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Editor's Column

By Connie

WE'VE GOT TO LEARN TO BURN WOOD

As the Morbark Company's short program over Radio Station WCEN this winter, has pointed out, there's a definitely frightening energy crisis approaching all of us.

The Morbark Company advocates the use of "waste wood"-- "The dead, the down, the dying" in woodlots and the state's public and private forests.

Morbark says that Michigan has enough energy resource right in its waste-wood situation to take us off those horrendous monthly gas and oil bills, if we'd only use the wasting wood available in all our woodlots and forests.

We believe Morbark.

This winter sees an unprecedented sale of wood-burning stoves and "free standing" fireplaces that need no huge chimney, but only a conventional vent on the roof.

This week's Messenger carries an ad for the Tilmann Hardware at Beal City, containing the most interesting gadget we've seen so far--a wood-burning adjunct to your oil or gas furnace that hitches right into your furnace ducts and such.

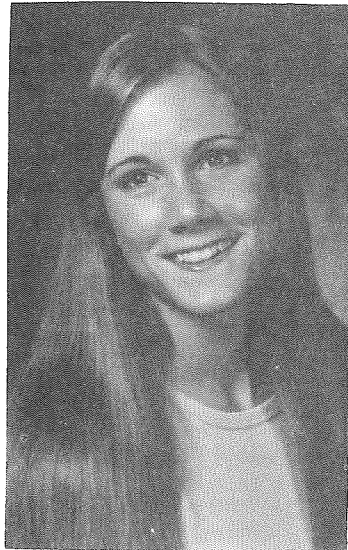
The new furnace-helper is advertised as safe, simple, and very economical.

It's a fascinating product. We wish we had one--but also we wish we had some 22-inch wood cut and delivered and stacked, and also some way to get that wood into the house.

One way is for The Man of the House to do that. For some of us gals, that's out of the question.

Stove wood, delivered, is averaging around \$20 a cord. If a gal has a husky man who can go out and cut the wood, there are plenty of woodlots that owners would be delighted to have cleaned out. There also are state forests where

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RISA FIORILLO, Daughter of Lou and Justine Fiorillo, was

voted Girl Athlete of the Year by her fellow students at the Chippewa Hills High School.

Risa has starred in track, on a gymnastic team, and in cross-country competition.

Granddaughter of Mrs. Choice (Faling) Foster, Risa plans to enter Central Michigan University at Mt. Pleasant next fall, after graduating from high school this spring.

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FIRE IN TRAILER TAKES FOUR LIVES

An overheated wood heating stove was thought to be the cause of a trailer-house fire that claimed four lives in the early-morning hours Saturday.

The trailer was located in northeast Gilmore, occupied by George Battle, 19, Bonnie Loomis, 21, and her two small children, Terry and Tracy Loomis, two years old and one

year old.

The fire occurred approximately at 4.30 a. m., according to reports.

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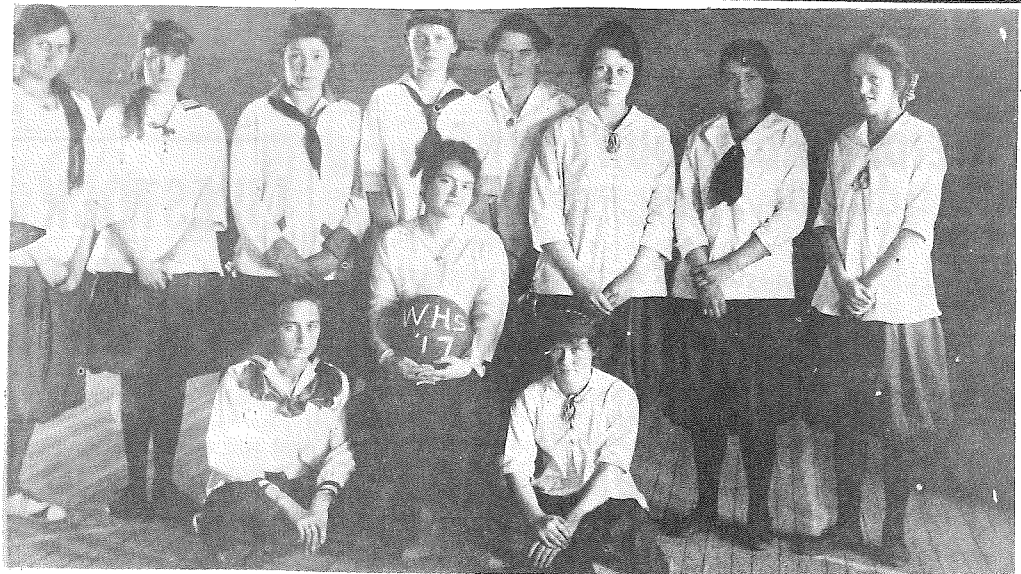
FIRE TAKES COBBLESTONE HOUSE SATURDAY

