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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### PEOPLE ARE REALLY THINKING ABOUT WOOD

During the past couple of weeks (since Tilmann's Hardware first presented their "Little John" adjunct to oil or gas furnaces), we have been deluged with inquiries and comments on the possibilities of utility companies' failures to supply fuel for automatic heat, and the possibility of bending the old back and harvesting and stacking of wood to burn.

We've seen a number of wood-burning stoves and fireplaces, and we are impressed. (We hereby resolve to fire up Ma's old kitchen range more often, try to bring down that \$67.50 gas bill we paid last month.)

Some say they burn wood in their fireplaces all day every day; Dick Curtiss is one, and he has a gorgeous-looking fireplace chimney on his house (bet his fireplace is something to see, too--and feel!).

Anyhow, Morbark's urging to use "the dead, the down and the dying" trees in our woodlots and forests is taking hold.

And a good thing. Heating bills, gas or oil, are getting beyond the reach of us ordinary folks. We gotta do something.

Wayne Schneider, manager of Allen Lumber Company, said he burns wood constantly, in his big fireplace on the second level of his Lake Isabella home, and in a Franklin "fireplace" or stove, on the first floor.

Oh, to be young again, and able to chop wood (I've done a lot of it) and stack it yourself! (I've done that, too; in the 1940s, during World War II, as Allys and Ma and I thought we were roughing it back on the farm at Weidman.) (We made hay out of that, though, through Satevepost.)

Rev. Wright, whom I talked with at Allen Lumber Company, suggested that most folks burn-



**WESTERN AUTO'S LITTLE MAC BRIDGE WINDOW**--Is a masterpiece of ingenuity. In the foreground are snowmobiles, warming tents, eating tents, food tents, and behind them a planting of young spruce trees, the real thing; beyond (far right) is the Little Mac Bridge. The fifth annual Little Mac Bridge celebration is coming right up, Sunday, Feb. 20. Work is well organized at this time, with various committees doing the necessary hard labor necessary for such a day. Richard Cook has donated the potatoes for roasting over the charcoal grills. These are potatoes raised on sand on Dick's lands on the east edge of Weidman. A meeting is scheduled for this Thursday night for final work schedules and arrangements. Messenger photo

ing wood for the first time, or the first time in many years, may forget that the chimney must be kept clean of soot or it will "burn out" sooner or later; not a fatal fire, but a scary one. We've had a few, in the old days at the Roe home, and the darn thing chugs and roars and shakes the house. Pa just let it burn out --that was all one could do, in those days. Weidman had no fire department, no Firemen to come a-running and protect your home. The chimney simply burned out till the soot was burned up.

Rev. Wright said that Fox Hardware (and probably other places too) have a chemical compound called "Chimney Sweep" which one puts on the fire in small amounts periodically, and it'll keep the chimney clean of soot.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

### MOBILE HOME BURNS AT BROOMFIELD PARK

A mobile home owned by the Mitchell Eccles family was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon, believed to have been caused by a faulty mobile-home furnace.

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was called, but fire fighters were unable to save the home.

It was located in the mobile-home park near the corner of Coldwater Road and M-20.

The family were not at home at the time of the blaze.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton and family of Ashley were Saturday supper guests of the Ronnie Sprague family. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Radabaugh and children of Lake Tahoe were Sunday supper guests.

### GIRL SCOUTS, BROWNIES, PUT ON MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET--A REAL FEAST

Weidman Girl Scouts, Junior Scouts and Brownies entertained mothers and daughters at a spaghetti banquet last Thursday evening in the Weidman School cafeteria.

It was a real feast, and a wonderful evening for all.

The girls served 100 spaghetti dinners which they planned as to menus, cooked, and served, themselves. Money from their recent bake sale financed supplies for the dinner.

Entertainment was furnished by a skit put on by the Juniors, a flag ceremony where the girls received pins and badges earned during the year. A second flag ceremony and Taps sung by the girls completed the program.

