

# THANKSGIVING

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### Editor's Column

By Connie

#### WE FINALLY GOT THE INTENT OF THE COLLEGE KIDS' REPORT

After weeks of publicity--in the Mt. Pleasant Times-News, on the radio and in weekly papers--we spent Saturday morning sorting out the college gobbledegook pervading the recent report of Bill Browne's 21-student survey titled "Development in an Urbanizing Area: A Study of the Weidman Area".

I had read the report, and refused Dave Schock's telephoned request for comment on it, last Monday afternoon.

Frankly, I did not understand what it was all about.

The way I read it--and I flatter myself that I am possessed of average intelligence--Weidman people are going about their petty daily lives unaware and uncaring that there are lake developments surrounding us and we are becoming "urbanized".

In newspaper reports and on radio spots, Weidman people were presented as self-centered little blobs cluttering up progress in the orderly urbanization of their "area".

I particularly objected to a paragraph in last week's Chippewas Hills Courier quoting Bill Browne as saying, "We also found that most of the major issues that most people talk about weren't important to the people here. People were most concerned with dogs or trash blowing in the trailer parks instead of police protection or county activities and concerns. Minor irritants were mostly what they talked about."

But, "I said to Bill Browne Saturday morning (he had graciously come here instead of my driving out to Lake Isabella) "but Weidman has no trailer parks. What in the world are you talking about?"

"Oh, that," Bill said. "That wasn't in Weidman. That was at Coldwater Lake."



THE BIG SNOWPLOW WAS CALLED IN TO GET THE ENGINE AND TWO CARS BACK ON TRACK--At Weidman, in the 1920s. The "big snowplow" probably was no bigger than our present road snowplows, but it was the world's wonder to us at the time. The "big snowplow" was called to right the derailed cars and engine because of its superior size and engine power. Photo sent to Mrs. Melvin Loeding by the widow of Ernie De Hart of Coalmont, Tenn., who was a former Weidman resident. The old pictures will be placed in the Weidman Library.

Awed, I could only murmur, "Ye gods."

The contention of the college kids' report appears to be that all the different localities around us --Coldwater Lake (which, aside from belonging to Coldwater Lake residents, belongs to the Beal City area surely as much as to Weidman); Lake Isabella, with its plats laid out for a population of 15,000; the Ojibwa Area, Lake of the Hills, all must shuck their identities and simply announce, "We're from Weidman".

Bill cited an influential member of the Sherman Township Board whose wife told him, "We are from Lake Station. We go there a lot more than we go to Weidman."

"But," I protested to Bill, "that's their prerogative. Weidman is grateful to all our good neighbors who come here to trade and visit--but those who choose some other place surely have the right!"

But that's not the correct an-

swer, according to academese. Weidman is responsible for the "urban-rural cleavage" that exists in rare spots around us, and these "cleavages" must be healed if the area has the chance of a snowflake in the Sahara.

To make a long story long: It took all of Saturday morning for me to sort out from academic jargon the true recommendations of the kids' reports.

And today I strongly agree with their ultimate purpose, which is never stated in the reports.

The problem (after half a day's wrangling with academia) is simply this:

The Isabella County Board of Commissioners is Mt. Pleasant oriented, Mt. Pleasant staffed, and also it acts in the interests of Mt. Pleasant, period.

Professor Browne said the time will come when the Mt. Pleasant (County) Board of Commissioners will decree that, if we in the boondocks want police protection

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#### TOWN AND COUNTRY BAR IN BEAL CITY BROKEN INTO

The Town and Country Bar in Beal City was broken into sometime after early last Thursday evening, when a window was left unlocked.

A bank bag containing \$100 and a wallet with \$119.00 were taken from the bar's cash register.

Sheriff's deputies have been investigating.

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#### SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE THANKSGIVING AT BEAL CITY

Between 13 and 15 Senior Citizens from this area were scheduled to eat Thanksgiving turkey dinner at the K. C. Hall in Beal City Thursday, according to the Commission on Aging in Mt. Pleasant.

