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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### SHE WAS A SNORTER

Last Thursday and Friday's storm has been termed Michigan's worst, by some. Some others believe the 1936 or 1937 winters were worse.

We dunno. We don't think we have ever seen the entire State of Michigan paralyzed for more than two days, as it was last week.

Gov. Milliken has declared the state a disaster area. Goody.

That helps us up here in Isabella County a lot. All we were was snowbound. Period.

Ye Ed got cabin fever in two days, and hasn't really recovered yet. So, forgive this week's paper if it's slightly erratic.

We still haven't recovered.

The faithful services of our trusty "boy," Rick McArthur, cleaned off doorsteps and ways to woodpiles innumerable times, and there were others who tried to help the old gal.

But cabin fever is cabin fever, and you gotta bust out in order to cure it.

Saturday we went down to Weidman's business section for the first time.

Spike Branson had pretty well cleaned up the street, after the big snowplows went through.

And speaking of snowplows, those men on those big machines deserve a word from all of us.

Last week, including Sunday of this week, they were on the roads day and night, trying to clear ways and trying to extricate stalled cars out of snowbanks.

Here's to the county snow-plow men!

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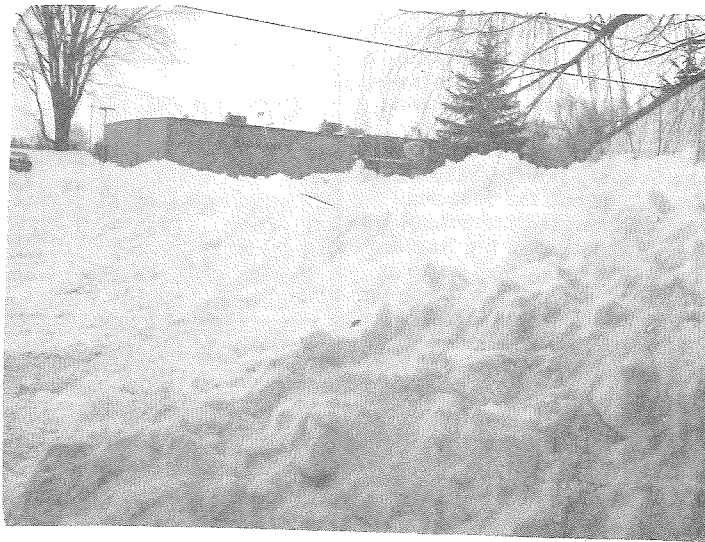
### THE QUEEN'S ENGLISH

And speaking of the Queen's English as employed by current college graduates (which we do now and then), here's a couple more:

"The measures may include re-quirements in testing and qualifications."

"The program will air on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 9 p. m., and is being distributed to local public television stations."

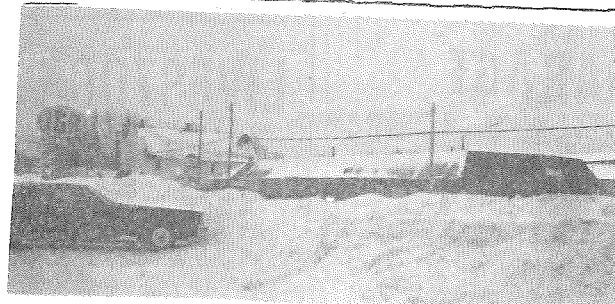
(Morning Sun, Jan. 24, 1978.)



LAST WEEK'S SNOW REALLY PILED 'ER UP--Here's a view of Weidman downtown street shortly after the big county plows had gone through.



AND AT HOMES--The snow piled up, too. You could shovel paths, but wind swept them right back up full. This was our greatest snowstorm in many years. Messenger photos



### WEIDMAN WAS PARALYZED, ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

Last Thursday and Friday, all stores except Baumann's IGA were closed, and all businesses stopped cold by the blizzard that swept through here, the aftermath of a big one beginning in Kentucky.

We weren't as bad off as downstate, though.

In Detroit, everything also was stopped. In Indiana the National Guard was called out to retrieve stranded motorists on interstate highways.

Electric power went off in most of the downstate areas. Here it didn't--for which we offer due thanks. Even the REA was uninterrupted around here.

But we were relatively lucky, although we reserve the right to beef about two days of immobility and isolation.

Labeled the worst winter storm ever encountered downstate, it has been compared here to storms of 1947 and 1936.

