

# HOLIDAY

## The Weidman Messenger

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### Editor's Column

By Connie

#### WEIDMAN COMING UP THE LINE

Weidman, and its citizens, are steadily rising in stature hereabouts and our surrounding area.

The town is growing. The Weidman Business Association is an extremely active and hard-working organization as a chamber of commerce; and it's composed of a whole new body of young business people who are enthusiastically working together to make Weidman a better place.

Many of the business men are also members of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department; as for instance Whitey McCreight, whose store is nearest the fire hall and whose job it is to drop everything at a call and run to the fire hall and press the button that sets off the siren.

Whitey's job isn't only that. Like many storekeepers before him, he's expected to tear over there and climb on the fire truck if not drive it, lickety-split to the fire.

All of the young business people on Weidman's street are active and hard-working for the WBA.

Bud Fredrickson, president, is an old-timer, having been here since Pat and Harriet Dillenbeck sold him their store. Bud has always been at the top of the faithful and hard-working list.

There are many others. All of them are young, energetic, wanting a good town and a good relationship with outlying areas.

Good for us.

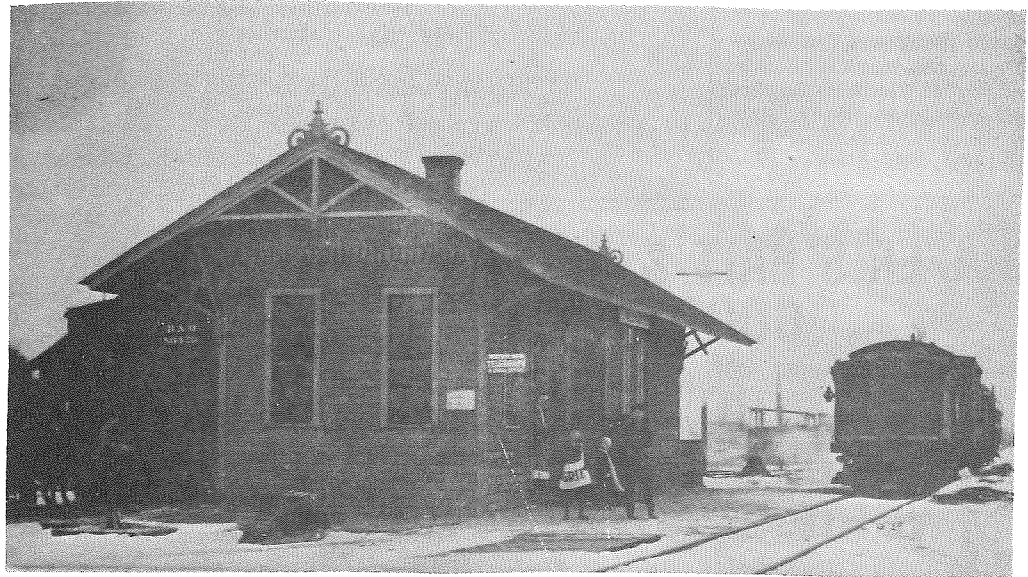
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#### DICK TOUCHINSKI'S WOOD CARVING IS FRONT PAGE

Did you see the big photo of Dick Touchinski on the front page of Saturday's Mt. Pleasant Times-News?

It was a dandy.

Two-three weeks ago a very young voice advised me on the



WHAT BECAME OF THE WEIDMAN DEPOT?--We've had an inquiry on that, and so far we've been unable to find anyone in Weidman who remembers what DID become of it. The railroad was taken out in the 1930s, and we can remember vaguely something about railroad ties being available to local people for nothing or next to it; but nobody seems to know what became of the depot building. Anybody know?

phone that the writer had to get a special feature story in the Weidman area, on somebody doing "something unusual".

Off the top of my head, I could not think of any of us doing much of anything unusual. I took the young man's phone number, promising to call him back.

During the day, I thought of Dick Touchinski. He'd been in Minnesota last summer, taking a short course in advanced wood carving.

Result: A beautiful photo of Dick and a piece of his exquisite carving.

Weidman town and Weidman folks have been making the papers all this past year.

The Saginaw News, the State Journal, even the Detroit Free Press, all have had large or small features on Weidman Town.

