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LITTLE MAC PIG ROAST  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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## Editor's Column

### THE BIG CELEBRATION IS COMING RIGHT UP!

So the Little Mac Pig Roast on the Elwood Miller farm is coming right up--it's two weeks from Sunday: February 18. Do mark it on your calendar and be sure and go out and have a wonderful winter-day celebration, complete with roast pigs done over charcoal fires (they begin the process very early in the morning, and it's ready for serving by noon), along with dressing made in area women's kitchens, which means home-made; and the big feature will be Ev Hackney's bean soup!

Then there's the baked potatoes done also on charcoal fires, plus relishes, home-made hot bread, and plenty of good, hot coffee.

You're ready for eatin', too, along about noon, after skee-doing up and down those lovely hills, either on snowmobiles (of which there are hundreds present), or on foot; and of course going down close enough to the Chippewa River to get a glimpse and snapshot of the Lil' Mac Bridge, a wonder in itself.

The Lil' Mac Bridge is fashioned along the lines of the Big Mac: that is to say, it's a suspension bridge.

It was built by the Elwood Miller family and their innumerable friends, and it's safe for snowmobiles and foot traffic. (It's not wide enough for auto travel). Also it's not designed to carry the weight of cars and trucks; so it remains the Lil' Mac, for enjoyment of snowmobilers and foot-travelers.

Don't know as Ye Ed will be able to be there this year, but you may be sure we'll have a cameraman and reporter out there to get us a glimpse of the big day.

So--plan on eating outdoors (actually, you don't mind the cold!) on the most delicious roast pig dinners you've ever had, unless we compare it to last year's and the year before and so on.

Lil's Mac Day is becoming a state-wide winter sports event,



**LITTLE MAC PIG ROAST IS COMING RIGHT UP--**On the beautiful farm fields of the Elwood Millers. Work is under way as of now, with potato-wrapping by senior citizens after their dinners, and bean-sorting, appointing of committees, preparations for that home-made dressing and bread that go with the charcoal-roasted pig slices. The celebration this year is scheduled for February 18, Sunday as usual. Plan for snowmobiling, outdoor fun, camping if you wish, trailer-home parking, and then the general public's swarming out there to enjoy the delightful experience of eating those delicacies on outdoor tables. (It's not as cold as you might think, sitting at a wooden table outdoors eating that tummy-filling and totally delightful pig-roast dinner.) Mark the date and plan to attend. Work and ensuing proceeds are divided among the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Firemen, the Weidman Business Association, and the Beal City Business Association.

and folks come up from south Michigan and adjoining states with self-contained house-trailers and spend the whole week-end enjoying the beautiful scenery on the Miller place; and the river; and the snow on their snow machines, of course.

See yuh there--somehow!  
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### WORK MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR PREPARING FOR LIL' MAC

Upcoming meeting dates for work sessions in preparation for the annual Little Mac Bridge celebration Feb. 18 are as follows:  
Feb. 8, Finalize all work assignments and lists of items needed.

Feb. 16, Work bee, clean beans.

Feb. 17, Work bee for making dressing.

Anyone who will bake dressing

for the Little Mac Day please call Benn Johnson at Western Auto, tel. 644-2178.

Donations of three loaves of home-made bread are solicited from all housewives in the area for the Little Mac Day dinner.

Call Benn Johnson, Whitey McCreight, Pauline Branson, or any Fireman or Weidman businessman.  
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### LIONS FISH FRY SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Next week, Feb. 9, the Weidman Lions Club will put on one of their famous fish fries.

It will be in the cafeteria of the Weidman School, with serving from 5.30 to 7.30 p. m.

Proceeds from the fish supper

will go toward helping send a Beal City High School Band student to the Lions National Convention in Montreal, Canada, next summer.

The Lions All-State Band will be the featured music-makers that evening, and the selected Beal City Band student will play in that band.

Don't forget the date of the fish fry: Friday, Feb. 9, serving from 5.30 to 7.30 p. m., Weidman School cafeteria.

Menus include all the traditional fish fry items: fish, of course; and fresh bread, butter, condiments, and home-made pies for dessert.

It's an annual treat.  
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### WEIDMAN FIREMEN RECEIVE THEIR JAWS OF LIFE

Tuesday night of this week the Weidman Volunteer Fire Department received its unit of Jaws of Life, an ingenious device for extricating folks caught in auto wrecks and usually saving their lives.

