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Editor's Column

By Connie

EVER SEE THE PERFECT PLACE?--WE DID!

So Frances Tranbarger and I drove up to the lovely home of Carl and Ellen Geasler in Coldwater Township last Friday afternoon, and had our breath taken away by the sheer beauty of Ellen's mum blossoms, and the general perfection of the entire place.

If ever there was a perfectly-kept, perfectly beautiful farm home, Carl and Ellen have it.

Ye Ed kept exclaiming, "Ellen, you've got it MADE!" as she gazed around at the beautifully-kept lawns, the perfectly-trimmed fancy evergreen trees--and Ellen's weedless and front-page-of-the-seed-catalogue chrysanthemums.

Every color, every variety, every style of bloom. There they were.

Ellen's dahlias are prize-winners in any flower show.

We'd never been to Carl and Ellen's place before, and we were literally speechless at the beauty of the Coldwater Township countryside enhanced by the Geaslers' perfectly-kept lawns and flowers.

(Please don't look at my poor flower gardens when you come here, Ellen. They're smothered by weeds.) (Awful.)

By the way, we went there to buy a bushel of apples, half of Grimes Golden and half of Jonathan. We came away with the two half-bushels of freshly-picked varieties, and also a half bushel of Greenings.

Good apples, too---at \$2.50 per bushel! The Jonathans are small, but that's more or less the variety. And the beauty of our purchase (besides the breathtaking price) was the fact that the apples were spankin'-fresh picked and could stand a while.

Congratulations, Carl and Ellen. We still insist you've got it made.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell of Spring Lake spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell.



COME RIGHT IN!--And this pickup truck and trailer containing two cows darn' near did. The accident happened last Monday afternoon about 1.30 o'clock when the pickup collided with a car driven by James Noe as he was backing out of his drive across the road from the Messenger place. No one was hurt, the cows were undamaged, the pickup suffered minor damages--and Ye Ed's front lawn and so-called flower bed were pretty well torn up.



A DIM VIEW OF THE COWS--That came calling at the Messenger's front door last Monday afternoon. Driver of the pickup was Dan Young of rural Remus, with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Young a passenger.

SCHOOL TEACHERS BACK TO WORK AFTER STRIKE

School teachers in all areas of the Chippewa Hills School District ended a three-day strike last week after a mediator was called in and the School Board gave the

teachers essentially what they were demanding.

Included in settlement details were:

Salary adjustments (raises) of 4% on the salary-schedule base;

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CLIP THIS AND KEEP WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO TO VOTE

Following is a list and explanation of the various proposals that will be on the ballot come November 7.

Please clip and save this list. You can take it with you into the voting booth, to keep track of the many proposals, which very likely will be listed merely as "Proposal A," Proposal B', and so on. Here they are:

Proposal A: Will ask voters if they want another constitutional convention to rewrite the state's constitution.

Proposal B would institute a system of mandatory minimum criminal sentences in Michigan.

Proposal C would allow the state to diversify its practice of investing state funds on the open market.

Proposal D would raise the drinking age limit from 18 to 21. The age limit was raised recently by the legislature to 19, but backers of Proposal D feel it should be age 21.

Proposal E, the Headlee Amendment, would limit state spending to its current ratio against total state personal income, and limit property assessment increases to the cost of living.

Proposal G would permit State Police to engage in collective bargaining; i. e., to join a union.

Proposal H would do away with property taxes as the primary source of school funding, raise the state income tax to compensate for the lost money and permit state-approved parochial schools to receive state aid in addition to state aid given to public schools.

Proposal J, the Tisch proposal, would cut local property assessments in half and raise the state income tax to compensate for lost revenue.

Proposal K would toughen parole practices of the state.

Proposal M would replace the state highway department with the state transportation commission, and permit 10 percent of state transportation funds to be used for public transit, the other 90 percent guaranteed for highway construction and improvement.

Proposal R lets the state issue bonds worth \$175 million for railroad improvement.

CHIP HILLS READING PROGRAM GETS BOOKS, ETC.