In Weidman, only three business places remained open: Vic's gas station, Keith Baymann's IGA Store, and Weaver's Village Inn.

The IGA store was opened by Larry McArthur and Ruth Pung, both of whom could walk to the store, and who did their best to maintain the huge establishment and accommodate sparse customers--mainly those grabbing cartons of milk, and bread.

Vic said he was on the job both days of the Blizzard, "But I didn't have much to do, of course," he remarked.

Road crews have been working nearly 'round the clock trying to clear clogged roads. At one point (Friday, we think it was), it was reported that three county road trucks with snowplows were stuck on the Coleman road north of town.

Road crews worked Sunday to finish the job of cleanup and beginning to clear side roads.

About eight inches of new snow was added to our winter supply during the progress of the storm. This, of course, added to the work for county road trucks.

Weidman village was cleared of snow on sidewalks and main road by Saturday afternoon,

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## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Bessie Allen and I met Mrs. Helen Alwood in Mt. Pleasant at the Sweet Onion Restaurant and had lunch together, last Monday.

Wanda Graham and I attended our Birthday Club at the home of Mrs. Ada Wood last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and Robert visited her father, James Kennedy, Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parks spent Sunday evening after church with the Abbotts.

Albert Gott called on me Sunday morning, and had coffee with me.

Donny Alwood and Les Shenk and friends spent last Monday skiing at Mott Mountain, near Farwell.

Jim Alwood phoned his parents over the weekend, from Alabama. While we were having snow and storms here, they were having floods in Alabama last

week.

Mrs. Carol Abbott, Mrs. Elvah Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood visited Mrs. Violet Carr. Mrs. Gott and Mrs. Alwood later in the day called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson on the Airline Road. Mrs. Johnson has been a shut-in for several months, because her eyesight is failing, and it's hard for her to get around.

Word was received last week that Dick Alwood, brother of Don, of California, has been very ill with flu and pneumonia, and was in the intensive care unit at the hospital. Their brother, Bob, of Everett, Wash., was there to visit him.

Mrs. Gary Wernette and Mrs. Don Alwood went with Harry Howard, principal of the Weidman School, last Tuesday afternoon, to attend the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District meeting in Big Rapids. The ladies were asked to go as concerned parents, to act on the parent advisory committee. The

paperwork expected from these meetings will go to Lansing, and from administrators, is out of this world. Much is involved when parents are looking for extra help for a child coming under the heading of "Learning Disabilities"

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## Local Items

County road workers have been working nearly around the clock to clear clogged roads throughout the county. Individual workers for the County Road Department cannot accommodate individual home-owners requesting special

favours, such as plowing out private drives, etc., and small side roads. Snow-plow drivers are assigned definite areas to clear, always, just main roads, so far.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips attended the funeral of her sister, Maude Boulton, at Midland, last Saturday. Karen Bigelow of Winn was a Saturday visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith took his father, Clayton, to Midland Monday for special tests.

Judy Lawrence and daughter, Pam, of Laingsburg were Sunday afternoon callers of Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins.

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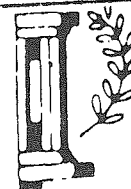
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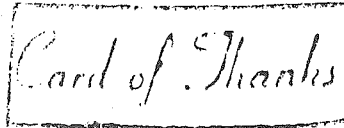
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We want to thank the ladies who cooked the dinner at the time of Linus Mead's funeral; Those who brought food, and the Mass offerings; and everyone who helped in any way; The pallbearers; and especially Rev. Father Harry J. Hart and Rev. Father Neubecker; And Hamilton's Rest Home, for the good care.  
Also we do thank all who sent flowers.

Relatives of  
Linus Mead

manuel Gospel Singers, will be at our church. Refreshments after the service at 7 o'clock.  
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Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p.m.

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Jr. Church in Basement, 11 a.m.

Evening Service, 7 p.m.  
preaching Service, 11 a.m. (Jr. Church and Nursery provided downstairs.)

Friday, Feb. 3: C.M.A. meet-ing at Reed City Baptist Church at 7.30 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Ron Chadwick. Featured: Men's and Women's Meeting, Special music, and fellowship.

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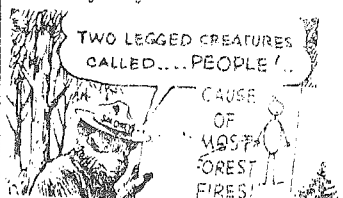
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**THE BIG SNOW STORM:  
HOW IT AFFECTED THIS  
ENTIRE AREA LAST WEEK**  
(Continued from Page 1)

Opal also visited her son at Lakeview last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills and Carrie and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood were Sunday guests of their folks, the Pete Woods.

