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Editor's Column

By Connie

THE TRAGEDY OF SCHOOL MILLAGE ELECTIONS

The tragedy of school millage elections, besides the factor of passing or being turned down, is the rupture of long-held friendships among close-knit people, like village folks, like farm folks, like the "lakers", who may not be our life-long friends but nevertheless are our friends.

Parents with children in school naturally want their kids to have "the best education there is-- better than the one we got!"

Home-owners on small financial budgets want taxes lowered, not raised. In fact, many of them can't stay with us if taxes are raised.

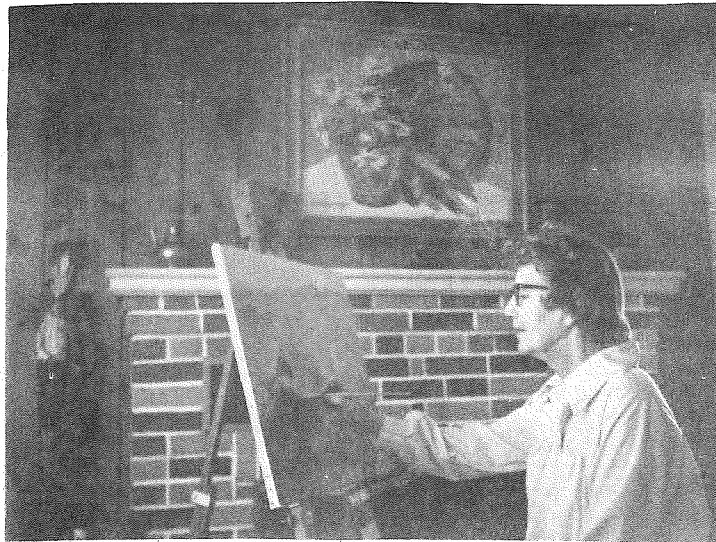
So there we are.

Forgive us our trespasses, our criticism of school administrators and their inept handling of three million dollars a year spending money to run the Chippewa Hills Schools. Forgive us for demanding everybody shell out to keep the ag teacher in his job, the athletic programs going, the buses replaced, ad infinitum.

For we all must live together, despite our divergent opinions. My personal opinion is that the administration of the Chippewa Hills Schools is inadequate to handle the far-flung tax base (that was to lower all our taxes if we'd just vote to consolidate into one huge mass); my opinion is that the school could be run, and adequately, on far less money than it is spending today; that we should reduce, replace, reschedule and otherwise redo our present teaching programs and personnel.

There. Like I said, forgive us our trespasses. That's the way I feel, and I have lost some of the affection of some of my younger parent-friends for it.

Examples are parents of the
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WEIDMAN ARTIST IN JURIED SHOW--Frances Tranbarger's oil painting, "Winter Fun on Lake of the Hills," was among only six oil and water-color paintings accepted for hanging in a juried show at the University in Mt. Pleasant. The show will run to Feb. 25, and the public is invited to see it in the Creative Arts Gallery at the University Center at Mt. Pleasant. About 100 paintings were entered by area artists. A juried show is difficult to win in, and this is Frances' first time to be "hung" in a juried show. Messenger photo

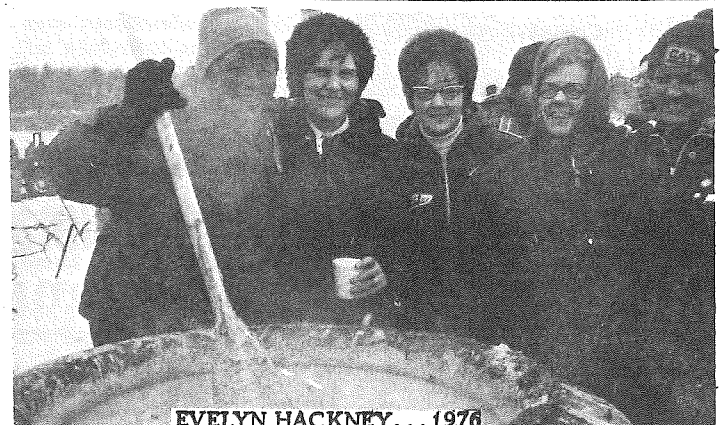
This is the 14th annual Juried Art Show sponsored by the Mt. Pleasant Artists Association, of which Frances is a member. She always shows her paintings in an annual Artists program of one-man shows in Mt. Pleasant, usually hung at the McPhail Insurance Agency in downtown Mt. Pleasant.

