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Editor's Column

By Connie

THIS 'N THAT

The Michigan (state) payroll creases about 25 million dollars a year... The state employs 2,000 more people each year, and even if these people only count paper clips or investigate the love life of the cinch bug or any other such noble efforts, they still must be paid.--John Leposky in the Farwell News.

From the Howard Johnsons at Fremont, Ohio, some clippings from their local paper, the Fremont News-Messenger. We present short excerpts.

(From that paper's 'Voice of the People'):

"Our local election will soon be here, we are asked to vote for millions of dollars for schools and salaries, playgrounds, plus \$75,000 to remodel a stadium.

"I think it's about time we had some officials who know a little about business. The city just had to buy the State Street school for \$75,000, which was already condemned; almost \$10,000 repairs, then \$34,000 to tear it down, a rather expensive lot for us taxpayers.

"Raises every year for school employees. I haven't seen a teacher or any school official worth \$50 a day for several hours, for 180 days of the year.

"And all these fancy school buildings: more halls and playrooms... Fancy buildings don't make better scholars."

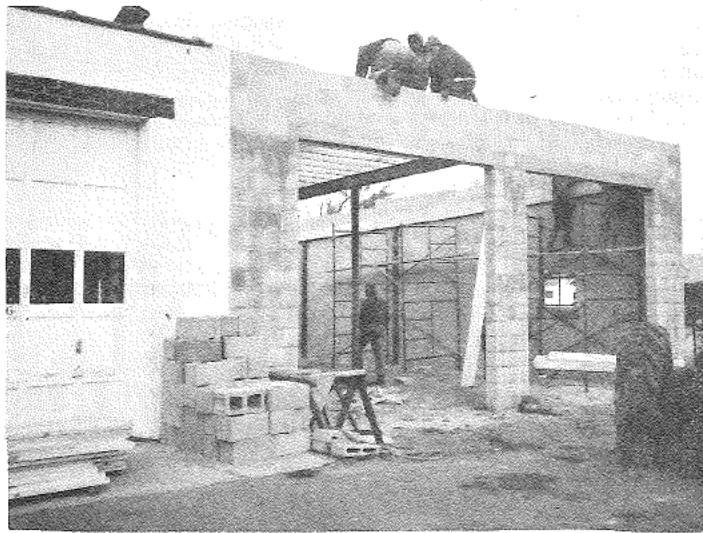
"We have too many people telling us what to do with our little money. I say let's cut out two-thirds of the officials we are supporting and maybe we could buy a little extra food once in a while or buy a dress or suit once in a while, or a pair of shoes.

"(Signed) A taxpayer, but not for long."

(Editor's Note: That's down in Ohio. Irresponsible spending by officials of every stripe is not confined to Michigan, though we do have our share of it.)

Last week we discovered some "Local Items" at the end of a sheet of Real Estate Transfers, which we'd overlooked a week or two. And don't tell us we're

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UP SHE GOES---The new addition to the Fire Hall in Weidman is rapidly taking shape, as Volunteer Firemen from both Weidman and Beal City have been working Saturdays and Sunday to get the Fire Hall ready for the new fire truck, now scheduled for delivery in February. There's a cement floor to run, the remainder of the roof to be put on and the whole roof hot-tar-treated, and the cement blocks must be capped before the weather turns too cold. After that the Firemen can work inside, on insulating the building and installing a gas heating unit. All the Firemen's work has been donated for the sake of housing the new fire truck when it comes.

Messenger photo

The Firemen are planning to run cement floor on the new addition on Saturday, Nov. 13, beginning at 9 a. m. Volunteers other than Firemen are solicited to help get the job done. The Firemen plan to mix their own cement, and this involves all the work of moving dirt, gravel and the cement. All able-bodied men in the Weidman-Beal City area are urged to show up and help. That's this coming Saturday, Nov. 13.

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TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION MEETS NEXT THURSDAY

The Isabella County Taxpayers Association will meet next Thursday evening, Nov. 18, at 8 p. m. at the West Intermediate School in Mt. Pleasant. The school is located on South Bradley Street, a block north of M-20.

Col. Joseph Parisi, executive director of the Michigan Townships Association, had been scheduled as speaker, to inform taxpayers on how to withhold taxes safely, and the process of placing tax monies in escrow.

However, a letter received by Lewis Bowen the first of this week advised that Col. Parisi's fee for

speaking would be \$50 plus 10¢ mileage charge both ways from Lansing to Mt. Pleasant.

