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Editor's Column

By Connie

TO MIDLAND, TO MIDLAND... BUT TRY TO GET OUT OF IT!

Midland is a nice, friendly city and it's fairly easy to get where you're supposed to go, from Mt. Pleasant on M-20, for instance.

Frances Tranbarger went with me to the Skin Clinic on Eastlawn Avenue, and we went there twice. Each time we got off the appointed track and wandered around--but lo, suddenly, there was Eastlawn, and suddenly, there was the clinic!

Both times.

That's easy.

You only waste twenty minutes or so on the way to where you're going in Midland.

It's the getting out of town that constitutes no less than a snort-eroo.

Frances called the Midland Chamber of Commerce, and they sent up a beautiful detailed map of the city, showing all streets, intersections, and byways.

The only trouble is, there's a raft of tiny little intersecting streets going every which way, with confusing signs.

Both time we went we spent a good half hour just trying to find downtown Midland, from Eastlawn Street.

Both times (Frances was driving home, I drove down), we got thoroughly lost and just turned on this street and that till suddenly, lo! there was the blessed bridge over the Tittabawassee River with a most beautiful sign, "M-20".

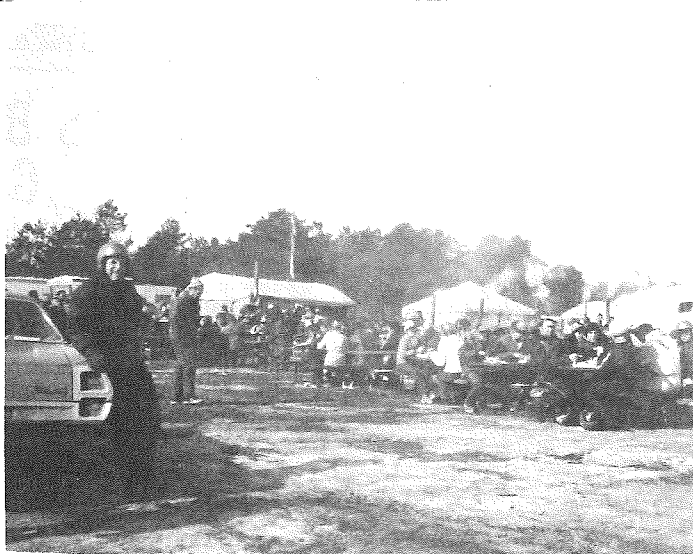
This last Friday, though, was worse than usual. We had the Chamber of Commerce's beautiful map, which I was supposed to read (upside down and backwards, as we were attempting to leave the city).

As usual, we got entirely off the track, only more so Friday.

At last Frances said, "There's that bridge up ahead!" and she made a right turn onto a road that went up, up, over a bridge, sure 'nuff; only it was the wrong bridge.

We were on our way to Saginaw

We only had to drive five or six miles for a turn-around place



LONG LINES OF WAITING DINERS--Were the word from 12 noon till late Sunday at the Lil' Mac Pig Roast. But the lines moved rapidly--they've really got the serving down to a science--and nobody got really cold in line, and nobody really minded.



EATING OUTDOORS WASN'T AT ALL BAD--At the Sixth Annual Lil' Mac Pig Roast on the Elwood Miller farm Sunday. It was crisply cold, but we didn't mind it while we were eating.

and back to the city.

This time we both studied the map, and agreed that we were lost, lost.

She drove on, though, and suddenly, up ahead, there was that beautiful bridge over the Tittabawassee, and that lovely sign, "M-20".

Frances was exhausted by that

time, and it was noon, and I said we'd stop at the first decent eating place and refuel.

There wasn't any decent eating place till we came to the Holiday Inn at Mt. Pleasant, and we stumbled in there and ate.

Midland.

A town to go into--but just try and get out of it!

SIXTH ANNUAL LIL' MAC BRIDGE PIG ROAST DRAWS RECORD CROWDS

The sixth annual Lil' Mac Pig Roast on the beautiful rolling acres of the Elwood Miller farm drew record crowds Sunday.

Fourteen hundred and five meals were served, and there more people there than bought dinners.

Eight pigs were roasted over charcoal spits, and by late afternoon, all the eight pigs had been served and a scramble to Weidman was made to procure hams; after which hot ham sandwiches were presented on the dinner plates along with the rest of the delicious dinner.

