

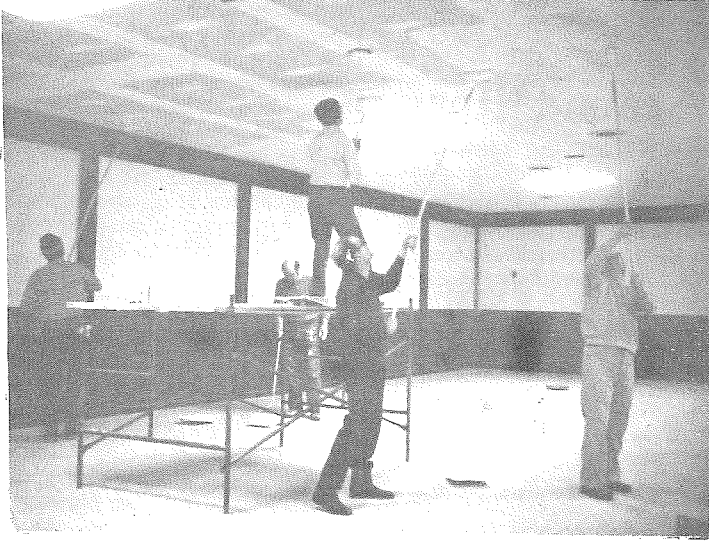
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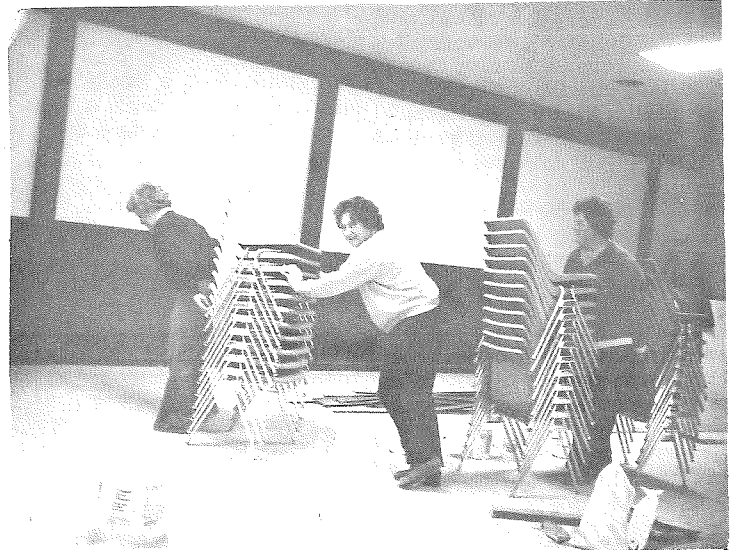
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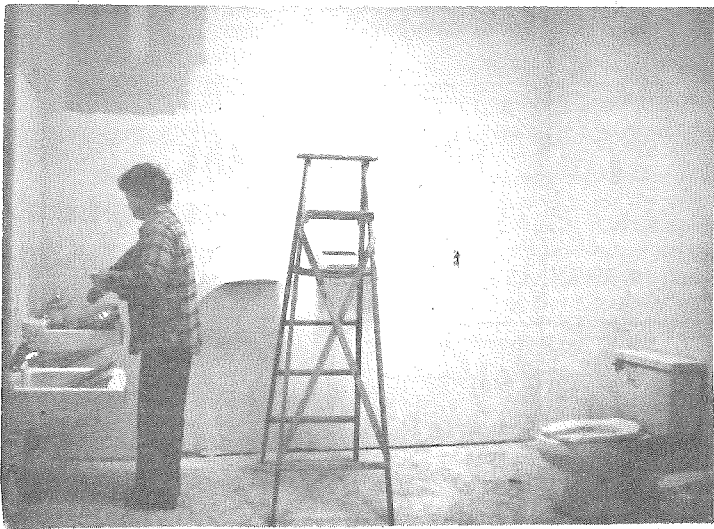
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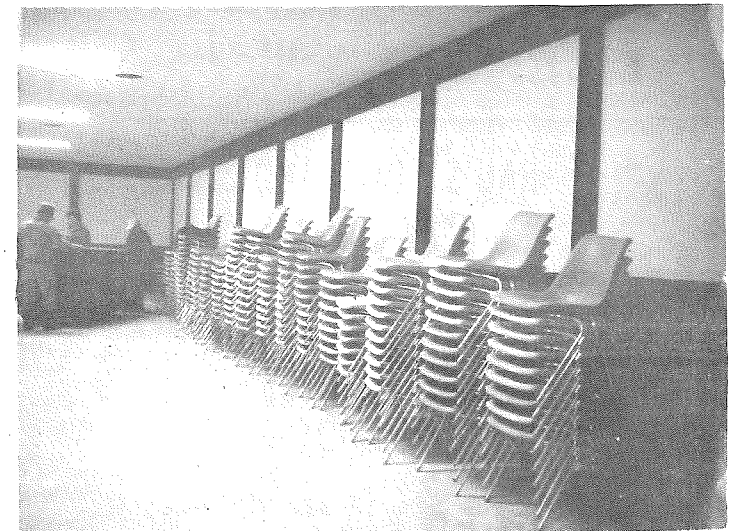
THE WORKERS-- A relative handful of WBA members turned out Sunday afternoon to paint the ceiling of the beautiful huge new Community Building. Five men engaged in painting the ceiling, while their wives (and a couple of other ladies) pitched in on other jobs. At mealtime Sunday evening, Evelyn Hackney sent over a big pot of goulash and plenty of garlic bread. Everyone on the job worked long and faithfully, continuing into the evening.
Messenger photos



