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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### THREE AND TWELVE STILL ADD UP TO FIFTEEN

We have been unable to ascertain the reasoning behind the decision of the Chippewa Hills Schools Board of Education in offering district voters a "split ballot" on another millage election scheduled for June 14. (We pay for that election, too.)

If the Board and administration had put up a "split ballot" of four and 11 mills, for instance, we could see some sense in it.

The smaller millage is for one year, but the bigger bite is for three years.

If the school had offered a "split ballot" of four mills and 11 mills, it could fairly well depend on passage of the four mills which would have put the school back on full state aid monies.

The three-and-twelve proposition can be no other than an ultimatum to the taxpayers, "Give us our 15 mills or else!"

According to Mr. Jorgensen's front-page interview in the April 14 issue of the Mt. Pleasant Times News, Jorgensen believes the iggerant voter (taxpayer, to you) will be fooled into thinking he is voting for lower millage than the 15 mills demanded in the March election and snowed under by the taxpayers.

Most of us, especially those of us who graduated from "old-fashioned" schools and can therefore read, write, and do simple arithmetic, can add up 12 mills and three mills and still come up with 15 mills, the same as the school people demanded on the March ballot.

We are appalled by the arrogance of a school administrator in relation to the people who pay his salary (just how much does he get per year, anyhow?) and pay the expenses of the schools.

There has been no explanation of how the school became involved in such a financial mess; there has been no offer of re-retrenchment on frills enjoyed on the school's curriculum and activities.

Contrary to the notions of modern-day college graduates and school people of all descriptions, (Continued on Next Page)



FARM POND WHERE SWANS RESTED LAST WEEK--The Wendell Simmer farm east of Weidman has a flood-plain sometimes pond on the back of the place, and last week it was dotted with wildlife. We missed the swans, but if you look really closely maybe you can see some of the wild ducks taking off as we stood on the wet edge of the pond's low banks and tried a picture.

**20 SWANS SIGHTED ON POND ON SIMMER FARM**  
Various enchanted onlookers have reported seeing as many as 20 beautiful swans resting on a pond on the Wendell Simmer farm just east of Weidman.

The pond is not a permanent feature of the farm, but mainly annual flooding of a low spot on the farm on its south edge. But the swans, together with large flocks of ducks, stopped off there several days last week.

Swans do light on waters here-about, on their long migration to the north for the summer. But ice has impeded their landing on usual places, such as area lakes, and the farm pond on the Simmer farm afforded them rest and security.

On local lakes, we figure we are lucky if we have one or two pairs resting on our waters, and the large number on the Simmer pond is a phenomenon.

Usually the swans arrive with the breakup of ice on area lakes and usually stay a week or two.

Ice went out of Lake of the Hills in one day (Saturday), but Sunday Coldwater Lake was still pretty well iced over.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

### FISH SUPPER AT BEAL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL

A fish supper will be served at the Beal City Public School cafeteria Friday evening, April 23, beginning at 5 p.m. with serving continuing until 8.

The supper is being put on by the Beal City Band Parents.

Prices are: Adults \$2, children 12 and under, \$1, pre-schoolers free. Take-out orders available. Featuring home made pies.

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### In the Editor's Mail

To the School Board and Superintendent:

You asked for reasons why the last millage vote was decisively defeated. They shall be printed as time and space permit. Many reasons have developed to cause the "Tax Payer" to lose faith as to the judgment of the School Board and the Superintendent.

Does it seem that the "Tax Payer" should be required to pay for carpeted school rooms when he does not feel he is financially able to carpet his own rooms at home?

Should the School Board contract with the Superintendent for three years and, as one year expires, be talked into extending

the contract one year, so that he continuously has a three-year contract?

Does it seem that the Senior Class should have to assume the responsibility for asking the School Board and the Superintendent to prepare a schedule of subjects and credits to be required of a student to graduate as a Senior?

The Tax Payer is using the only instrument he has to show that he is not in favor of the way the Superintendent and Board of the Chippewa Hills Schools are acting.

It seems the "Tax Payers" wish to live within their possible incomes. We have no industries or payrolls other than the tax-supported school, within this locality.

Does it seem that we need bowling, wrestling and karate for a few, which would require a specialized instructor?

In reference to "How Sweet It Is": Isn't it more important to develop several good citizens with a basic education than to develop one athlete who may receive a grant to college?

Please take note that practically all business men of this locality are graduates with a basic-education foundation received from our former high schools before they were thrown in to become bigger and/or better. These men are considered average or better citizens and businessmen.

Does it seem good judgment to ask the "Tax Payer" the second time for practically the same thing at an enormous cost of another election?

Should the Senior Citizen be required to use the money that is intended to maintain living in his later years to pay school taxes and have to live without the necessities of life and medical assistance?