Charles Diehl, head of the Department of Fine Arts at the University of Cincinnati, is juror for the present show. He apparently likes photography, as there are large numbers of photos accepted for showing in the present show. There are also displays of ceramics, macrame, and some litho prints, and sculpture.

Frances' painting in the present show depicts the lake back of her home, the hills on Lake of the Hills, part of the island, and children shoveling snow on the lake, and skating.

Frances paints only when she is not busy with her greenhouse

work, to supply demands of The Flower Shop, Weidman's only successful greenhouse.



EVELYN HACKNEY... 1976

SHE'LL BE STIRRING UP HER DELECTABLE BEAN SOUP--

This coming Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Fifth Annual Little Mac Pig Roast on the Elwood Miller farm west and north of Weidman. Ev is spending the winter in Florida, but came back just to make her bean soup for all to enjoy. Plans and preparations are com- | (Continued on Back Page)

NO MAIL SERVICE NEXT MONDAY

Next Monday, Feb. 21, is Washington's Birthday and a legal holiday, so there will be no mail service, at post offices or on rural routes.

Messenger news writers are asked to try to get their news in any way they can.

Thanks, faithful writers.

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LIONS CLUB FISH FRY GOES WELL, CONSIDERING OUR WACKY WINTER WEATHER

The Weidman Lions Club's fish fry at the Weidman School last Friday evening went well, considering this winter's unpredictable storms and road conditions.

Nevertheless, a good number of people turned out for it.

The Weidman Lions have scheduled other fish fries, one for March 11 and another for April 15, both at the Weidman School. Make your plans early.

Incidentally, serving time at all Lions Club fish fries is 5.30 to 7.30 p. m.

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Don't miss the Fifth Annual Little Mac Pig Roast and outdoor snow-sports event this coming Sunday, Feb. 20.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole called on Mr. and Mrs. Mort McTaggart Friday evening. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk that evening.

Velma Cole and Yours Truly called on their doctor in Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday. They were supper guests of their sister, Mrs. Helen Allbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes, the first of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes left for Florida by plane for an extended vacation with their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk went to Detroit last Thursday to see their doctor.

Mrs. Verna Seymour hosted the Merry Go Round Club last Thursday, with 20 in attendance.

The Paul Coles called on Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus Saturday

evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell and son, Richard, and grandson, Johnny Mossell, of South Bend, Ind., spent the weekend with her parents, the Paul Coles, and Velma. Others who came Sunday to help Yours Truly celebrate a lovely birthday were Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes, Mrs. Orma Kripa and Steve, Mrs. Barbara Dennis and Rusty, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Melissa and Ronnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus and Margaret and Mark were supper guests of their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dean, of rural Mt. Pleasant Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Castel of Clare were Sunday dinner guests of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clossen and Mrs. Melody Reed and Maggie were dinner guests of the ladies' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler

and boys and Pam and Lynn Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Castel helped Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Worth of St. Clair were recent visitors of his parents, the Robert Worths. Darrell is manager of recreation at Selfridge Field, at St. Clair.

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Local Items

Tim McArthur returned home Saturday after a week in St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, for extensive surgery on his face after a snowmobile accident. He was recovering nicely, though he can have only liquids for eats as his jaws are wired together for healing of broken bones. Tim

goes back to St. Mary's in a couple of weeks for removal of the wires from his jaws.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Watson of Leaton spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur.

Mrs. David Wood and boys of St. Johns and Ron and Janet Apple of Lansing were Saturday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague spent last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mulnix at Carson City. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague were supper guests of R. D. and Jennie Saturday.