There are 31 girls in the Brownie group, comprised of three separate groups with a leader for each, and 17 Junior Girl Scouts.

Sled parties and other activities are planned for the rest of the winter.

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### BENEFIT CONCERT AT CHIP HILLS SCHOOL FEB. 12

A benefit concert will be put on Feb. 12 at the Chippewa Hills High School gym at 7.30 p.m., featuring the Williams Family and Sweet Corn. It is co-sponsored by the Wheatland Music Co-op.

Tickets are \$2.50 for adults, \$2.00 for students.

The Chippewa Hills Band Boosters are the sponsoring agent for the concert.

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### ANDREW LITTLE CELEBRATES HIS 82ND BIRTHDAY

Andrew Little of Rosebush, who has many friends here, celebrated his 82nd birthday Jan. 11.

His four daughters had ice cream and cake with him at his home, and then took him out for a drive.

Andy is in good health, and enjoys getting out and seeing friends and his family.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

**TOBOGGAN PARTY PLANNED FOR WINNING PIONEERS 4H**

The Winning Pioneers 4-H Club of Weidman is going tobogganing Sunday, Jan. 30, on the William Bellinger farm.

The party will be from 2 to 4.30 p.m.

Those who need rides are asked to be at the bank parking lot in Weidman at 1.45. They will be picked up there by a parent at 5 o'clock sharp.

County awards for last year were given to two members of the club: Diane Beutler in clothing, and Tonya Bellinger in the foods and nutrition area.

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**RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING SET FOR JAN. 25**

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Michigan Right to Life will be held Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 8 p.m. in Room 153 of the Isabella County Building.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

**MARCH OF DIMES KICKOFF BREAKFAST HELD JAN. 15**

The Isabella County March of Dimes had their kickoff breakfast Jan. 15 at 8 a.m. at Stan's Famous Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant.

Lt. Dan Kostrzewa of the Mt. Pleasant State Police Post was named this year's chairman for the campaign. Co-chairman is Sheriff Don Gillis.

The 1977 goal is a take-in of \$20,000.

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**LIBRARY BOOKSHELF**

Recently the Weidman Library was given over 500 Harlequin Romance softback books by Mrs. Evelyn Kent of Farwell.

These books, in excellent condition, are being processed and are ready for circulation.

Thank you, Mrs. Kent.

Anyone having books to donate may do so during library hours (Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 2.30 to 5 p.m.)

Friends of the Library would like

to thank the Weidman Business Association for their generous \$100 donation to the library. All financial assistance is greatly needed, and appreciated.

The library functions for you. Do use the resources and leisure reading available at your Weidman Library.

Diane Benn

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**Local Items**

Terri and Debbie Touchinski, small daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski, modeled flower girl dresses at the Junior High School Building in Mt. Pleasant, sponsored by Brides Beautiful shop in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins returned Monday afternoon from Grand Rapids, where

Wanda Graham took them so Mrs. Smith could visit her doctor for x-rays. The films showed Helen is doing good.

Darryl Pitts was home for the weekend, from his studies at Great Lakes Bible College at Lansing.

Emil Phillips has been ill the past week, suffering from a cold and complications. He was up on crutches Monday. Lillian Johnston spent Saturday morning with Mrs. Phillips. The Lloy Sperrys were Sunday visitors.

Peggy McClain of Barryton was a Sunday visitor of Leah Scharrer. They went to the Baptist Church here to attend services, and after dinner they called on Walt and Marie Smith at the Margaret Johnston home.

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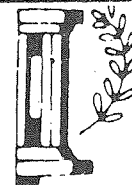
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## Obituary

**LEO J. WIEBER**  
Leo J. Wieber, brother of Regina Wieber, and Walter, Henry, Alex and John, all of Nottawa, and Mrs. Eldon (Rita) Doerfer, of Alma.  
His parents and three nieces preceded him in death. He was 71. He was a lifelong resident of Nottawa Township, making his home on Vandecar Road.  
He died Monday morning at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 o'clock a.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City, with burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.  
He lived with his brother Henry, and they engaged in farming with cattle also a major part of their work.

