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Editor's Column

By Connie

ONE TAXPAYER: NOTHING; TWO THOUSAND--WOW!

A lone payer of real estate taxes is a helpless slob.

He may go to his elected officials and complain, and he's treated to a combination of condescension and gobbledegook and deftly eased out the office door.

But a couple thousand real estate taxpayers, mad as hatters, knowing they are the main source of revenue for our various stages of government, especially township, school and county--knowing this, and banding and standing together: brother, will they be heard!

For only the taxpayers (of all descriptions) pour money into the divers and various offices of government and projects emanating therefrom.

Once the real estate taxpayer gets this through his long-suffering head, and once he unites with other real estate taxpayers, he becomes Boss, the guy with the dough.

(And incidentally, some time let's take a good, hard look at Isabella County's 34.4-mill tax rate. That really counts up in tax dollars, if you have any taxable property at all.)

For the past 40 years, Government has behaved as if the tax money is free, it belongs to nobody, and therefore is to be spent as officials see fit and the lowly taxpayer better keep his mouth shut.

If no other result ever showed up from efforts of the Isabella County Taxpayers' Association, there is one result you can count on: All elected officials of every segment of government will realize that the faceless, automatic payer-inner of real estate tax money can gang up together with other faceless real estate taxpayers and become an Organization.

The power of a taxpayers' organization lies in the inherent ability of its members to withhold real estate taxes for three years at any given point.

The Isabella County Taxpayers' Association has received eager inquiries from other counties on how to go about organizing real
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MR. AND MRS. CLAYTON BEUTLER

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler will observe their 25th wedding anniversary next Sunday afternoon, Jan. 17, from 1 to 5 p. m., with an Open House sponsored by their children at the Masonic Hall in Weidman. Their many friends, and relatives, are cordially invited to attend and congratulate them.

Clayton and Fern have lived 23 years in their pleasant home at the corner of the Coleman and Brinton Roads. For a number of years they operated a general store on the corner.

They have three children, Clifton, Frederick, married to Cathy McArthur and living in Weidman, and Mary, who is a Senior in the Chippewa Hills High School this year.

Clayton has been employed 34 years with the same oil company, the old Pure Oil Company now merged into Union Oil Company of California. Clayton works in the Porter oil field east of Mt. Pleasant.

Fern started work as secretary to the superintendent of the Weidman Community School in 1966, and since the reorganization of schools has been secretary to the principal at the Weidman school of the Chippewa Hills School System.

Both are members of the Weidman Eastern Stars, and Clayton is a long-time member of the Masonic Lodge at Weidman.

JUDGE CAMPBELL SAYS COURT NOT TO "INTERFERE WITH A LEGISLATIVE BODY"

Judge Robert H. Campbell denied a motion Tuesday morning by the Isabella County Taxpayers' Association to restrain the County Board of Commissioners from making a final payment of \$80,000 to the GEM Surveys, Inc.

The suit, filed Jan. 8, asked the court to prohibit the Board from authorizing the final huge payment of county tax monies to the survey firm on its county-wide appraisals of real estate properties.

Judge Campbell said he was not dismissing the Taxpayers' Association's suit, but that it would be left open for any further action which may come up at a later date.

The Judge said that this was not the proper time, based on the complaint filed, for the court to hear the merits of GEM Survey, but that it was the responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners to determine

Men in Uniform



PVT. GERARD STRAUS

Pvt. Gerard Straus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Straus, was home for the Christmas holiday on a 14-day leave. He spent three days of his leave in the hospital at Fort Knox, ill with a cold. He returned to the base Jan. 2.

Gerard has enlisted in the Army on a two-year hitch. He attended the Beal City school.

He is very homesick, and would greatly appreciate letters or cards from folks back home. Here's his address:

Pvt. Gerard Straus, STC, 4th BDE, USARCA, Fort Knox, Ky. 40121.

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the merits of the appraisal results by GEM.

This was not encouraging to real estate taxpayers, inasmuch as Robert Grinzinger, Isabella County Equalization Director, testified that he had followed GEM's work closely and even had worked with them in the field.

The suit was filed last Friday, asking for a restraining order to prohibit the Board of County Commissioners from making their final payment of \$80,000 to the GEM Survey outfit. The suit was filed by the Isabella County Taxpayers' Association.