Opal Denslow called on Flora Wood Monday, and they both attended the funeral of Lawrence Dell at Stinson's Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant.

One year ago today, the day was cloudy, with a high of 20 degrees and a low of 15. The week before, we had a blizzard, with blowing and drifting snow

with huge piles of the stuff in

front of all business places.

Downstate, electric power went off early in the storm. And when you lose your electricity, you lose your heat, lights and water supply, in this day and a age.

No serious accidents or deaths were reported in this immediate area, practically a record for such an emergency.

Beal City stayed open, as to business places, all during the storm and on Saturday.

"Well, we've got farmers nearby with four-wheel machines, and we have something of our own methods of keeping our street clean," Walter Rau said in a telephone interview. "We got along fine. Everything in business places was open, and boy, did we have a rush of business! People from Coldwater Lake and even from Weidman came over on snowmobiles and got everything from groceries to auto supplies."

Beal City has a name for being highly self-sufficient, and also in being able to take care of its own emergencies.

In Weidman, the postoffice and the bank closed Thursday and Friday, for the first time in the history of the town.

We'll be spending the next several weeks cleaning up. She was a snorter; but we can console ourselves with the thought that the storm originated in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio, and all three states were hit much harder than Michigan.

While Gov. Milliken has declared the state an emergency situation, we're not half as bad off as those below us on the map.

Mail delivery was resumed Monday, for the first time since the Wednesday before. Harry Herman, Postmaster, said Saturday that no mail trucks had come up from Lansing since that time.

We were really filled in with snow during and after the big storm last week.

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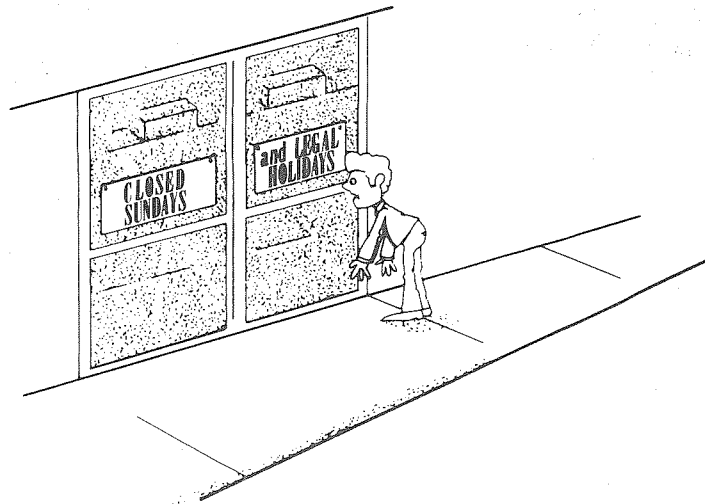
Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

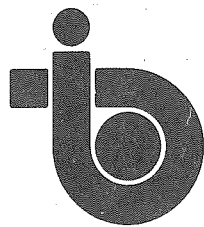
Paul Miller was taken to the hospital at Mt. Pleasant Sunday. He expected to be back home Tuesday or very soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow and children and Opal Denslow went to Grand Rapids last Monday.

