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Editor's Column

By Connie

A VISIT WITH A FAN OF JAMES HERRIOT

We enjoyed a visit with Craig Thompson, D.V.M., who works with the Stirling Animal Clinic in Clare, Friday morning.

Craig dropped in just to chat a minute (he's about as busy as the famed vet in the books, and works as hard).

Craig said that Dr. Herriot addressed the student body of the veterinary department at Michigan State University, where Craig earned his degree, "And he's just like he is in the books, too!" Craig said.

He said that Dr. Herriot was staying with a student friend of his, next door, and Craig had a chance to meet the famous vet and shake hands with him.

What millions of us wouldn't give to even catch a glimpse of the frustrated vet of the three books about a vet's life in the English Downs.

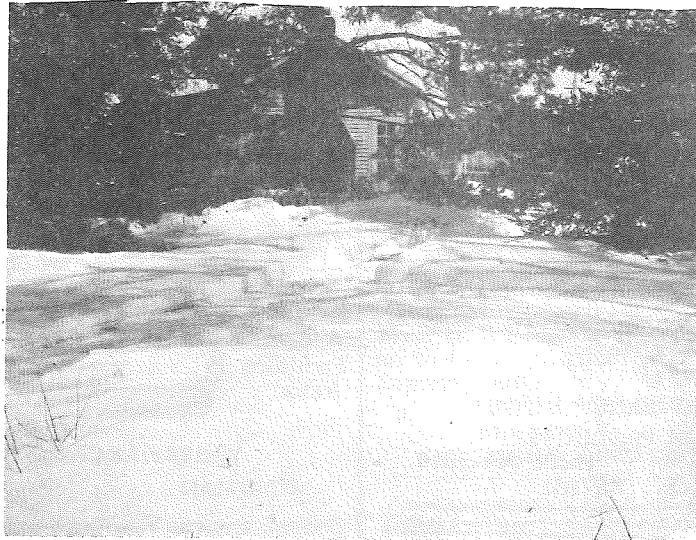
(The Downs, as we understand it, are a section of England that's harsh and hard-yielding farmland, and its hills and dips and winter hazards are worse than ours here, if we can believe that after this year.)

Anyhow, it was great visiting with Craig that day. He was the only veterinarian in Central Michigan who would make a house call for my cat Sadie Thompson during the Christmas vacation-time. Sadie ate a painful of solid beef-grease fryings, and took seven days and nights to die of it.

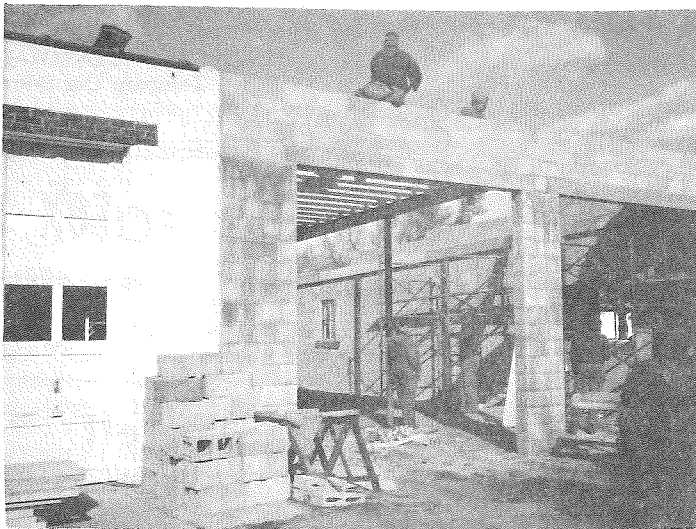
(And, clear off the track, the nice young dermatologist at the Midland Skin Clinic didn't laugh when we told him we got exhausted during that week of Sadie's dying. Some doctors, like some vets, understand people and, apparently, pet animals.)

