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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### WINTER'S HERE AGAIN

So winter came back Sunday with snow and blowing snow, after a blessed interval of warmth that thawed gobs of snow piles and did the old hearts good, after our record-breaking cold of the winter months.

We were thankful that Sunday, Feb. 20, was a cold day with plenty of snow for the Lil' Mac Pig Roast; and immediately after that beautiful day, warm weather moved in and we got a taste of decent winter.

Whee.

Now, we only have to get rid of March, and then it's April...  
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So Thursday this week (today, as the paper's dated) is school-millage election day; one of the greater tragedies of our modern living.

All over Michigan, increased millage for schools is being turned down; and all over Michigan, especially in small towns, folks are torn apart from long, long friendships and close relationships because of differences of opinion on school taxes on real estate.

("I'll vote any kind of money, I've got kids in that school!")

"I won't vote another cent until that Board and administration learn to handle money!")

That's what a school millage does to small-town and country people. We differ in opinions, and differences grow into animosities.

What a pity we have to have the schools run on real-estate tax money.

I don't pretend to know how they should be financed, but I do know that it is definitely unfair that anyone registered can vote on tax increases for schools, whether that person owns an inch of real estate or not.

People can vote to raise other

people's taxes; and that gripes the liver out of a lot of land-owners.

We believe it is an unfair law and situation.

We believe that only real estate taxpayers should be allowed to vote on tax raises for schools. So there.

So I've probably lost some more old-time friends; so I've probably gained an unknown ally somewhere out there.

Nothing is so divisive as a school millage election, especially when the school asks for a

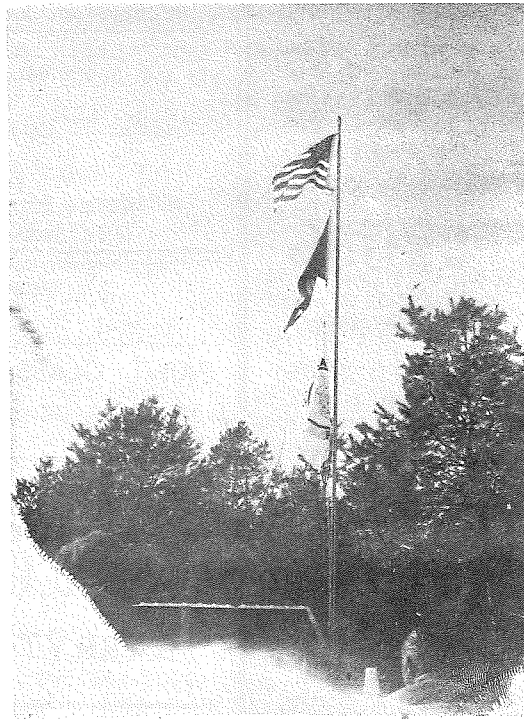
hefty raise over present millage. Too bad.

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### NEWS NOTES

Roy and Mamie Sisco, who celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary Feb. 26, received many cards and congratulations from old friends around here. They now live at 8891 East Remus Road.

Edith McArthur entered CMC Hospital Saturday for surgery. She was expected to be home Tuesday.



THERE WAS A LAZY WIND--Cold, but lazy, the day of the Lil' Mac Pig Roast, Feb. 20. The wind simply would not lift the three flags proudly displayed on the tall flagpole erected on the pig-roast site. Top one, of course, is the national flag, with the State of Michigan banner in the middle; and under both, cute as the dickens but undisputed that day, was the Pig Roast flag, created, we suspect by Dick Touchinski. We tried, but that pesky breeze just would not co-operate.  
Messenger photo

### BUD'S STORE REALLY IS A PARTY STORE

This week Bud's Party Store in Weidman is announcing the opening of a cheese counter, where Bud or one of the girls will cut cheese slices from 25 different kinds of rolls and blocks of the delectable edible.

Bud's Store is one of the most elaborately equipped party stores in the county, having everything for the party-giver, besides good items for weekenders and lake dwellers caught when other stores are closed.

Bud has run an efficient and growing party store ever since he came here from Muskegon, a "city boy", and quickly became one of us.

Our congratulations.

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### MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE TO OFFER MASONRY SKILLS

Mid Michigan Community College will offer a specialized course in masonry skills starting March 21.

The course will run for 12 weeks, and will cover concrete footings, poured floors, forming, brick and block laying, and fireplace construction.

All students will spend the majority of their instruction and time actually working at laying blocks and bricks and installing concrete.