Named as defendants were the Isabella County Board of Commissioners, the Isabella County Equalization Department (Robert Grinzinger), and the GEM Surveys.
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JUDGE REFUSES INJUNCTION ON GEM PAYMENT

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The Taxpayers' Association also asked that a preliminary injunction be issued by the court restraining the defendants, the Board of Commissioners, from accepting the appraisals as proposed, and from making the final payment to the GEM company; and the defendant Equalization Department from recommending such acceptance and payment, pending completion of an investigation into the GEM Surveys findings, and corrections made.

The Taxpayers' Association also asked the court to make an investigation into allegations of discrepancies in taxable appraisals, and that corrections be ordered to be made where they exist. The Taxpayers' Association also asked that GEM Surveys give an accounting of monies received.

A representative of the Taxpayers' Association said, "We have found what appear to be so many inequities that we feel if they exist, that GEM Surveys should complete its job before it gets paid."

The Taxpayers' Association's representatives contended that, if GEM Surveys were paid for its work, then people who feel they have inequities in their appraisals would have no way of getting satisfaction except what could be received from their local township Boards of Review, meeting in March.

A spokesman for the Taxpayers' Association said GEM Surveys was hired to do a job, and since the job was not done right, they shouldn't be paid until all possible inequities are investigated.

The suit stated that the Taxpayers' Association had become aware and discovered many gross errors, omissions, discrepancies and variances in the values placed on properties purportedly appraised, including many instances where land value was established without any physical or visual contact by persons establishing the value; many instances where no soil tests, land inspection or other pertinent data was utilized; and many instances where variances of 300 to 400 percent exist as to values placed on similar adjoining properties; many instances where building interiors were not examined although no bar to access existed; many instances of grave errors in judgment and omission of highly pertinent data; and many instances of grave inequities, both individually and collectively.

The suit contended that the errors, omissions, discrepancies and so on, constituted a breach of contract, and that the county board and the county equalization department should have initiated the action of non-payment until an investigation was held.

The suit also stated: "Until

such time as a complete accounting is had and an investigation of all methods utilized and all data collected and analyzed is made, the taxpayers are without recourse as to ascertaining the receipt of sufficient and adequate consideration for monies had and received by GEM Surveys."

At its afternoon meeting, the Board of County Commissioners flatly refused to look at the 400-odd cases of error, inequity and other discrepancies compounded by GEM Surveys. Representatives of the Isabella County Taxpayers' Association attempted to put their proofs before the Board, which refused to give the Taxpayers any of their time.

A committee of the County Board recommended payment of \$80,000 of county tax money to GEM Surveys.

The decision to pay was scheduled by the Board for Wednesday.

A meeting of the Isabella County Taxpayers' Association, county-wide, was scheduled for Wednesday evening at the West Side Elementary School in Mt. Pleasant, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Roger Galer was the only member of the Board to suggest caution and consideration, and as usual was swiftly put down by the Board as a whole.

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S. W. Sherman
Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mrs. Opal Hardenburgh and son, Bill, and Linda attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Dell at Middleville Sunday. Opal, Butch and Linda went to Flint Saturday night to visit Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ransom and sons. Tommy had just come home from the hospital. He had bronchial pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and sons of Saginaw had Christmas with the Ervin Dutchers, also Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and girls of Pontiac spent the weekend with them. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., went back to work Monday, after being home sick since the 12th of December.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald met Florence in St. Johns and they visited the Ferris Wernettes of Davison Sunday, and in the evening they all went to Flint to a hockey game.

Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor of Blanchard visited the Carl Fitzgeralds Friday.

Ernie Dell of Middleville visited his father, Emory, and the Harry Hardenburghs, Monday.

Orrie Merrihew hasn't been feeling too good the past week, but he saw his doctor Monday and thinks he'll be okay soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Billsby of Shepherd visited the Bill Mae-

ders Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee were evening callers of the Dale Gatehouses. Mr. and Mrs. Lew Fiorillo were afternoon callers.

Edna Merrihew had word from Mrs. Hibberd, through her daughter, Hope, who had visited Mrs. Hibberd and Ruth while they were in Las Vegas. Mrs. Hibberd is walking without her cane now.

