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Editor's Column

By Connie

(Editor's Note: This week we're turning over our space to a group of letter writers, subject, the public schools. Herewith is their letter:)

To the Weidman Community:

Back when we were absorbed into the Chippewa Hills School District, we were told that we'd save money, and that our children would have broader educational opportunities.

Let's assess what has really happened.

Our teenagers are away from home at the very time in their lives that they need a sense of home community.

In high school, fewer children get to participate in sports events because there's just one team for the whole area now, whereas formerly there were four individual programs in sports, music, and art.

The same is true for all the other things we normally consider to go along with the Three R's in Junior High and High School.

Many of our children spend a large part of their day on a school bus, when they should be playing in the fresh air, helping out at home, or being busy on a part-time job.

Those things are important for preparing children for adult life.

We may have tried to save money by consolidation, but even if we did save a little, we've lost more than we saved.

Maybe we were too small to have our own district, when consolidation happened. We don't think we're too small now!

With the lakes in now, and with all the new permanent residents who have moved in, we could put together a good tax base for a decent-sized school district.

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FERN BEUTLER, school secretary at Weidman for nearly 11 years, is retiring from her work here, to coincide with the retirement of her husband, Clayton, who is retiring after 40 years in oil-field work. Clayton started with the Union Oil Company in the famous Porter field east of Mt. Pleasant, and wound up with Pure Oil Company. Now the two are planning a life of active enjoyable work and recreation, which both have earned.

Messenger photo

Fern has been nighly efficient in her work at the Weidman School; as one resident put it, "Why, Fern could run that school all by herself, with or without a principal!"

She was loved by co-workers and students alike, here at Weidman.

Both are lifelong residents of this area; Clayton's parents, the Fred Beutlers, lived in southwest Sherman Township, while Fern's folks, the St. Johns, were Coldwater Township people. Both have countless friends here.

They have three children, Clifton of Mt. Pleasant, Fred of Holland, and Mary, who is completing her Master's Degree and is involved with social work in Lansing.

Fern and Clayton will not be idle--they're not that kind of people; and whatever they elect to do with their retirement time will be worth while.

Congratulations, Clayton and Fern!

Fern has been replaced by Jean May, who lives in Mecosta County.

In uniform



PFC. TONY PARKER

Pfc. Tony Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker of Weidman, has been serving with the U.S. Army since April of 1976.

He is now in Korea. His address:

Pfc. Tony Parker, 374-76-6544, 833 D. Ord. Co., APO San Francisco 96231.

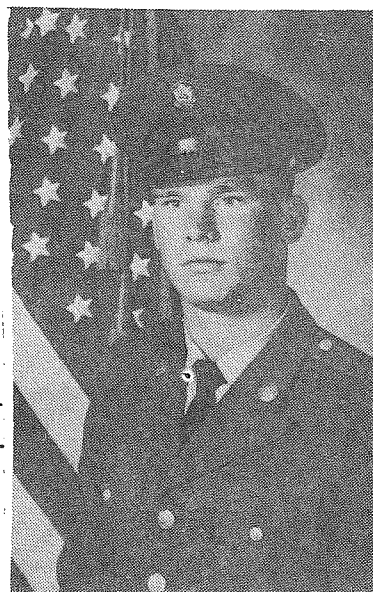
Frances Tranbarger called on the Walter Smiths at the home of Margaret Johnston Saturday afternoon. She also called on Mrs. Charles Worley at Coldwater Lake. She took fresh-baked cinnamon rolls to each place. Frances likes to make her own bread and rolls, from Minnie Reed's recipe for sour-dough bread. So does Connie Skinner.

He is in Germany, and is also a son of Lee and Monica Parker of Weidman.

His address:

Pvt. Gregg A. Parker, 373-72-5650, 52st M. P. Det., APO New York 09185.

Both of these boys in service would love to receive mail from home friends.



PVT. GREGG A. PARKER

Pvt. Gregg A. Parker has been serving with the U.S. Army since August of 1976.

He is a military policeman, and is in his third year of service.

FIRE DEPARTMENT HERE REALLY HELPS OUT

Last Wednesday evening, when Loretta Lorenz was suffering breathing difficulty after a bout with flu, Paul Simmer got the Fire Department's resuscitator from Chief Spike Branson and eased Loretta's condition.

