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Editor's Column

By Connie

WE MUST NOT LET OUR TOWNSHIP BOARDS GO INTO THE LIMBO OF HAS-BEEN

Tragedies in nearby townships have sent a shiver of apprehension down the spines of a lot of us out-county folks, inasmuch as state and county government bodies have an unendurable itch to do away with the township unit.

We must not let that happen.

Our Township Board members are our last link with any sort of local control of government. We can call our Supervisor, or our Clerk, or Treasurer, and get immediate and straight answers to local problems.

County and state officials have made the jobs of township officers tougher and tougher in the last few years, but we'll hand it to the Sherman Township Board. Every one of them came up to the almost-impossible standards of county and state demands: Preparation of tax rolls and descriptions not by name and locations any more, but by computer numbers. Increased paper work--by the ton. Increased demands on the qualifications of township officials.

The Sherman Township Board did all that: Earl Oplinger went to school and became a certified tax assessor; his wife Bobbie, who helps him with the book work, changed over to computer-calculations and the like. Alma Dosenberry, our Township Treasurer, also had to learn new gadgets and new ways and thingumajigs.

And they're bonded.

And no checks are issued by the Sherman Township Treasurer without the order of the Township Clerk, Keith Loomis, whose paper work also has increased a thousandfold.

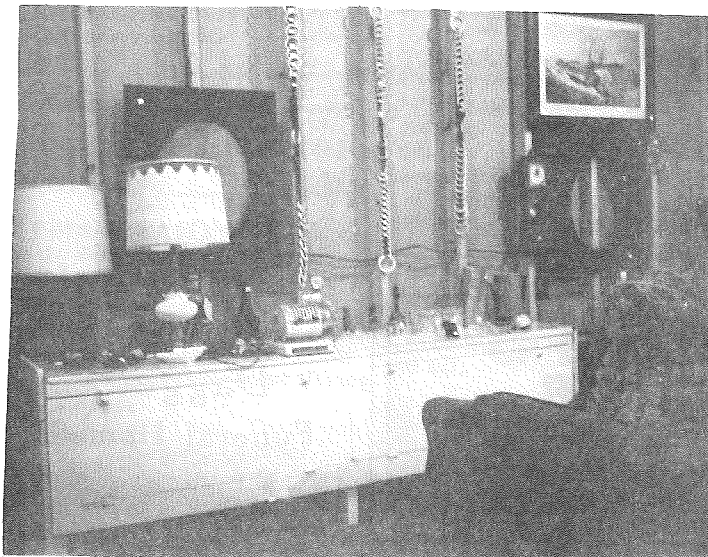
A shining example of Big Government in country places is the substitution of a County Board of Commissioners for our old 16-man Board of Supervisors.

The old Board of Supervisors knew what they were doing, be-

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DAWN'S PAST AND PRESENT STORE--Is the newest business to open in Weidman. Dawn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Osborn, of Weidman, and she has a delightful array of this'n'that, including Mexican imports, gifts for every person and every occasion, plus some regular little-girl dolls, and such. She's in the old Oddfellows Hall Building on South Woodruff Road, close to downtown and within walking distance of a lot of folks.



DAWN ALSO HAS SOME ANTIQUES--In furniture, odd items, you name it, in her attractive new store. The place is divided into two rooms, one containing antique items. All in all it's a most attractive and new-idea store. Messenger photos

One year ago today the high temperature was 40 degrees, the low 28, and it was cloudy all day.

HALLOWE'EN COMES AND GOES; NO MAJOR VANDALISM

For the first time in years, no major vandalism was reported here during the Hallowe'en weekend.

For years this town was plagued by rowdy gangs, some of them coming all the way up from Edmore, to smash pumpkins along the business street, wreak havoc at the park, and otherwise raise the old Ned with this town.

At our house we had just a nice rather steady stream of little kids all dressed up--and some of them were really costumed!--knocking at the front door and politely taking candy from the proffered dish.

We had some truly beautiful kids, even a lovely angel, a little girl who really looked the part, along with her elaborate angel dress-up.

And we had polite boys in all sorts of costumes, from the Tin Man to the Straw Man and black-face.