Fire destroyed the cobblestone house across the road from the Gray place in Coldwater Township Saturday. The house was rented, and owned by Dale Den-slow.

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department received a call at 4.45 p. m., but flames had enveloped the building by the time they arrived on the scene.

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Ye Ed was the recipient of a beautifully-carved wooden kitchen spoon, lsst, week, the work of Dick Touchinski, who sure is an artist at wood carving.



"WOMEN'S LIB? GIRLS' ATHLETICS? HA!" Exclaimed Risa Fiorillo's grandmother, Choice (Faling) Foster. "We had all that 'way back when I was a teenager in the Weidman High School!" Above is a photo of the girls' basketball team Choice played on, their at-home games played in Briggs' Hall, above the blacksmith shop. Choice's listing of the girls of the old-time team above is as follows: (Right to left) Alice Sprague, Norma Briggs, Mildred White, Cleo Nicholson, Marie Smith, Philomena Marhofer, Josephine Mitchell, Dollie Sprague. Seated, in front, with the ball, are Minnie McGuirk (right), Lucile Clark (not of the Doc Clark family), and Choice Faling. Note the "uniforms" of the girl basketball players of the Teens--this was 1917. Middies and bloomers were the accepted wear, albeit deemed rather daring.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Martin attended a wedding in Pontiac, and spent the weekend there.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Martin spent the weekend in Northport, attending her grandfather's funeral.

Mack and Margie Denslow have been having the flu the past three weeks. They were reported as feeling a little better the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. They also called on her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins.

Monroe Beckwith was a Tuesday caller at the Cummins home.

Mrs. Betty Thompson helped with the dinner Wednesday last week, for the Ray Dutcher funeral, at Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman hosted a birthday party Saturday

at the home of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey, honoring their little son, Jason, who was a year old that day. Chad Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Nancy and Patty, Gary and Beth were their guests, as were also Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran. Ice cream and cake were served for refreshments.

Paul Miller came home last Wednesday after a 10-day stay at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills spent Saturday with her folks, the Pete Woods. Their grandson, D. J. Whitman, spent the weekend with the Woods.

Monroe Beckwith was a last Tuesday caller at the Charlie Losey home. Shari Lorenz stayed with Charlie Tuesday evening while Hattie went to the funeral home with Harold and Lois Losey at Barryton.

Mrs. Minnie Strauch of Mt. Pleasant was a Wednesday and Thursday overnight guest of Hat-

tie and Charlie. Ervin and Junior Dutcher were last Monday callers. Floyd Dutcher and his son, Kenneth, from Georgia, and Mrs. Strauch were Wednesday visitors at the Charlie Losey home. Mrs. Ardis Merrihew and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey were Sunday evening callers.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

The Fletcher and Haenke families were Saturday night supper guests of their mother, Irene Bowen.

Jane Fields and I were in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Eunice La Londe spent Friday evening with her son, Gary, and family, and enjoyed home-

made ice cream.

Mrs. Edna Forbes is in a Pontiac hospital, where she was scheduled for surgery Monday morning. Bill and his son, Lee, went to Pontiac Monday morning.

Eathel Beers spent Saturday with her granddaughter, Echo Godwin. She cared for little Geoffrey while Echo was in Mt. Pleasant shopping.

Carl and Ellen Geasler were at the funeral home in Saranac one day last week, paying respects to their cousin, George Eddy, who had passed away the previous Saturday.

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Mrs. Robert Tibbetts of East Lansing came Sunday and stayed till Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Claribel Beutler.