A demonstration of the device was given Tuesday evening at the Weidman Fire House, with Chief Spike Branson, Thayne Sides and Don Starr demonstrating it. They'll tear down an old car, showing how a person's life can be saved from wreckage of a car by the wonderful invention.

The Firemen are grateful to a batch of people and organizations for their gift of the Jaws of Life, beginning with the Sheriff's Department, the people of this community who helped get the gadget here (the Weidman Business Association kicked in \$200 toward it), and donations large and small all over the county have made possible this life-saver for the Fire Departments of Mt. Pleasant, Rosebush, Shepherd, and finally, Weidman. Many of the "little people" sent in a few dollars, while county banks and other bigger businesses kicked in sizable amounts.

Anyhow, now our Fire Department has the Jaws of Life. The unwieldy-appearing contraption has saved several lives around the county already.

Our Firemen are most gratified to get theirs.

Firemen here are hoping for a

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**BAND BOOSTERS NEED MONEY FOR FLORIDA TRIP**

A meeting was held Sunday with all students and parents planning on the trip to Florida in April for an international band contest at Disneyland.

Medical releases were signed, clothing lists were completed, along with what to take and wear in Florida.

A sum of \$42,000 was sent to Performing Arts Abroad at Ypsilanti, planners of the trip; an additional \$18,000 will be paid to Mercury Lines for buses to take the kids south. The Band Boosters still lack \$12,000 for this item, and are looking for donors.

Sizeable donations have been made by Loren Gray, Wixon & Dean of Barryton, Gary Lowery, and Red and Ruth Gilbert of Barryton.

Anyone wishing to donate may leave checks or money with Jeanne Smith or at banks in each

town, as canisters will be ready to receive them.

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**CUB SCOUTS HOST RACING CAR FANS**

The Cub Scouts hosted local race-car fans for the Pine Car Derby Jan. 30, at the Weidman Elementary School.

Families and friends of Cub Scouts and Webelos in Pack No. 3692 were present to cheer their favorite racers.

The Cubs each made a race car from a regulation-sized wood block. Each boy designed his own car, cut it out, sanded it, mounted wheels, and applied paint and weights.

The boys raced their cars on a track built last year by Robert Stone.

Mt. Pleasant State Police Officer Hicks and Sgt. Liek judged first through sixth places, and the three best-designed cars.

Ribbon holders included Tony

Blackmer, first place; Mike Jeffrey, second; Jeff Cook, third place; Chris Benn, fourth; Rodney Most fifth, and Doug Struble, sixth.

Best designs were Mark Stone, first; Leroy Nash, second, Chris Benn, third.

Trophies were awarded the first three race winners.

Everyone greatly enjoyed Pack No. 3692's Pine Car Derby.

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**Brinton News**

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. George Beers spent the weekend in Lansing with their son, Bill, and family. Lori Strang and Denise Cush-

man spent Sunday at the Mott Mountain Ski Lodge.

Marvel Sowle spent a few days last week with her daughter, Penny, and family near Gaylord.

Evelyn Fields and son, Joe, of Grand Rapids came Friday and brought Alfred Bartley home, after he'd spent some time in Grand Rapids with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler left Wednesday for a vacation trip to Florida, where they plan to spend some of our winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spiece of Carson City called on Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Roberts Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coons of Lake.

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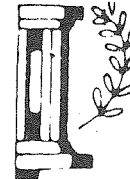
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## the Churches

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Evening service, 7 p.m.  
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Feb. 11, Pastor Eldridge will

## Obituary

### STANLEY DORA

Stanley Dora of Mecosta died Saturday at Kelsey Memorial Hospital. He was 43.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday at 10.30 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church in Remus, with Father Tom McKinney officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He was born Nov. 18, 1935, in Clare.

He is survived by his mother, Hazel Dora, of Winn; his wife, Mary Dora, of Mecosta; and a son, Kevin, and daughter, Jody, both at home.

Also surviving are five brothers, Joseph of Portland, Leo of Ionia, John, Tony and Kenneth, of Mt. Pleasant; eight sisters, Mary Callahan of Ferndale, Bernice Cruss of Beal City, Genevieve Lighter of Remus, Barbara Bellinger of Mt. Pleasant, Linda Brewer of Farwell, Jane Cross of Mayville, Judy Kiste of Ionia, and Celia Shehan of Flint.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

be exchanging pulpits with Pastor Jack Nichols of Remus.

