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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### THE WEIDMAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION IS ALIVE AND WELL AND LIVING IN WEIDMAN

The Weidman Business Association has made a most remarkable comeback, and at this moment it is extremely alive and well and active in the interests of the town and area.

Last Thursday's meeting turned up more co-operation, offerings of facilities, time, and provisions (such as Benn Johnson's Christmas tree) than we have seen in many a day.

The WBA is indeed alive and well---and working.

About a year ago last summer it was legally dead. Attendance at monthly meetings deteriorated to the point of having just the president and secretary on hand, no other members.

The WBA was also broke.

There was, for instance, a bill for well over \$300 for public liability insurance for the park---and there was no money.

And, a year ago last summer, it was discovered that the annual legal papers and fee demanded by the State of Michigan from a legal non-profit corporation, had not been sent to Lansing for the past three years.

That meant we were dead.

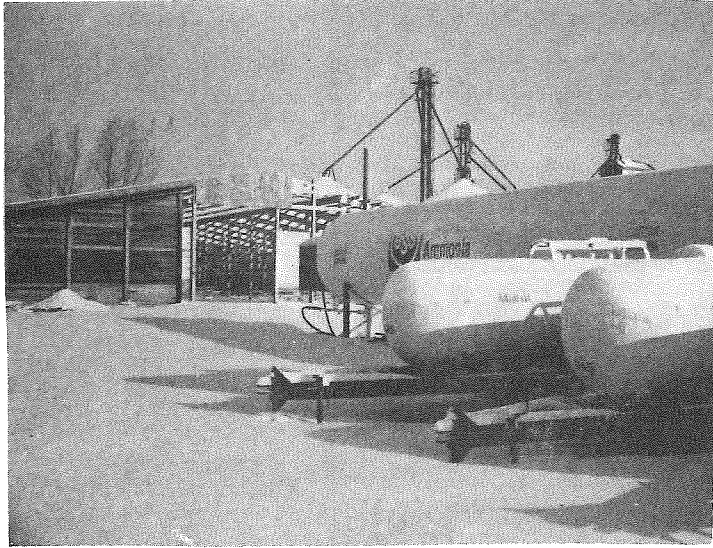
Business people, men and women, scrambled around, called a special meeting, elected new officers, and hastily sent in the required fee and application to Lansing. (It required a special fee and forms to make out for re-instatement.)

But it was done.

The WBA rose from the dead and became a very active and influential entity here.

Credit must go to Gary McArthur, who was president of the WBA during that time, for pulling it back together and getting business people aware of the need for the WBA's work and accomplishments.

Gary took a dead organization  
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### BADER MILLING CO. COMPLETES ITS MOVE TO WEIDMAN--

By enlarging an existing building at the mill and bringing over from Mt. Pleasant all the liquid-fertilizer tanks formerly based at the Bader Building on West Broadway in Mt. Pleasant. This is a big operation, and the Bader Company's buildings, many more than the original grist mill of the old Holmes Milling Company days, have expanded regularly ever since it moved its retail department here. Now the entire Bader operation is based in Weidman. Ed Ley is manager of the huge complex. The tanks will supply ingredients for farmers' fertilizers, which the company will mix here for the first time. Messenger photo

### ILLNESS HITS OUR WRITERS' HOMES

Jessie Rosencrantz was too ill to write the Horr news this week. Take care of yourself, now, Jessie!

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We are printing last week's Brinton news this week, and will have no regular news from there.

Frances Beck took her father, Bud Longton, to the emergency room at CMC Hospital Sunday in late afternoon. Bud was suffering from a hernia, and expects to have surgery or treatments this week.

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Karin Bigelow of Winn spent Saturday afternoon with her aunt, Mrs. Emil Phillips, and Emil. Emil is home from the hospital and was reported doing well.