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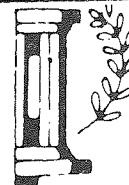
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Obituary

RAYMOND A. MACKERSIE
Raymond A. MacKersie of Barryton died Jan. 12 at the Ardis Nursing Home in Farwell. He was 92.
He was born April 9, 1884, in Isabella County (the Sherman City area) and lived the last few years of his life at the home of his niece, Miss May MacKersie, of Barryton.

He is survived by nieces May MacKersie and Mrs. Harland (Velma) Butts, of Barryton; three brothers, Ronald, Howard and Harland, all of Barryton.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 14, at 2 p.m. from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with burial in the Sherman City Cemetery.

Card of Thanks

The family of Ray Dutcher wish to thank everyone who helped in any way after his sudden passing.

A special Thanks to the Daggett Funeral Home, the Busy Bees Ladies for the lunch, and friends and neighbors for the flowers and money given. May God bless you all.

Obituary

MRS. BONNIE K. LOOMIS
Mrs. Bonnie K. Loomis, 21, of Gilmore Township's northeast side, died Saturday morning at her trailer home, due to injuries received in a fire that destroyed the home.
She was born Oct. 21, 1955, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of Ralph and Iva Sexton Craven. She was married March 10, 1973, to Marvin Loomis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Loomis of Weidman.

She is survived by her father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Craven, of Blanchard; her mother and step-father, John and Iva Johnson, of West Bloomfield, Mich.; grandmother, Mrs. Bessie Frittle, of Nashville, Mich.; a brother, Robert Craven, of rural Lake; seven sisters, Mrs. Edith McPherson of Weidman, Mrs. Rose DeWulf of Barryton, and Misses Carol, Cheryl, Sharon, Susan and Eva, all of West Bloomfield.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 1 p.m. at the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in the Bennett Cemetery at Two Rivers.

Services also were held for her two small children, Terri Sue Loomis, two, and Tracy Lynn, nine months, at the same time and place.

Surviving Terri and Tracy are their father, Marvin Loomis; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Loomis, of Weidman; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Craven of Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of West Bloomfield, great-grandmother Mrs. Bessie Sexton of Nashville, and great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Maude McNutt, of Sturgis.

Terri was born April 18, 1974, and Traci April 4, 1976, in the Mt. Pleasant Hospital.

The families have the sympathies of all in their sorrow.

Obituary

GEORGE HENRY BATTLESHAW
George Henry Battleshaw, 19, who lived in a trailer home on East Coleman Road, Gilmore Township, died early Saturday morning when the trailer home burned.

He was born Aug. 13, 1957, in the Clare Hospital, son of George and Hazel Coleskey Battleshaw. He was employed by Ray's Service Station in Weidman.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 17, at 11 o'clock a.m., in the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in the North Brinton Cemetery.

He is survived by his mother, Hazel Battleshaw, of Weidman; four brothers, Raymond of Weidman, Robert and Curtis, of rural Farwell, and Rolland, of New Lothrop; five sisters, Mrs. Jerry (Margaret) Blodgett, Mrs. Betty Kyser and Miss Kathy Battleshaw, all of Weidman; Mrs. Donald (Rosemary) Florian of New Lothrop, and Mrs. David (Carol) Grove of Elwell.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Our sympathy to the George E. Battleshaw family, and the John Johnson family, and the Loomis family.

Zena Olger went last Friday to her doctor in Mt. Pleasant, and she spent the night with her daughter, Helen, returning on the VanTran Saturday.

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

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The Churches

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.

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.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Money taken from Beal City school

Eighty-five dollars in cash was reported stolen from a desk in a classroom at Beal City High School.

Michigan State Police said the teacher told them the key to his desk was taken and returned about two weeks ago.

Investigators said the teacher

and administration at the high school believe the key was copied, giving the thief access to the desk.

In other police news:

—Hugh Winnie, Rt. 3, Winn Rd., reported a snowmobile was taken from his residence Tuesday. Michigan state Police are investigating the theft.

Beal City band will appear at Cherry Festival

The Beal City High School Band has been selected to participate in the 1977 National Cherry Festival in Traverse City. This is the third year the band has been asked to take part in this event.