Russell Merrihew spent four days at Christmas time with his father, Orrie, and Orval had Christmas with them. Orval had Sunday dinner with his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Young and children called on the Ervin Dutchers Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case visited the Richard Dutchers Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Merrihew and family of Taylor called on the George Merrihews Saturday, and were Sunday dinner guests.

They were up for snowmobiling. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher

and Rex and Dawn of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Joyce and Bobby, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher were Saturday and Sunday callers of the Clayton Dutchers. They were up snowmobiling.

Little Shelly Dutcher came home from the hospital last Thursday, after spending nearly two weeks there. She is the daughter of the Jim Dutchers.

The Duane Thren family visited his mother, Marie Thren, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Louann Maeder visited her folks Sunday.

The Ervin Dutchers, Jr., called on the Roy Siscos recently at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children visited the Forrest Johnston family of Rosebush Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler of Rosebush visited the Howard Beutlers Friday evening.

The Busy Bees will meet with Marion Beutler this Thursday.



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Obituary

STEVE L. J. LAVERTY

The Farwell and Gilmore areas were saddened last week by the death of Pfc. Steven L.J. Laverty, who was killed in action in Vietnam Dec. 31. He was 19. C. Hiram Gates of Bailey officiated at services Monday at 11 a. m. at the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell. Burial was in the Gilmore Cemetery.

Obituary

EDWARD LA VERN VOISIN

Edward La Vern Voisin died Jan. 5 in a Mt. Clemens hospital from complications after surgery. He was 50 years old.

The area was saddened to hear of his passing, as the Voisin family was raised on a farm near Weidman in Nottawa Township, and all the Voisins have many friends.

He was born July 28, 1920, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Voisin. He was a devoted brother, husband and father.

He was employed by the Freuhauf Industries of Detroit, and had lived the past 15 years in Mt. Clemens. He had been an employee of the company for 29 years.

Left to mourn their loss are his wife, Margaret (Peggy); two daughters, Alice M. and Mary Ann; two sons, La Vern and Edward L. Voisin; a brother, Patrick Voisin; two sisters, Mrs. Steven Straus (Joyce) and Mrs. Bernard Riley (Leona); and a granddaughter, Dawn Marie Voisin.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. in St. Thecla Catholic Church in Clinton Township, the Rev. Fr. Mario DiGuilio officiating. Burial was in St. Peter Catholic Cemetery in Mt. Clemens.

Family members from here visited him in the hospital, and later attended the funeral.

The community extends its sincere sympathy.

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Obituary

JOSEPH H. GRUSS

Joseph H. Gruss died Monday, Jan. 11, in CMC Hospital. He

was 79.

He was born April 6, 1891, in Nottawa Township, and was a life-long resident of this area.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 a. m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City, with Rev. Father S.A. Bur officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Nora; five sons, Clarence of Grand Rapids, and Bud, Rolland, Pete and Richard, all of this area; a daughter, Mrs. Joan Schumacher, of Beal City; two sisters, Mrs. Marie Shaw of Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Margaret Brubaker of Gladwin; and 27 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The family has the sympathy of all.

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Local Items

ABBOTTS ATTEND HOME SHOW IN CHICAGO

Don and Mitchell Abbott spent three days at the annual Furniture Market in Chicago last week.

They saw all the latest trends and designs in furniture, and put in their orders for future shipments.

Both are of Abbott's Furniture Store in Weidman.

THANK YOU!

MESSENGER SUBSCRIBERS!

For your wonderful response to our ads for Christmas subscriptions.

This year we had more gift subscriptions than ever before, and we always have a good number. Also our thanks to all those who have responded so promptly to that little blue-pencil reminder on your expiration date. We think you're wonderful.

The Messenger is the only paper that gives you personal as well as general news and views of the west half of Isabella County. We're proud of that. And we're proud of our growing list of loyal subscribers, and especially of our faithful news writers who make the content of this paper attractive to area folks.

Weidman Messenger

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter
Edward, Debbie, Susan and Mary Schrock of Farwell spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock. Philip Schrock spent Saturday night with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Schrock and grandchildren visited his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, of Riverdale, Sunday. They enjoyed lunch at the Pixie Drive In at Mt. Pleasant. Mary called on a friend at CMC Hospital while there.

