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Editor's Column

By Connie

NO TRESPASSING SIGNS MUST BE HONORED

We called our friend, Wayne Sisco, the second day of deer season and asked him if he'd got his buck--he lives up in Coldwater Township in prime deer country.

"I haven't been out yet," Wayne said. (He said the same thing on Sunday, when we called him again.) "I've been too busy as a deputy sheriff shooting off trespassers on posted woodlands up here--and everywhere, for that matter."

Down-state folks drive up here for deer hunting, see our beautiful wooded areas and say, "Ooh, boy! Here's the place!"

Doesn't matter if there are "No Trespassing" or "No Hunting" or "Keep Off!" signs posted prominently on roadside fences and trees.

This is deer country, and deer are plentiful here, aren't they? And here are lovely wooded acres just waiting for downstate hunters to come in.

'Tain't so.

A "No Trespassing" or "No Hunting" or other Keep Off signs mean just that. That land is privately owned, most by local people up here, some by down-state buyers who got the land just for their own enjoyment come huntin' time.

Besides breaking the law by entering a posted area, folks run the risk of other people being in those woods, unbeknoen to them.

The owner and a couple of his sons may be in there, huntin' deer on their own property.

If stranger-hunters enter such areas the risk of people-casualties is multiplied a hundred times.

It just ain't safe, either for the trespasser or the landowner, for strangers to enter a posted area for deer huntin'.

Deer rifles usually spit out bullets that can--and do--travel from half a mile to a mile on the level. That's a dangerous weapon. If such a weapon is fired in strange territory, the stranger-hunter may shoot a man,



AROUND 125 FOLKS ENJOYED THE SOUP SUPPER--Put on now and then by the Weidman United Methodist Men of the United Methodist Church Saturday evening. As usual, the soup was delicious, the menu fulfilling. Several deer hunters joined the crowd of enthusiastic soup-suppers (no pun intended!). The usual salad bar with its crispy lettuce and various dressings, and also the nine different kinds of pie topped off a full evening meal.

Money raised at the soup suppers at the church here is used for improvements projects at the church building.

The next Methodist Men's soup supper is set for Jan. 20, 1979, with serving from 5 to 7 p. m. The community, of all denominations and ages, is always cordially invited.

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a boy, or even hit someone in a house a half-mile or even a mile distant.

So--Wayne Sisco has been busy trying to instruct down-staters on the rights of landowners, the hazards of trespassing in strange woodlands, and the dangers to innocent bystanders a mile away.

Wayne said Sunday he hoped to get out Monday and try to get his buck. Deer meat has become amazingly valuable, what with meat-counters at the stores showing prices that knock your hunting-cap off.

Most deer hunters hunt for the sport of it. Hunting gear and the license fees usually cost more than the deer-meat is worth.

But not this year.

Deer meat, if properly cleaned and processed, is delicious, more so than the best cuts of beef--and just as nutritious.

Experts like Walt Smith and Dick Tilmann can tell you how to cook venison that will make

Julia Childs weep.

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WHERE ARE ALL THE DEER? (THEY'RE MAINLY DOES, EVEN THOUGH THE CAR-DEER ACCIDENTS ROSE)

Where are all those deer that were bounding up out of roadside ditches or over roadside fences during the spring, summer and fall?

They're mainly does, according to deer hunters of this area.

For some reason known only to Nature and possibly the DNR (but we doubt that), the does outnumber bucks this year in this area at least three to one.

Maybe more.

True, there are doe licenses galore, but they're a drop in the bucket when you figure up the deer herds known to be in this area.

Among first-day hunters getting their bucks was Dick Tilmann of the Ojibwa Recreation Area. He and his party all got

their bucks the first day, Dick told the Messenger.

Dick said they didn't see a lot of deer, as is usually the situation this time of year, "But what we saw, we got!" Dick told the Messenger.

Dick said the deer-take out his way was spotty last week, possibly due to lack of snow for tracking; but he said he and his party saw only about a quarter of the number of deer they usually do.

"Bucks are of good size, nice deer, but they didn't grow good racks out here, at least, this year."

Deer apparently are scattered through abandoned corn fields around this side of the county.

Bill Louisell had been hunting on the Campbell acres just west of town, a prime area for deer; but as of Sunday he hadn't got his buck, which is most unusual for Bill.