So--here's to country practice, Craig, and good luck to you! (He's taking on the big animal jobs while Dr. Stirling, getting on in years, tends cats and dogs

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TECHNICALLY, WE'RE NEARING SPRING--But we don't look--or feel--like it. Spring birds are arriving from the South, to find us looking like this. Messenger photo



NOT MANY YEARS AGO--The Nottawa and Sherman Township Volunteer Firemen put on an addition to the fire barn to house the new fire truck, now in use. Now they've got to widen and up the height of doors to accommodate a new water-tank truck purchased with money from the Lil' Mac Pig Roast. Our Firemen are the best Volunteer Squad in the state, and we are justifiably proud of them. Messenger photo

Mrs. Skinner,

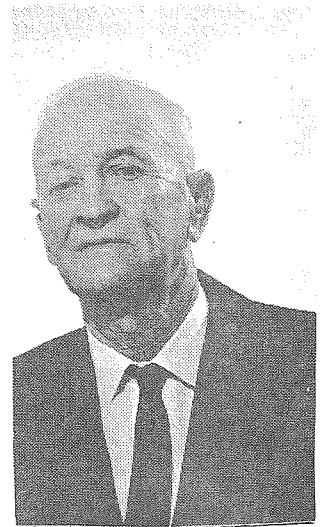
Please renew my Mom's subscription (Sadie Bywater) for another year, check enclosed.

She looks forward to reading the paper every week, although there are so few people left she

knows.

She is still in a nursing home here in Lansing, but is recovering quite well from her hip operation last year.

Joyce Cogswell (daughter)



CHARLIE LOSEY

Charlie Losey passed away Sunday morning at the Kelsey Memorial Hospital in Lakeview, after a long illness. He was 84.

He was born July 31, 1893, on the Losey farm in Sherman Township south of the Horr Store; and he spent his entire life there, as a farmer and citizen participant in local government.

His parents lived on the home farm more than 75 years. Part of the farm is the site of a log house the parents lived in, and where their daughter, Jessie, was born.

Charlie served as Supervisor of Sherman Township, and as a Road Commissioner, during the 1940s and 50s. He had very many friends who will mourn for him and his family.

June 4, 1917, he was married to Hattie Dutcher, in Mt. Pleasant; and the young couple went directly back to the farm where they spent their married life.

He is survived by his wife, Hattie; two sons, Gerald of Horr and Harold of Mt. Pleasant; a daughter, Mrs. Ardis Merrihew, of Farwell; a sister, Mrs. Jessie Rosencrantz; and nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, March 8, at 2 p.m., at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Bur-

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CHARLIE LOSEY
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ial was in the Forest Hill Cemetery.

Charlie and Hattie have a host of relatives and friends who will miss the couple who lived so long on the old farm south of Horr.

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FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICE IN MT. PLEASANT.

The Family Counseling Service of Central Michigan, located in the Commercial Building in Mt. Pleasant on East Broadway, held its first Board of Directors meeting of 1978 Jan. 19.

The service is a member agency of the United Way of Isabella County. It has been in existence since 1968.

Its services include counseling, with a full range of family, marital, individual and parent-child counseling;

Its children's services include studies of home for adoptive placement and for temporary placement of infants to await

adoption.

"Parental Enrichment" groups are available to help parents develop positive home environments through the use of specific behavioral management skills and techniques.

Other group services include pre-marriage seminars for engaged couples, and a group for single parents. Other counseling groups may be formed upon request.

Agency services are offered to all residents of Isabella, Clare, Midland and Gladwin Counties. Office hours are from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All agency staff have professional academic training, and are certified by the State of Michigan.

Staff counselors are Larry Trompeter, ACSW, and Leslie Wilhelm, MSW.

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Expiration of your subscription date appears each week beside your address.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. George Beers called on Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beers in Lansing Wednesday, and they spent the weekend with their daughter and family, the Jerry Dunbars, at Traverse City.

Joe La Londe came home from CMC Hospital Wednesday, with his condition improved.

Sandy Kline is working at Dr. Cole's office in Mt. Pleasant at this time.

Lewis Bowen was in Detroit last

Thursday, returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe and Shannon and Dwayne, and Eunice La Londe spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gary La Londe and boys.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Denslow and three children spent three weeks in Arizona, at Apache Junction, with her folks, the Rex Van Sickles. They enjoyed the weather there very much. The children even went swimming.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson spent Sunday at the home of their daughter, Marilyn Bowers, and family, near Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. David McArthur and family were Thursday evening guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur, enjoying cake and ice cream in honor of Rick McArthur's 18th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Apple and baby spent the weekend with his folks in Alvodton, Ohio.