Our Fire Department is totally volunteer, nobody gets paid; the men drop everything when that old siren starts wailing, and run for the fire trucks.

They also are trained in the use of the resuscitator, which is part of the fire-fighters' equipment.

We have one of the best departments in the state.

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Mrs. Clayton Smith received a call from Mrs. Helen Adams last Thursday, saying she was out of the hospital and staying with her daughter, Nancy, and family, at Cooperville, and was doing fine, and would be there for a short while.

BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 16 TABLES AT PLAY

At their regular bi-monthly card party last Thursday afternoon the Beal City Senior Citizens had 16 tables of pepper at play.

Louise Schafer won first for the ladies, with Bertha Schumacher second and Nora Gruss low.

Bernard Gallagher won first for the men, with Bill Appelgreen second and Wilfred Martin low.

Will Martin won the pepper prize.

Rose Grinzinger won the door prize.

A special door prize, donated by Rau's Foodland, was a half-gallon of ice cream, won by Ruth Gallagher.

Will Martin was 85 years old last week, and he was honored by the party's singing "Happy Birthday", by the cake, and ice cream served at lunch.

A committee composed of Leona Faber, Wilbur Benn, Wilbur Reinert, Bill Appelgreen, Claribel Beutler and Russell Wilson,

also served sandwiches, pickles and coffee, along with the birthday sweets.

The Beal City Senior Citizens are grateful to Rau's Foodland for the gift.

Their next regular card party at the Beal City Knights of Columbus Hall will be Thursday afternoon, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day). Everyone is invited to attend.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin spent the weekend with her father at Copemish.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Garrett and children spent Sunday evening with the Martins.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee spent Sunday with her folks, the Mack Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rau were Sunday guests of the Earl Oplingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Friday overnight guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

D. J. Whitman spent the weekend with his grandparents, the Pete Woods. Their son, Mike, spent Thursday with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Thursday evening callers of Charlie and Hattie Losey. Gerald and Gary Losey were Saturday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey called Sunday evening.

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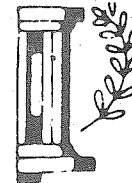
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FOR SALE--Firewood, \$20 per cord, delivered. Please call after 5 p.m. Tel. 644-2096. Mar. 3t4p

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 United Methodist Women meet the first and third Thursdays of the month. Time is 2 p.m.

MEETINGS of BOARD of REVIEW

Notice is Hereby Given, That the Assessment Roll for Sherman Township will be open to public review March 14 and 15, 1977, Monday and Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Sherman Township Hall.
 EARL OPLINGER
 Supervisor
 Sherman Township

Notice is Hereby Given, That the Assessment Roll for Nottawa Township will be open to public review March 14 and 15, Monday and Tuesday, from 9 to 12 and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Nottawa Township Hall.
 ERNEST SCHMIDT
 Supervisor
 Nottawa Township

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the ANNUAL MEETING of the Township Board of the Township below named will be held at the Coldwater Township Hall TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1977, at 1 o'clock p.m.
 For the purpose of making the annual settlement. All persons having claims against said Township are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned on or before above named date.

Notice is Hereby Given, That the Assessment Roll for Coldwater Township will be open to public review March 14 and 15, Monday and Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Coldwater Township Hall.
 LEWIS BOWEN
 Coldwater Township Supervisor.

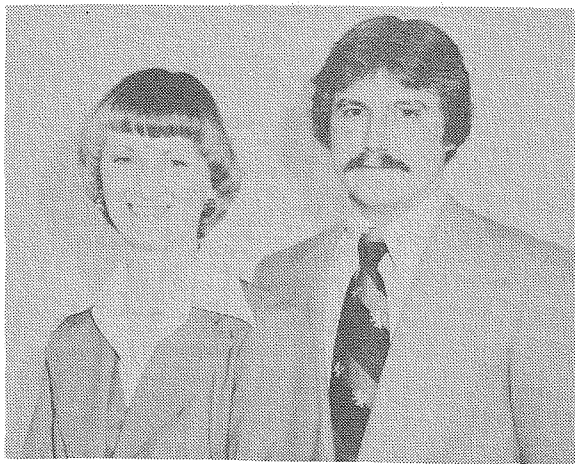
TOWNSHIP OF COLDWATER, County of Isabella, State of Michigan.
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SETTLEMENT DAY ANNUAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
 Notice is hereby Given, that the ANNUAL MEETING of the Township Board of the Township named below will be held at the SHERMAN TOWNSHIP HALL TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1977 (Second Tuesday Preceding Annual Township Meeting.)
 At 8:00 O'Clock P. M.
 For the purpose of making the annual settlement. All persons having claims against said Township are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned on or before above named date.
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MR. AND MRS. JAMES L. WRIGHT