The day's programs went smoothly, despite the record crowd and sometimes crowded snowmobile trails.

A 50-50 drawing went very well, it was reported Monday.

Workers on the scene appreciated the prior help of the Senior Citizens, who had wrapped silverware in folded napkins and who had done other chores.

The day was bright and sunny, though cold; it was a nippy lift-up for house-bound bodies and spirits.

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ANOTHER OF THOSE YUMMY SOUP SUPPERS!

The Weidman Methodist Men are putting on another of those delicious and tummy-filling soup suppers this Saturday, Feb. 25, in the basement of the local church.

We do suspect that the Methodist Men's wives have a lot to do with the making of those wonderful soup dishes--but the men do a superb job of serving the supper crowd.

And there's always a crowd.

On account, the soup suppers are complete in themselves, you can have all you can eat--of something like five different kinds of soup and chowders!

Complete, of course, with tossed salads, buns, and home made pies.

It's a good supper, and you're full when you leave.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox were among the many weekend campers on the Elwood Miller farm, for the Pig Roast.

ANOTHER READATHON SCHEDULED FOR WEIDMAN SCHOOL MARCH 1

Why can't Johnny read? The Weidman Elementary School says that Johnny can and will. The entire student body of the Weidman School is taking part in another "Readathon" on Wednesday, March 1. The Student Council at Weidman, with the entire teaching and administrative staff here, have organized an all-day readathon. Students will have a chance to dedicate an entire day to reading books in which their interests lie. All students will be traveling throughout the community during the next few weeks, asking for money pledges, providing for each hour the students read during the day. Donations are tax-deductible. All monies raised will be given to the Gladys McArthur Memorial Library in Weidman, and to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"FOUR FATHOM WORLD" NEXT AUDUBON FILM

The ocean surrounding the Bahama Islands and the denizens of these watery regions are the subject of the next Audubon Wildlife film, "Four Fathom World". This final program of the season will be presented Sunday, Feb. 26, at 3 o'clock p.m. in Warriner Auditorium on CMU campus. "Four Fathom World" examines the reactions of marine creatures to their fellows and to humans. A shark takes a fish from the end of a very short spear. An octopus is tamed with hand-outs of crabs and a large Nassau grouper follows the divers about the bottom like a faithful dog. Tickets will be available at the door. Single admission is \$1.50 and student admission 50¢. Season tickets for next year's film series also will be on sale. Everyone purchasing a 1978-79 Economy season ticket, which

provides for all four programs of the series, will be admitted free to "Four Fathom World." The Audubon Wildlife films are presented in central Michigan by the Chippewa Valley Audubon Club and the National Audubon Society.

mer minister of the Gilmore Church of Christ, now at Pine Run, Mich., near Clio. The Gilmore Church of Christ will have a new minister, David Maltzan, of Casey Creek, Ky., beginning March 19. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson visited their son-in-law, James Snyder, at Gratiot Community Hospital, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leiter and daughter of St. Louis spent last week with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. David Flower. Norma Middlesworth fell on ice Saturday and suffered a broken right wrist.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell spent Sunday visiting their children and grandchildren in Grand Haven and Spring Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts spent the weekend with the for-

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Dec. 1tf

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Feb. 10, 78p

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Joint Temple Association
413 Coker Drive
Every Saturday Night
6:30 P.M.

9Aug77p

LIONS CLUB FISH FRY--Friday, March 10, at Weidman School cafeteria. Another of those fabulous fish suppers the Weidman Lions put on. Plan to enjoy yourself. All you can eat, served family style, with home baked pies for dessert. Yummy. Don't forget the date--Friday, March 10, serving from 5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 23t1

NEWS NOTES

Tim McArthur of Pontiac was one of the hundreds who came up for the Lil' Mac Pig Roast Sunday. Tim and his brothers and nephews enjoyed the snow-mobiling there.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine in Midland last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith took Ray's father, Clayton, to their home Saturday, to spend the day. Clayton is still at the medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and son, Bobbie, of Wolverine, were also dinner guests of the Ray

Smiths, and they took Clayton back to the Facility in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Templar of Detroit visited their uncle, Clayton Smith, at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Friday Mrs. Joe Jackson came and picked up the loom Velma has been working with, but due to her illness, had to quit.