He was in the hospital at Mt. Pleasant less than a week.  
The family have the sympathy of their very many friends.  
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## Obituary

**WILBERT CRAVEN**  
Wilbert Craven of Mt. Pleasant died Jan. 19 at the Veterans Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla. He was 55.  
He was born July 29, 1921, in Isabella County.  
He is survived by his wife, Lucille; three sons, Billy, Brian and Matthew; four daughters, Linda Taylor and Patricia Seeley of Shepherd, Wanda David of Ithaca and Lorraine Craven of Winn; three brothers, Francis of Remus, Howard and Ralph of Winn; three sisters, Ruth Johnson of Barryton, Dora Baldwin and Maxine Chubb of Blanchard; and six grandchildren.  
Services were held Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m. at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus with Rev. Elsie Kidney officiating. Burial was in the Broomfield Cemetery.  
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## Obituary

**IVA MAY STEVENS**  
Iva May Stevens of Sanford passed away Saturday, Jan. 22, at Hurley Hospital in Flint. She was 71.  
She was born April 29, 1905, in Weidman, and lived here till 1930. She was the former Iva Gardner, a daughter of Mrs. Ina Gardner Gillett.  
She married Felix Stevens June 29, 1924, and the couple lived in Flint for 25 years, then moved to Houghton Lake in 1955, where they owned the Stevens Restaurant and Bakery. They moved to Sanford in 1965.  
She was a member of the Eastern Star Lodge.  
In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, Harley L. Stevens, of Flint; one daughter, Mrs. E. Bonotto, of Midland; one sister, Mrs. Edward Boersma (Henrietta) of Wyoming, Mich.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild; her mother, Mrs. Ina Gillett, of Midland.  
Funeral services were held Wednesday at 1 p.m. from the Ware-Smith Funeral Home in Midland, with her grandson, Rev. Kenneth L. Stevens, officiating. Burial was in the Midland Memorial Gardens.  
Many here remember the Gardner girls, and of course, Ina Gillett. The family have the sympathy of many friends.

## Obituary

**ETHEL CARRICK WAGER**  
Ethel Carrick Wager died Jan. 21 at Kelsey Memorial Hospital in Lakeview. She was 88.  
She was born in Millbrook May 15, 1888.  
She is survived by two sons, Daniel Carrick of Weidman and Robert of Lakeview; a daughter-in-law, Kathleen, of Vanderbilt; and 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.  
Her son, Clinton, preceded her in death.  
Funeral services were held Sunday, Jan. 23, at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with Rev. Athel Lynch officiating. Burial was in the Broomfield Cemetery.  
The family have the sympathy of their many friends.  
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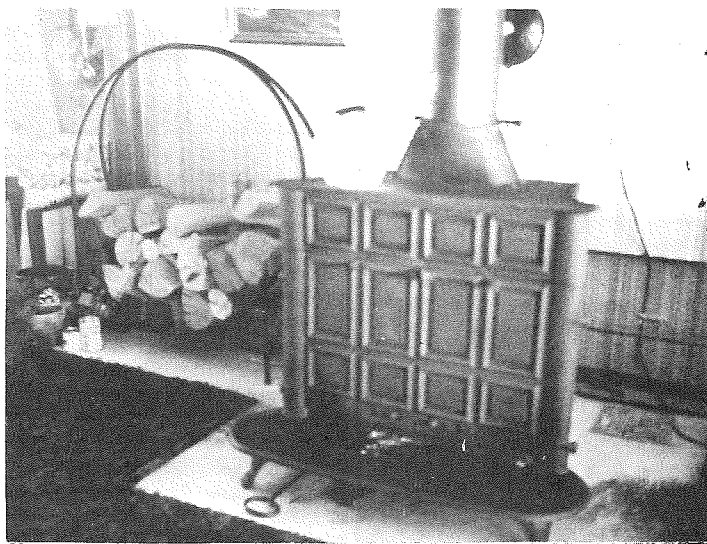
## Card of Thanks