The course will meet daily from 8 a. m. to noon.

Completion of the course, CTR 250 Masonry Skills, will give the student eight college credits toward completion of a Construction Technology Associate degree.

For more information on this popular course, call Dr. Charles J. Corrigan at Mid Michigan Community College, 517-386-7792, ext. 235.

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Mrs. Leah Scharrer was reported feeling much better this week, after a recent heart attack.

## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Opal Denslow reports the births of three great-grandchildren within the past two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Denslow of Lansing had a son, Eric Clifford; he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Junior J. Denslow, formerly of this area and now of Lakeview; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foss had a son, Eric Charles, born in CMC Hospital; born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Depew, a son, who lived only a short time. The latter two ladies are sisters, and were formerly Kathy and Karen Brownell, of this area.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and Randy of Drayton Plains spent Saturday with the Jim Thompsons.

Mrs. Betty Martin and Mrs. Diane Martin took Diane's six-months-old baby to the hospital at Mt. Pleasant Sunday. The tot was quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow went to Frankenmuth and had dinner Sunday, then went to Midland to see the Showboat.

An accident occurred in front of the Charle Fahnestock residence on the Airline Road last Wednesday, when a big truck went into the ditch at the corner of Airline Road and Wyman Road. The accident broke off a guideline on a light pole, but nobody was hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bateman and son were Saturday dinner guests of her folks, the Charles Fahnestocks.

Harold and Lois Losey returned home Friday night from a Florida vacation. They were Sunday visitors of their folks, the Charlie Loseys and Jessie Rosencrantz. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were early evening callers.

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Mrs. Maggie Boger called on Mrs. Emma Middlesworth Sunday. Karen Donely of Lake Isabella was also a caller.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## In the Editor's Mail

Hi, Connie:

Just to let you know I have a new address. We are still in the same community, but in the little town of Osprey, about a mile north of the park.

Received the Messenger today. Sorry to know about Emma Middlesworth. Hope she gets well soon.

Marge and Art bought a house. Since he is retired, he feels that it's better to own than pay rent on a space for a mobile home, and it's a pleasant place with nice neighbors.

Our Florida weather has been nothing pleasant. Snow and freezing weather all week. Not like Michigan and Chicago, but

for people who are here for vacation, it's mean.

All the shrubs and flowers look sick. We woke up this morning with our gas furnace off.

But the people are still coming in crowds. The traffic on US-41 we can see from our window is mostly bumper to bumper, all day and all night.

Enough of that. Will write another time.

Take care of yourself.

Best regards,  
Maude Robinson  
Florida

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Powers and family of Shepherd were Saturday visitors of their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson. Marge Mullett and the Wilsons spent Sunday afternoon with Nina Forbes.

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# 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

## LEGAL

# Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ISABELLA  
 Estate of LEO J. WIEBER,  
 Deceased. File No. 1295C

NOTICE OF HEARING  
 TAKE NOTICE; On February 22, 1977, at 11:00 A. M. in the Probate Courtroom, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, before Honorable David E. Burrows, Judge of Probate, a hearing was held on the petition of John Wieber and administration of the estate was granted to Walter J. Wieber.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to said Walter J. Wieber, at R. F. D. No. 1, Weidman, Michigan, 48893, and proof thereof filed with the Court on or before May 11, 1977, and that the heirs at law of said deceased will be determined on said date.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereupon assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

Dated: February 23, 1977.  
 Stephen W. Fox  
 Attorney for Leo J. Wieber Estate  
 102 Hersee Bldg.  
 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

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  
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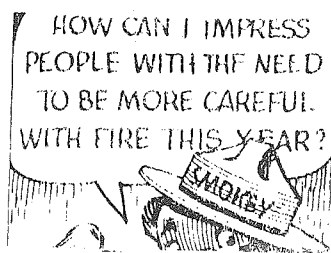
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 Divine Worship, 10.45 a. m.  
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BRINTON CHAPEL  
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 BETTER THAN A LETTER



## Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter

Mrs. Hilda Laxton and Duane Atherton of Lansing spent Wednesday and Thursday visiting Mrs. JoAnn Atherton.

The Bud Tomlinsons spent the weekend at the home of their son and family, for Bud and Gwen's anniversary. They went to the Red Lobster Saturday evening. Their son, Mark, is a tennis instructor at Farmington Hills Racquet Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dennis and girls spent Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Argersinger, of Carson City.