We are informed the next election will be with two ballots, one for three mills and one for 12 mills. It should be assumed that the Tax Payer is at least intelligent enough to add 12 and three, which does equal 15, the same as before. Four mills, which would give the maximum State Aid, would pass. The 12 mills will not pass. The Taxpayers have not, and will not change their minds because of sarcasm and threats.

One of the Tax Payers

## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

Hope everyone is fine this lovely spring Monday morning.

Little Andy Beck and I had to run an errand to school Thursday so we dropped in to see Grandma Schafer in Beal City. As we were leaving, I saw my sister, Sophia Stowell, and husband, Ralph, drive in to my brother's home (Bob Klumpp's). As I had not seen her for a couple of months, we stopped in for a little visit.

Wednesday evening Leo and Lucille Schafer came over so Leo could do some fishing.

Jerry and Jane Schafer of Mt. Pleasant stopped in Saturday evening. Jerry was sponsor for Steve Schafer, son of Robert Schafer, for his Confirmation at St. Joseph the Worker Church. Bishop Joseph McKinney was here for Confirmation.

Connie Skinner was a Friday caller of Mrs. Harry Rupp.

Ed and Don Schafer helped Jerry Schafer last week tear down a house on the Dale Graham farm.

The Coldwater Lake Inn has completed an addition to its dining room, which gives added space and wonderful window views on the lake.

Sunday we visited our son, John, and family in Bay City. After dinner with them, John took us to Saginaw for a ride. John is back selling shoes at Grandville's in Saginaw.

Danny Schumacher stayed over night with Bob Schafer Sunday.

The nieces and nephews of Judy Schafer have been taking turns staying with her. They and their mother have just moved here from Brush, Colo. They have been staying with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Haynes, until they can find a place to live.

Our sympathy to the family of Peter Schafer.

Willard Thelen was admitted to CMC Hospital last week, suffering a heart attack. He was out of intensive care the weekend, and was improving the first of the week. Noreen is keeping the store going, even baking bread, which sells almost before she can get it out of the oven.

Until next week, Marge.

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### COLDWATER MOMS HOLD FIRST MEETING

The Coldwater MOMS Club, meaning Mothers on the Move, which is sponsored by Eight-Cap, a federally-funded project, met at the home of Joan Hummel last Wednesday.

Temporary officers were appointed until a later date, when an election will be held.

This was the first meeting of the group. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 22, at 1 p.m., at Hummel's, on Cold-

water Road, one-half mile south of the Coleman Road.

All mothers, grandmothers, aunts, nieces, mothers' helpers and mothers' stand-ins are invited to attend.

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Irene Bowen and Wanda Haenke called on their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Earl Blodgett, Sunday, at the Mt. Pleasant hospital. She was improving from a heart attack suffered last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields and their mother, Sarah Fields, of Grand Rapids, spent Sunday with their brother and uncle, Tony Bartley. Almond Spencer and Tony Bartley were in Remus, where Tony called on his doctor.

Coldwater Township Supervisor Lewis Bowen attended a meeting of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Virgilene Forbes was in Mt. Pleasant Friday.

Frances Beck attended a pink and blue shower for Mary Seymour, held at the home of Mrs. Keith Renner in Farwell, Friday evening. Mrs. Gary Seymour and Mrs. Renner were hostesses for the party. Mary received many lovely gifts.

Marilyn Fosberg and Nora Geasler were in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen called on Mr. and Mrs. Tom Latham and Mr. Lee one day last week, in Remus.

Jim Leiter of Flint is spending a few days this week at the Fay Forbes home.

Kay McNeilly of near Sears called on her mother, Nora Geasler, Monday.

Carl Geasler underwent surgery last Wednesday at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geasler, Ellen and Ray Geasler called on him on Thursday.

Nora Geasler and Frances Beck were in Big Rapids Wednesday.

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

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the lowly "voter" who has been able to earn and hang on to a piece of real estate is not all that stupid.

Mr. Jorgensen's constant "interviews" in the Mt. Pleasant paper are accomplishing somewhat the same result as Coach Virgil Bareham did just before the March election: He is doing a one-man job of insuring the anger of the voting public of the Chippewa Hills School District.

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Tom Flower of Toledo, O., arrived Friday and took his wife and small son home. They had been visiting here the past two weeks.

### NEWS NOTES

Connie Skinner was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Tranbarger at dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn Sunday, celebrating Barney's birthday (January) and Connie's (February) Storms and bad roads delayed the birthday observances.

Leon McArthur was a Saturday noon dinner guest of the Bernard Pitts family, celebrating Janet's 17th birthday. They all attended the church chili and soup supper at the United Methodist Church in the evening.

Mrs. Rose Barrett of Holt and Anne Rood of Lansing and three daughters, Mrs. Robert Mother-sell of Lansing, Mrs. Don Pick and Mrs. Larry Egbert of Weidman spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hagerman of Albion were weekend guests of his mother, Mrs. Vera Hagerman. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hagerman of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests.

Visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood through the week were Virginia Lee and children and Lillian Nick of Dowagiac, who came Friday and took Mrs. Emily Wood to Red Oak, near Lewiston, to see her brother, Dewey Cain, who was ill. They stayed over night with Mrs. Wood, returning home Sunday, Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Otis Kirvan of Oscoda and Walter Kirvan of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. John Pyle and son of Flint were visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton were Thursday callers.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Callers of Louise Smith last week were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau, Mrs. Tillie Schafer, Dale Rau, Ann Schafer, Alfred Klumpp, Mrs. Tom Bierschbach and children, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Ida Tilmann, and Dollie Rau.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner of Detroit were here to attend the funeral of their uncle, Peter Schafer, Saturday.

The bans of matrimony were announced for the first time Sunday for Barry Kirkpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kirkpatrick, and Janice M. Rau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rau.

Mr. and Mrs. James Schueller and family of Traverse City spent a few days around Mt. Pleasant and Beal City. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bierschbach Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer of Beal City are driving nice new cars.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and family of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend with Mrs. Irene Smith in Beal City.

Theresa Smith, Janice Smith, Pat Schafer, Gale Tilmann and Dora Smith called on Delores Rau Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gross and family and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Forbes and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith and family.

Beverly Smith of Pinconning spent the week at home for Easter vacation. She has a new car.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson of Detroit attended the funeral of Peter Schafer Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer took their daughter, Sheila, to Midland Friday for a checkup. The doctor says she is coming fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard spent Wednesday with Mrs. Tony Schafer, taking off storm windows and cleaning the yards.

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### BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 15 1/2 TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular Senior Citizens card party at Beal City last Thursday, there were 15 1/2 tables of pepper in play.

Cecilia Simmer won first prize for the ladies, with Beulah Riley winning second.

Jack Cotter won first for the men, with Clayton Smith winning second.

Henry Schafer won the pepper prize. Hulda Stevens won the door prize.

The next party will be Thursday afternoon, April 29.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schumacher and Mrs. Clare Oberlin in Lansing last Thursday.

## BEAL CITY KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP APRIL 29

The annual spring Roundup for the Beal City School District will be held Thursday, April 29, in the school cafeteria.

Parents will be expected to bring their pre-school child with them during registration.

Parents of children whose last names start with the letter A through R will register at 9.30 a.m., and those whose names start with letters S through Z will enroll at 1.30 p.m.

Parents are requested to bring their child's birth certificate with them when they register their child. A record of the child's immunizations also should be brought to school, so they can be checked by the nurse.

The law states that children must be five years old by Dec. 1, 1971, in order to be eligible for kindergarten next fall.

Parents will meet with the school nurse, Mrs. Taylor, and kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Hirvonen, and Supt. Carl D. Mayes. There will be planned activities for the children also.

Regular kindergarten classes will meet as scheduled on Kindergarten Roundup Day.

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## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. E. R. Rhode called on Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder Sunday. Other guests were Mrs. Mary Cook, Mrs. Amelia Kory of Remus and Mr. and Mrs. Art Cook of Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhode called on Harold Rhode Sunday.

Mrs. Paul Lueder and son, Ralph, visited her daughter, Dorothy Howell, at Trufant, Sunday, in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Ethel Wager, who spent some time with Mrs. Catherine Carrick at Vanderbilt, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Taylor of Detroit were Saturday overnight guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder. Mrs. Lovica Krueger and the Singleton Moses family of Flushing were weekend guests. Mrs. Blanche Carr, Mrs. Lovica Krueger and Don Moses were Sunday supper guests.

Little Brian Courser celebrated his first birthday Sunday evening with a family gathering for ice cream and cake.

Mrs. Leona Courser and Mrs. Ella Cox attended the Coomer Aid Wednesday, at the church. Leona and Mary went to Grand Rapids Thursday, and Leona entertained the Bundy Mountain Farm Bureau in the evening.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Mrs. Cleo Wiley called on Mrs. Choice Foster one day last week.

Mrs. Lawrence Johnson and daughter, Chris, of Rockford, Ill., spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fiorillo and fam-

ily.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting.

Blane Stansell spent Wednesday evening with the Buntings.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Larson of Saginaw were Monday guests at the Chris Larson home. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Larson of Birch Run were Friday overnight guests.

Mrs. Kate Martin visited Mrs. Ida Keyser of Crawford Monday afternoon, and spent the evening with the Pat Dickers. Wednesday she was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Schupbach, in Mt. Pleasant.

Sunday guests of the Martins were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sheets and son, John, of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Swan and son and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and daughters had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot and Linda attended the Silver Wedding party for Mr. and Mrs. Lavier Hatt at the First Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Flaughner and family spent Sunday evening with the Ray Flaughers.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Marshall and Mrs. Ella Cox were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lachlin MacGregor and children of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors of the Charles Garretts.

