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Editor's Column

By Connie

1984 IS FAST APPROACHING

For the past several years we've heard observations of our township officials that county and state officials are embarked on a project to do away altogether with all township offices and officials: the personal contact we have in re our taxes, ordinances, and all local details.

At first we couldn't believe it. But now we've heard, all these years, and from township and county officials, the allegations, and we believe it's true.

Big Brother wants all your personal (taxable) affairs down there in Lansing, which is where we'll land after the takeover by county officials.

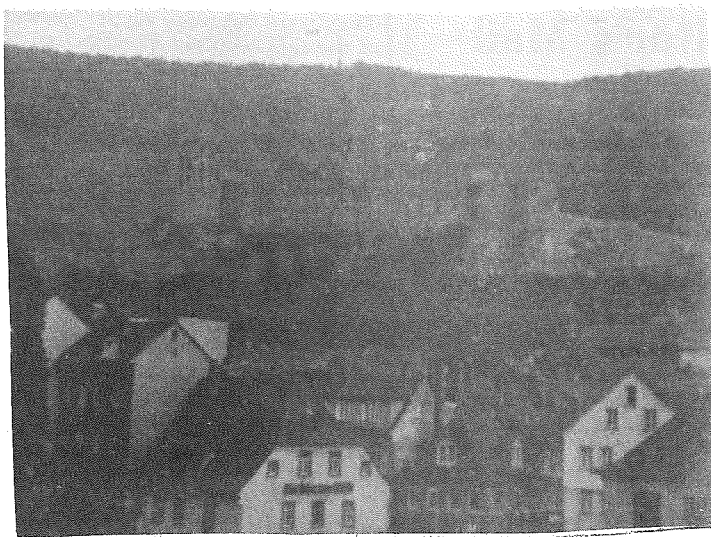
You are no longer a name, with a land description, on the township tax rolls.

You are computer symbols only decipherable by your township treasurer and the big-shots in Mt. Pleasant and Lansing guvt offices.

Your land taxes are figured by your township supervisor at present, it's true; but then he turns them over to the township treasurer, who is forced by law (who did that?) to send the assessments to the county "tax equalizer" in the county seat, who invariably ups the ante on all real estate descriptions and sends them back to the supervisor or treasurer of the township to be raised another notch.

At long last, your hard-working township treasurer sends the tax descriptions (in computer symbols, not land descriptions) back to the county "equalizer", and, if approved, he or she may go ahead.

Only he or she has no local go ahead on the matter. The tax rolls are turned over to the computer at CMU, on the campus, for automatic computation, and the net results are then given to the township treasurer, who sends them out to land owners (they still have to address them to our names and street or road number).
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THE RUINS OF HEIDELBERG CASTLE--Apparently a tourist attraction for servicemen. German artistry and workmanship was famous, before the advent of modernism such as Hitler and the feverish recovery period after World War II.

This a photo from overseas, sent his folks (the Bernard Rileys) from Glenn Riley, stationed in Germany. Glenn and Greg Parker visited Heidelberg together, during a visit Greg made to Glenn's station. The two were just about 80 miles distant from each other, but this was the first time they'd got together. They graduated together from Chippewa Hills High School. Glenn is now Sp/4, in the medical corps. He has charge of medical records at his base. His mother, Leona Riley, has sent Glenn some voice-tapes of the family since this and other photos were sent home by Glenn.

BUD FREDRICKSON: "STOVE PIPES ARE FOR THE BIRDS!"

After his family called out the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Firemen last Wednesday afternoon around 4 o'clock, Bud Fredrickson told the Messenger reporter, "These insulated stove-pipe chimneys for wood-burning stoves are for the birds!"

Bud didn't have a fire--just the chimney burned out; and scared the bejabsers out of the family. There was no damage to Bud's home at Coldwater Lake.

Bud was using a mixture of dry and green wood at the time, but said he'd yank that stove right out of the house and wait till next spring or summer and have a cement-block chimney, with fire-brick lining, built for the stove.

Many people are burning wood these days, including Ye Ed,

who has two fires going (Sunday afternoon): One in Ma's old kitchen range, and one in the gold-plated fireplace. It was so cold, what with wind-chill factor, that the two wood fires couldn't keep that old thermostat from clicking on for the gas furnace, a prime goal in the first place in having the fireplace built and rounding up stacks of waste wood from the place.

