, died Feb. 22 in Saginaw Osteopathic Hospital.

She was born and raised in Gilmore Township, and many will remember her.

She and her husband, Jack, have a cottage on Littlefield Lake, and they spent summers there.

Mrs. Price was a school teacher for 40 years, in the Flint area.

She attended the Case School as a child, along with many other old-timers of the Gilmore area.

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## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear of Superior, Wis., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook. They plan to have a trailer home in the park on the corner of Remus and Coldwater Roads.

Sunday guests at the Orves Cook home were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook and children, Herman and Alliance Cook, and Glee and Keith and Cathy Krue-

ger.

Mrs. Mary Cook is in the Isabella County Medical Care Facility.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank of Wheeler were Saturday overnight guests of Blanche Carr. Saturday callers were Ruth, Pamela and Elton Simmer and Mrs. Mike Clare and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and baby and Mrs. Earl Billsby of Shepherd called on Blanche Sunday.

Mrs. Lucille Bollman was a Sunday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting. Blane Stansell was a Tuesday evening guest. Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting spent Thursday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hein of Remus.

Mrs. Florence Harvey's children spent Sunday with her, the William Sweets and the Robert Harveys.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson returned home Wednesday from visiting their son, Carrollton, and family of New Iberia, La. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Larson and family visited them Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner were Sunday guests for dinner, in honor of Steve on his birthday. The Ronald Flaughners were Saturday evening visitors of Ray and Minnie. Thursday night the Richard Flaughners were visitors.

Ralph Flaughner called his parents from Washington, enroute to his station at San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses and family of Flushing were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger.

Mrs. Lovica Krueger and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Wonsey visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder were Tuesday evening guests.

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett called at the Lewis Bowen home Thursday. They made the acquaintance of their little great-grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Haenke.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Tupper at Mt. Pleasant.

Frances Beck took Wanda Haenke to Edmore Friday, where Wanda called on her doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Irish and Jimmy of Saginaw were weekend guests of their son, Richard Irish.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jones of Lake called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geasler, one evening last week. They had just returned from a two weeks' vacation in Florida.

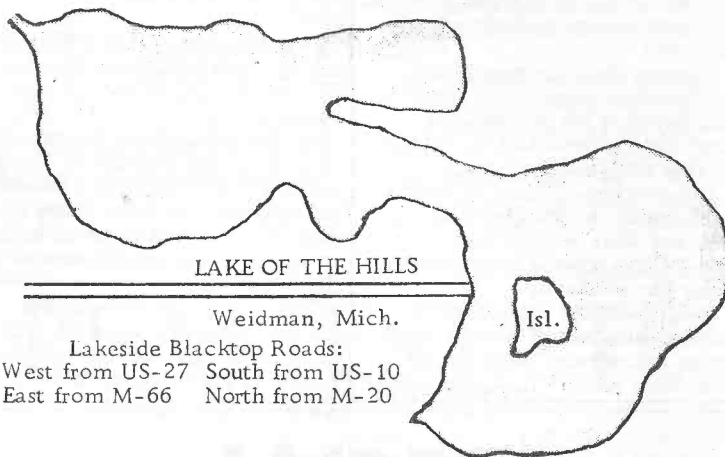
Mr. and Mrs. Loraine Conley called at the Lewis Bowen home Friday.

Mrs. Dale Olger is a patient at the Lakvview Hospital, where she is recovering from a heart attack. Everyone wishes her a speedy recovery.

# 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.

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## ROE'S ACRES

# Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Congratulations to the new arrivals in our community: a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Leiter Tuesday, Feb. 16, weighing five pounds, four ounces and named Melissa Marie; and also a daughter born Wednesday morning, Feb. 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Loomis, weighing seven pounds, four ounces and answering to the name of Dawn Cedelia. Congratulations to both sets of parents!

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Leiter and Melissa stayed over night at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, Friday night, due to the storm.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stebelton and Renee of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss of the Ojibwa visited their parents over the weekend.

