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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### TAXPAYERS STATEWIDE ARE TURNING DOWN MILLAGES

A note to the Board of Education and administration of the Chippewa Hills Schools, and also to those sincere people who have worked to get millages upped in the district:

Don't feel bitter against your friends and neighbors in the various towns and countryside if the millage proposal coming up again in June does not pass.

Chippewa Hills District is not alone in turning down millage proposals. Districts all over the state are saying, "No more raises in taxes!" and they vote down any and all millage-enlargement proposals.

Property everywhere is soaring in taxable valuation even though it may not be salable at the price set by county and state tax moguls. Ergo, taxation on property everywhere is going up every year, even if millage for schools is held at present levels.

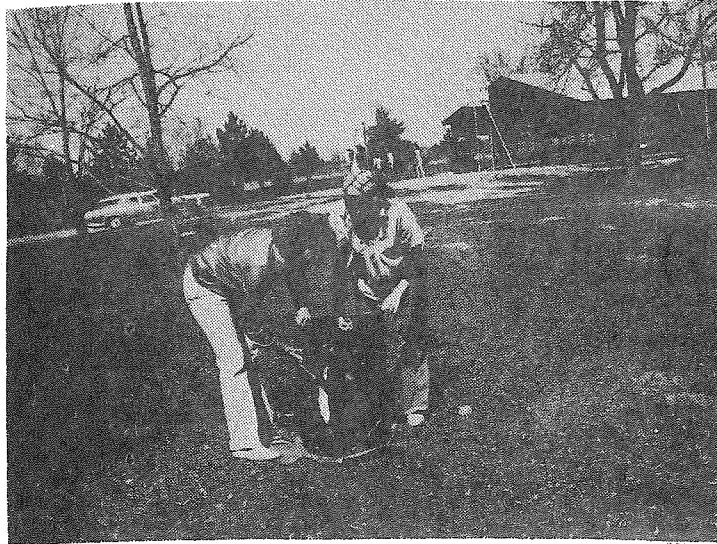
Taxpayers see school personnel, from administrators and teachers to bus drivers and custodians, going up and up on annual pay raises.

The taxpayer gets no pay raise--unless he happens to work at Dow in Midland or at an auto factory. (In which case, he probably owns a home and lot on Lake Isabella, and all lake property is being assessed sky-high, bigger every year. So, even if he's getting \$6 to \$8 an hour in a factory, his home property-tax goes up-up.)

All over Michigan, school districts are being denied millage boosts, by vote of the taxpayers (even with non-taxpayers voting on tax propositions for other people to pay).

So--it's not just this school district. It's a state-wide, if not a nation-wide, tax revolt, in a limited way. The land-owner can't do much about tax assessments and tax payments, except

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LINDA AND BEA McCONNELL PITCHED IN AT THE PARK--To help in Weidman's first annual Cleanup Day. The McConnell family, who purchased the old Buz Smith house on the corner of Second and Main Streets here, also bought the terribly menacing corner lot with its excavation and ruins of an old building, and also cleaned that up. Bud Fredrickson, WBA president, said it was the McConnells who first suggested a clean-up day for this town, especially at the park. The McConnells were out full-family Saturday, all working like beavers on the cleanup. They and just two Weidman business men cleaned up the park--with the help of a dozen or so pre-teen-age kids who worked like little grownups.  
Messenger photo



WE DIDN'T GET THIS YOUNGSTER'S NAME--But he was working manfully at the park Saturday. At the time this photo was taken, he was apparently feeling the twinges of hard work. But he did a swell job.  
Messenger photo

### FIREMEN'S ANNUAL AUCTION SET FOR SATURDAY, MAY 7

The annual Firemen's Auction this year has been set for Saturday night, May 7, as usual at Evelyn Hackney's Village Inn tavern.

The Firemen's Auction draws huge crowds every time, and this year's event will be no exception.

Donations are sought from area people; household items, outdoor items, tools, anything except clothing.

Rummage around your house to find things you no longer use, and turn them in for the auction. They will be someone else's treasures --and at good prices for the Firemen's fund, too.

Proceeds from the auction are used by the Firemen to buy needed equipment and wearing apparel for fire fighters.

Nottawa and Sherman Townships kick in certain amounts annually to maintain the fire-fighting force, but their amounts are not enough to cover needed items for the men who scam when that old siren lets loose, and race out to fight our fires.