Elmer Garrett took Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett out to dinner

Sunday, at Weaver's Tavern in Weidman.

Callers of Mrs. Nettie Baker last week were Mrs. Hazel Wiloughby of Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses, Mrs. Jack Lieder and Mrs. Herman Lueder, and Mrs. Lovica Krueger. Mrs. Elam Seymour and granddaughters of Gilmore came one day and cleaned Nettie's yard.

Brian Krueger celebrated his second birthday Saturday evening with Grandma and Grandpa Dent, Grandma Krueger, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Taylor and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder, the Singleton Moses family and the Lynn Johnsons as guests.

Blanche Carr and Claribel Beutler attended Busy Bees at the home of Mrs. Jim Thompson Friday afternoon.

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### BIG RAPIDS PAPER SAYS CHIP HILLS SENIORS HAVE NO CREDIT'S PROGRAM

Due to various requests from some students, it was decided to establish a definite program of hours and semester credits for the future to make a student eligible for graduation (from the Chippewa Hills High School).

As of now, no set program has been put on paper to determine the exact status of any student as regards semester time put in at school. --Big Rapids Pioneer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horstman and family attended a birthday party for Terry Boucks of Barryton, Sunday. Terry was seven.

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## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck returned home Thursday after spending three months in sunny Florida, at Bradenton Trailer Park. They were pleased to have their children and grandchildren fly down to spend their Easter vacation with them: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., and Patrick and Jill, of Grand Haven, and Mrs. Richard Louisell and daughter, Heather, of Spring Lake. They enjoyed their vacation very much.

Philip Schrock was honored Sunday in celebration of his third birthday, which was Thursday, April 16, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock. Guests at dinner were Mrs. Edmund Owens, Arthur Schrock, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coon and Brian and Jeffrey Tetslaff. Sunday afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Teeter of Big Rapids, Mrs. Violet Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bowen and Kenneth and Michael. Edmund Owen and Mrs. Arthur Schrock visited enroute home from their work at the Home and Training School and Medical Facility, respectively. Philip received many nice gifts, and all enjoyed ice cream and birthday cake. Happy Birthday, Philip!

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock called on their son, Rodney, and children of Farwell one evening the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Loraine Conley visited Mr. and Mrs. Schrock Thursday evening.

Mrs. Lena St. John and Mrs. Nina Forbes visited Mrs. Lily Suylandt of Loomis Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Otis Conley called on Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss. In the afternoon they all attended the Silver Anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Lavier Hatt at the United Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant. The couple were re-wed in an impressive ceremony, with a reception following in the church basement.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baxter of Flint, who had just returned from vacation in Texas, were Saturday supper and overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and sons. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy and Dawn Marie of Big Rapids were supper guests.

Mrs. Max Kimball and children of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Al Barker of Greenville visited Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stebelton and Renee of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Leiter and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss visited

their parents during the weekend.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Leiter's two-months-old daughter, Melissa, is still quite ill in Ford Hospital, Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott and Michael of the Coldwater oil field were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow.

Sunday afternoon visitors at the Denslow home were Mrs. Mabel Cummings of Barryton, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schroeder and family of Big Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley and grandson, Kurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jeffers and Priscilla and James of Sheridan were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John. Eddie John has not been feeling too well lately, and may enter the hospital this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry visited Mr. Stanley Tuesday evening, and had a short visit with Ye Reporter when she returned from TOPS Club meeting.

Mrs. Dosenberry attended a products party put on by the Weidman OES Lodge at the Township Community Hall one evening the past week, also helping with refreshments for those attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane called on Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rupp of Coldwater Lake Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler of Brinton and Eldon Bellows of Flint were Monday fish supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gray and Christopher of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of the Grays. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis visited them Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Packer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Struble and Dougie of Deerfield Center visited Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow Sunday.

Burdette Reed was a Good Samaritan Wednesday, cutting wood for Mr. Stanley and also taking him to Mt. Pleasant to visit his doctor.

Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley and Joyce and Paul of Mt. Morris were Thursday supper guests at the Stanley home.

George Beers, R.G. Fountain and Chester Lynch were callers of the Stanleys.

Donald Stanley came out one afternoon to help cut wood and Donald Pung and David Moore came Saturday afternoon. We appreciate this very much, and also glad to see warm weather on its way!

David Moore and my brother, Andrew Irwin, of Stevenson Lake were Saturday supper guests, and then we all went to the Moore home at Lake

Thirteen, where we spent an enjoyable evening, as Mr. Irwin and his wife and Mrs. Olive Irwin had just returned from Chula Vista, Calif., after spending three weeks with their son, Andrew Irwin II, and his family. They visited Disneyland while in California, and we enjoyed the exciting things he related from an enjoyable vacation. We stayed over night at the Moore home, and they took us for a drive Sunday. We enjoyed dinner at a restaurant near Harrison, and called on Mr. Stanley's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hampton. They are both quite well, and glad to see Ole Man Winter gone --Needless to say, We are, too!!