Except for 100-year-old codgers like Ye Ed, there's a couple of generations absolutely ignorant in the safe use of wood-burning stoves and fireplaces: which accounts for the wood-burning induced fire calls this winter.

Uneducated generations will just have to get educated in the use of wood for fuel, in our opinion: The price alone, for gas or oil in heating homes, is approaching the prohibitive stage.

NORMAN GROSS BARN BURNS IN EARLY MORNING FIRE

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department answered a call to the Norman Gross farm at 4.30 Saturday morning, to attempt to battle a raging barn fire.

The barn was filled with 1,200 bales of hay and a quantity of straw. Firemen were unable to save the barn (an impossibility when the barn has hay and/or straw stored in it, and when the fire has a raging start).

Firemen turned their hoses on other buildings nearby and saved everything but the barn.

Twenty-one head of young Holstein heifers were not inside the barn, and the Gross family got them to safety.

Cause of the fire was unknown as we went to press, but it is believed to have been either spontaneous combustion in the hay loft or an electrical short-circuit in the barn's wiring.

The Firemen's Auxiliary (Firemen's wives) toted hot coffee and chocolate out to them in the bitter cold of early winter morning. The Firemen greatly appreciate quick refreshments like that while battling bad blazes.

The Gross barn was covered by insurance, according to the family.

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BOB HOPE TO APPEAR IN LANSING FRIDAY, JAN. 20

Bob Hope's only Michigan appearance will be at the Lansing Civic Center Friday, Jan. '20, at 8 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now at the Civic Center box office and all Knapps locations.

To order by mail, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a cashier's check or money order specifying number and price of tickets desired to Lansing Civic Center, 505 W. Allegan, Lansing, Mi., 48933.

All tickets are reserved seats at \$8 and \$10.

The Bob Hope Show is a Pyramid production in association with the Lansing Junior Symphony.

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Edwin and Percy Thomas, former Weidman residents, were visitors of the Eugene McArthur family one day last week.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pfannes and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes visited their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes, last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bukrus and family spent several days at their cabin last week, rabbit hunting. They got some nice ones.

The Semanskys spent several days, also, at their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Laura Ewing, and Wayne Smeaton, at Vassar, Saturday. Laura is from Vassar, and Wayne is from St. Charles. They will make their home at Byron.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Ruth Border, called on the Paul Coles last Tuesday.

Paul did some work at the Rosebush postoffice last week. They had trouble with their door closing.

The Coles' grandson, Tom Mossell, left for Korea Jan. 10 for a 13-months stay.

Miss Connie Ewing will leave for Park College in Missouri this week. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smeaton will drive her through.

Russell Ewing will start work as a policeman in Unionville soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes called on the Paul Coles last Tuesday.

Velma Cole suffered from pleurisy over the holidays.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie--

Sorry we are late. We sure enjoy our paper.

Thanks.

Cal Ohls
Mt. Pleasant

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson visited their daughter, Marilyn Powers, and family, in Shepherd, Sunday.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Betty Thompson helped with the Michigan Milk Producers' dinner at Remus last Tuesday. Wednesday she attended a UMW meeting at the parsonage in Remus.

Tuesday supper guests at the Elwood Miller home were Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller.

The Elwood Millers had Wednesday supper with the Eldon Bellowses at Littlefield Lake. They were Saturday supper guests of the Ed Owenses. They called

Thursday on the Glenwood Holmes family at Lake.

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

Ardis Merrihew was a Saturday caller of Charlie and Hattie Losey. Gerald Losey was an evening caller. Harold Losey called on all of us here Sunday.

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Not much news this week. Opal Denslow said, "Well, I'm staying home and saving gas!"

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Zena Olger spent New Year's with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Theisen, and family, in Mt. Pleasant.

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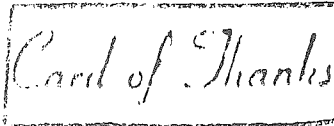
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Jan. 12t2

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Jan. 12tf



The family of Leslie Downing wishes to thank all the neighbors, friends and relatives who helped during his illness and death.

The people who sent cards, flowers, money, or floral offerings. Thank you.

We wish to extend thanks to Dr. Minster, Dr. Donald Smith of Midland, and the staff of Midland Hospital for their excellent care.

The men of the Moose for their memorial service. The ladies of the Moose for the lovely dinner.

Rev. Burns for his support and comfort; and the Lux-Rush Funeral Home for their kind consideration.

To all and everyone who helped in any way--Thank you.

