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Editor's Column

By Connie

THE LOSING SIDE OF THE LEDGER

After last week's skit about me in the Buyers Guide's weekly paper, many have called to ask if I really bleed black blood when I happen to nick a finger.

The answer is no.

I bleed red, same as most folks these days--red, as on the wrong side of the ledger.

After a few corrections, which Buyers Guide has promised to make this week, we'll accept the piece practically intact.

It happened this way:

A young man called from Lansing and said he was a free-lance writer, and had a "firm commitment" from the Grand Rapids Press for a human-interest story on Ye Ed in Weidman.

I said No, that couldn't be, as the Grand Rapids Press has done me a couple of times or more, and surely must be fed up by this time.

But he insisted that "the story was sold in advance," and inasmuch as Ye Ed has a weak spot for young journalists thinking to try the free-lance road, we said "Well, yes, come along."

So, a date was set (such interviews usually take not more than an hour), but lo and behold, this young man stayed in my house four solid hours, questioning, reading every word of the old Satevepost skits, every letter from Ben Hibbs, and such.

I was worn out, to the extent I didn't even have stren'th to tell him to git going.

Well, as I expected, he couldn't sell it to the Grand Rapids Press, and finally sold it to the Buyers Guide.

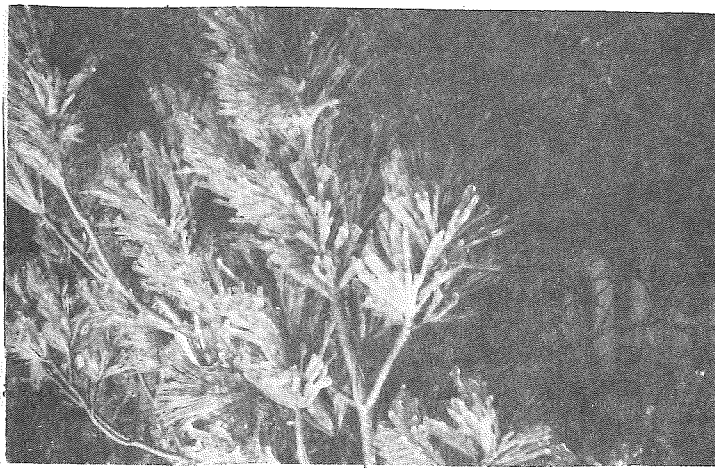
My blood nearly did turn black when I saw the headline about "black printers'-ink instead of blood" in my veins.

The printers' ink in the blood thing ran its course from the College journalism department in the 1930s, and I thought I'd seen the last of it.

So--I nearly did turn black as I read about having no blood other than printer's ink coursing



SHE'S A TOUGH OLD WINTER! --And mayhap we'll be seeing 'er around most of this month, if weather forecasters are to be believed. Oh, well, we got rid of February--and it's always just a month to be got rid of--and we're somewhat nearer to spring, lovely spring! Snow machines and plain old shoveling have been the order for so long, most of us have forgotten what paths and walks look like. She's been a tough old winter! That's Rick McArthur in the photo above, taken by Ye Ed, therefore, a "Messenger photo".



through the old carcass.

I really do bleed red blood, as on the wrong side of the ledger in the business world; and there are lots of folks just like that in this unhandy squeeze of business recession coupled with leaping inflation.

Good luck to us all--and don't nick my fingers. I bleed awfully easy, and it's right messy.

At least we haven't had ice storms--yet--such as this area has experienced many times in the past.

Of course, we still have to wade through March.....

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Geoff Allen is enjoying a 10-day winter vacation from his studies at Ferris State College in Big Rapids. Geoff is taking a house-building course there.

AMATEUR RADIO CLASS TO FORM NEXT MONDAY

Frank Benn, an instructor in the Mecosta school, announces a new amateur radio class beginning at 7 p. m. in Room 10 of the Barryton school building, next Monday evening, March 6.

Anyone interested in "ham" radio operation is welcome to take the course. The class entitles successful students to obtain amateur radio licenses, a necessity for ham operators.

Federal exams are given in the classroom at no charge, nor is there a charge for the license.

Frank Benn will be the instructor. Classes will continue for about 12 weeks.

Courses will include instruction in international Morse code, basic electronics, regulations, antennas, receivers, and many other details.

All those interested may call Frank Benn in Weidman or join the class, for further information.