Saturday evening guests of Larry and Dawn Dennis were Mr. and Mrs. Ron Shoemaker of Mt. Pleasant.

Friday evening, after bowling at Mt. Pleasant, the Joe Marchianos entertained guests. The group visited and played cards at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Atherton were invited over to the Leonard Schneiders' residence Sunday afternoon. They played cards and visited. The Athertons are proud owners of a 1977 Buick Century car.

Don Schneider invited Tim Marchiando over Friday to stay over night. They attended a basketball game at Beal City in the evening, and went to basketball practice Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tyler entertained his daughter, Linda, and husband, Richard White, Sunday. They live in Alma, and

drove over for a visit. Also, our deepest sympathy to Mary Tyler in the loss of her brother this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kemmis spent the weekend at their cottage, stopping in to visit the Jerome Becks before returning to Lansing Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck had dinner Wednesday evening at the Moose Club in Mt. Pleasant. On Thursday evening, along with Connie and Bill White, they attended a retirement dinner for Keith Ritchie of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Thelen made a trip to Temperance, Ohio, this weekend, to take their grandson, Mark, home for his semester break from college.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Coston spent Saturday evening at the Frank Wagner residence in Beal City. They visited and played cards.

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Coston visited with Mr. and Mrs. Myron Esch.

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## LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Dogs, dogs, and more dogs! Yes, I like dogs, and have one. Ours is kept at HOME.

But many are not, and these are the ones your neighbors complain about.

Every LIPOA letter has an item about keeping pets confined on your own property.

Those of us who do, wish you

would comply with the rules.

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## Local Items

Daryl Pitts is spending a between-term week at his home here, from his studies at Great Lakes Bible School in Lansing.

Ruby Douglas spent Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams and family of Midland were Saturday guests. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brenay and Frank Durham of Bay City were Sunday visitors.



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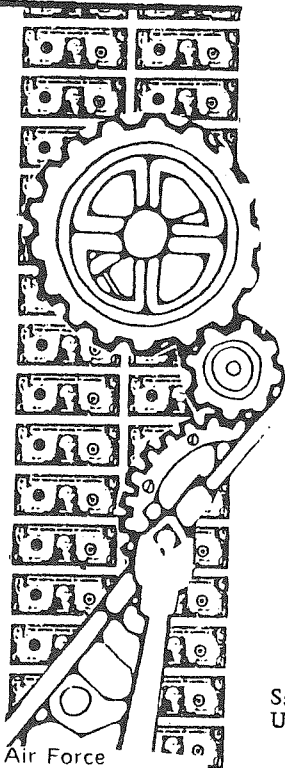
Lansing — Prolific state law makers introduced over 4,400 bills during the just complete legislative session, but only about 800 of them have been entered in the lawbooks.

That makes for about an 18 per cent efficiency rate on bills over the two-year period.

Many of the proposals were trivial and many more were duplicate bill introductions made so a second lawmaker—or political party—could claim partial credit for somebody else's good idea.

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# Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith had a surprise 39th anniversary party for them Saturday evening.

Renee Rau spent Wednesday with Donny Gould.

The Beal City basketball team won over Farwell Friday night, 53-42.

The highly-ranked Beal City High School Band made a guest appearance in Owosso Saturday, and did us all proud.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeien attend-

ed the Rotary Club's beef dinner Saturday night.

Mrs. June Blasen and Theresa Smith called on Mrs. Al Schafer Monday.

Dale Rau of Gregory was home over the weekend.

Betty and Karen Sunderman spent Friday with Louise Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred spent Sunday with Tillie Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tilmann and Ella of Mt. Pleasant and Matie Pung had dinner Sunday at the Al Tilmann home.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp and Donna called on Tillie Schafer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould attended the funeral of Bill Mul-

lett Saturday afternoon.

Frank Huguelet was baptized Sunday. Chad Joseph, son of Randall and Joyce Schafer, was also baptized.

Bill Martin entertained company Sunday.

We welcome to our parish membership Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Grech, Frank Huguelet, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Collins, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reihl.

Mrs. Fred Zeien visited Anne Smith Monday evening.

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days, so also had a scenic tour of Mt. Pleasant. When I got home, a lady from Lakeview came to call on us. Brought a big box of goodies. Seems so good, when you get older, to have a younger-generation think of us Senior Citizens.

Hope you and Frances are standing the cold winter weather. I sure wish we had an old-fashioned heating stove to rely on, but guess we will make it out until Spring.

