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Editor's Column

By Connie

THIS ELECTION IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE IN YOUR LIFE

The coming Nov. 7 election is probably the most important one you've ever voted on.

Included in the massive ballot are not only a gaggle of national state and county candidates, but there are 11 (count 'em, eleven!) special propositions on the ballot for you to consider.

Probably the most important proposal, and certainly the most controversial, is the so-called Tisch Amendment, which would cut property taxes to 25 percent of assessed valuation and enact other drastic changes in our way of tax-paying.

Schools and school people will vote against the Tisch package, as a bloc. So will school boards, state boards having anything to do with schools, and other self-interested groups.

On the other side of the fence is the land-owner; especially the farmer with two-three hundred acres of prime farming land; or the home owner living in a \$50,000-assessed valuation house.

Schools are admittedly a wasteful institution, monetarily speaking.

Teachers' pay is astronomical; all hired help is paid 'way up there (everybody belongs to a union, in the schools); and the school boards have no recourse but to ask taxpayers for more money to run the schools.

If the Tisch Amendment passes, there will be practically chaos in the schools, for teachers are not going to lower their salaries voluntarily; non-teaching staffs will expect to get as much (and ever more) as they are getting now in weekly or monthly pay; and the cost of maintenance, fuel, and general supplies goes up along with everything else in this period of inflation.

But--the Tisch Amendment has merit, we believe. Some of the tax burden would indubitably be shifted to the income-tax brackets: That will put a burden on wage and salary earners. (An ex-

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UP SHE GOES!--The new Community Building in Mitchell Memorial Park in Weidman is in the process of going up, and it won't be too long before we have a 100x200-foot building outfitted to accommodate everybody and everything: from the Senior Citizens' Commission on Aging free dinners to bingo games to family reunions, and dances. First cement was scheduled to be poured Monday or Tuesday. DeWitt Construction Company of Shepherd is contractor. Messenger photo

AREA-WIDE POPULATION EXPLOSION OF SKUNKS

It appears we have an area-wide population explosion of skunks, according to reports from the Isabella County Animal Shelter and the DNR.

Also according to Connie Skinner, who trapped a little bugger in her garage Sunday night.

We'd been having trash bags ripped open out there and contents strewn all over. We figured it was a hungry cat--we have them, too--for the reason that the animal apparently was carnivorous, as witness an empty tuna-fish can licked to the thin edge, and oleo-wrappers flattened out and licked thin-clean.

So--we called the Humane Society at Mt. Pleasant and asked for an animal trap. They (and we) use the humane kind, which traps the animal but does not in-

jure it.

So the Animal Shelter brought over a trap, which we set Sunday evening.

Monday morning we went out there to see whose cat we'd trapped--and Lo! A little black face with a white stripe down the nose peered out at us.

We got out of the garage in a hurry. So we called the Animal Shelter in Mt. Pleasant, and the man answering said, "Oh, BOY!!" when we said we had a skunk in an animal trap.

But Monday afternoon the nice man from the Shelter came and picked up the trap (after carefully covering it) and put it in his truck.

We hear from various sources that there is a skunk population explosion all over this part of the state.

Why, nobody seems to know.

Ordinarily, skunks thrive and proliferate in a dry season, when those pesky white grubs dig up your lawn-grass and the skunks dig careful little holes to get the grubs.

This year was not dry, and nobody seems to know why the sudden skunk abundance.

Skunks are not dangerous, ordinarily--except that they are notorious carriers of rabies. And rabies can be taken on by humans through animal bites or scratches.

So--good luck to all of us. And an especial Good Luck to the plucky Animal Shelter man who came and got the skunk.

We do hope he didn't get perfumed through handling our little friend. (Little friends such as this one, please stay away!)

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NEWS NOTES

Gerald Wicks, a 30-year resident of the Alma-Breckenridge area and former Weidman area man, is one of our new subscribers to the Messenger. Welcome to our mailing list, Gerald and family! (Even though we may go broke if the post office continues raising rates.)

S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan of Mt. Pleasant enjoyed Thursday afternoon with the Harry Gatehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher were Tuesday guests of the Earl Duthchers at Breckenridge. Irene is doing fine, after suffering a stroke two months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald are recovering from serious colds. Carl was released from CMC Hospital Friday, after spending a week there, due to a heavy chest cold.

