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Editor's Column

By Connie

SO THE SCHOOL GOES ALONG SAME AS BEFORE

So the January meeting of the Chippewa Hills Board of Education was scheduled for Tuesday night of this week, and we assume that all bills and projects were approved and Mr. James P. Jorgensen ("Paul") was rehired as Superintendent with at least \$20,000 annual salary plus the usual fringe benefits built in on all school contracts.

In our Dec. 23 issue we asked for taxpayers of the district who would be willing to do some work to call us.

Nobody called.

This last week we have been deluged with calls and visits by taxpayers, all saying, "We'd sign a petition to the School Board not to rehire Jorgensen," but our response was, "And who would trot the petitions around?"

As editor of this newspaper we cannot do the job totally alone. We can point out what we believe are mistakes and erroneous policies of the Board of Education, but that's all a newspaper can do ethically.

According to a "Legal Notice" in the school's shopper's guide, the 1971-72 operating budget for the schools is well over two million dollars.

An operating budget is a plan for spending money during the coming year.

The spending of two million dollars during the coming year will be spearheaded by "Paul," as approved by the Board of Education.

We argue that the Chippewa Hills Schools system needs not an "assistant superintendent," but an internal auditor or financial manager acting also as purchasing agent for the school.

An internal auditor or purchasing agent is a man qualified as an accountant, and he could be trusted to deal efficiently and honestly with taxpayers' two million dollars a year, or he'd never get another job as an accountant.

We saw in the school's shopper's guide an "audited" report of spending by the school during the

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JAMES HUGHES (left, above) receives the Publicity Award from Michigan Farm Bureau vice-president Dean Pridgeon at the Farm Bureau's annual Awards Banquet in Lansing. Jim was given the award for best news coverage of subjects vital to farmers in the Radio Station WCEN listening area. He is news director for the station. Jim also received letters of congratulation from L. A. Cheney, executive secretary of the Michigan Association of Farmer Co-Operatives, F. E. Simoneau, administrative assistant, and Keith C. Allen, co-ordinator of Traffic Safety and School Bus Driver Safety Education, Central Michigan University. And we add our own congratulations, Jim!

The Farm Bureau gave only one award for good publicity for farmers, and it went to Jim, "for commendable attention given to good reporting of information relating to co-operatives in Michigan".

Jim Hughes was the moving force last year in getting the Isabella County Farm Bureau ladies to serve an all-Michigan meal during Michigan Week. The ladies are planning another such dinner in the spring.

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ANDY LITTLE OF ROSEBUSH ENJOYS BIRTHDAY JAN. 11

Andrew Little of Rosebush, known in a wide area for his fishing and hunting experiences and successes, had his 77th birthday Jan. 11, quietly, at his home. He has been suffering from the common enemy, the flu.

He enjoys life as he has a loving family, good neighbors, and very many friends.

He enjoys company.

He had many visitors through the Christmas holidays, even though he was ill with flu. At that, Andy enjoyed them.

Congratulations, Andy, and we hope you're over the pesky ailment soon.

RABIES CLINIC AT FIRE HALL HERE JAN. 18

A rabies clinic for inoculation of dogs will be held Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. for people of this area.

Veterinarians are donating their time and services for this event.

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VOLUNTEER FIREMEN GET INSTRUCTIONS FROM FIRE TRUCK BUILDER COMPANY

Volunteer Firemen from the Nottawa and Sherman Township Fire Department met Wednesday evening at the fire hall to get full instructions on the use of all their new equipment on the brand-new fire truck delivered here in December.

This was also their regular monthly meeting. The public is invited to all Firemen's meetings, at the fire hall.

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NEWS NOTES

Dale Bywater and two children of Midland spent last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Ethel Bywater.

L. B. Reed of St. Louis spent Sunday afternoon and evening with his nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. David Flower.

Men in Uniform (AND GALS, TOO)



ANNETTE SMITH

Annette Smith, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith of Wolverine, signed up and went in the WAVES Dec. 29 for ten weeks of training at Bainbridge, Md.