Well, so much for this time

Sincerely  
Clara Grewett  
S. University Avenue  
Mt. Pleasant

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## In the Editor's Mail

Please extend me \$5.00 more of the Messenger.

I am 93 years old. Excuse blunders.

Edith Kennedy  
Flint

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Dear Connie:

Just thought that I would write you a few lines. Saw this mural painting done by a lady in Grand Rapids. It was in our daily paper. Thought Frances would enjoy looking at it. I thought it was something very unusual.

Was to the doctor's yesterday. Have been having a time with arthritis in my legs and feet, especially at night. Can't take aspirin, so have a problem just what to take.

I rode the Dial a Ride yesterday. It was one of their busy

### CARD PARTY AFTER FOOD WITH FRIENDS

A card party hosted by Wilbur Reinert and Leah Scharrer was held at the Masonic Hall Friday, following Food with Friends dinner.

Carol Lary won first prize in pepper, Marge Burgess won low.

Joe Lawens won first for the men, with Bernard Gallagher low.

This Monday a bingo party was enjoyed, with Steve Stevens caller, Carol Lary as checker. Six games were enjoyed.

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## Pohl-Gepford

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pohl, 635 W. Jordan Road, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy, to Douglas Gepford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gepford 4320 E. Jordan Road. Cindy is a 1975 graduate of Beal City High School and is employed at the Medical Care Facility. Doug is a 1975 graduate of Sacred Heart High School and is employed at Olson Firestone. A May 6 wedding is being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Sunday guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and

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Morning Service, 11 a. m.  
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.  
Choir (Thursday) 6.30 p. m., at the parsonage.

We had a nice turnout at our church Sunday evening for a Hymn Sing with the Brinton Chapel folks as our guests. Lunch of cookies, koolade and coffee was served after the singing service.

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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.

A missionary from Panama will be speaker and slide-shower at the Weidman Church of the Nazarene this coming Saturday, March 5, at 7 p. m., and on Sunday morning at 11 a. m.

He is Rev. Marvin L. Buell, and he'll have fascinating slides to show along with his talk about his work in Panama.

The public is invited.

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### WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Athel J. Lynch, Pastor. Ph. 644-3336.

Church School, 9.45 a. m.  
Worship Service, 11 a. m.  
Pot-luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p. m.

Sharing and Prayer Thursday, 7.30 p. m.

Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p. m.

The Methodist Parsonage has a permanent phone number, 644-3441.

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

The Weidman United Methodists will meet with the Nazarene Church members Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. A film, "Corrie," about a foreign prison camp, will be shown. Corrie Tenboom has written several books, and several films have been made about her life.

The Methodist Men prepared and served dinner Saturday evening for the Methodist Women in the church dining room. Maynard Peacock showed slides on Haiti. Rev. Lynch gave a talk on Mary and Martha. The

dinner was superb, and the evening was greatly enjoyed.

March 13 through the 16th, a cluster preaching meeting will be held at Clare. A preacher from England will be featured.

The Weidman Ministerial Association will meet at the Methodist parsonage in Weidman March 15, for noon luncheon. All area churches take part in the Association.

Methodist ministers and their wives will have luncheon at Lake Isabella March 14, with 14 area churches expected to be represented.

The Methodist ministry here has moved most of the church meetings to the parsonage, to save fuel--the church can be kept at a low level of heating without people present.

Rev. Athel Lynch visited Ethel Bywater Saturday, at the Isabella County Medical Facility. Ethel is looking forward to spring and the hope of coming back to her own home.

The Methodist Church has sold the Blanche Cliff residence to Pete Yuhas, employed at the Pickwick store in Mt. Pleasant, who will move his family here March 1. The Yuhas family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Yuhas, and four children, all boys.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Clayton Beutler was a Saturday afternoon visitor of Mrs. Nina Forbes.

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## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., spent Saturday evening with the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti and Clayton and I attended a camper show at the Cadillac fairgrounds Saturday afternoon.

The Robert Dutcher family called on us one evening this past week.

Lois (Dutcher) Cain and Lester Rhodes of Grand Rapids were married Saturday, Feb. 26, in

Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons spent Sunday afternoon and had supper with us. Douglas and Jim were callers Sunday.

Dale Dutcher, Walter Howe and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher were Friday evening callers of the Jim Dutchers. Clayton, Richard, Dale and sons Chris and Jon and Bob and Julia Dutcher were Sunday afternoon callers.

Floyd Dutcher spent most of last week with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. He spent Thursday with us.