Brian Dutcher returned home from New Mexico, after spending two weeks there attending a school for General Telephone Company employees.

Mabel Chaffee went to Grand Rapids Wednesday morning to visit her daughter, Jeanine Bauw, returning home Friday evening. She did some shopping and visited old friends and neighbors, and came home happy and exhausted.

Lou Ann Maeder visited her parents, the Harry Gatehouses, Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Secord of Holt enjoyed Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher.

Kay and Dawn Dutcher spent Sunday with their grandparents.

The Clayton, Ervin Sr., Dick, Gary, Dale, Bob, Jim and Ervin Jr. Dutcher families attended a 25th wedding anniversary party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher, Saturday evening, at the K. C. Hall in Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Decker of Barryton enjoyed Saturday afternoon with the Carl Fitzgeralds.

Ronna Jean Dutcher visited her aunt, Jessie Rosencrantz, at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday. Jessie was doing well, except that she longs to be home again among her loved ones. Hang in there, Jessie! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nagle of Midland were Saturday guests at the Bob Dutcher home.

Randy Eberbach of Lansing spent Saturday with Pat Kurtz. He took Pat and her guest, Mabel Chaffee, for a scenic drive around the area, viewing the beautiful fall colors. They were

like ballerina dancers, swaying in their colorful costumes in the October breeze.

Ronna Jean Dutcher enjoyed visiting her aunt and uncle, Mamie and Roy Sisco, at Mt. Pleasant Wednesday afternoon.

Doris Woodin, Susan Soper, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Otey of Midland, and Don Pumfrey of Remus were Saturday guests of the Carl Fitzgeralds.

Kim Dutcher was a Saturday overnight guest of Patty Dutcher.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Gwen Dean called on the Paul Coles last Thursday, and took them the apple juice she had canned for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bukrus called on Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfannes visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes, and Rose, Thursday. Rose continues to gain.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward and David of Mt. Clemens spent the weekend with their parents, Mr.

and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk. Mr. Masiwchuk took Velma Cole for a nice ride out in the woods and fields with his garden tractor and trailer, Saturday.

Joe Mossell and son, Dick, spent the weekend with his parents and grandparents, the Paul Coles.

Friends of the Tom Coles of Detroit are spending a few days at the Coles' farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pfannes of rural Harrison visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Burkus spent several days at their cabin.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson of Lake. Friday they went to Ludington to see the hydro-electric plant that was having Open House. They had breakfast at Barryton and dinner at Chase. They went with the Lloy Sperrys.

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HERE ARE THE PROPOSALS ON THE UPCOMING BALLOT

(Clip this and take it with you when you go into the voting booth. The proposed Amendments will appear on the ballot as "Proposal A", "Proposal B," and so on, up to 11 of the sometimes obscurely-worded proposals. On the ballots, all the proposals will be identified and more or less explained, but not in very plain English. Following is a clear analysis of all the amendments:

(The amendments are besides a long list of candidates for state and township candidates up for election or re-election. You won't have time or patience to read the entire ballot carefully--unless you are pretty well aware of what-all is on it.)

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, for criminal offenses.

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

Proposal D--Would raise the legal drinking age limit from 18 to 21 years. The age limit was recently raised to 19 years by the legislature, but backers of Proposal D felt it should be age 21.

Proposal E--The Headlee Amendment. It 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 Amendment, 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 a 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 dollars for railroad improvement.

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House of Representatives
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Editor's Column

By Connie

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tra burden, they will be quick to point out.) No doubt about that.

But how many parents are wage or salary earners but not real estate taxpayers?

If the Tisch Proposition wins (and we predict that it will), we all must be on the lookout for our politicians in Lansing. All of them are overpaid, over-expense-account allotted, all of them will scream their heads off if their salaries and/or "benefits" are cut.

Let 'em scream. Lots of folks will be screaming, whether the Tisch Proposition passes or not.

Take your pick, on the November ballot. No matter who or what wins, we figure, somebody is going to lose.

Incidentally, we have an instruction ballot on our office wall for any who might wish to see what the real thing will look like in that voting machine come election day.

Come in and study it, any time in office hours (9 to 5, please!).

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AND ALSO ANY ADDITIONAL OFFICERS THAT MAY BE ON THE BALLOT.