So--rummage carefully, and give generously. It may come back to you in life and property saving work by the Firemen, aided by equipment bought with the money from the Annual Auction.

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### WEIDMAN REXALL PHARMACY TO HAVE NEW BUILDING

Card Construction Company of Mt. Pleasant announced last week that it will put up a new building for the Weidman Rexall Pharmacy this spring.

Pharmacist Lou Fiorillo told the Messenger this week that groundbreaking date has not yet been set, but that it probably will be soon.

Work on the new building is expected to start within the next two to three weeks.

The building will be located on a lot next to Dick Curtiss' car wash on the corner of Airline Road and the main business street.

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Richard Cook's asparagus field south of the school here is being harvested, a record for early date for asparagus.

**GRASS FIRES, MOBILE HOME FIRE CALL OUT FIREMEN**

The Nottawa and Sherman Township Volunteer Fire Department was called out three days in a row last week, for a couple of grass fires and a fire at the mobile home court at the corner of M-20 and Coldwater Road.

The mobile home, owned by Ted Lueder, manager of the trailer park, was a total loss, according to local firemen.

Saturday the firemen were called out for a grass fire at the motel at Coldwater Lake, but the blaze was under control when the fire fighters arrived.

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**DONALD AUMELL GIVES SOME HINTS ON SAVING LIFE**

Donald Aumell, the passerby who stopped and administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to the small son of the Gilbert Schrocks recently when two of the Schrock tots were overcome by carbon monoxide gas, was in the Messenger office Saturday,

and we did a little gabbing.

Donald spent six years on the police force--he's from Detroit--way--and he remarked, "It's funny. When you're a policeman, you do it (life-saving) every day, and no one thinks anything of it, much less thank the policemen."

"But when a civilian does the same things--well, it's really something!"

The Schrock family had him over for supper, after everyone had recovered from the shock of that near-tragic incident. Donald lives in Lake Station, but says he's going to sell his home there and join his mother in Wisconsin. ("We're about the last of the family, and should be together," he said.)

He offered a bit of information on escape from burning buildings (we were talking about the now-popular use of wood for heating fuel).

"Did you know," he said, "that there's no smoke, no matter how

thick it is in the building (or home) that's burning, if you get down six to 12 inches above the floor? That's right, there's no smoke there, even if the rest of the building's burning up.

"Smoke rises, you know."

We figure that's something to know. We're burning wood, and plan to burn more when George Fussman gets that small fireplace tucked in on the north wall of our living room.

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**BROOMFIELD LUTHERANS INSTALL NEW PIPE ORGAN**

Dedication of the New Wicks five-rank pipe organ will be held Sunday afternoon, May 1, at 2 p. m. at Zion Lutherna Church in Broomfield Township. The church is located south of Weid-

man on Coldwater Road.

Pastor Charles Bonow of St. Charles, Mich., will be guest organist. Some members of the congregation also will play selections.

The public is cordially invited to share this joyous occasion with the parishioners.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur attended the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival the weekend. They and the Ed Foxes returned from a three-weeks' vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes are spending 10 days in San Francisco and San Diego, Calif.

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NOTICE--We were forced to omit some important news, and some important photos this week. Bear with us. We'll tuck 'em in next week.

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## Card of Thanks

**SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY**  
I would like to extend a special Thanks to my family and friends for the wonderful surprise party held for me at the Dick Curtiss home.  
A delicious buffet-style dinner was served, with 35 present. Also a special thanks to the Curtiss family for supplying the coffee.  
Thanks again.  
Verlia Wilcox

## Obituary

**WALTER H. SMITH**  
Walter H. Smith, a long-time resident of Weidman area, and of late years of Fort Myers, Fla., died Saturday, April 23, at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant after a long incapacitation. He and his wife, Marie, were farmers in northwest Nottawa Township, just east-by-north of Weidman a couple of miles. Marie is a former school teacher, who retired from teaching to help Walter on the farm.

Walter had many friends in this area, among townspeople and farmers; for years he did milking on area farms.

He died at the age of 84. He was born in Gilmore Township, in the area where he and Marie made their enjoyable farm home.

For the past 20 years they had made their home on the riverfront in Fort Myers, Florida, but came back to Michigan last fall. Walter suffered failing eyesight for many years.