Mrs. Jackson and others were surprised with the weaving that Velma had done with her feet.

Dick Mahon was a caller of the Coles last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa and the Paul Coles and Velma were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes Sunday.

We received word that Marvin Ellsworth had remarried, and his ex-wife, Carol Hamilton, was in Illinois.

Eleanor Hamilton Warner is on the sick list. She will be hospitalized in early March for surgery.

Paul Cole called on Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan Tuesday.

Mrs. Swan remained very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geasler called on her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place were Saturday callers.

Mrs. Maggie Boger called on her brother and sister-in-law, the Geaslars, Monday.

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GIRL SCOUT LEADERS NEEDED Badly, for Junior and Brownie Troops. Call Linda Reynolds at 644-2636, or Lois Riggie, 644-3368.

Jan. 12tf

BRINTON CHAPEL

Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Church School, 11 a.m.
Midweek Services Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

The Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
(1 Mile West of Weidman)
Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday Services

Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.

Jr. Church in Basement, 11 a.m.

Evening Service, 7 p.m.

Pastor Eldridge will be attending the Annual Bible Conference at his Alma Mater, the Grand Rapids Baptist College, throughout this week.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3200 Woodruff Road, Weidman
Vance M. Dimmick, Jr., Pastor.

Parsonage on Lindy Lane, on the north side of Lake Weidman.

Sunday School, 9.45-10.45 a.m.

Worship Service, 11-12 a.m.
UMW, third Thursday at 5 p.m., at the church.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1/4 mile south of Weidman School, corner of Coldwater and Weidman Roads.

Richard Wadsworth, Pastor, ph. 644-3604.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

Youth Service, 6.15 p.m.

Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p.m.

BRINTON CHAPEL

Corner of Brinton and Stevenson Lake Roads.

James Weber, Pastor.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Church School, 11 a.m.

Midweek Services Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

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GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Corner Coleman and Vandecar Roads, Gilmore Township.

Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.

Bible School, 10.45 a.m.

Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

More report cards in Chip Hills

REMUS--Beginning next year, Chippewa Hills students will get report cards six times per school year, rather than the present four.

The Board of Education voted Tuesday to adopt six-week marking periods beginning next school year. The district is now on a four-marking period system.

The board also gave support to a district-wide program for gifted students.

"We want to have some sort of program for our gifted students," explained Superintendent LaVern Alward. "We adopted this resolution (in support of gifted children) so we can now apply for a state grant for the program."

A contract for high school principal Richard Donley was renewed for the 1978-79 school year by the board.

The district was also authorized to purchase two new school buses for next year.

Finally, the board approved payment of \$764,482.17 in current bills for the month. This figure includes \$350,119 in loans.

'Jaws of Life' exhibition set

MOUNT PLEASANT—Imagine a full-sized car being folded in half by a couple of hand-held tools. Imagine a fully-loaded gravel truck being lifted by hand-held tools.

Impossible? Not if you have the modern rescue tools that police and firemen want to buy for Isabella County.

A demonstration of these tools, including the "Jaws of Life" will be staged March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Isabella County Road Commission's headquarters, 2261 E. Remus Road.

In cooperation with the local Zonta Club, the police and fire officials began efforts in early December to start raising funds for fully-equipped rescue unit.

The group, dubbed "The Committee for the Jaws of Life," now has decided to pursue the purchase of six portable rescue tool kits, one for each fire department in the county.

As part of the initial fund-raising efforts, Capt. Dan Denslow of the Isabella Township Fire Department said the general public will be invited to the March 10 demonstration of the rescue equipment.

Michigan Fire Rescue Equipment Corporation will be taking a full-sized car and demonstrate how they can easily cut a car up and fold it in half using their equipment, Denslow said.

The tools, which include hydraulic devices capable of moving six tons of weight and cutting through windshield pillars in seconds, will be demonstrated with other tools used in life-saving efforts, said Denslow.

LOCAL INSURANCE MAN ATTENDS INSURANCE TRAINING PROGRAM

Ron Apple, son-in-law of Bernard and Yvonne Pitts, a recent employee of the McArthur Insurance Agency here, attended a life insurance education and training program at Lansing Feb. 14 through the 17th.