He saw a lot of deer around this area, but does seem to outnumber the bucks to the extent that does licenses are a drop in the bucket, so to speak.

"I've hunted so much with my bow and arrows, I don't get much kick out of hunting with my gun any more," Bill said.

"I've run into some of the finest hunters I've ever seen," he told the Messenger. "They seem to want to do everything right. It's something the Weidman area can be proud of. And they're young people--young guys!"

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INCH OF SNOW MONDAY NIGHT GIVES HUNTERS MUCH BETTER CHANCE

With the advent of an inch of snow in this area Monday night, deer hunters will have a much better chance of tracking deer, according to the opinions of area hunters.

The first few days of season saw not much results from hunters' efforts, but the week-end produced numerous deer kills all over this area.

In the village of Weidman, during the first few days of the season, it was noted that cars with deer strapped to tops were totally absent, a real phenomenon for this town.

However, with the season's progression, hunters here, there and everywhere in our area were getting their bucks.

DEER HUNTING PICKUP UP THE FIRST OF THE WEEK

Hunters around the Weidman area reported better luck over the weekend and the first of the week than the first few days of opening season.

While deer are not really plentiful for the taking (except does, which appear to predominate the deer population), hunters generally all around surrounding townships report at least some "luck" in getting their bucks.

Apparently, though, one can't just go out west or north of town any more and easily pick off a buck. Used to be that way, but no more.

Besides more posted lands, and required permits from landowners, hunters just haven't seen the numbers of deer they usually do, according to reports.

What they do get are nice ones, usually six to eight pointers, meaning an adult buck. Sometimes very adult--a deer may live, if it's lucky, for 10 or 12 years in area woods and elude the hunters.

But the hunt has been picking

up since the light snowfall of Monday night. Tracking was easier after that.

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AUTO MECHANICS' CERTIFICATION TESTS DEC. 5

Tests for certifying Michigan auto mechanics will be conducted by the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Automotive Regulations, at Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison Tuesday, Dec. 5.

The Michigan Automotive Mechanics Certification exam tests will cover six repair categories for heavy-duty truck mechanics, eight for automobile and light-truck mechanics, one for motorcycle mechanics, and one for recreational trailer mechanics.

No pre-registration is necessary for taking any of these tests--participants may walk in at any time. The State of Michigan will charge \$5 per test for each of the certification categories.

The tests will be held in the Michigan Room of the college, commencing at 10 a. m. and ending at 5 p. m.

Automotive mechanics are re-

minded that since January, 1978, every repair facility in the state must employ at least one certified mechanics for each service category offered by the facility.

Interested persons may contact Dr. Corrigan's office at MMCC at tel. 517-386-7792, ext. 240.

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GARY THOMAS GOES TO THE BIG TIME

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Thomas will be happy to know that he has been promoted to regional manager over several districts, including the states of Washington, Oregon and California.

They will be moving a little later to California.

Word was received by Mrs. Pat Doyle, and she says they expect to be in Michigan for Christmas.

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NEWS NOTES

Russell and Mabel Sides have been staying at the Thayne Sides home on Lake of the Hills, while their son and daughter-in-law were in

Nashville, Tenn., enjoying the Grand Ole Opry. Thayne and Phyllis were expected to return Monday of this week.

The Mitchell McArthurs have a new grandson, Christopher Le-on, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fussman. He weighed 10 pounds, 10 ounces at birth. The Fussmans, now have four boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Opperman of New Jersey were guests of the Richard Touchinskis last week, for opening of deer season. Steve got a nice spikehorn. Bill Johnson of Lansing was also a visitor.

Thanksgiving guests for Thanksgiving weekend at the David Flower home are son Tom, and family, of Petersburg. They expected to arrive here Wednesday evening.

Randy Branson got a nice eight-point buck last week, at a gravel pit on the old Miles Miller farm.

David Flower spent the past week at their cabin near Kalkaska. With Dave were Al Lee and son, Ken, of Mt. Pleasant, and Jim Carrick and son, Dan, of Weidman.

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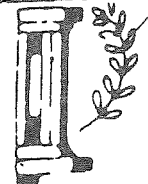
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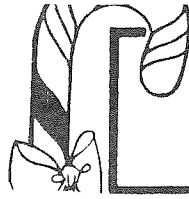
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Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Mrs. Dorothy Brewer spent Thursday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse.