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Notice

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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MEETINGS of BOARD of REVIEW

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

Obituary

BLANCHE C. GROGAN
 Blanche C. (Thompson) Grogan passed away Monday, Feb. 27, at the Ardis Nursing Home in Farwell, after a long illness. She was 78.

She was born Nov. 1, 1899, the daughter of Joseph and Maude Richardson Thompson of Sherman City.

She was married to Jerry Koontz in 1919. He preceded her in death July 23, 1943.

May 27, 1945, she was united in marriage to James Grogan, in a ceremony in Clare.

She was a member of the Farwell RLDS Church, and was a past president of the Farwell Blue Star Mothers.

She is survived by her husband, James; two sons, Loren and Ray-

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Notice

SETTLEMENT DAY NOTICE
 Tuesday, March 21, 1978
 (second Tuesday Preceding Annual Township Meeting).

For the purpose of making the annual settlement.

All persons having claims against said Township are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned on or before the above named date.

Township of Sherman
 County of Isabella
 State of Michigan

KEITH LOOMIS
 Township Clerk
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mond Koontz, both of Farwell; two daughters, Bernadine (Garth) Potters of Merrit, and Mrs. Arlene Salisbury of Farwell; a brother, Guy Ray Thompson, of Manton; and 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were planned for Thursday, March 2, from the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell, with Elder Dee Beavers officiating. Burial will be in the Surrey Township Cemetery.

NOTICE

Isabella County is requesting sealed bids for (1) used low profile, wide front tractor. Bids will be accepted at the County Clerks office at 200 N. Main St. Mt. Pleasant, Mich. 48858; until 10:00 a.m. on March 14, 1978 at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read.

Specifications and proposal forms are available in the County Parks & Recreation Office. Isabella County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any portion thereof, and to select the bid determined to be in the best interest of Isabella County.

William W. Louiselle

William W. Louiselle, former varsity gymnastics coach and physical education teacher at Grand Haven Junior High School, died Saturday at Mercy Hospital.

Bill was born in Flint, Dec. 30, 1926. He attended Weidman High School and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Central Michigan University. While there, he was a four-year varsity gymnast and president of his fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi. He and Patricia Dillenbeck were married in 1954. Bill taught physical education in Armada, Mich., before joining the staff in 1960 at the Grand Haven Junior High School where he served for a number of years as head of the physical education department.

Gymnastics continued to be one of Bill's major interests. Both his girls' and boys' teams were outstanding, taking many awards including the 1961 Michigan AAU Girls' Novice Championship, the 1965-'66-'67 Girls' Senior Division of High School Gymnastics Invitational Championship and the 1966 Girls' State Championships. In 1966 and '67, his boys' teams won the West Michigan Gymnastics Conference Championships, a conference he was instrumental in organizing in 1965 for interscholastic competition in this sport. In 1967 he also instigated the organization of the Big Seven Conference which recognized gymnastics as an interconference competitive sport for both boys and girls. His boys' teams of 1970-71 were the conference champions. In 1966 he was appointed to the Michigan High School Athletic Association; his efforts there resulted in the sanctioning of girls' varsity gymnastics at the state level. In 1966, The



Bill Louiselle

Girls' Gymnastics Team members received the first Grand Haven varsity letters awarded to girls for their participation in competitive athletics. He was also active for many years on the Bucaneer Banquet Committee.

During World War II, Bill served in the Air Corps. This interest in flying led to his appointment to the Airpark Board in 1974. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Airpark and was serving as secretary at the time of his death.

An avid outdoorsman, he hunted with bow and arrow, had been a hunter safety instructor, belonged to the Michigan Steelheaders and Salmon Fisherman's Association, Rod and Gun Club, Lake Michigan Yachting Association, and the National Rifle Association. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Grand Haven.

He is survived by his wife Patricia, a teacher at the Grand Haven High School; his son Patrick, a freshman at Michigan State University; and his daughter Jill a student at the Junior High School. Other survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louiselle Sr. of Weidman, Michigan, and brothers, Richard of Spring Lake, Robert of Mt. Pleasant, a sister Joyce Smith of Totowa, N.J., and several nieces and nephews.