The marketing school is sponsored by Auto Owners Insurance Company of Lansing, and emphasizes personal life insurance planning, business life insurance and other specific insurance services offered by the company.

The McArthur Agency here is a representative of Auto Owners for all types of personal and business insurance in the Weidman area.

APPLICATIONS NOW BEING TAKEN FOR FALL SEMESTER AT MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE

The Departments of Medical Laboratory Technology and Radiologic Technology at Mid Michigan Community College are now taking applications for enrollment in the fall semester of 1978.

Applicants must be graduates (or spring, 1978, graduates) of accredited high schools or hold equivalency certificates. A strong science and math background is recommended.

Both the Medical Lab and Radiology programs operate on a limited enrollment basis. A waiting list is not maintained for admission. Class selection is based upon personal references and ac-



MORE PEOPLE ATTENDED THE SIXTH ANNUAL PIG ROAST-- Than in any other year. Sunday's crisp cold with plenty of sunshine brought folks from downstate, upstate, all over. Above is just a small portion of the milling crowds at the dinner Sunday.

ademic achievement.

Information may be had by writing Mid Michigan Commu-

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Gertrude Brownlee of Sanford called on Mrs. Irene Zeien last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Straus entertained company over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hauck and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Schumacher spent a few days last week in Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Rau entertained company Sunday.

Debbie Theisen attended a birthday party for Janelle Rau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rau.

Mrs. Bernie Smith underwent surgery on her hip in CMC Hospital this past week. She was coming along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge and family of Midland visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Siefker had Mrs. Luella Smith as a Tuesday dinner guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hauck and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith went for a ride Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Vada Block, Mrs. Luella Smith, Dora Smith, Mrs. Edwin Fox and Mrs. Earl Fox called on Howard Schafer Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Block and son Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer entertained some young boys Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Profrock and Judy and Elaine Simmer called on Ann Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and Dora Smith, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tilmann and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rau returned Sunday after vacationing in Florida.

Steve and Karen Schafer returned from their honeymoon in Florida.

Orie Farner of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Tillie Schafer.

Tillie Starr has returned from her vacation in Florida.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Al Klumpp home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Cluley of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger Saturday evening.

Florence Steffke spent Sunday at the Herman Grinzinger home.

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RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 28

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Michigan Right to Life will be Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m. in Room 153 in the County Building at Mt. Pleasant. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Ten years ago today, high temperature was 32, with a low of 18.

FLUORIDE PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL KIDS ENDS MARCH 1

Parents who wish to have their children enrolled in this summer's topical fluoride program have until March 1 to act, according to Teresa Lorenz, chairman of the Beal City Schools' topical fluoride committee.

Children in the Shepherd, Beal City and Weidman schools areas are eligible.

All three or four year old preschoolers, second, fifth or eighth grades, are eligible for the program, providing they have been registered prior to the deadline, March 1.

Parents who wish to enroll their children but who have not received the registration cards may contact her at tel. No. 644-2284

A fee of \$4.25 to cover costs of operating the clinic must be submitted along with the registration card.

The procedure consists of four visits to the fluoride clinic, which will be held in the Beal City Public School. The child's teeth are cleansed on the first visit, and a fluoride solution is applied directly to the surface of the teeth. The fluoride application only is then repeated during the three succeeding visits.

This technique has been shown to reduce tooth decay by about 40 percent, compared with 60 to 65 percent reduction obtained with fluoridated water.

In addition to providing protection against cavities, the program offers a valuable dental experience for children, with no discomfort. Dental health education by the clinic personnel, including instruction in the proper method of brushing teeth, also is an important part of the program.

Michigan, which pioneered in the field of topical fluoride application in 1949, leads the nation in the number of community programs in operation. Forty thousand children will receive applications in more than 200 clinics scattered throughout the state.

The state-wide program is supervised by the Dental Division of the Michigan Department of Public Health, which assists local groups in the organization stage, recruits and trains dental and dental hygiene students, provides the fluoride solution, and oversees the program operation through periodic visits to the various clinics by staff dentists.

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NEWS NOTES

Clarence Lorenz hosted a birthday dinner honoring Mrs. Edna Bowein, Friday evening, at a restaurant north of Clare. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lorenz and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lorenz were also guests.

BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 15 TABLES AT PLAY

At their Feb. 16 card party, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 15 tables of pepper at play.

Father Neubecker won first prize for the men, with Harold Schumacher second and Joe Lawens low.

For the ladies, Viola Engler won first prize, with Eva Anstey second and Coletta Gross low.

Luella Smith won the pepper prize. Ruby Douglas won the door prize.

Donuts and coffee were served for refreshments.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, March 2. Everyone is invited.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

CLARE COUNTY TOWNSHIP TO HAVE EMERGENCY CARE AND CPR WORKSHOP

Winterfield Township residents in Clare County are meeting Monday, Feb. 27, in the Township Hall for an Emergency Health Care and C.P.R. workshop for rural Americans, sponsored by Project INFO of Mid Michigan Community College.

Distance, weather, and lack of immediate professional care has brought an increased concern to township supervisors that their residents need to be up to date on the latest health safety care which can be offered their families and neighbors before medical assistance arrives.

For a similar program in any township, information can be obtained through Pat Engelbrecht at Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison.

The Flower Shop

Weidman

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No, we didn't get an unlisted number, or have our phone disconnected. We're in the phone book--guess what!--under Flower Shop The. That's right, Flower Shop The.



We used to be in the Yellow Pages, but that didn't help. We were listed: Flower Shop The, Wdmn. Students at CMU didn't know where Wdmn was, and they'd often call us, asking if we'd deliver a corsage or some roses at a college address, and we'd say No. It was a waste of their time and ours. We cancelled our Yellow Pages listing.



SO REMEMBER, IT'S FLOWER SHOP THE, 644-3941.

THE FLOWER SHOP, WEIDMAN, Where Beautiful Things Come From.



THERE WAS A LOT OF SNOW--For the Sixth Annual Lil' Mac Pig Roast Sunday. But the WBA and the Firemen had bulldozed adequate spaces for all comers, piling up the big accumulations around the edges of the celebration area.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills and Carrie and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood were Sunday guests at the Pete Wood home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Harold Losey took their father, Charlie Losey, to the Lakeview Hospital Sunday.

Other Sunday callers at the Losey home were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and Mr. and Mrs. Don Merrihew and Greg and Brenda.

The Dick Dutchers and the Earl Oplingers attended the Lil' Mac Pig Roast Sunday. Earl and Bobbie worked.

Charles Fahnestock attended the Pig Roast at the Lil' Mac, Sunday.

Bill Thompson furnished the music for the dance at the Barryton School Friday evening.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended a meeting at Mrs. Marge Hyder's last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Merrihew were weekend guests at the Elwood Miller home, to attend the Pig Roast.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Holmes attended the Pig Roast, and spent the evening with the Millers.

Elwood and Iola called on his mother Friday. She was feeling better. She had the flu.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee spent Sunday with her folks, the Mack Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Beth and Mrs. Hattie Losey called on the Bruce Chapmans Sunday.

Mrs. Hattie Losey and I were Monday guests at the Gerald Losey home.

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One year ago today we had freezing rain with high temperature of 30 and low of 28.

LAKE ISABELLA

Many of our residents out here are members of the Lions Club of Weidman. Friday, Feb. 10, they sponsored a fish fry at the Weidman school, which was very well attended. All the fish, and French fries and rolls you could eat, topped off with home made pie. If you missed that one, there is another scheduled for Friday, March 10, so mark that date on your calendar.

The Lions Club also held their annual Valentine's Ladies' Night last Wednesday evening, Feb. 15. Following the pot-luck dinner at the school, entertainment was furnished by Wolfgang Sturm's dance group. The group, consisting of three women and three men, were in traditional Alpine costumes, and performed some very unusual dance routines. Mr. Sturm is the owner of the Edelweiss Inn on M-66, south of Remus, where they specialize in German food and Bavarian dancing.

Mrs. Minnie Carpenter of Carman Drive had hip surgery at CMC Hospital last week. She was doing so well that they released her Sunday, Feb. 19. We are happy to report that Mrs. Robert Mays is also home, recuperating after her surgery in Grand Rapids.

Lake Isabella was very well represented at the "Lil' Mac" Pig Roast Sunday. The snowmobile safari, which left from the club house, had about 30 people tagging along. Then there were a few other groups which left from the west side of the lake, not to mention those who drove their cars.