Michael Sheldon of Detroit visited his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Wright of Detroit, who were spending the weekend with the Russell Wrights of Brinton, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bowman of Big Rapids were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Schrock and Philip.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stebelton and daughter, Renee, of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Leiter were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Loomis and family. Mr. and Mrs. Max Kimball of Mt. Pleasant were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky have tried their luck at spearing

big fish on Big Evans Lake, with no luck as yet. They have their fishing shanty on Big Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Skalitzky visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Showers Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis and Mrs. Kate Darnell were also visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Crooked Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck during the week. Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck spent the weekend at Grand Haven and Spring Lake, visiting their daughters and husbands and families, the Wm. Louisells, Jr., and the Dick Louisells. While they were there, a brother-in-law, Clarence Porter, was trying to get word to them that Mr. Dillenbeck's sister, Ruth (Dillenbeck) Porter, had suffered a light stroke, which affected her right side and her vocal cords. The Porters live in Lima, O. Many around here remember Ruth when we all went to grade school in Weidman.

Mrs. Donald Zill has been quite ill with flu and pneumonia. She was feeling better the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Fifield and daughter, Cathy, called on Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Emmons celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary Jan. 9. Happy Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Emmons. Eddie John also had an anniversary, being four years old. Happy Birthday, Eddie John!

Mrs. Alma Dosenberry has been attending sewing instructions on lingerie at St. Louis the past week. The Weidman and Barryton sewing classes will be set up according to registration.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gray and son, Christopher, of Mt. Pleasant, visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Gray visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler of Brinton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Block were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Friday evening guests. Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson of Roger Heights, Big Rapids, were dinner guests Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald De Vries and Ronald and Richard and new baby and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons were Sunday guests of their parents, the Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were Sunday evening callers at the Denslow home.

Mrs. Esther Stanley attended the Weidman TOPS Club with Mrs. Ollie Denslow and enjoyed a spaghetti lunch at Mrs.

Denslow's home after the meeting.

Visitors during the week at the Stanley home were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stanley of Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley of Weidman. Callers were Arthur Schrock and grandchildren, Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip, and Leo Denslow.

Sunday afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family and Miss Janice Pung of Beal City, Donald Stanley, and Ronald, Michael, Marty and Cheryl, of Weidman. They enjoyed snowmobiling over our fields.

Mrs. Donald Stanley and Cheryl and Sheila of Weidman visited a while Sunday evening.

Gilbert Schrock plowed out our driveway last week, which we appreciated very much. By the looks of the snow storm Monday morning, it looks like we'll need it again!

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fosberg and boys enjoyed a trip to Traverse City Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler accompanied them on the drive.

Violet Wright assisted Joyce Geasler with some papering at their house in Clare Monday and Tuesday.

Grace Seymour called on Frances Beck Sunday evening.

Nora and Ellen Geasler and Frances Beck were in Mt. Pleas-

ant and Clare Saturday. Violet Wright was a Friday shopper in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Teeter of Clare called on their mother, Edna Teeter, and the Homer Teeters Sunday.

Weekend guests at the Russell Wright home were Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Merrihew of Taylor and Veryl and Shirley Wright of Flat Rock. Veryl called on Ron Husted and took the young folks for a ride on the snowmobile. Shirley Wright and Sharon Schrock were shopping in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

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Card of Thanks

I wish to express my thanks, and my delight, on receiving so many greetings from my friends and relatives in the Weidman area on the occasion of my 90th birthday.

My birthday was a happy one, made more so by your remembrance.

Mrs. Hattie Emerich
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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer stayed with the Jerry Schafer children while they were on a trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fussman entertained their club Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. R. Flaughner made a weekend trip to Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schafer and family of Detroit attended the wedding of Rick and Pam Klumpp Friday evening.

Mrs. Tillie Schafer and Mrs. Ruth Klumpp visited Peter Schafer at the Medical Care Facility last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Winn spent Thursday evening with Tillie Schafer. Mrs. Rose Grinzinger was a Saturday visitor. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer of Mt. Pleasant were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baird of Battle Creek are the new tenants in the Schafer apartment. The new tenants of the Ray Sebenick house will be the new Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pasch.