Through the generosity of the Xerox Education Publications, the Chippewa Hills Area Reading Is Fundamental (R. I. F.) program has received more than 30,000 paper-back and hard-bound books and audio-visual aids.

Xerox has donated more than 11,500,000 books and audio-visual aids to R. I. F. programs in the United States. Chippewa Hills was one of eight R. I. F. programs in Michigan and one of 400 in the nation to receive the benefits of Xerox's program this year.

R. I. F. is a national, non-profit program designed to motivate children to read by giving them inexpensive paper-bound books.

This year, thanks to Xerox, posters and records also will be distributed to over 1,300 Chippewa Hills area children participating in pre-school programs, such as story hours in township libraries, kindergartens and all children in the community from age three and up.

Special programs also are planned for Junior High and the High

School buildings. Morton Township Library, the Gladys McArthur Library in Weidman, Wheatland Library and the Barryton Library, adult-education classes, and other programs will receive books from Xerox.

Last year, with the co-operation of local people and service groups, the Chippewa Hills area R. I. F. raised \$800. For every dollar raised locally, the National R. I. F. puts up a matching amount. In addition, R. I. F. also receives a 60 to 70 percent discount from certain publishers. This enables R. I. F. to distribute quality books for children to select themselves and keep. All monies raised are used only for the purchase of books for children.

Anyone wishing to make tax-deductible contributions or volunteer time may contact Barbara Valek, R1, Remus, Mich. 49340.

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SHERMAN CHURCH BENEFIT DANCE WELL ATTENDED

So successful was the dance at Brinton to benefit the restoration of the old Sherman City Union

Church Saturday, Sept. 30, that already the restoration officers and committee are making plans for a bigger and better dance next year.

It is hoped the the new Weidman Community Building will be available by Sept. 15, 1979, as the band already has been engaged for that date.

As for this year's dance, Eldon Bellows, chairman, reports that the Brinton Hall was well filled with dancing feet, and that the profit after expenses was approximately \$250.

This adds about enough to the treasury to get work going for a while now on the new metal embossed ceiling, and perhaps some form of heat for the building, so that the new chimney can be tried out.

The workers are only waiting a nice, dry day to apply preservatives to the new cedar shingles before snow flies.

A highlight of the dance evening was the raffle of a large and beautiful hand-made doll donated especially for the church benefit by Mrs. Verlia Wilcox. The lucky winner of the lovely doll

was Jannette Catlin. The dance committee and all the church workers are extremely grateful to Mrs. Wilcox for the exquisite doll.

Many lucky folks came away from the dance with door prizes donated by Weidman businesses. These included: From Western Auto in Weidman, a small planter, won by Doyle Voss; another small planter, won by Kate Wood; a car litter box won by Marshall Lowery; and a box of Mr. Coffee filters by Mabel Allen.

A \$5 gift certificate from Bauermann's IGA Store was won by Don Thielen, and a \$5.00 gift certificate from Fox Hardware by Monica Parker. Door prizes from Bud's Party store were won by Leo Russell, who had traveled from up Petoskey way for the dance.

Without the efforts of Chairman Eldon Bellows and his wife Velora, and Elwood and Iola Miller, this entire benefit would not have been possible. So, to them, the officers and community say a big "Thank You," and see you next year.

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Local Items

Bud Fredrickson is home, after a week in CMC Hospital following a fall from a ladder at his home on Coldwater Lake. He also suffered a bout with pneumonia while in the hospital, but is recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck of Coldwater Lake are spending the winter, as usual, in California, where they have a permanent mobile home. They enjoy visiting with relatives there.

The Broomfield Grange Hall has been purchased by Mrs. Rice, who has the store next door. She wanted the area for more parking space, it was reported this week.

Barbara Kaninsky (Mrs. Bob), formerly of Weidman, and now of Blanchard for some years, has been in the Alma Hospital for therapy on her leg, injured in an auto accident a year ago.

In Memoriam

DENSLOW

For my mother, Ruth Gunckel Denslow, who passed away Sept. 29, 1976.

We watched you suffer day by day,
And could not help in any way.
But just stood by and saw you pass
Into the Savior's arms at last.