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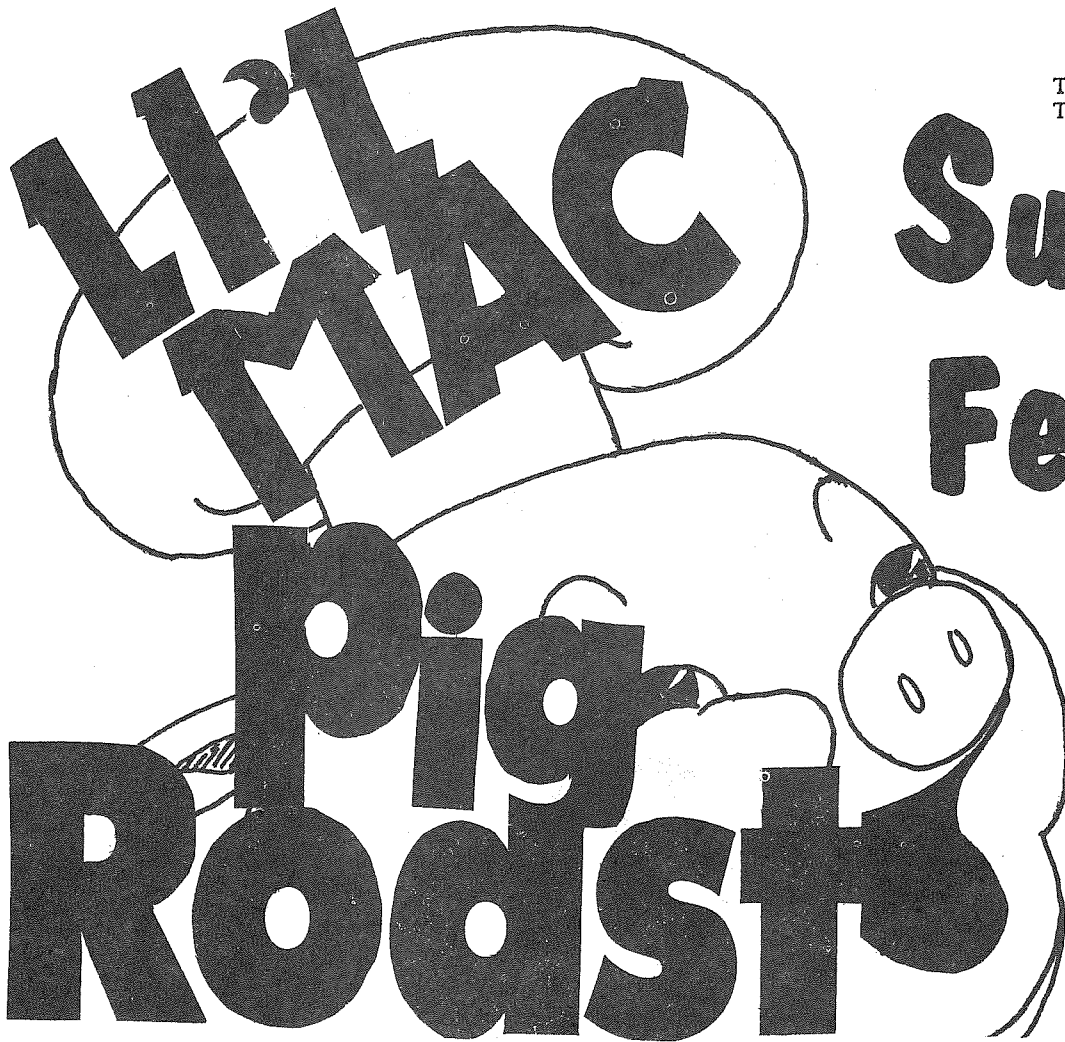


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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schumacher and Katy and Edna called on Mrs. Gertrude Gross last Sunday.

A few neighbors and relatives helped Mrs. Effie Schafer celebrate her birthday last week.

Raymond Hauck has been in CMC Hospital for a hernia operation.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Grace and family, Louis Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeien and family, and Mrs. Mag Noble and girls.

Donny Gould spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau.

Frankie Reihl broke his leg Friday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reihl

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau called on Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Larry entertained company Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuzz Weber have left for a cruise in the Caribbean.

Kim Wild, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Esch, broke his leg Friday, riding a snowmobile. He is in CMC Hospital.

Julie Neubecker, daughter of Vera Neubecker, was involved in a car accident Friday. She was not seriously hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tilmann called on Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Bleise has returned home from Florida, after two weeks.

Theresa Smith called on Dora Smith Sunday afternoon.

Luke Jonathan Smith, son of Don and Louise, was baptized in St. Joseph's Church here.

Betty Gross and Greg Weber were married Saturday at St. Joseph's Church, with a reception at the K. of C. Hall. It was a very beautiful wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ley of White Cloud called on Howard Schafer Wednesday, after having attended the funeral of Linus Mead.

Jerry and Bethel Schafer spent Sunday with Tillie Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rau spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger.

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K. C. Charnes wore snowshoes and walked to Mt. Pleasant last Thursday, in the midst of the big storm, as the crow flies; through fields and across house lawns. He is in rehabilitation work with his father.

Mary Wendrow and Marie Smith enjoyed dinner with Margaret Johnston recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brien of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson. Russell and Diane Holt were also visitors.

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**S. W. Sherman**

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Knipfer and two daughters drove their snowmobiles from Big Rapids Friday, seeing about their mother, Pat Egbert. They returned home Saturday. Their daughter, Bobbi, spent Friday evening with Mabel Chaffee.