Monroe Dutcher and sons of Clarkston have been spending several days deer hunting in this area, staying with the Ervin Duthers, Sr. Keith Dutcher got his deer opening day.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and daughter spent Sunday in Grand Ledge.

Mrs. Les Rhodes of Grand Rapids spent several days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. She also spent a few days with her sister and family, the Jack Gaudards, of Midland.

Mabel Chaffee and Doris Wilmot were Saturday guests of their sisters, Laura Latham and Rosie Leiter, at Riverview Apartments in Mt. Pleasant. They all enjoyed a chicken dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nagel and son of Midland enjoyed Sunday with the Bob Dutcher family. Gale and Dale Dutcher were Saturday and Sunday guests of the Duthers.

Sherry Eberbach of Lansing was a weekend guest of her mother, Patk Kurtz. Chuck and Rock Knipfer of Oklahoma, and Mike Knipfer of Big Rapids have been deer hunting in the area, staying at the home of their mother, Pat Kurtz. Mike and Rock got their bucks opening day. They plan

to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich in Lansing, and will fly back to Oklahoma Sunday. The boys took Pat and her guest, Mabel Chaffee, out to dinner several times while here.

Dawn Dutcher got a six-point deer opening day, her first try at hunting. Congratulations, Dawn!

Mrs. Les Rhodes of Grand Rapids was a Wednesday dinner guest of the Ervin Duthers, Jr.

Mrs. Brian Dutcher and boys were Sunday afternoon guests. The Eddie Oplingers spent Friday evening with the Duthers.

Mabel Chaffee expected her daughter, Jeanine Bauw, and her daughter, Robyn, of Grand Rapids, to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with her.

Brian Gatehouse and Keith Thren got their deer last week.

Several of the area hunters were lucky, and most will be with their families for Thanksgiving dinner, and after the weekend, things will be back to normal.

Wishing everyone a Very Happy Thanksgiving, and let's not forget to count our blessings as we sit at the table to dine, on Thursday.

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NEWS NOTES

Ethel Soper of Barryton called on Emma Middlesworth Sunday.

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox enjoyed Sunday breakfast with the Bill Wilcoxes.

ACCIDENTS TOTALS TWO CARS: NOBODY HURT

In a freak accident last Friday, a pickup truck driven by Bernard Pitts and a car driven by Jerry Spate both were totaled on the Brinton Road just north of Vernon Road. Bernard's party was hunting.

According to areports, Bernard had pulled out to pass the Spate car when it suddenly turned into a driveway, directly in his path.

According to the Sheriff's Department, no tickets were issued.

Jerry Spate runs a honey-selling business in the old Walt Davy building west of town.

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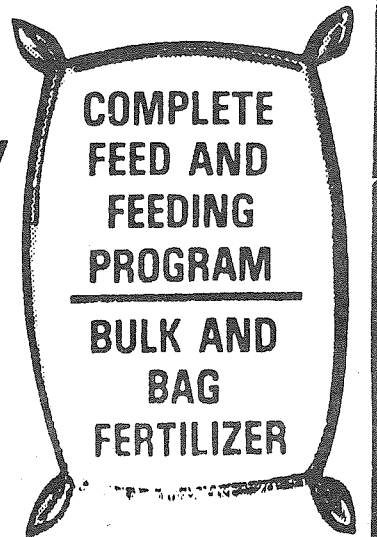
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Dora Smith, Reporter

GERMAN SMORGASBORD SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 3

Beal City ladies of the parish are planning a German smorgasbord with serving from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m.

They'll also have a bazaar, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

The feast and bazaar will be at the K. C. Hall.

Everyone come!

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert and family had Mr. and Mrs. Bob

Block over for Thanksgiving dinner Sunday.

The Beal City Athletic Banquet was held Monday at the Coldwater Lake Inn.

Mrs. June Blasen and Theresa Smith called on Mrs. Delores Gould Wednesday.

Mrs. Ron Brown and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tillmann over the weekend.

Mrs. Agnes Thielen called on Anne Smith Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge of Midland called on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Thursday evening.