Good for us.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

### In uniform

Pvt. E-2 Glenn Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Riley, has a new address. It is:

Pvt. E2 Glenn Riley, 35-70--07-09, Hdqtrs., Hdqtrs. Co., 1st Bn., 26th Inf., APO New York 09137.

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#### SANTA CLAUS WILL CALL ANY CHILD ON THE PHONE

Santa Claus has a line open at Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison, and his line will be open from 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. through Dec. 22, it was announced this week.

Parents wishing to have Santa call may dial 386-7792 and ask for Santa's Line. An appointment will be made, and Santa will return the call.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson visited her sister, Marge Mullett, Friday afternoon.

#### SANTA WILL BE IN WEIDMAN THIS SATURDAY, DEC. 18

The jolly old fellow will 'light in Weidman this Saturday, Dec. 18, and will stay here from noon to 2 p.m., listening to children telling him their Christmas wishes.

He'll be in front of the Western Auto Store.

Bring the kids to town and let them talk with the jolly old fellow. He listens good.

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#### NEWS NOTES

All employees of the Weidman Branch of Isabella Bank and Trust, and their spouses, attended the bank's annual Christmas party at the Embers Saturday evening. A Christmas dinner followed by dancing, were enjoyed.

Several couples enjoyed breakfast at the Chuck and Jean Schaffer home at Coldwater Lake, after the Isabella Bank and Trust annual Christmas party.

### S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Les Rhode and daughter, Julia, and Lois Cain of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., and were dinner guests. They also visited the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Carl and Claribel Beutler visited the Forrest Johnstons of Rosebush recently.

Bob and Julia Dutcher attended a Dow Christmas party at the Armory in Midland Friday evening. They spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wood at Sanford. Saturday night they attended a Christmas party at the Jack McConnell home in Weidman.

Bob and Rex called on us Sunday evening.

Callers of Harry and Bea Gatehouse during the week included Bert and Mabel Chaffee, Sunday; and Ivan and Donna Hines, and Choice Foster, and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen of

Midland spent Saturday over night with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and family.

Bob, Julia, Rex and Dawn spent Thursday evening with us. Dick and Garry were Saturday evening visitors.

Marion and Mary Beutler attended the Christmas musical, "Elijah," at Warriner Auditorium on the campus at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wood in of Midland Sunday afternoon and evening.

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### Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Debbie Bierschbach is in CMC Hospital. She had an appendicitis operation.

Dora Smith baby-sat for Craig and Heather Rau Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell and Louis Rau went to Lansing Saturday, and visited Mrs. Gaye Rau

and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goffnett, Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gould took Mr. and Mrs. Don Gould out for dinner Friday evening, celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary.

Sherry Reihl spent Saturday night with Debbie Rau.

Mrs. Lavina Elias' funeral was last Thursday morning, from Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Beal City.

Anne Smith visited Mrs. Irene Smith Sunday afternoon.

Sheila Rau visited her mother, Mrs. Elsie McCall, in the hospital, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau, Deb Rau and Sherry Reihl went Christmas shopping in Saginaw Sunday afternoon.

Louise and Tillie Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer in Mt. Pleasant.

Domna Klumpp spent Sunday night with her grandmother, Mrs. Tillie Schafer.

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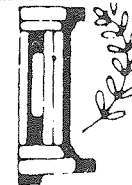
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Dec. 2tf

LOST--Three beagle hounds, two black and white, one tan and white. Lost in the Ojibwa or Weidman area. Tel. 644-2278. One dog has ID tag with my name, Dick Tilmann, on it.  
Dec. 9t2

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Richard Touchinski.  
Dec. 16t1

FOR RENT--Three room furnished apartment. Utilities paid. No children, no pets. 1888 North Winn Road. Tel. 644-3958.  
Dec. 16t1

Joe Kane was reported as expected to be home in a week if a pacemaker insert works successfully.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kramer and two children of Ovid spent Sunday with Mrs. Joe Kane.

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### LEGAL Notice

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE IN THE PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF WEIDMAN, SECTION 13, SHERMAN TOWNSHIP

A petition having been filed in the office of the Isabella County Road Commission by the land owners for the closure of the alley in Block 22 in the Plat of Village of Weidman, Section 13, Sherman Township; a public hearing will be held at the office of the Road Commission, 2261 E. Remus Road, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, on Thursday, January 6, 1977, at 10:00 A.M.