I want to express my true appreciation to my family, all my friends and neighbors, the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department, those who sent cards and plants while I was in the hospital, and those who visited me there and after I got home. Also I want a special thanks to go to those who helped my men-folks while I was away.  
You're just real folks.  
Thanks!  
Edith McArthur

## Card of Thanks

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, If so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words As any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
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Kathleen Carrick and Family

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THE RICHARD TOUCHINSKIS HAVE A WOOD STOVE--It's a Franklin fireplace, actually, with a heat-deflector and fan in the insulated stovepipe just above the stove. Dick is a member of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department, and you may be sure that ceiling insulation, as well as the pipe, is safe and secure. The Franklin stove gives out a lovely, live and welcome heat. It's set on an asbestos footing as is the wood holder in the left background above. Dick spent some time last fall in the woods at Elwood Miller's and a state forest, cutting "the dead, the down and the dying". His harvest is pure maple, beech and oak. That's class. Messenger photo

## Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harter and family spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis of Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider entertained Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bamford and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Tomlinson Saturday evening in their home. They visited, and played cards, and had an enjoyable evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck and Mr. and Mrs. John Franco had an enjoyable evening out Saturday, as they traveled to Mecosta to have dinner at Connor's Supper Club Restaurant.

Duane Atherton and Sharon Mooney spent Friday evening visiting her mother, Mrs. JoAnn Atherton.

Catherine and Clarence Heckman spent Sunday visiting with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider. We had a nice visit before they returned home to Lansing Sunday evening.

Glenn Kemmis spent the weekend at his cottage. Visiting him was his daughter, Sue, and her husband, Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shelp spent the weekend at their cottage, snowmobiling and relaxing, and visiting. They brought their granddaughter, Sarah, along. They visited the Jerome Becks Saturday.

Sorry to report that Mr. Hopkins is in the hospital in Lansing.

We wish him a speedy recovery, and hope he gets back home soon.

Don Atherton spent the weekend with the Michigan National Guard in Lansing. He will return home this week.

Joellen and Dwight Haag of Hemlock spent Sunday visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorr.

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### BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 18 TABLES AT PLAY

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, there were 18 tables of pepper at play.

Josephine Cluley won first prize for ladies' high score, with Rose Grinzinger second and Rose Beutler low.

Austin Dent won first for the men, with Joe Streng second and Elwin Cluley low.

Leona Faber won the pepper prize. Hulda Stevens won the door prize.

Ladies on committee included Lillian Zeien, Viola Engler, Regina Faber, Isabel Martin, Rose Funnell, and Mary Clark. They served jello and cookies for refreshments.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Feb. 3. All are invited.

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### NEWS NOTES

R. D. and Jennie Sprague called on George Looman of rural Remus Thursday afternoon.

### MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE OFFERS PLACEMENT SERVICE

Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison has announced the creation of a placement services office. Its primary service will be to help all job-ready students, graduates and alumni who are seeking full or part-time employment. Other services will include dissemination of career and employment information, help in developing job contacts, and consultation on career plans and employment interests.

An important function of the new service will be to provide those with the necessary skills and knowledge to fill vital positions in business and industry.

The placement service office will serve as contact at Mid-Michigan College for all employers who need full or part-time help, or who wish additional information concerning skill pro-

grams offered at the college.

Programs offered at the college cover a wide range of skills, such as accounting, construction technology, automotive service, medical secretary, welding, practical nursing, heating, air conditioning and refrigeration, child care and guidance, and many more.

Business and industry personnel are encouraged to contact Richard Toeker, director of occupational placement services, tel. 386-7792, extension 269.

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### WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

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

This Friday several of our folks will be attending a Family Life Seminar at Evart.

We had coffee and cake for last year's officers Sunday evening, after services.