The band, under the direction of Ronald O'Neil, will march in the Heritage Parade, in the Junior Royale and in the Cherry Royale, which is expected to attract over 300,000 people.

Band members, who sold records they made to help finance their travel expenses, will march in the parades July 6-8. The seven day Cherry Festival will take place July 6-12.

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Mrs. Edna Bowein visited Mrs. Loretta Lorenz at the Max Straus home, last Thursday.

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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Richard Wadsworth, Pastor, ph. 644-3604.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague were Saturday callers of their niece, Christ Garrett, of Littlefield.



Flaughner-Snyder

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald R. Flaughner, S. Littlefield Road, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Sue Flaughner, to Marty Keith Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith D. Snyder. Deb is a 1975 graduate of Chippewa Hills High School, a Central Michigan University student and employed at Beatty and White Men's Store. Marty is a 1971 graduate of Chippewa Hills High School and is employed at Morbark Industries. A May 21 wedding is being planned.

Local Items

The Band Boosters of Chippewa Hills Schools will hold a fish fry Feb. 2, at the high school. Serving starts at 5 p. m. Adults are \$3.50 per person, children under 12, \$1.50.

Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula Cummins were in Lakeview last Wednesday. Judy and Pam Lawrence of Laingsburg were Sunday callers of Mrs. Smith and Ula.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Mrs. Eugene McArthur returned home from CMC Hospital after spending about a week there for treatment of burns on her hands when she fell against her lighted stove. She went back to Mt. Pleasant on Tuesday for skin grafts on her fingers.

Mrs. Edna Bowein visited Mrs. Loretta Lorenz last Thursday, at the Max Straus home.

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LOCAL 148 ACTIVISTS conferring with President-elect Jimmy Carter during a political rally in Mission Viejo just prior to the California general election. They are (from l.) Esther Bower, Shirley Underwood, Jimmy Carter, Ben Howser (facing Carter), and Jim Bryant. Not visible in background is Kathy Wright. The entire group (including Carter) was wearing large buttons urging, "McDonnell Douglas DC-10 TANKER Jobs for California."

(Esther Bower is the former Esther Beutler, daughter of the Fred Beutlers and sister of Dorothea Straus and Clayton Beutler. Many were friends of the Beutler girls as they grew up in the Weidman area. Esther now lives at Long Beach, Calif., and Dorothea Straus spent a week with her out there last fall.)

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

The Beal City Varsity basketball team played Pine River Friday night. Beal City lost, 53-67.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goffnet and family Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ronnie Schafer had a home interior party Tuesday evening.

Anne Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith Wednesday in Mt. Pleasant.

Krista Jo Morey, daughter of Lon and Linda Morey, was baptized last Sunday in St. Joseph the Worker's Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sherlock and family of Traverse City spent the weekend with the Ed Schafer family at Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer of Winn spent Wednesday with Tillie Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fran Schafer and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith and children spent the weekend at Houghton Lake.

Mrs. Beatrice Trude of Lake Cadillac visited Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Pung last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould attended a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Moran Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Schafer are the proud parents of a baby boy. Brian Gould attended a birthday party for Robbie Faber Saturday afternoon.

A large group of school kids attended the Shrine Circus in Saginaw Saturday.

Mrs. Ida Fussman is staying with Mr. and Mrs. George Fussman for a while.

Several from here went snowmobiling over the weekend, up north.

A baby shower was given at the home of Don Pung for Debbie Pung Grewe, with aunts and friends of the bride attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Thielen visited Ed Faber Tuesday.

Dora Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Marie Rahl visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer one evening last week.

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Ronald Johnston of Melbourne, Australia, gave a dinner Sunday at Lake Isabella for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston, and Grant and sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Brecht, of Mt. Pleasant, and grandmother, Mrs. Claribel Beutler, of Weidman. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and family were also guests. Ronald left Monday for Melbourne, where

he will start the new term of teaching in a private school next week.