But still the empty chair
Reminds me of the face, the smile
Of one who once sat there.

Days of sadness still come o'er us,
Tears in silence often flow;
For memory keeps you ever near us
Though you died two years ago.
Yvonne Cunningham
And children

Obituary

FLOYD HOFFMAN

Floyd Hoffman, who lived on North Sherman Road which borders the Coleman Road, died last week Monday afternoon from injuries suffered in a farm-tractor accident on his place in Coldwater Township.

He was 71.

He was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, by a medical examiner from CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

The accident occurred about 10 a.m. in one of the Hoffmans' fields bordering the Coleman Road. Apparently, he was trying to extricate weeds clogging a potato picker when his left pant-leg caught in the power-implement's drive shaft.

He was seen by a motorist on the Coleman Road who shouted to another worker in the field to shut off the tractor.

Funeral services for Floyd Hoffman were held last Wednesday at 1 p.m. from the Pine Grove Tabernacle near Remus, with Rev. LeRoy Bruce officiating. Burial was in the Sherman City Cemetery.

He was born June 1, 1907, in the farm home where he lived all his life.

He was a member of the Pine Grove Tabernacle.

He is survived by his wife, Arna, two daughters, Ruth and Naomi, both at home; a son, Richard, of Blanchard; a brother, Harry Hoffman, of Coldwater Township; an uncle, Roy Hoffman, of Barryton, and nieces and nephews.

This area was deeply saddened by the tragedy.

Obituary

HERVEY A. BEUTLER

Hervey A. Beutler of 667 Spartan Ave., East Lansing, died Sept. 25 in East Lansing. He was 74.

Funeral services were held last Thursday, Sept. 28, at 2.30 p.m., from the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Home's east chapel in Lansing. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Lansing.

Friends may make contributions to the Hervey A. Beutler Memorial Scholarship Fund, care of the Haslett Board of Education, 1590 Franklin Street, Haslett, Mich. 48840.

Hervey was born April 4, 1904, in rural Weidman. He had lived in East Lansing since 1947.

He was a member of the Michigan Education Association, and retired as principal of the Haslett Junior High School after 30 years as an educator.

He is survived by his wife, Kathelyn; two daughters, Mrs. Paul D. (Donna) Hodges, of Lansing, and Mrs. Jerry (Betty) Johns of Tipton, Ind.; two grandsons, Hervey F., of Saginaw, and Allan, of Red Oaks, Texas; and six grandchildren, besides many other relatives and friends.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Mick Abbott and Mrs. Muriel Miller visited their father, James Kennedy, Sunday, at Rosebush.

Visitors at the Joe Ptak home over the weekend were their daughter, Debbie, and a friend and children, and Elmer Burley and friend, Florence, and cousins Joe Stahle and Mildred Stahle.

The family of Lloy Sperry were home for the grandson's wedding at the Beal City Church Monday. The happy couple are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Latham. A reception was held at the K. C. Hall in Beal City Saturday evening.

I spent Sunday after church in Lansing, as my sister-in-law, Irene Rhynard, of Six Lakes was killed in Lakeview Saturday morning in a car accident on M-46. She was taken to the Estes-Leadley Funeral Home in Lansing, with services at 1 p.m.