### FIRE DESTROYS ANIMAL HOSPITAL IN MT. PLEASANT

Fire thought to have been caused by defective wiring destroyed the animal hospital of Dr. Charles Stirling, who took over Dr. Joseph Donaldson's practice and premises after Dr. Donaldson was required to quit active practice for health reasons.

The fire occurred Saturday afternoon between 1 and 5 p. m., when Dr. Stirling was not there.

Nine dogs were reported killed in the fire, dying for lack of oxygen, according to reports.

The fire itself was confined to the inside of the building, and eventually died out for lack of oxygen, Mt. Pleasant reports said.

Dr. Stirling intends to restore the animal hospital as soon as possible,

### WBA MAKES CHRISTMAS PLANS, LIGHTS UP THIS WEEK

At its regular monthly meeting last Thursday night, the Weidman Business Association completed plans for the Christmas season.

Plans for getting the Christmas lights up were completed, the date being Monday of this week at 6.30 p. m., when storekeepers would be free and job-holders home from work.

Benn Johnson is donating a big Christmas tree from his farm, and Dallas McClain will clear his used-car parking lot for the tree's accommodation.

(The Christmas lights, and the big Christmas tree went up as planned Monday evening after 6.30, when 20 WBA members showed up in snow and bitter cold and did the job, even to trimming the tree.)

Santa will be in Weidman, as usual, this year on the Saturday before Christmas, as the holiday falls on Saturday this year. Plans were made for 300 sacks of especially nice candies and nuts for kids, and hopefully Santa will have his own little house, on Weidman's main business street. He'll be here from 12 noon to 2 p. m., according to present plans. He'll arrive, as usual, on the big fire truck of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department.

At last Thursday night's meeting, the annual election of officers was held, with a voted change in the by-laws sending the vice-president automatically into the presidency after a two-year term. All officers now will serve two-years.

Bud Fredrickson, former vice-president, was moved up to the presidency. Ed Ley was elected vice-president, for a two-year term. Thayne Sides was re-elected secretary, and Whitey McCreight treasurer.

Fourteen members were present at the meeting, a better showing of attendance than usual, but

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**WBA MEETING**  
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still not nearly coming up to the capacity of the businesses of the Weidman area.

It was voted that all members will invite new businesses into the area and the Association, and to get old members active.

Also voted was a "Night Out" once a year for members and their spouses. This probably will take the form of a dinner at one of our lake restaurants nearby.

Efforts will be made to contact Congressman Elford Cederberg on the subject of a federal grant for a community building here (with matching funds raised locally, of course). Discussion of land acquisition for the project was tabled for six months.

It was a very lively and productive meeting, with members offering generous facilities and their time.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

**PLANNING COMMISSION TURNS DOWN TRAILER PARK**

The Isabella County Planning Commission recently returned a 5-5 tie vote on a proposition by Les Wendel to establish a 50-unit trailer park in Sec. 28 of Gilmore Township, and late last week the County Prosecutor, Joe Barberi, ruled that the tie vote constituted, in fact, a rejection of the proposition.

The site was beside a small artificial pond, Lake Pauline, on Wendel's property, and he had proposed to develop 50 lots for trailer homes around the little lake.

A large crowd of Gilmore people attended a public meeting (demanded by law), and were unanimously against a trailer park in that rural area.

Wendel can appeal the Commission's decision before the County Board of Commissioners, but said he did not intend to.

Gilmore is a beautiful, and so far, unspoiled rural area, with forests and fields delightful to

residents as well as visitors.  
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**North Weidman**

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Zena Olger attended a Fellowship dinner at the Church of Christ Sunday. Her daughter, Mrs. Dale Letson, called her on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott and family had birthday dinner with his parents, the Norman Abbotts, Sunday.

Mrs. Jerry Olger and Mrs. Laura Latham were shopping in Barryton Friday, and enjoyed lunch there.