After her training there, she will be assigned to some other place. She is on a three-year enlistment.

She has an older brother, David, in his second year of college at Ferris State College; a younger sister, Susanne, 14, and brother Bobby, 10.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith of Weidman, and grandfather Marshall Lowery of Barryton.

Good luck, Annette!

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The Clayton Smiths had a grandson, Richard Smith, come home Dec. 29, and a granddaughter, Annette Smith, enter military service the same day.

Here's a new address:

PFC Robert Wm. Sisco, [redacted] 890 M. P. Co., Fort Riley, Kansas 66442.

Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sisco. He attended the Military Police Academy and a narcotics school in Georgia, and is now an MP.

He has a little over a year to go till his hitch is up, but he is expected to remain at Fort Riley till then.

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Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis on the birth of their son, Charles Paul, who arrived at the Mt. Pleasant hospital Monday. Mrs. Warren Leiter visited them Friday, when they came home from the hospital.

Mr. Harvey Leiter of Hannah Lake visited his brother, Ira, at the Leiter home Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson are both quite ill with the flu. We were sorry to hear that their son, Roddy, had the misfortune to break his wrist while snowmobiling. Leo Denslow has been helping out with the chores. We hope you'll be better soon, Keith and Ardith!

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott and Michael.

Mrs. Clyde Emmons reported the carpenters were at their home three days the past week. Also that it was Eddie John's fifth birthday, and their 46th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary, Clyde and Mary! And Happy Birthday to you, Eddie John!

Mrs. Loren Gray of Mt. Pleasant was a Thursday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky visited Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and Brian, Jill and Kathy of rural Remus visited Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haskins at Barryton Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Savage of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck. Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck visited Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy and Dawn Marie of Big Rapids visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and sons Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock visited his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, at the Alma Hospital Saturday evening. She was improving as well as expected, after breaking her nose and both arms a week ago. The Gilbert Schrocks and their friends called briefly during the weekend while snowmobiling. Mrs. Schrock reported they have rented their house on the Brinton Road to Mrs. Lois Morgan and family. We welcome them to our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley visited Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hemstreet of north Clare Wednesday night. Mrs. Elizabeth Conley of Brinton was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Wright and

Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon visited Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip during the weekend, all enjoying snowmobiling. Mr. and Mrs. Schrock and Philip went to Big Rapids Sunday, visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Bowman and family, and snowmobiling on trails in that area.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis and family Saturday, making the acquaintance of the new baby son, Charles Paul.

Arthur Loomis visited his son, Keith, and family Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis and Teresa, Jean Ann and Marsha visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Theisen and family at Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Dosenberry accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and Blaine and Jamie to Lansing Sunday, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dosenberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley were at Clare most of the week with my sister, Mrs. Shepherd, and other relatives, and at the Stephenson-Doherty Funeral Home, as we were deeply grieved in the passing of our brother-in-law.

We were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and family of Lake Thirteen Tuesday night, and luncheon guests Friday, attending the funeral with them.

We visited the Davis Clinic Friday morning for my pro-tem checkup and also the Mister and I visited our optometrist.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cook of Canadian Lakes visited at our home Friday night. Gilbert Schrock called Saturday. He and his wife kept the fires burning for us during the week, for which we were grateful.

Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and family were dinner guests Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family visited in the afternoon.

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OES HOSTS SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Tuesday evening, Jan. 4, the Waubenoos Chapter No. 360 was hostess to the Alice L. Seeley Chapter No. 194, Farwell, for a joint School of Instruction given by Marjorie Barton, Grand Associate Conductress, Grand Chapter of Michigan, OES.

Visitors were present from Alma Chapter No. 43, Mt. Pleasant Chapter No. 55, Remus Chapter No. 442, and Big Rapids Chapter No. 42.

Honored guests were Prof. Robert Marple, CMU, Grand Sentinel of Grand Chapter, and Eunice Michael, P.G.O of Big Rapids.