Bonnie and Ronnie Sprague and Pam spent Sunday evening with the Richard Touchinski family. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller also spent the evening with them, as did Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baines of Port Huron.

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LEGAL

Notice

NOTICE OF ALLEY CLOSURE
Commissioner House presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption:
"WHEREAS, a Petition has been filed with this Board signed by all of the owners and occupants of land abutting on the alley in Block Twenty-two (22) of the plat of the Village of Weidman in Section Thirteen (13), Township Fifteen North (T-15-N), Range Six West (R-6-W), Sherman Township, Isabella County, Michigan, requesting that said alley be absolutely abandoned and discontinued, and
"WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that it is to the best interest of the public that said alley shall be absolutely abandoned and discontinued,
"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
1. That it is to the best interests of the public that the above described alley be absolutely abandoned and discontinued.
2. That the alley in Block Twenty-two (22) of the plat of the Village of Weidman, in Section Thirteen (13), Township Fifteen North (T-15-N), Range Six West (R-6-W), Sherman Township, Isabella County, Michigan, be absolutely abandoned and discontinued.
3. That Notice of this action shall be published in the Weidman Messenger, a newspaper printed and circulated in the County, once in each week for three successive weeks.
4. That a copy of this Resolution be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Isabella County in accordance with the provisions of the statute in such case made and provided.
5. That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation in accordance with the provisions of the statute in such case made and provided."
The Motion to adopt the Resolution was supported by Commissioner Morrell.
The vote on the Resolution was as follows:
Commissioner McFarlane Yes
Commissioner House Yes
Commissioner Morrell Yes
The Resolution having been adopted by the unanimous vote of the Commissioners, same was declared carried, by Chairman McFarlane.
I, Frances Murray, Secretary of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Isabella, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and compared copy of the Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of said Board, held at the Office of the Commis-

sion February 3, 1977.
Frances Murray
Secretary
Feb. 10t3

FOR SALE--Norge washer and dryer, \$75 cash. Harry Herman, Weidman. Call 644-2050 after 5 p.m.
Feb. 17t2

Obituary

EMILY GATEHOUSE

Emily Gatehouse of Remus died Feb. 6 at the Mecosta Memorial Hospital at Stanwood.
She was 69. She was born Aug. 5, 1907, in Michigan.
She is survived by her sons, Virgil and Vance, both of Remus; Ken of Blanchard, and Bill Whitsell of Hubbard Lake; a daughter, Shirley Nelson, of Mason; brothers, Ray Waldo of Oil City and Clarence Waldo of Washington; and 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus with Rev. G. Leroy Bruce officiating. Burial was in Wambold Cemetery at Remus.
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Obituary

JOSEPH BIERSCHBACH

Joseph L. Bierschbach died Feb. 6 at St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. He was 10 years old.
He was born April 30, 1966, in Mt. Pleasant.
He is survived by his parents, Tom and Carol Bierschbach; sisters Debra and Teresa, and brother John, all at home; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Vivian Wilson of Barryton; and paternal grandfather, Julius Bierschbach, of Beal City.
Funeral services were held last Thursday, Feb. 10, at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Beal City, with burial in the church cemetery.
The family have the sincere sympathy of their many friends.
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17Feb6p

FOR SALE--Two Ford snow tires, excellent condition. Paul Cole, 5383 W. Coleman Rd., Gilmore Twp., ph. 644-2088.
Jan. 20tf

FOR SALE--Green three-piece living room set. Sofa, love-seat and chair. One year old. Sacrifice at \$400.00. Reason for selling, changing color scheme. Mrs. Pat Doyle, call 644-2068, or 433-5747 after 5 p.m.
Feb. 17t2

IF YOU MISSED--Our February Fish Fry at the Weidman School you'll have a chance to catch up on fish-feasting at our Fish Fries set for March 11 and April 15, same place. Weidman Lions Club.
Feb. 17 t1Apr 15

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Feb. 10tf

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Feb. 10t3

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Feb. 10t3p

FOR RENT--Three room furnished apartment. Utilities paid. No children, no pets. 1888 North Winn Road, tel. 644-3958.
Jan. 6tf



MR. AND MRS. HARRY SCHUTT

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bailer and son, Robert, attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Bailer's father and mother, Harry and Ruth Schutt, at Gladwin, on Saturday, Feb. 5. It was a very happy event.