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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma went to Sheridan Monday morning on business.

Stevie Kripa spent a couple of days with the Coles this week.

Mrs. Orma Kripa and sister, Mrs. Helen McCane, of Flint, called on Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rogers Saturday.

Homer and Hazel are making their home with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Arts, of rural Mt. Pleasant.

Dick Tilmann, the Paul Coles and Mrs. Helen Wardwell were ones from this vicinity who attending the Boston Tea Party at Lansing last Thursday. They report a wonderful time, and said neighbors saw them on television.

Mrs. Delores Purdy of Flint spent the weekend with her sisters, Mrs. Irene Jones and Mrs. Stella King.

Sunday supper guests of the Paul Coles were her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Brown, and Randy, of Farwell. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan and the Coles' son-in-law, Joe Mossell, and sons, Dick and Tom, of South Bend, were also supper guests.

Joe Mossell and sons spent the weekend at his cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Shilling of Comstock Park were Sunday dinner guests of his sister, Mrs. Charlotte Hart. Mrs. Lane Chapman and Amy were callers. Roxann Hart also called on her grandmother.

The Paul Coles and Velma called on George Hamilton of Winn Monday morning.

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## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Downing of Marion were Wednesday luncheon guests of Mrs. Clyde Beutler. Mrs. Beutler had supper that evening with the Forrest Johnston family of Rosebush. They all attended the College Theatre production of "Sweet Charity" in Mt. Pleasant.

Don Clark and Lela Whearett both had flu last week. Both were quite ill.

## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chapman and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and family Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Knollenberg and family and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy and family, all of Mt. Pleasant, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Sunday.

Visitors at the John Gott home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGillis of Lake, Mrs. Wanda Graham and Becky and friend, Leo, and Debbie Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott of Winn and Mr. and Mrs. John Gott called on Bessie Allen on their way home from the doctor in Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith of Au Gres attended the wedding of Diane Pohl and Bill Wilson Saturday. They spent Saturday over night at the Harris Diehl home in Remus, and called at the Don Alwood home Saturday afternoon.

Donny Alwood attended his Sunday School class party at the home of Mrs. Violet Carr a week ago. This was their Easter party, and the children enjoyed it.

Mrs. Earl Blodgett entered CMC Hospital Thursday morning suffering a heart attack. She was some better at this writing.

Laura Latham attended the 25th anniversary of cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Lavier Hatt, Sunday afternoon in Mt. Pleasant.

Henry Purdy and son, Jim, of Ionia called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger Saturday. Sunday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tice of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Dora Weidman and lady friend of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Spike Branson and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Abbott.

Mrs. Hermione Smith enjoyed Sunday dinner at the Don Smith home. Later she had chicken supper at the Don Alwood home. Deana St. John spent Sunday afternoon with Cathy, who had spent Saturday with Deana, at the Gary St. John home.

Rusty Alwood and the Fred Swan family attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd (Buck) Swan in Flint two weeks ago. Buck and his bride are spending two weeks in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams made a business trip to Clare last Friday, and while there called on Mr. Adams' brother, Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Embrey and children were Friday evening callers and also Sunday callers at the Adams home. Harold Adams was a Sunday afternoon caller, and stayed for supper.

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## Obituary

PETER SCHAFER  
Peter Schafer of Beal City died  
last Wednesday, April 14, at  
the Isabella Medical Care Fa-  
cility. He was 91.  
He was born Feb. 23, 1880, in  
Westphalia, and had lived in  
Nottawa Township for many  
years.

He and his wife raised their  
family on the farm west of Beal  
City now occupied by Howard  
Schafer. Later they moved to a  
farm just east of Beal City,  
across from the Knights of Co-  
lumbus Hall. His wife died a  
year ago last October at the  
Medical Facility.

Mr. Schafer was 10 years old  
when his parents moved to Not-  
tawa Township from Westphalia.  
He was married in 1907 to Eliz-  
abeth Pung.

He was Nottawa Township  
Highway Commissioner for 25  
years, from 1905 to 1930. He  
was a member of the Isabella  
County Road Commission for 28  
years, from 1930 till 1958.

He was in charge of the Isabel-  
la County Park at Coldwater  
Lake for six years, from 1958  
to 1964.

He was a member of St. Joseph  
the Worker Holy Name Society  
and the Knights of Columbus  
Council 3651 of Beal City.