At that time all objections to and/or support for the proposed closure will be heard by the Board of County Road Commissioners of Isabella County. Written statements regarding the closure will be received by the Board at that time provided they are received at the above address prior to the hour of the hearing.

ISABELLA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
Lionel Duncan, Chairman  
Dec. 9t3

Mrs. Joe Kane and daughter, Mrs. Harold Kramer, of Ovid were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Bessie Teall.

## Obituary

LAVINA ELIAS  
Lavina K. Elias of West Beal City Road died Dec. 7 at CMC Hospital. She was 91.

She was born Feb. 8, 1885, in Fowler, and was a member of the Altar Sodality of St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City.

She was loved by all who knew her. She was a long-time resident of Nottawa Township and the Beal City area.

She is survived by her sons, Walter J., of Beal City, and Gilbert J., of Okemos; daughters, Mrs. Wendel (Thelma) Simmer and Mrs. Eugene (Elizabeth) Tilmann; 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Josephine Bengal, of Mt. Pleasant. Her husband, John, and three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. last Thursday, Dec. 9, in Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant, with burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Beal City.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends in their loss.

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## Card of Thanks

The family of Lavina K. Elias wish to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation for the many acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy, and the prayers offered during the illness and death of our beloved mother and grandmother.

We especially thank Father Don Dueweke and Fathers Charles N. McEachin and John E. Dubord for their spiritual assistance. We are grateful for the Masses, beautiful flowers and plants, cards, gifts of food, and to the ladies who prepared and served the dinner.

We also thank Dr. Carson and the nurses and other hospital personnel; Sue Schafer, and the Lux Funeral Home, for their kindness and solicitude; also to the organist who played for the Mass, and all others who helped in any way.

Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. May God bless all of you.

Thelma Simmer Family  
Walter Elias Family  
Gilbert Elias Family  
Eugene Tilmann Family

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cernak took Mrs. Verlia Wilcox out to dinner at Coldwater Lake Inn Sunday.

## Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all of our friends, the Volunteer Weidman Fire Department, the business men of Weidman who left their stores to offer their help during the loss of our barn by fire.

Their concern and offers of help will always be remembered.

Thank you.

Bernie and Leona Riley

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls and Mrs. Edith Touchinsky were Saturday supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller. George Miller of Harrison was a caller.

## Poet's Corner

Alma Dosenberry

THOUGHTS OF FREEDOM  
Our Country celebrates in style  
Two hundred years of growth.  
Could we go back to that little while

To reaffirm the oath  
Of independence, freedom, toil,  
Would we be half so brave,  
Or would we take the easy road  
And forever be a slave?

Has America lost its pride?  
When the showdown comes  
Do we all run and hide?  
Do the welfare rights and the union rights  
And minority rights and women's rights  
Deny US the right to turn the tide?  
We must take a stand, we must recover

The strength to renounce the Government power  
To spend without reason,  
To tax without cause,  
Or our beautiful land will belong to others.

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There once was a gal who could sew,  
And she saved all her scraps,  
don't you know,  
For the day without guilt  
She could fashion a quilt,  
But the scraps just continued to grow!

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There once was a gal in our town  
Who wrote all the news fit to put down.  
She dove and she delved  
For good stories to tell  
That the featured received with a frown!

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

**BERNARD RILEY'S BARN BURNED DEC. 9**

The pretty red barn owned by Bernard Riley burned last Thursday, Dec. 9, with loss of one dog.

Bernard's cows and horses were outside the building at the time of the fire, but a dog was trapped inside.

The barn was full of hay and could not be saved.

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**West Gilmore**

Lena Cole, Reporter

Lous Bolis of Sanford was a Wednesday dinner guest of his uncle and aunt, the Paul Coles.

Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes spent Monday with Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma, while the men went shopping for snow tires. They got them none too soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes of rural Harrison spent Sunday with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk were at their farm Sunday. They have sold their home at Lake Orion, and will be moving in the next 30 days.

Mrs. Dan Kripa came Wednesday evening to the home of the Paul Coles, and wrapped Christmas presents for Velma.

Lena Cole went to her eye doctor Friday. She received another treatment, and a report of a very slow gain.