Callers of Louise Smith last week were Mrs. Walter Rau on Monday, Mrs. Paul Smith and daughter, Julia Ann, spent Tuesday afternoon with her grandmother. They are from Big Rapids. Louise Schafer spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Smith.

Douglas Klumpp was home on furlough from camp in Washington. He was here for the wedding of his brother, Rick, Friday.

Ginny Rau of Bay City spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and family.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

How's everyone this week? Fine, we hope.

Eileen Harkins was in the hospital with pneumonia, but is at home, feeling better.

Dorothy Schaefer is back in the hospital for more blood transfusions. She called me from the hospital the other night and we had a nice visit.

Jerry and Jane Schafer were out for supper Wednesday evening. After supper Jerry and Bethal Schafer dropped in and the six of us had a few games of cards.

Mark Schafer spent the night with the boys.

Thursday evening Ed and I called on Fred and Helen Graham. Walt and Dellie Wischmeyer were also guests.

Friday evening we attended the Richard Klumpp-Pamela Schafer wedding in Beal City. I, being Rick's godmother, was given

the honor of cutting the wedding cake. My sisters, Sophia Stowell and Alice Faber, helped me.

That's it for this week.

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BEAL CITY CARD PARTY HAS 15 1/2 TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular Senior Citizens' card party at Beal City last Thursday, there were 15 1/2 tables of pepper in play.

Ida Tilmann won first prize for the women, with E. Anstey winning second.

Ragolt Hauck won first for the men, with Jute Schumacher winning second.

Ida Tilmann won the door prize while Father Bur won the pepper prize.

The next card party at Beal City will be Thursday, afternoon, Jan. 21, at the K. C. Hall.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Leona Courser entertained the Coomer Ladies' Aid Wednesday.

Miss Florence May Findley was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Saunders. Mrs. Saunders took her back to her home in East Lansing Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Saunders and family were Saturday guests.

Mrs. Doyle Plank and Pennie of Wheeler were Saturday callers of Blanche Carr. Eva Denslow was a Friday dinner guest.

Walter Reed was admitted to CMC Hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Lawrence Toarmina of Detroit and Mrs. Edna Grant of Carsonville visited the home of their uncle, Jay Leinaar, and their mother, Mrs. Nettie Crowley, who is in the Edmore Hospital.

Mrs. Lydia Martin and Mrs. Lucille Dibble visited Mrs. Ray Flaughner Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bunting of Winn Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bingham spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook, and visited her brother, Roderick Nicholson, in CMC Hospital, where he was admitted Thursday, and her sister, Mrs. Maycie Cook, at the Billings Home in Millbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett are the grandparents of a new baby boy, Jeffrey Scott, born to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Leiter Dec. 29. He is also the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Leiter.

The Charles Garretts took Elmer Garrett back to the V. A. Hospital in Saginaw for eye surgery.

Mrs. Helen Hartman called on Mrs. E. R. Rhode Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook.

Joe Martin was a Wednesday dinner guest of Mrs. Herman

Martin and Ray. Mr. and Mrs. John Schupbach and family of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Meade and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear, of Rhode Island, over New Year's.

The young people of the Lutheran Church had a sledding party Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Flossie Sellers spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Robert Hines. Sunday dinner guests at the Hines home were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg and family and the Ivan Hines family.

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Local Items

Mrs. Clyde Beutler visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fordyce Sunday. She was a supper guest.

Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch took Mrs. Ethel Bywater and Mrs. Ina Gillett to the doctor in Remus Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee of Mt. Pleasant were Monday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Flower. The Lees left Tuesday morning for three weeks in Arizona.

Earnest Gross returned home from CMC Hospital last Thurs-

day, after a five-days' stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family spent Sunday with his brother, Elwyn Pitts, and family, in Big Rapids.

Ye Ed received a phone call Monday noon from Mary Emerich of Chicago, with personal greetings and also a card of thanks for her mother, Mrs. Hattie Emerich, who recently observed her 90th birthday. Mrs. Emerich is a sister of the late William Bleise. Our personal congratulations on your anniversary, Mrs. Emerich! Mary said she and her mother both enjoy the Messenger each week.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Kirvan and son, Gary, of Oscoda, were Sunday visitors of his mother, Mrs. Emily Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan were visitors through the week. Last Tuesday and Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and baby visited his grandmother, being blocked in by filled roads.