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CARL AND CLARA GREWETT CELEBRATE QUIETLY

Word from Clara (Kirvan) Grewette in Mt. Pleasant is that she and Carl observed their 50th wedding anniversary quietly.

They received cards of congratulation from President and Mrs. Carter, and from State Senator Jack Toepf.

Relatives from Grand Rapids were going to Mt. Pleasant to help them celebrate, but were stalled by the February storms.

So anyhow, Carl and Clara, congratulations!

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SUSAN KURTZ ENTERS AIR FORCE

Susan Jean Kurtz, 19, entered the United States Air Forces last week, according to Master Sgt. Marty Ragnone, the Air Force recruiter in Mt. Pleasant.

Susan is a 1976 graduate of the Beal City High School. She is the sister of Ann Taylor of 1740 Beal City Road.

On graduation from six weeks of basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, Susan will receive technical training in the administrative aptitude area, and will be assigned to an Air Force duty station.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

In the Editor's Mail

(Editor's Note: This is not really a letter to the Editor, but one to Marie Smith of Weidman, who thought it was so interesting she gave us permission to use it.) Dear Marie,

Just had breakfast, and before I get outside trying to catch up on a little work (missed on account of rain), I'll try to fill you in on the news from the Not-So-Sunny South.

If our rain had been snow, we would be in the same shape you folks are in in the Frozen North. It's not that we don't need it, but about two days every week it dampens one's spirits and then gets cold. I wish you folks would keep Old Man Winter up there where he belongs.

Last weekend we went to Zephyrhills, to a Michigan get-together from that area. Wendell and Ione Drallette went with us. They are staying in an apartment on East 54, not far from Glenn and Beulah Scott. We didn't see many people we knew, although I did see Betty Johnson (nee Benn). Hadn't seen her in better than 30 years, and would not have known her if she hadn't been with her husband, Del.

Also saw Dan and Nina Carrick, Jerry Dent and wife, and Harold and Helen Cotter. She was Helen Beutler, so the trip wasn't a complete loss.

Finally got the water hooked up to the washer in the shed, so Ruth can wash at home instead of over at Gary's mother-in-law's. Guess we'll have to put in a washer also. This Florida weather isn't always sunny when one wants to dry clothes. And I'm getting a little old to join a nudist colony.

The sun is shining nice now, 55 degrees and they promise us 70 for tomorrow. I sure can stand that. Maybe my blood will start flowing a little better.

I read in the paper that big whopper you told Connie. You should be ashamed of yourself, pulling that gal's leg like that. (Ed's Note: Marie didn't pull my leg. It was so cold here that anything could happen, and we thought a little exaggeration might cheer us up some.)

I hope by now things are getting somewhere back to normal up your way. Snow is nice, and also pretty, but it can be overdone (like 1936). They claim the tourists are down about 12 percent this year, and blame it on the big snows up north. People can't get away from home, and some here can't get back north. Quite a mess.

We are both quite well for a couple of old-middle-aged codgers, and keeping quite busy. Going to put in some garden

next week, so that will be another chore to tend. The grass is starting to get a little green, so maybe spring is near.

Haven't had a word from Punta Gorda--did hear they had the flu, but nothing definite. Maybe they will come up some weekend, who knows!

Hope this finds you in good health, and please, Marie, no more of those tall stories to Connie.

Write when the spirit moves you.

Love,
Ruth and Jed Johnson
Florida

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REAL ESTATE COURSE OFFERED AT HARRISON

A 10-week course in preparation for the Michigan Real Estate Salesman examination will be held at Mid Michigan Community.

The two-credit course will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday evenings on the college campus, in room 269.

The highly successful course will begin March 2, and has a cost of \$29 for in-district students (Clare and Gladwin counties), and \$41 for out-of-district students.

Persons interest may obtain further information by phoning the college, tel. 386-7792, ext. 235.

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Beal City hosts FFA

MOUNT PLEASANT — The Beal City High School Chapter of Future Farmers of America (FFA) recently hosted the annual district FFA Leadership Contests.

The FFA district, which is made up of students in FFA from McBain, Evart, Clare and Beal City, drew approximately 50 FFA members from three of the eligible schools at this event.

Contest areas included parliamentary procedure, agricultural forum, demonstration, job interview, public speaking, greenhand speaking, and extemporaneous speaking.

Students from Beal City and their awards were, in the parliamentary procedure, for a first gold award, chairman Geoff Brickner, secretary Brian Straus and members Mark

Pasch, Scott Smith, Scott Schafer, Jerry Ward and Tom Smith.