Col Parisi was written off as the speaker for the meeting.

Next Thursday night's meeting promises to be a hot one, with Della Walker presenting an opinion of the State Attorney General on the Board of County Commissioners' laying a tax last year to raise bonds for a new county court house without going to the people; and a letter from the Attorney General on the subject, written to Rep. John Engler, and Johnny's holding the letter for a matter of some six months before sending it on to the Taxpayers; and other interesting matters, most of them encouraging to the harried holder of real estate in Isabella County.

You don't have to be a member to attend these monthly meetings. Just go.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Leo Gatehouse was a Monday caller of Mrs. Ina Gillett.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Frantz of Mt. Morris spent Sunday and over night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frantz.

Men in Uniform

Bruce Reed's birthday is Nov. 22. Friends wishing to send him cards should get 'em out this week.

Bruce is in a real tough area in Vietnam, a medic, in the field most of the time, in the jungles. His address:

Sp/5 Bruce A. Reed, [redacted]
Co. D, 1st Bn., 46th Inf.,
196th Bde., APO San Francisco
96256.

Here's a new address:

Sp/4 Richard R. Smith, [redacted]
B Btry., 4-77, ARA
(101st Airborne Div.) APO San
Francisco 96383.

Mrs. Harry Dosenberry and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and Jamie took the former's son, Paul, to Tri-Cities Airport Friday, where he took a jet plane to Washington and then on to Vietnam. God grant a safe return. This is the third son the Dosenberrys have had in Vietnam, the other two returning safely after their military hitches were done.

JIM SCHAFER RECOVERING FROM ACCIDENT INJURIES

Jim Schafer was reported coming along well in his recovery from serious injuries suffered in an auto accident last Saturday night, Oct. 30 when a car driven by Jim Abbott slammed into a Surrey Township fire truck near Stevenson lake.

Jim Schafer's mother said that every bone in his face was broken, and he was in surgery eight hours last Tuesday. He also suffered a broken right arm. He expected to be hospitalized six to eight weeks, but was released early. He wears wires in his jaw and face to facilitate proper healing.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schafer who live in the Woodin house on Rolland Road, southwest of Weidman.

According to the Farwell News, which we checked out with the Mt. Pleasant State Police, Jim Abbott's car, a Chevy II, was completely demolished on impact with the fire truck, which was fighting a house fire and was parked in the house yard. According to the Farwell News, and corroborated by State Police, Jim Abbott was driving at a high

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Monroe Beckwith was a Monday caller at the Charlie Losey home. Mrs. Charlene Merrihew and daughter, Brenda, and her sister were Wednesday callers.

Mrs. Ethel McLean spent the weekend with her son, Elwood Miller, and Mrs. Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Dick Touchinski attended the funeral of Gary Owens at Barryton Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Monroe were Sunday evening guests at the Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Denslow and daughter, Angela Katherine, were Sunday dinner guests of his grandmother, Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow and Mrs. Eva Denslow called on Mrs. Ethel McLean Friday at the Floyd Miller home. Mrs. Oliver Strong was a Thursday afternoon caller of Mrs. Margaret Denslow.

Mrs. Denslow and her sister, Mrs. Celia Backus, and Linda enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mrs. Backus' son and family, the Leland Woods, of Evert.

Mrs. Flora Wood reports that Mrs. Jesse Weeks is in the hospital in Detroit, where she has undergone surgery.

Mrs. Charlene Merrihew and daughter, Brenda, and Mrs. Merrihew's sister called on me Wednesday morning. Mrs. Connie Skinner and I enjoyed a partnership dinner at my place Saturday. Connie brought part of the dinner, ready to eat, and I furnished the rest. Connie came out after more maple leaves, besides her visit with me.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and Jeff attended the Randy Harndenburgh wedding reception at Shepherd Friday evening.

Leo Bahr and Merlin Bahr and family of Copemish were Saturday guests of the Martin family.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Scott were Wednesday afternoon callers of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mrs. Joanne Cochran was a Sunday guest at the Gerald Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and children of Lansing spent the weekend with her folks, the Gerald Dents. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children were Saturday supper guests. Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis were Saturday dinner guests. Elwood Miller was a Wednesday supper guest. Gerald and Mabel called on the Lynn Johnsons Saturday.