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### WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Vance Dimmick, Pastor.

Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.  
Coffee and Fellowship, 10 a.m.  
Sunday School, 10.30 a.m.  
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Sunday School, 10 a.m.

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### Smokey Says:



## WHY OUR GAS BILLS ARE SKY-HIGH

By Frances Tranbarger

Our gas bill this month was nearly \$20.00 higher than last year's for the period Dec. 19--Jan. 20. We thought Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. had made a mistake, so we called the gas company in Mt. Pleasant. We were told to call the Grand Rapids office, where bills are computed.

The girl in Grand Rapids told us that gas meters are read every other month, and the bill just received was estimated on the basis of daily temperatures around the state. She also said that the rates for natural gas have increased by about 30%.

So we hunted up last year's temperature readings. We were surprised to find that during the period Dec. 19--Jan. 20 last year, there was only one night when thermometers registered below zero, and that was minus 10. There were only three nights of zero readings.

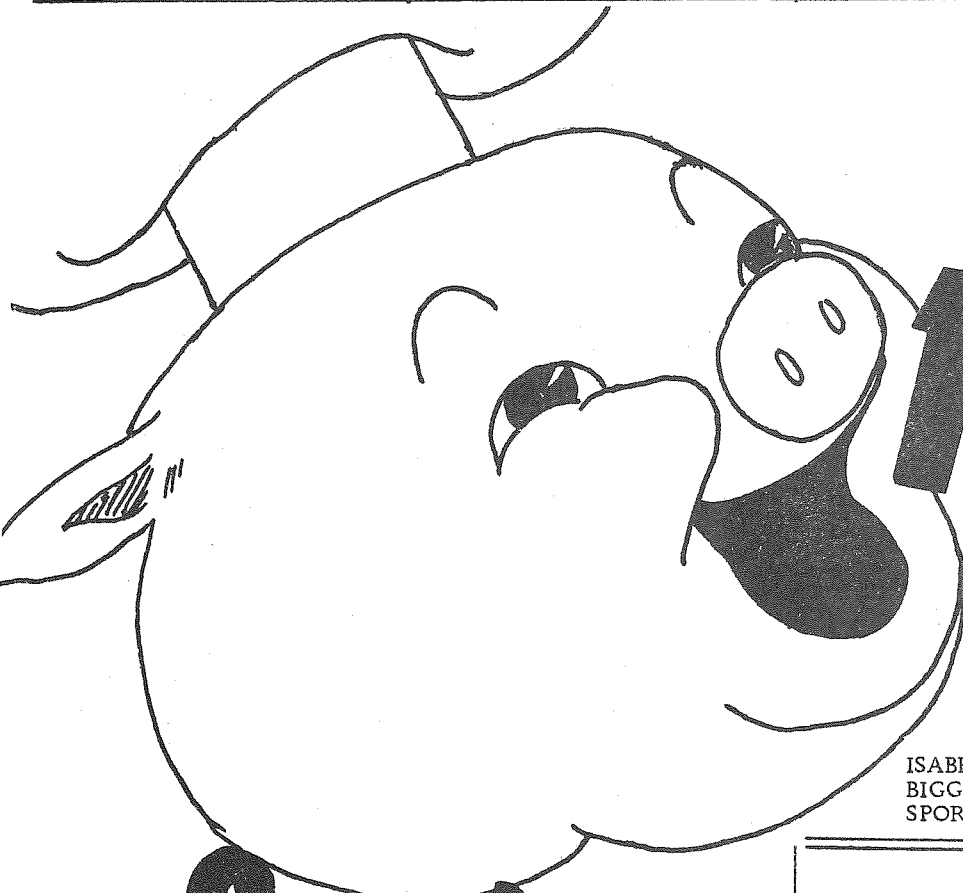
This year, there were eight nights when the temperature went to below zero. The record was 25 degrees below, on Jan. 10 of this year, and daytime temperatures were comparatively lower.

Here's a table of unofficial readings comparing the two years, showing highs and lows.