# BIG clearance NOW IN PROGRESS

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Jan. 29

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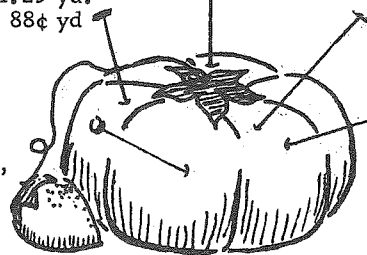
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# Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Dora Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Tuesday morning.

Delores Gould and Don visited Mrs. Sheila Rau Saturday morning.

A group of ladies surprised Effie Schafer on her birthday last week, with a little get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pasch visited Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goffnett Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family visited Mrs. Dorothy Gould Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp and Donna, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Klumpp, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. John Sheahan, Marie Rahl and Louise Schafer attended the wedding of Jim Preston and Pam Schafer at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Shepherd, and the reception at the Country Club in Mt. Pleasant.

Tillie Schafer and Louise Schafer spent Sunday at the Oscar Schafer home in Wimm.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schafer

of Detroit spent the weekend with Effie Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fedewa of Portland, Mike Gross and Coletta Gross spent Sunday afternoon with Matie Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Virg Seiter of Frankenmuth spent Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goffnett and family of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family and Ann Smith.

Brian Gould visited Pat and Rob Birgy Saturday, at the Joe Sheppard home.

The Weidman TOPS Club had their annual banquet Friday at the Coldwater Lake Inn.

Beal City Varsity basketball team played McBain. Beal Lost, 51-48.

Fred Gould attended a bowling tournament in Muskegon over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa went to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge in Midland, to help celebrate the trip-lets' birthday, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer visited Mrs. Peter Lorenz one afternoon last week.

# LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

How many times have we heard "I wish it would get cold and stay cold"? This changeable weather is terrible. It got COLD and has stayed COLD!

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Mrs. Robert Mays tells of the passing of her mother:

Margaret Dena Neely, 73, of Lakeview died unexpectedly Jan. 13, following a sudden massive stroke.

She was the first-born of Rev. George and Bertha VanWingerden, July 3, 1903, and spent most of her life in west Central Michigan.

In 1923 she married Otto Neely of Hesperia, who preceded her in death in June, 1948.

After moving to Lakeview in 1937, she became an active member of the Asbury United Methodist Church and the Lakeview Woman's Club.

Margaret was a source of encouragement to family, friends, and the hospital staff, despite her many years of handicap following a severe stroke in 1950. She spent the last eight years in Kelsey Extended Care Unit.

She is survived by her mother-in-law, Iva Neely, 93, of Hesperia; a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mays, of Lake Isabella, Weidman; a foster

daughter, Analee Cook, of Palm-dale, Calif.; four sisters, Doris and Verna VanWingerden and Altha Crawford of Lansing, Bertha VanWingerden of Baltimore, Md., a brother, Willard Van Wingerden of Bay City; and three grandchildren, John Mays of Grand Rapids, Iva Norton of Sand Lake, and Margaret Thurston of Howard City; also five great-grandchildren and five foster grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 15, at Youngman's Funeral Home in Lakeview, with burial in the Hesperia Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established in her name for "Kelsey Memorial Extended Care Unit, Lakeview."

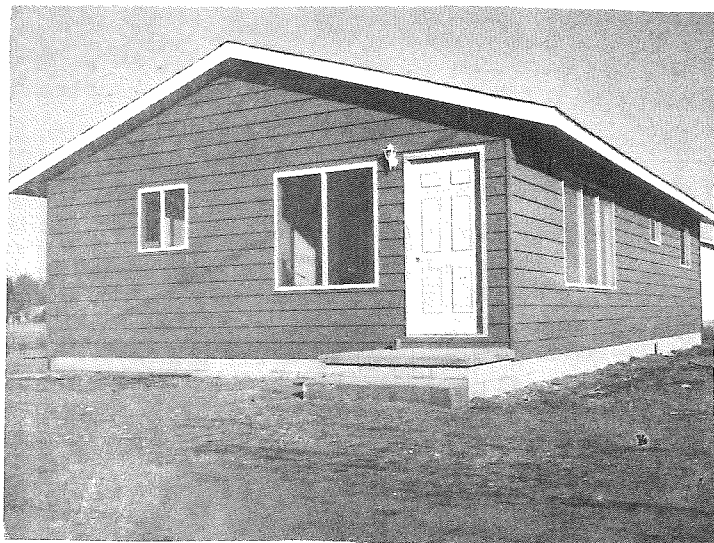
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## NEWS NOTES