Kevin Horstman, nine-year-old son of the Jerry Horstmans, fell while playing and cut his arm, necessitating 14 stitches to close the cut. Kevin told the Messenger reporter, "I didn't cry!"

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ENGAGED--Mr. and Mrs. Milo Schwarch of Elma, Iowa, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Christine, to Greg Pitts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts of Big Rapids. Christine will graduate from the University of Northern Iowa this month and will be certified to teach high school and junior high math. Greg is a 1965 graduate of the Farwell High School and the Trade and Industry Department at Ferris State College. He is now in business with his father. The couple are planning a July wedding.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Our sympathy to the family of Steve Lavery.

Irene Jones and son, Martin, called on the Paul Coles Tuesday evening. Paul attended a Taxpayers' Association meeting Tuesday evening at Mt. Pleasant. There was also a meeting at the Brinton Hall on Monday evening.

The Paul Coles called on Mrs. Audrey Henry and the Pratts Wednesday morning, in Gilmore.

We are sorry to hear Richard Mahon is suffering from several ulcers.

Dan Kripa has a very bad cold. Miss Delores Purdy spent several days with her sisters, Mrs. Irene Jones and Mrs. Stella King. Yours Truly enjoyed a visit to the Ave Maria Grotto in Alabama recently. It was very beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKenzie are the proud parents of a baby boy born Tuesday evening at

the Clare Hospital. Mrs. Minnie McKenzie and Mrs. Vivian Wilson are the proud grandparents. Mrs. Charlotte Hart is proud great-grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Melissa and Barbara Kripa visited the Paul Coles Thursday evening.

Mrs. Mattie Maguire received word Sunday morning that her brother, William Agle, passed away at a rest home in Mt. Morris. Bill, as he was known to his Gilmore friends, was a Gilmore resident for many years. Our sympathy to his family.

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

William Wixson is very ill at CMC Hospital.

Mrs. Jack Allbee and mother, Mrs. Helen Wardwell, spent Friday with their sister and aunt and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee, at Lake Thirteen.

Mrs. Martin Boger has been ill with flu.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Neighbors of Roy and Ella Adams heard from them over the holidays, from their Sunny South home at Bradenton, Florida. They both are fine and in good health so far. Ella wrote that their neighbors are all so nice, they all look out for each other, especially around the holidays, so no one has to be alone.

Tom Abbott had his tonsils out last Friday morning at CMC Hospital, and came home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott called on her sister, Mrs. Fran Chapman, at the Clare Hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen of Farwell called on Mr. and Mrs. John Gott Wednesday evening. Bessie Allen called on Helen Alwood and Wanda Graham. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott visited his parents Saturday evening and took them for a ride.

Rusty Alwood was a Friday supper guest at the home of his uncle and aunt, the Walt Smiths. The occasion was Rusty's 25th birthday. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hart of Alma.

Sunday visitors at the Don Alwood home were Mrs. Hermione Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alwood and two children of rural Rosebush. Bill was home for the weekend, from his work on the railroad.

Mrs. Jeanette Hard and children of Freeland called on Mrs.

Laura Latham and spent the day, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham of Mt. Pleasant visited Laura Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tice and daughter of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olinger Sunday. Their grandson, Ted Letson, of Mt. Pleasant, called Monday.

Bill and Joy Alwood both celebrated their 21st birthdays recently. They spent the day in Saginaw with Joy's sister and family, the Bob Fitzgeralds.

Danny Parker spent two days with Donny Alwood recently, while his parents, the Roy Parkers, visited relatives up north.