WIVES OF WBA MEMBERS ALSO PITCHED IN-- Hauling out the brand-new and beautiful chairs for bingo games, some painting, doing anything and everything they could to help. Above, Joyce Curtis, Phyllis Sides and Jeanne Smith bring in stacks of the new chairs. They look right comfortable, when unfolded.



EVELYN CLARK PAINTED REST ROOMS-- Doing it as a one-woman job, and a good job she did. Mrs. Downing of Lake of the Hills carried out empty cartons after the chairs were placed. Some of the cartons were oversized affairs, too.



HERE ARE THE BINGO CHAIRS-- Neatly stacked by businessmen's wives, waiting for the bingo crowd and the games. First bingo game was held in the beautiful new building Wednesday evening of this week.

'SCUSE THE PAPER THIS WEEK: YE ED FELL ON HER BACKSIDE ON THE ICE!

If we're a trifle so-so this week we hope you'll forgive us. Ye

Ed went out after her morning paper Monday, before daylight, without a flashlight, without her boots on--and went ker-bang! flat on her back on a small piece

of ice in the driveway.

We've been sitting with a heat-pad on us most of the time.

Maybe a better paper next week --we hope!

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David McArthur went to Saginaw

Wednesday for treatment of a nervous condition. Shirley Willoughby is in CMC Hospital, suffering from infection.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Handy of Harrison spent Saturday with the William Louisells.

S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

No news this week--too cold even to ride snowmobiles. I'm giving you some pleasant memories of my home town.

"Memories"

Weidman: The town where I was born and raised, attended school, met and married the man of my dreams, and had our child.

Today these are precious memories sustaining me in my golden years.

The townspeople are a great part of my life, like the McArthur, taking me in, a shy, immature 14-year-old, to attend high school four years, graduating in 1930. Without their generosity, this would not have been possible.

Choice Foster, the sweet lady behind the counter at the Pharmacy, was my first-grade teacher. I've known Justine since she was a baby. Her hubby owns the Pharmacy in Weidman.

And Mitch, the bank vice-pres-

ident, was the mischievous little boy I used to bathe and read the funnies to. His sister Yvonne and her hubby have the insurance agency.

And two very dear friends whom I grew up with are Connie and Frances. Connie is a famous author and editor of the Messenger, while Frances is a painter of reknown, and owns the greenhouse.

John Otterbine used to trim my hair, and his wife gave me my first and only marcel wave on our wedding day.

I shopped George Drallete's Grocery and bought penny candy at Dillenbeck's Drug Store, now Bud's Store. Bud, a handsome lad from the city, owns it, and has done so much toward the growth of our town.

Over the years I've seen two churches built, a grocery, bank, lumber yard, pharmacy, drive-in restaurant, furniture store, a nice building in the park, fire department, and archery.

As well as beautiful man-made lakes.

We have an outstanding school band, as well as parades and Weidman Days.

I recall those beautiful people who have helped me up the ladder to success. Some are still there to greet me with a smile. I've shared their laughter and tears, and their grandchildren are now mowing my lawn and helping with a garden.