AND ALSO TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING NON-PARTISAN OFFICERS, VIZ.: Two Justices of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Judges of the Circuit Court, Judges of the District Court.

AND ALSO TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING STATE PROPOSALS:

- A. Proposal relating to holding of constitutional convention.
- B. Initiation of legislation proposing to require a person sentenced for a crime of violence to serve minimum term.
- C. Proposal relating to deposit of state funds in Savings and Loan Associations and Credit Unions as well as banks.
- D. Proposal relating to raising the drinking age to 21.
- E. Proposal relating to limit of taxes and spending.
- G. Proposal relating to allowing state troopers collective bargaining rights.
- H. Proposal relating to prohibition of property tax for financing education.
- J. Proposal relating to reducing and limiting property tax assessments and equalization and limiting state income tax.
- K. Proposal relating to allow refusal of bail to persons charged with crime of violence if two previous convictions in 15-year period.
- M. Proposal relating to creating and funding state transportation authority.
- R. Proposal relating to creating Railroad Redevelopment Authority authorized to have bonds and pledge full faith and credit of state.

ALSO ANY ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS OR PROPOSITIONS THAT MAY BE SUBMITTED.

The Polls of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schafer of Detroit are the proud parents of a baby boy. Dan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Gould at their cabin near Lovell's, Sunday.

Ambrose Thielen is home from CMC Hospital. He came home last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tilmann of St. Helen called on Mrs. Ann Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cotter and Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Grace and Jennifer called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family Saturday evening.

The Beal City High School football team played Marion Saturday afternoon, blanking them, 29-0.

The St. Joseph Parish School's benefit card party is next Sunday Oct. 29 in the church basement.

The bans of matrimony were announced for James Cole and Beverly Breuer, and Mark Wyman and Catherine Fedewa.

Bryce Fussman, son of Steven and Linda Fussman, was received into the church Sunday.

Tillie and Laura Schafer spent Sunday with the Oscar Schafers at Dream Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Winn spent Monday with Tillie.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer went to Ireland Friday.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe, Eunice La Londe and I attended the funeral of Janet Rae McDonald at the O. Laughlin Funeral Home in Coleman Thursday. Mrs. McDonald was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Powell. Laura Roberts and Lorna Speice called at the funeral home Wednesday. Sympathy goes out to the family in their great loss. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower also attended the funeral from here, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes spent a week with their son, Mike, and family, at Manistee, helping Mike on the house he is building.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beers' granddaughter, Janet, of Big Rapids called on them Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hyder of Rockford and Carol Cummings spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Geasler of Pontiac came Friday to spend a few days with Carl and Ellen Geasler, and other relatives.

Lori Strang spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Strang, of Mt. Pleasant.

Nora Geasler came home Friday after having surgery at the Lakeview Hospital Wednesday.

Kenneth Baker came home Friday after having heart surgery at a Lansing hospital.

Ruth Teeter and family of Clare spent Sunday with their mother and grandmother, Edna Teeter.

Mrs. Teeter and Jenell Place attended a party at the home of Mrs. Homer Teeter Friday evening.

Helen Strang was off work some last week, due to an infected tooth. She called at the dentist's at Farwell Wednesday and Thursday.

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MODERN EDUCATION

Forgotten the little red schoolhouse, the hickory stick, Reading, writing, arithmetic.

Forgotten manners, forgiveness, and grace,

But lots of know-how on the great outer space.

Knowledge galore of Mars, sex and time,

But please don't ask--what's nine times nine!

(Submitted by Mabel Chaffee, author unknown.)

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Local Items

Margaret Johnston and Edna Bowein attended "The Sound of Music" presentation at the Midland Center for the Arts. Friday evening Edna attended the wedding and reception of Mike Curtiss and Vickie Tilmann at Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague entertained Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simmer, Jr., and baby Friday evening with a birthday dinner honoring Jennie's birthday and

Jodi and Paul's anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls spent the weekend touring Upper Michigan. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Owens on their way home.

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox enjoyed Sunday dinner with the Bill Wilcoxes, honoring the birthday of Alan Wilcox. Mrs. Wilcox also attended the wedding of Mike Curtiss, son of the Dick Curtisses, Friday evening, at Beal City.