A snowmobile party Sunday was enjoyed by 25 young marrieds and their families. They snowmobiled to Bundy Mountain and enjoyed a hot-dog roast. The children had a big time sliding down Bundy Hill and the lesser ones. Included in the party were the Dennis Embreys, the Joe Clarks of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Butch Nicholson, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Close, all of rural Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson spent Sunday at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Powers, of near Shepherd.

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## Card of Thanks

The George Battleshaw family wish to thank the Farwell Fire Department for its service, the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department for its donation, the friends who put on the dinner after the funeral; those who gave money, and all others who helped and comforted the family in many ways.

We also thank the Coker Funeral Home, Rev. Marvin Eldridge for his words of comfort, George's friends who acted as pallbearers, and all others who helped in any way.

Your kindness and sympathy are deeply appreciated.

## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

I am sorry to learn by your announcement of the probable demise of the Weidman Messenger by next June.

Considering all the changes in the methods of disseminating news and advertisements, it is a wonder that a small publication like the Messenger has been able to survive as long as it has. The credit, to be sure, goes to your ability and perseverance.

I am waiving any right to refund of monies for unfulfilled subscription.

My best wishes to you for good health and for success in whatever endeavor you may next pursue.

Sincerely  
Hugh Hobart  
Santa Clara, Calif.

(Ed's Note: Bless your heart, Hugh Hobart! And we thank you. At this moment things appear to be looking up: Weidman is growing, business men are thinking twice about keeping their local paper---maybe we'll make it after all! (Along with Mary Tyler Moore.)

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Dear Connie,  
Please renew our subscription and the one for our son, Tom (Lieut. Thomas Straus).  
Thank you.

Joyce Straus  
Weidman

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The Messenger:

This weather has everyone on the outs. I'll try and be on time next time. Please excuse me.

August Fritz  
Oak Park, Mich.

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HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls spent Saturday with Elwood and Lola Miller. The girls spent the weekend with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls were last Tuesday evening dinner guests of R. D. and Jennie Sprague, celebrating Jodie's 16th birthday. Mrs. Bessie Teall was also a guest.

Mrs. Marge Mullett and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Nina Forbes. Russell and Diane Holt of Mt. Pleasant were also visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rau of Beal City.

Paul and Jean Kussrow and Thayne and Phyllis Sides spent from Saturday till Monday enjoying the Northland, taking the famous train from the Soo into Canada, and taking in other enjoyable aspects of that country.

Mrs. Robert Tibbetts of East Lansing spent Friday night and Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Claribel Beutler. Her son, Jim, was a guest of the Johnstons at Rosebush. The boys spent Saturday skiing at Crystal Mountain, near Frankfort. Saturday evening Mrs. Tibbetts and Mrs. Beutler enjoyed a belated birthday dinner with the Rosebush Johnston family.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## WEIDMAN DAY MEETING THIS WEEK SUNDAY

A meeting has been called for this coming Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Weidman Fire Hall, to discuss possibilities of putting it on again this year, and also to present a financial report on last year's celebration.

All WBA members, all those who worked to prepare and run Weidman Day, and anyone interested, all are requested to attend.

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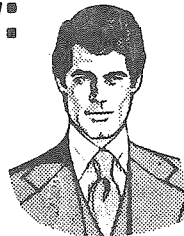
We especially wish to thank the Coker Funeral Home of Farwell, Rev. Marvin Eldridge, and the pallbearers.

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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Klason and Mrs. Dick Reid and Maggie were dinner guests of their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler, Saturday.