In the agricultural forum division a first silver award was given to chairman Kirk Coston and members Darlene Pung, Jim Bleise, Roger Flaughter, Terry Starr and Marty C. Fox.

The demonstration division included Glenn Schmidt and Roger Hauck for a first gold award.

Jean Engler received a second silver award in the job interview category and a third honorable mention was given to Kelly Hadley for public speaking.

In the greenhand speaking division Frank Fox received a first silver award and Greg Coston received a first gold award for extemporaneous speaking.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith had their father, Clayton, at their home for dinner last Sunday.

Mrs. Wayne Smith and Susie were also there for the day. Clara Smith was also with Clayton for the day at Ray's.

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TAKE NOTICE--The Sherman-Nottawa-Coldwater Electrical Code Administration has hired Paul Schafer, 2731 North Winn Road, Mt. Pleasant (Beal City), telephone No. 644-3543.

Mr. Schafer is the electrical inspector for the three townships. The appointment was made effective immediately.

All persons having any electrical work done in homes or other buildings must contact him.

Inspection fee is \$20, up to a building valuation of \$40,000, and \$1.00 per thousand valuation thereafter, per inspection. A minimum fee for incidental wiring will be charged for the inspection. The minimum fee is \$8.00.

This is in accordance with the mandatory state regulations on electrical inspections.

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In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of our parents, Wesley E. Kirvan, who passed away March 16th, 1928, and Bessie M. Kirvan, who passed away April 30, 1935.

Loving Memories never die
 As years roll on and days go by
 In our hearts a memory kept
 Of ones we loved and will never forget.

Mildred E. (Kirvan) Patterson
 Clara B. (Kirvan) Grewett

Obituary

WILLIAM LOUISELL, JR.
 William Louisell, Jr. (Young Bill, to most Weidman folks) died Saturday, Feb. 25, in the hospital at Grand Ledge. He was 52.

He was born Dec. 30, 1926, in Flint. The family moved to Weidman several years later.

He attended the Weidman elementary and high school, from which he graduated in 1944 as Salutatorian. He also attended Central Michigan University, earning his Bachelor of Arts and Master's Degrees from that college. He was president of the fraternity Delta Sigma Phi at Central.

In 1954 he was married to Patricia Dillenbeck, daughter of Clarence and Harriet Dillenbeck, in the Methodist Church in Weidman.

He is survived by his wife and two children, Patrick, now a Freshman at Michigan State University, and Jill, in the seventh grade at Grand Haven schools.

He is also survived by his parents, William (Bill) and Vada Louisell, of Weidman; two brothers, Robert of Mt. Pleasant and Richard of Spring Lake; and a sister, Joyce Smith, of New Jersey.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, with burial in Fairview Cemetery in Weidman.

The Louisell family all are widely known and universally loved by this entire community. They have the sympathy of us all.

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Obituary

DORIS VANDLEN

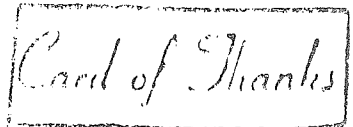
Funeral services for Doris Vandlen of Dowagiac were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Federated Church of Dowagiac. She was the wife of a former pastor of

the Weidman Methodist Church. She was the wife of Arlo Vandlen. She died last Thursday at Lee Memorial Hospital in Dowagiac. Mrs. Vandlen was 53; she was born March 13, 1924, in St. Johns. She married Rev. Arlo Vandlen Sept. 5, 1943, in Delta Mills, Mich. He survives her.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Peterson, of Grand Rapids; two sons, Douglas of Olivet and Larry of Grand Rapids; five grandchildren; and three sisters, Mrs. Cornelia Johnson of Los Angeles, Mrs. Velma Janke of Ypsilanti, and Mrs. Mary Sussex of Camerillo, Cal.; and a brother, Donald Maatton, of Lansing.

Memorials were made to the United Methodist Church of Weidman.

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The "Good Neighbor," your American Red Cross, Isabella Chapter, would like to extend its deepest appreciation to several "good neighbors" who helped about a dozen stranded people during the "big snow" of late January.