Mrs. Marilyn Powers and family of rural Shepherd spent Thursday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson. Jim and Ilah Snyder of St. Louis were Saturday afternoon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur and David and Doris McArthur and family spent the weekend at Bluegill Lake, camping. Bluegill Lake is part of the chain comprising the series of lakes such as Big and Little Evans, and Tubbs, Horsehead Lakes, and so on.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson of Stanton were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Pidgeon and Bill of St. Joseph spent the weekend with their grandfather and great-grandfather, Bill Applegreen.

Ardis Freeze and friend of Mt. Pleasant were Friday supper guests of Ula Cummins and Helen Smith.

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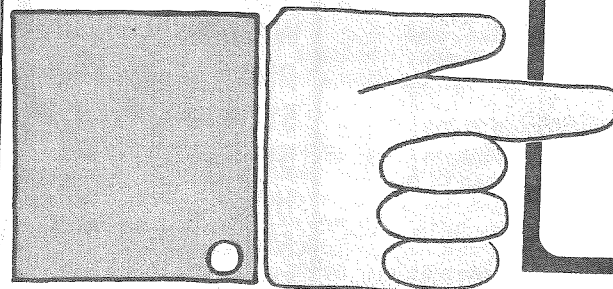
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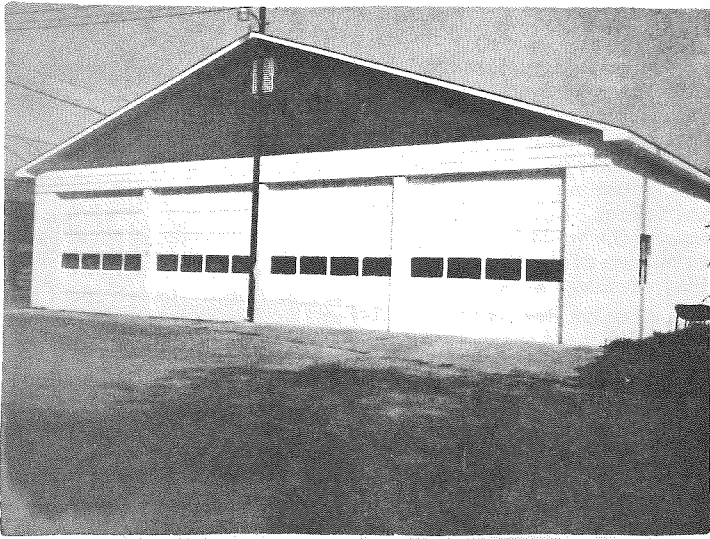
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 Messenger photo

Around Horr

Betty Thompson, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fahnestock of Dearborn had lunch Saturday, and spent the afternoon with his brother and wife, the Charles Fahnestocks. Mrs. Mary Fahnestock was also a guest. Charles and his guests all enjoyed the soup supper at the Weidman United Methodist Church that evening. Sunday afternoon callers of the Fahnestocks were friends from Lake Isabella.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and Judy of Lansing were Saturday overnight guests of her parents, the Gerald Dents. The Lynn Johnson family and Harold Krueger family also spent Saturday evening with the Dents. Mrs. Harriet Dillenbeck was a Sunday overnight guest. Gerald and Mabel called on her brother and wife, the Walter Kirvans, of Barryton, Thursday evening. Sunday evening they called on the Darrell Kirvans.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow had their daughter, Joyce, and some of their great-grandchildren as guests Sunday.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on Jessie Rosencrantz at the Medical Care Facility Saturday, and found her in real good spirits.

Grace Fitzgerald was a Tuesday evening caller of Hattie Losey. Ardis and Theron Merrihew were callers Sunday. The Gerald Losey family called during the week.

Kenny Oplinger, Mrs. Denny Madigan and Jessica and her neighbor, Mrs. Bob Clark, and two girls of Monroe were weekend guests at the Earl Oplinger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and Mabel Allen had supper with

Mrs. Maude Cassidy of Lake Station Sunday. Mabel was a weekend guest of the Millers. Elwood and Iola were frequent callers of his mother, in the Big Rapids Hospital.

John and Lila Geasler of Pontiac were Sunday callers of the Paul Millers.