He was a member of the Weidman United Methodist Church, and of the Masonic Lodge here.

He is survived by his wife, Marie; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Schoenith and Mrs. Viola Sampsell, both of Fort Myers, Florida; also several nieces and nephews, and very many friends.

Funeral services were held at 1 p. m. Tuesday, April 26, at the Stinson-Helms Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with Rev. Athel Lynch officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.

Their many friends will mourn Walter's passing.

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## Obituary

**RUTH H. BLESCH**

Ruth H. Blesch of Barryton, a former Brinton resident, died Monday morning, April 25, at the Isabella County Medical Facility, after a long illness.

She was 90 years old.

She was born Nov. 24, 1886, in Fargo, N. Dakota, and had lived in the Brinton and Barryton areas for 75 years.

Both her parents and the Blesch family were prosperous early farmers in the Brinton area, and Ruth and her husband lived on the extensive Blesch farm for a good many years, until his retirement, when they moved to Barryton. Both had very many friends in this area.

She and Charles Blesch were married in 1911. He preceded her in death in July of 1965. Ruth has made her home for these many years with her daughter, Jo Alkofer, in Barryton.

She is survived by her daughter, Jo, and also her daughter, Mrs. Jean Murdock, of San Pedro, Calif.; and five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; also two sisters, Mrs. Marjorie Johnson and Mrs. Grace Hines, both of Lake Odessa; two brothers, William Stevens of Farmington, Mich., and Bruce Stevens of Costa Mesa, Calif.

Ruth was a life member of Waubenoo Chapter 360, Order of the Eastern Star, and was a 50-year member of the Barryton Rebekah Lodge. She was very active in the Barryton Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held at 1 o'clock p. m. Wednesday at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Rev. Altha Barnes officiating. Burial was in the Flake Cemetery at Barryton.

Memorials in memory of Ruth Blesch may be made at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton.

Her many friends from this area will miss her.

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

The Austin Dents of Sherman City picked a 10-quart pailfull of beefsteak mushrooms, and three grocery bags of morels Sunday morning, in about 20 minutes in the woods behind their place. They say they'll enjoy some now, and freeze a lot.

Monroe Dutcher was a Sunday overnight guest ay the Losey home. Harold Losey and Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Sunday afternoon callers.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

# Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mrs. Teeter joined Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place on a trip to Saskatchewan, Canada, where they went to get their daughter, Janell, from college, where she has been attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright called on Mr. and Mrs. Stan Darnell near Mt. Pleasant Saturday. Monday they attended the funeral of her 11-year-old cousin, who was fatally wounded in a bicycle accident. Funeral services were held at Riverdale.

Jane Fields was in Clare Tuesday, where she called on her doctor.

Lynn Forbes, the little three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Forbes, was a patient in the Mt. Pleasant Hos-

pital. She returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knorr and family of Lansing spent the weekend here.

Helen Strang and daughter, Lori, were in Midland Friday, where Lori had dental work done.

Laura Roberts and sister, Lorna Speice, of Carson City, called on their sister, who is a patient at the Midland Hospital, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beers of Lansing spent the weekend with their parents, George and Cora Beers. Eathel Beers was also a dinner guest.

Irene Bowen and Connie Fletcher were in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday, where Irene called on her doctor.

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EXPIRATION--Of your subscription date appears each week beside your address.

The Gene McArthur family spent the weekend camping at Pike Lake, north of Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. David McArthur and family also were in their party, with their camping trailer.

## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower spent the weekend with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower, and family, at Petersburg. Stacy Leiter of St. Louis spent a few days with her grandparents last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William O. Brien and son, Timothy, of Sumner,

spent Sunday afternoon and evening with their grandmother, Mrs. Nina Forbes.

James Noe returned home from Ferguson Hospital last week, and was doing well. He had spent a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Mona Richardson, at Jackson, before returning home.