In the Editor's Mail

Hi!

Connie, find my check for my subscription for the Messenger.

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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION

Who says "Nobody reads the small-town papers?"

We know better.

A telephone call on a snow-bound, blustery Monday two weeks ago proved it.

Mrs. Robert Mays (Elma June) received a call.

"Hello, Elma June?"

"Yes."

"This is Willonee Skutt. So sorry to read about your mother's death. But I was surprised to also read that you live in the Weidman area."

"Yeah--Bob's retired, and he's been up here full time a year. I'm only here on weekends."

"Where in the Weidman area are you?"

"Lake Isabella--Why, where are you?"

"We live here on Coldwater Road--have since last May!"

Well, friends, what's so strange about this?

These two were in the same Lakeview High School graduating class, and hadn't seen each other for years.

LADIES NEEDED

--To join the Bowling League. Several ladies met at the Lake Isabella Clubhouse with Warren Stanchina and Dick Figg, owner of the Riverwood Bowling Alley in Mt. Pleasant.

This was an organizational

meeting, Monday, Feb. 7. The next meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 12.30 at the bowling alley with bowling after the meeting.

If you are interested in bowling, call Helen Roy for more information. Phone 644-3538.

FLINT FRIENDS PUT UP CB ANTENNA HERE

Some things money cannot buy --FRIENDS.

Sunday afternoon three friends of Bob Farnum, ham operators from Flint, came out to the Guerin home.

Jim Navarre, Ron Gordon and John Kroll had dinner with the Guerin family, then put up a new amateur radio tower for Bob.

These friends cheered a buddy and made a very pleasant day for the Guerins.

On a COLD, windy day to do this for a friend, it shows there are many wonderful people in

this old world yet.

Hats off for such folk!

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Local Items

Last week Senior Citizens at the Food for Friends meeting rolled the silverware for the Little Mac Pig Roast Feb. 20.

Elaine Cale and children have moved into the old Pidgeon house on Bridge Street, now owned by the Fox family in Weidman. Elaine is a granddaughter of Margaret Johnston.

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth suffered a broken shoulder last Wednesday, as she was about to depart for Food with Friends, and missed the bottom step on her home. Bruce Middlesworth spent the weekend with the Dick Donleys. Emma was recovering this week, but was handicapped by a sling and her shoulder in a cast.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

TEST WELL COMES IN DRY

A test well recently completed on the John Vogel farm north of Beal came in dry, according to geologists and drillers.

The well was drilled by Merrill Drilling Co., and they brought in their biggest rig, Jim Bogard's Rig. No. 5, the biggest rig ever to drill in Isabella County.

Encouraging tests, but not producing wells, were done in this area 22 years ago.

The oil show 22 years ago still leads drillers to believe there may be oil in the Dundee formation in Nottawa Township.

The Vogel well was plugged at 3,916 feet, low for the Dundee in this area.

In 1954 the Merrill company had drilled a well nearby to the Vogel site which had a good show of natural gas and oil, but not enough to constitute a producer.

The Beal City High School basketball team played Lake City Friday night and won, 62-55.

A right good showing!

St. Joseph's School children put on a talent show Friday afternoon, which was greatly enjoyed by the many parents and friends attending.

The Beal City High School Choir sponsored a pancake and sausage breakfast Sunday morning at the K.C. Hall, which was well attended.

Local Items

Violet Carr was at church last Sunday, and everyone was glad to see her out again. She underwent open-heart surgery at Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Robert Tibbetts and Caroline called on Mrs. Claribel Beutler Friday afternoon.

Food With Friends people had a Valentine Day party after their dinner Monday at the Masonic Hall here. Mr. McBride of Mt. Pleasant entertained the elderly folks with lumberjack songs.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur enjoyed dinner Friday evening at Valley View, with friends. They went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ervin after dinner and played cards.