His body reposes at the Van Zantwick-Bartels-Kammeraad Funeral Home of Grand Haven.

The funeral home asks all school employees attending the funeral to meet in the lobby of the First Presbyterian Church and go in as a group.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth called on Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ritchie at Shelby last Monday. They report the Ritchies there are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt and Wendy were Saturday afternoon and evening guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Nina Forbes. The Holts are from St. Johns.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: This wonderful account of Bill Louiselle's life was sent us by his wife, Patricia, as it was printed in the Grand Haven paper.

(There are many details of his life story of which we were unaware, as the Louiselle family veers away from boasting about their kids' achievements. But we feel this is an account that should be reprinted here.

(And thanks, Patricia!)

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Theisen and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yuncker returned home from Florida Monday. They spent a few days with relatives on the way.

Mrs. Fred Hauck of Shepherd called on Irene Smith in Beal City Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh spent a few days in Detroit with relatives, the past week.

Pat Cutler is home from the hospital.

Don Schafer of Coldwater Lake had surgery at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw last Tuesday.

Ruth, Cindy and Donna Klumpp were shopping in Saginaw Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer spent Sunday with John Schafer and family at Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer spent Thursday evening with Tillie Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer hosted a birthday party for Tillie Schafer Sunday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer of Wim, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer of Coldwater Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp, and Louise Schafer of Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp attended a Moose meeting at St. Louis Thursday.

Mrs. Irene Smith is home from CMC Hospital after hip surgery. She's coming along real well.

The children of Louis Rau helped him celebrate his birthday Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norm Rau.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Rau entertained company over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell and Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Rau and their company called on Louis Rau Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Cotter attended the wedding of Doug Garrett Saturday.

Steve Pasch entered the hospital Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stickler visited her father up north Friday.

Dale Rau, Ted Klumpp, Greg Bunting and three other friends went ice fishing at Brimley over the weekend.

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BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 18 TABLES AT PLAY

At their regular Thursday afternoon (every two weeks) card party last week, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 18 tables of pepper at play, with 72 people present.

Isabel Martin won first prize for the ladies, with Vera MacKenzie second and Rose Grinzinger low.

Ed Block won first for the men, with Austin Dent second and Wal-

ter Sanderson low.

Harold Schumacher won the pepper prize. Coletta Gross won the door prize.

Sandwiches, pickles and coffee were served for refreshments.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, March 16. Everyone is cordially invited.

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BERNARD PITTS--Took the regional checker championship in recent playoffs in Mt. Pleasant. He had been runner-up several years, with Bill Louisell walking off easily with the honors till Bill quit competition "to give others a chance," he said.

DISABLED VETERANS TO HOST A JEWELRY PARTY AT CLARE

The public is invited to attend a jewelry party Thursday, March 16, when Gateway Chapter 134 and its Auxiliary Unit 134 of the Disabled American Veterans will display beautiful samples of American Home Boutique jewelry.

Orders will be taken for jewelry throughout the evening.

Proceeds will go to the Disabled American Veterans.

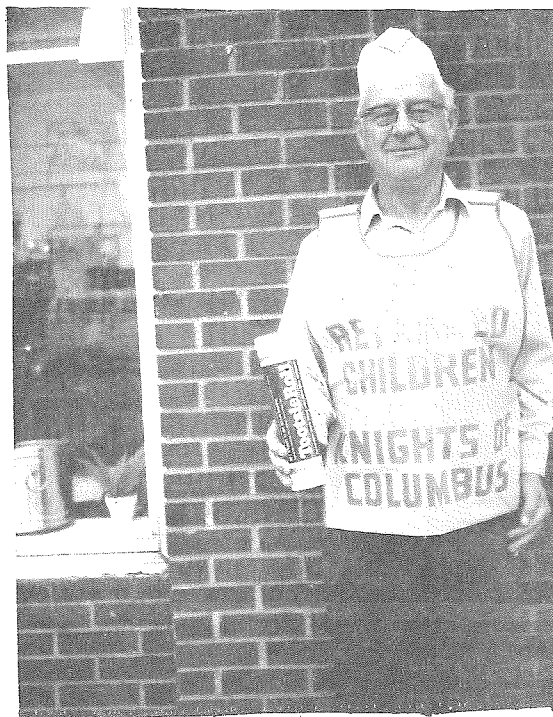
The party will be held at the VFW Hall on Wilcox Parkway in Clare, starting at 8 p.m., next Thursday, March 16.