For us it was a really nice evening.

What a relief, after what this town has gone through the past several years!

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WAUBENOO CHAPTER INSTALS OFFICERS

The officers of Waubenoos Chapter 360, OES, were installed Saturday afternoon in an impressive ceremony.

Robert Marple of Mt. Pleasant was the installing officer. He was assisted by Jean Chapin of Remus, installing marshal, and Mary Manor, installing organist; and Marcella Crimbaugh of St. Louis, installing chaplain.

Mr. Bogart was guest soloist.

Guests were present from St. Louis, Winn, Mt. Pleasant, and the Remus-Blanchard chapter, and the Sheridan chapter.

Members of Job's Daughters put on a part of the program.

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Shirley Nolan was married Saturday to Gerald Willoughby of Blanchard, at Trinity Church near there. A reception was held at the Broomfield Grange Hall. They received many beautiful gifts.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

BUSY BEES WILL MEET AT CLEDA NAVARRE'S

The Busy Bees will meet at the home of Cleda Navvare Nov. 10. Everyone try to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Recker were Sunday dinner guests of the Ed Oplingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Sloan of Gladwin, Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Holmes, Mrs. Maude Cassidy and Mrs. Mabel Allen were Sunday afternoon guests of the Elwood Millers.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended UMW officers' training at Barryton Wednesday. She and Bill attended Central Michigan Homecoming activities at Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Mrs. Flora Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist, Mrs. Wendy Whitman and D. J., Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills and Carrie, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Olger, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bingham, Lee Flory, Brenda Methner and Mrs. Isabel Pelletier

were guests during the weekend at the Pete Wood home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were Wednesday callers at the Charlie Losey home. Goldie called on me also. Mrs. Susie Chapman and Chad and Jason were Wednesday luncheon guests. Monroe Beckwith was a Thursday caller, and he also stayed Saturday over night.

Harold and Lori Losey were Friday evening callers. Lois stayed with Charlie while Harold took Hattie and me to the funeral home to pay respects to our cousin, Ira Leiter. Ron Losey was a Saturday caller. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Don Merrihew and Greg and Brenda, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and Harold Losey.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson spent Saturday afternoon and over night with the Jim Thompsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Irving Cummins were last week callers of Mrs. Treva Cummins.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

We are happy to report that Mary Betts is recovering satisfactorily from her burns at this writing. She is still in the Alma Hospital.

Mrs. Frances Tueck is improving daily since she returned home. She tells me she has found many wonderful people around Lake Isabella and the Weidman area.

Otto, my sister Faye and I made a trip to Alpena last Wednesday, to visit our brother and his invalid wife. It was a beautiful day for a 400-mile trip. Friday we left for Corunna to help my oldest sister celebrate her 84th birth-

day, then on to Lansing for the weekend, visiting our son and family and friends around Lansing.

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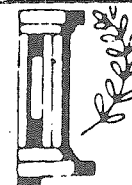
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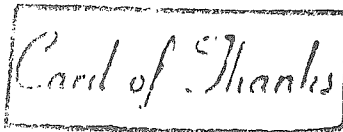
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I would like to thank the doctors, nurses and attendants for the care given me during my short stay in the hospital.

Also the Busy Bees, friends, relatives and neighbors, for cards and gifts, and their visits during my illness.

Again, may I say, Thank you! Ervin W. Dutcher

Local Items

Mrs. Gusta Green and grandson, Glenn, called on Clayton Smith at the hospital, and also on Clara at home, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith of Wolverine called on their father Saturday also. Clayton has had a lot of company from all over.

Obituary

FREDERICK J. HAUCK

Frederick J. Hauck of Shepherd died last Thursday, October 27, at his home. He was 62.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant, with burial in Calvary Cemetery. A rosary service was said Friday at 8 p.m. at the Lux-Rush Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Hauck was a member of the Sacred Heart Church and the Mt. Pleasant Moose Lodge. He was a lifelong resident of Isabella County, one of the Hauck family who established and ran the big Hauck Farm east of Weidman. He is survived by his wife, Mildred; a son, Norman, at home; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Ellen Hubbell, of Shepherd; a brother, Ragolt, and three sisters, Mrs. Lillian Zeien, Mrs. Helen Zeien and Mrs. Irene Smith, all of Beal City.