Rosie Simmer and daughters, Lois, Altha and Lori, of Coldwater Lake gave Mrs. Edna Bowe a nice surprise last week, Feb. 9, on her birthday. They took her a birthday cake and ice cream, and Edna also received a phone call from her grand-

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pung returned from Las Vegas last week.

Ron Vogel of Fort Dix, N. J., was home over the weekend to attend the wedding anniversary of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vogel.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schafer and Jeanette and David of Shepherd spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Donald Pung and Melvin Funnell spent the weekend snowmobiling at Vanderbilt.

Mattie Pung and Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Bob Schafer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex. Rittenbach and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Nowack, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Don Krueger and Father Dueweke were guests at the Bob Schafer home Friday evening.

Ann Eldred and Patty Moody of Blanchard spent Wednesday with Tillie Schafer. Ruth Klumpp was a Friday caller.

Don Dreue of Georgia was home on furlough last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder and Mattie Pung had supper at the Jack Pung home Saturday evening.

Mrs. June Blasen and Theresa visited Mrs. Delores Gould Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann called on Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer Wednesday evening.

Miss Patty Schafer of Chicago visited Theresa Smith Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Pohl have moved into their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould entertained a few friends Sunday evening.

daughter, Tracy Phillips, from California, wishing her Happy Birthday. Her daughter, Mary Lou and husband Ken, and son, Keith Cripps, of Detroit, spent the weekend with Edna. They also visited Loretta Lorenz at the Max Straus home.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler was a Sunday dinner at the home of her son and family, the Carl Beutlers. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tibbetts of East Lansing and daughter, Caroline. Caroline had spent the weekend with her relatives here.

HAVE A VALENTINE!

So we were pleasantly surprised Monday morning when John Walsh, vice-president in charge of public relations at the Isabella Bank and Trust in Mt. Pleasant, called and presented Ye Ed with a nice carnation done up in Valentine style, complete with red heart. He had taken them to the girls at the Weidman bank and said he just came on out.

Thank you, John!

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

The St. Joseph Valentine dance Saturday evening at the K. C. Hall drew a good crowd, and everyone had a lovely evening.

Richard Pohl is in CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vogel celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Sunday at the K. C. Hall. Many friends and relatives attended, to offer congratulations and wish them continued health and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goffnet Friday evening for their card club.

Rob and Pat Birgy spent a few days at their grandparents', Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schafer of Hubbardston and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Kramer of Pewamo had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith and family of Lansing had Sunday dinner with the Ed Blasens.

Mary Welch visited Theresa Smith and her parents Sunday evening.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

I am enclosing a check for \$8 to renew my subscription for another year. Please do keep on printing the paper. We enjoy it so much, and will miss it.

So keep up the good work if you can.

Mrs. Milo Eldred
Blanchard

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Dear Connie:

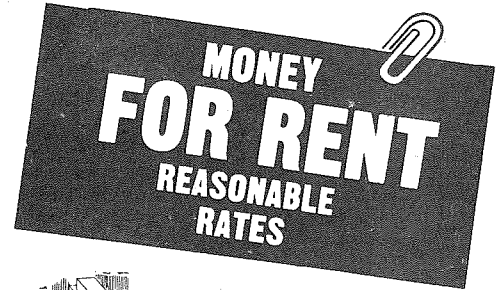
Well, it is renewal time again. We sure could use some of your snow. We haven't got any, even in the mountains.

We were back there in January to see Dad. He had a heart attack and is in the Medical Facility.

We haven't seen the sun since Jan. 23.

We enjoy the paper. Keep it up.

Theron and Gloria
Hamilton, Yakima,
Washington State



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Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter

BEAVER DAMS THREATEN SPRING RUNOFF HERE

Downstream on the river which is the outlet and high-water overflow for Coldwater Lake, beavers have built dams which threaten everybody on the lake, come spring.

Obstructions such as the beaver dams are fatal to spring runoff in a lake such as ours, when lakes and ponds above us are running high--and emptying into Coldwater Lake.