Members are asked to be at the hall by 7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by the Chapter and Auxiliary.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith again took his father, Clayton, to their home for dinner Sunday. Wayne Smith and son, Bobby, and Clara Smith all enjoyed dinner with Ray and Jean. After the delicious meal, home made ice was the treat. Mr. and Mrs. Blane Block also were guests in the afternoon. Wayne and Bobby took Clayton back to the Medical Facility late in the afternoon, on their way home.



THE BEAL CITY NIGHTS OF COLUMBUS--Will be on Weidman and Beal City streets soon with their canisters for collections of money for retarded children. Ed Fox has been a faithful and hard-working member of the crews manning the streets for the annual donation-period.

Messenger photo

One year ago today, high temperature was 55, and the low, 35. On the 8th of March, red-winged blackbirds were seen,

and on the 11th, grackles (regular blackbirds), meadowlarks and killdeer were heard.

The Isabella County Board Of Commissioners Will Be Accepting Resume's For Two Public Sector Appointments To The 8-Cap Advisory Board. The Term Is For Two Years, Ending January 1, 1980.

This Board Acts As Advisory Board To 8-Cap, Inc. Community Action Program.

8-Cap, Inc. Initiates Programs For The Unemployed And Low Income And Advises The Isabella County Board Of Commissioners On CETA Positions & Projects.

Please Submit Resume's To The Administrator's Office, Isabella County Building, 200 N. Main, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858, By Friday, March 10, 1978.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO CONDUCT THIRD ANNUAL FUND DRIVE FOR RETARDED

The third annual fund drive to assist the mentally retarded locally and in Michigan will be conducted by Beal City Council of the Knights of Columbus March 17, 18 and 19, Earl Fox, Council Grand Knight, announced.

Last year, statewide, the K. of C., a Catholic men's fraternal society, collected \$497,304 in the three-day weekend drive.

Locally, \$740 was collected and donated to Community Organization for Handicapped, Isabella County Adult Activity Center, Hoogerland Memorial Workshop and Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District.

Under the program, which is carried out in most of the 177 K. C. Councils in Michigan, people are asked to donate money to the mentally retarded and are given a tootsie-roll candy in appreciation of the gift.

Eighty percent of the net income from the donations is retained by the local Council, and the rest is forwarded to the State Council of the Knights of Columbus to meet expenses and make donations in behalf of all of the 63,000 Knights in Michigan.

The State Council recently donated \$35,000 to the State Association for Mentally Retarded Citizens to aid the organization's citizen advocacy volunteer program. Other gifts also are being considered.

State Deputy Julian F. Joseph of Allen Park, the highest ranking elected K. of C. official in Michigan, said there are over 265,000 mentally retarded citizens in Michigan. He said contributions from the public in the March 17, 18 and 19 drive will go toward lessening the handicaps of the mentally retarded through training and professional assistance.

"The donations to local organi-

zations in the first two years of the program by Knights of Columbus Councils in behalf of their contributors proved to be a satisfying experience for our members who are asked to practice Christian charity as a principle of their membership in the Knights of Columbus," Joseph said. "We are looking forward to even greater participation this year."

Citizens will be able to recognize the Knights and their helpers during the drive, as they will be dressed in colorful hats, carrying canisters resembling rolls of Tootsie Roll candies, and wearing aprons emblazoned with "K of C Help the Mentally Retarded."

John A. Fisher of Allen Park is fund drive chairman.

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KIDS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT RIF PROGRAM

RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) came to the Weidman school cafeteria last Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 2.30 p. m., for 50 third-graders.

Assisted by their teachers, Miss Rhode and Miss Flachs, and four local mothers, Mrs. Carolyn Stone, Mrs. Margaret Huffman, Mrs. Anita Sanford and Mrs. Diane Benn, each student selected his or her own two favorite books from a collection of over 200.