He is survived by two daughters,  
Mrs. Edwin Fox (Theresa), of  
Beal City, and Sister Marie Alex-  
ander of Marywood, Grand Rap-  
ids; three sons, John of Saginaw  
and Paul and Howard of Beal

City; and 24 grandchildren and  
27 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sat-  
urday, April 17, at 10 a. m. at  
St. Joseph the Worker Church  
in Beal City, with Rev. Father  
S.A. Bur officiating. Burial was  
in the church cemetery.

The family have the sympathy  
of their many friends.

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## Obituary

ARNOLD SCHAFER

Arnold Schafer of El Paso,  
Texas, died April 14 in a Texas  
hospital after a long illness. He  
died of a heart attack. He was  
65.

He was born Aug. 31, 1905,  
in Beal City, where he spent  
his early life.

Surviving are a son, Emmett,  
wife and four grandchildren, of  
Texas; two brothers, Leonard  
of Grand Rapids and Mike of  
Santa Paula, Calif.; four sisters,  
Mrs. Toby Williams (Helen) of  
Big Rapids, Mrs. Hazen Gidley  
(Mable) of Saginaw, Mrs. Carl  
Tilmann (Dolores) of Reed City,  
and Mrs. Andrew Schafer (Rose)  
of Beal City.

A brother, Charles, preceded  
him in death two and a half  
years ago.

The family has the sympathy  
of all.

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## Card of Thanks

The relatives of Blanche Cliff  
wish to thank Weidman people  
for their expressions of affection  
for her, and their sorrow at her  
passing;

Also the friends who sent flow-  
ers; to the minister for his words  
of comfort;

And especial thanks to Beth  
Jackson for her constant care of  
Blanche during her hospital and  
Medical Care Facility stay;

The pallbearers for their ser-  
vice; and also Leon McArthur for  
his acts of kindness and faithful  
service in the affairs of Blanche.

## 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, 7.30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday,  
7.30 p. m.

Sunday, April 25, at 10 a. m.  
and at 11, we will hear a speaker  
from the Rural Bible Mission.

In the evening service at 7.30  
p. m., we will be showing a  
film. The Lake Baptist Church  
and the Brinton Chapel will be  
with us.

Everyone else welcome.

Jeannie Eldred and Karen Well-  
man and Elvah Gott and Mary  
Ellen Holliday attended a meet-  
ing of the Ladies Missionary so-  
ciety last Tuesday at the Clare  
Baptist Church. Dinner was  
served, and the ladies enjoyed  
the day. One missionary spoke  
in the morning and one in the  
afternoon.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere  
thanks to Rev. Father S.A. Bur;  
the Central Michigan Commu-  
nity Hospital staff; the doctors,  
Medical Care Facility staff,  
Rush Funeral Home, pallbearers,  
servers, and all friends, neigh-  
bors and relatives who showed  
their kindness and remembrance  
in the recent loss of our loved  
one.

Sister Marie Alexander  
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Schafer  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schafer  
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fox  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer

## CITIZENS PLAN CLEANUP FOR EARTH DAY

A group of interested citizens  
would like to see Weidman  
cleaned up.

Saturday, April 24, is Earth  
Day, and the group is taking  
that day to work on its project.

If anyone would like to help,  
be at the Methodist Church park-  
ing lot at 9 a. m. Saturday.

Young people are especially  
invited. All persons of all ages  
are urged to be there and help.

Any Senior Citizens having  
trash they would like hauled to  
the dump, please call one of  
these two numbers: 644-2230  
or 644-2038.

The group plans to do cleanup  
on various roadsides, some yards,  
and will haul trash.

Individual home owners are  
urged to present clean lawns  
and roadsides especially on  
Earth Day, and thereafter.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey  
and family and Mr. and Mrs.  
Richard Embrey and Sean at-  
tended an Open House Sunday  
for the 25th anniversary of Mr.  
and Mrs. W.E.B. Darnell in  
Big Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Carl  
Embrey also attended, and  
Daisy made one of her beauti-  
ful cakes for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stevens of  
Sanford were Wednesday visitors  
of Mrs. Ina Gillett. They took  
her some fruit, and Daisy Em-  
brey also visited Mrs. Gillett  
and took her some fruit from  
Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Crane of  
Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard  
Pitts enjoyed a drive around  
the Kalkaska area Sunday.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Margaret Denslow, Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Alma Doseberry attended Busy Bees at the home of Mrs. Betty Thompson Friday afternoon, then from there Mrs. Denslow went to Grand Rapids to spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and family.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on her brother and wife, the Ed Grabers, at Farwell, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rau.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Denslow and Eugene, Elaine and Harold were Sunday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mrs. Violet Oplinger was a Monday afternoon guest at the Charlie Losey home. Mrs. Elva Parks called Tuesday afternoon. Ron Losey called Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher were Sunday luncheon guests.

Mrs. Margie Denslow is on the sick list. Her daughter, Joyce Chaffee, spent Monday with her.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and Laurie and Randy spent from Wednesday night through Friday at the Jim Thompson home. Mrs. Thompson was hostess to the Busy Bees Friday, with 10 ladies present.