The Commission will furnish the turkey, and the guests took along a vegetable dish each, and their own table service.

## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Brien of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Vern Patz and two children, Diane and Kristen, of Alma, visited Mrs. Nina Forbes Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were callers.

Mrs. Nina Forbes, Mrs. Beulah McNichol and Mrs. Emma Middleworth were among the many from here attending the Minnesota Opera Company's presentation at the Mt. Pleasant high-rise apartments, for Senior Citizens in a special performance, Nov. 18.

Around 30 Senior Citizens daily attend the Food With Friends dinners here at the Masonic Hall basement dining room.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell

spent last Wednesday and Thursday in Grand Haven, visiting their children and grandchildren.

## Obituary

### ELTON CARL FEDEWA

Elton Carl Fedewa of Mt. Pleasant died Nov. 21 at CMC Hospital. He was 46.

He was born in Nottawa Township Nov. 29, 1929.

He is survived by his father, Frank; four brothers, Francis of this area, John of Vestaburg, Dean of Lansing, and Erwin of California; two sisters, Mrs. Donald (Grace) Hoffman of Shepherd and Mrs. Orville (Stella) Mills of Martin.

Funeral services were planned for Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 11 a. m., at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mt. Pleasant.

Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Beal City.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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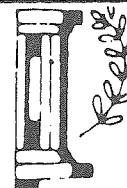
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WANT TO HELP A SCOUT?--The Weidman Girl Scouts will have a bake sale Saturday, Dec. 4, at Fox Hardware. Donations of baked goods, and customers to buy same, will be appreciated. Sale will be from 9 to 12 noon.

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Nov. 18t2

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Nov. 18t2

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Athel J. Lynch, Pastor. Ph. 644-3336.

Church School, 9.45 a.m.  
Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
Pot-luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p.m.  
Sharing and Prayer Thursday, 7.30 p.m.  
Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p.m.

# Obituary

## ELSIE STURN

Elsie Sturn of rural Barryton died Nov. 20 at the Lakeview Hospital. She was 79.

She was born April 30, 1897, in Eaton Rapids.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ralph (Bonnie) Helmer of Weidman; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Johnson, of Barryton.

Funeral services were held at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton Monday, with Rev. Don Needham officiating.

Burial was in the Flake Cemetery at Barryton.

The family have the sympathy of all.

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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Well, it has been a very busy week at the Cole household, with many deer hunters dropping in for donuts and coffee; and killing two birds with one stone, we quilted a quilt for our granddaughter, Mrs. Patty Lague. Among those who were so kind as to help were Mrs. Orma Kripa, Mrs. Larry Straus, and Mrs. Barbara Dennis.

Tom Cole spent several days at the farm, with friends, and did some deer hunting. They got two.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk and daughter, Debbie, and several friends, were at their farm and did some deer hunting, with no luck. Mrs. Masiwchuk isn't doing too well since her recent stay in the hospital. One of the Masiwchuk's guests had fallen off a barn, the fall proving fatal.

The Schemanskys are at their farm, enjoying the deer hunting, as are also the Donleys. The Donleys bagged two.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lague and Audrey and Andy and Miss Rita Jewell and Miss Patty Skinner were guests during the week of their relatives and friends, the Paul Coles.

Paul Cole attended his fourth meeting of CBers Wednesday evening. It was their second lesson in first aid, at the Union Township Hall at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Helen Allbee, Mrs. Hilda Sampson, William Wixson, went to Henderson Friday to visit their sister, Mrs. George Courter.

Sunday visitors of Mrs. Hilda Sampson were Mrs. Dorothy Courter and Mrs. Samsell's nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sabal, of Henderson.

Saturday the Paul Coles and Velma went to Vassar to help their son-in-law, Frank Ewing, celebrate his birthday. The Ewings and little granddaughter, little Audrey Lague, will spend Thanksgiving in Virginia, at the home of their son, William, and family. William is in the Armed Services.

The Paul Coles and Dan Kripas called on Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes Saturday evening.