Dec. 19, 1977: High 35, low 30.	Dec. 19, 1978: High 20, low 10.
Dec. 20, 1977: High 30, low 20.	Dec. 20, 1978: High 30, low 22.
Dec. 21, 1977: High 25, low 18.	Dec. 21, 1978: High 25, low 22.
Dec. 22, 1977: High 27, low 25.	Dec. 22, 1978: High 35, low 22.
Dec. 23, 1977: High 38, low 30.	Dec. 23, 1978: High 38, low 23.
Dec. 24, 1977: High 38, low 25.	Dec. 24, 1978: High 34, low 22.
Dec. 25, 1977: High 10, low 0.	Dec. 25, 1978: High 25, low 16.
Dec. 26, 1977: High 11, low 0.	Dec. 26, 1978: High 20, low 13.
Dec. 27, 1977: High 20, low 15.	Dec. 27, 1978: High 17, low 0.
Dec. 28, 1977: High 21, low 18.	Dec. 28, 1978: High 23, low 7.
Dec. 29, 1977: High 25, low 17.	Dec. 29, 1978: High 27, low 21.
Dec. 30, 1977: High 26, low 18.	Dec. 30, 1978: High 40, low 20.
Dec. 31, 1977: High 25, low 18.	Dec. 31, 1978: High 28, low 18.

Jan. 1, 1978: High 27, low 17.	Jan. 1, 1979: High 25, low 5.
Jan. 2, 1978: High 16, low 11.	Jan. 2, 1979: High 10, low -10.
Jan. 3, 1978: High 20, low 8.	Jan. 3, 1979: High 10, low 4.
Jan. 4, 1978: High 30, low 10.	Jan. 4, 1979: High 5, low -10.
Jan. 5, 1978: High 25, low 20.	Jan. 5, 1979: High 10, low -5.
Jan. 6, 1978: High 30, low 25.	Jan. 6, 1979: High 10, low 5.

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# Lil' MAC

PIG ROAST

## Sunday, Feb. 18

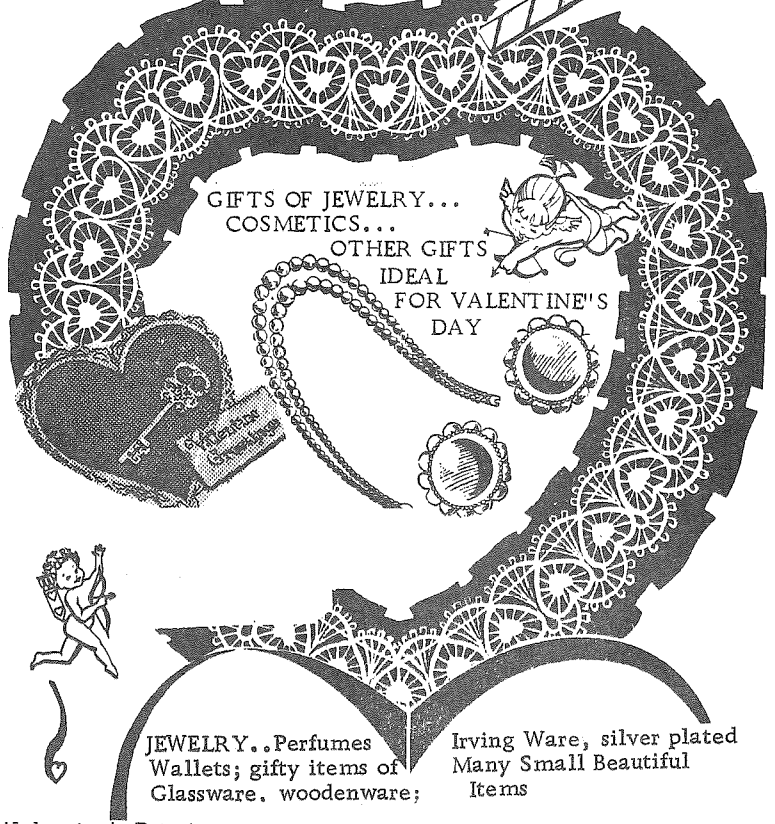
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# Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

The bans of matrimony were announced Sunday for Greg Clark and Renee Schafer.

We welcome to our parish membership Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bradley of Winn Road, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wernette and son, Shaun, of the Broomfield Trailer Court, and Mr. and Mrs. William Gross and son, Andrew, of North Littlefield Lake Road.

Miss Jackie Paisley spent Thursday evening with Miss Laurie Block.

Mrs. Rose Hoag and Liza Rigles spent Sunday morning with Mrs. Shirley Block.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Schafer this week.