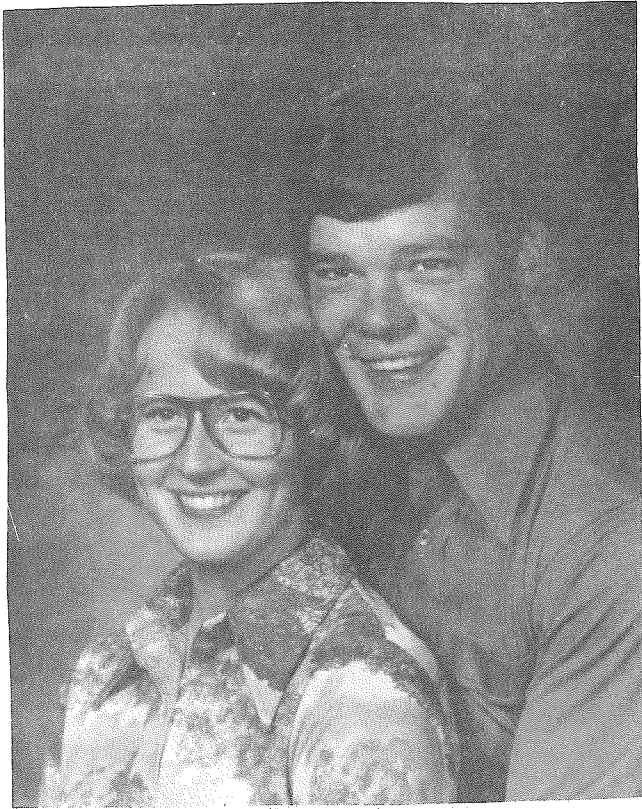
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Richard and Marion Cook, along with Gerald and Kathryn Straus, wish to announce the engagement of their children. The bride-to-be, Sandra Jean, is a 1975 graduate of Chippewa Hills High School, and is presently attending Central Michigan University. Her fiancée, Allan Jacob, a 1972 graduate of Beal City High School, is employed with Maurice John Enterprises in Mt. Pleasant. A June 25 wedding is being planned.

Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck and Kim and Andy spent the weekend in Detroit, visiting Jerome's brother-in-law and sister, Ken and Joan Kavanaugh before returning home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mitchell are the proud grandparents of a new baby boy, born Jan. 11. Brad weighed in at eight pounds, 14 ounces, and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ewing of Lansing.

The Broadbecks spent the weekend at their cottage, trying out their new snowmobiles. They traveled back to Lansing Sunday.

Bob and Bev Bamford spent the weekend at their cottage, snowmobiling and visiting. Saturday evening they had Bev's sister, Gwen, and daughter Kay down for dinner, and enjoyed a nice visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider and Don drove to Mecosta Sunday and enjoyed a delicious meal at the Gaslight Restaurant.

The Joe Marchiando family enjoyed their two-week vacation in Florida. They visited with his

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cooley, of Homestead, Fla., and of course visited the famous Disneyland, while there. They really enjoyed their trip, and look forward to it again some day.

Carol Marchiando hosted an Artex party Tuesday afternoon. Invited were Marsha Schumacher, Carolyn Stone, Kay Coston, Judy Tilmann, and Jeri Benson.

Dick and Mary Tyler entertained John Tyler with a birthday dinner Sunday. Also present were Dick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tyler. They all spent an enjoyable day together.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth were dinner guests Saturday of their daughters, Pam and Lynn, at Mt. Pleasant.

George Cornell and children of near Beaverton visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Casteel were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth. We extend our sympathy to the

many who lost so much by fire; and especially those who lost loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk brought a truck-load of goods from their place in Lake Orion Saturday. Their son-in-law received word Sunday morning his wife was being rushed to the hospital. Tony and Pat expect to be almost completely moved in here in a few days.

William Wixson returned home Sunday evening from Oakley, where he spent two weeks with his sister, Mrs. Dorothy Courter, and his brother, David Wixson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes visited the Paul Coles Friday. Mrs. Ernestine Straus called Thursday.

Mrs. Connie Cole Mossell had surgery on her foot Monday, and was doing fine.

George Hamilton of Winn is in the Mt. Pleasant Hospital.

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In the Editor's Mail

Hi, Connie!

Enclosed find our check for \$8 for renewal of paper. We enjoy the paper so much.