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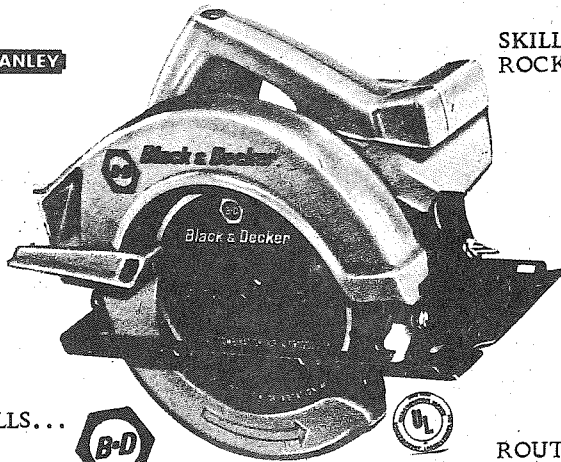
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# Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

## SCHOOL CARNIVAL IS APRIL 30

Don't forget the Beal City School Carnival Saturday evening, April 30. Everyone is cordially invited.

There will be games, prizes, a cafe, a bake sale, bingo, and a raffle.

The Carnival begins at 6.30 p.m. and ends at 9.30.

Everyone come and enjoy the evening!

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fedewa and Martha Pung of Portland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coughlin of Harrison and Mrs. Cluley of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steffke and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rau, celebrating Mr. Grinzinger's 82nd birthday.

Ruth and Maxine Klumpp were in Midland Thursday.

Howard and Florence Schafer and Blanche Pung were in Saginaw Friday afternoon.

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## NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome to our parish membership Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sisung and their son, Matthew.

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Mrs. Rose Sheahan called on Mrs. Delores Gould Wednesday morning.

Brian Gould spent Friday night with Louis Rau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rau.

Mrs. Emily Goffnet and family visited Mrs. Delores Gould Thurs-

day afternoon.

Mrs. Charlotte Birgy called on Mrs. Rita Sheppard Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family attended the first Communion of Chris Goffnet Sunday at Sacred Heart Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steffke helped Herman Grinzinger celebrate his birthday this past week.

Roxanne Bleise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bleise, made her First Communion Sunday morning.

Mrs. Emma Tilmmnn attended the Centennial celebration of the Dominican Sisters at Sacred Heart Church Sunday.

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## BAPTISMS

Dina Marie Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale and Linda Ellis.

Robin William Currie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl and Elaine Currie.

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## WINNING PIONEER 4-H CLUB HAS SPRING ACHIEVEMENT

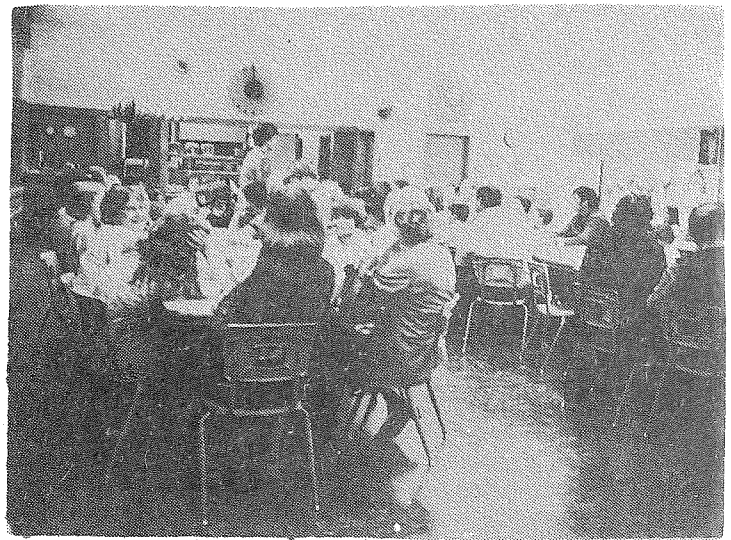
The Winning Pioneers 4-H Club Spring Achievement, at the Weidman School, on April 19, turned out very nice.

Most of the members and their parents showed up for the pot-luck supper and show.

Our president, Deb Wernette, gave a nice welcome to all, and Tracy Bywater gave a fine invocation before the meal.

After the meal, Don Walker of the County Extension office, led the group in a few fun songs.

Deb Wernette introduced the officers of the club, and our ad-



AT THE WINNING PIONEERS 4-H CLUB EXHIBITIONS-- Last Tuesday night at the Weidman School, parents and friends were treated to supper (pot-luck) while mothers did cleanup work afterward. Messenger photo

ministrative leader, Mrs. Mary Beutler, who introduced Don Walker, the other leaders, and thanked the parents and leaders for their help thus far.