A son, Roy, preceded him in death.

The family have the sympathy of their very many friends.

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Obituary

IRA LEITER

Ira Leiter, a lifelong resident of Coldwater Township, died last Thursday, Oct. 27, in the Isabella Medical Care Facility. He was 78.

He was born Feb. 2, 1899, in this area.

He is survived by a son, Warren; a brother, Harvey, of Remus; and a sister, Mrs. Roy (Mamie) Sisco of rural Mt. Pleasant. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. His wife, Bernice, preceded him in death in 1943.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in the Forest Hill Cemetery at Horr.

The family have the sympathy of all.

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Obituary

HENRY PURDY

Henry Purdy of Woodland, Mich., died last Thursday, Oct. 27. He was 71.

He was a retired farmer from this area, and many here will remember him.

He is survived by five daughters, Viola Shepherd of Owosso, Irene Jones of Lake, Stella King

of Winn, Delores Purdy of Flint, and Ruby Ward of Nashville, Mich.; three sons, Jay of Flint, Walter of Lake, and James of Vermontville; a sister, May Ward, of Leslie. Also 31 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 30, at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in the Gilmore Cemetery.

The family have the sympathy of all.

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the Churches

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Sunday School (classes for all ages), 11 a.m.

Preaching Service, 11 a.m.

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Evening Service, 7 p.m.

Rev. Marvin Eldridge was in Alaska, Mich., last Sunday, his home town, where he led services.

At our church, George Spooner and Dennis Hayes were speakers, while Tracy Bywater led the singing.

The members of the Brinton Chapel were our guests, and five of them were baptized here.

We are enjoying our new pews with their cushioned seats.

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Youth Service, 6.15 p.m.

Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p.m.

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DAR representative

Denise Tilmann, a senior at Beal City High School, has been selected by the senior class and faculty of the high school as their 1977 representative for the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Denise is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Tilmann, Rt. 2A, West Jordan Road, Beal City. Among her various activities in school are the 4-H Club, student council, class and club officer, yearbook editor, a member of the varsity and junior varsity volleyball squad, and a member of the school's pep club. Denise and other area DAR representatives will be attending a tea in their honor Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. in the University Center ballroom on the Central Michigan University campus.



Chip Hills accepts budget

REMUS — A 1977-78 budget of almost \$4 million was accepted Monday by the Chippewa Hills Board of Education.

Superintendent La Vern Alward said board members accepted the budget of \$3,969,978 following a hearing Monday. He said this is an increase over last year's budget of \$3,034,953.

Alward said the largest cost increases came in the areas of supplies and maintenance. He said funds for both areas had been virtually eliminated during last year's financial crunch but could now be restored due to millage approved by the district's residents.

The next meeting of the board will be its regular gathering Nov. 8.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter
Verna Seymour and granddaughter, Darlene, paid respects to

Henry Purdy at the Daggett Funeral Home Saturday evening. They went to the Gilmore Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Tressie Brown and Laura Cook and daughter called on Zena

Olger one day last week.

Laura Latham attended a shower for Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss Sunday afternoon.

I visited my brother, Ezra Rhy-nard, at the Clare Nursing Home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak visited their children at Warren over the weekend, and brought three grandsons, Danny, Joey and Ronnie Wood, home with them. Their parents will come and get them next week.

Carol Abbott, Lois Knollenberg, Muriel Miller and daughter, Debbie, visited Kim Chapman at CMC Hospital Sunday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey entertained their family, the Rich-

ard and Dennis Embrey families, Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. Bessie Price.

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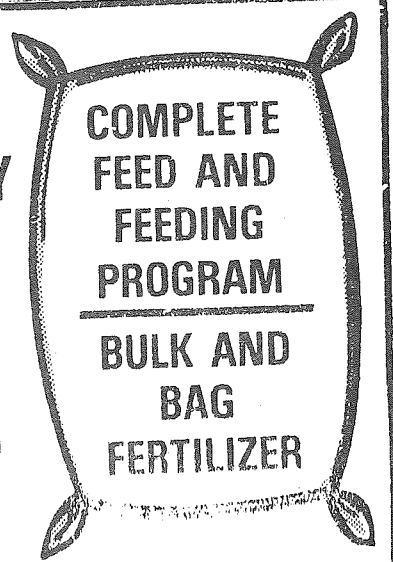
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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Father Neubecker is home, recuperating from his eye surgery. May Fussman is home after visiting friends and relatives in her home state.