Laurel Beutler wasn't feeling well over the weekend, and missed school Monday.

Hazel Davis of Pottsville, Pa., left Monday for her home, after spending the month here visiting relatives.

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Verl Wright and family of near Monroe spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

Bud Longton was in Remus Tuesday, where he called on his doctor.

Little Danelle Fletcher spent Saturday with Grandma Irene Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Moon of Battle Creek called on Dad and me Saturday, and had lunch with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jones were in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore and Irene Bowen called on us Sunday evening, and enjoyed

ice cream and cake in honor of Dad's birthday.

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### NEWS NOTES

Jerry Smith has been off work at Bader Milling Company the past two weeks, after suffering an eye injury. He had surgery at

the Alma Hospital, and was reported doing well this week. He expected to go back to work this week.

Terri Touchinski has been sick with strep throat. She was feeling better this week, and expected to go back to school.

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SANDRA DUTCHER

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra, to Edward Sterling Oplinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger.

The bride-elect is a 1976 graduate of Chippewa Hills High School, and is working at the Center for Human Development in Mt. Pleasant.

Her fiancée is a 1972 graduate of Chippewa Hills High School, and is engaged in farming.

An April 22 wedding is being planned.

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# Poet's Corner

"EDUCATED"

He couldn't spell a word,  
His reading was absurd;  
Couldn't subtract or add,  
Couldn't afford a pencil or pad.

He knew nothing of our past  
great men,  
Could hardly count from one to ten.  
Didn't like black boards & school--  
We all called him a fool.

But he knew of hard work and pay,  
Swore he'd be rich some day.  
He knew of life, and love and joy,  
Actually, quite an exceptional boy!

Happiness, loneliness, faith, and trust--  
He was more educated than any of us!

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Silent the eve,  
No sound is heard.  
I scarce dare breathe---  
Quiet lies the unspoken word.

The wind may blow soon,  
Capture the moment as it stands,  
Moving so silently coat the moon;  
Time lies safe in God's hands.

A gentle raindrop, or tear--  
Thoughts of contentment engulf

me;  
All this may soon disappear--

Will I find it again? Where will it be?

Soft comes the sound of a rain shower;  
Will it bring cool winds, or hot?  
A rainbow soon to enlighten this flower  
I see with my heart.  
What my eyes cannot.

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(Written by Michelle Bauw of Grand Rapids, 17-year-old granddaughter of the Bert Chaffees. Mabel notes: "Michelle (Shelley) is a gifted young writer of poems and short stories, and is a carbon copy of our Jeanine at 17. In the above poem, she obviously is writing for a blind person.")

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## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Belden of Barryton called at the Don Alwood home Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Helen Alwood, Walt and Jeanne Smith and Merceel Graham were among the many parents attending the winter concert bands' performance Sunday afternoon at the high school gym. The bands will be competing soon in district contests at Reed City and Big Rapids. Everyone thought the bands were wonderful, thanks to

the directors, Jim Yarrick and Jim Anderson.

Visitors at the Zena Olger home: last week were Mr. and Mrs. Sim Riggs of Farwell. Her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee, visited Zena Monday morning this week.

Mrs. Carolyn Parrish and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott, last weekend. Robert Parrish is staying with his grandparents a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott, Mrs. Muriel Miller and Debbie Caledon, Mrs. Lois Knollenberg and boys, and James Kennedy had a birthday party for Mrs. Irene Chapman Sunday afternoon after church.

Mrs. Laura Iatham visited her sister, Rosie Leiter, at River-view Apartments in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday, and spent the night there, returning home Wednesday.

We went to see our son, Albert Gott, at the Alma Hospital Friday. He called us Monday and may come home Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peacock and Diana took us to see him.

Mrs. Kay Aldrich went with her daughter, Linda Brown, to Big Rapids Hospital to see her son, Pat Brown, who is a patient there for treatment. They put him in a cast, at the hospital. He was four years old Monday.

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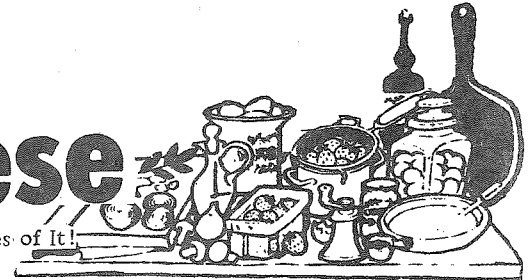
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