Sunday visitors of the Coles were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell, and son, Dick, of South Bend, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa, Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lague, Miss Pat Skinner, Richard Mahon. All were dinner guests, and enjoyed Polish sausage that Mrs. Mossell made.

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## The Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
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Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.

Nov. 28 our church will be having a joint Thanksgiving with the Brinton Chapel at 6.30 p.m. in the Brinton Hall.

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Youth Service, 6.15 p.m.  
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p.m.

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George Getchel, minister. Ph. 588-9731.

Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.  
Bible School, 10.45 a.m.  
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

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Edwin C. Schmelzer, Pastor. Ph. 967-3411.

Sunday School and Bible Class 9.15 a.m.  
Divine Worship, 10.45 a.m.

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BRINTON CHAPEL  
Corner of Brinton and Stevenson Lake Roads.

James Weber, Pastor.  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Church School, 11 a.m.  
Midweek Services Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

### THANKSGIVING DINNER THIS SUNDAY AT THE HALL

A Thanksgiving dinner will be served at the Brinton Hall, put on by the Sunday School here. It is a community dinner, and everyone is invited.

Bring a dish to pass, and your own table service.

Everybody welcome.

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Eunice La Londe, Fern Verette and Eathel Beers were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Godwin Thursday evening, in honor of Fern's birthday. Eathel spent a few days with the Godwins, helping care for and getting acquainted with the new great-grandson, Jeffrey.

Irene Bowen attended a Hunters' Supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Helmer Saturday evening.

The Livermores have received word from their son, Mike, who is stationed at Great Lakes where he has been since he joined the Navy, and their son, Bill, who is stationed in Kentucky with the Army.

Eunice La Londe and I were in Mt. Pleasant Saturday, shopping.

Callers during the week at the Russell Wright home included Vyril Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Merrihew, and Russell's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Baskerville, of Greenville. They spent the week hunting.

Emily Geasler of Grand Rapids spent the weekend at home, dur-

ing her mother's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holland of Grand Rapids spent a few days last week with their mother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Tony Bartley, and did some hunting.

### CORRECTION

Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore attended the funeral of their niece at Lansing Wednesday, instead of at at Shingleton, Mich., as stated in last week's writing. She was killed in a car accident the weekend of Nov. 7.

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Sorry to hear of the sickness in our neighborhood. Mrs. Ray Geasler and Flossie Forbes are in the Mt. Pleasant Hospital. Joyce was reported on the gain, while Flossie remained very ill at this time. Irene Bushe of Florida came Friday evening to be here during her illness.

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## Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bamford are spending the weekend at their cottage, getting ready for snowmobiling.

Our sympathy to the George Flaughter family on the loss of his father and their grandfather.

Pat Rau and family visited the Marchiandos Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wright of Lansing visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harner attended a fish fry Friday evening at the Moose Lodge in Mt. Pleas-

ant.

Bud and Gwen Tomlinson and Kay spent Sunday in Livonia, visiting their son, Mark, and Cindy and baby daughter, Renee. They all attended Renee's baptism.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider attended the Beal City Seniors' Feather Party Sunday evening. Others attending from here were the Costens, Carol Marchiando and Diane Lucka. Cash prizes and turkeys were given the lucky Bingo winners.

Marion Collins and daughter, Penny, stopped in Sunday to visit the Jerry Mitchell family. They had been up North deer hunting, and were on their way back to Lansing. Marion is Mr. Mitchell's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Fredrickson and family are spending Thanksgiving with his parents, the G. Fredricksons, in Muskegon.

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## Local Items

Joseph Smith, son of the Don Smiths, is completing work on a spinning wheel, his project in a word-working class at Chipewa Hills High School. Joe is an expert wood worker, and has been working on the spinning wheel since last year. He has stripped and restored a baby-grand piano, among other items, and the piano is a beautiful thing to see.

Mr. and Mrs. Spike Branson and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski at-

tended the Loretta Lynn and Dick Conway Show at Saginaw Civic Center, Friday evening. They said it was a real good show.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Doyle of Rosebush and Mrs. Leah Scharer spent Sunday at the home of Leah's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Reubelman, of Marlette.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Delores Gould and Mrs. Greg Goffnett were sponsors for Rebecca Goffnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goffnett, at baptism services Sunday.