Yes. I relive those cherished memories while I reside amid the famous Bundy Hills, Lake Isabella and the old Chippewa River.

Mabel
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Around Horr

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

Debbie Madigan and Jessica and Kenny Oplinger of Monroe spent the weekend at the Earl Oplinger home.

Sunday callers at the Hattie Losey home were Harold Losey

and Ardith and Theron Merrihew. The Merrihews were enjoying some snomobiling.

Callers at the Mack Denslow home Sunday were Joyce Chaffee and some of their grandchildren.

Linda and Phil Greenway of Mt. Pleasant were at the Pete Wood home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Holmes of Lake spent Friday evening with the Elwood Millers. Thursday the Millers had supper with Dick and Janice Touchinski and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pobocik and Mary Kaye of Grand Blanc spent Tuesday over night with the Jim Thompsons. Bill Thompson was home over the weekend from his work in Alma.

Not much news this week--everyone has been glad to stay inside by the home-fires and not brave the icy roads and below-zero temperatures outside. Try to do a little better next week.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Harry Hoffman wish to thank all our relatives, friends and neighbors, for the many visits, cards, prayers, food and kind deeds during his illness and death;
The ministers, Rev. Altha Barnes, Rev. Lloyd Jury, Rev. Leroy Bruce, and Rev. Bruce Brown of Big Rapids, for their many calls and prayers at the home;
The hospital equipment used in the home was loaned by the Rebekah Lodge No. 77 of Barryton and Masonic Lodge of Weidman. A special thanks to all the

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nurses and Dr. Gilbert Klickstein for helping care for Harry during his illness;
The lunch served by the Rebekahs after the funeral was appreciated by the family and friends.
We wish to express our gratitude for the many floral tributes and contributions to the Cancer Fund.

Card of Thanks

The family of Treva Cummins would like to thank all our neighbors, friends and relatives,
For their kindness, flowers, and food; the Busy Bees, and neighbors for the wonderful lunch in Weidman;
The doctors and nurses at Mt. Pleasant Community Hospital; to Rev. Robert Watt for his comforting words;
The Crittenden and Hansen Fu-

neral Home, and to Larry Hansen for his kindness.
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cummins
Mr. Willie Cummins
Mrs. Ula Cummins
Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Obituary

FLORENCE MAY DECKER
Florence May Decker of Winn died suddenly last wednesday at Sabetha, Kansas, while visiting her son.
She was 67.
Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Stinson-Helms Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with Rev. James Sabo-Schuler of the Winn United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery.
She was born in Lincoln Township Nov. 25, 1911, to Arthur and Vera McDonald. She married Harold L. ("Pat") Decker in March of 1931, in Mt. Pleasant. He preceded her in death in 1972.
Mrs. Decker was a resident of Isabella County all her life, and was a member of the Winn Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Lodge 377.
She is survived by three sons, Rev. Loren Decker of Kansas, Eugene Decker of Riverdale, and James Decker of Williamston; and eight grandchildren, one brother, Arlo McDonald of Sanford, and a sister, Mrs. Vernon (Marguerite) Caszatt, of California.
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Obituary

KEVIN L. DUTCHER
Kevin L. Dutcher of Clarkston died Dec. 16.
He was a graduate of the Clarkston High School, where he was a first-team player. He enrolled at CMU in Mt. Pleasant and was employed at Ben Powell's of Clarkston at the time of his death.
He is survived by his mother, Ruth Dutcher; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher of Broomfield Township and Mrs. Edna Merrihew of Barryton.
Also surviving are a brother, Terry, of Holt; sisters Mrs. Dennis (Carla) Potulsky of Davisburg, and Karen of Clarkston; and a brother, Keith, of Holly.
Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home in Clarkston with Pastor Robert D. Walters officiating. Interment was in the Ottawa

Park Cemetery.
The family would appreciate memorials in Kevin's name to the Clarkston Athletic Boosters Club.
The family (and relatives in this area) have the sympathy of their many friends.
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Obituary