Mrs. Flora Wood, Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Blanche Carr called on Mrs. Isabel Sisco last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow were Sunday dinner guests at the Jay Darnell home in Mt. Pleasant. All of Jay's brothers and sisters were present, and all

spent an enjoyable day. Mrs. Halla Lovell and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lovell were Sunday afternoon callers at the Mack Denslow home.

Callers during the week at the Paul Miller home were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Duard Miller and Steve, Linda and Kelly Aldrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger were Monday afternoon callers of Mrs. Flora Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright were Tuesday callers. Thursday supper guests were Mrs. Janet Potter and Karen and Mrs. Irene Bergquist and Kristen. Mrs. Florence Hoffman was a Thursday caller. Saturday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Woolley of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dodge. Mr. Dodge is stationed at Great Lakes, Ill., and is making a career of the Navy. He has a pretty wife. He told Mrs. Wood his mother, Mrs. Nellie Dodge, had passed away recently. Mrs. Dodge was a former owner of the Horr grocery store.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and Bob attended a choir and orchestra concert at the Chippewa Hills High School Wednesday evening. Bob took part in the program.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Thompson entertained the Aid Society of the Remus Methodist Church. There were 15 ladies and one child in attendance. The Thompson family attended an annual fun night at the Remus church Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were Lansing business callers Thursday. Mrs. Thompson and Bob and Bill spent Sunday with her mother, and took her out to dinner, celebrating her 85th birthday and Bob's 16 birthday.

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Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

Mrs. Verna Seymour has been ill for the past couple of weeks.

Darlene Buchel has started to work at Gay's Store in Mt. Pleasant.

The Pioneer Farm Bureau met at the home of Mrs. Elaine Esterline Monday evening, with Mrs. Grace Pitts as hostess.

The Merry Go Round Club meets at the home of Mrs. Gordon Fosburg on North Brinton Road this Thursday afternoon, with a potluck dinner. After dinner a bazaar and auction sale will be held.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Fordyce of Blanchard.

The Women's Fellowship met at the Farwell Church of Christ Tuesday evening, with Fay Holsted and Donna Albert as hostesses.

Mrs. Elsie Wood is beginning to walk some, after breaking her hip some time ago.

It looks like winter is setting

in a hurry. This kind of weather makes a person think about all those nice, bright, warm, sunshiny days in Florida.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and boys of Flint, Mrs. Ted Smith and Jim, and Mrs. Leah Scharrer and Mrs. Wesley Cole of Barryton and Mrs. Bob Paulson and daughter of Midland were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

Steve Brown, son of Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Brown of Mt. Pleasant, was a Saturday caller of

his aunt, Connie Skinner. Steve is a student at Ferris State College, after doing a four-year stint in the U. S. Navy upon his graduation from Mt. Pleasant High School

Kevin and Michael Smith, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith of Flint, spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith, while their parents spent the weekend at the Cadillac Sands in Cadillac, celebrating their wedding anniversary. They came back with about an inch of snow on their car Sunday.

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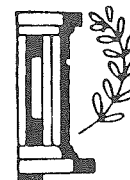
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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

This community was saddened by the death of John Tilmann Sunday at the Medical Care Facility. He was a lifelong resident of Beal City. The family has the sympathy of all.

Mrs. Ida Tilmann, who had spent some time with her daughter's family in Tucson, Ariz., has been suffering from intestinal trouble and was in the hospital at Tucson. She was determined to come home, however, and arrangements had been made for her to fly home when she was taken worse and had to be returned to the hospital in Tucson.

The banns of matrimony were announced for the first time Sunday between Michael O'Connor of Taylor, Mich., and Jean Kathryn Schmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmidt.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stih, Grandma Stih and Marie Laubenthal of Lake City came to Beal City Friday, bringing with them a large picnic basket of lunch, and invited all their aunts and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. Will Pung, Mrs. Louise Smith, Tillie Schafer, to join them at Mrs. Joe Pung's home for a picnic dinner with them. They had a lovely dinner, and everyone had a good time. Then later they all went to see their aunt, Rose Grinzinger, who couldn't join them for dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Winn and Mrs. Al Klumpp and girls spent Sunday with Tillie Schafer.

Quite a number from here attended the bingo party at Winn Sunday evening.

Mrs. Betty Sunderman and family of Shepherd and Mrs. Jack Farmer spent Sunday with Mrs. Louise Schafer.

The Knights of Columbus had a dance Saturday night at the K. C. Hall, a benefit dance for Boysville. They had a good turnout.