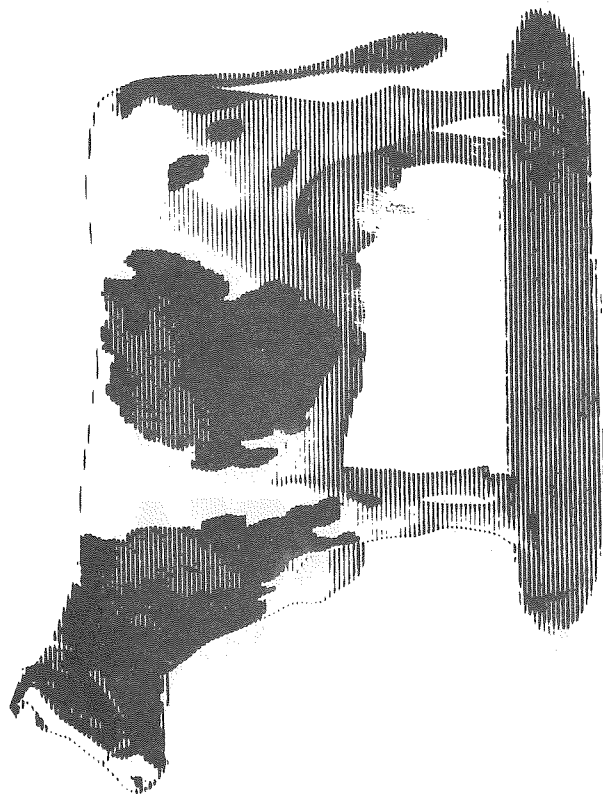
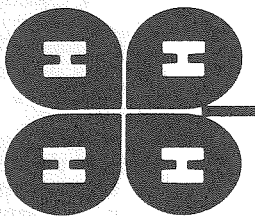
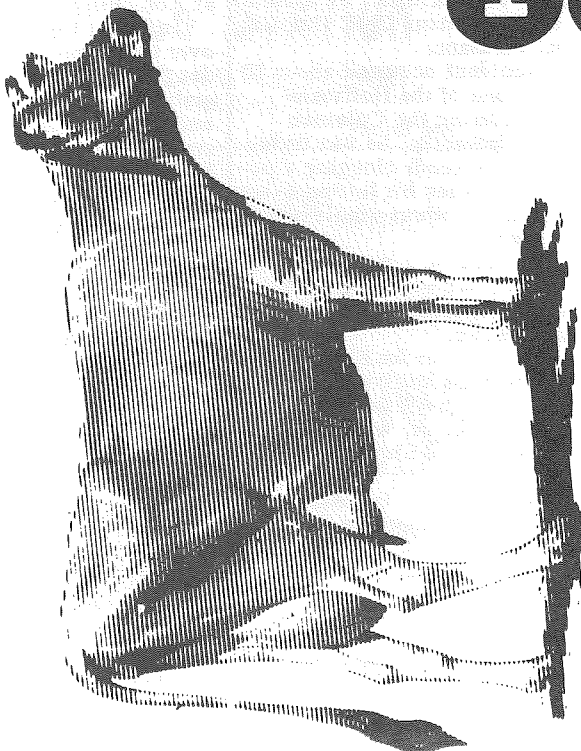
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rhynard took me out for dinner in Clare last Wednesday. Then we visited Mrs. Anna Rhynard near Midland at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Blouis.

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Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ferguson were last Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. They all enjoyed a color tour up north, to see the pretty trees. They had dinner in Cadillac.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Beal City School teachers have a new contract, with an increase in salaries of 6 percent this year. Second-year rates will be based on the cost of living. We have 37 teachers in our schools, with 700 students.

The Beal City Junior Varsity football team beat McBain 14-8 in a thriller game last week. Bernie Schafer led the winners with 15 tackles, 12 solos. Gary Tilmann, Frank Fox and Keith Yuncker added to the scores, and Bill Bleise recovered two fumbles, one of which led to the winning touchdown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer spent the weekend in Gladwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steffke and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger, and Mrs. Bernard Rau left Sunday morning for Massachusetts and Coxsackie, N. Y., to visit their children living there.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp went to Detroit Thursday.

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

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Mrs. Viola Nelson and sister, Ida, of Lake of the Hills in Weidman, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer spent Tuesday with Tillie Schafer. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening guests.

Tillie and Louise Schafer spent Sunday with the Milo Eldreds at Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Joe Schafer have built a new home on the Coldwater River.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lane of Gary, Ind.

Donna Klumpp spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp from her studies at Ferris Institute at Big Rapids.

Mrs. Margaret Rittersdorf and Leona Faber called on Anna Smith Sunday afternoon.

A bridal shower was given for Vickie Tilmann at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann Sunday afternoon.

Michael Frederick Gould, son of Fred and Delores, was baptized Sunday at St. Joseph's Church. Sue Zeien and Dale Rau were godparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeien and family, Louis Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goffnet and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and family, Dora and Anne Smith and Gertrude Grodski had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family.