Grand Asso. Cond. Marjorie Barton announced the appointment of Sister Nina Forbes as Grand Representative to Arkansas from Michigan. Waubeoo

Chapter is proud to have the Chapter so honored.

A delightful lunch was served at the close of an instructive and enjoyable evening.

At a regular meeting of Waubenoos Chapter No. 360 on Jan. 5, Lucille Fountain, Grand Committeewoman for Membership, and her husband, Lee, of Remus Chapter No. 442, were visitors. She gave an interesting talk. It was voted to discon-

tinue the regular meetings till April 5. Refreshments were served.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Kit Johnson attended the wedding of her nephew, Terry Powell, and Pamela McComb, at Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant, Saturday. In the evening Mrs. Johnson and her family attended a reception for the young couple in the K. C. Hall in Beal City.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell Sunday. The Dents left for Florida Monday.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN
Probate Court for the County of Isabella.
Estate of EARNEST A. GROSS, Deceased.

It is Ordered that on April 5th, 1972, at 9:30 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, a hearing be held at which all creditors of said deceased are required to prove their claims. Creditors must file sworn claims with the court and serve a copy on Bonnie Sprague, 3060 N. School Rd., Weidman, Michigan, prior to said hearing.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

Dated December 30th, 1971.
BURKE McCLINTIC
Judge of Probate

Stephen W. Fox
102 Hersee Bldg.
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
Attorney Jan. 6-13-20

Obituary

HAROLD (BUD) SHEPHERD
Harold (Bud) Shepherd of Clare died last week Tuesday, Jan. 4, at CMC Hospital. He was 59.

He was born May 23, 1912, in Moundsville, West Virginia, and had lived in the Clare area 38 years. He was employed in the oil industry.

He was a member of the Clare Methodist Church, and a Past Noble Grand officer of the Clare IOOF. He was also associated with the Bay City Consistory, Clare Masonic Lodge, the Clare Eastern Stars, and the Rebekah Lodge.

He is survived by his widow, Dorothy; a brother, Kenneth Shepherd, of Sherrard, West Virginia; a sister, Mrs. Harold Owings, of Shepherd; a half-sister, Mrs. Wayne Owings, also of Shepherd; a step-sister, Mrs. Owen Marsh, of Grand Rapids; and step-mother, Mrs. Charles Shepherd, of Shepherd. He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Esther Stanley.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday from the Clare Methodist Church with Rev. Donald Winegar and Rev. Russell Stanley, Jr., officiating. Burial

was in the Vernon Township Cemetery.

An IOOF Memorial Service was conducted Thursday at the funeral home.

The family has the deep sympathy of all.

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Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all the people who have been so good to us since our husband broke his leg.

Special thanks to the Weidman United Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grady.

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
Choir practice (Thursday), at 6.30 p.m.

The young people enjoyed their annual Snowflake Retreat at Gilman Springs Baptist Camp, with tobogganing, dinner, and an inspired talk.

Betty Guthrie, a missionary from Mexico, took over the service Sunday with a good talk and she showed slides of Mexico in the evening. A good turnout of people was present.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor
Sunday School, 9.15 a.m.
Worship Service, 10.45 a.m.
Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
George Getchel, Minister.
Located northeast of Weidman

on Coleman Road.
Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.
Bible School, 10.30 a.m.
Youth Hour, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7.30 p.m.

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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
N.Y.P.S., 7 p.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
Prayer Service Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Athel J. Lynch, Pastor
Church School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 11 a.m.
Choir rehearsal, 7.30 p.m.

Thursday.
Evening Service second Sunday, 7.30 p.m.

Fellowship dinner third Sunday, 12.30 p.m.

WSCS, first Thursday, 2.30, at the church. McArthur Circle, third Thursday, 8 p.m. Esther Circle third Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Methodist Men, fourth Wednesday, 6.30 p.m.