Brenda Ball spent Friday evening with Mrs. Shirley Block.

Congratulations! The pastor baptized Shaun Michael Wernette, son of Paul and Peggy.

Deadline for Campbell soup labels at St. Joseph's School is Feb. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Winn and Louise Schafer and Dora Smith called on Tillie Schafer Tuesday evening.

Anne Smith called on Mr. and

Mrs. Fred Gould and family on Tuesday evening.

Dale Rau of Gregory spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau.

Louis Rau had supper Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and family.

The Beal City FHA held a craft show Jan. 30. The members who worked on the project included Janet Bleise, Laura Bauer, Kami Camp, Clara Bierschbach, Theresa Straus, Diane Schmidt, and their advisor, Mrs. Donna McDonald. The show was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Ruth Klumpp called on Mrs. Tillie Schafer Monday.

Mrs. Helen Simmer fell last Tuesday morning and broke her hip.

Deacon Larry Fussman baptized the children of Steve and Linda Fussman and Mike and Mary Wanagat Sunday, Jan. 28. Mary Wanagat is the former Mary Fussman of Beal City. The Wanagats had a baby girl, given the name of Anna Marie. The Fussmans had a baby boy, given the name of Christopher Leon. After the ceremony, a breakfast was enjoyed in the church basement, with about 27 attending.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

# Around Horr

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

Thursday evening visitors of Hattie Losey were Bob, Julia and Fawn Dutcher. Friday night Hattie spent with the Theron Merrihews, and on Saturday they went to Clarkston to spend the weekend with the Merrihews' daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Tiedeman. They called on the Don Merrihews on their way home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood had Sunday dinner with Mrs. Flora Wood in Mt. Pleasant. Phil and Linda Greenway and Duane Pelletier were Sunday afternoon callers at the Wood home.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence was a business caller in Lakeview last Tuesday.

The Mack Denslows called on Tracy and Alma White one day last week.

Mrs. Opal Denslow attended the funeral of her cousin, Clinton Tice, of Barryton, last Wednesday.

Monday Mrs. Margaret Denslow and Mrs. Opal Denslow treated Mrs. Eva Denslow to Kentucky Fried Chicken in Mt. Pleasant. They also made calls there.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller spent the weekend visiting their son and family at Clarkston.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Menard of Alpena were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller.

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## "BUNDY HILLS"

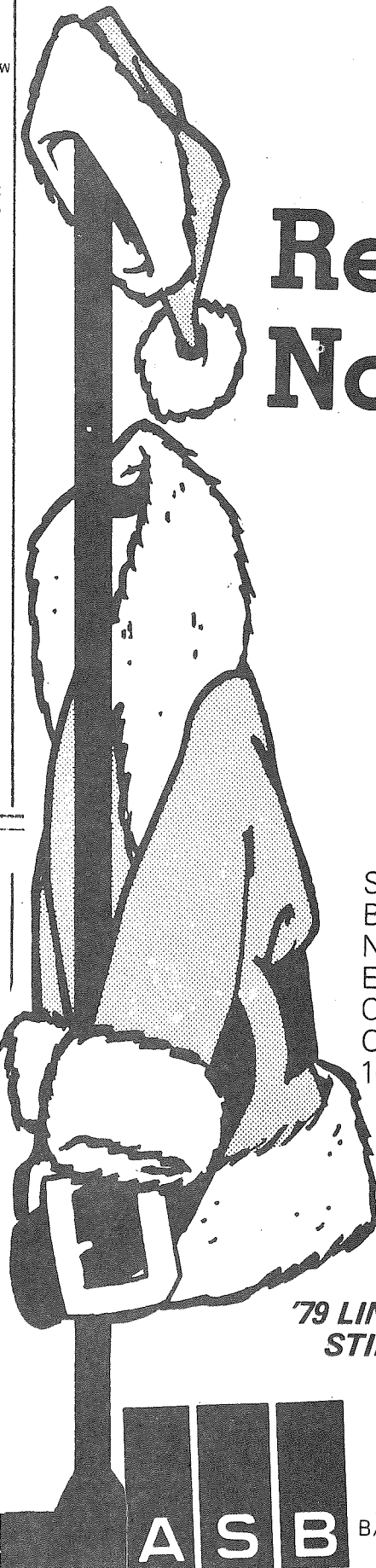
Bundy Hills has a purple haze Etched against a coral evening sky; I remember so many happy days Climbing that mountain high.