Neighbors and friends of the community had planned a surprise anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson at Re-

mus Saturday evening, but had to postpone it due to the blizzard. A few friends and relatives gathered Sunday afternoon. They included Mr. and Mrs. Ken Henning of Hersey, and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson of Roger Heights, Big Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow. Their anniversary was March 2, so we can wish them Happy Anniversary!

Mrs. Juanita Struble was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow.

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Eldridge and son visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dosenberry of Lansing had business at Cadillac and had planned to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, but had to go on home on the freeways on account of the big storm.

Gilbert Schrock was out till 3 a.m. Saturday morning with his snowmobile helping stranded motorists get to safety in the

freezing rain and beginning of the big blizzard. Most of them were relatives, but he was a Good Samaritan to many.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Donald Zill was able to return to her work at the Home and Training School last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock visited their son, Rodney, and children, at Farwell during the weekend.

Mrs. Gary Portenga and children of Lake Isabella visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley were Tuesday supper guests of Andy Stanley and Leon of Barryton. Andy's wife, Lorena, who underwent successful surgery at Ferguson Hospital in Grand Rapids' last week, was reported to be up and walking Saturday and was improving real well.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley visited Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and family of Lake Thirteen Thursday afternoon, and were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Shepherd of Clare. Mrs. Doris Mitchell was also a supper guest, and we spent an enjoyable evening together.

The Stanleys went to Mt. Pleasant Friday for a checkup at the Davis Clinic, and called at the Ray Elliott home. Ray was unable to work on account of removal of a lesion on his leg. We called at their home and found Mrs. Elliott was in the hospital for minor surgery, so we called on her there.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung of Beal City and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley of Weidman came out on their snowmobiles Sunday and visited us a couple of hours Sunday evening.

Our son, Russell (Rev. Russell Stanley of Mt. Morris) called us and said something about a bad fire there. In the midst of his telling of it, telephone connections were cut off completely, and also we find that some telephones around here were out of order when we tried to get news Monday morning.

Ronald Stanley and Stanley Blodgett were Monday callers at the Stanley home. Philip Schrock spent the day with Mrs. Stanley.

We hope Lena St. John continues to improve in health, as she was reported doing, the weekend.

Otis Conley, Barry Conley and Kurt were callers of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Sunday.

Mrs. Otto Skalitzky spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. Kate Darnell, in Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters were Friday overnight guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peeper, of Lansing, returning Saturday.

They were in the big blizzard, and had some difficulty driving, but got home safely at last.

Mrs. Lena St. John returned to her home Monday, after spending last week in the Lakeview Hospital. She was reported improved, but will have to take it easy for a while.

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## FIVE TABLES OF PEPPER IN PLAY AT REBEKAH PARTY

At the Rebekah sponsored card party last Tuesday afternoon, there were five tables of pepper in play.

Mrs. Clyde Beutler won first prize for the ladies, with Henry Schafer winning first for the men.

Low prize was won by Mabel Lynch, pepper prize by Frank Benn, and door prize by Hermione Smith.

The next party at the Oddfellows Hall in Weidman will be Tuesday afternoon, March 16.

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## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower of Toledo were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Flower. They also visited Mrs. Marie Rahl. Small David, who had spent the week with his grandparents, the David Flowers and Mrs. Rahl, returned home with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Sprague were last Sunday dinner guests of her sister-in-law and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keiser, of Belding.

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# Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Nicholson, Sr., of rural Mt. Pleasant entertained relatives from Detroit the weekend. They were Mrs. Nicholson's brother, Vern Beekman, and his nephew, Kelly. They stayed the weekend and enjoyed snomobiling and visiting.

Virgil Smith spent a few days of the past week in CMC Hospital with an infection on his heel.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pung spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and family.

Mrs. Harry Joe Smith called on Mrs. Harold Block Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh motored to Detroit Friday to attend the wedding of their nephew, Wm. Bradshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer of Wimm and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer of Mt. Pleasant spent Thursday evening with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer and Mrs. Ruth Klumpp spent Wednesday with Mrs. Tony Schafer. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sherlock and children of Kalkaska visited their Grandma Saturday.

Mrs. Milo Eldred called on her aunt, Louise Smith, Friday afternoon.