Debi Graham has been in CMC Hospital for tests, after being taken there last Tuesday. Helen and Cathy Alwood and Bessie Allen called on her. Her

mother and I visited her every day. Debi returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Abbott called on his grandparents Monday. Mary and her mother went shopping. Rick stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott called on us Sunday afternoon.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls and Mrs. Edith Touchinski spent the weekend in Lansing with Mabel Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson spent Sunday afternoon and evening at the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Powers, of rural Shepherd.

Millie Sanders took Mrs. Emil Phillips to Barryton Friday, to see her doctor.

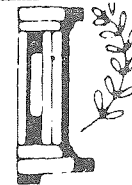
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## Notice

### 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

## the Churches

**WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 (1 Mile West of Weidman)  
 Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday Services  
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
 Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
 Jr. Church in Basement, 11 a.m.  
 Evening Service, 7 p.m.  
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### CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1/4 mile south of Weidman School, corner of Coldwater and Weidman Roads.  
 Richard Wadsworth, Pastor, ph. 644-3604.  
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
 Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
 Youth Service, 6.15 p.m.  
 Evening Worship, 7 p.m.  
 Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p.m.  
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### GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Corner Coleman and Vandercar Roads, Gilmore Township.  
 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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### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

South from Weidman on Coldwater Road.  
 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.  
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### 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.

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 WITH FIRE THIS YEAR?



### B-I-N-G-O

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4-H BAKE SALE--Saturday,  
 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at  
 Western Auto, Weidman. Help  
 our 4-H Club get started. Do-  
 nations will be appreciated.  
 Dec. 9t1

### METHODIST PARSONAGE NEARS COMPLETION

The new Methodist parsonage on Lake Weidman is nearing completion, and Rev. and Mrs. Lynch plan to move in the last of this week.

They have been driving a long way up north to their resort area, which at this time is pretty well snowed in. They will be most happy to live again in Weidman.

The new parsonage is a large and elaborate structure, and is expected to be completely done just before Christmas.  
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## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,  
 I saw in the paper about Christmas for Zeke T. I well remember him. He must be quite old by now.

I do n't know whom to send a contribution for Zeke, so I'm asking you to be the middle-person for me.

I do thank you.  
 Love, Genevieve Scott Gingery Flint

## Obituary

### DAVID MILLARD

David G. Millard of rural Mt. Pleasant died Friday evening in the Tri-County Hospital at Edmore, after a short illness. He was 84.

He was born Oct. 20, 1892, in Newaygo, and had been a resident of the area since 1933.

He was a teacher in rural schools until his retirement in 1954. He was a life member of the Masons, Newaygo Lodge 131, F&AM.

His wife, Ila, and a grandson preceded him in death.

He is survived by a son, William; three daughters, Mrs. Frances May Curtiss, Mrs. Marie Morey, and Mrs. Alta Rae Farrell. Also a sister, Ruby Mayer, of Lewiston, Idaho; and 11 grand grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. at the Stinson-Helms Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with Rev. Edward Powell officiating.

Interment was in the Two Rivers Cemetery.  
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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
 HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

# Want Ads

WANT AD RATES: 75 cents per week, unless very long. Over 1 inch in length, regular advertising rates. Cards of Thanks \$2.50, unless very long.

LEFT AT MESSENGER OFFICE--  
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 Dec. 2t2p

FISH FRY--Friday, Dec. 10, at Chippewa Hills High School Cafeteria, by Chippewa Hills Band Boosters. Serving 5 p.m. until ?.. Adults \$3.00, children under 12, \$1.75. Proceeds go for new marching uniforms.  
 Dec. 2t2

FOR SALE--New Gift-boxed colognes, jewelry, etc., by Avon. 40 to 50 percent off. Call 644-2308.  
 Dec. 9t1

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 Dec. 9t1

## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Miss Lynn Worth spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler spent Sunday with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reid, near Gladwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan of Mt. Pleasant spent Thursday afternoon with the Paul Coles.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa spent Saturday evening with the Coles, and enjoyed waffles and sausage.