Each student received book-owner labels for their books, and an RIF button to wear.

The book selection was the culminating activity after a letter of explanation, a coloring activity, and a puppet-storytime the previous week.

The next book distribution will be in April, at the Weidman Library on West Bridge Street. At that time, the third graders will select two more book favorites.

RIF is financed by a federally funded program and local area donations.

The books are donated, and purchased with these funds.

Next year it is planned to ex-

pand the program to include more grades. RIF believes "Reading IS Fundamental," and book ownership encourages reading for fun.

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Local Items

Mrs. Helen Adams enjoyed having all her children and the grandchildren as Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mulnix of Carson City.

Edna Bowein's cat, Che-che, always sits on the arm of Edna's chair, evenings and mornings, and one day Edna noticed the cat swinging her head from side to side, as though following the sound of footsteps. Edna went upstairs, couldn't find anything unusual. Marie Smith went over and said, "Edna, maybe you've got rats or mice up there!" Edna said, "If I have, they must be caught between the ceiling of the living room and flooring of the upstairs. Edna was mystified, and also worried, over the idea of having rats in her house. Edna has been having flu or a cold or sinus trouble, and she spent some time sitting looking through the window toward the west, where there was a large tree. She saw a cat going up the tree, leap from the tree to her roof, and a second

cat followed, almost didn't make it, but it finally made it. But the mystery was solved: Edna had cats on her roof. "I was really glad to find it was cats and not rats!" It's theorized the cats were seeking warmth from the chimney. Edna's pet house cat heard those cats on the roof, from its resting place on Edna's lap.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips were last Tuesday visitors of her sister, Etta Bristol, at the Clare Nursing Home. They went on up to Harrison and visited a friend, Lillian Robbins.

Weidman Messenger
Dear Connie:

The local Chapter of Right to Life wishes to express our appreciation for your fine write-up on the March for Life held in Washington, D. C., Jan. 23. We were especially pleased that you included a picture with the article.

May I correct an impression I gave you when I brought you the material. The U. S. Senate was in session at the time of the March; consequently, our Michigan Senators had little or no time to meet with us. We were fortunate that Sen. Griffin could see us even briefly during the noon hour.

Thanks again, Connie. We are really grateful.

Sincerely,
Central Michigan Right to Life
Thelma Simmer, Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

At the regular board meeting held February 22, 1978, the Isabella County Board of Commissioners passed a Resolution adopting the East Central Michigan Planning & Development Regional Overall Economic Development Plan.

It is our intention to amend this Plan, during the year 1978, to include Projects and Goals for Isabella County.

At the March 22, 1978 Board meeting, the Commissioners will be making appointments to organize an Economic Development Council to assist them in establishing these Projects and Goals.

We would appreciate receiving resumes from any citizen interested in participating in the Council. The resumes may be sent to the Isabella County Administrator's Office on or before March 13, 1978.

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Helen Klenk, Reporter

Guess spring can't be too far off, as some of our residents who spent the winter in the Southland are heading back to Michigan.

This past week, Herb and Kay Serum of Crown Point Drive arrived home. Herb is manager of the Lake Isabella Property Owners Association. While they were in Florida, their two daughters and their families paid them a visit. Kathy and Mark Lee and Nancy and Mike Phillips, with their children, all of Weidman, spent a couple of weeks with the Serums in Apopka, near Orlando. They had a great time showing their grandchildren the sights, especially Disney World.

Also back from Florida are Lee and Dorothy VanderMark of Sista Lane, who had a bit of bad luck on their way down. Prior to boarding their plane at Lansing Airport, Dorothy took a bad fall, and suffered quite a bit of pain during the flight. On checking in at a medical center in Tampa, it was discovered she had a fractured kneecap, as well as cracked ribs and pulled ligaments. Sorry about your ruined winter vacation, Dorothy, but glad to hear that you're on the mend.

Reminder: Don't forget the Lions Club Fish Fry this Friday, March 10, from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m., at the Weidman School. Not too many places around where you can get all the fish, french-fries, cole slaw, hot rolls, coffee, milk, and home-made pie you can eat for \$3.50 adults and \$2.00 children under 12. Come and see for yourselves.