A soft cloud hovers over its peak Below the weeds and goldenrod grow; And the deer play hide and seek When the sun is sinking low.

It seems to stretch to infinity With a beauty fantastic to behold; Where space and time touch all eternity, And its memories never grow old.

By Mabel Chaffee

A  SUBSCRIPTION TO THE **Messenger**



# Resting Now....

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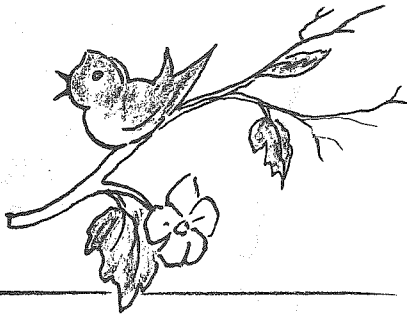
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Jan. 7, 1978: High 35, low 28.
Jan. 7, 1979: High 18, low 5.
Jan. 8, 1978: High 30, low 4.
Jan. 8, 1979: High 15, low 8.
Jan. 9, 1978: High 10, low 5.
Jan. 9, 1979: High 20, low 10.
Jan. 10, 1978: High 18, low 9.
Jan. 10, 1979: High 15, low -25.
Jan. 11, 1978: High 19, low 8.
Jan. 11, 1979: High 10, low -7.
Jan. 12, 1978: High 20, low 7.
Jan. 12, 1979: High 18, low 10.
Jan. 13, 1978: High 26, low 9.
Jan. 13, 1979: High 23, low 15.
Jan. 14, 1978: High 10, low -10.
Jan. 14, 1979: High 15, low 0.
Jan. 15, 1978: High 20, low 10.
Jan. 15, 1979: High 10, low -18.
Jan. 16, 1978: High 20, low 4.
Jan. 16, 1979: High 12, low -6.
Jan. 17, 1978: High 19, low 0.
Jan. 17, 1979: High 20, low 11.
Jan. 18, 1978: High 24, low 4.
Jan. 18, 1979: High 14, low -10.
Jan. 19, 1978: High 23, low 14.
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Jan. 20, 1978: High 18, low 14.
Jan. 20, 1979: High 24, low 20.

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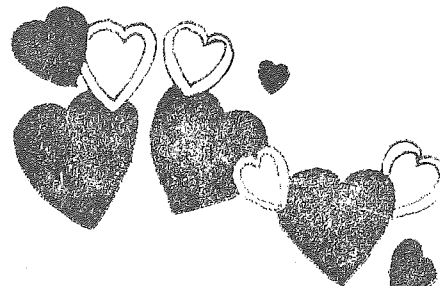
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## S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Goldie Dutcher is feeling much better, but is still at CMC Hospital as of this writing. Hopefully, she will be home by the weekend. Keep up the good work, Goldie!

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler attended a 4-H Club pizza party Saturday evening at the home of Tom Herman. Thirty members and their leaders were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald were Sunday visitors of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., was also a guest.

Hope you are feeling better, Connie! My prayers are with you.

Mrs. Terry Cotter and children spent Friday afternoon with her grandmother, Rosie Leiter, at Riverview Apartments in Mt. Pleasant.

The Bob Dutchers spent the weekend in Midland, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler visited Mabel Chaffee Wednesday evening.

Bea Gatehouse was admitted to CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant Friday. She is feeling better. Get well soon, Bea, we miss you.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald were guests of the Nile Perrys of Mecosta Thursday evening.

The Eddie Oplingers and Mr. and Mrs. Les Rhode of Grand Rapids enjoyed Sunday with the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Lois Rhode and Ervin, Sr., visited Goldie and Bea at the hospital.

Mary Beutler attended a Band meeting at Chippewa Hills Schools, planning their trip to Florida in April. Good luck, Kids.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Ervin, Sr., visited the Bill Remingtons of Saginaw last Thursday.

Pat Kurtz and Mabel Chaffee were in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday.

The Clayton Stephens of Lakeview and Mr. and Mrs. Don Carr of Amble spent Wednesday with the Carl Fitzgeralds.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children visited Mrs. Jeanette Johnston of Rosebush Sunday. Jeanette's son, Grant, and

her daughter, Mrs. Nancy Brecht, were also guests. The Beutlers saw Nancy's new baby, two weeks old.