Roast pork dinners were served to a record crowd of approximately 1,400 people. As the eight

hogs started to disappear, the Business Associations and Firemen brought in hams, and they served hot ham sandwiches later in the day. All in all, it was a really great day, and we hope the proceeds from the event will compensate the Weidman and Beal City Business Associations and the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department--and their hard-working wives--for all the hard work that made it possible.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Cora Beers is spending this week in Lansing, at the home of her son, Bill.

Helen Strang and Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe were in Mt. Pleasant Friday, where Joe consulted a doctor. He was admitted to the hospital for a few days of treatment for an affected foot.

Shannon La Londe spent the weekend with the Gary La Londes near Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Soper were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe.

Violet Wright and Madelyn La Londe called on Joe La Londe at the hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields, Jr., and Jessie Fields, Jr., of Grand Rapids were weekend guests of their uncle, Alfred Bartley.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tupper called on Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright Sunday.

Irene Bowen joined Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher and attended the Lil' Mac Pig Roast Sunday, at the Miller farm.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

MISSIONARY MEETING
Our Missionary meeting was at

my house last Wednesday afternoon.

Nine ladies were present. We made hospital favors.

Wanda called, and had lunch.

I attended the Birthday Club at the home of Linda Rindel last Thursday. There were three birthdays. They received nice gifts, and we all enjoyed a nice lunch.

Marlene Davy stopped in and had coffee with me. Julia Gott and friend stopped in Saturday afternoon, and had coffee and cookies. They also called on Wanda Graham in the evening.

A week ago Sunday, Dale Letson took Zena Olger some fish from the lake. Zena's brother-in-law, Sim Riggs, is out of the hospital and doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott visited me Sunday afternoon.

Miss Karla Moses of North Woodruff Road spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott attended a furniture show in Grand Rapids last Wednesday.

Mrs. Zena Olger visited Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson in Mt. Pleasant and they took her to see another daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Editor:

Following are excerpts from a recent letter I received from my granddaughter, who lives in Leucadia, California, about 90 miles south of Los Angeles.

After reading her letter, I decided that Michigan, with its cold winters and snowdrifts, isn't so bad, after all.

If there were one ideal place to live on this earth, there would be standing-room only.

Herewith her letter:

Glad you were able to manage through the blizzard. I don't worry too much about your starving to death, but staying warm is another matter. Or getting buried by a drift on the way to the larder!

Yes, the storm here was a doozie. In fact, today is the first day I can remember in a long time when there was no rain and no threat. It all started when we were in Oregon on a visit, of course, and during the first big floods afterwards, Peg and I were painting out in Saubrook, which was very nearly swept away in parts. We worked out there a week, painting inside when it rained and running out to do a few hundred square feet between cloudbursts. We were fortunate in finishing when we did, though, because then it really poured in earnest.

And basically it's barely stopped long enough for the plants to gasp since then. Well, there were a few days which began in a promising way, and I hustled around battenning hatches and rototilling when appropriate.

Crops have been lost because of wind and rain. Fences are down all over, valleys are covered with mud. People have blithely driven cars into puddles with no bottoms and have drowned. Roads have washed out. Houses have lost living rooms (the sunken variety?).

Right in this area, I guess we were lucky. Several people were flooded out because they built into a hill, and poorly at that. Basically, though, there's not too much damage right here.

Trees, giant eucalyptus, with very shallow root systems, have toppled in many places. Some people are suing others because of the way yards are laid out.

I have several leaks in my five-year-old roof. I keep discovering them. Now, however, is not the time to get them repaired, because everyone else called first. I'll be considering myself lucky to get someone out to estimate and assess the job to be done.

So far, my garden is lovely. No gullies, no runoff, no damage at all. The house sits up on footings, so it's fine from the bottom.

I lost a couple of large avocado limbs loaded with fruit, but that's okay, 'cuz I couldn't reach it to pick anyhow! An enormous cypress limb cracked right in front of my kitchen, so I have to get up there and saw it off. I'm worried that the mammoth limb OVER my kitchen will go if we have another rip-snorter. So I'm planning to play monkey and saw away at it. I'll need help, though, but I've got some people I can call on.

All my animals have survived nicely. I let the ducks out (pond was floating away), and they've made every new river theirs.