Our secretary, Linda Wilmot, then addressed the group, telling of all the extra activities and fun the Winning Pioneers have had so far.

Reporter Jamie Carrick also addressed the group, telling them of her experiences in Service Club (a county-wide club), and who is eligible to join.

Then the gym was opened, and everyone enjoyed examining and admiring exhibits of winter projects the club members have

done for the fair.

When all had finished, a nice skit about 4-H was put on by Connie Roy, Linda Roy, Mark Roy, and Liz Hachenbruch.

Following the skit was a style show of the sewing, knitting and crocheting projects. The girls looked very nice on stage.

Then, to end the show nicely, Don Walker showed a film about Exploration Days at MSU, and answered questions about it.

Jamie Carrick  
Reporter  
Winning Pioneers

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Douglas McArthur and son, Eric, were Sunday dinner guests of the Gary McArthurs.

## WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

The Weidman Baptist Church hosted a special group from the Grand Rapids Baptist College and Seminary last Sunday.

James Courey, in charge of campus development at the college, brought the morning message, and taught the adult Sunday School class.

R. W. Mackey, a second-year seminarian at the college, brought the message during the evening service.

Special music was provided at both services by a trio of girls, also from the college, who call themselves the Tones of Truth.

The entire group spent the day at the Weidman Baptist Church, and at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Marvin Eldridge. They were available during the Young People's meeting Sunday evening, to talk about the college and answer questions the young people might have concerning the school.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan of Mt. Pleasant visited the Paul Coles Friday afternoon.

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

### OPAL DENSLOW HOSTESS TO BUSY BEES CLUB

Opal Denslow was hostess to the Drew Busy Bees Club Thursday, April 14.

This was the first meeting of the year. There were 16 ladies present to enjoy the afternoon.

Everyone was pleased to have Flora Wood, Eva Denslow, Eva Gray and Lucille McDaniels with the club again.

After the usual business meeting several get-well cards were signed for shut-ins.

Roll call consisted of some very interesting and unusual responses in verse, and also in reports of winter activities.

The May meeting will be a luncheon at the Country Kitchen in Barryton May 13 at 1.30 p. m. After the luncheon, members are invited to the home of Edna Merrihew for dessert. Mystery Sisters will be revealed, with a gift exchange.

Opal served the group a delicious lunch, and everyone enjoy-

ed the visiting with friends after a three-month vacation.

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Mrs. Eva Denslow and Margaret Denslow were Saturday supper guests of the Dean Denslow family. The occasion honored the eighth birthday of Holly Denslow. Margaret Denslow enjoyed lunch with her sister, Celia Backus, of Ewart, Monday.

Mrs. Opal Denslow and Mrs. Margaret Denslow attended a Senior Citizens dinner at Barryton Thursday. The dinner was followed by an interesting program by Rev. Wayne Lyons of the Barryton Church of God.

Saturday morning Opal, Margaret, and Alma Dosenberry attended a coffee hour and Bible study at the home of Cleda Navarre in Sherman City.

Bill Cummins and Mrs. Judy Lawrence were Sunday callers at the Alva Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were Wednesday callers in Lansing, and also called on Mrs. Thompson's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Bob attended the Dutcher-Oplinger wedding Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Tiani and two children, Mrs. Vera Rimbold and daughter of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. David Oplinger of Pennsylvania were weekend guests at the Sterling and Earl Oplinger homes, to attend the wedding of Eddie and Miss Sandra Dutcher.

Mrs. Margie Denslow reports the death of Ann (Nutt) Reeder. Her funeral was Monday in Owosso.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock received a letter from their son, Ray, who has been suffering from an ear infection for some time. He was getting better.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and children spent the weekend with her folks, the Gerald Dents. The Lynn Johnson family and Harold Krueger family were

Sunday dinner guests also.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent called on Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck Thursday evening.

The Dents spent Friday over night and Saturday with the George Loomis family at New Era. They all went out for dinner, celebrating the Loomis' 45th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Miller, Jackie Olger, Mike Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Olger were Sunday guests of the Pete Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher of Washington State were Monday callers at the Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey were Tuesday evening callers.

Mrs. Marilyn Losey, Mrs. Susie Chapman and Mrs. Hattie Losey attended the Dutcher-Oplinger wedding Friday evening.

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The Richard Touchinskis attended the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival Sunday.

## Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter

### BEAL CITY SCHOOL CARNIVAL APRIL 30

Everyone is welcome at the annual School Carnival at the Beal City High School, from 6.30 to 9.30 p. m.

There will be games, prizes, cafe, bake sale, bingo, and a raffle.

Come and have fun!

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Mrs. Helen Tomlinson of Lansing is spending some time up here on Coldwater Lake with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Tomlinson and Kay. This time of year is beautiful on the lake, and I'm sure she will enjoy it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bamford of Haslett spent the weekend at their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Womack of Lansing spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mitchell.

The Coldwater Lake neighborhood gals got together Saturday evening, and went to the Moose Club and played bingo. Those attending were Marion Kemmis, Sheri Beck, Janet Mitchell, Evelyn Ludwig, and Vivian Shelp of Lansing. They said they enjoyed the whole evening out.

Dick and Leone Baker were here at their cottage again for the weekend. Dick says there is a lot to do to get ready for the summer months. That includes seeding his new lawn.

Dan and Betty Stacy are back to work again, and after hearing about their wonderful trip to Florida, they probably wish they could take off again. They went to Seminole, Fla., to visit, the Busch Gardens, and saw a Tiger baseball game and Dan got to talk to Tiger player Rusty Staub. On the way back, they stopped

in Georgia, and of course saw the talked-about Plains, Ga., before returning home. Glad they had a good trip.

Veer Buxton is here at his cottage for a couple of days. Comes up during the week a lot, and works. He has his own business, so gets up here often.

Duane Atherton and Sharon Mooney of Lansing spent the weekend visiting his parents, Don and Jo Ann Atherton.

The Don Harter family traveled to Mesick for mushroom hunting the weekend. They got quite a few, and enjoyed their trip.

Barb and Larry Jason drove up Saturday from Fowlerville to check on their cottage. They said they hated to go back, it was so beautiful up here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schafer had their Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bradbury and family were also Sunday afternoon guests.

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### NEWS NOTES

Joy Gillespie of Bay City has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Leila Shook. Mrs. Shook's brother, Gene Taylor, of Bentley, also visited Mrs. Shook. They attended the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mulnix of Carson City spent last Tuesday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Odell of California were also callers last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Dick McCann of Midland were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Middlesworth of Fowlerville spent the weekend with his folks, the Gerald Middlesworths. They all enjoyed dinner with the Richard Donleys at Lake Isabella Sunday.

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# LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

## HUB TO OPEN MAY 3

The new managers of the Hub Store at Lake Isabella are Stan and Carol Goodhall. They plan to be open from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. Tuesday through Saturday, with Sunday hours 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

They will not be open Mondays. They told me it is their wish to carry the items and produce needed by the folk of the area.

Stop in and get acquainted, and make your most-often needs known.

The Goodhall family are living in the former home of Jay Myers.

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## ATTEND MOOSE ANNIVERSARY

Ted Krauss and George Hager went to Ann Arbor to the 50th anniversary of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge. George enrolled in the Ann Arbor lodge June 24, 1929. He has been very active in the lodge ever since. The anniversary book was dedicated to him.

Congratulations, George!

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Ted Krauss went to St. Louis to Lodge No. 1566 for a mortgage burning of the Moose Lodge building. Ted and George Tugen were the only charter members present at this event and dinner.

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George and Dan Hager were guests at the Krauss home for Easter dinner. The afternoon was spent playing cards and dominoes. A very pleasant day for all.

Mrs. Krauss spent March 20 at Marquette with their son and his family. Ted went to Detroit to visit his ailing sister.

Harver and Mildred Lundberg have returned home from their winter, and visited the Krausses this past weekend.

While writing this, I just noticed a new mobile home come into this area. More folks are moving into beautiful Lake Isabella Area.

## (Last Week's News)

Ruth and Otto Yabs spent the weekend in Lansing, where they celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. We visited my sister, Faye Stephenson, and spent part of Sunday with our son, Edwin, and family at DeWitt, returning home late Sunday afternoon.

Dear readers, if you wish Lake Isabella news continued, please help me by phoning your news items to me, tel. 644-2706.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur, a son, Kirk Lee, arriving Thursday, April 21. He weighed nine pounds, five ounces, at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

# S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Sandra Dutcher and Edward Oplinger were married in a lovely ceremony in St. Michael's Church in Remus Friday evening. There was a large crowd at the reception at the K. C. Hall in Beal City. Congratulations, Sandy and Ed!