Conservation Officer Bill Murphy has assured Coldwater Lake folks that the dams and/or beavers will be taken away from this area before the spring thaw.

When the lake rises, as it always does at flood-time, the outlet river must be cleared of all obstructions to allow water to go downstream in a hurry and relieve the high-water situation which is usual at Coldwater Lake.

Bob and Dave Shelp spent the weekend at their cottage, doing some repair work caused by cold weather.

Alvin and Dorothy Schneider of Lansing spent the weekend at the Leonard Schneiders'. Saturday evening we dined at the Coldwater Lake Inn and stayed on for dancing. We all enjoyed having them here, and they returned to Lansing Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bamford spent the weekend at their cottage. They entertained Jerry and Thelma Shoemaker, who drove up for the weekend from Laingsburg. They had Gwen Tomlinson over, and played cards after a delightful dinner.

Don Schafer did cottage inspections for the Coldwater Lake Association, and reported everything was fine, with no problems.

Sherry Beck and Evelyn Freeborn spent Saturday shopping in Saginaw, at the beautiful Fashion Square Mall. The boat show display was in the Mall, and the girls said they had a real nice day viewing the sights.

Doris Schneider spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider. She lives near East Lansing, and works at Michigan Miller Ins. Co. Always nice to see our children come home to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith spent the weekend in Chesaning, visiting Lillian Bruder. Gary and Sue Smith also were there to visit. Arlene said they enjoyed their whole weekend, very much.

Arlene Smith attended a dinner and business meeting for the Business and Professional Women's Association Wednesday evening at The Embers in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Esch and

family spent Sunday afternoon at the Wayne Coston residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Snyder and family of Maple Rapids spent Saturday afternoon visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Coston and family.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and sons spent Sunday with the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Ronna and Linda Dutcher and children called on the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Ronna visited Diane Hardenburg Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti had dinner with us Wednesday evening. It was Dick's birthday.

Lois Cain and Les Rhodes and Julia of Grand Rapids were a week ago Sunday guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

The Garry Dutcher family spent the weekend with her folks at Montague, Muskegon and New Era.

Harry Hardenburgh is in Veterans' Hospital at Saginaw, where he had surgery. He expected to be home some time this week.

Monroe Beckwith and Floyd Dutcher had lunch with the Ervin Dutchers Thursday.

Hazel Davis of Pottsville, Pa., is spending this month visiting her brothers and their families, the Harry and Leo Gatehouses.

Ervin, Clayton and Floyd Dutcher visited Robert Hines at the Veterans' Facility at Grand Rapids Wednesday.

Larry Dutcher and girls Gena, Toni and Ann, spent the weekend here. Toni spent Saturday over night with Patti Dutcher, and Gena stayed over night Saturday with Deanne and Danelle Yuncker. Larry, Clayton and Ann visited Joyce and Richard Saturday evening.

Monroe Beckwith of Otisville spent Thursday over night with us. He spent Wednesday over night with Floyd Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons of east Mt. Pleasant visited us one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher had dinner with us Monday, and brought us a pretty heart-shaped cake for our 46th anniversary, which was Feb. 14. Garry Dutcher was a caller.

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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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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.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mrs. Bill Forbes arrived home from Pontiac, where she had been a patient in a hospital. She arrived home over the weekend.

The Merry Go Round Club met with Verna Seymour last Thursday, with 13 present. The March meeting will be with Wanda Graham in Weidman. The meeting will be March 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Geasler called on her mother, Flossie Forbes, Monday, at the Medical Facility in Mt. Pleasant. Flossie remained quite ill. Bill Forbes called on his mother Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright called on her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Goodwell, at Butternut, last Wednesday.