Word recieved from Mrs. Rhoda Allen was that she is not very well, and her sight is also very bad.

Larry Straus called on Hugh Douglas Tuesday evening, and reports that Hugh is gaining slowly.

Mrs. Coranna Shaner is getting her living room remodeled. Her uncle, William Wixson, is doing the work for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Melissa and Ronnie visited Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes Saturday.

The Paul Coles visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Swan Wednesday. Mrs. Swan was not feeling very well at that time.

Mrs. Dan Kripa received a piano for her Christmas present, Saturday.

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## LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Lake Isabella property owners get your tickets early this week for the dinner at Maxfield's Monday night, Dec. 13 at 7 P. m.

Come one, come all, and make this dinner a big success!

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## Card of Thanks

We, the family of Burdella Miller, would like to express our deepest gratitude to all our friends and relatives who sent flowers, cards, and money through our mother's death.

A special Thank You to Rev. Dean Denslow, the Star ladies of the Masonic Hall, and our relatives and friends who were so kind to help with all the food.

Our prayers and thoughts will always be with you.

The Family of  
Burdella Miller

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## "BATTLE OF THE BOOKS"

By Harry Howard

Principal, Weidman School Bldg.

The news seems to be full of reports of battle throughout our world today. Most battles are fought with guns and result in many deaths.

Chippewa Hills students have learned recently that not all battles are destructive. In fact, some can be fun, and even very constructive.

"Impossible," you say? "Not so," say the fifth graders from Weidman, Remus and Mecosta.

Their battle was called "The Battle of the Books".

How do you have a battle of books? Perhaps we should also ask, "Why have a battle of books?"

The "why" part of the question is quite important, and should be answered first. Some very basic parts of any reading program are developing the habit of reading for enjoyment or any reason, and comprehending what is read. Our "Battle of the Books" was designed to accomplish the above items and also create an even greater interest in our reading program.

Now for the "how" question. We divided each fifth-grade room into teams, alphabetically, and all teams were assigned the same set of 10 books dealing with Spanish and black American heritage and problems. The participants were given several books to read and develop several questions about each book. The contest was held over a two-week period, with the first rounds taking place within each room.

There were some very simple rules for each contest. (1) Only the team captain could give the answer for his/her team. (2) They must confer as a team before answering. (3) They must have their answer ready within 20 seconds' time. (4) Each question was worth five points if answered correctly by the first team it was asked. If they missed it, the opposing team could get three points for the correct answer. They also would have the first chance at the next question.

After the room champions were determined, there were contests between rooms to determine a building champion. One could see the enthusiasm building higher and higher as each step was accomplished.

The final phase was the competition among buildings. The first pairing in this section was Mecosta and Remus. Both teams were well prepared, and a very close match saw Mecosta go into the finals with Weidman.

Before giving you the final winner, I would like to name the contestants of the finalist teams.

For Mecosta we had Pat Weber, captain; Esther Cass, Russell

Cook, Mike Montgomery, Rob Corwin, John Carmen, Tina Burnett, and Dan Dennis.

The Weidman team consisted of Pam Tremain, captain; April Wilkie, Doug Shoemaker, Mike St. John, Cathy Shaner, Randy Schafer, Katrina Fisher, and Tim Eldridge.

The final battle took place in the Weidman gym Nov. 23.

Once again the teams were very evenly matched. This was very evident, with the score being tied numerous times, and the final outcome decided by the last two questions.

The final score was Weidman 88 and Mecosta 80.

We are planning more battles on different topics, and with more

grades involved. The next battle will take place quite soon, using the same format. This will be for the fourth graders.

Students already are showing interest and enthusiasm for the next battle. We are also seeing increased interest in our reading program and library books.

I think all of the participants and their teachers are to be commended for putting forth the effort to make the program such a success. It is efforts such as these that build better and more knowledgeable citizens of tomorrow.