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Local Items

Mrs. Bernard Pitts was one of the helpers on the dinner at the Gilmore Church for the family of Steven Lavery, the young man who was killed in Vietnam and whose funeral was held Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and family of Flint spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Geitman attended the wedding of David Robbins, their nephew, in Saginaw, on New Year's Day. This Saturday evening they entertained her son, C.A. Sanders, and family of Bay City.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. John Carr of Lansing spent Friday evening with the Earl Oplinger family. Mrs. Doris Tiani and her sister-in-law were Saturday overnight guests, returning home Sunday. Mike Merrihew was a Saturday overnight guest of Eddie Oplinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and family of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. John Pyle of Flint were weekend guests of the Gerald Dents. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Saturday callers. The Dent family and their guests called on the Bob Kirvans Saturday evening. They spent Sunday afternoon at the Lynn Johnson home, celebrating Sherri's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight were Saturday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and baby were Thursday overnight guests. Mr. and Mrs. Dent called on her mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow called on Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller Saturday afternoon, and called on Mrs. Eva Denslow Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ehler of Shepherd were Sunday dinner guests of the Dean Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin went to Ashley Sunday and brought her father home with them.

Mrs. Alma Byron and Mrs. Lena Martin and Brenda were Friday supper guests at the Martin home. Mrs. Cora Shippee and Jane were Saturday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Swan and Kevin called on her mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Denslow was a Friday dinner guest of Mrs. Blanche Carr.

Friday evening callers at the Elwood Miller home were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coon of Lake, Mrs. Edmund Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and son and Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Wright.

Tuesday supper guests of Mrs. Flora Wood were Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wood and Ricky, Tim and Jeff, Jeanne Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Taylor.

During Ricky's 10-day leave, he and the Rick Wood family spent New Year's weekend with the John Lynns at Wheelerburg, Ohio.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Wood were Rick's family and Vance Wood, who brought Mrs. Wood's dinner. (She has been sick with a cold.) Afternoon callers were the Vance Woods, Dean and Gale, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright were Saturday supper guests of their daughter and family, the Max Aldriches. Sunday dinner guests of the Wrights were the Aldriches, Mrs. Katie Smith, and their son, Jim, of Pontiac,

who was celebrating his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and family spent Saturday at Horsehead Lake, with his parents. On Sunday they took their children roller skating at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Opal Denslow called on her sister, Mrs. Lydia Haney, Sunday, at the General Hospital in Lansing. She suffered a broken pelvis, and will be laid up for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were business callers in Lansing Friday, and also called on her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were Thursday afternoon callers at the Charlie Losey home. Sunday dinner guests were the Gerald Losey family and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman. Mrs. Hatie Losey, Mrs. Marilyn Losey, Mrs. Susie Chapman and I went to Mt. Pleasant Friday and I stayed with my aunt, Mrs. Liza Losey, and cousin, Mrs. Bessie Price, while they shopped.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and friends called at the Charlie Losey home Sunday afternoon. They were snowmobiling.

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Men in Uniform

We have some news that came in late Tuesday afternoon and our Men in Uniform column was made up.

Here's a new address:

Pvt. Danny Wilmot, 386-54-2387, C-11-4, USAARMC & Fort Knox, 5th Platoon, Fort Knox, Ky. 40121.

Danny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilmot of Weidman. He was inducted Dec. 1, and was home for the holidays.

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EAST

Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. James Latham called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger Sunday. Mrs. Wm. Hard and Nancy and two boys of Free-land and Mrs. Laura Latham were Saturday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lofgren and children of Stockbridge were weekend guests of their sister, Dawn Flaughter, and family recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger. Mr. and Mrs. Danny Connors of Stanwood were also callers.

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Danny Connors, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Olger and the two Letson boys went to the Gilbert Schrock place for snowmobiling.

Ruth Turnbull and boys of Lansing spent the weekend at their new home on Lake of the Hills. They called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger.

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WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
(One mile west of Weidman.)
Pastor: Marvin Eldridge.
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m.
Choir practice, 6.45 p. m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.
Ladies' Missionary meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 20, 7.30 p. m., at the Charles Holliday home.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Editor:

Isn't it a shame our Commissioners think there are so many scissorbills out here in regard to the GEM outfit!

Enclosed check for another year for the best paper in the county.
Harold D. Bartholomew
Blanchard

Give 'em hell, Connie. We are all with you.
Please send us the paper here until April, then we can change it to home.
We are both well and the weather is nice. Send me the bill.
Merry Christmas, keep the good work up.
Mack and Margie Denslow
Ruskin, Florida

Hi, Connie:

Our paper came yesterday. Thanks a lot for the quick service.

Daisy gave me hers each week, so we kept up-to-date on the news.