SEBASTIAN (BESS) PFANNES
Sebastian (Bess) Pfannes, 6350 West Stevenson Lake Road, Coldwater Township (on the old George Skinner farm) died last week Monday. He was 76.
Funeral services were held at the St. Pius X Catholic Church in Flint Thursday, with the Rev. Vincent A. DeLorenzo officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hills Chapel.
He was born Aug. 20, 1902, in Harrison. He retired from a Chevrolet plant after 30 years of service there.
He is survived by his wife, Beulah; a daughter, May Lou Yambrick, of Flint; five grandchildren and three brothers, William and Richard of Harrison and Edward of Troy.
Mr. Pfannes was a newcomer to our area, and was loved and respected by all who knew him.
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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie---
Our Weidman Messenger keeps us in touch with happenings back home, especially now that we are 'way out west in Arizona. Received the Dec. 7 issue today and was sorry to read about the death of Clara Fox.
Sincerely John W. Schafer
Arizona
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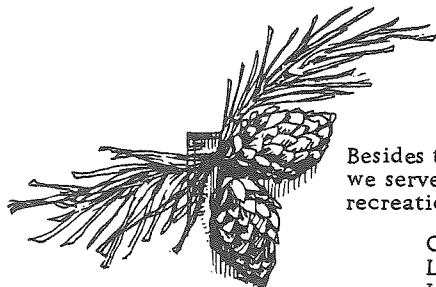


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Editor's Column

By Connie

THE JANUARY BLAHS

So we enter into January, the New Year (Happy!?) and the inevitable January blahs.

They're accentuated, of course, by our sub-zero weather and our treacherous roads, but we get 'em every year.

Oh, well. January will pass.

And we've received our first seed catalogue, which is a delightful fantasy.

Before we can say, "Blah!", spring will be upon us, beginning with the April cleanups of lawns and gardens, and readying planting areas for that blessed date, the last of May, when we plant our first seeds in this sub-arctic climate.

Ah, gardens.

I have a large vegetable patch (but not half as big as Frances Tranbarger's), which I swear I will plan better this year as to the planting thereof, and also the weeding and hoeing. (I really fell down on that score, last season.)

So--look over your left-over seed packets, try to remember how old the seeds are (you can expect successful plantings from year-old seeds, but watch out for three or four year olds!).

And that reminds me. I'm gonna go right now and paw over those seeds kicking around in my buffet drawer.

See yuh in June.

YE ED...AD SALESMAN

Ye Ed is a born non-salesman. My nearest approach to a positive crunch on selling advertising is, "You don't want to take out an ad, do you?"--And of course the answer is invariably "No."

The Roe Family learned eons ago that any "outside" ad salesman can come into one's hometown area and sell ads on any old thing he's engaged in promoting at the moment.

Outside ad salesmen are salesmen. Editors are notoriously shy on selling--anything, from cow polish to page ads at Sidewalk Sales times.

So--Ye Ed goes on asking local merchants, "You don't want to take out an ad, do you?" which is the most pressing salesmanship gimmick Ye Ed possesses.

Newspapers per se don't sell ads by themselves. Newspapers have professional ad salesmen--and believe me, they're SALESMEN!

So--we just go on asking our local merchants, "You don't want to take out an ad, do you?"

And so we get a "thin" issue like this week's.

Editors are writers; and most of them crawl at the very thought

of trying to sell something--especially advertisements.

So, we just go on asking, "You don't want to take out and ad... do you?" ..Of course not.

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LITTLE MAC CELEBRATION PLANNED FOR FEB. 18

The annual Little Mac Pig Roast on the beautiful Elwood Miller farm is being planned this year for Sunday, Feb. 18, under chairmanship of Jim Carrick.

So--plan to be there and enjoy a great outdoors day with the usual delicious roast-pork dinner with all the trimmings, including Evelyn Hackney's famous bean soup.

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TWO EARLY PREGNANCY WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

Two "early pregnancy workshops" are scheduled in Isabella County, one on Jan. 25, at 7 p. m., and one on Feb. 1, also at 7 p. m., both at the First United Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant.

Any couple experiencing new pregnancy or are planning to be parents are cordially invited.

Further information may be obtained by calling Pam Fultz at tel. 772-2878, or Mary Abler at tel. 772-0640.

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Mrs. Clara Smith spent the weekend with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Jeanette Johnston of Rosebush spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Claribel Beutler.

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The following is a small part of the listings of land owners, in the Farm Journal book "How to Do Things," loaned the Messenger by Burton Ward.

Space does not permit a total listing of all names contained in the book.

BROOMFIELD TWP

Wm. Broomfield-- PO address Millbrook. Farming and stock raising. Came to Isabella Co. in 1861, settled in Broomfield Twp. as a squatter. When the homestead bill passed he was the first man in Isabella Co. to enter a homestead claim. The township is named after him.