Dale Rau was home from Gregory, Mich., the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith visited Mrs. Irene Smith the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould called on Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell had a couple of games of cards with Louis Rau Saturday evening.

Mrs. Alice Reihl had a quilting party Tuesday afternoon.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. John E. Schafer Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trowbridge Saturday afternoon.

We have new parishioners: Mr. and Mrs. Leo Goodsell and Mr. and Mrs. John Missel.

Jennifer Sue Weber, daughter of Ed and Barbara Weber, was baptized last Sunday.

Craig Rau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau, is home from the hospital.

Mrs. Esther Haupt gave a baby shower Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Pat Horgan, who adopted a baby boy.

Tillie Schafer and Louise Scha-

fer spent Sunday at the Milo Eldred home near Winn.

Leona Faber called on Tillie Schafer Thursday afternoon.

Howard Schafer went back to the hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bierschbach and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fedewa spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred spent Tuesday evening with Tillie Schafer.

Luella Frick, Alice Paisley, Gladys Parker, Patsy Reihl, Mary Sheahan and Celia and Anna Simmer spent Monday with Mattie Pung.

Gertrude Stewart, Jack Schafer and Rita Block spent Tuesday with Mrs. Pung.

Bernie Smith had surgery on his hip Friday. He was coming along good.

Oscar Fedewa visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith and family had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen. It was greatly enjoyed.

Dora Smith did some work for Rita Sheppard Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Mick Schmalbach Saturday evening.

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## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Minnie Flaughter called on Laura Latham last Saturday. Jeanette Hard called Tuesday, and took her son home after he'd spent a few days hunting.

Ted and Steve Letson called on their grandmother, Zena Olgner, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Powell in Bridgeport. A cousin, Norma McCary, spent Friday with the Abbotts.

Norman Abbott got his deer Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrish have moved back from Arizona, and will be living in Mt. Pleasant.

John's sister, Mrs. Anna Kochensparger, of Ashley, and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Worthington, of Lansing, spent Wednesday with us. Mr. and Mrs. John Gott of Riverdale visited us Sunday. He's our son, and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott of

Winn called on us Sunday evening.

Bill Alwood returned to his work on the railroad at Saginaw Monday, after spending last week with his parents, the Don Alwoods, for deer hunting.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and Mr. and Mrs. Spike Branson attended a concert in Saginaw. They enjoyed dinner in Midland.

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox spent last Thursday and over night with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cook, at Mecosta. She was a Sunday dinner guest at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crane and family of Littlefield Lake were Sunday dinner guests of the Bernard Pitts family.

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## LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

### POT LUCK DINNER WAS GREATLY ENJOYED

LIPOA Pot Luck Dinner--a most enjoyable evening it was, when about 80 property owners gathered at the Clubhouse for a very delicious meal and an enjoyable time of getting acquainted with our neighbors.

More get-togethers are being planned, and it is hoped more of our neighbors can attend.

We were given organ entertainment, which we greatly enjoyed.

We also honored the birthday of Mr. Vandeshure, by singing Happy Birthday for him.

We appreciate Mr. Maxfield's generosity in granting us the use of the dining room for the evening.

The next dinner is planned for Dec. 13.

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### THE BILL BROWNES GIVE AN INTERVIEW TO YE WRITER

I spent a very interesting afternoon with Bill and Linda Browne at 337 Essex Drive.

Bill and Linda are a young couple who came here from Iowa about five years ago. Linda is a sixth-grade teacher at the Kinney School in Mt. Pleasant.

William P. Browne is Associate Professor of Political Science at Central Michigan University.

He had just returned from a teaching assignment at the Defense Contract Audit Institute at Memphis, Tenn. This is a two-year-span course given through CMU for the purpose of training management personnel.

Bill holds a Ph.D. from Washington University, with a specialization in public administration.

His publications have appeared in several journals and books, including the Public Review, Western Political Quarterly Ethnicity, and others.