Mrs. Coranna Shaner is in Chicago, taking a refresher course in cake decorating.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wixson called on Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wardwell Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk were Sunday dinner guests of the Paul Coles.

Mark Straus missed school last week, due to a severe cold.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls and Mrs. Edith Touchinski were Sunday evening visitors of Bonnie and Ronnie Sprague. Tami Sprague spent Sunday afternoon and had supper with the Touchinski girls, Terri and Debbie.

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**In the Editor's Mail**

Thought I'd send this item to you. Hope you received the one I sent not too long ago.

This small town (mentioned in the news report) is about 10 miles out of Fremont.

Mr. Kurfess isn't the only person who has decided to keep a loaded gun in his home. It's sad when things get so bad that one has to kill, but I guess that's the only way one can stop these people.

Do hope you and Frances both

are well.

Love--Howard and Olive Johnson, Fremont, Ohio.

(Following is the news clipping enclosed.)

Headline: "Intruder Shot to Death." A young Toledo man was shot to death near here Monday afternoon reportedly when he and a partner were caught burglarizing the home of Robert Kurfess, 76, Troy Township.

Kurfess, who is the uncle of State Representative Charles F. Kurfess (R-83), told Wood County Sheriff's deputies that he was awakened by noises in his living room and took his shotgun to investigate. There he surprised Roberto Rodriguez, 22, Toledo, and an unidentified male.

Rodriguez was pronounced dead at the scene.

The accomplice escaped in a car which was found abandoned about two miles away, according to a detective with the Sandusky County Sheriff's Department. The detective was called by the Wood County Sheriff to help in the search with his tracking dog.

The other man's trail was followed from the abandoned car to a barn, but was lost after that.

(And in a later news paragraph):

The shooting of a Toledo man here (in Luckey, Ohio) as he broke into the home of Charles Kurfess has been called a justifiable homicide by the Wood County coroner, and no charges will be filed against Kurfess, according to the Sheriff's Department.

Dear Friend:

I am sending this subscription for Mr. and Mrs. Alva Gibson for another year. It's a Christmas present.

Wish you and all your family a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Frank McCormick  
Mt. Pleasant

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Hi, Commie!

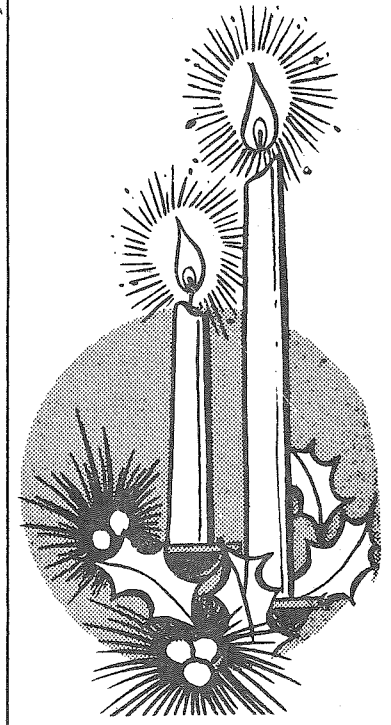
How are you and all the Weidman folks?

Hope you are able to go fishing --or, like me, rather sit by the fire.

I wrote news so long that I still catch myself thinking, "That would be a good news item!"

We are planning on going to Florida Jan. 6. Wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely  
Blanche Carr Miller  
Lansing



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# LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

## LAKERS TO HOST WINTER ROUNDUP

Lake Isabella will hold its first Winter Roundup Feb. 13, according to Warren Stanchina, activities director for the lake.

Lake Isabella is working in conjunction with MARS (Michigan Association of Recreational Snowmobilers) to promote the event.

At present over 500 reservations have been made for the event, and Stanchina expects about 3,000 snowmobilers and their families for the one-day event.

There will be 18 miles of marked cross-country ski and nature trails (with rental equipment available at the clubhouse); a lighted skating rink, and miles of marked and groomed snowmobile trails.

The day's agenda includes snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, ice fishing, and skating.

An ox roast is a big feature, beginning at 3 p. m., with tickets at \$3.00 per person.

Tickets for the meal may be obtained by writing Warren Stanchina, Lake Isabella Cor-

poration, Weidman R2A, Mich. 48893.