Theodore Cook--PO address Caldwell. Farming and stock raising.

John Fritz--Po address Caldwell. Farming and stock raising. Born in Germany in 1852, to America in 1880. Settled in Broomfield Twp. in 1887. Married to Miss Fridereka Dust in 1875, had 10 children, 6 boys, four girls.

Wm. Hummel, PO address Caldwell. General farming.

Fred Piatt--PO Broomfield. Dealer in Groceries and Provisions, Dry Goods and Clothing. Highest market price paid for butter and eggs.

Sylvester Quinn--Po address Millbrook. Farming and stock raising.

E. W. Woodruff--PO address Winn. Farming and stock raising.

H. D. Wright--PO address Broomfield. Farming and stock raising.

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COLDWATER TWP---

Geo. H. Allen, PO address Brinton. Dealer in Dry Goods, Clothing and Groceries.

Austin J. Bellows--PO address Brinton. Farming.

Francis Bone--Po address Sherman City. Farming. Born in Ireland in 1844. Enlisted in Co. E, 27th Michigan Inf., Oct. 29, 1862, and was honorably discharged Nov. 9, 1864. Six children, three boys, three girls.

Patrick Bone--PO address Sherman City. Farming and stock raising. Born on Homestead farm 1876.

John Forbes--PO address Brinton. Farming.

S. F. Frye--PO address Brinton. Dealer in Drugs and Groceries. Postmaster and Town Clerk.

S. C. Hammond--PO address Brinton. Farming. Town Supervisor.

H. L. Roberts. PO address Brinton. Farming and stock raising.

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James C. Bawkey, PO address Gilmore. Threshing.

J. B. Brasington, Po address Gilmore. Farming.

S. G. Brasington, PO address Gilmore. Farming.

C. H. Freeman--PO address Gilmore. Farming and Town Supervisor.

W. S. Freeman--PO address Gilmore. Farming.

H. A. Perry--PO address Gilmore. Farming and Justice of the Peace.

S. W. Sawyer--PO address Gilmore. Farming and Town Clerk.

J. H. Wood & Son--PO address Gilmore. Dealers in General Merchandise and Lumber.

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G. C. Fisher--Dealer in Hardware, Stoves, Tinware and Agricultural Implements, Lime, Hair and Cement. Also Wood, Bolts, etc.

Wm. Garbert--Blacksmith and Horseshoer. Carriage and Wagon Maker. All work neatly and promptly done to order.

R. F. Gibbs--Proprietor of Hotel Gibbs. Rates \$1.00 and \$1.50 per day. House entirely remodeled. First-class livery in connection.

Holmes & Anderson--Manufacturers of Flour, Feed and Grain.

John S. Weidman--Manufacturer of and wholesale dealer in Lumber, lath, and Shingles. Office and Mills, Weidman, Mich.

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E. W. Bem, PO address Drew, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines and Choice Family Groceries.

John Beutler--PO address Drew. Farming and Stock Raising.

Grant H. Denslow--Proprietor of Saw and Shingle Mill. Deputy County Surveyor. PO address Horr.

W. G. Denslow--PO address Horr. General Farming. Town Supervisor.

Neil Faling--PO address Caldwell. General Farming.

R. H. Gardner--PO address Horr. Farming and Agent for Woodworth Lands in Sherman Township.

H. Gaskill--PO address Weidman. Farming.

John Hein--PO address Drew. General Farming.

E. M. Holsted--PO address Weidman. General Farming.

S. Kirvan--PO address Horr.

Farming and Justice of the Peace.

David P. Mecum--PO address Horr. Farming and Dealer in Groceries, Dry Goods, Notions, etc.

R. Mecum--PO address Horr. General Farming.

Asa A. Smith--PO address Weidman. Farming, Town Clerk and Justice of the Peace.

Wm. Thompson--PO address Sherman City. Farming.

Geo W. Waight--PO address Caldwell. Farming. Notary Public and Deputy Sheriff, Director of School Dist. No. 3.

F. D. Woodard--PO address Horr. General Farming.

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VILLAGE OF SHERMAN CITY

J. R. Cameron--PO address Sherman City--all same. Dealer in Drugs, and Hardware, Wall Paper, Agricultural Implements, and Harness. Postmaster of Sherman City.

Frank Edmonds--Cheese Maker. Gilbert Johnson--Dealer in General Merchandise.