Last fall the level of the lake was lowered so that residents could clean up their beaches, and also, hopefully, freeze out some unwanted growth. Some of us have wondered when the lake would be brought back up to normal depth again. Warren Stan-china, activity director, announces that as soon as the banks show signs of thawing, they will begin the leveling process.

Looking a bit ahead, the Lake Isabella golf course officially opens April 1. To celebrate the occasion, there will be a dinner-dance at the Club that evening. The price is \$17.00 per couple, which includes a prime rib dinner, complete salad bar, and one drink apiece. You don't have to be a golfer to attend, but you do have to make reservations, so get yours in early.

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Ten years ago today, the high temperature was 50 and the low 35. There was a heavy fog in the morning, rain in the afternoon.

S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Mrs. Ruth Gatehouse and her mother, Mrs. Verlia Wilcox, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse spent Tuesday in Grand Rapids. The Gatehouses visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crawford, while Ruth and her mother did some shopping.

Pat Egbert spent the weekend in Lansing, going to Pontiac Monday, before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse took part in a bowling tournament in Roscommon Saturday.

The Gary Gatehouses attended a dog show at Muskegon Sunday, showing some of their puppies.

Myrtle Sheldon spent Sunday afternoon visiting her son, Glenn Clayton, who attends college at Big Rapids.

Pat Egbert and Mabel Chaffee were in Barryton Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Cain of Grand Rapids and the Jack Gaudards of Midland were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines and daughter of Barryton enjoyed Wednesday evening with the Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler attended a board meeting at the Weidman Methodist Church Sunday evening.

Ervin Dutcher, Jr., called on his parents Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Oplinger and the Brian Dutchers were evening guests.

Myrtle Sheldon and Mabel Chaffee shopped in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., Mrs. Brian Dutcher and son, Craig, Florence Fitzgerald and Mabel Chaffee spent last Sunday evening at the lovely home of the Carl Fitzgeralds, honoring the February birthdays of Carl, Ronna Jean and Ervin, Jr., and Mabel. Ice cream and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dutcher attended a Grand Ole Opry show in Pontiac Sunday afternoon.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Elsie Hobart and son-in-law and daughter, and grandson, of Ohio, spent the weekend with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa, and nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon.

Melissa Mahon had a birthday party Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Edwards and children, April and Amanda, of the Air Force in Nebraska, spent several days with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk.

Mr. Mwasiwchuk and April Edwards called on the Paul Coles last Thursday.

The Paul Coles and Velma

went to Ann Arbor last Wednesday, to see her doctor. They found Velma has a hiatus hernia and is getting a little relief from medication.

Stan Warner was a Sunday caller of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma were supper guests of the

Kripas.

Come on, folks, let's write in to the hearing clerk and tell them we do not want ground-up bone in our meat. Get others to sign your letter. You have until March 20. Write to: Hearing Clerk, USDA, Room 1077, South Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20250.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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at the clinic in Clare.)

We gather that Craig has had some experiences with "birthing cows" similar to those of Dr. Herriot.

But he's also good with small animals, cats, for instance.

Nice to see you again, Craig!

SPRING BIRDS ARE COMING BACK

The spring birds are beginning to arrive, much to their dismay as they try to settle down in Michigan. (We still have three feet of snow on the ground with drifts up to seven and eight feet.)

Paul Fahnestock reported the first robin the last of last week. "He's a big, fat one, too," Paul said.

We've heard the spring call of the cardinal, and a couple of other wintering-over birds preparing for the spring concert.

The male cardinals give us a pain in the neck.

The male bird bops his mate on the noggin all winter if she tries to join him at the bird feeder. She can just wait till he's stuffed himself.

But beginning about now--oh, my!

It's "Let me feed you this lovely bit of cracked corn, sweetie," and, "Here, you go first at the feeder--I can wait!"

That's so she'll get ready to build a nest and sit on eggs till they hatch and then care for a raft of little cardinals. True, the male bird does take her and the kids food till the kids fly the coop, so to speak; after that, the poor gal is on her own again.