Ida Downing
And the Family of
Leslie Downing

The Churches

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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.

Bert and Barb Boes will be at our church next Sunday. They are missionaries from the Hiawatha missionary post up north. They will be here all day, and will show slides in the evening.

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THINGS WERE EASIER IN 1912: OR WERE THEY?

John Forest loaned us a ledger he found in a storage shed on his place, and we've delighted in poring over items listed by John's father, Frank Forest (or "First, as some called him back there).

Frank was a School Director of Nottawa District No. 4, a school located on the corner of Weidman Road and Winn Road, where the Nottawa Township Hall stands, or thereabouts.

Here are some of the expenditure items listed by Frank Forest in 1912:

M. T. Young, cleaning school, \$4.25; Anthony Tilmann, repairing outhouse, \$3.00; Thesia Tilmann, teaching (three months) \$110; N. Laubenthal, insurance, \$1.75;

Frank Wagner, wood, \$4.40; Peter Tilmann, water rent and wood, \$3.00; Henry Ley, wood, \$5.00; Anthony Tilmann, salary, \$5.00; Mrs. Margaret Forest, school census, \$5.00. Henry Ley, wood, \$77.00; (a whopper, that!) Conrad Wieber, repairing fence, \$10.00.

In 1913, the teacher earned \$60.00 per month. Among other items listed in Frank Forest's ledger are these (for 1913): John McGrogan, cleaning, \$4.50; F. J. Forest, director's M. Reg., etc., \$4.40; Anthony Tilmann, wood, \$6.00; Nicholas Laubenthal, insurance, \$2.00; Conrad Wieber, repairing fence, \$1.00; Anthony Tilmann, services, \$5.00; F. J. Forest, services, \$20.00; N. Laubenthal, services, \$25.00.

By 1914 the teacher earned \$55 per month. Here are some other items listed in the ledger for 1914:

Mrs. C. Martin, cleaning the school, \$3.50; Moritz Weber, cleaning outhouse, \$1.50; Clara Sebenick, janitor, \$4.50; Louis Rau, wood, \$7.75; Conrad Wieber, wood, \$15.50; N. Laubenthal, insurance, \$1.25; S.M. Rau, repairing roof, \$4.75; Herman Blasen, cleaning school, \$1.50;

By 1915, the teacher at that school was earning \$55 per month.

Other items for 1915, in Frank's ledger, include: Mary Weber, cleaning school and outhouses, \$5.00; painting and repairing schoolhouse, \$19.40; S.M. Rau, steel for ceiling and fence, \$58.87; Peter Tilmann, building fence, \$9.00; C. H. Woolworth, wire fencing, \$23.20;

The 1916-1917 year includes the following entries in the ledger:

Peter Esch, cleaning school, etc., \$5.00; Mary DePore, teaching, \$49.50; F. J. Forest, insurance, matches, erasers and cedar wood to start fires, \$6.72; Margaret Forest, taking census, \$7.72.

By the school year of 1917 (the First World War year, remember?) the teacher was earning \$55.00 per month; other items in Frank's ledger include Steven M. Rau, school room heater and wood grate for same, \$49.75; Holmes Milling Co., coal, \$9.47;

In 1918 Regina Faber as teacher was still getting just \$55.00 per month; Farmers' Mutual insurance cost \$3.78; Holmes Milling Co., coal and wood, \$33.25; S.M. Rau, coal hod and scoop shovel, \$2.00;

By 1919 Margaret Straus was earning \$65.00 per month as the teacher; Conrad Wieber got \$7.00 for cleaning the school; Charles Doll billed the school \$5.54 for labor and glass windows; Farmers Mutual insurance had risen to \$7.74; Holmes Milling Co. got \$24.24 for an unspecified amount of coal; and by November of that year, \$31.00 for coal.

In 1920, Hermione Rummel earned \$95.00 per month for teaching; a big jump from the year before. A. J. Tilmann billed the school \$7.30 for stovepipes; Peter Tilmann billed the school only \$4.13 for repairs on the school.