Baptized in St. Joseph's Church Sunday were Tonya Marie Faber, daughter of Gerald and Carol

Faber; and Angel Susie Acevedo, daughter of Lupe and Denise.

The Beal City High School Senior Class sponsored a feather party Sunday evening.

Remember, Beal City ladies are having a German smorgasbord and bazaar Sunday, Dec. 3, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Andrew Vogel will be celebrating his birthday Tuesday. Send him a card, at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schafer and girls of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Louise Schafer. Betty Sunderman and girls of Shepherd were Wednesday callers.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Jerry Schafer home in Mt.

Pleasant.

Ruth Klumpp was a Thursday caller of Tillie.

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THANK YOU!

The Weidman Church of the Nazarene would like to thank Frances Tranbarger for the many shrubs and trees she donated to the church.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Paul and Lena Cole called on Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes Saturday, to remind Beulah she had a birthday. Have many more, Beulah!

Albert LaGue of near Owendale spent most of last week with his grandparents, the Paul Coles. He was deer hunting.

Dan Kripa was one of the lucky hunters. First morning, opening day, he got a five-pointer.

Mr. and Mrs. Kripa left early Thursday morning for a trip to Gotha mburg, Nebraska, where they planned to have Thanksgiving dinner with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Anderson, and children.

Richard Mahon was another lucky one early last Thursday, bagging a nice eight-pointer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk entertained several deer hunters the past week. They included their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward. Also in the party was their son-in-law, David Smith.

Tom Cole entertained several deer hunters the past week, including Richard, Jr., of Garden City. Mr. Cushman, Sr., has purchased the farm of the Tom Coles, with Tom holding a life lease.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pfannes and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pfannes were

Friday visitors of their brother and uncle and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes were Sunday afternoon visitors of the Paul Coles and Velma.

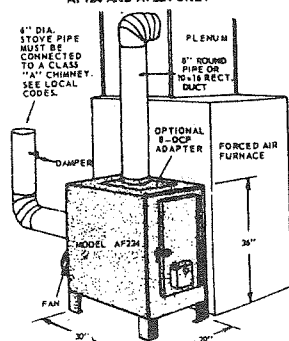
Paul Cole called on his doctor, Dr. and Mrs. McArthur, Friday.

Word has been received that Lester Swan was not so well. Lester is at the home of his son, William, at Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes and daughter, Rose, called on their doctor in Saginaw the first of the week.

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

Garth Lawrence and neighbor and Larry Cummins were last Wednesday hunting guests of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Garth was one of the lucky hunters, getting a 12-point buck that day. Thursday Nettie spent with the Ed Grabers of Farwell.

Charlene Merrihew, her sister, Sally Shinaberry and mother, Edna Watson, were Tuesday morning guests of Hattie Losey. Clayton and Goldie Dutcher were last Wednesday callers of Hattie. Gary, Harold and Ron Losey were Saturday hunting guests. Sunday afternoon callers were Ardis and Theron Merrihew.

Edna McDonald of Mt. Pleasant called at the Earl Oplinger home Saturday afternoon. Kenny Oplinger was also among the lucky hunters.

Sunday guests of the Mack Denslows were Joyce Chaffee and some of the grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock were called to Detroit a week ago because of the serious illness of their son, Ray. He remained in very serious condition.

Margaret Denslow and sister, Celia Backus, of Evart, spent the weekend in Flint with their niece, Teresa Allison. They called on their brother and wife,

Mr. and Mrs. George Peacock, in a Lapeer convalescent home, and found them both in poor health.

Mrs. Flora Wood and Mrs. Eva Denslow came to Margaret Denslow's by Dial a Ride Thursday, and accompanied her to Barryton to the Senior Citizens' Thanksgiving dinner there. Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow and Mrs. Opal Denslow also accompanied them.

Margaret Denslow expected to spend several days, including Thanksgiving, with her daughter and family, the Keith Bakers, of Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and family also will be Thanksgiving guests of the Bakers.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Operman of New Jersey were Tuesday night and Wednesday guests of the Elwood Millers. Bill Johnson and son of Lansing were also hunting guests.

Weekend guests at the Norman Millers' were their family, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Miller and family of Clarkston, and Rick Miller of Alma. John Miller of Walled Lake was also a hunting guest.