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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing of Vassar were dinner guests of their parents, the Paul Coles, and Velma, Sunday.

We are pulling for you, Goldie. Get well soon.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Miss Ruth Border, called on Beulah's sister and family, the Paul Coles, Friday.

Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk was admitted to a Providence Hospital in Lansing Tuesday.

Mrs. Ella Martin and Mrs. Beulah Pfannes called on the Coles last Monday. Richard Pfannes called Tuesday.

Paul Cole called on Elmer Rhode Thursday.

Tony Masiwchuk went to Lansing Saturday to visit Mrs. Masiwchuk in the hospital.

Our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Florence Battleshaw Montgomery.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes are staying with their sister, Mrs. Beulah Pfannes, for the rest of the winter.

A bride-to-be shower will be held Feb. 18 from 1 to 4 p. m. at the home of her grandparents, the Paul Coles.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merchant received word Sunday of the death of their brother-in-law, Andy Graznaw.

Tony Masiwchuk reports that Mrs. Masiwchuk was quite cheerful Sunday. Tony went to Detroit Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa were supper guests of the Paul Coles Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Copens and Jean called on the uncle and aunt, the Paul Coles, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Allen of Littlefield Lake are on vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Copens and Jean called on her mother, Mrs. Beulah Wixson, and Ruth, Saturday.

## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry spent last Wednesday afternoon with the Emil Phillippses, and enjoyed

cards.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague visited the Paul Simmers, Jr., at Gladwin, last Thursday.

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**HE'S PLAYING AGAIN THIS YEAR--**Bill Louisell, three-time champion checkers player (grand champion, that is, in Mid-Michigan checkers-playing competition), will be playing again this year, he announced this week. He refused to compete last year, after winning three straight years as Grand Champion: "I'm going to give someone else a chance to be Grand Champion," Bill said last year. Bernard Pitts won the high honor last year. Bill and Bernard have been practice-playing in preparation for competition, which in the long run probably will be between the two.

First divisional playoffs were held Monday evening at the new Community Building in Weidman. Bill will play in the adult-class top division at the runoffs at Mt. Pleasant Feb. 14.

**FOREST HILL SCHOOL FOR INDIGENTS CLOSED; WORK GOES ON SATURDAYS AT CHIP HILLS HIGH SCHOOL**

The State Fire Marshal and the Isabella County Health Department earlier this fall condemned the facilities at the Forest Hills Church operated by Elaine Denslow for indigent people, and the program has been operating Saturdays only from the Chippewa Hills High School. That's since September of this year.

The program for indigents will continue, Elaine Denslow said, until June, when further arrangements will be made or the pro-

gram dropped.

Women on relief have been getting instruction in housekeeping, cooking, sewing, and child care at the government-financed school.

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**BEAL CITY CARD PARTY HAS 13 TABLES AT PLAY**

At their regular bi-weekly card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City senior citizens had 13 tables of pepper at play.

Louise Schafer won first prize for the ladies, with Veronica Tilmann second, and Naomi Graham low.

Ed Faber won first prize for the

men, with Bill Lawens second and Harold Schumacher low.

Jerome Young won the pepper prize. Mike Gross won the door prize.

Senior citizens from all over-Beal City, Weidman, Lake Isabella, Lake of the Hills, the Ojibwa Recreation Area, everyone is cordially invited to attend these card parties at the K. C. Hall in Beal City every other Thursday afternoon.

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**FIREMEN**  
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good turnout at the Little Mac Bridge celebration, as their share of profits will help pay some of what the Firemen owe: \$2,000 on the new water-wagon, and \$9,000 on the chassis and the water-wagon entire works. It's a complicated machine, not just a water-hauling wagon. And it's expensive.

Firemen have more confidence in dealing with fires hereabouts since obtaining the wagon, as we

have no water systems in this area, except a small part around Lake Isabella.

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**Local Items**

Rick McArthur has been suffering from an injured back the past couple of weeks. He was off work from Jan. 10 until last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts enjoyed the company of their son-in-law and daughter, David and Mona Wood and two boys, and also their other daughter and family Paul and Charyl Barbour, and family of Grand Ledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Apple of Alvodton, Ohio, spent Sunday with their son and family, the Ron Apples.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simmer, Jr., and Heather of Gladwin were Saturday afternoon callers of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague.

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