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

Mrs. Louise Schafer visited Mrs. Tony Schafer Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Louise Smith went for a ride Sunday afternoon, to Lake Isabella, then to Lake George, where they stopped at the Harold Rau cottage, where they had a nice visit. They have a nice cottage there.

Ginger and Brian Rau and Ann and Dora Smith went to Saginaw Sunday afternoon, shopping.

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NEWS NOTES

Maude Robinson of Florida visited Emma Middlesworth a couple of days last week, leaving for the home of her sister, Marie Swindlehurst, of Mt. Pleasant Friday morning. Maude is an old-time resident of this area.

Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

Sure looked like winter Sunday morning, with snow on the ground. (Tuesday morning, too.)

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Klumpp and son, Robbie, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer and son, Billy Joe, visited Jerry's sister, Ruth Ann Sherlock, and family of Traverse City Sunday. They reported lots of snow in that area, with slippery roads and several cars in the ditches.

Don Schafer, who works at the State Home, had the misfortune to fall at work Wednesday and break his ankle in three places. His wife, Judy, was sick Tuesday, and had to be taken to the emergency room at the hospital for shots for pinched nerves.

Josette Schafer stayed with Grandma Schafer Tuesday.

Mrs. Jerome Beck and children were callers here Tuesday.

Andy and Kimberly Beck stayed with Grandma Schafer Friday.

Ed and I visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham in Mt. Pleasant Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wischmeyer spent the weekend in Indiana.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Larson and son, Steve, of Birch Run were Saturday overnight and Sunday guests of the Chris Larsons.

Mrs. Florence Harvey spent Sunday with her son, William, at his trailer.

Mrs. Edwin Courser and daughter, Cindy, attended the band concert at the Chippewa Hills School Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lieder of Detroit are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder.

Mrs. Cleo Wiley of Pontiac and Mrs. Otto Wiley of Northville called on Mrs. Choice Foster Sunday.

Lawrence Lovell was a Saturday visitor of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar. Other callers were Jessie Rosencrantz and the Paul Lueders.

Mrs. Cleo Wiley and Mrs. Otto Wiley are visiting their brother, Roderick Nicholson, and other relatives, this week.

Mrs. Mildred Rhode was admitted to CMC Hospital for observation and tests.

Nine ladies from the Coomer Ladies' Aid tied four quilts at the home of Mrs. Leona Courser Wednesday.

Mrs. Ella Cox and her daughter, Ruby, were Thursday evening visitors of Mrs. Leona Courser.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner spent the weekend at their cottage at Cheboygan. They say it was much colder there, with quite a bit of snow. Richard Flaughner had lunch Wednesday

with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fox of Lansing were Sunday guests at the Herman Cook home.

Mrs. Albert Youngs and children spent Thursday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Goodenough of St. Ignace and Mr. and Mrs. John Beers of Central Lake were Tuesday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Henry of Remus were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines.

Mrs. Flora Wood, Mrs. Eva Denslow and Blanche Carr visited Mrs. Isabel Sisco Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa and Mrs. Earl Billsby of Shepherd called on Blanche Carr Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and Dixie were Thursday dinner guests of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold, to celebrate Harold's birthday.

The CMB Club meets Thursday with Mrs. Leona Courser.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones of Evart were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mrs. Edward Martin and children of Saginaw, Mrs. John Schupbach and Joyce, Janet and Connie, and Mrs. Philip Meade and Chris and Karen were Sunday guests of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen of Grand Ledge spent the weekend at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Wanda Graham, and girls.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon of Mt. Pleasant called on Laura Latham and Rosie Leiter, his sisters, Friday, and took Laura to her birthplace, Germfast, in the Upper Peninsula. Her parents left there when she was a year old. The party came back Saturday night in the big snow storm.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cramer of Evart called on Ed Olger Saturday night. Mrs. Dora Wedman, Zena's sister, of Mt. Pleasant, was a Sunday dinner guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Knollenberg and family of Rosebush Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parish and family of Charlotte spent from Saturday till Sunday at the Norman Abbott home. Eileen took little Scott, her grandson, to the doctor Monday morning.