It was back in 1936 when the snow was so deep--how well I remember! My first husband and I were staying with my folks that winter. One of my boys was born in March, and Dr. Rondot had to go the long way to get to our house to attend me.

This winter has been cold. We don't have as much snow as other

parts of the state, but enough to suit me.

Sincerely
Vera Bazaire
Chippewa Lake
Mich. 49320
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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and Jodi were last Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague were Sunday afternoon callers.

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BAND BOOSTERS SCHEDULE

The next Band Boosters meeting will be Jan. 31 at 7.30 p.m., in the high school band room.

Feb. 2, fish fry, 5 p.m. continuing. Adults \$3.50, children \$1.75.

Precedes a basketball game sponsored by the Athletic Boosters. The Arkansas Gems, a pro girls' team, will play against the high school faculty.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher of Seattle, Washington, and Kenneth Dutcher of Savannah, Ga., and Floyd Dutcher were our house guests from Sunday until Friday morning. Clayton and his wife and Kenneth had been called here by the sudden death of their brother, Ray. Floyd went down to Otisville with his cousin, Monroe Beckwith, for a few days.

Mrs. Erma Mercier of Midland, grandmother of Julia and Gail Dutcher, passed away early Friday morning at the Midland Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher of Clarkston attended the funeral of Ray Dutcher last Wednesday, and visited his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher of Washington and Kenneth Dutcher of Georgia and Floyd Dutcher had Thursday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

They called on the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe all called at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton Tuesday evening, then visited us.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and sons were Sunday afternoon visitors of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., visited his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Kenneth Dutcher spent one evening with the Richard Dutchers.

Monroe Beckwith was a house guest of the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., from Sunday night till Friday morning.

Monroe Beckwith and Minnie Strauch had lunch with us Wednesday evening.

Monroe Beckwith called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., one afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and Ron and Claribel Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children met at the Carl Beutler home for ice cream and cake

and to visit before Ron returns to Australia.

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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

In spite of the cold weather, about 30 folks braved the weather for a skating party on the ice rink near the Clubhouse.

Mostly young people and teenagers enjoyed the evening. However, a few hardy adults enjoyed sledding.

The bonfire and roasting of foods were cancelled. I understand the truck carrying wood for the bonfire went through the ice somewhere.

ON THE SICK LIST

We are sorry to report that Julius Guerin has been hospitalized in St. Joseph's Hospital in Flint for about a month. Doris has been staying in Flint to be with him. No improvement reported as yet. They are thankful for good neighbors. Mary Betts has been helping Bob at home. We have found some wonderful folks here at Lake Isabella.

James Beattie is home from CMC Hospital, where he had surgery a couple of weeks ago. Am happy to report he is feeling well again.

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MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON JAN. 22

Again this year, on Jan. 22, a "March for Life" will be in Washington, D.C. The march is designed to further the objective of Prolifers meeting with members of Congress and protesting the Jan. 22, 1973, decision of the U.S. Supreme Court making abortion on demand legal.

National Right to Life Memorial Day, Jan. 22, 1977, will include: Roses delivered to Congress and the President; a vigil Friday, Jan. 21, from 7 to 10; lobbying, and programs at the Capitol; March for Life down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House, and a short program; and closing ceremonies at the White House.

Among the thousands expected to attend the march are the following from this area;

Mrs. Barb Listing, Shepherd; Leslie Block, CMU student; Ken Gross, CMU student, Beal City; and Paul Gross, MSU student, of Beal City.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts spent the weekend in Lansing with their children and families. Ruth Yabs filled in at their insurance office here Monday.

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By Connie

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individuals may go into designated places and cut wood.

We've got to learn to manage wood-burning stoves, though, as well as fireplaces. (Stoves are considered more efficient heat-producers than the fireplaces.)

Anyhow, we're getting there, despite the terrible tragedy early Friday morning that took four lives when a trailer house burned, killing four people, two just babies.

But we're getting there. Now, if Norval Morey would come up with a light-weight, long-burning 22-inch wood log made from products of his Chiparvester, we would have it made. It'd have to be low-cost, though.

Anyhow, about once a month some new development for burn-

ing wood for home heating comes along, and Tilmann's Hardware in Beal City has it.

Something to look into.

And don't get excited about the Messenger going out of business in June.