Paul Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk made a trip to Lake Orion Saturday, where they got another load of goods, in the process of their moving.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Pfannes of Evert visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes, Sunday.

Sabastian Pfannes and Paul Cole called on Wm. Pfannes Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes and Mrs. Orma Kripa were dinner guests of the Paul Coles Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and Mike were dinner guests Sunday of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Casteel, of Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler visited his sister, Mrs. Maggie Boger, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Sunday.

Raymond Geasler is spending a few days at his cabin.

Paul Cole made a trip to South Bend, Ind., to the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell, Sunday.

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were in Lansing Saturday. They also called on her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller called on his mother Friday. Debbie and Teri Touchinski stayed over night Saturday with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rau were Sunday afternoon callers at the Earl Oplinger home.

Alvin W.A. Cummins called on his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins, Saturday.

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

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and her grandchildren and the Bob Denslow family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow. Mack and Margie are slowly recovering from a bout of flu.

Mrs. Ruby Williams and Mrs. Ruth Coats of Clare spent Saturday afternoon and evening with Mrs. Opal Denslow.

Mrs. Catherine Foff and two children of Mt. Pleasant stayed over night Sunday with Mrs. Opal Denslow.

Paul Miller is slowly recuperating from his seige of illness.

Mrs. Pete Wood attended the snowmobile races at Marion Sat-

urday. The Woods' grandson, B. J. Whitman, stayed from Sunday till Tuesday with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bateman were Sunday dinner guests at the Charles Fahnestock home.

Clayton Dutcher was a Friday caller at the Charlie Losey home, and he took them some fresh fish. Sunday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, and Gerald Losey.

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wright spent the weekend with their son, Vyrl, and family at Flat Rock. They received word of the death of their brother-in-law, Lyle Harrigan, of Greenville, Tuesday. He was the husband of the former Rita Wright. They attended the funeral at Greenville Thursday. Mrs. Teeter and her daughter, Helen Place, also attended the funeral from here.

Bill Forbes and son, Lee, and family were dinner guests of their daughter and sister, Melanie, of Midland, Sunday. Bill went on to Pontiac to see Edna Forbes, who remains a patient at the hospital there.

Larry Strang spent the weekend here with his family, and worked at the Clare Hospital on Saturday.

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## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Zena Olger went to see her doctor Monday, on the Van-Tran.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott attended a benefit party in St. Louis for the Kenneth Abbott family who burned out a couple of weeks ago.

Micky Abbott and son, Robert, went snowmobiling Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Laura Latham isn't very well. Her children, John and Chell and Jim, visited her, and some of them are in most every day. Diana Latham stops in about every night or day to check with her.

Dick Gott took us to our doctor Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott called Friday evening after work. Debi Graham called on us and took me and Zena Olger to town and we called on Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peacock and Diana.

Mrs. Helen Alwood came home last Wednesday from the Clare Hospital, after having surgery on her foot. She is doing fine.

Debi Graham is taking wedding pictures professionally now, and doing fine.

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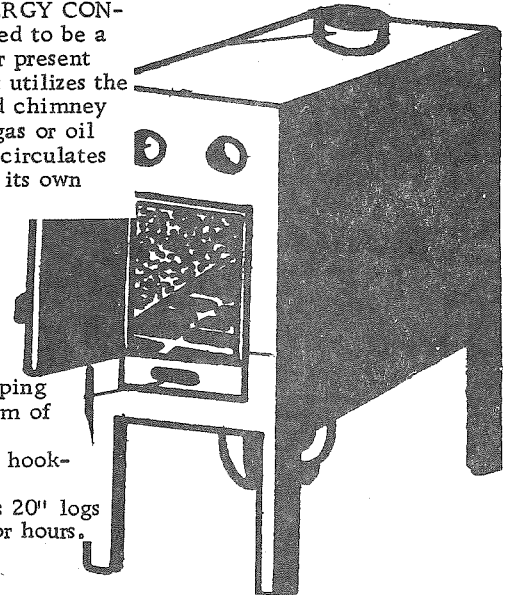
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