Linda Aldrich spent Thursday through Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich, last week. Sunday Edith DeVaney of Coldwater Lake and Mrs. Kate Smith called. Wilbur Wright and son, Jim, of Pontiac were Saturday evening visitors. Rosetta Weide and granddaughter, Sandy Fox, called Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen and family of Grand Ledge called on the John Gott family Saturday evening.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

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WEIDMAN

MT. PLEASANT



SOME OF THE PLAYERS ON THE BEAL CITY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM BACK IN 1950: Alberta Bleise loaned the Messenger this photo of one of the good Beal City teams. In the back row, left to right: Bill Cashen, Richard Gruss, Ed Morbitzer, Bernie Gross, Evan Yuncker, Bill Faber, Raymond Smith, Clayton Garrett, Dave Finnerty. Second Row: Coach Earl Seybert, Donald Pung, Fred Streng, Don Rau, Jerry Schafer, Don Pantenburg, Don Riley, Bernie Schumacher, Ed Gross. Front Row: Carl Straus, Don Hauck, Paul Simmer, Keith Schumacher, George Blesch, Ted Ahlers, Bill Horan.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Sympathy goes to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens in the death of their son, Gary. Funeral services were held from the Daggett Funeral Home last Thursday, with burial in the North Brinton Cemetery.

Edna Johnson of Sheridan called on me Saturday.

Elaine Mercer is a patient in the Mt. Pleasant hospital at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. David Crook and daughter, Colleen, of Columbus, O., spent from Thursday till Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Teeter and family of Clare spent Sunday with their mother, Edna Teeter, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Teeter. Dean Beers of Kalamazoo call-

ed on his dad, George Beers, and his grandmother, Eathel Beers, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler have been sick the past week. Laura Roberts is also a patient at the CMC Hospital, suffering from pneumonia. We hope for a speedy recovery for all our sick neighbors.

Mrs. Rae Conger is employed at the Williams Dairy Bar in Barryton.

Josephine Waid called on her sister, Elizabeth Conley, Monday.

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NEWS NOTES

Visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood during last week were Dewey and Ruby Kirvan of Barryton Friday, and Mrs. Florence Anderson of Rodney, who spent Sunday night and Monday.

REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS EIGHT TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular Rebekah sponsored card party last Tuesday afternoon, there were eight tables of pepper in play.

Barney Gallagher won first prize for the men, with Albina Rau winning for the ladies. Leona Courser won low. Cecilia Simmer won the pepper prize, with the door prize going to Gladys Wilson.

The next card party at the Oddfellows Hall in Weidman will be Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 16.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague were Thursday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Friday evening callers were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell and Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague

of Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Catherine Schumacher of Lansing was a Sunday caller, and also called on the Gary Spragues. In the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Dick McCann at Midland.

Earnest Gross entered CMC Hospital last week Thursday. He was feeling better, but was expected to stay a couple of days this week.

Mrs. Wanda Graham attended a state annual houseware dinner at Allendale last week. She received several awards for her work the past year.

Jerry Horstman started last week working for the County Road Commission.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

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Legal Notice

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
 STATE OF MICHIGAN
 Probate Court for the County of
 Isabella.

Estate of LAWTON F. JESSE,
 Deceased.
 It is Ordered that on January
 12, 1972, at 9.30 A. M., in
 the Probate Courtroom, Mt. Plea-
 sant, Michigan, a hearing be
 held on claims. Creditors must
 file sworn claims with this Court
 and send a copy to Freeman O.
 Jesse, Administrator, 1902 Ring
 Street, Saginaw, Michigan.
 Publication and service shall be
 made as provided by Statute and
 Court Rule.

Dated: October 27, 1971.
 BURKE McCLINTIC
 Judge of Probate
 Hughes and Trucks
 Attorney for Administrator
 600 Pine Street
 Clare, Michigan
 Nov. 4-11-18

Legal Notice

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
 STATE OF MICHIGAN
 Probate Court for the County of
 Isabella.

Estate of CARSON REASE, De-
 ceased.
 It is Ordered that on December
 8th, 1971, at 9.30 A. M., in
 the Probate Courtroom, Mt.
 Pleasant, Michigan, a hearing
 be held on the petition of Walter
 D. Rease to determine the heirs
 at law of said deceased.
 Publication and service shall be
 made as provided by Statute and
 Court Rule.

Dated: October 26, 1971.
 BURKE McCLINTIC
 Judge of Probate
 Stephen W. Fox
 102 Hersee Bldg.
 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
 Nov. 4-11-18p

RUMMAGE SALE--At St. Joseph
 the Worker Church basement,
 Beal City, Friday evening, No-
 vember 12, from 6 to 9 p. m.,
 & on Saturday, Nov. 13, from
 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. Clothing,
 household items, glassware,
 miscellaneous items. Benefit
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION
 STATE OF MICHIGAN
 Probate Court for the County
 of Isabella.
 Estate of ORRIE J. MERRIHEW,
 Deceased.