By the time the 1921-22 teaching year came around, Mary Haley received \$85 per month;

In 1922-23 school year, Olga Martin earned \$74.00 per month for teaching;

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fire insurance came to \$2.88;

In the 1924-25 school year, the teacher (Matilda Neyer) earned \$75.00 per month; Matt Kornexl received \$60.50 for school repairs; Florence Tilmann got \$7.00 for cleaning the school; John Gross received \$50.00 for painting the school; Peter Tilmann got \$3.15 for carrying the fire insurance;

In 1925, the last year entered in Frank Forest's ledger, the teacher, Matilda Neyer, got \$71.50 per month;

By 1923-24, the teacher's salary (for Doris Bozer) was \$75.00 per month; Ray Dillenbeck billed the school \$6.00 for school books;

There was \$705.00 in the Primary Credit column, \$353.38 in the general fund, with total "credits" of \$1,058.38.

Easier or not, we must admit that people were willing to work for whatever they got, in those days.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bart Helmer of near Remus took Mrs. Clara Smith to their home for supper last Thursday evening, and took her home later in the evening.

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Thanks again, from Smokey Bear, your State Forester, and the birds.

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Orie Farner of Mt. Pleasant spent Wednesday with Louise Schafer. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schafer and girls of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Joslin of Hiawatha Hills called on Tillie Schafer Wednesday evening. Ed and Milo Eldred of Winn were Tuesday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer of Winn spent Sunday with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Breuer entertained his relatives for a Christmas party Sunday.

The Business Association men took down the Christmas decorations in Beal City Sunday.

Renee Rau had surgery on her head Friday, as an out-patient. She's doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Norm Gross' barn burned Thursday morning.

The bans of matrimony were announced Saturday for Greg Weber and Betty Gross.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Evans are living above the Town and Country Bar, since their house burned down.

Ragolt Hauck called on his sister, Mrs. Irene Smith, Friday afternoon.

Miss Leslie Block went back Saturday to Duluth, Minn., after visiting her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Block, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann and Mr. and Mrs. Don Tilmann of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Herman Grinzinger.

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S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., enjoyed dinner Sunday with their son and family, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children were Sunday evening guests of the Carl Beutlers, enjoying home-made ice cream.

Mrs. Myrtle Sheldon and Mabel Chaffee spent the weekend in Detroit, visiting Myrtle's three daughters and their families, returning home Sunday night on very icy roads. They saw many accidents.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Rhodes of Grand Rapids spent the weekend at the home of her parents, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler visited their brother-in-law, Forest Johnston, at a hospital in Ann Arbor Monday. He was doing better, and expected to be transferred to the hospital in Midland soon.

Pat Egbert and Mabel Chaffee were in Mt. Pleasant and Remus Tuesday.

Patrick Sheldon of Cheboygan spent Thursday and Friday with

his father, Oren Sheldon.

The Gatehouse families have been having the flu virus.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald spent Wednesday with the Eldon Thompsons of Mecosta, and Friday evening with the C. J. Hutson family, also of Mecosta. Thursday afternoon and evening guests of the Fitzgeralds were the Clayton Stephens of Lakeview.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith got their father, Clayton, and took him to the home of his son and wife, Ray and Jean Smith, in Weidman. Clara also had dinner with them, at Ray's home.

Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens at Lake. The Owensens entertained at a birthday dinner honoring Iola Miller.

Mrs. Sadie Zorn, Mrs. Ruth Curtiss and Mrs. Verlia Wilcox spent last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Wilcox's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cook, at Mecosta. The Cooks have left now for Florida.

Vera Straus and two daughters, Terry and Janice, visited Mrs. Edna Bowein last Thursday evening, to view her artificial Christmas tree which Edna has had for 46 years.

Geoff Allen of Weidman was one of 1,824 students at Ferris State College to be named on the honors list. Geoff is in his first year at Ferris. To be named to the academic honors list, a student must earn at least a 3.25 average on a 4.0 basis, and carry

a full academic load. A full load is defined as 14 quarter hours of credit. Geoff's twin brother, Greg, is a Freshman at Michigan State University this year.

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E. STANDISH, Teacher

May Aylsworth.
Bertha Bailey.
Bessie VanNess.
Bertha Reynolds.
Florence Bates.
Emma Bates.
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Mary Miller.
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Martha Randolph.

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Sarah Lowery.

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Blanche Seadore.
Nettie Ferguson.
Grace Hallbaugh.
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Abbie Thompson.
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Orval Walker.
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Eddie Bilell.
Alex Bilell.
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Vernie Reynolds.
Harley Bellows.
Richard Ferguson.
George Lawrence.
Norman VanNess.
Sanford VanNess.
James Randolph.
Willie Harrison.
Paul Neifert.
Whitford Husband.
Robert Wright.