Had to tie up an acacia that was falling over from water-logging.

The main difficulty, though, has been that the driveway was removed into the carport some time ago. The road edge crumbled, and all the water from two blocks up runs into my emaciated driveway. I've dug canals to direct the flow, and it has helped lots, but watching that huge brown river make whitewater through my canals makes me nervous.

Basically, though, we've come through in fine shape.

They're studying tidal-wave survival in the Junior High School these days. Now THAT is scary.

Kids are fine, and enjoying themselves as usual. They've just gone back to school after a three week break. Now I get a break!

Meanwhile, the sun is shining and I think I'll go kiss my lettuce plants Hello.

Love and no more snowfall,
Kathy
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SURPRISE PARTY FOR EVA DENSLOW (80 YEARS YOUNG!)

Saturday, Feb. 11, Othel Denslow picked up his mother, Eva, at her home in Mt. Pleasant and took her to his home in Rosebush, for what Eva thought was to be a birthday dinner with Othel and Alice.

When they arrived, and walked into the house, Eva was greeted with "Surprise!" and the singing of "Happy Birthday, Mother and Grandma!" by all her children and some of the grandchildren.

They all enjoyed a delicious dinner and a beautiful birthday cake, baked and decorated by Wilma Swan.

Eva received many lovely gifts.

Those present, beside the guest of honor, included Terry and Nina Green of Grand Rapids, Russell and Wilma Swan of Midland, Orlin, Audrey and Lorraine Denslow of St. Clair, Kenneth and Mary Denslow of Lansing, Al and Janet Findley and Scott and Kim of Mt. Pleasant, and the host and hostess, Othel and Alice Denslow.

It was a beautiful, sunny day, and what a surprise to Eva!

David and Mary Smith spent the weekend at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, and family. Mary is

doing student teaching in the Mecosta school. David is in his first year at CMU.

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The above photo was taken on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Feb. 26, 1923.

Wendall and Irene Sisco are hosting an Open House honoring their parents, Roy and Mamie Sisco, on the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary.

Open House will be held at the Wendall Sisco home, five miles east on M-20, and one mile south on Loomis Road, next Sunday, Feb. 26, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Family and friends are cordially invited to join them on this important day.

WEIDMAN LIONS SCHEDULE ANOTHER FAMOUS FISH FRY

The Weidman Lions Club is having another of its famous fish fries Saturday evening, March 10, at the Weidman School cafeteria.

S'truth, the Lions' wives do a lot of the preparation (as of the

home-baked pies, etc., and most of the serving), but the Lions do an outstanding job of catering to fish-loving diners, at all their fish dinners; and they have scheduled three for this winter, one behind them, one coming up March 10, and, we understand, yet another after

that.

Good eating around Weidman.

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FIRST AID AND CPR COURSES OFFERED AT COLLEGE

Mid Michigan Community College has had requests to conduct a First Aid and CPR class. The Allied Health Division at the college is attempting to organize a class of approximately 15 people

who will meet on the college campus beginning in mid-March.

The class will be 1.5 credit hours, the cost \$21.75 for in-district residents and \$30.75 for those residing in Clare and Gladwin Counties.

Persons interested in taking the course should contact Robert Clute, Mid Michigan College, tel. 517/386-7792, ext. 265.

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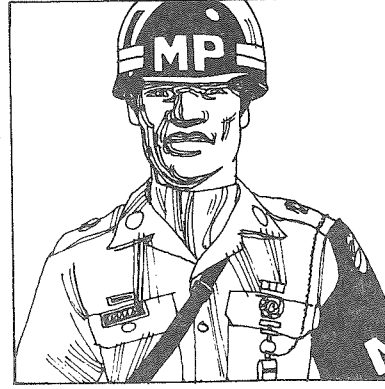
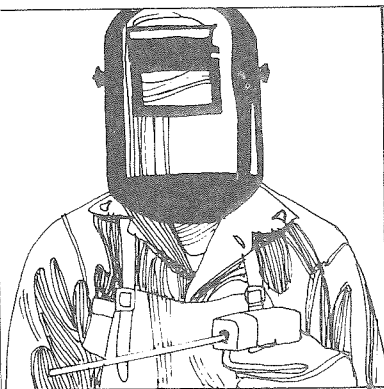
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