Only 83 degrees here yesterday. Jan. 3.

Thanks again, Mack Denslow
Ruskin, Florida

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BOWLING

CONTINENTAL LEAGUE

Jan. 6

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Schlitz Beer	7	2
Beal City Tavern	6	3
Weidman Bank	6	3
Lowery Northern	5	4
Pabst Blue Ribbon	5	4
Household Appl.	5	4
Wentworth IGA	4	5
Central Concrete	4	5
Beal City Service	3	6
Marchiando & Rau	3	6
Smalley Builders	3	6
Giant Super Mkt.	3	6

High Team Series: Wentworth IGA 3073. High Team Game: Wentworth IGA 1089.

High Indv. Series: Dale Lawens 571, Jerry Milatz 531, Roger Hughes 526.

High Indv. Game: Roger Hughes 220, Dale Lawens 208, Jerry Milatz 207.

GUYS & DOLLS

Jan. 8

Nolte-Kolarik	4	0
Ecker-Eldred	4	0
Bierschbach-Zill	4	0
Blehm-Hyde	4	0
Thon-Blake	2	2
Moore-Long	2	2
Bleise-Straus	0	4
McArthur-Anderson	0	4
McConnell-Meyers	0	4
Moore-Moravy	0	4
Stewart-Bleise	0	4

High Team Series: Nolte & Kolarik 2566. High Team Game: Nolte & Kolarik.

High Indv. Series, men: Buck Nolte 611, Perce Blake 602, Bob Anderson 548.

High Indv. Series, women: Dortha Ivicic 522, Barb Moore 511, Jane Eldred 492.

High Indv. Game, men: Bob Bleise 245, Perce Blake 245, Buck Nolte 242, Don Pung 234.

High Indv. Game, women: Jan Moore 216, Barb Moore 192, Dortha Ivicic 191.

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Men in Uniform

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RICHARD S. WOOD

Richard S. Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood of West Remus Road, returned to his Navy duties at New London, Conn., after spending 10 days with the home folks.

Richard has trained at Great Lakes, Ill., Dam Neck, Va., and New London, Conn.

He has been assigned to the USS Nautilus, whose home port is New London, Conn.

He signed up for six years, and says he enjoys his life as a sailor.

He would like to hear from his friends. His address:

Richard S. Wood, ETNS, USS Nautilus, SSN571, FPO New York, N.Y. 09501.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Editor's Column

By Connie

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estate taxpayers and thereby tell all public officials the taxpayer has had it.

Don't think all public officials in the state of Michigan haven't heard of the Isabella County taxpayers' organization and power of revolt.

State Sen. John Toepp's very friendly attendance at a meeting with representatives of the Isabella Taxpayers' Association is indication that Lansing is already listening.

This was a difficult issue, as we waited all Tuesday afternoon for word on the Taxpayers' suit.

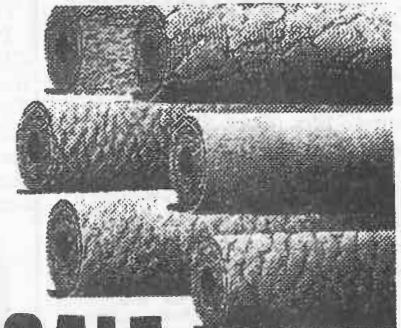
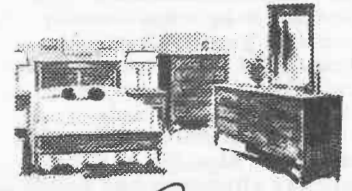
Local Items

Esther (Beutler) Bowers of California surprised her brothers and sister when she flew into the Grand Rapids Airport before Christmas, went on to Holland to visit her brother, Fay Beutler, and family, and then all the family gathered at Christmas time for their first get-together in 22 years. Esther had been laid off from her work last May, and had intended staying here for the wedding anniversary of her brother, Clayton Beutler, and wife, Fern, but she was unexpectedly called back to work and left here Jan. 5. She has many friends in this area.

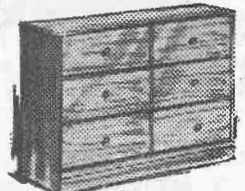
Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and family were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Funke, of Farwell.

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