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## Messenger

Reminds them of you 48 times a year. Birthdays, Anniversaries, holidays.



(Actual Photo of one of our Special House Wreaths) Done with red velvet wrappings and a huge red Velvet Bow--really gorgeous!

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING....

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Betty and Karen Sunderman of Shepherd called on Louise Schafer Tuesday.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Oscar Schafer home in Winn. Mr. and Mrs. Walt Schafer called on Tillie Schafer Tuesday evening.

A group from Beal City had a luncheon for Katy Schumacher last week. She has retired as housekeeper for the priest.

The Beal City football team put on a pancake and sausage breakfast Sunday morning.

We welcome to our parish Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wing.

Ginny Rau, Mrs. Delores Gould, Dale Rau, Larry Rau and Deb Rau hosted a 35th anniversary party for their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau, Saturday evening. Everyone sure did have a good time.

Ernie Gross and Bill Martin visited Howard Schafer Friday morning.

Patty Schafer and her fiancée were here from Chicago last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer were shopping in Saginaw Sunday.

Mrs. Delores Gould is taking care of Howard Schafer a few days.

Dale Rau of Gregory is home a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rau went to Grand Rapids Friday night for the wake of Mrs. Chet Rau.

The first and second graders of St. Joseph School went on a field trip last Thursday, to the Mt. Pleasant airport, the municipal building, and the high-rise apartments, where they visited Katy Schumacher.

Wayne Egbert and Lori Gilray were married Friday evening. A reception was held at the Beal City K. of C. Hall.

Mrs. Frank Engler, Nora Gruss, Mrs. Henry Grinzinger and Mrs. Leo Gross visited Gertrude Gross Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snider last week.

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## Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter

### EARLY CHRISTMAS PARTY

An early Christmas party was hosted Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider and family.

Relatives arrived from Portland, Lansing, Ionia, St. Johns, Charlotte, and Pewamo, bringing presents for all the god-children.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful

meal, visited, and played cards.

Also, there was our beloved Sister Mary Floria, who came up from Detroit to spend the day with us.

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### BABY SHOWER

A lovely luncheon and baby shower was hosted by JoAnn Atherton last week for her neighbor, Mrs. Sue Pope. Those invited included Dawn Dennis, Jean Schneider, Doris Schneider, Janet Mitchell, and Mary Harter.

A lovely time was enjoyed, and Sue received a nice selection of baby gifts.

Hurry up, Sue, we're all patiently awaiting the blessed event, now.

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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown attended the annual banquet for the Northern Michigan Harness Horsemen Association Friday evening in Clare, at the Hotel Doherty.

Glad to report that Russell Lafreniere, who has been in CMC Hospital since Nov. 22, is recovering nicely from surgery, and hopes to be discharged, hopefully the first of the week.

Frank Huguelet attended a Moose meeting Saturday evening in St. Louis, and traveled to Saginaw Sunday for another Moose Lodge meeting.

Joe and June Arts of Lansing are spending a few weeks at their cottage, relaxing. I guess Lansing has more snow than we've had, so for the time being, no shoveling that white stuff up here, Joe says.

The Tomlinsons and daughter, Kay, and her friend, Rhonda Flaughter, went to the Fashion Square Mall in Saginaw Sunday and did some Christmas shopping. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kemmis Christmas shopped in Mt. Pleasant the weekend, and later, Saturday evening, attended the basketball game at CMU.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Schneider of Pewamo spent Sunday evening visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harter and family spent Sunday Christmas shopping in Grand Rapids, and enjoyed dinner at the Red Lobster before returning home.

Bob and Bev Bamford spent Saturday evening visiting Bud and Gwen Tomlinson. They were up for the weekend, and enjoyed some snowmobiling also.

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### NEWS NOTES

Lois and Laura Simmer of Littlefield Lake were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Edna Bowein.