WINN-COOMER CHARGES

Rev. Athel J. Lynch, Pastor
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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Tom Courser attended a bridal shower for her sister, Linda McDonald, at the home of their mother, Mrs. Russell McDonald, Sunday. Gary Ray is the groom-to-be.

Mrs. Leona Courser attended the Coomer Ladies' Aid at the Walter Klumpp home in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn of Belding were Friday overnight and Saturday guests of the Oral Buntings.

Mrs. Joe Gostola and Dixie were Sunday visitors of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold. The Rhodes spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones of Evart.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder returned Monday after visiting relatives in Detroit. They were Saturday luncheon guests of the Arnold Krueger family of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Roderick Nicholson spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines. Mrs. Robert Hogg and Barbara and Nancy were Saturday callers.

Mrs. Richard Flaughner and children were Sunday supper guests at the Ray Flaughers'. Ray and Minnie attended a wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chapman Saturday evening at the Black Creek Conservation Club. Mrs. Flaughner was a Thursday luncheon guest of Mrs. Lydia Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Krueger and family and the Walter Nelsons were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Glee Krueger and Herman Cook and Alliance.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear and baby had Sunday dinner with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook, and Friday evening with the Rudy Nagys.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caukins visited Mrs. Nettie Crowley and

Jay Leinaar Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder also were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Larson of Tuscola visited his folks, the Chris Larsons, Sunday.

Mrs. Florence Schafer, Mrs. Agnes Fox, Mrs. Thelma Kolarik and Margaret Gross and children, all of them Breuer girls and old neighbors of Mrs. Kate Martin, spent Thursday afternoon with her. Mr. and Mrs. John Schupbach and family came Sunday with a cake to celebrate Kate's birthday, which was Monday.

Mrs. Edith Urie came home Thursday from CMC Hospital, and was feeling better.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Nichols of DeWitt called at the Don Alwood home recently. They also called on their other cousins, the Don Smiths and the Walt Smiths. Mrs. Nichols (Jean Smith) was telling us her mother, Mrs. George Smith, was having back trouble and was planning to retire soon from her work at the St. Johns hospital.

Rusty Alwood is laid off from his work at Grayling and is at home with his parents for a few weeks. Saturday was his 26th birthday, and he spent the day with the Chum Methner family near Blanchard.

Helen Alwood and children called on the Bill Alwoods Saturday afternoon, and then went on to Mt. Pleasant for supper at the Pixie.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak and children of Royal Oak spent the weekend at Evart with relatives. They called at the Don Alwood home Saturday evening.

Several neighbors received Christmas and New Year's greetings from Roy and Ella Adams from Bradenton, Florida. They are enjoying their winter, and are hoping our weather doesn't get too cold and severe.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett called on their daughter, Carol Johnson, at CMC Hospital Sunday.

Mrs. Sidney Wood called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger, Saturday, and cleaned around their mail box.

Steve Aldrich took his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich, and sister, Kelly, out for chicken dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Helen Alwood enjoyed a phone call from her cousin, Laurabell Divish, of Jackson, Sunday evening. She had brought her daughter, Diane, back to college at Mt. Pleasant for the second semester. Irene Fisher of Lansing also talked with Helen on the phone. They were staying over night in Mt. Pleasant.

Bessie Allen and Elvah Gott went shopping Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen and children of Grand Ledge called on his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, Sunday. They spent Saturday night with Wanda Graham and girls.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Donny and Cathy attended a birthday party last Thursday afternoon at the Don Battle home, honoring the 10th birthday of Scott Battle. Friends and relatives enjoyed cake and ice cream. Scott received many nice gifts.

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NEWS NOTES

Born to Larry and Cheryl Cummins, of Ithaca, Dec. 22, a seven-pound, 14-ounce baby boy, Duane Ward. Eula Cummins is the grandmother, Helen Smith the great-grandmother, and also Alva and Treva Cummins of Florida are great-grandparents. Little Duane has a sister, Dawn Marie, at home.