Mrs. Hattie Losey and Yours Truly spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Violet Oplinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Covert were Saturday afternoon guests at the Paul Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White. Mr. and Mrs. Don White of Flint were evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bergquist and Kristen of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. William Hanlin and four children of Providence, R. I., were Wednesday afternoon guests of Mrs. Flora Wood. Mrs. Roxanne Lynn and son, Michael, and Mrs. Elaine Wood were Friday afternoon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Weeks and two grandsons spent the weekend here, and moved their mobile home on the property they bought of Mrs. Dora Lee.

Mrs. Opal Denslow announces a great-grandson born to Mr. and Mrs. Randy Brownell of Rosebush April 7. He weighed eight pounds, four ounces, and has been named Richard Jason.

Mrs. Denslow spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Esther Goodnoe on M-66.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and children were Saturday supper guests of his parents at Horsehead Lake. Mrs. Johnson has called on her mother several times at the hospital in Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Thelma Brewer was a Sunday afternoon caller of Mrs. Johnson.



At their regular monthly meeting, the Mecosta Soil Conservation District accepted two FFA boys to serve as Junior Directors. Pictured with Chairman William Chapin are Mike Star, from Big Rapids FFA Chapter, Edward Oplinger and Leon Stanley from Chippewa Hills FFA Chapter. Mike Star and Edward Oplinger will serve as regular members. Leon Stanley will serve as an alternate member for Chippewa Hills. The Big Rapids FFA Chapter will elect an alternate member at a later date. These boys were elected by their local Chapters to serve a one-year term. New boys will be elected each year. The boys will assist District Directors in their normal business. They also will be involved with special environmental projects which will be selected at a later date.

### EDDIE OPLINGER BECOMES JUNIOR MEMBER OF POLLED HEREFORD ASSOCIATION

Edward Oplinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger, has become a Junior member of the American Polled Hereford Association, according to an announcement from the beef breed's national headquarters in Kansas City, Mo.

Junior memberships have been issued to thousands of boys and girls in every state in the nation by the American Polled Hereford Association. This entitles them to certain privileges and reduced fees the same as adult life members.

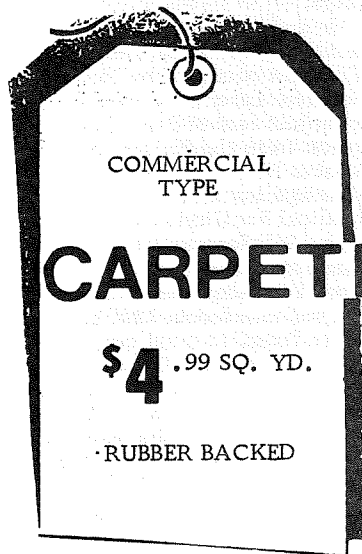
There are more than 47,000 owners and breeders of the Polled Herefords in the United States.

Eddie is getting started in his registered herd of Polled Herefords, beginning last fall. He has a cow, a bull and a calf, all registered. The bull will be used also in Eddie's father's herd of 107 grade cows, now about to freshen.

Polled Herefords are naturally hornless, and are the only major breed of livestock to originate in the United States, starting with 11 head in 1901. Some three million Polled Herefords have been registered in the United States since 1901, one-third of the total in the past five years.

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## CONTINENTAL LEAGUE

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Schlitz Beer	28	
Beal City Service	28	
Weidman Bank*	26.5	
Household Appl.*	26	
Lowery Northern	24.5	
Pabst Blue Ribbon	24	
Smalley Builders	23	
Wentworth IGA	23	
Giant Super Mkt.	23	
Marchiando & Rau*	22	
Central Concrete*	21	
Beal City Tavern*	19	

(\*These teams participated in the state bowling tournament at Monroe last weekend.)

High Team Series: Weidman Bank 3027. High Team Game: Smalley Builders 1079.

High Indv. Series: Homer Wood 584, Tom Bierschbach 563, Dan Wawersik 542.

High Indv. Game: Tom Bierschbach 233, Homer Wood 212, Dick Haney 211.

## GUYS & DOLLS

April 16

Lawens-Pantenburg	40	12
Blehm-Hyde	35	17
Thon-Blake	32	20
Bierschbach-Huber	32	20
Ecker-Eldred	21	21
Moore-Long	31	21
Nolte-Kolarik	23	29
Bleise-Straus	22	30
Moore-Moravy	21	31
McConnell-Myers	16	36
Stewart-Bleise	15	37
Pung-Keesler	14	38

High Team Series: Bierschbach & Huber 2334. High Team Game: Bierschbach & Huber 827.

High Series, men: Art Periard (sub) 596, Jerry Huber 546, Bob Bleise 505.