Mrs. Spike Branson and Mrs. Arlene Wilcox were in Grand Rapids last Thursday.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

(Last Week's News)

Mr. and Mrs. John Baker and son of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker of Berrien Springs were Thanksgiving dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken and Oraulea Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and family of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Roberts and Kevin were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spiece of Carson City.

Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Forbes were hosts to the Thanksgiving dinner for the Smith and Forbes families.

Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore and family spent Thanksgiving weekend with relatives near Shingleton, Mich.

Janet Beers of Big Rapids spent some time with her Grandma, Eathel Beers, and grandparents, George and Cora Beers.

Carl and Ellen Geasler called on Payton Geasler at CMC Hospital during the week, and on

Flossie Forbes at the Medical Facility. Flossie was reported about the same at this writing.

Edna Johnson and daughter, Susan, of Greenville, called on her aunt, Jane Fields, and Tony Bartley and me on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and family of Petoskey and Mr. and Mrs. Gary La Londe of Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe and Shannon and Dwayne were Thanksgiving dinner guests of their mother, Eunice La Londe. Shannon returned home with the Strangs for the weekend, returning home Saturday.

George Beers has been on the sick list. He called on his doctor Friday.

Leonard Courter of Gilmore called on Tony Bartley one day last week.

A very nice crowd attended the Thanksgiving community supper at the hall Sunday evening. It was put on by the Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beers and Dean Beers spent last week with their parents, George and Cora Beers, and did some deer hunting.



**A TIP FROM SANTA**

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Exhibit A-1

BEAL CITY SCHOOL  
GENERAL FUND  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	June 30, 1976	June 30, 1975	Increase (Decrease)
<b>Assets:</b>			
Cash in Bank	\$62,580.19	\$98,527.15	(35,946.96)
Passbook Savings	101,177.60	101,177.60	101,177.60
Certificates of Deposit	103,514.29	104,945.53	(1,431.24)
Accounts Receivable - Title I		5,165.00	(5,165.00)
Accounts Receivable - Other	18,793.60	6,767.37	12,026.23
Inventory	1,575.00	987.00	588.00
Due From Hot Lunch Fund		969.41	(969.41)
Accrued Interest Receivable	729.57	1,229.83	(500.26)
Deferred Expense - Bus Contracts	29,421.69	41,902.93	(12,481.24)
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$317,791.94</b>	<b>\$260,494.22</b>	<b>\$57,297.72</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$35,382.46	\$3,998.34	\$31,384.12
Contracts Payable	29,421.69	41,902.93	(12,481.24)
Due to State - Title I	1,024.95	18.32	1,006.63
Accrued Expenses	265.96	423.23	( 157.27)
Salaries Payable	34,128.48	34,381.29	(252.81)
Salary Withholdings Payable	15,508.40	12,506.01	3,002.39
Due to Hot Lunch	112.00		112.00
Deferred Revenue - Title I		7,396.18	(7,396.18)
Reserve for Obligations - Federal		1,335.45	(1,335.45)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>115,843.94</b>	<b>101,961.75</b>	<b>13,882.19</b>
<b>General Fund Equity</b>	<b>201,948.00</b>	<b>158,532.47</b>	<b>43,415.53</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$317,791.94</b>	<b>\$260,494.22</b>	<b>\$57,297.72</b>

Exhibit A-3

BEAL CITY SCHOOL  
GENERAL FUND REVENUES  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1976