Our hat's off to: Jim Mull of the Civil Defense, for organizing the supplies used at the Red Cross shelter set up at Shepherd; Karl Nestle, Isabella County Chapter Red Cross Disaster Aid Liaison; Sgt. Frank Stevens of the Isabella County Sheriff's Department, for transporting supplies from Mt. Pleasant to Shepherd; Burt Palmer for similar transportation services; Pete Stevens, who donated the four-wheel-drive vehicles used to transport supplies; Robert White, who got the ball rolling on setting up the shelter in the first place; and to Hugh Riley of Shepherd, for serving as the Red Cross shelter manager.

Additional thanks are extended to the unknown CBers and snowmobilers who helped to keep the communication lines open around the area, and get the people needing the "good neighbor" shelter to Shepherd.

The Isabella County Red Cross Chapter is a United Fund agency.

Gratefully,
 Red Cross Board of Directors
 Ann Jensen, President

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Sunday evening visitors at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski, and girls.

LAKE ISABELLA

The big news here this past week was the population explosion.

Two baby girls were born the same day, Feb. 23, at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

The first one to arrive was Miranda Marie McGuirk at about 3 a. m., weighing eight and a quarter pounds. Her parents are Vicki and Tim McGuirk of El Grande Camino Drive, and her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gatehouse.

A little later in the morning, at 10.19 a. m., Marie Ann Damitio was born, weighing in at eight pounds, nine ounces. Her parents are Diane and Jim Damitio of Fairway Drive. Mr. Damitio is owner of Fox Hardware on Woodruff Road in Weidman.

Congratulation to these two young families!

Another addition to our permanent resident list is Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blakely, who officially moved into their new modular home on Siesta Lane, in our mobile home section, this past week. Cele and Will Blakely are former residents of Alma.

We welcome them to this community, and sincerely hope they will enjoy living here.

Judging by the number of shanties and fishermen out on the lake, one would have to come to the conclusion that the fish must be biting. The whole lake seemed to be buzzing with activity this past weekend.

There are still a couple of Saturdays left to take advantage of the free cross-country ski instructions. Time, 12 noon. Place, ski shop. The last scheduled moonlight ski tour will be held next Saturday evening. The group will meet at the ski shop at 8 p. m.

Latest bulletin on Mrs. Mays, who is still recuperating from

jaw surgery, is that she will be eating soup, soup, and more soup, for at least four more weeks. However, her sense of humor seems to be in excellent shape, and that's half the battle.

Jack and Connie Bushree of Riviera Lane are back home again, after a vacation in Orlando, Florida.

Doris Guerin, accompanied by her neighbor, Ruth Yabs, drove to Edenville to pick up a new member of their family: A Schnauser puppy named Benjamin Aloysius Guerin. That's a big name for a wee puppy, but we understand he answers to just

"Benji".

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James Weber, Pastor.
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Church School, 11 a.m.
Midweek Services Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

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Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.
Bible School, 10.45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger entertained their card club Saturday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson spent last Monday in Lansing, and visited her mother.
Mrs. Betty Thompson and Bob attended the wedding of Miss Betsy Dean and Lance Workman, at the Church of God in Big Rapids Saturday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Saturday supper guests at the Glenwood Holmes home at Lake.
Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller were Friday callers of Elwood and Iola. Iola said that the Big Rapids area where Elwood's mother is, is quarantined with the flu.
D.J. Whitman spent from Satur-

day till Tuesday with his grandparents, the Pete Woods.
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills and Carrie were Saturday callers of the Woods. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood were Sunday guests.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on Mrs. Lucille Barnhart and Bertha Young at Breckenrdige Sunday.

Elvah Gott entered CMC Hospital the first of this week, suffering from flu.

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Notice is hereby given, that the Assessment Roll for Sherman Township will be open to public review March 13 and March 14, from 9 a. m. till 12 noon and from 1 p. m. until 4 p. m., at the Sherman Township Hall.

EARL OPLINGER
Supervisor
Sherman Township

Notice is hereby given, that the Assessment Roll for Coldwater Township will be open to public review Monday and Tuesday, March 13 and March 14, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m., at the Coldwater Township Hall.

LEWIS BOWEN
Supervisor
Coldwater Township

Notice is hereby given, that the Assessment Roll for Nottawa Township will be open to public review Monday and Tuesday, March 13 and March 14, from 9 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1 p. m. to 4 p. m., at the Nottawa Township Hall.

ERNEST SCHMIDT
Supervisor
Nottawa Township

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and Virgil spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Butts of Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary La Londe of Barryton called on their mother, Mrs. Eunice La Londe, Friday evening, and Denny remained over night, returning home Saturday.