One day last week Pete and Violet Wright were at the trailer home of their daughter in Kalkaska. They did some repair work on the home, after it had been broken into.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beers spent the weekend with their parents, George and Cora Beers. They called on their Grandma, Eathel Beers, and Fern Verette Sunday, and enjoyed lunch with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sowle spent the weekend of Feb. 6 with their son, Don, and family, in Lansing.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Suzie Zuker took her grandmother, Laura Latham, to Mt. Pleasant last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Riggs of Farwell visited Zena Olger Friday afternoon. Wanda Graham also was a caller. Zena visited her doctor for x-rays Thursday, and stayed with her daughter over night and visited her doctor again next day and returned home on the VanTran.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peacock and Dina at Weidman.

Albert Gott called and took us out for dinner Sunday. Debbie Graham stopped in and had lunch Saturday with us.

Cathy Alwood spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and children. Heather and Todd spent Saturday with Cathy at her home. Bill Alwood and Troy spent the weekend at the Alwood home here. Jim and Bill called on their mother, Helen Alwood, at the Clare Hospital Sunday.

Miss Debbie Miller spent one night last week with her cousin, Robert Abbott.

Helen Alwood suffered allergic

reactions to salve given by her doctor after surgery on her toe, and has been in the Clare Hospital. She hoped to be home by Tuesday of this week.

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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.

A Sweetheart Dinner was enjoyed by nine couples from the Weidman Baptist Church Wednesday evening, Feb. 9, at Plesko's Supper Club in Edmore. The salad bar was decorated with hearts and cupid, the tables with red bowl candles. The smorgasbord food was delicious and bountiful.

Those attending included Rev. and Mrs. Eldridge, the Lee Parkers, the Mick Abbotts, the Dennis Hayes and her sister and husband, Rev. and Mrs. Bill Lawrence, pastor of the Baptist Church at Fairfield, Mich., the George Spooners, the Dave Forquers, the Rusty Alwoods, and the Otto Yabs. In all it was a great evening honoring the wives!

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Halla Lovell and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lovell of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Denslow and family spent Sunday with Mack and Margie Denslow.

Bob Thompson attended the annual land surveyance convention at Kalamazoo last Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gudelsky of Lansing spent Saturday at the Jim Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin spent the weekend at Copemish, where her father is a patient at the local hospital.

Mrs. Opal Denslow received word that her grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Brownell, went by plane to Las Vegas. They said the weather was beautiful out there, and didn't really want to think of coming back to Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow have been spending their vacation in Arizona, visiting relatives. They were expected to be home the last of this week.

Clayton Dutcher took Floyd to the Charlie Losey home last Wednesday. Floyd and Monroe Beckwith were supper guests. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Don Merrihew, and Greg and Brenda.

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REMINDER... The Little Mac Pig Roast at the Elwood Miller farm northwest of Weidman this coming Sunday, Feb. 20. Don't miss it! Looks like we'll have cold weather and snow this year. See yuh there!

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Dear Editor and To Whom It May Concern:

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A larger pension when I am retired, more stationery and stamp allowance, more expense-paid round trips home whether I make them or not, while some of you struggle to exist on Social Security and pay high, unequal taxes.

If I can scare up a 19-year-old son I would like him on my payroll at a fat \$11,000 a year salary and I'm not averse to a little hanky Panky with a \$14,000 per year secretary whether she can type or not.

And I promise to take my family and/or some of my most favored staff members on junkets all over the world on some trumped-up investigation or study at taxpayers' expense.

I'll also take all under-the-table money from any and all foreign companies who wish to influence my vote on bills favorable to their cause just to save my constituents some of THEIR hard-earned money.

Oh yes: I'll want an expensive door put in my office so my secretary can inform any of my constituents who come complaining that I'm not in when she hears the door close.

If I should be suspected of income-tax evasion or accepting a bribe or under-the-table money, drunkenness or unethical conduct, I'm sure I'll be investigated not by an independent, unbiased, unfettered-by-political-ties organization, but by a few hand-picked members of our close-knit, exclusive club.

If all else fails, I'm sure I can depend on my good BUDDY to give me a full and complete pardon in payment of a previous deal.

Any resemblance to actual events is purely incidental.