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Steve, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher attended the wedding and reception for Sandra Dutcher and Eddie Oplinger. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Dawn and Rex, Kaye Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti all attended the reception. Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and Heather also attended the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and Cindy and Susie of Clarkston came up Friday to attend the wedding of Sandra Dutcher and Eddie Oplinger. They stayed until Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and children of Saginaw had Friday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, and attended the wedding and reception. Mr. and Mrs. Les Rhode and daughter, Julia, of Grand Rapids also came up and attended the wedding and reception.

Clayton and Lorraine Dutcher of Seattle, Wash., spent the weekend here visiting their father, Floyd, at Grand Rapids.

They had Sunday dinner with Ervin and Goldie Dutcher, and spent Sunday over night and till after lunch Monday with us. They flew back to Washintogon Tuesday morning, as Clayton had to work Tuesday afternoon.

My cousin Fay Fairchilds, of Shepherd and her sister, Donaldada, were Monday callers of ours.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gatehouse and Mr. and Mrs. Jake VanderSys attended the reception for Sandra Dutcher and Eddie Oplinger Saturday at the K. C. Hall at Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., called on the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Saturday. Monroe Beckwith and Ervin and Jack Dutcher called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and Karen and Kevin of Clarkston came up to attend the wedding and reception for Sandra and Eddie. They had dinner with his folks, Ervin and Goldie Dutcher, and took their mother, Edna Merrihew, to the wedding and spent over night with her at Bar-ryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and boys spent Saturday with us.

Chris and Jon Dutcher spent Saturday over night with Rex Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and girls drove around Lake Isabella Sunday, and had dinner at the lounge.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Nina Forbes reports the birth of a new great-granddaughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Rivard of Northville. She has been named Leigh Carol.

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ONLY TWO BUSINESSMEN--Bud Fredrickson and Dick Curtiss, showed up for the Saturday work-bee on cleaning up Mitchell Park and the town streets. Dick and Bud were working at the north end of the park, where they said their main job was gathering up debris from paper cartons apparently blown there from a nearby store.  
Messenger photo

## Editor's Column

By Connie

accept them, what with our county tax assessor upping the township assessor's figures, and then like as not the state tax board upping the county tax assessor's figures.

The land-owner figures he's the patsy, as indeed he is. He has no recourse, as tax assessments are set up in Michigan.

So don't look for a landslide vote approving the upped millage for Chippewa Hills District in June.

There's more likely to be a landslide vote turning it down.

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### OLD FRIENDS COME BACK IN MEMORY

Saturday we got acquainted with Linda McConnell, formerly of Mt. Pleasant, whose husband's father was Charlie McConnell, composing-room and general shop foreman of the Mt. Pleasant Times under Webb McCall (that was ancient times!).

She wanted to know if I perchance had known Charlie McConnell.

All the Roes knew Charlie McConnell, and like most of Mt. Pleasant (which was a small-town personality then), thought the world of Charlie.

Whenever the Roes--Paul, Allys, Connie, and Frances--were out of jobs on big-city papers, we'd trot over to the Mt. Pleasant Times and go to work in the composing room.

Charlie was a lovable, humorous character with a huge tummy and low-slung pants held up by

a belt below his hip-bones, and no one ever knew just how those pants stayed up. Fellow workers had lots of good-natured razzing to do about that, of course, which bothered Charlie not at all. He was a born charmer, as well as a high-class comedian.

He knew how to run a printing plant, too, and the Mt. Pleasant Times (then a huge weekly covering Isabella County) was out on time.

Charlie knew his printing trade, and he also knew printers.

And he loved them all. And they loved Charlie, even while they hollered, "Don't move, Charlie!" pretending horror at the prospect of falling-down

pants.

Charlie McConnell was a great guy.

We're proud to have some of his family as our neighbors in Weidman.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gerald J. Cotter of Mt. Pleasant wish to announce

the birth of a grandson March 31: Michael Gerald Cross, weighing seven pounds, 13 1/2 ounces. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dennis (Carol) Cross, formerly of Mt. Pleasant and now of Ypsilanti. This is the 17th grandchild for Gerald and Alta Cotter. Congratulations!



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