Louis Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rau and family had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tim Rau. Tim and Terri's baby was bap-

tized.

Mrs. Tillie Schafer, Mrs. Louise Schafer and Gloria Pung called on Mrs. Delores Gould and Mikey Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Andres called on Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tilmann Thursday afternoon.

Congratulations! The pastor baptized Dan and Vicki Mindell and family and Kelly Michael Rau, son of Teri and Tim, Sunday, at the church.

The bans of matrimony were announced Sunday for Bill Latham and Debra Smith, and Mike Curtiss and Vicki Tilmann.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Thielen held an auction Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Gould called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould last Wednesday evening.

Jim and Janette Schafer are the proud parents of twin girls, born Friday.

Mrs. Agnes Thielen called on Mrs. Delores Gould Thursday afternoon.

Stephanie Lynn Schafer, daughter of Ron and Joanne, was baptized Sunday, in the church here.

We wish to welcome to our parish Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schafer and their children, William and Kelly.

St. Michael's Church of Remus held a color tour smorgasbord dinner Sunday.

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Pat Kurtz returned home after spending two weeks in Lansing, visiting her parents, the Frank Goodriches.

S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald and daughter, Florence, spent the weekend in Memphis, Tenn., visiting Graceland and other points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Pierson spent last weekend with the Clayton Dutchers. Callers during the week were the Bob, Dale, Jim and Dick Dutcher families.

Mabel Chaffee wrote the words to a poem-song about Elvis Presley, and it was set to music with the Nashville sound and a professional girl singer in Nashville, Tenn. Mabel now is enjoying playing the recording for family and friends, and hopefully it will be published, so keep your fingers crossed and say a little prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hardenburgh of Muskegon visited Sunday with their parents, the Harry Hardenburghs, and Emory Dell.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dutcher and girls of Pontiac enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Harry Gatehouse nearly severed his finger with an electric saw, and was taken to CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant Monday morning, undergoing surgery. Luckily, the finger was saved. Harry returned home Wednesday afternoon, feeling better, except for the pain.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher,

Jr., held a surprise birthday party at their home last Sunday honoring Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., on her 75th birthday. All the children were present. Hattie Losey also attended. Happy Birthday, Goldie!

Mabel Chaffee, Doris Wilmot and Linda attended the wedding and reception Friday evening at Beal City for Debra Smith and Bill Latham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Steve were in Detroit Saturday. They also visited Monroe Beckwith at Otisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Yuncker of Beal City enjoyed Saturday evening with the Clayton Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Knipfer of Big Rapids were Sunday guests of their mother, Pat Kurtz.

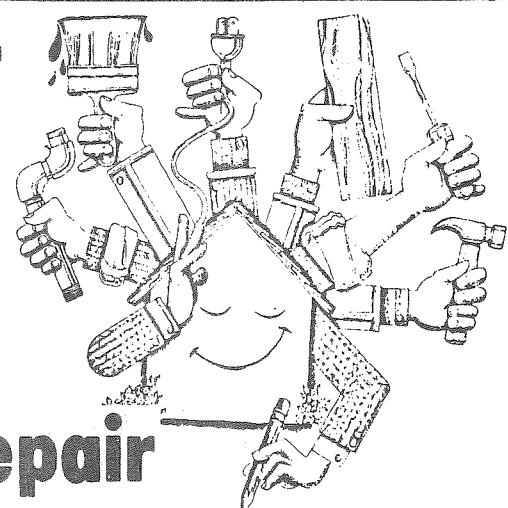
Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon, Jr., Rosie Leiter and Laura Latham of Mt. Pleasant, Minnie Flaughter, Doris Wilmot and Millie Voss and Stacey were dinner guests of their sister, Mabel Chaffee, Thursday, and enjoyed the Nashville recording.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Steve, the Eddie Oplingers and Mr. and Mrs. Wermette of Greenville attended a birthday dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher, honoring their little son, Chad, whose birthday it was. Happy Birthday, Chad!

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Sorry, folks, we plumb ran out of space, and had to omit some local items. Look for 'em next week.