Fred Beck.
James Lawrence.
Fay Middlesworth.
Guy Miller.
Eddie Brow.
Bertie Estes.
Harry Harrison.
Lewis Albertson.
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George Wright.
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John Morey.

It was 1919.....

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Lillian Fields	Fred Sowles
Orrie Spence	Chester Graber
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Lewis Bazairre	Frank Sowles
Charlie Forbes	Eunice Owens
Mable Beals	Agatha Shoup
Pearle Hilliker	Nettie Fields
Tillie Bartley	Rose Fields
George Earns	Francis Longton

Harry Brown

Joseph Moyers, Director
Burn Powell, Treasurer
Dan Beals, Moderator
Frank Morrison, Com. of Schools

Obituary

FRED J. DORA

Fred J. Dora of Winn died Monday at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility. He was 78.

He was born in Gratiot County April 29, 1899, and had lived in the Winn area since 1958.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at St. Leo's Church in Winn, with burial in St. Leo's Cemetery.

A scripture service was held Wednesday evening at the Lux-Rush Funeral Home at 8 o'clock.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel; six sons, Stanley of Mecosta, Joseph of Lyons, Leo of Ionia

and John, Kenneth and Tony, all of this area.

He is also survived by eight daughters, Mrs. Floyd (Mary) Callahan of Detroit, Mrs. Richard (Bernice) Gruss of Beal City, Mrs. Mitchell (Genevieve) Leister of Remus, Mrs. Terry (Barbara) Bellinger of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Don (Linda) Brewer of Farwell, Mrs. Fred (Jane) Cross of Flint, Mrs. Dean (Judy) Keiste of Ionia, and Mrs. Celia Sheahan of Flint.

He is also survived by 55 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Josephine Wentworth and Mrs. Michael (Madeline) Lynch, both of Clare.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

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Lansing, Mich. 48901

State Rep. John M. Engler
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State Rep. Ralph Ostling
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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

(Omitted Last Week)

New Year's Greetings to all our neighbors! Wishing each of you a Healthy, Happy New Year!

For personal reasons, I have decided to discontinue being a reporter. However, if you have items you would like put in the Messenger, please call me at 644-2706 or phone direct to the Messenger, 644-2000.

Earlier I reported the stroke suffered by Robert Cramer. Sorry to report he died Dec. 26.

Reported by Ted Krause: Helen, Kay, Normie and Ted journeyed to Marquette Friday, Dec. 23, to spend Christmas with their son, Michael. Had a very bad time returning home Monday, but arrived safely after 10 hours on the road.

Son Michael and family came to spend New Year's with them. These visits brought much happiness to Ted and Helen.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie

I enjoy reading your little paper. I read about my friends.

I lived over north and west of Weidman for 34 years. My children graduated from the Barryton school.

My son, Ster Powell, made good. He is going to Alaska to work in February. He will be home before he leaves.

Yours truly
Alice Powell Hutchinson

Mt. Pleasant (Route 2)
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Local Items

Monday was one of our coldest days: There was a wind-chill factor that took the temp. down far below what thermometers said. Marie Smith told us she wanted to find a Liars' Club around here: She said that when she started to wash her face Monday morning,

the wash-cloth stuck to her nose, taking off a piece of it. We can attest to the cold: It was one of our worst chill-factor days we've

ever experienced. (And that includes the brutal winter of 1936, when the temp. went to 36 degrees below zero.)

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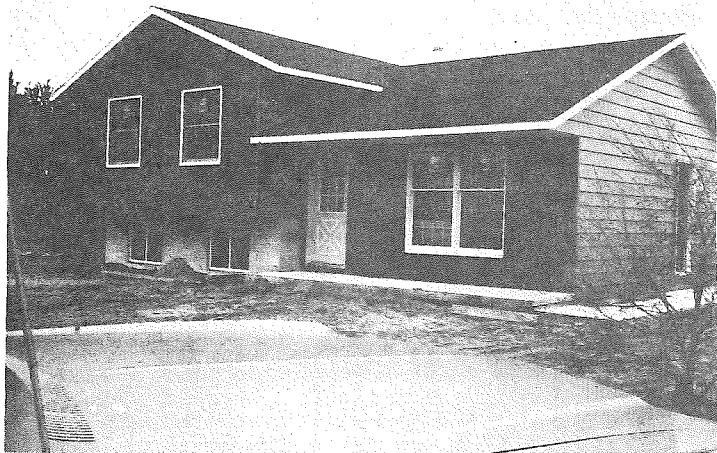
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Editor's Column

By Connie

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bers, thank goodness!), and you pay the township treasurer, who turns the money and forms back to the county treasurer.