On Saturday, Feb. 26, 1977, Ruth Ann Rhode and James L. Wright were united in marriage by Father Gerald Kafer at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Midland. Ruth Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rhode of rural Farwell, and James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Wright of Midland.

Immediately following the ceremony, the couple greeted guests at the Midland Elks Club, and celebrated that evening with dinner and dancing at the Beal City Knights of Columbus Hall.

Betty Rhode served as maid of honor and Judy Williams as bridesmaid. John Wright served as best man, and Bob Ryan as groomsman. Ushers were Oren Mieske and Larry Ryon.

Mrs. Wright is employed by Dow Chemical, U.S.A., and Mr. Wright is owner and manager of The Voyager Traditional Men's Wear in downtown Midland.

The couple will reside at 3764 Galaxy, Midland, after returning from their honeymoon in Florida.

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Wayne Smith and daughter, Susie, of Wolverine spent last week Wednesday and Thursday with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

Local Items

Dean Honsinger of Northville was a visitor of Mrs. Edna Bowein.

Daryl Pitts returned to his studies at Great Lakes Bible College in Lansing, after a spring semester break.

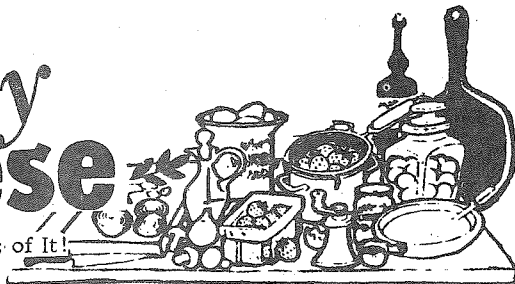
Tim McArthur, who suffered facial and jaw fractures in a snowmobile accident recently, was planning to have the wires taken out of his jaws last Saturday, but doctors ordered another two weeks for them to stay put. Tim has to "eat" through a straw now, and of course can have only liquids. He's very anxious to get back to his job in Pontiac. "Layin' around the house is just no good!" Tim said this week. "I hope I can get out of it soon."

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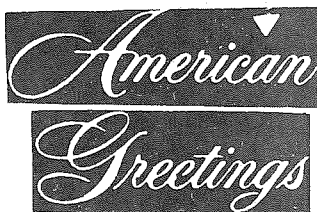


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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell called on Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Rau Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rau and Harold Schumacher called on Louie Rau Sunday afternoon.

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

Mrs. Tillie Schafer of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. Don Schafer of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schafer of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer of Rosebush spent Sunday at the home of Marge and Ed Schafer at Coldwater Lake.

Terry Klumpp celebrated his birthday Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer of Winn, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer and Louise Schafer celebrated Tillie Schafer's 87th birthday Friday evening. All reported a wonderful time.

Ed and Marge Schafer just returned last Wednesday after a three weeks' tour of Sunny Florida.

Mrs. Delores Gould called on Mrs. June Blasen Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould visited Mr. and Mrs. Stu Rau Friday evening.

Mrs. Lucille Wadowski of Midland spent the weekend at the Walter Raus'.

The Cheerful Givers basketball game was held Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau entertained company Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rau visited Louis Rau Saturday evening.

Denise Slater and Angela visited Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell enjoyed eating out Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Theisen returned from Florida Sunday.

Mrs. Debbie (Pung) Grewe had a baby boy.

The children of Mrs. Anne Simmer had a surprise birthday party for her Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith of Lansing visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snider of Remus visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Sunday.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes visited Mr. and Mrs. Nick

Pfannes last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Pfannes received word of the death of their uncle in Ohio. They made a trip there Thursday.

Velma Cole was moved from CMC Hospital to the Isabella County Medical Facility last Thursday. She expects to be there a few days, till further studies can be made as to her illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus and Margaret and Mark returned home from Drummond Island last Monday.