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Around Horr

Betty Thompson, Reporter (Filling in for Jessie Rosencrantz while Jessie's in the hospital.)

The Elwood Millers visited his mother at Big Rapids Sunday afternoon. Friday, Iola and Elwood were supper guests of the Eldon Bellowses at Littlefield Lake. Mabel Allen was a Friday overnight guest of the Millers.

Paul Miller was reported as gaining nicely, at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

The Mack Denslow family spent Sunday with their folks.

Weekend guests at the Gerald Dent home were Dick, Janet and Heather Louiselle. Harriet Dillenbeck returned to Spring Lake with them for a few days.

Geraline Johnson, Linda Krueger and Joan Kalil spent Thursday with the Dents. Thursday evening they all had supper with Austin and Ida Mae Dent. Monday evening, Eldon and Velora Bellows had supper with Mabel and Jerry. They visited Pat Dillenbeck during the week, at Alma.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence spent a week ago Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber at Farwell. Mrs. Lawrence and sister, Mrs. Myrl Scott of Evert, spent from Wednesday till Friday with their sister, Mrs. Gannon, at Stroh, Ind. Mrs. Scott spent Friday night with Nettie, returning home Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pamela had Sunday dinner with his mother.

Jerry Dent expected to enter Saginaw General Hospital Tuesday for surgery Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson spent Saturday and Sunday a week ago with the Jim Thomp-sons. Jim and Betty spent Tuesday in Lansing on business, and also called at her mother's. Betty attended a UMW meeting at the home of Helen Geasier at Remus Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills and Carrie and Mrs. Phyllis Wood spent Saturday in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended a 25th wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murphy at the Green Spot in Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon. On Tuesday evening the Earl Oplingers attended an NFO meeting in Shepherd.

Dinner guests of Mrs. Hattie Losey Sunday were her family: the Gerald Loseys, Theron Merrihews, and Bruce Chapmans. Hattie also visited Jessie Rosencrantz at the Mt. Pleasant hospital during the week.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow entertained the Dean Denslow family at dinner Monday evening, to observe Elaine's birthday. Tuesday evening Margaret attended a Fall Harvest dinner of the Me-costa Literary Club at the Methodist Church in Mecosta. Mr.

and Mrs. Harvey Lowery of Rosebush showed slides of their trips to Mexico. Opal Denslow accompanied Margaret as her guest. One day last week Margaret called on Harry and Florence Hoff- man.

Mrs. Opal Denslow and Margare- t Denslow attended the funeral of Floyd Hoffman at the Pine Grove Tabernacle Wednesday afternoon.

Jessie Rosencrantz was reported as coming along well, in CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, mend- ing her fractured leg-bone. She loves to receive cards from her friends.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Several gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger Sun- day, to remind Dewey that he had another birthday. Many Happy Returns, Dewey!

Mrs. Laura Walter and Mrs. Jackie Walter of Flint spent sever- al days last week with Laura's daughter and Jackie's sister-in- law and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes. They continued on to Lake City Saturday, where they attended the wedding of Jackie's sister-in-law Saturday evening.

The Paul Coles and Velma at- tended a birthday party for Connie Mossell. It seemed so nice to have our family all together again! Connie received several nice gifts. One, can you believe, from family and sister Velma, a cut-glass candy dish! Which they don't give away these days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing of Vas- sar also attended the party, and spent the weekend with the Mos- sells.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dean and son, Tom, called on the Paul Coles last Tuesday. They gathered ap- ples, and had 25 gallons of cider made. They brought the Coles five gallons, and they canned the rest of half of it for us. People are so nice!

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward and Danny and Tom Roach and two boys and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ko- pera, all of Mt. Clemens, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk.

Mrs. Wm. Ewing and girls, Becky and Sara, will leave for Germany Oct. 30, to join their husband and father for a three- year hitch over there.

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Local Items

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey were their children and grandchildren. Jason, son of

the Richard Embreys, celebrated his fourth birthday here.