We're waiting and watching, to see how the Chippewa Hills Courier and the School Board make out on their new project of a "special" edition once every month through the year, featuring the Chippewa Hills School.

The Messenger's survival depends on how much advertising the Courier will drag out of Weidman and away from the Messenger.

Keep our fingers crossed.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and children were Saturday evening guests of their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur, for an evening of visiting and cards.

School Voters Terminate Consolidation

Boyer City — For the first time in Michigan history, a consolidated school district has split up.

Voters in Boyer City and East Jordan voted overwhelmingly last Monday to terminate the merger agreement which created the Twin Valley School District 8½ years ago.

The vote in favor of separation was 2,163-191. The vote immediately "demerges" the districts.

(Farwell News and Review)

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Snyder of St. Louis visited their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson, Saturday.

BREAKINS REPORTED IN WEIDMAN LAST WEEK

Two breakins here were reported to police agencies last week: Wednesday night Bader's Mill was broken into and an apparently unsuccessful attempt was made to open the safe.

Nothing was reported stolen. The Weidman Drive In Restaurant was reported broken into also last week, with an unspecified amount of frozen food stolen.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley of Lake Isabella hosted a birthday party Sunday for her father, Gerald Middlesworth, of Weidman. Guests included Gerald and Eva, K. C. Charnes, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes, and Norma Middlesworth. Norma is now living in Weidman. Dorothy Floria of Barryton was also a guest.

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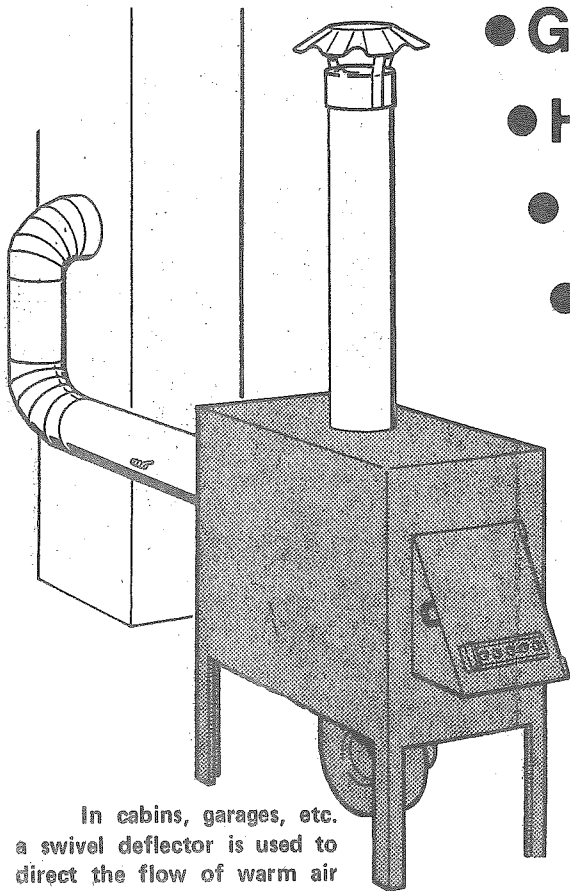
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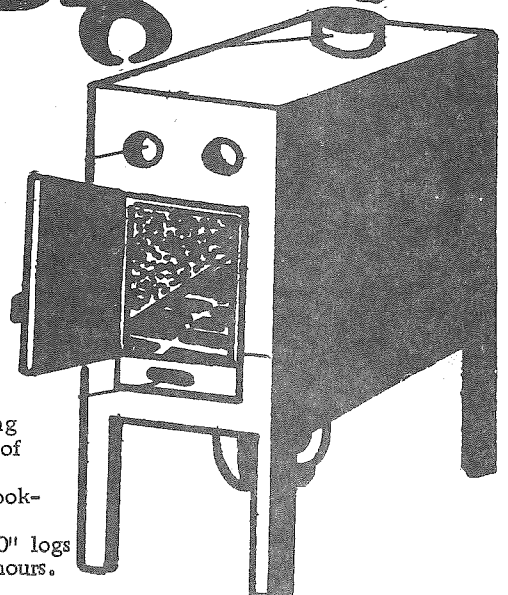
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