The Paul Coles have been very busy the last two weeks, helping care for Velma at the hospital. Our many friends have been so helpful. We are grateful.

Friends are so thoughtful! When we got home from the hospital last Monday evening, Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk called and said, "Supper is ready, and come on up!" Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes called, and they had supper ready for us.

Little Melissa Mahon had a nice birthday party Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoskey and

parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Hoskey, were supper guests of Mrs. August Hoskey's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing and granddaughter, Audrey Lague, of Vassar, visited their sister, Velma Cole, at the Medical Facility Sunday, while Mom and Dad ran down and had dinner with Helen Allbee.

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Each week all correct game sheets will be eligible for the weekly drawing as well as the grand drawing.

Word Game No. 1 will run through March 18. Word Game No. 2 will run from March 21 through March 25.

At the end of each game week, three names will be drawn at random from all participants who correctly completed the weekly game. One \$25.00 savings bond will be given to each of the three names drawn.

At the conclusion of the second week game, all participants from game 1 and 2 will be eligible in a random drawing for one of three \$100.00 savings bonds to be given away.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mrs. Ralph Geasler is pleased to announce the arrival of two new great-grandchildren, with a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jones and a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Jones.

Weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker included their son, John, and family spending Saturday night with them. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and family spent Sunday with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bailer are moving back to their home in Brinton.

Eunice LaLone spent Saturday night and Sunday with her son, Wayne, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Rouche of near Alma called on Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright Sunday afternoon.

A nice crowd attended the Senior Citizens monthly meet-

ing at the hall last Thursday.

Janet Beers has been spending some time in Florida, with a group of school friends from Ferris State College.

Five-year-old Melissa Beutler, daughter of the Clifton Beutlers of Mt. Pleasant, spent a few days last week with her grandparents, Clayton and Fern Beutler.

Tony Livermore attended a birthday party for a school friend Saturday afternoon, at Barryton.

Violet Wright did some decorating for Mr. and Mrs. Tom Blackmer, at their new home near Lake, last week.

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BRINTON CHAPEL
 Corner of Brinton and Stevenson Lake Roads.
 James Weber, Pastor.
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.
 Church School, 11 a.m.
 Midweek Services Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Rick and Pat Maeder and boys visited the Jim Dutchers Sunday evening. Robert Dutcher was an afternoon caller. Rusty and Fonda Alwood and children were Saturday callers.

Betty Dutcher took Kim to the doctor Monday.

Emery Dell hasn't been feeling too well lately.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hardenburgh are the proud parents of a new son, born Feb. 27, weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces at birth. He has been named Steven LeRoy. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

Judy Rondy and son, Matt and Mike, visited her folks, the Harry Hardenburghs, Monday.

Denny Howard was a Sunday caller of Steve Dutcher. Mike Pasch called Saturday.

Billy Beutler was home from school most of last week with a sore throat. Diane and Brenda weren't feeling very well the first of the week. Laurel Beutler also was home most of last week.

Clayton Dutcher called on the Jim Dutchers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker and Deane and Danella spent Sunday evening with us, helping me celebrate another birthday. Richard Yuncker was a caller.

Ervin Dutcher, Jr., visited us Saturday.

Patti Dutcher spent Friday over night with Kim and Shelly Dut-

cher.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and family of Midland spent Saturday afternoon with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Patti Dutcher celebrated her seventh birthday Saturday evening, with Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case and Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and Kaye, Betty Dutcher and Kim, Shelly and Mike, Douglas and Monica Breuer and Clayton and me wishing her many more.

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The Churches

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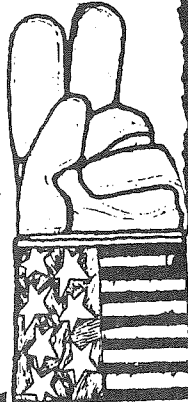
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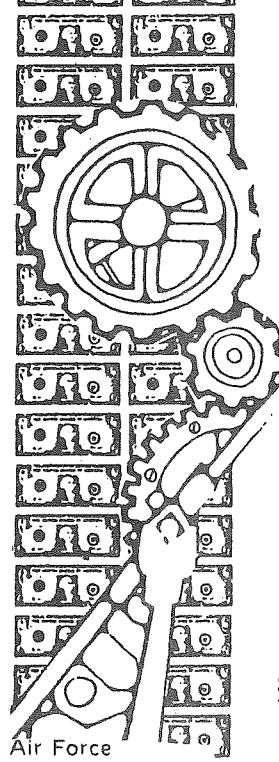
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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Her children hosted a birthday dinner for Mrs. Edna Wing of Mt. Pleasant Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jeffrey. Present were the Weidman Jeffreys, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schutt and family of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jeffrey and family of Winn.