<b>Revenue From Local Sources:</b>		
General Fund Property Tax Levy	\$229,037.67	
Trailer Park Taxes	648.00	
Interest Income	7,442.88	
Athletic Game Receipts	8,155.68	
Miscellaneous Revenues	1,311.93	
Bus Use Reimbursement	2,463.74	
<b>Total Revenue From Local Sources</b>		<b>\$249,059.90</b>
<b>Revenue From State Sources:</b>		
State School Aid	\$504,208.25	
Drivers Education Reimbursement	2,540.00	
Vocational Education Reimbursement	1,300.00	
SEA - Title I	20,481.00	
State Appropriation For Walk in Freezer	3,442.50	
<b>Total Revenue From State Sources</b>		<b>531,971.75</b>
<b>Revenue From Federal Sources:</b>		
Comprehensive Employment Training Act		27,244.01
<b>Revenue From Gifts:</b>		
Gift (Private Source)		550.00
<b>Revenue From Incoming Transfers:</b>		
Special Education Tax	3,781.69	
Miscellaneous	694.96	
		<b>4,476.65</b>
<b>Total General Fund Revenue</b>		<b>\$813,302.31</b>

**S. W. Sherman**

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

**BIRTHDAY PARTY  
FOR CLAYTON DUTCHER**

A surprise birthday party was held for Clayton Dutcher Monday, Nov. 29.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher and Patti, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker and Deanne and Danelle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and Kim, Shelly and Mike, Bonnie and Kaye Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Joyce and Bob, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris and Jon.

Gail made a pretty birthday cake, and Bonnie also made a cake, and they brought ice cream and gifts.

Clayton is the youngest of a family of eight, six boys and two girls, ranging in age from 66 to Floyd, the eldest, who will be 81 in February. The rest all are in their 70s.

Quite a lucky family.

Both Barbara Dutcher and I had intestinal flu the past week.

Ervin Dutcher, Sr., and Ervin, Jr., were in Grand Rapids Friday, where they purchased an electric wheel chair for Steve. They also visited their daughter and sister, Lois Cain.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., were visitors and had supper with the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler attended the funeral of Marion's grandmother, Mrs. Lester Sanderson, at St. Charles Saturday afternoon. She was 89 years old.

Marion Beutler and Mary Wilson attended a tasting luncheon at the the Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant Friday.

The Masons and Stars had their Christmas dinner at Lake Isabella Sunday. The Howard and Carl Beutlers and Jim Beutler and their mother, Claribel, attended.

Beatrice Gatehouse came home from CMC Hospital last Tuesday, a week ago. Clarence and Aletha visited her Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler attended Farm Bureau at the home of Vern Bergv Saturday evening.

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Exhibit A-4

BEAL CITY SCHOOL  
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1976

<b>Instructions:</b>		
Elementary	\$134,493.25	
Secondary	287,796.76	
Special Education	12,548.77	
<b>Total Instruction</b>		434,838.78
<b>Administration</b>		59,803.91
<b>Transportation</b>		71,254.98
<b>Operation of Plant</b>		47,313.40
<b>Maintenance of Plant</b>		16,047.86
<b>Fixed Charges</b>		67,439.45
<b>Capital Outlay</b>		50,170.74
<b>Student Services</b>		9,115.25
<b>Outgoing Transfers to Other School Districts</b>		12,391.90
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>		<u>\$768,376.27</u>

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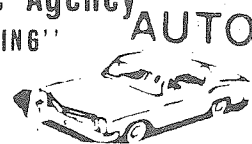
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Members of James A. Cliff Lodge, FEAM, entertained their ladies with a dinner Sunday at Maxfield's at Lake Isabella. "Happy Birthday" was sung for Clayton Beutler, who was 62 Sunday. The lodge met Wednesday evening, their regular meeting. Dec. 15 will be installation of officers for the Masons, with a dinner at 7.30 p.m., to which their ladies are invited. Any Masons in the area are welcome to attend.

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**BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 17 TABLES IN PLAY**

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Seniors and their guests had 17 tables of pepper in play.

Rose Schafer won high-score prize for the ladies, with Mary McTaggart second and Rose Grinzinger low. Wilbur Reinert won first for the

men, with Gerald Graham second and Ambrose Thielen low.

John Cotter won the pepper prize. Mildred Graham drew the door prize.