COUNTY MARCH OF DIMES AUCTION THIS SATURDAY

The Isabella County March of Dimes committee has decided to hold an auction this Saturday evening, Jan. 15, at the Lyle Rhynard Garage in Shepherd, for the kick-off auction, which will begin at 8.30 p. m.

Half of the proceeds will go to the March of Dimes and half to the Isabella County Cancer Fund.

Items of all kinds are needed for this sale: Furniture, appliances, antiques, baked goods, new and used items of all kinds.

Pickup may be obtained by calling the Rhynard garage in Shepherd, or bringing them to the sale.

An auction will be held at the Judge's Bench in Winn Feb. 4. Other auctions are being planned for later dates.

A mothers' march is planned for Monday afternoon, Jan. 24, starting at 4 p. m. A general meeting for all wishing to help in this march is scheduled at the Mary McGuire School Jan. 17 at 7.30 p. m. You do not have to be a mother to march. Fathers also may march, it has been pointed out.

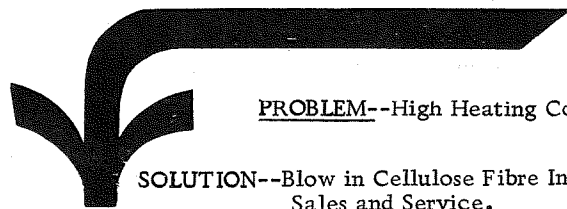
An antique show and sale will take place March 4 and 5 at the Mt. Pleasant Holiday Inn. Other March of Dimes activities will include a snowmobile roundup, a snowmobilathon, and a safari.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Stevens of Sanford were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Ina Gillett. In the afternoon they all went to Six Lakes to visit Mary Ervin, who is home from the hospital.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. John Starr, Mrs. Don Seyfried and Mrs. Clara Fox spent Monday in Grand Rapids, visiting Mrs. Tillie Rau.

Willard Thelen spent a few days at his home at Coldwater Lake, from the Saginaw hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Finnerty of Mt. Pleasant and Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Will Pung Saturday. Dora also called on Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Zeien and family, in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fedewa of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Pung Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Finnerty have returned from Florida. They spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pung.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer at Coldwater Lake. Ed and Marge left Monday for Florida.

Maxine Klumpp came home from CMC Hospital Saturday, after surgery last week.

Douglas Schafer spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schafer. He returned Monday for more treatments at University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Will Pung fell on the back steps of his home Monday and suffered three cracked ribs. He was suffering quite a lot of pain.

Ginger Rau was home from Bay City over the weekend.

Louise Schafer spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Word from Tucson, Arizona, the first of this week was that Mrs. Ida Tilmann had been released from the hospital and was in a rest home. Except for our prevalence of flu in the area, hopes would be that she might be able to make the trip home soon.

Sonny Thelen spent the weekend at his home at Coldwater Lake, returning to the Saginaw hospital Tuesday.

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BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 14 TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular card party at the Beal City Knights of Columbus Hall last Thursday afternoon, there were 14 tables of pepper in play.

Lavina Elias won first prize for the ladies, with Albino Rau second.

William Lawens won first for the men, with Joe Keiffer second. Ed Faber won the pepper prize, with Clara Fox winning the door prize.

The next Senior Citizens card party at Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Jan. 20.

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Alton Allen suffered a fall on the ice Monday morning at the lumber yard, resulting in a broken shoulder. He was taken to a doctor Mt. Pleasant and came home.

TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION EXPLAINS "PAYING TAXES UNDER PROTEST"

By Claire Spence

The Isabella County Taxpayers' Association has had more questions about the correct procedure for paying taxes under protest than on any other issue, including welfare and the county road commission. And tax protest has taken more of the Association's time and money.

Local sources were contacted on this issue. Some of them "weren't sure," some had part of the answers, some of the answers conflicted.