Little Pat Brown, a grandson of the Max Aldriches, is in a cast, and will be for the next five weeks. If he gets along well, he may have the cast replaced by braces for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham called on Laura Latham one day last week.

Zena Olger visited her doctor last Friday, and came home Saturday on the Van-tran. Zena's sister-in-law, Florence Allbee, passed away last week in Florida, and was buried this week Monday in Memorial Gardens in Mt. Pleasant, beside her husband. Jolly Allbee passed away last year.

We called on our son, Albert Gott, as he was home from the hospital at Alma. He is doing good now. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen took us to see him.

Helen Alwood and I called on Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson last Tuesday. We had a nice visit, and enjoyed tea and cupcakes and donuts for lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Huber and boys of Farwell called on us one day last week.

Helen Alwood returned to work at her job Monday, after being off a few weeks for foot surgery at the Clare Hospital.

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Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter

MRS. WORLEY HAD A HARD TIME

Last Tuesday night the furnace at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Worley quit working. They tried to call a furnace repairman and discovered their phone was out of order.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Worley use walkers to get about. Mrs. Worley knew a walker wouldn't help much on the ice, so at 10.30 p. m. she started making her way to their neighbors', the Larry Bensons, without her walker.

She is small, and delicate as a Dresden figurine.

She fell on the ice and lay there a while. She finally decided no bones were broken, and somehow got to her feet and made it the rest of the way to the Bensons'.

There she called a furnace repairman in Mt. Pleasant, and he came right out and fixed the furnace. The Bensons took Mrs.

Worley home. She got some bad bruises in her fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Van Buskirk of Farwell visited Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Thelen Friday evening.

Jo Allen spent last weekend at the home of her brother, Bill Brazier, who lives in Grand Blanc.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shelp, their son, Dave, and family, spent the weekend at their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Thelen spent Sunday in Muskegon, visiting his sister, Sister Ermina Thelen.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Geaskin of Lansing spent Sunday at their cottage, and while here stopped in to visit Walt and Della Wischmeyer. They all enjoyed a lovely dinner before they left to go back home Sunday evening.

Richard Baker of Haslett and his son, Larry, of Monroe, spent the weekend at their cottage.

Robert Pung stopped in at the Sonny Thelen residence Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shelp spent an enjoyable evening out, as they dined at the Coldwater Lake Inn Saturday evening. Afterward they all went to Mt. Pleasant to the Moose Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider and Don spent Saturday evening at the Don Athertons', playing cards.

Don Brinton and Vi St. Charles stopped in at the Jerome Beck's Wednesday evening to visit. They are from Mt. Pleasant.

Glad to report that Clarence Ritter came home last Saturday from St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor. He is doing real good, and feeling fine, and glad to be home. His son Gordie has been over to visit real often, and Clarence Lorenz stops in quite often.

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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

During the cold and snow, we were able to get out. BUT Friday it RAINED and FROZE. Saturday and Sunday we sat up here on our hilltop, corner Carmen and Duquesa, and watched the cars spin out, slip and slide, many sliding sidewise down Duquesa. Monday noon that awful ice was all gone from the road.

While most of the snow for snowmobiling here is gone, three couples found lovely snow trails at a state park near Harrison Sunday. Helen and Bud Klenk, Norm and Marge Paddock and Don and Dorothy Moon went up there snowmobiling. They got

there early and woke up the deer, which were plentiful. After a good ride, they had a great time cooking hot dogs outside. A most enjoyable snowmobile trip.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler and son, Carl, attended the Show Boat at the Midland Art Center Saturday evening.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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If we did this, we'd have a smaller school system, and it would be easier for each of us to have a say in what went on.

It would also be easier for our children to participate in school events, and our children could maintain the strong home-town spirit they should have.

It would be more convenient for our children and us parents.

In several elections, the Weidman people have voted millage support for our children, whereas the other districts of Remus, Barryton and Mecosta rejected the millages.