Dora Smith called on the Al Clevengers Sunday evening. Their daughter, Joan, and family were also visitors. Dora baby sat for the Bob Blocks Sunday afternoon.

## BEAL CITY HONOR SOCIETY ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITIONS FOR YEAR

The Beal City Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools announces the 1970-71 scholarship competition for this year.

Three \$50 scholarships will be awarded to qualified members of the Beal City High School graduating class. One scholarship will go to a member of the Honor Society, with one to a student outside the sponsoring organization.

Purpose of the awards is to recognize those Seniors who have exhibited a high degree of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Also to motivate underclassmen to strive for these goals.

Qualifications for applying include at least a 2.50 cumulative grade point average for seven semesters; the student must be admitted to an institution of higher learning; and completion and return of the required application form.

Applications forms may be secured from Margie Block, scholarship chairman.

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**Messenger**

BETTER THAN A LETTER

# Beal City Honor Roll

## 1st Semester Honor Roll Beal City High School

7th Grade  
All A's

Tracie Wilson

B Average

Eddie Clevenger, Daniel Faber, Bill Funnell, Gary Gross, James Gross, Scott Kruger, Joe McDonald, Karen Miller, Mark Rau, Dyanna Recker and Margie Reihl. Dennis Schafer, Craig Schumacher, Kathy Schumacher, Wayne Smith, Kathy Steffke, Mary Ann Tilmann, Marilyn Thorn, Julie Ulrich, Jean VandenBossche, Ricky Weber and Cindy Yunker.

8th Grade  
All A's

Marian Clark

B Average

Pam Block, Kay Brickner, Theresa Britten, Janice Clevenger, Jean Gross, Marlene Gruss, Bruce Jackson, Terri Jones, Dawn Luce and Leo Pasch.

Charles Schafer, Stanley Schafer, Michael Schmidt, Janet Sheahan, Linda Simmer, Ann Smith, Steve Thomas, Cathy Tilmann, Phil Tilmann, Debbie Weber and Rosemarie Zeien.

9th Grade  
B Average

Beverly Breuer, Annette Fox, Mary Fussman, Doug Garrett, Ken Gross, Cathy Pung, Tim Pung, Sue Rau, Lois Schafer, Lynette Schafer, Steve Schmidt, Diane Sheahan, Janice Smith, Lynn Starr, Carla Straus and Rhoda Straus.

10th Grade  
B Average

Mary Clevenger, Ann Engler, Sue Gross, Joan Gruss, Roberta Pung, Rhonda Recker, Charlotte Schafer, Mark Andrew Schafer, Rita Schmidt, Ruth Schmidt, Kay Smith, Mike Smith, Bill Steffke, Pam Stevens, Jack Woodbury and Denise Yuncker.

11th Grade  
B Average

Aleta Adams, Margie Block, Nancy Engler, Mary Lynn Faber, Mary Ann Fox, Ann Gross, Harry Hauck, Mary Kolarik, Stan Pasch and Dennis Pohl.

Cris Pung, Ken Pung, Fred Schafer, Karen Simmer, Vern Smith, Ken Steffke, Debbie Yunker,

er, Denise Zeien and Ruth Zuker. 12th Grade  
B Average

Mary Beth Andres, Marilyn Breuer, Dave Brickner, Diane Clark, Rod Deming, Kathy Fox, Dave Jackson, Robert Pasch, Bill Schafer and Vickie Schumacher. Joanne Smith, Mark Stevens, Michael Straus, Bill Vogel and Bob Zuker.

## Real Estate Transfers

Thomas Rollin Hogg and wife to Lawrence Lowell and wife, pt. nw se sec. 25, Deerfield.

Francis E. Yoder and wife et al to C. Edwin Strouse and wife et al, nw ne; se se sec. 1, Coldwater.

Wildwood Development Co. to Donald R. Drager and wife, pt. nw nw sec. 12, Coldwater.

Fred Wilcox and wife to Roy F. Kaminski et al, Lot 146, Lake of the Hills Sub. No. 2, Sherman.