James MacKersie--Notary Public.

Melvin Retan--Proprietor of Sherman City Hotel.

H. C. Rogers--Manufacturer of and Dealer in First Class Pine and Cedar Shingles.

C. L. Soper--Physician and Surgeon.

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(Excerpts from an 1899 plat-book loaned us by Burton Ward. The ancient book belongs in the historical section of a library somewhere. We took only a few names in a few areas.

(The book was put out by the Michigan Farmer, if we remember rightly, and contained not only lists of earliest settlers, but also cures and treatments for man and animals that would curl the hair of even the English veterinarian who achieved fame and fortune recounting the treating of animals in England in the 1930s. It's a real treasure, but Burton said he just didn't know what to do with it.)

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole attended funeral services for Bess Pfannes, as he was called, in Flint, last Thursday.

Mrs. Beulah Pfannes remains in Flint with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa are rejoicing over the arrival of a new granddaughter, Janelle Michelle, born Sunday, Jan. 7, at CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wood are the proud grandparents. Janelle has three brothers and sisters who are watching and waiting for her to come home.

Tony Masiwchuk went to Kalamazoo Thursday, where Mrs. Masiwchuk was spending some time with her parents and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Smith. The Masiwchuks returned home Sunday.

Our many thanks to our sister, Mrs. Beulah Wixson, who stayed with Velma while we were in Flint Thursday. Also to our niece Mrs. Phyllis Wixson, who brought Beulah over.

Also to Tony Masiwchuk and Dick Mahon, who came to Velma's call when her fire wouldn't burn.

We are grateful to them all. Rick Cushman, Sr., and Rick Cushman, Jr., and two carloads of men came to the Cushman farm for the weekend, where they cut wood and did quite a lot of remodeling in the furnace room. They took out partitions.

Ruby Douglas called on Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rhode Tuesday. Alan Shaner was a Good Samaritan Saturday when he came to the rescue and plowed out the Cushman's driveway.

The Coles received word from their grandson, Albert Lague, that he suffered a heart attack Saturday while rabbit hunting.

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SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE ARITHMETIC IN THE OLD DAYS

Let's go back to John Forest's old Seventh and Eighth Grade Efficiency Arithmetic (Advanced) and see how we'd do with some of the problems tossed at kids back before the 20th Century.

On Page 149, under heading "Applied Review Problems", are the following, taken at random from pages of the old book:

1. I takes 113.92 cubic feet of timber to make 1 ton of print paper. This is what part of a cord (of wood), expressed decimally?
2. A spruce tree 2 feet in diameter will produce approximately 1.8 tons of print paper. How many cubic feet of wood are there in such a tree?
3. How many cords of wood are there in a tree of that size? How much would this wood be worth at \$3.50 per cord?
4. Allowing for waste, and counting 8 1/2 board feet for each cubic foot, what would be the value of the lumber in such a tree at \$28.60 per M?
5. Find the value at 3 1/2 cents per pound of the print paper that may be manufactured from a tree of that size. Compare the values of the paper, lumber and wood from such a tree.
- Print paper is shipped from a certain paper mill in rolls having an average weight of 1700 pounds. The width of the paper in these rolls is 75 1/2 inches.
6. A strip of this paper 1 foot in length and the width of the roll weighs 1 1/16 ounce. What is the length of one of these 1700 pound rolls in feet?
7. How many miles long is one of these rolls?

A daily paper on a certain day issued an edition of 100,000 32-page papers, the size of each page being 18 1/4x23 1/2". Each print paper roll weighed

1750 pounds. The width of the paper was 73 inches and its average weight per foot in length was 1 1/8 ounces.

8. What was the length of a roll of this paper in feet?
9. What was the length of the roll in miles?
10. How many sheets were there in each 32-page paper? (Ed's Note: Whew. That's about enough for this session. I'm plumb wore out. How about you, not to mention our present-day seventh and eighth graders?)

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

We welcome to our parish Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irish of West Grass Lake, Road.

Donny Gould spent Saturday night with the Walter Rau family.

Dave Goffnett is in CMG Hospital.

The Beal City Business Men took down the Christmas decorations Sunday afternoon.

A number from here attended the bowling tournaments in Battle Creek the weekend.

The Beal City Varsity basketball team played McBain last Friday night, losing, 54-44.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family called on Mrs. Sheila Rau Sunday afternoon.