Sunday afternoon callers at the Jim Thompson home were Mrs. Vivian Wilson and Greg of Grand Rapids. Bob Thompson and Shirley Fox attended a Democratic dinner at Ferris State College Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson met Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson for dinner at Frankenmuth Saturday evening. Wednesday Mrs. Betty Thompson accompanied Bill to Kendallville, Ind. They called on their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Myrl Stoll, near Lansing, enroute home that afternoon.

Harry Huffman is seriously ill. His wife is hiring nurses round the clock to care for him.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Darnell of near Mt. Pleasant, George Darnell and friend of Nevens Lake, and Mrs. Frank Maxon were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey.

Madeline Stevens and Marie Smith spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Hazel Shanahan of rural Shepherd.

Mrs. Iva White and mother called on Ula Cummins and her mother, Helen Smith, Monday morning.

Two years ago today, high temperature was 40 and the low, 28. The week before we had three days of snow.



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JESSIE IS GETTING ALONG WELL; WE'LL SEE HER HOME ONE DAY

So Ye Ed talked with the floor nurse at the Isabella County Medical Facility Monday afternoon, who said Jessie Rosencrantz is "coming along fine."

So we asked if Jessie is really taking therapy treatments, and the answer was "Yes, definitely!"

Jessie goes down to the therapy room, where she is training to walk without putting full weight on the broken-hip side as yet; but she's "learning to walk," the floor nurse said.

She also said that, definitely, Jessie was expected to recover and be able to return to her own home. Not right now, but in the foreseeable future.

Jessie "puts up" her own hair, which is long and abundant; at age 88 she is making a most remarkable comeback, we feel.

Ye Ed visited her last Wednesday morning, and Jessie seemed cheerful and willing to be wheeled in a wheelchair down to therapy for her daily stint at "learning to walk" without putting her weight on that injured side.

We'll be seeing you, Jessie, in your little trailer-home out there in Horr, one of these days!

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CHIP HILLS BAND DRAWS SECOND AT ANN ARBOR

The Chippewa Hills School Band drew a 2nd place in a band contest at Ann Arbor Saturday. It drew an A-rating, though, and it was competing with schools of A and AA rating.

Jeanne Smith, president of the Chippewa Hills Band Boosters (parents of band members), said this week that the band needs \$31,000 to make its coveted trip to Disneyland in Orlando, Florida, early next year, for a six-day trip and stay.

The Band Boosters are scheduling a benefit dance Oct. 28 at the K. C. Hall in Beal City from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m., with adults only admitted. They promise live music, beer, and lunch. Tickets may be purchased at the door or from local business places, at \$15 per couple.

A candle sale is scheduled Nov. 1 to Nov. 6, with kids taking orders with later delivery date.

Bingo (afternoon) is planned for Nov. 5, at the auction barn south of Weidman, from 1 to 6 p. m.

A bluegrass program will be offered at the high school Nov. 7, in the gym, at 7.30. It's sponsored by the Wheatland Co-Op for the band.

An all-day light-bulb sale will be held Nov. 11, with everyone, hopefully, contacted.

The Junior High Christmas concert will be held Dec. 5, with a bazaar, at the Barryton School.

The Senior High School Christmas concert will be at the high

school Dec. 10, also with a bazaar, from 1 to 6 p. m. The concert is at 2 p. m.

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READING IS FUNDAMENTAL PROGRAM AT WEIDMAN

The RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) program came to the Weidman School Oct. 17, when 319 students from first grade through fifth, and all adults in the building selected books for their own.

The program promotes reading as fun, not just something for school.

With the help of the entire Weidman staff, volunteer RIF Moms loaded and unloaded books, stamped books, helped students, and enjoyed the fun of the day.

Leaders of the RIF movement say they're grateful to all who participated that day, especially the students (well-behaved all), Barb Valek, RIF director, and the volunteer mothers (Anita Sanford, Margaret Huffman, Janice Touchinski, and Carol Schafer)

All agreed that Reading Really Is Fun!

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie--

Last Friday Pat and I finally moved to Grand Haven. He was transferred to the hospital here, and I moved into our apartment, which is about three blocks from the hospital.

He is very gradually improving, but it will be a long time before he will be well enough to be home with me.

We had certainly never planned leaving the Weidman area, but as we have found out, there comes a time when circumstances alter cases.