Clara Fox turned 90 years old Monday.

The K. of C. breakfast Sunday morning was well attended.

Kitty Yuncker and Irene Zeien went to Saginaw Thursday.

Ladies of CCW worked at the home of Irene Fedewa, getting ready for their Christmas Bazaar.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen went to Houghton Lake Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith and family of Lansing had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Sunday.

Margie Rau and Florence Stefke served ice cream and cake at the Senior Citizens' card party for Rose Grinzinger's 80th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schafer and Melissa of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Bob Schafer home.

A large number from here attended the funeral of Fred Hauck in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

We welcome to our parish membership Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lance and children, Jacqueline, Brian and Teresa.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Deb, Dale and Gimny, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau and family attended a birthday party for Don Gould II's third birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould attended a Hallowe'en party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Grace Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Tilmann

visited Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann Sunday.

Jane Zeien celebrated her birthday Sunday with friends, roller skating.

Louis Rau had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fussman and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Pat Fussman in Lansing Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Louis Rau played cards with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell Saturday evening.

Irene Klein of Oscoda visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bowerman left for Texas Tuesday, where Leon is stationed in the Air Force.

Mike Straus got a deer with bow and arrow Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and family were out over the weekend to attend the funeral of Fred Hauck.

Beal City Varsity football team played Manistee Friday night, losing, 14-7. The team plays Sacred Heart Friday night at Beal City.

Irene Smith spent last week with the Wayne Huffman family at St. Clair.

Tom Straus of the New Jersey Air Force base spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Straus and family.

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BEAL CITY SENIORS

HAVE 13 TABLES AT PLAY

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 13 tables of pepper at play.

Hulda Stevens won first prize for the ladies, with Elizabeth Neubecker second and Catherine Schafer low.

Elwin Cluley won first for the men, with Ed Faber second and Ambrose Thelen low.

Clare McTaggart won the pepper prize. Jerome Young won the door prize.

The family of Rose Grinzinger surprised her with a beautiful birthday cake and ice cream, which all enjoyed. All sang Happy Birthday to Mrs. Grinzinger.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Nov. 10. Everyone is invited.

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Local Items

Mrs. Frances Going of Sheridan spent the weekend with Mrs. Emma Middlesworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski enjoyed a Hallowe'en party at the Jacques Coon home at Lake, Saturday evening. A hayride was a feature of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mulnix of Carson City were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague. In the afternoon they called on her uncle, Clayton Smith, at CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Dick McCann at Midland Sunday afternoon. On their way home they called on Mrs. Frances Hartgrave at Loomis, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Dent at Farwell.

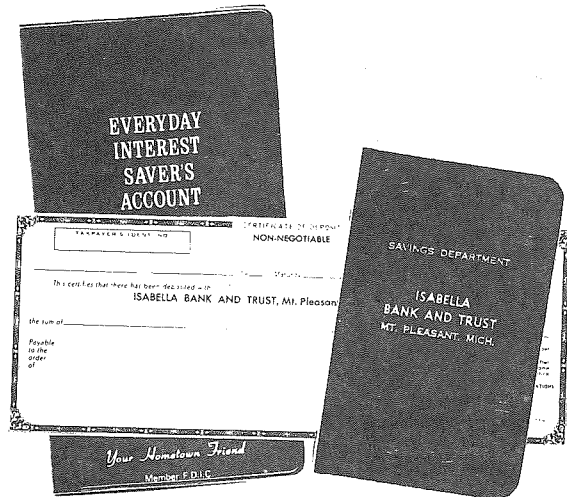
"In the woods, we return to reason and faith. The greatest delight which the fields and woods minister is the suggestion of an occult relation between man and the vegetable... They nod to me, and I to them." --Emerson.