Mrs. Harvey Brien of Ithaca spent Sunday with Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Mrs. Bertha Summers of Di- mondale spent Thursday and Fri- day with Mrs. Nina Forbes. She goes to Florida winters.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Charnes en- joyed Sunday in Traverse City, calling on cousins, the Hugh Mc- Millens.

Roy Phoenix has been in the in- tensive-care unit at the Alma Hospital, for observation.

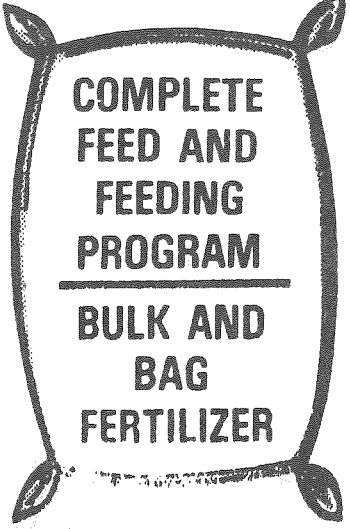
Jessie Rosencrantz underwent further surgery last week, to re- place a steel pin with a steel plate in her broken leg. She was sitting in a chair for short periods by Sunday.

Jeanette Johnston of Rosebush spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. C. Beutler.

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OCTOBER EVENTS FOR CHIPPEWA HILLS BOOSTERS

Oct. 6--Annual magazine sales.
 Oct. 11--Band marching festival at Manistee.
 Oct. 21--Marching festival at U. of M. Top two bands of that day will return there later to perform at a U. of M. football game.
 Oct. 28--Benefit dance at K. of C. Hall in Beal City.
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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bushree were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. They all enjoyed cards for the evening. The Bushrees are leaving for winter in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hill at Holt last Wednesday.

Judy and Pamela Lawrence of Laingsburg were Sunday afternoon callers of their mother and grandmother, Ula Cummins and Helen Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bloom of Nashville, Mich., spent from Friday till Monday with Helen Smith and Ula Cummins. They enjoyed a color tour Saturday, through Evart, Reed City, and that area.

Rose McKeever of Sterling Heights was a recent weekend guests of Edna Bowein. Mary Jacobs of George Lake and Florida was also a visitor. The two ladies winter in Florida.

Joannè Charnes enjoyed a stay at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., last week, with about 60 other school counselors from Michigan. The seminar was sponsored by the Navy, in an effort to up scholastic achievements and thereby improve applicants at the Academy. Mark Whitfield of Canadian Lakes is a student at Annapolis, and Mrs. Charnes enjoyed dinner with him. She also had a good conversation with a student from Big Rapids. The Academy has about 250 girls as midshipmen at Annapolis.
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PIONEERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Winning Pioneers 4H Club held a business meeting at the Gary Wernette home Sept. 11.

They discussed the fair, and elected new club officers for the year.

New officers are:

President, Diane Beutler; vice president, Lori Wernette; secretary, Joanie Wernette; treasurer, Pam Sprague; historian, Michelle Bellingier; reporter, David Bywater; refreshment chairman, Amy Schaffer; recreation chairman, Kevin Johnson.

Good luck, new officers!

An Awards Banquet was plan-

ned for Oct. 5. Prizes and money were presented then.

The new officers were placed in office.

The regular business meetings have been planned for the first Thursday of every month, from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., at the Weidman School building.

Good luck to a new year!

Submitted by
 David Bywater

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Ken Baker underwent open heart surgery Monday in a Lansing hospital. All the Baker children are home at present.

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Dale Olger spent a couple of days last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger, while their sister was having her tonsils removed.

Eunice La Londe called on her doctor in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday.

Nora Geasler attended a Stanley products party at the home of Mrs. Clifford Jones at Lake Monday.

A nice crowd attended the Senior Citizens meeting at the Brinton Hall Thursday. The November meeting is open to all Senior Citizens. They can sign up for their ID cards for their discounts.

Nora Geasler called on her doctor in Remus Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Rouse of near Alma called on her sister and husband, the Russell Wrights, one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Geasler of Pontiac spent Wednesday with Carl and Ellen Geasler. They were en route to Traverse City.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Forbes attended the wedding of her sister, Debrah, and Bill Latham, at Beal City Friday. The Lathams are at their new home, the former Bruce Jones place, north of Brinton.