It's in the cards to do away with our last small contact with local government: the township officers.

Nothing but objections from the people will stop it. You can help stop it, by writing or telephoning your township, county and state officials and state your feelings on the matter.

The township officials have been squeezed nearly to death, what with being forced to learn new and fancy bookkeeping methods, computer data to be translated into names and land descriptions; open scorn and indifference by county officials, especially the county tax "equalizer", located at present in Mt. Pleasant (with hopes to land in a nice office in Lansing?)

Township officials are woefully underpaid for the amount of work they are now forced to do, year 'round. There just isn't any money left over to raise their salaries.

The county gets 8 mills, the townships one mill each. The townships have to operate on that one mill, paying all salar-

ies and the usual expenses such as light and heat at the town hall for monthly meetings of the Township Board.

(They also have to pay for service on that CMU computer.)

It's systematic squeezing out of all local contact with any government offices. "They" want to do it all from Lansing, after it's all been transferred to Mt. Pleasant and simmered there for a spell.

We can do something about it, if we'll get up off the old duffs and holler at everybody from the county officials right on down to Guv Milliken at Lansing, with a notice to Johnny Engler along the way.

But it's coming, unless taxpayers raise an all-fired commotion

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PRE SCHOOL PROGRAM STARTS HERE FEB. 6

The Weidman Elementary School pre school program will start regular sessions Feb. 6, with two sessions per week for each group, with each session lasting an hour and a half.

Morning sessions will be from 10 to 11.30. Afternoon sessions will be from 1.30 to 3. Both sections will meet Mondays and Wednesday. They will continue until May 24.

Requirements for attendance in the programs are that only children who are eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 1978 may attend. There will be 16 weeks of classes, a total of 30

days' attendance. Fee is \$4 per student.

Parents may register their pre school children any time between now and Feb. 6. Interested parents may call the Weidman School (644-3430), or register when they go in to planning sessions which will be Jan. 25 at 10 a. m. The meeting is scheduled to be only 30 to 45 minutes long, in the Weidman School cafeteria.

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MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE OFFERS PRE-NURSING COURSE

Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison is accepting applications for the Associate Degree in Nursing, which leads to licensure as a registered nurse.

The program is two years in length, including courses in the social and natural sciences as well as nursing. Students receive clinical training at hospitals in Midland, Mt. Pleasant and Alma.

The ADN program is open to persons of all ages, male and female.

Those interested in applying for the ADN program should call the college immediately to register for the pre-entrance testing Jan. 25 and 26. In order to be considered for entry in the fall of 1978, all applicants must take the pre-entrance tests.

For further information call the Allied Health Division of Mid Michigan Community Col-

lege, tel. 517-386-7792, ext. 260.

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BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 19 TABLES AT PLAY

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 19 tables of pepper at play.

Loretta Hesson won first prize for the ladies, with Viola Engler second and Tillie Zuker low.

For the men, Wilfred Martin won first prize, with Ambrose Thielen second and Clifford Anstey low.

Agnes Sheahan won the pepper prize. Joe Lawens won the door prize.

On the serving committee were Viola Engler, Lillian Zeien, Nora Gruss, Irene Clare, Isabel Martin and Regina Faber, who served cookies and coffee for refreshments.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Jan. 19. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower had all their children and their families home Sunday, for a belated Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leiter and girls of St. Louis were weekend guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth visited Pat and Harriet Dillenbeck Sunday. Pat was improving, they reported.

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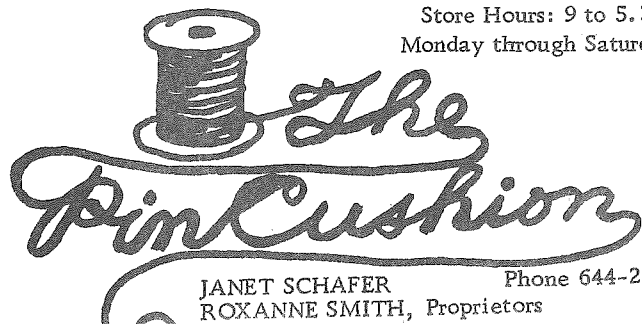
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