His research and personal interests are mainly concerned with impact of bureaucracies and interest groups in governmental decision-making.

In answer to a question of mine, he said he would be going to Washington in agriculture interests after the first of the year.

Dr. Browne was working with Dr. Kayloe, who was a Professor of Systems Management for several years at the Air Force Institute of Technology, School of Systems and Logistics, and consultant to the Air Staff.

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We have noticed several Lake Isabellans driving by with their bucks on top of their cars.

Our guest from Lansing, Rudy Quast, who was hunting with Tracy Bywater, got an eight-point buck Wednesday morning, then returned home in the afternoon.

Otto and I spent the day Friday in Crystal, visiting two of my former girl friends. We all grew up together in Owosso. One is now living in Mishawaka, Ind. The day was enjoyed by all.

Minnie Carpenter returned home Friday evening, after spending the week in Flint, staying with four grandchildren while her son and wife were up North deer hunting. However, no deer this trip.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

### BUSY BEES HOLD THANKSGIVING MEETING

The November meeting of the Drew Busy Bees Club was held last Thursday, Nov. 11, at the home of Mary Fahnestock in Weidman.

There were 12 ladies present. Several members were unable to attend because of illness. We hope all are much improved at this date.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Margaret Denslow, who gave two short readings: "Things To Be Thankful For," and "Thank God for Little Things", both by Helen Steiner Rice.

The group repeated the Lord's Prayer in unison.

The Christmas card mailing list was revised. Cards were signed for the sick list, and other business was discussed and received

the attention of the group. Roll call was answered by each member present expressing her thankfulness for some specific blessing she had enjoyed throughout the past year. It was decided that it behooves each member to count her blessings.

It was decided to have a gift exchange for the Christmas meeting Dec. 9, at the home of Mrs. Florence Hoffman. There also will be a pot-luck luncheon, with members bringing salad or dessert. Any questions concerning the gift exchange will be answered by Margaret Denslow.

The balance of the afternoon was spent in visiting and enjoying the delicious lunch provided by the hostess, Mary Fahnestock.

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Margaret Denslow and her sister, Celia Backus, spent several days last week visiting in Lansing and Flint. They visited Marjorie Peacock in Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. George Peacock in Flint.

Several ladies of the community attended a home-products party at the home of Margaret Denslow Monday evening. There were 14 guests present. Mrs. Eva Laudenslager of Farwell was the demonstrator.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and Mrs. Deanie Martin and children spent Sunday at Copemish with Betty's father, Leo Bahr.

Greg Martin got a four-point buck, Kenny Oplinger got a six-point, Eddie Oplinger got a 10-point, and Gerald Losey got a five-point.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary and Earl's birthday this Wednesday. Congratulations!

Tim Workman was a Thursday

supper and evening guest at the Jim Thompson home. John and Randy Thompson were guests from Friday through Sunday.

Garth Lawrence and his neighbor were Wednesday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Mrs. Lawrence called on her sister, Mrs. Myrl Scott, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark of Edmore spent Sunday with her uncle, Alva Cummins, and Mrs. Cummins.

Mrs. Opal Denslow called on her sister, Mrs. Ruby Williams, at Clare, Sunday. Later they called on their sister, Loia Krchmar, at Harrison, who had been in the hospital. She is confined to her home, and will not be able to work for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Hutchins were Saturday afternoon guests at the Pete Wood home. Michael Wood, Lee Floria and Dan Mills were Saturday evening dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz and Dannie and Traci, Harold and Ron Losey and Gerald and Gary Losey were Monday morning callers at the Charlie Losey home. Floyd Dutcher and son, Clayton, and wife, from Washington State, and Minnie Strauch were Thursday supper guests. Harold Losey was a Sunday caller.

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Debbie Louisell and Scott Newman exchanged wedding vows Oct. 2, in St. John's Episcopal Church. Father John H. Goodrow officiated at the afternoon ceremony. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Louisell, E.

River Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Newman, Edmore. The bride wore a floor length, white gown with a high, ruffled, stand up collar and long puffed sleeves with lace cuffs. Her veil was edged in lace to match the lace on the bodice, back and hemline of her gown.

Maid of honor, Wendy Louisell, sister of the bride, wore a dusty blue floor length gown with a high, stand up collar and long lace sleeves.

Randy Smith, Midland, was best man, and the ushers were Mark Grey and Mike Leach, friends of the groom.

The bride's uncle, Preston Smith, Wayne, New Jersey, sang the Lord's Prayer.

A reception was held following the ceremony in the church parish hall where a buffet luncheon was served.

Mrs. Joyce Smith, aunt of the bride, served the wedding cake. Deb Jorgenaon, friend of the bride, attended the guest book.

After a wedding trip to Northern Michigan, the couple now resides in Clare. The bride is employed as a nurse at the CMU Health Service. The groom is a graphics coordinator for the Clare-Gladwin Intermediate School District.

Debbie is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell of Weidman.



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## Editor's Column

By Connie

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we'll pay the Sheriff's Department extra; if we want service on our roads, we'll pay the Road Commission extra for it.

"That's the crux of the problem, that's what the survey's findings are all about?" I said incredulously.

"That's it," Bill said.

"WHY DIDN'T THEY SAY SO IN THE FIRST PLACE?" I hollered.

I told Bill that, if the "political survey" meant that, the way to unite the people of the west half of Isabella County is to tell them just that, and go "people to people," instead of criticizing our life-styles, our attitudes and apparent unintelligence, and tell people over here we'd better hang together or we'll hang separately.

"I guess we should have done that", he conceded, "but that's not the way political science goes about it, in the universities."

The language used (incomprehensible to all but academia), scares the average country dweller such as Ye Ed; and besides, we find it insulting to our capacities.

So now I understand what the academics' language concerning "political reorganization and urbanization" is all about, at least as far as the college kids think THEY understand us country ginks.

We had better band together,

here on the west half of Isabella County (but not necessarily abandon our home identities) and ready ourselves for combat with the Mt. Pleasant (County) Board of Commissioners.

Mt. Pleasant is a good town, we like it; but we don't live for it, and don't want to be dominated by it.

Anyhow, after half a day's work, I finally got the drift of the kids' "survey".

And I'm not criticizing Bill Browne personally. He's a sweet guy. His political science class can analyze my back forty any day. (But please don't give it to the Cadillac Area.)

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### DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB REPORTS FROM MT. PLEASANT

William R. Thompson, secretary of the Mt. Pleasant Duplicate Bridge Club, announced five tables in play for duplicate bridge Tuesday, Nov. 16.

Dave Currant and Diane Currant won first place with 66 1/2; George Blackburn and Cal Enders took second with 65 1/2; William Thompson and Terry Quast were third, with 59 1/2; and fourth place was taken by Chuck and Mary Mean, with 57.

Duplicate bridge will be played each Tuesday evening at the Elks Club in Mt. Pleasant, at 7.30 p.m. New players are welcome, and partners are guaranteed.

For more information, call JoAnne Thompson at 772-1159 or Betty Carr at 773-9200, after 4.30 p.m.

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### ELECTRICAL WIRING FIRE DOES SLIGHT DAMAGE

A fire starting from a faulty ceiling light was blamed for slight damage at the apartment home of Harold Tremaine Sunday afternoon.

The report indicated that faulty wiring in the lighting fixture caused wires to short out and start the fire.

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department took care of the situation in short order.

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## In the Editor's Mail

Weidman Messenger

Dear Editor:

I wish to bring up a question which is most moot. Wherever

will it come from if we don't? There are always two sides to every question, and I am on the other.

Whatever the underlying circumstances, something should be done with utmost expediency and tact. It is a delicate situation.

Granted there is no real jurisprudence on the subject, but with optimism and submissive efficacy, we could all be winners.

Do we want to be, or is it?

Sincerely

Concerned Citizen

(Editor's Note: Is someone trying to pull my game leg? If so, present it (not the leg) at the next meeting of the Advisory Committee.)

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