Milo and Ann Eldred spent Sunday with Tillie Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schafer of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Schafer Sunday.

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NEWS NOTES

Marie Smith returned from a visit to Florida Friday afternoon, after a difficult trip beginning in Chicago, on account of snow.

She visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schoneich, Walter Smith's sister

and husband, in Florida. She said she's glad to be back, and she likes Michigan, snow and all.

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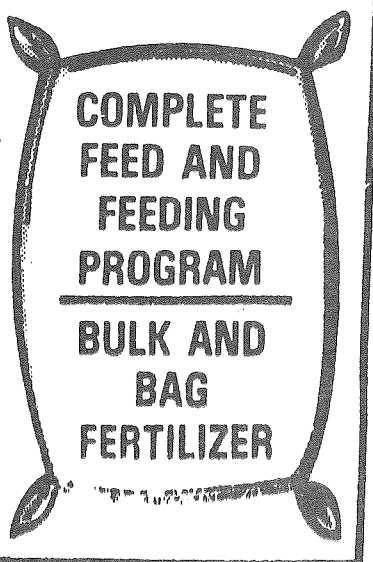
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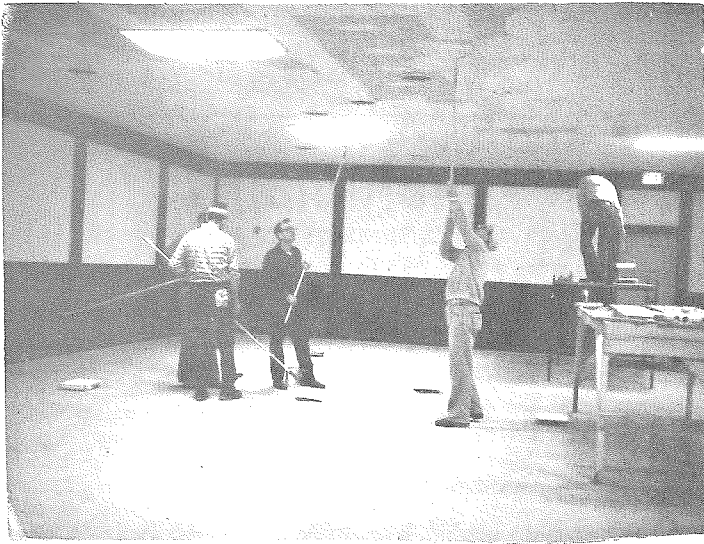
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THERE WERE JUST FIVE MEN ON THE PAINT JOB--Sunday at the beautiful new Community Building, made possible by bingo-games money, a mortgage, and personal liability for every officer of the Weidman Business Association. This truly is a momentous undertaking and accomplishment, and those who signed huge liability notes and who worked at finishing the place deserve the gratitude and commendation of the entire community. The big building will be used for recreational purposes, and for family reunions, receptions, etc. Its immediate function is to relieve the Bingo Committee of its \$100-per-week rental of a suitable place to hold the games.

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DIESEL ENGINE PROGRAM GETS LIFT AT MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE AT HARRISON

Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison has received a grant of \$18,900 from the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission for the purchase of equipment for use in the college's diesel engine technology program.

The diesel program at the college is one of the first such programs in Michigan community colleges, and has served as a model for other schools.

The program concentrates on preparing high-quality diesel mechanics for trucking industry jobs.

Average starting salary for a diesel mechanic is approximately \$14,000. Currently there is a severe shortage of well-trained mechanics, and jobs are plentiful.

Classes in the diesel engine technology program are scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 15. Interested persons may contact the college at tel. 517-386-7792, ext. 237 or 240.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

CONSTRUCTION COURSES AT MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE

Construction technology courses at Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison will offer a full slate of construction courses ranging from brick and block laying and carpentry to architectural drafting and estimating.

The courses are scheduled for daytime or evening students. The brick and block laying course (Masonry Skills I) will meet eight hours per day for 11 weeks, five days a week. At the conclusion of the course, the successful student will be qualified for employment as a beginning block layer.

Courses in estimating, cabinet making, carpentry, blueprint reading, applied electricity and solar heating systems are just a few of the many courses available at Mid Michigan Community College in the construction field.

College classes for the spring semester 1979 are scheduled to begin the week of January 15.

Interested persons may contact MMCC, tel. 517/386-7792, ext. 237 or 240.

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