One attempt to clarify this issue came to nothing when Col. Parisi decided that he could not speak to the Association after nearly two months of thinking he could. But finally, here are the answers:

Generally, taxes may be paid under protest even when they are delinquent.

This method may be used even when only a portion of the tax is paid at one time. This is another point which many county residents did not know: Your entire tax need not be paid at one time, it can be paid in portions, thus saving late charges on the entire amount.

For specific action, if you wish to carry your protest to the courts, suit must be filed within 30 days. However, there is no obligation for an individual to continue any action (in court or out) after registering his protest with the county treasurer.

So any taxpayer who objects to all or any part of his tax assessment should pay under protest. This puts his opinion on record, and in some cases could help if a portion of the tax were declared illegal. It stands to reason that few people can afford to start suit for a small tax, but everyone can make his objections known.

Steps for paying under protest are as follows:

1. Make your check payable to the County Treasurer for the full amount. (If you don't have a checking account, it might be best to get a draft or money order at a bank.)

2. Write "Paid in Protest" on a conspicuous spot for the full amount.

3. If possible, take the time to have the check and the letter of protest photostated. The Mt. Pleasant Public Library makes copies for 10 cents.

4. Deliver the check and a signed statement of protest to the County Treasurer.

The Treasurer's office should note on your receipt that these taxes were paid under protest.

The Taxpayers' Association has a sample copy of a "Paid Under Protest" letter which protests and questions the legality of the 1.5 mill over-levy of 1970 taxes. Information may be obtained by



"OUT IN THE BUSH"--In Vietnam. Here's the way American soldiers live on their sometimes extended stays in the jungles. The photo had no caption, but we think it speaks for itself, and for the men still in Vietnam. Photo by Bruce Reed

contacting your Association delegate (in Sherman, Thayne Sides in Nottawa Ernest Schmidt, in Coldwater Lewis Bowen), who can get the information for you. You can also call 772-4158 for the name of your delegate, or for information.

The protest letter does not need to be in formal or legal terms. Just a clear statement of what portion of the tax you are protesting, and why, will be enough --but don't forget to sign the

statement of protest, as well as the check for taxes.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Schafer attended the wedding of their niece, Charlotte Schafer, and Randy Andres, at Beal City Friday evening, and a reception at the K. C. Hall following the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were Saturday evening guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes.

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"WHAT'S A NICE HELICOPTER LIKE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?" would seem to be the question, as Bruce Reed suggests in his letter appearing on this page. Photos here are by Bruce, on color film, which he recently sent home to his mother, Mrs. Minnie Reed.



GIs SCRAMBLE OUT OF A JUST-LANDED HELICOPTER--Some-where in Vietnam.

(Editor's Note: We have received the following informative letter from Sp/5 Bruce Reed, stationed at Da Nang, Vietnam. We're printing excerpts from the letter pertaining to life as a service man in Vietnam, the war, and what the GIs think.)

At last we have made it out of the bush. We spent Thanksgiving there, but we spent Christmas on the ridge line, and we are now pulling security for the 95th Evac. Hospital. We should be going out around the 8th of January. I'd bet it's gonna be sooner.

We have been having good weather, not much rain, and no snow. I guess I don't miss snow very much.

I found out today that I am on a list to go to Korea. Since I

asked to come here, I shouldn't have to go till after July, and then I want to go there. Guess I'll just have to ride it out and see what happens.

I was really glad to hear you liked those pictures. I am kind of proud of them myself. The more people that see them, the more proud I'll be.

After all, the President says there are no troops in the field, they are all in defense positions, and if anyone can see a defense position in one of those pictures I want them to mark it and send the picture back (to me). I hope to get more pictures out of the PX tomorrow, and I hope they came out as well.

Bless you and yours, Bruce

His address:

Sp/5 Bruce A. Reed, 382-48-6757, Co. D, 1/46, 196th Bde., APO SF 96256.

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We know that not everybody agrees with our editorial policy all of the time, but, by gosh, everybody reads it!