"A man is fed, not that he may be fed, but that he may work." Emerson

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MORE NOTTAWA HISTORY COMES TO LIGHT

John Forest was cleaning out a shed on the old Frank Forest place, which is now John's home, and he came across a couple of school directors' account books.

They are priceless accounts of life in Nottawa in the early days, and in its unending efforts to provide schooling for its children.

We asked Vera Kavanaugh to help us out with details of the school (Nottawa District No. 4), and she gave us another copy of the beautifully-done Centennial book which Vera Kavanaugh and Regina Faber compiled, edited, and got printed.

Under "Schools" in that Centennial book is listed the Nottawa District No. 4, also known as the Town Hall School, as it was located on the site where the township hall now stands in Nottawa.

According to the Centennial book, this School District No. 4 must have included area south of Beal City, at the beginning. Later there was a "South School," and the District No. 4 School was known as the "North School."

The first board meeting for this school was held Feb. 16, 1880, at the log home of Fred Speck.

The new Town Hall School was completed in 1889 (after the district had held school in private homes and elsewhere since 1880), at a cost of \$520.61. In 1882 the school census was 27. By 1890 it

had grown to 84.

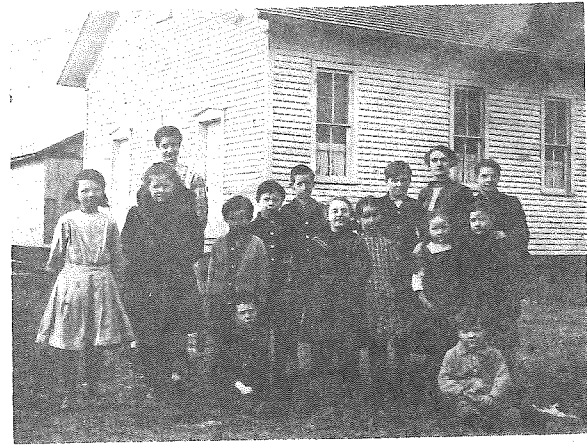
The first book of John Forest's discovery carries first-entry date of 1908, with N. Laubenthal Director, Anthony Tilmann Moderator, Henry J. Martin Treasurer, and Louise Tilmann teacher.

The first entry is a contract between the school and Louise Tilmann, for her to teach eight months of that years for a monthly salary of \$40.00. (That's \$10 per week.)

A contract in 1911 lists Teresa Tilmann as teacher, at \$55.00 per month.

Peter Tilmann received \$2 per month for "use of water", apparently as long as the school was situated on that corner.

Townhall School about 1912-1913



Seated in front: Linus Mead, Clyde LaPearl, 1st. row: Stella Mead (Murphy), Matie Simmer (Pung), Leo Wieber, Justin Young, Erma LaPearl, Hazel Miller, Stella Miller, Viola Schumacher (Straus). Back row: Oliva Schumacher (Halfman) John Miller, Alex Buechel, Teresa Tilmann - Teacher, Ed Schumacher.



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(We'll have more on the Town Hall School in the future. John's books list items needed for the school, and it's a revelation to read what they cost at that time.

(The above photos and material taken from the Centennial Book compiled and edited by Vera Kavanaugh and Regina Faber.)

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Ruth Border, called on Beulah's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole, last Wednesday.

The Paul Coles spent Thursday with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing, at Vassar. Pat took Mom and Velma shopping at Bonner's in Frank-enmuth. Who said it wasn't Christmas every day? Just go to Bonner's and you will never believe otherwise. They have Christmas every day there.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Buchel were called to Lansing due to the illness of his stepmother.

Just received word Mrs. Maggie Boger is home and feeling better. She had been in CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

I am sure all of us poultry raisers will give thanks to Sid Sheahan of Littlefield Lake, who called here the other day with around 20-some foxes he had caught. Yours Truly lost 30 nice fat hens and a rooster to the animals.

Our sympathy to the family of Henry Purdy, our old neighbor and friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler attended a Hallowe'en party at the home of her brother, George Cornell, of Gladwin, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Pearl Geasler is on the sick list. Her sister, Lola, called her from Arizona Saturday morning.