Paul Cole
5383 W. Coleman Rd.
Lakem Mich. 48632

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Dear Connie:

Our weather has been a steady cold, which is unusual for this country. Generally it will be cold for three or four days, then warm up. As a rule, we don't have too much wind, so we do not get the wind chill that so

many have to contend with. However, if the wind gets in the east, then we get Montana's cold.

We have had very little snow-fall so far this winter. Been hard on the ski resorts. Some have been unable to operate because of the lack of snow deep enough

to cover the rocks, which are dangerous to the skiers.

As ever,
Annetta Bellows
Calder, Idaho

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plete for the big day Sunday, with a final work-night scheduled this Friday evening at the Fire Hall in Weidman. Work probably will continue through Saturday, as the ladies complete their tasks of mixing the bread dressing for the roast pork, and button up all details of preparation.

Anyone wishing to donate bread may leave it at the Fire Hall Saturday. Please bake three loaves in your own home oven, and then slice it, butter it, and wrap it loaf by sliced loaf in foil, for final heating-up over the charcoal fires Sunday. The home-made hot bread is a real attraction of the meal--though all details of it are delectable and home-done.

Donations have been coming in slowly this year; however, Dick Cook gave all the potatoes needed; some of the 300 pounds of beans were donated; and some of the pigs.

So--enjoy, come Sunday, at the Lil Mac Pig Roast. See yuh there.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

(Continued from Page 1)

crack High School Band members. Sure, it's a wonderful band. And those parents have worked their heads off earning \$12,000 for new uniforms for the band, and also to further their hope of seeing their kids in living color at the 1978 Orange Bowl football game in Miami come next winter.

One parent told me last week the administration is threatening to drop all band instruction and activities if the millage doesn't pass.

The administration, of any school in any district, always threatens, in asking for raises in taxation.

What a way to run the schools.

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LILAH (FLEMING) SIMMER DONATES BOOK TO LIBRARY

The Gladys McArthur Memorial Library in Weidman was the recent grateful recipient of a book donated by Lilah (Fleming) Simmer of California, and sent through the mail.

Lilah is getting on in years, and has suffered poor health. She lives with the family of her grandson, and has been very happy there.

Many here will remember the Arthur Fleming family, on their farm northwest of Weidman. Mr. Fleming was a leader in the Methodist Church here, and

his family have followed religious courses.

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CATHOLIC LECTURER TO APPEAR IN ESSEXVILLE

Prof. William A. Marra, Ph. D., Associate Professor of philosophy at Fordham University, will appear to lecture at the St. John School, 619 Main Street, Essexville, Mich., Feb. 19, at 8 p. m. (Essexville is a suburb of Bay City.)

He is sponsored by Catholics United for the Faith, Inc., and has made over 500 appearances in 39 states and four Canadian provinces as lecturer, panelist, radio and tv guest, and debater. He has debated both Dr. Mary Calderone and Dr. Wm. Genne of the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS).

He is chairman of the Roman Forum at Fordham, a monthly examination of philosophical and theological questions from a viewpoint inspired and guided by the official teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie--

Just thought you would like to know about the expensive ancestors (also mongrels) from which your two eighty-eight-dollar cats came.

Their grandmother, an all-black, yellow-eyed beauty,

could not deliver when her time came. My vet's bill was nearly \$90 plus formula and nursing bottles.

This was only the start.

I saved only one kitten (a female), which eventually became the mother of your two beauties. Her vet bill, for shots, a fly bite, two bronchitis attacks and spaying, came to a total of almost \$60.00.

So you see, Connie, even though our feline beauties aren't pedigreed, any cat has to go a long way before it would cost any more, or be loved any more.

We still have a brother to "Sadie" and "Mrs. Vanderbilt" which we would like to have neu-

tered; but with the costs so high a person really has to think twice.

Mrs. Nelson Bateman Lake Isabella

P.S.--My vote is Yes, on that county clinic where a pet owner is charged only five or ten dollars to unsex his or her pets.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Helen Adams is in Room 1588, Butterworth Hospital, in Grand Rapids, and would enjoy getting cards from friends here. She was scheduled for surgery Friday.

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