Clarence and Dean Chaffee left last week to attend a tractor school in Cleveland, O. They were still stranded the first of the week, but were fine, calling home frequently to see how their families were doing in Michigan.

Even though factories and schools were closed the latter part of the week, due to the tragic storm, we are very thankful for enough food, electricity, and could enjoy tv, reading and playing cards in our homes. Many were stranded without lux-

uries at all, and others lost loved ones to the storm. To those we extend our deepest sympathy.

Thanks to Tom Loomis and Gary Boyd, the neighbors had their drives plowed out.

Neighbors in the area mourn the passing of an old timer, Lawrence Dell, who lived in Southwest Sherman for many years. Our hearts go out to Pearl and the children. Just remember, the sun will shine again.

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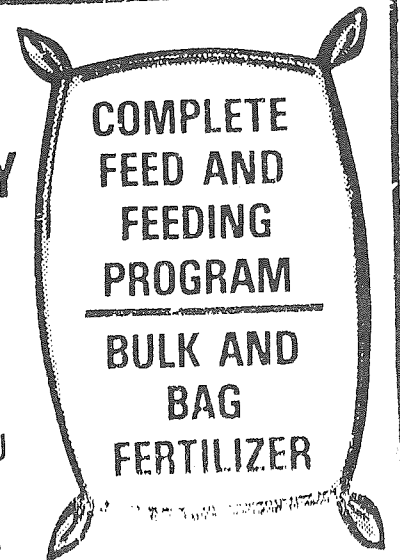
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Like everyone else, residents out here have been digging themselves out from under all the snow, this past week. Thanks to all the good neighbors who came to the aid of those who were unable to help themselves.

A special Thank You to the Goodells, owners of "The Hub" store, who called area people on the phone to see if they needed groceries, and then delivered them on snowmobiles.

Meanwhile, out on the lake, oblivious to the weather, were many fishermen happily catching their limits of perch and bluegills. All in all, we came through the storm in good shape, with no serious accidents or injuries reported.

We are happy to report that Emily Stevens was discharged from Gratiot Community Hospital last Wednesday. Welcome back home, Emily, and a speedy recovery to you! Also recuperating is one of our part-time residents, Matt Nager, who recently had open-heart surgery.

From our activities director, Warren Stanchina, comes good news to those wishing to learn the basics of cross-country skiing. Free ski instructions are offered every Saturday at 12 noon. Just call the ski shop for reservations (644-2300). There is also

a moonlight ski tour planned for Saturday, Feb. 4. The group will meet at the ski shop at 8 p. m. and end up at the Pines camp ground, with a roaring campfire. If interested, call the ski shop. Complete ski equipment rental is available if you do not have your own.

Bill Roy, who lives on Carmen Drive, is reopening his service station at 712 N. Mission Rd., Mt. Pleasant, Monday, Jan. 30. Because the widening of Mission Road will eliminate the gas pumps, it will be strictly a repair garage from now on. Bill is a fine mechanic, and we wish him the best of luck in his new business venture.

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### BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 15 TABLES AT PLAY

At last Thursday's regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens and their guests had 15 tables of pepper at play.

Kate Martin won first prize for the ladies, with Louise Schafer second and Bertha Schumacher low.

For the men, Wilfred Martin won first for the men, with Joe Streng second and Tom Clare low.

Agnes Sheahan won the pepper prize. Bernard Gallagher won the door prize, which was donated by Mrs. Ed Fedewa.

Fruit was offered as prizes. Sandwiches and coffee were

served for lunch.

The next card party at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City will be this week, Thursday, Feb. 2.

Everyone everywhere is cordi-

ally invited.

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# THANK YOU AREA PEOPLE FOR YOUR PATIENCE

DURING THURSDAY AND FRIDAY'S VICIOUS STORM. MOST OF THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS PLACES HAD TO CLOSE BECAUSE OF CLOGGED ROADS THAT PREVENTED EVEN THE OWNERS TO GET TO THEIR STORES.

IT IS NOT OFTEN--INDEED IT IS AN EXTREME RARITY--THAT THESE BUSINESS PLACES HAD TO CLOSE BECAUSE OF WEATHER CONDITIONS. LAST WEEK WAS THE EXCEPTION. WEIDMAN WAS SHUT DOWN TIGHT, EXCEPT FOR VIC'S GAS STATION AND BAUMANN'S IGA STORE, WHICH WAS KEPT OPEN BY TWO VALIANT EMPLOYEES, WHILE KEITH BAUMANN WAS STUCK BY SNOW IN MT. PLEASANT, AT HIS HOME.