It seems strange that rumors abound that if the millage fails the Weidman School will be closed, and our children transported to the other districts, when we have continually supported the millage votes.

Is it time to follow the lead of Boyne City, to de-consolidate?

We probably won't wind up paying smaller school taxes. But with our own district, at least we'd be paying taxes for the things WE want.

It's about time we got together and did something about de-consolidating.

How many other parents out there feel as we do?

(Signed)

Robert J. Severson
Dorothy R. Severson
Bill Wilcox
Arlene Wilcox
Lee and Monica Parker
Earl Sanders
Nellie Sanders
Paul Sanders
Susan Gawne
Muriel Miller
Lucille Briggson
Fred Briggson

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SLOW BOAT TO CHINA?

Sonny Thelen tells us he's a trifle disturbed over mail service. He and his wife sent a package of goodies to their grandson at Michigan Tech College at Houghton, U.P., a distance of 513 miles, straight up the state.

It took 12 days for the package to get there, and the contents of edibles were crushed almost beyond use.

Sonny figures that 12 days to traverse 513 miles comes out at 1 1/2 miles per hour.

Sonny says, "Guess it's the slow boat to China."

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The Richard Touchinskis were shopping in Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon. They were Friday supper guests of Elwood and Iola Miller.

JIM SIMPSON COMPLETES COURSE WITH GTE

James Simpson, cable splicer for General Telephone Co. at Mt. Pleasant, completed a technical course in cable fault location at the company's training center in Muskegon, according to Bill Buschle, division manager for the company.

Objective of the five-day course is to prepare the employee to isolate and identify service interruption causes in telephone cables.

The student also is trained to operate and maintain the required fault location and test equipment.

Jim, his wife San Juanita, and daughter Lora Lynn and son Joseph James, live at 1555 LaPearl Road, Weidman.

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DAV MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS TO MEET

Disabled American Veterans Gateway Chapter 134 will hold its regular meeting at the Clare VFW Post, 145 Wilcox Parkway, Thursday, March 17, at 7.30 p. m.

Door prizes will be \$10 and \$5. After the meeting there will be a card party with table prizes and refreshments.

The guest at the February meeting was Zone III Second Vice President Berenice Whipple of Midland.

All members, guests, and all other veterans are urged to attend the March 17 meeting.

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MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE TO OFFER NURSING COURSE

Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison will conduct a Nurse Assistant class at the Clare Nursing Home beginning Monday, March 21, through Friday, April 15.

The class is for persons interested in being nurses' aides or orderlies.

Those completing the class will be issued a certificate as a nurse assistant.

Training will be in the techniques and skills of basic patient care, and will prepare persons for employment in hospitals and nursing homes. Four credit hours will be earned at the completion of the course.

Classes will be held Monday through Friday from 8 a. m. to 3.30 p. m., in the conference room at the Clare Nursing Home, 600 East Fourth Street, Clare. Nina Sprayman, R.N., is the instructor.

Registration and purchasing of textbooks for the class will be at Mid Michigan Community College, Harrison, any week prior to Monday, March 21.

Additional information may be had by calling the college, Health Occupations Department, tel. 517-386-7792, Ext. 265.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE ON SALE THIS WEEK

Members of the Weidman area Girl Scouts will be taking orders for their annual sale of Girl Scout cookies, continuing till March 13. The cookies are \$1.25 per box, and are delicious, sandwich-type sweets, we can attest.

If you are not contacted by any of the Girl Scouts, here are some telephone numbers: Phyllis Sides, tel. 644-3595, Lois Riggles, tel. 644-3368, or Jane Shenk, tel. 644-3957.

Anyone not contacted by the Girl Scouts is urged to call one of these numbers to place an order.

The Weidman Girl Scouts will have an ice-skating party on Lake of the Hills this weekend,

weather and ice conditions permitting. The party will be from let-out time at school till 5 p. m. Hot chocolate will be served.

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NEWS NOTES

Word from Lucille (Clark) Hackelford of Colorado is that she has been in the hospital for treatment of a duodenal ulcer, but is now at her home out there and recovering nicely. Her daughter, Janet, has been hospitalized with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fussman and children spent Sunday with their folks, the Mitchell McArthur.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler left Monday to spend a few days in East Lansing.

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