Max E. Aldrich and wife to Roger Galer and wife, pt. e 1/2 se sec. 22, Broomfield.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Howard R. Swanson and wife, Lot 400, Lake Isabella Plat No. 3, Broomfield.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Philip W. Collica and wife, Lot 504, Lake Isabella Plat No. 4, Broomfield.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Salvatore Carnevale and wife, Lot 226, Lake Isabella Plat Forest No. 1, Sherman.

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Feb. 27

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Lawens-Pantenburg	24	4
Blehm-Hyde	20	8
Bierschbach-Huber	19	9
Moore-Long	18	10
Thon-Blake	16	12
McConnell-Meyers	14	14
Moore-Moravy	13	15
Ecker-Eldred	12	16
Nolte-Kolarik	12	16
Stewart-Bleise	7	21
Bleise-Straus	7	21
Pung-Keesler	6	22

High Team Series: Thon & Blake 2427. High Team Game: Thon & Blake 860.

High Indv. Series, Men: Perce Blake 592, Dale Lawens 558, Tom Bierschbach 531, Bob Moore 531.

High Indv. Series, women: Mary Hyde 563, Mary Blake 530, Barb Thon 480.

High Indv. Game, men: Dale Lawens 221, Perce Blake 211, 207, Tom Bierschbach 202.

High Indv. Game, women: Mary Hyde 214, Mary Blake 207, Barb Thon 195.

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Mr. and Mrs. Don Aboott are spending this month in Florida, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harold Branson at Arcadia.

Gerald Appelgreen of Lansing brought his father, W.A. Appelgreen, home last Tuesday after he had made a short visit at Gerald's home. Gerald returned to Lansing Wednesday.

Leila Shook is spending the remainder of the winter in Fort Myers, Florida. She recently purchased the Carr house on Second Street.

Road workers report that snow drifts in Coldwater Township, in last Saturday's blizzard, were the highest and worst in the memory of most residents there.



SUSAN SANDERS

WINS SECOND PLACE AT STATE FLORIST CONVENTION  
Miss Susan Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sanders of Weidman, placed second with her bridal headpiece in that category in the Michigan State Florists' Association's 51st anniversary meeting at the Detroit Hilton Hotel Feb. 20-23.

Miss Sanders is a designer for Jacobson's Florists of Pontiac, and she specializes in wedding flowers, especially in the bride's headpiece. At Jacobson's she does all the wedding flower designing and arrangement.

She started floral work at age 16, when she took a summer job at a florist's shop--answering the telephone. By the time summer was over she was working on all flower designing.

Our congratulations to a talented girl whose parents live in Weidman!

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Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen were Sunday dinners guests of the Ivan Allen family.

**TAXPAYERS ADOPT BYLAWS, DRAW ORGANIZATION INTO SHAPE FOR PERMANENCE**

At a county-wide meeting Monday evening at West Intermediate School in Mt. Pleasant, about a hundred Isabella County taxpayers wrestled over form and essence of bylaws for the organization to place it as a permanent entity.

The following work was accomplished:

Bylaws were adopted. Fiscal year begins May 1, after which a county-wide election of taxpayers will name county-wide officers for one year terms. Officers will receive no compensation. Officers can be recalled by a simple majority vote of those attending a meeting for such a purpose.

Dues were set at \$1 per family per year. There are expenses in any organization, and with the Taxpayers Association it involves printed matter (such as member-

ship cards), mailing same, and having a lawyer on a retainer basis. These are some of the inescapable expenses of such an organization.

It was stressed that more publicity be obtained for future meetings, through the newspapers and radio.

Township boards are also to be elected, to work with the county board of the Taxpayers.

At present, township leaders have been named in most townships.

Most agreed that anyone receiving a GEM Survey valuation notice would be ready for membership in the Taxpayers Association.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests of Mrs. Kit Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powell and children were Monday supper guests.

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WEIDMAN MASONS--Had a good attendance at their chili supper Friday evening at the Masonic Hall. The men did a good job of cooking and serving the supper. Shown in above photo, left to right: George Daggett, Clayton Beutler, Lonnie Hanson (behind Clayton), Jim Beutler and Ralph McCreight.