We will always miss our many friends and neighbors, and at this time we want everyone to know we're grateful for all of them for the cards, flowers and well-wishes that have been showered on Pat during his long illness.

I remain,
Harriet Dillenbeck
1118 Beacon Street
Williamsburh Apt. 10
Grand haven, Mi. 49417

P. S. --I'm getting my paper okay. I hope everything is fine with you.

Has that dog of yours decided that skunks don't make the best playmates?

Ed's Note: Afraid any dog, and probably especially mine, will shove its nose through its wire fence to see what in the world kind of animal that is crawling along there. But at least she hasn't got plastered again--yet.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cole spent Friday night with their mother, Mrs. Clara Smith.

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A stove or free-standing fireplace MUST have fireproof bases to stand on: Brick, cement block, or metal-covered asbestos stove boards (Tilmann's has them in Beal City).

Air ventilation is important. Proper pipe and flue ventilation is a necessity. The only really proper thing is a chimney with fire-brick lining.

Never put an uninsulated stove-pipe through a house wall or ceiling.

Never use a stove without fireproof stove-board, brick or cement-block flooring beneath it.

Some newer home heaters (wood burning) have uninsulated stove-pipes that go into the chimney through an insulated thimble (a very old device still in good use).

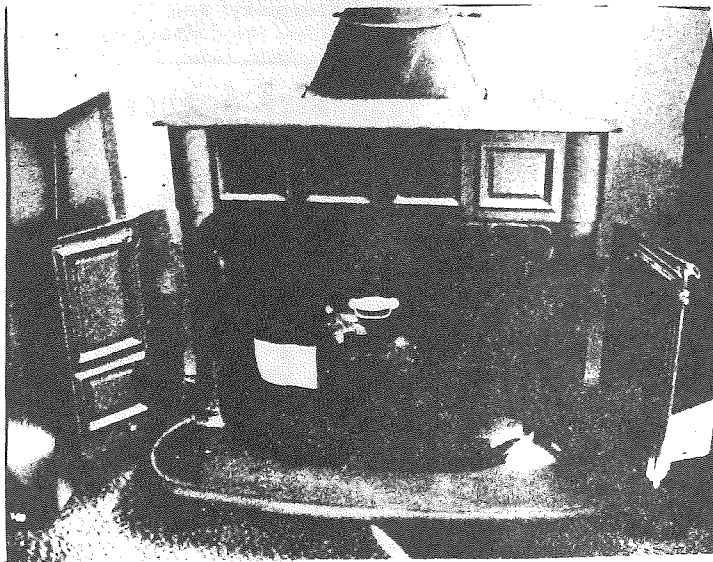
Free-standing fireplaces have their own insulated chimneys. The Franklin fireplace runs either into brick or insulated, safe chimney that comes with it as package-part.

Underwriters Laboratories (UL) will test any products and give approval if they're safe to use. (Both Tilmann's and Allen's wood-burning stoves, furnaces and fireplaces are all UL approved.) Both places will give advice freely upon the asking about any wood-burning installation, whether it's their own product or somebody else's. Ask them about home-safety in wood-burning devices.

Never use a wood-burning device without a pipe-damper. Never allow children to touch a wood-burning stove or fireplace fire section.

Never allow children to manage a wood fire.

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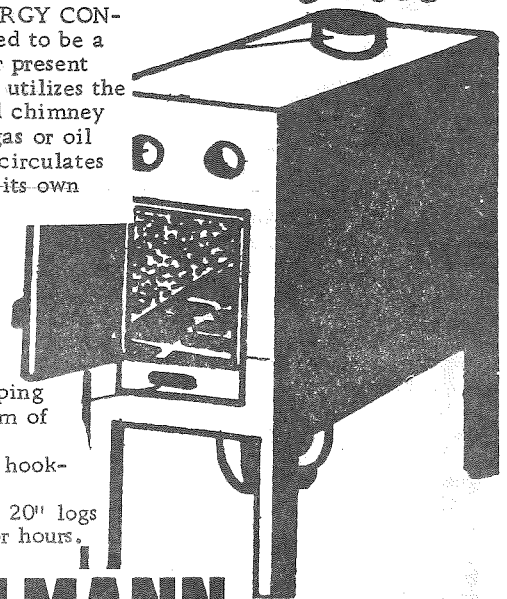
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