Randy Thompson and Pat Niles of Hope College, Holland, were Thursday evening through Saturday guests at the Jim Thompson home. Sunday afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Doug Higgins of St. Louis and Jim Strong of Horsehead Lake.

Betty Thompson and Barbara and Ronna Dutcher accompanied Bobbie Oplinger to Edna McDonald's in Mt. Pleasant Monday evening to attend a products party.

Some of the lucky hunters in this area so far have been Garth Lawrence, Harold Losey, Kenny Oplinger, Jim Strong, Randy Thompson, and Steve Operman.
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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Larry Strang spent the first two days of deer season with his brother, Richard Strang, of Jackson, who has a cabin there.

Bill Forbes and Dean Beers were among the lucky hunters in this neighborhood.

Eunice La Londe and I were in Mt. Pleasant Monday, where Eunice called on her doctor.

A crowd of over 100 attended the Thanksgiving supper at the hall in Brinton Sunday evening, put on by the Brinton Chapel, with lots of food and a program for the evening.

Wendell Roberts and son of Pontiac have been spending some time with the Gerald Robertses, doing some deer hunting.
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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Mrs. Nina Forbes was in CMC Hospital a few days last week. She visited with Mary Granger,

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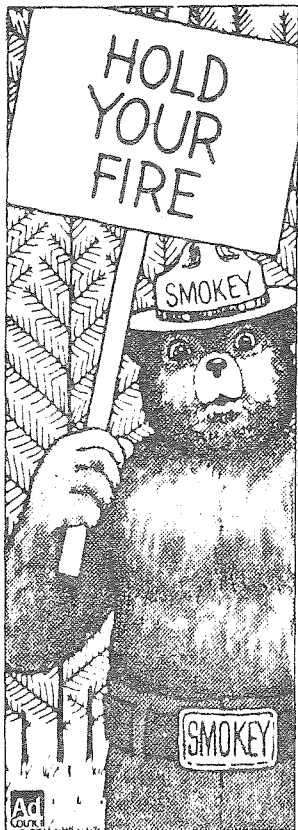


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**COMMUNITY BUILDING
PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE**

The Weidman Community Building, a 70x100-foot structure valued at about \$70,000, is proceeding on schedule, according to word this week.

Outside is roughed in completely, with all outside finishing done.

Gary Wernette is busy doing wiring on the inside. Monday saw the start of drilling for a four-inch-pipe well. The septic system is installed.

Interior work will begin as soon as a heating system is installed, which is expected to be soon. Again, Gary Wernette will do the installation of the system, a forced-air system, heated by natural gas.

The Weidman Business Association has undertaken the huge project by itself, bypassing any help from government grants; therefore the WBA is freed from red tape and unending difficulties with the gov't. It is a private undertaking, one might say, in that all funds are being supplied by the WBA with no government help. The bingo games are expected to continue to provide adequate monies for paying off a mortgage and the maintenance of the building. The bingo games will be held in the new building as soon as it is ready, making a much larger, more comfortable bingo-playing place than the town has ever had.

The interior room walls will be finished with paneling to four feet height, then completed with drywall. The ceilings also will be drywall.

The WBA members are proud to be doing this huge undertaking with no outside help, especially government grants. It is all monies earned by the WBA on various projects. The bingo games, of course, are biggest contributors.

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**BEAL CITY BRANCH OF
BANK TO CELEBRATE
ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY**

The Beal City Branch of the American Security Bank of Mt. Pleasant is getting ready to celebrate its first anniversary early in December, according to Jane Eldred, public relations officer of the parent bank.

Last year's Grand Opening was a great affair, with the small bank overflowing with well-wishers, and the entire staff of officers on hand to welcome visitors.

This year's celebration will be fully as enthusiastic.

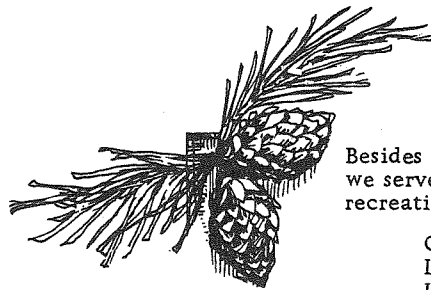
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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur spent the deer-hunting week at their 200-acre property just north of town. They came home with two nice bucks. Doug and Stewart McArthur were with them.

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