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## PROPERTY OWNERS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Property owners of Lake Isabella enjoyed their annual Christmas party and dinner at Maxfield's Restaurant Monday evening, with a feast of chicken and ham dinner and dancing to the organ music of Dale Nolan of Barryton.

It was a festive evening of dining, dancing, and visiting with our neighbors.

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It was a beautiful weekend to make an unexpected trip to Lansing, where we visited my sister, Faye Stephenson, who was leaving for California Tuesday. We also visited our son and wife and their children, and attended the wedding of the daughter of a lifelong friend and visited old acquaintance, while there. We returned home Monday.

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At the party Monday evening, Mr. Maxfield invited the property owners to be his guests at a smorgasbord dinner next Monday evening. His place will be closed Dec. 23rd through the 25th.

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## Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter

Our Coldwater Lake school bus driver, Kitty Yuncker, has been in the hospital, and the children sent her a beautiful gift. We all miss her, and wish Kitty a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Florence Rupp has been caring for Mrs. Ruth Worley and her husband, who are both ill. Between that and her church activities, she keeps very busy.

ATTENTION, FISHERMEN! A misquote in the paper for the week of Nov. 4 on the Ice Fishing Contest on Coldwater Lake was supposed to read, "Prizes for the longest pike and longest perch," to be awarded the winners.

Bud and Gwen Tomlinson and Kay traveled to Lansing Sunday to attend a Christmas party with all of their family, in the hall at King Arthur's Court. They all enjoyed a lovely day before returning home.

Kathy and Skip DeWitt and Anita and Jerry spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mitchell and family. Jerry's niece, Penny, also came to visit. They all traveled to Houghton Lake to enjoy a Christmas get-together with Jerry's father, Jack Mitchell, Sunday.

Mary Harter and Dawn Dennis attended Welcome Wagon Arts and Crafts meeting Monday evening in Mt. Pleasant, and spent a pleasant evening with everyone.

Mrs. Jean Schneider and daughter, Doris, spent Tuesday in Lansing, doing some Christmas shopping and visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Tomlinson spent Sunday evening visiting her sister and husband, Bev and Bob Bamford, of Haslett.

Jerome and Sherri Beck spent Friday evening with Chuck and Evelyn Ludwig, Saturday morning they went back, and all had breakfast together.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith at-

tended the Gratiot-Isabella Board of Realtors' dinner Monday evening at Valley View. Wednesday Arlene attended the Business and Professional Women's Club Christmas dinner at The Embers in Mt. Pleasant. Tuesday they went to Mt. Pleasant again for the Moose Auxiliary Christmas party at the Moose Club.

Jeff Doure spent this weekend up here, doing some hunting. Friday night he attended a Beal City basketball game with Doris Schneider and Don and Dean.



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Mary Catherine Fussman, daughter of Mrs. Ida Fussman and the late Joseph Fussman, Beal City, and Michael Harold Wanagat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wanagat, Southfield, were united in marriage Oct. 30, in an evening ceremony at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Father Don Dueweke of St. Joseph's, Beal City and Deacon Larry Fussman, brother of the bride, officiated.

The bride, escorted down the aisle by her brother, Steve, wore a floor length, long sleeved white gown of maraine jersey, featuring an empire waist and a high collar trimmed with Belgium lace. Her lace edged, finger-tip veil was secured by cap covered with matching lace and pearls. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses, white daisies, baby's breath and ivy. Bev Breuer, friend of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridal attendants were Vickie Tilmann and Ann McLaughlin, friends of the bride, and Carol Wanagat, sister of the groom. They wore identical floor length mint green gowns, which featured halter top styling and attached capes. Their head pieces were half crowns of yellow and green daisies and they carried Colonial bouquets of yellow daisies and

green carnations.

Lori Fussman, niece of the bride, served as junior bridesmaid and Kari Wanagat, niece of the groom, was flower girl. They wore identical floor length dresses of mint green with white flowers, trimmed with white eyelet lace. They wore white daisies and baby's breath in their hair. Lori carried a nosegay of yellow daisies and green carnations. Kari carried a basket of matching flowers.