The community extends its sympathy to the Floyd Hoffman family in the accidental death of Floyd last Monday. Funeral services were held at the Pine Grove Tabernacle Wednesday, with burial in the Sherman City Cemetery.
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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. C. Beutler enjoyed a visit with her grandson, Ronald Johnston, Saturday evening, when he called at 7 p.m. from Melbourne, Australia. It was 9.30 a.m. Sunday, and he was ready to leave for church. He has nine more weeks of school until vacation, which is summer for them, so he will be busy. This is his fifth year there, and he likes the school and the climate very much. He teaches world geography, and coaches tennis and basketball. For the past two years he has been

teaching in a private school. In midwinter he takes about 36 boys on a 10-day plane and bus trip into the interior, which they enjoy. He has hundreds of

slides he has taken on trips in Australia and the Near East. He showed them several times when he was home on vacation.

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MR. AND MRS. ALBERT GEASLER

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler are hosting a 50th wedding anniversary Open House at the Geaslers' home, from 2 to 5 p. m. Sunday, Oct. 15.

All relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend.

The Geasler were married in Grandville Oct. 18, 1928, and spent their first married years in rural Barryton. They have lived in their present farm home for 47 years.

Mrs. Geasler taught school near Winn, as a young woman.

Their children are Melva Jo Worth of rural Mt. Pleasant, and son Norman, who lives on his farm next to his parents'. Glenn Place is the elder Geaslers' foster child, and considered one of the family.

Their many friends will congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Geasler on their long and happy married life.

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SCHOOL TEACHERS

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Gave much more generous insurance coverages to teachers and their entire families, from, as the school put it, Super Med 1 to Super Med 2, which in English means much wider health-insurance coverage for all teachers and their families.

The old health-insurance policy covered 80 percent of all health-problem expenses after a \$50 deductible fee.

The new contracts call for 90 percent coverage for teachers and their families. The "health insurance" also covers accidents to teachers and/or their families.

Also included in the new contracts is a prescription-drug insurance card that formerly cost teachers \$1, now reduced to 50 cents. Prescription insurance pays

for all prescription drugs ordered by doctors.

In infinitesimal gains, the School Board defined sabbatical leave, throwing up a few restrictions on same; the Board gained the right to demand that teachers supervise children before and after school, a new wrinkle.

That's about it, for "gains" or advantages for the Board and taxpayers.

"The Board rarely gains in any strike-negotiations," Superintendent Laverne Alward said in a telephone conversation last week.

Average salaries for all teachers in the district are \$12,900,



ONLY THE CEMENT SLAB--In front of the Messenger's door appeared to stop the runaway pickup truck after it collided with another car last Monday. Above photo was taken from the rear of the truck, with the cab buried in shrubbery and garden-stuff. Messenger photos

with all the aforementioned "fringe" benefits. Some teachers pull down \$20,000 to \$30,000 salaries.

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up in Weidman. I was wondering if you would send me one of your newspapers for our class to compare.

Sincerely
Bill Pridgeon

In the Editor's Mail

Weidman Messenger
Weidman, Michigan 48893

Dear Editor:

My name is Bill Pridgeon and I'm an eighth grader at Upton Junior High School in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Our English class is studying and comparing different newspapers from all parts of the world.

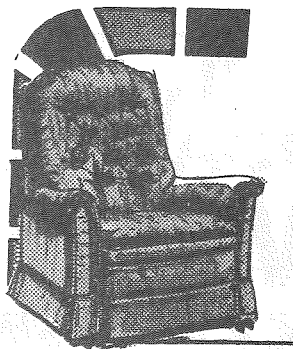
My mother and father both grew

(Editor's Note: We sure will, Bill Pridgeon, and we herewith offer our congratulations on a letter written (not block-printed!), accurately paragraphed and correctly spelled.)

Editor

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Marie Kaninsky is in a rest home in Lansing. She has been in the Alma Hospital. She needs oxygen supplement, and can get it in the Lansing hospital. She has two daughters living in Lansing.



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