John Geasler and Jean called on Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler Friday.

Little Andy Lague is in the hospital with croup, but was reported much better.

Little Miss Ronnie Mahon is also on the sick list.

Mrs. Elsie Hobart and Mrs. Orma Kripa were supper guests of the Paul Coles Monday evening.

Wm. Pfannes and John Hoskie brought their brother and uncle a pickup-truck load of wood Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus and Frances and Mark of Drummond Island spent a couple of days with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fahe. They also called on other old neighbors and friends, and also her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes called on his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Schemanske spent several days at their cabin. Mrs. Schemanske was called home as her daughter in Detroit had been robbed, and needed her.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa, Mrs. Elsie Hobart and Frankie Dennis were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dennis Sunday.

Paul Cole helped set forms for Dan Kripa's garage Sunday.

The Paul Coles and Velma and Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa Sunday.

The Paul Coles' grandson, Richard Mossell, will have more surgery on his ear this week Monday.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott and Susan of near Traverse City spent a few days with their Mother Scott and Don, last week.

Maggie Boger returned home Friday from CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant, where she was a patient.

Mickey Slupe of Grand Rapids was a weekend guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang have been doing remodeling on their house, with a new cellar entrance and new siding. They are now staining it, which looks very nice.

Eunice LaLonde and I were in Cadillac Sunday, where we did some shopping, and enjoyed dinner.

Violet Wright is now working at the Christmas decorating wreaths at her home in Brinton. Jean Wixon is working with her some.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beers called on Clayton Beutler at CMC Hospital Sunday. Fern also called on Clayton during the day.

Helen Strang called at the Jay Strang home Monday.

Just a reminder that Merry Go Round Club will meet with Mrs. Gott in Weidman Nov. 10, with everyone invited. The annual Bazaar will take place at this meeting.

Jimmy Beaudain was a Friday night guest of Dwayne LaLonde, and Dwayne joined the Beaudains on a trip to Saginaw Saturday evening, where they shopped at the Mall and enjoyed supper, eating at the Mall.

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ATTENTION, HOME OWNERS!
Have you had your oil, gas or wood heating units for your home checked out and cleaned for safe use for the winter ahead?

Now is the time, tomorrow could be too late. We have all had a small kiss of the cold, nasty weather, and some of you have fired up the old stove without cleaning.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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cause they knew their people, intimately.

The new Board of Commissioners is Mt. Pleasant oriented, Mt. Pleasant interested--and can you name your Commissioner supposed to represent you on the County Board? (Neither can I. He lives down there near Matt Engler, and I have never seen him.)

So--let's fight to keep our township government units. They are our one last personal connection with circumstances in our areas, besides the almighty detail of taxation. (They don't set the taxation, but they can explain what happened when your taxes jumped by 50 percent in one year. And the jump wasn't initiated at the township level. It was begun at the county level and given boosts at the state level.)

For years we've heard rumblings about "the state and county want to do away with township control altogether," and now it is a reality.

Sherman Township has a good and honest and efficient Board. Let's keep it that way. I personally don't want to be controlled, either from Mt. Pleasant or Lansing.

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Local Items

Clayton Smith was taken to CMC Hospital Friday morning by ambulance, suffering a light stroke. He was reported as improving this week.

Mrs. Harvey Brien of Ithaca was a Sunday afternoon and luncheon guest of Mrs. Nina Forbes. Mrs. Ron Littel and children of Ithaca, Julie and Jess, and Mrs. Carol Delong and three children of Alma were also visitors.

Tim McArthur of Pontiac spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur.



THE GIRLS AT THE WEIDMAN BANK--Went all out for Hallowe'en Monday, all day, and they dished up coffee and donuts to all comers as a Hallowe'en treat. You wouldn't know most of them in their spiffy costumes, so here's the list: Left to right, standing: Dottie Bunting, Judy Thielen, Alberta Bleise, Barb Bierschbach, Rhoda Straus. Seated are Carol Mathews and Jean Schafer. Their costumes were definite and complete, if we may say so, and they had as good a time as the public. Messenger photo

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