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Washington, D.C. 20515

U.S. Sen. Philip A. Hart
Old Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20315

U.S. Sen. Robert P. Griffin
Old Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20315

Legislator

State Rep. Donald E. Holbrook, Jr.
House of Representatives
Lansing, Mich. 48901

State Rep. John M. Engler
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Jessie Rosencranz, Reporter

Mrs. Betty Thompson accompanied Bob and Bill, and Brenda Wager and Tim Workman to a Contemporary Folk Music festival at the United Methodist Church in Hastings, from Saturday morning till Sunday afternoon. There were youths from 18 other churches in attendance, from other West Michigan Conferences. Altogether there were 200 youths and adults present.

Elwood Miller and Bob Kirvan visited Mrs. Ethel McLean at Big Rapids Sunday afternoon.

Walter Davis was a Monday dinner guest at the Joe Martin home. Merlin Bahr of Copemish was a Monday overnight guest. Mrs. Irene Keck of Ashley and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood and Mrs. Flora Wood went to Cadillac last Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Whitman. Mrs. Flora Wood was a Sunday dinner guest at the Vance Wood home.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gross and sons were Sunday dinner guests at the Gerald Losey home.

Garth Lawrence was a Saturday caller of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Scott were recent callers.

A seven-pound, 14-ounce baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins Dec. 22. He has been named Duane Ward. This is a great-grandson for Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and family of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. John Pyle and son, Kevin, were weekend guests at the Gerry Dent home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carr of Lansing were Sunday supper guests at the Earl Oplinger home.

Jim Wright spent the weekend with his parents, the Wilbur Wrights. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cyr and children were Sunday guests. Mrs. Kate Smith was also a Sunday guest.

Mrs. Berl Denslow received word that her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clynton Sloan, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Van Sickle, had got as far as Texas on their way to Arizona, and were all sick with the flu.

The editor made a mistake last week in an item, and we wish to correct it. The item about Opal Denslow's sister, Mrs. Lydia Haney, the former Lydia St. John, should have read that Mrs. Haney lived in Lansing. We're sorry. --Connie.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Trudeau and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bouck of Barryton spent Sunday evening with the Jerry Horstman family.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides enjoyed snowmobiling with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox Friday evening.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

We had supper with the Jim Dutchers Sunday evening. Callers of the Garry Dutchers Saturday and Sunday were Robert and Rex Dutcher of Midland and Dale Dutcher.

Mrs. Aletha Chaffee and Mrs. Anna Boyd and Douglas of Curryville, Pa., were Saturday afternoon visitors of the George Merrihews.

Mary Beutler and baby came home Wednesday from the hospital. Callers were Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston of Rosebush, Sunday afternoon, and Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler Sunday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley visited her folks, Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew, Friday evening.

Mrs. Romna Dutcher and Brian and Connie Foster visited Steve at Grand Rapids Sunday.

Steve's address: Steve Dutcher, Mary Free Bed Hospital, 920 Cherry, SE, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49506.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited Mrs. Fred Mooney of Grand Rapids Thursday. They spent Friday over night in Flint, and visited Ferris Wernette at the hospital there.

Ronna Dutcher and son, Brian, visited Steve at Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Sorry, folks, if I missed you. My phone was out until nearly noon Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler visited Rev. and Mrs. Linton of Midland Friday. Her father, Verland Bradfield, passed away. They called at the funeral home while there.

Barbara Small of Smith Creek and Bud Smith of Boyne City visited Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Boyd and son, Douglas, of Curryville, Pa., came Thursday to visit her folks, the Clarence Chaffees, and Anna.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and children were Thursday supper guests of the Chaffees.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Comstock of rural Blanchard were Monday morning visitors of the George Merrihews.

Busy Bees will meet with Mrs. Ervin Dutcher this Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and family of Midland were Sunday afternoon guests of her folks, the Ervin Dutchers. The Ervin Dutchers spent Friday evening with the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Saturday evening they visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines. They visited the Bob Hoggs Monday evening.