Refreshments of cookies and coffee were served.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be the annual Christmas party, Dec. 16. Everyone is invited, and please take a dish to pass and your own table service. Meat will be supplied by the party committee.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mrs. Claribel Beutler spent last week in East Lansing with the Robert Tibbetts family. She and Mrs. Tibbetts visited Carolyn, a freshman at Alma College, Monday afternoon.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



**90TH BIRTHDAY FOR A CHARMING LADY--**That's Ruth Blesch of Barryton, formerly of North Brinton, widow of Charles Blesch. Ruth celebrated the occasion Nov. 24 with Open House at her home for her friends and neighbors. Her family held a reunion in October, when her elder daughter and her brother were at her home. On her birthday she received a card of congratulations from President and Mrs. Ford.

Ruth Blesch has very many friends in the Weidman and Brinton areas who are delighted with her apparent good health at 90 and her recovery a few years back from a broken hip.

Ruth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Stevens of North Coldwater Township, her father owning a section of land.

She is well educated, and she taught in the Brinton school at one time.

Her mother was an accomplished pianist, and gave private piano lessons and also singing, in the Brinton area.

Charles Blesch's parents also had a huge land spread in Coldwater Township, on which they prospered.

After Charles' retirement, the family moved to Barryton, where Ruth resides with her daughter, Jo Alkofer.

Congratulations, Ruth!

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

(Continued from Page 1)

and by sheer will power, it has sometimes seemed to this member, breathed life back into it with the help of re-ignited interest of other business people here.

The WBA has done many things for Weidman, beginning with the town's first Fire Department (Yes, that was the first order of the new WBA in 1947, to get fire protection here, and they got it.)

We got the deed to and devel-

oped Mitchell Memorial Park, for use of the public. (The Weidman Lions men helped build and improve the pavilion.)

That's just a beginning of the list of efforts and accomplishments of the WBA.

The present ambition is to get a community building, for young and old, in Weidman, a huge undertaking, even if we can get government grants.

Thanks to legalized bingo games, the WBA is now in the black, on its financial ledgers, and is able to donate, for instance, \$50 for the Senior Citizens' Thanksgiving dinner at Beal City this year.

It works with the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department and the Beal City Business Association in putting on the Lil' Mac Bridge pig roast once a year---and nobody outside the business associations and the Fire Department can possibly realize the work, co-operation and volunteer donations and help required to put on the Lil' Mac Bridge big day.

Incidentally, it's coming up soon--Sunday, Feb. 20, all day.

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### RABIES CLINIC HERE FAIRLY WELL ATTENDED

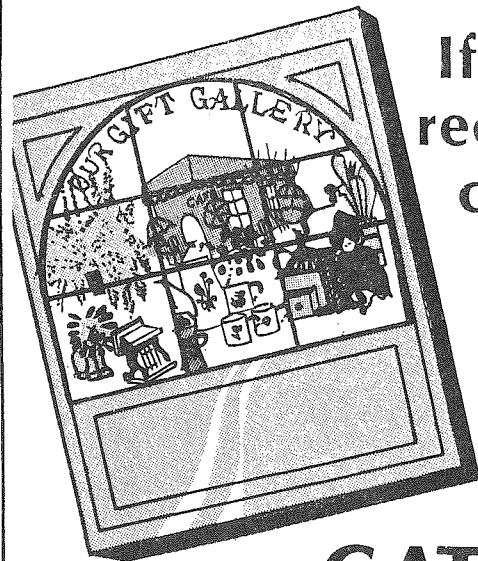
The annual rabies clinic for dogs, held at the Fire Barn in Weidman this week Tuesday night, was fairly well attended, even though notice from the Isabella County Health Department reached the Messenger after last week's paper was mailed and thus no local notice of the clinic was put out.

The Harland Snider family enjoyed a get-together Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keiser and twins of Baldwin, Mrs. Bertha Zuke of Big Rapids, and

her family, as guests. This was an annual event for the family.

Terri Touchinski was one of the cast in the Christmas play put on by the Weidman School Tuesday evening.

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