The best man was Tim Graves, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Mike Curtiss and Jim Vallet, friends of the groom, and Dave Wanagat, brother of the groom. Ryan Fussman, nephew of the bride, served as ring bearer. Ushers were George Fussman, brother of the bride, and Ken Phillips, friend of the groom. Roger and Jeff Fussman, nephews of the bride, served as altar boys.

The bride's mother wore a deep turquoise floor length gown featuring a pleated skirt and sheer sleeves. She wore a corsage of turquoise carnations and white roses. A pink floor length gown, featuring an overlay of chiffon, with long sheer sleeves, was chosen by the groom's mother. She wore a wrist corsage of pink carnations

and white roses.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Beal City. The guest book was attended by Paula Fussman, niece of the bride. Linda and Marie Fussman, sisters-in-law of the bride, cut and served the wedding cake.

Honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schafer, godparents of the bride, and Ruth Fatur and Les Dinsmore, godparents of the groom.

After their honeymoon, the couple now reside in Southfield.

The bride is a 1974 graduate of Beal City High School. The groom graduated from Southfield Lathrup High School, 1972, and is employed by Ford Tractor Sales and Equipment, Romeo.

The bride formerly was employed by the Lake Isabella Property Owners' Association.

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

### 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Blodgett were the honored guests Saturday evening at their 25th wedding anniversary party at the hall in Brinton. A delicious lunch was enjoyed, and many friends and relatives attended.

Congratulations, Margaret and Al!

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler spent Saturday with their son, Mitch, and family near Lansing.

Eunice La Londe, Irene Bowen and I attended a shower for little Jeffrey Godwin Friday evening, at the Godwin home in Gilmore, with Margaret Coloskey as hostess. Echo received lovely gifts. Ice cream and cake were served as refreshments.

Merry Go Round Club met last Thursday with Carol Cumming. The Christmas party was enjoyed. The January meeting will be held at the hall in Brinton, due to possibility of bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Vyril Wright and family of Flat Rock spent the weekend with Pete and Violet Wright. They attended the Phelps family Christmas dinner Sunday near Oil City. Pete and Violet also attended, and Monday they went to Grand Rapids to the home of their daughter, Evelyn.

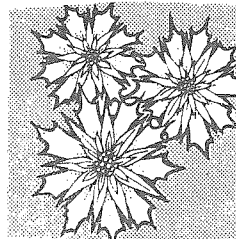
Bud Longton remained in CMC Hospital, and was very ill at this writing.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and son, Bobbie, of Wolverine were Sunday callers of their parents, Clayton and Clara Smith, and took them some Christmas gifts. Ted Smith of Mt. Pleasant was a caller.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



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## BUSY BEES MEET FOR DECEMBER SESSION

The Drew Busy Bees met last Thursday, Dec. 9, at the home of Mrs. Florence Hoffman. It was their Christmas party, and Mrs. Hoffman had her home decorated for the occasion.

The meeting was opened by singing Silent Night, followed by prayer and reading from the Upper Room.

Several Get Well cards were signed. Regular business was discussed.

The group decided, on account of unpredictable weather and road conditions, they would not hold meetings during January, February and March.

The next meeting is in April, and it will be held at the home of Mrs. Zalia Fahnestock.

Roll Call was answered by some very interesting Christmas poems and readings.

After a gift exchange, the hostess served Christmas punch, followed by a delicious luncheon.

Claribel Beutler kept the group in suspense with her contribution to the luncheon goodies. She called it dessert from Christmas, 1776. The question was, What was it?

Why, of course: Delicious, nu-

tritious apple sauce!

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Mrs. Floyd Miller of Barryton entertained Friday evening, Dec. 10, at a birthday dinner honoring the following family members: Mrs. Celia Backus, Linda Backus, Mrs. Margaret Denslow, and Floyd Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended their card club at the Francis Engler home Saturday evening.

Ambert Jones was a Saturday guest at the Alva Cummins home.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Miller were Saturday afternoon callers of her folks, the Pete Woods. Their son, Mike, was a Sunday evening dinner guest. D.J. Whitman spent the weekend with them.