Talk about male chauvinism!

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WEIDMAN LIBRARY HAS THE JAMES HERRIOT BOOKS

The Gladys McArthur Memorial Library in Weidman has "All Creatures Great and Small," by the famous English veterinarian James Herriot, and expects the two companion books, "All Things Bright and Beautiful," and "All Things Wise and Wonderful," on its shelves soon, if it hasn't them there now.

The titles of Dr. Herriot's books are the words of a sweet little poem by Cecil Francis Alexander (1818-1895), and the poem goes like this:

"All things bright and beautiful,
"All creatures great and small,
"All things wise and wonderful,
"The Lord God made them all."

The books are highly worth the reading; we'll bet that, if you read one, you'll hang on to it as long as possible before returning it to the library, and then maybe

go buy yourself a copy just to have.

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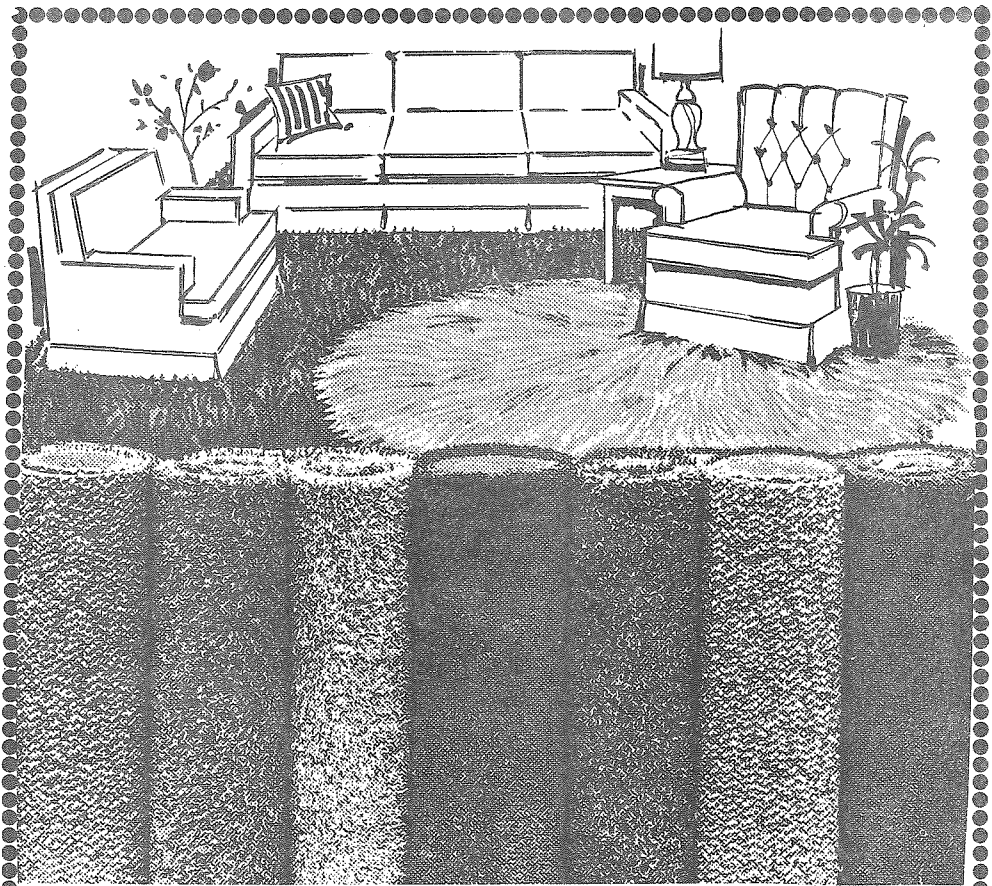
Mrs. Opal Denslow enjoyed a three weeks' vacation in Missouri with her daughter and family.

She found the weather stormier there than what we've been having. She said that people out there said they'd never had such a bad storm before.

Douglas Middlesworth and children of Fowlerville were Sunday

visitors of his parents, Gerald and Eva Middlesworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Oberlin of Lansing spent Saturday over night with R.D. and Jennie Sprague. The Oberlins went on up to Traverse City Sunday.



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