Robert Dutcher and son, Rex, of Midland, and Gary Dutcher and son, David, had lunch with the Clayton Dutchers Saturday.

Richard Dutcher and Douglas and Patty were Sunday dinner

guests of the Clayton Dutchers. We had Sunday supper with the Jim Dutchers.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Lena Cole received word the first of the week that her cousin, Mrs. Ethel Rickles, passed away Friday evening. Our sympathy to the family.

Mrs. Helen Wardwell and Mrs. Hilda Sampson were dinner guests Sunday of their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee.

The Paul Coles and Velma went to South Bend, Ind., Saturday to visit their grandson, Charles Mossell, who returned to Fort Lewis, Wash., Sunday. Charles expected to be shipped out to Germany soon.

Velma Cole stayed with her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ganser, Saturday evening. The Paul Coles spent Saturday night with their granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John

Balint, of South Bend.

Cindy Hart spent the weekend at the home of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bierschbach. Cindy was babysitting for the Bierschbachs while they spent the weekend in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCullum of near Big Rapids visited her sister, Mrs. Charlotte Hart, Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis and Mrs. Lane Chapman and Amy visited Mrs. Hart Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler visited his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Sunday.

The Paul Coles and Velma were Sunday supper guests of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Curtis, of Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and boys attended the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Blake, near Gladwin, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and family visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Worth, near Chippewa Lake, Saturday.

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PAMELA LEATZ

Announcement of the engagement of their daughter, Pamela, to Jack R. Baker has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Leatz of Route 2, Berrien Springs.

Mr. Baker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker of Brinton.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Berrien Springs High School and is a secretary and computer operator for the data processing center of the Berrien County Intermediate School District.

Her fiancee graduated from the Barryton Rural Agricultural High School and Central Michigan University, and is band director and yearbook sponsor for the Berrien Springs public schools.

A March 25 wedding is being planned.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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past year. The "paper" did not say who audited the report....

We are indebted to the Burton Wards for the gift of two dozen purely delightful pullet eggs (not so small, either!) from their family flock descended from the English game bird, the Cornish rock hen.

We're certainly enjoying 'em!

Also we're indebted to Mrs. Kate Martin, who weeks ago brought in an elaborate collection of wall posters she'd made and kept over the years for the annual Two Rivers School reunion.

We've gone over part of the material, Kate, but we need more time to assimilate the entire delightful array of photos and information.

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Men in Uniform

(Continued from Page 1)

He is a good guitarist, and he took part in a USO show at Fort Knox, Ky., while he was in training there.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter Nora Geasler received word of the death of Mrs. Lyle McCann. She was the daughter-in-law of the former Eva Jones. She was buried at Big Rapids Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen attended his uncle's funeral at Clare Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Metzger of Bailey spent Tuesday with Dad and me.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Teeter and family of Clare spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Edna Teeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Moore called on Eunice La Londe Friday evening.

Nora Geasler called on her daughter, Carol Cummings, Monday.

Lewis and Irene Bowen called on Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Haenke Sunday evening. Daryl and Wanda brought their little son, Eric, home Sunday afternoon from the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital, where he has been since Christmas. He was taken there by ambulance, suffering from a respiratory ailment.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott of

Suttons Bay were Saturday overnight guests of Flossie and Don Scott. They were en route home from Battle Creek, where Frank had been to the hospital for a checkup.

Gary and Linda La Londe and boys called on their mother, Eunice La Londe, Sunday evening.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen and family of Grand Ledge spent Saturday over night and Sunday with their aunt and family, Mrs. Wanda Graham, and girls.

Debbie Graham attended a Snowflake Retreat with a group from the Weidman Baptist Church all day Saturday.

NEWS NOTES Mrs. Grace Pitts of Farwell, Mrs. Ruth Pitts of Rosebush and Leon McArthur were Sunday dinner guests of the Bernard Pitts family.

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