Diana Dunbar and daughter, Chris, spent the weekend with her parents, George and Cora Beers.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright went to Battle Creek Friday, where they spent over night with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright, and then to Grand Rapids Sunday. They spent the night with their daughter, Evelyn Slupe, and children.

Laura Roberts spent Wednesday at the home of her sister, Dorothy, near Ithaca, where the ladies celebrated the birthdays of Laura and Lorna, whose birthday was the 22nd.

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S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Pat Egbert returned home from Lansing Friday night, after spending a week visiting her parents and two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Oplinger, the Brian Dutchers, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Steve at-

tended a 25th wedding anniversary party Saturday evening at Midland, honoring Jack and Dolores Goddard.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stephens of Lakeview enjoyed Tuesday afternoon and evening with the Carl Fitzgeralds. Thursday afternoon guests were the Nile Perrys of Remus.

Bea and Jeanette Gatehouse and Lou Ann Maeder visited Mabel Chaffee Friday.

Mabel enjoyed visiting her sister, Rose Leiter, at the River-view Apartments in Mt. Pleasant, Tuesday and Wednesday.

In the wee hours of the morning of Feb. 23, eight-pound Amanda Marie arrived to gladden the hearts of Vicki and Tim McGuirk. The happy grandparents are the Leo Gatehouses, who will adore and spoil her.

Florence Fitzgerald of Lansing enjoyed the weekend with her parents. She and her Mom visited Ronna Jean Dutcher Saturday. The Fitzgeralds entertained the Milo Henkels Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and children spent Sunday with her parents, the Ed Wernettes of Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Harvey Leiter attended the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sisco at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Myrtle Sheldon visited her son and grandson at Big Rapids Saturday afternoon.

Mabel Chaffee, Doris Wilmot and Linda and Debbie Wernette were in Mt. Pleasant Saturday, and enjoyed dinner at the Texan, and calling on Hazel Wilmot in the afternoon.

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(Too Late for Last Week)
Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Flint of Six Lakes spent Sunday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee enjoyed Sunday afternoon with

the Harry Gatehouses.

Mary Swan visited Bea Gatehouse Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dutcher attended a 35th wedding anniversary party Saturday for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Owens, of Midland. Sunday they attended the festivities at the Miller farm (the pig roast).

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carr at Amble. Thursday they enjoyed a visit with the Sherman Fountains of Remus.

Mrs. Jeanine Bauw and daughter, Robyn, of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with her mother, Mabel Chaffee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon, Jr., Rosie Leiter and Mrs. Johanson of Mt. Pleasant, Millie Voss, Doris Wilmot and Linda, the Oren Sheldons, Minnie Flaughter, Pat Egbert and daughter, Sherry Eberbach, helped Mabel celebrate her birthday Saturday. A lovely dinner was enjoyed.

Pat Egbert is spending the week in Lansing with her two daughter and her parents, the Frank Goodriches.

Ervin Dutcher, Jr., visited his parents Sunday. The Eddie Oplingers spent Saturday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr.

Julia Bowen of Mecosta visited the Carl Fitzgeralds Wednesday afternoon.

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Local Items

Clayton Smith appeared greatly improved on his visit over here Sunday, at the home of his son, Ray, and wife.

Joe Grim, co-editor of the Farwell News and Review, has been quite ill, and was recuperating at his home the first of the week.

We received a chatty telephone call from our niece, Marilyn

(Woodin) Wilson, from Har- rison, Monday evening, asking about the Farwell News and Review's mention of Rolla Roe's having once started a newspaper in Farwell. Someone from Florida had sent her a copy of the Farwell paper with the mention in it. (No, we can't remember if and when Rolla Roe ever began newspapering in Farwell, but from Joe Grim's account from an old newspaper, apparently he did. Those were certainly the old days!)

Card of Thanks

Clayton Smith wishes to thank everyone for the beautiful cards he received, plus the gifts, many of them!--and the many who called on him, on the occasion of his 80th birthday last Tuesday.

Also our minister, Rev. Vance Dimmick, and Rev. Marvin Eldridge, who have called on him so many times.

Also the lovely cake which was made by Barbara Helmer.



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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schafer and family of Detroit spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schafer of Detroit spent the weekend with Mrs. John E. Schafer.

Mrs. Fred Hauck of Shepherd called on Mrs. Irene Smith last Wednesday afternoon.