WEIDMAN AND BEAL CITY TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN SERVING THEIR AREAS, AND LAST WEEK'S TWO-DAY CRISIS REALLY PUT US TO THE TEST. IN MOST CASES, THERE WAS NO CHOICE. WEIDMAN'S BUSINESS STREET WAS FILLED WITH SNOW FOR OVER TWO DAYS, AND IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO GET TO OUR PLACES OF BUSINESS TO OPEN UP. HEREWITH WE OFFER OUR APPRECIATION TO YOU WONDERFUL PEOPLE OF THIS AREA WHO WERE PATIENT AND UNDERSTANDING DURING THE CRISIS.

#### ABBOTT FURNITURE

Weidman. Thanks for your Patience during the blizzard.

#### ALLEN LUMBER COMPANY

Thank you for your forbearance during last week's storm. We were really snowed in here.

#### AMERICAN SECURITY BANK

Beal City. Beal City is a great little town! Everybody pitched in to clear the streets!

#### BADER MILLING COMPANY

Weidman. Thanks for your patience during last week's record storm. We had tons of snow to remove from round the mill, but hope to be back in business all this week (if the weather doesn't go mad again!).

#### BAUMANN'S IGA, Weidman

Our thanks to the public for your patience during last week's crisis storm. Our great thanks to Larry McArthur and Ruth Pung, who did open the store a couple of days during the crisis. You're wonderful people.

#### CRITTENDEN FUNERAL HOME

Remus. We were certainly snowed in. Our funeral home did not close, but funerals had to be postponed. Thanks, everybody!

#### BUD'S PARTY STORE

Thanks for bearing with us during last week's pileup of snow. We were socked in at Coldwater Lake, personally, and had to take a "vacation," but we do appreciate your patience.

#### DICK CURTISS

Gulf Oil Products. We did what we could to get fuel to out-of-town folks. Thanks for your patience!

#### FOX HARDWARE

Weidman. It was a rough couple of days, and we had to close our store. But our customers came in as soon as they could. Thanks, everybody!

#### ISABELLA BANK & TRUST

Weidman Branch. The bank was closed two days, Thursday and Friday, during the storm; the first time in the history of the Weidman Bank that we closed during business days. Now we're back in business!

#### JACK'S MOBILE SERVICE

Weidman. We were like most Weidman businesses Thursday and Friday, but we scrambled to get fuel out to users, and oil and gas for cars. Thanks for your forbearance!

#### McARTHUR INSURANCE AGENCY

Weidman. Sure, we had to close during the blizzard Thursday and Friday last week, and we're not open Saturdays. We hope our friends were not inconvenienced. You can always reach us at the Bernard Pitts home on Lake of the Hills in Weidman.

#### MICK'S BARBER SHOP

Weidman. Yes, we were closed up tight, like almost all businesses in Weidman Thursday and Friday. But we're ready to take the whiskers off and trim the hair now.

#### MAEDER BROTHERS SAWMILL

One mile east of Weidman. Yep, we had to close down a couple of days during last week's very violent storm. But we're open now, for taking care of your big and little lumber needs.

#### RAU'S FOODLAND

Beal City. Sure, we were open, as all businesses were here. We had people from all over flocking in to buy groceries. Biggest trade we've had so far! Sorry for inconvenience to our cutting friends.

SOME SAY--It was the worst storm we've ever had. In any case, it was bad enough!

#### ROSEBUSH LUMBER COMPANY

Rosebush. We were closed all three days last week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It was bad for everyone, and we do appreciate the friendly understanding and co-operation of our many friends and customers.

#### STRAUS PROCESSING COMPANY

North Winn Road. Sorry we had to close a couple of days last week, but we're now getting our schedules back to normal. Thanks for co-operation, everyone!

#### THE FLOWER SHOP

Closed. Like everyone else--almost--here in Weidman. Now we're open, hopefully for the remainder of the winter.

#### WEIDMAN LAUNDRYLAND

Coin-Operated Laundromat. Yep, we had to close during the two-day blizzard last Thursday and Friday. Hope you all made up the family washings by the weekend! Thank you, Phyllis and Family. Thanks for your patience.

WEIDMAN MESSENGER--Thanks, everyone, for your patience with us!