Lottie Poquette of Coldwater Lake spent from Friday to Monday with Mrs. Opal Denslow. Mrs. Opal Denslow, Mrs. Margie Denslow, Mrs. Margaret Denslow and Mrs. Fahnestock attended the Busy Bees Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Florence Hoffman Dec. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson spent Sunday in Ann Arbor with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Burgess.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baines of Port Huron were Sunday dinner guests at the Elwood Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent were Sunday evening callers of the Millers. Elwood and Iola called on his mother the first of the week.

Joann Osborn spent the weekend at the Gerald Dent home. The Dents called on Dorothy Berryhill Saturday, and called on Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grewett Friday. Pat Dillenbeck was a Saturday caller at the Dent home.

Clayton Dutcher called at the Charlie Losey home Monday, and took them some fish. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew called Saturday. Sunday evening callers were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz and Dannie and Traci.

Ardis Merrihew called on me Saturday, and Shari Lorenz called Sunday evening.

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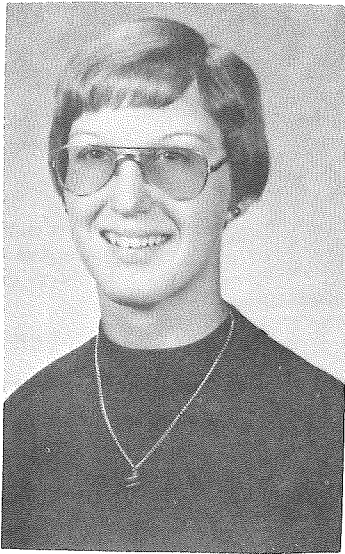
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Darcel is a great-granddaughter of Mrs. Bessie Teall of Weidman.

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Mrs. Edna Bowein visited Mrs. Loretta Lorenz at the Clare Nursing Home Friday, with her niece, Vera Straus.

ENGAGED

The engagement of Ruth Ann Rhode and James L. Wright is being announced by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rhode of Farwell route 1 and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Wright of Midland.

The bride-elect is employed by the Dow Chemical Company.

Mr. Wright is owner and manager of the Voyager Traditional Men's Wear, in downtown Midland.

A Feb. 26 wedding is being planned.

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In the Editor's Mail

(Delayed)

Nov 29, 1976

Connie Skinner, Editor Weidman Messenger Dear Connie:

I enjoyed your column last week and our morning conversation was even nicer. I'm quite glad that you and many of our other neighbors in this area were able to wade through my report and see what it implied.

As you stated, the specifically unstated three part conclusion of the report was rather simple.

That is (1) We, as residents of the Weidman area, are isolated from county government; (2) We are facing changes that present us with future problems that are likely to be ignored by county officials; and (3) we will have to

work together and not against one another if we are to create enough fuss to be recognized by the county, or better yet, take action through our townships to resolve our own problems.

The Weidman area, which includes the lakes, needs co-operation, mutual trust, and responsible leadership from its citizens.

And these citizens need take this same attitude of common purpose to farm and other rural residents who share our space in northwest Isabella County.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents of this area who helped nearly elect me to the County Commission. I not only had a darn good time campaigning, I also learned an awfully lot from all the kind folks who talked with me.

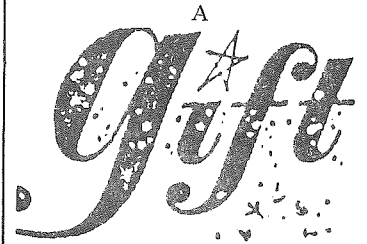
And, yes, Connie, I fully understand that my neighbors aren't "country ginks". They show the same wisdom and concern that the residents of my own rural Iowa always exhibited.

But, like everyone else, most of them have been too busy with their own personal problems to see those political problems

that are creeping up on all of us.

Most cordially,  
William P. Browne  
Associate Professor  
Political Science  
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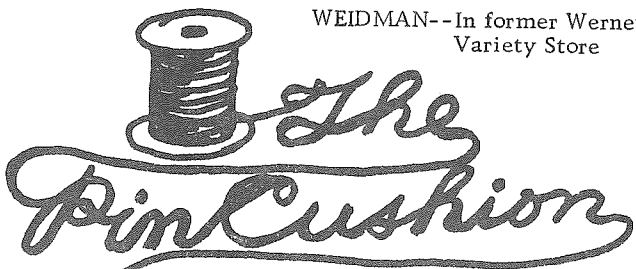
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