High Game, men: Art Periard (sub) 234, Jerry Huber 211, Bruce Eldred 202.

High Series, women: Mary Blake 544, Dorothe Ivicic 509, Mickie Blehm 499.

High Game, women: Mary Blake 194, Jane Eldred (sub) 178, Dorothe Ivicic 176.

Split conversions: Don Pantenburg 5-7, Bill Stewart 5-10.

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## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dell of Littlefield Lake and Emory and Ward Dell attended a birthday reunion for Mrs. Laura Rentschler of Lakeview Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardenburgh and family of Pierson were Sunday visitors of Emory Dell and the Harry Hardenburghs.

Bill Hardenburgh started work Monday at the Mt. Pleasant State Home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew were Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton, and helped Dewey celebrate his birthday, which was Monday. They called on them Saturday, and visited Mr. and Mrs. Chris Comstock of rural Blanchard Sunday afternoon.

Orval Merrihew went to Florida Thursday. He is visiting relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and I spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Hines visited the Ervin Dutcher Sunday afternoon. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., was a Saturday caller.

Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley and Joyce and Paul of Mt. Morris were Thursday afternoon visitors of the George Merrihews.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge were Sunday dinner guests of the Clayton Dutcher.

They visited Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher in the afternoon.

Goldie Dutcher, Edna Merrihew and Marion Beutler attended Busy Bees at the home of Betty Thompson Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and family spent last weekend visiting her folks at New Era, Montague and Muskegon.

Vicki Martin spent the weekend with her folks at Muskegon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Mr. and Mrs. James Dutcher were Friday evening callers of the Clayton Dutcher.

Vadah and Beatrice Gatehouse and Kim and Kerry Thren visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee Sunday afternoon.

Sandra Dutcher spent Friday over night with Debbie Ash.

The Richard Dutcher called on her folks, the Theodore Cases, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons were Friday afternoon callers of the Clayton Dutcher.

A friend, Kenneth Billsdon, of Oklahoma, called on the Clarence Chaffees. He was a camp counselor at Chippewa Lodge.

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## NEWS NOTES

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

Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hammond of Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sprague were Sunday evening callers.

## In the Editor's Mail

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the article Mrs. Constance Skinner published in her newspaper, the Weidman Messenger, on April 8 and which was reprinted in the Chippewa Hills Courier-Shopper on April 15. I feel that this letter is necessary to dispel the impressions she must have made on some of the residents of our school district. It is obvious that this woman is not related to the writer, Cornelia Otis Skinner, for she fails to express herself with any degree of clarity. Her whole article seems

to be based on innuendos which have no basis in fact. Her cliches represent an unwarranted attack on the school and its staff. They need to be answered simply because of the wide spread distribution her comments have received, and not because of any credence that can be attached to them.

Her assessment of the millage election shows a definite lack of knowledge of the issues involved. Instead of presenting facts she resorts to deriding the school system with remarks about using the students as a propaganda device, and comments that four mills is enough. Four mills would give the system 12 mills next year. This would be enough to qualify for state aid, but what would it do to the educational program. Mrs. Skinner insinuated that the board and the administration has frittered away the \$200,000 that was made available by the districts after consolidation. With

some investigation, she would have found that this money was used to supplement the operating expenses because the school had to exist on 11 mills prior to 1968. If they could not operate on this amount, how can they possibly do it in 1971.

Another shortcoming of Mrs. Skinner seems to be her knowledge of school finances. The question that she raised, "What kind of management is it that can spend two and a half million dollars and have not one cent left over to cover costs of moving into the super-duper new high school?", is easily answered. It is the type of management that recognizes that under state law a school system must treat operating and building funds separately. The two are separate and cannot be combined without a vote of the electorate.

Richard H. Shanahan  
Mecosta

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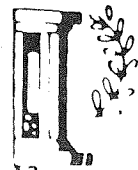
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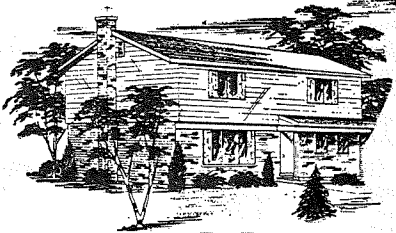
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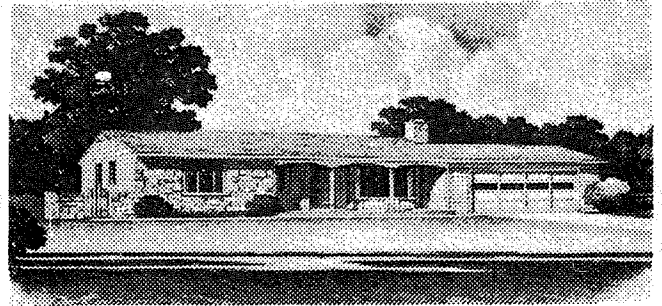


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