Dave Theisen spent Tuesday afternoon with Gary Hauck.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cotter entertained company Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould visited Mrs. Dave Goffnett Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weber and Annette returned from Florida last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau and family visited relatives in Flint Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lendy Siefker are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bierschbach and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fedewa.

Louis Rau had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rau Saturday, to celebrate Eric's 18th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell enjoyed a ride Sunday.

Brian Gould attended a birth-

day party for Brian Boge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Gould called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Delores Gould called on Mrs. June Blasen Wednesday afternoon.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Al Klumpp home.

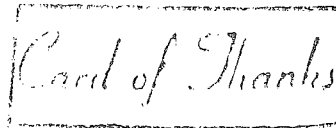
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schafer and David of Shepherd spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Malish and Ami spent Sunday with Louise Schafer also.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rau spent Saturday evening with the Herman Grinzingers.

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



On Sunday, Feb. 19, the sixth annual Lil' Mac Pig Roast was held on the Elwood Miller farm.

As there was still some monies to be collected last week, and some outstanding bills, a financial report was not yet available. However, early indications are that this year's event may have been our most successful.

As president of this year's Lil' Mac Association, I would like to thank all those people who made it possible. There are so many that it would be impossible to list them all.

A special Thank You to the Se-

nior Citizens for putting tickets on pins, wrapping silverware and potatoes, and breaking bread for the dressing.

This year's Lil' Mac Association will have its first meeting this week Thursday, March 2, at 8 p.m. in the Fire Hall.

At this meeting we should have a financial report. Pros and cons of this year's pig roast will be discussed. Officers will be elected for next year's, and some preliminary planning will be made.

Thanks again to everyone
Benn Johnson
President
Lil' Mac Association

The Senior Citizens at the Weidman "food site" put the labels on the Isabella Senior News, Tuesday.

Nobody Ain't Gunna Know English

Tentative pact in coal strike

--Morning Sun, Feb. 25, 1978

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ISABELLA BANK & TRUST DECLARES HEFTY DIVIDENDS

At the annual share-holders' meeting of the Isabella Bank and Trust, a 10 percent stock dividend was declared. Through this declaration, the common capital stock of the bank went from \$391,700 to \$1,024,860.

Common stock authorized, issued and outstanding, was increased by the stock dividend, from 46,585 shares to 51,243.

The stock dividend was based on the fact that Isabella Bank & Trust experienced two of the largest growth years in its history, during 1976 and 1977.

L.A. Johns, president of the Bank and Trust, said at the annual meeting that "1977 saw almost a six million dollar growth over 1976."

He added that customer loan delinquencies were at the lowest in the history of the bank.

Additional information regarding the annual shareholders' meeting may be obtained from John P. Walsh, community and customers affairs officer of the Isabella Bank and Trust, Mt. Pleasant, tel. 772-9471.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Ruth Border, called on Beulah's brother-in-law and sister, the Paul Coles, Friday.

The Coles received word that their grandson, Albert LaGue, was admitted to Cass City Hospital Friday, and was to have surgery the first of this week.

We also received word our niece, Mrs. Ellen Hall, is seriously ill in an Owosso hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes spent Friday with their sister-in-law, Mrs. Edna Pfannes.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell spent the weekend with their parents, the Paul Coles.

Mrs. Orma Kripa and Steve were supper guests of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell were Friday evening supper guests of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Merchant, of Harrison.

Velma Cole goes to an Ann Arbor hospital this Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa spent Sunday evening with the Paul Coles.

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Local Items

The outbreak of measles at MSU did not affect Greg Allen, who is a Freshman there on a horticulture course. Word is that the measles outbreak was confined to one dorm, one other than Greg's.



NOT MANY OF US CAN REMEMBER THE RAILROAD SNOW PLOW CHUGGING IN--But it did come in, winters, to clear the track up from Remus so the train (one passenger car and a dozen or so freight cars) could get through. It was a sight that drew every youngster in town to the depot--and most of the grownups, too. George Bolinger efficiently ran the depot and the handling of freight through many years, until we lost the railroad in the 1930s. Old photo loaned the Messenger by Clarissa Loeding.

Mrs. Mary Beutler and Mrs. Claribel Beutler visited her aunt, Miss Ruth Wolfe, who is a patient at the Masonic Home Hospital at Alma, Sunday afternoon. They

also visited another woman patient there. On their way home they called at the Forrest Johnston home in Rosebush.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith and

children of Pontiac were weekend guests of her folks, the Gene McArthur. Tim McArthur also was home for the weekend.

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