It is Ordered that on January 5,
 1972, at 9.30 A. M., in the
 Probate Courtroom, Mt. Pleas-
 ant, Michigan, a hearing be
 held at which all creditors of
 said deceased are required to
 prove their claims and heirs
 will be determined. Creditors
 must file sworn claims with the
 court and serve a copy on Ste-
 phen W. Fox, 102 Hersee Bldg.,
 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, prior
 to the said hearing.

Publication and service shall
 be made as provided by Statute
 and Court Rule.
 Dated October 21, 1971.
 BURKE McCLINTIC
 Judge of Probate
 Stephen W. Fox
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 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.
 Oct. 28-Nov. 4-11-p

BARN RUMMAGE SALE

Nov. 10 through Nov. 13. From
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Obituary

JOHN M. TILMANN

This area was saddened by the
 death of John Tilmann Sunday
 at the Medical Care Facility in
 Mt. Pleasant.

He was born June 24, 1898, in
 Nottawa Township, and was a
 retired farmer and lifelong resi-
 dent of Beal City.

Surviving are his wife, Emma;
 four daughters, Sister Jean P.
 Tilmann, O. P., and Sister Vera
 A. Tilmann, O. P., both of
 Grand Rapids; Mrs. Virginia
 Schueller of Mt. Pleasant and
 Mrs. Teresa Schiller of North
 Bend, Ore.; two sons, Norman
 E. and Arthur E., of Beal City;
 one sister, Philomena Tilmann,
 of Beal City; and 16 grandchil-
 dren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held
 Wednesday morning at 10.30
 at St. Joseph the Worker Church
 in Beal City, with Rev. Father
 S.A. Bur officiating. Burial was
 in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Beal
 City.

The family have the deep sym-
 pathy of their many friends.

Card of Thanks

Our thanks for the special care
 and extreme kindness of Dr. Min-
 ster and the staff at CMC Hospi-
 tal;

To Father Bur for his consoling
 visits and prayers;

To our sister, Leona, and her
 family, to our brother, Harold,
 and his family, for sharing our
 long vigil;

To all our relatives and friends
 for the prayers, thoughtfulness,
 Mass offerings, flowers and food
 brought to the house;

Especially Clayton and Fern
 Beutler for the use of their car,
 and the ladies who helped with
 the dinner

During the recent loss of our
 son and brother, Casey.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Straus
 Rick, Tom, Harry, Rhoda
 And Michael

Card of Thanks

We wish to take this opportuni-
 ty to publicly thank everyone
 who has helped us during the re-
 cent illness and death of our
 husband and father, Leo M. Neu-
 becker.

Although it is quite impossible
 to personally list all the people
 who were so kind and generous
 with their help and time, we
 would like to personally thank
 the staff at Central Michigan
 Hospital, Edward W. Sparrow
 Hospital, and the Isabella Coun-
 ty Extended Care Facility for
 their thoughtfulness and consider-
 ation.

We also extend our deepest
 thanks to Reverend E.F. Neu-
 becker and Reverend S.A. Bur,
 the J.J. Rush Funeral Home,
 and all the ladies under the di-
 rection of Mrs. Mae Fussman
 who helped with the luncheon;
 the ladies who took food to the
 K. C. Hall for the luncheon, and
 also those who took food to our
 home.

Mrs. Leo M. Neubecker
 Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Neu-
 becker
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Neu-
 becker
 Mr. and Mrs. James S. Neu-
 becker

Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler
 and daughters, Mrs. Norbert
 Mengot of Ludington and Mrs.
 Tom Hansen of Mt. Pleasant,
 and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler
 and children were Saturday eve-
 ning guests of Mrs. Clyde Beut-
 ler. Jim brought his screen and
 projector, and showed pictures
 of the recent Hansen wedding.
 They also enjoyed old slides tak-
 en over 20 years ago by Mr. and
 Mrs. Clyde Beutler.

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

We wish to extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens of Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tetzlaff, Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon, and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock in the loss of their son and brother, Gary.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon visited Mr. and Mrs. Schrock and Philip Sunday. Mrs. Schrock reported her father, Mr. Owens, was ill with pneumonia. Hope to hear he is better soon!

Mrs. Ida Bazaire was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and Larry, Terry and Kenny.

Mrs. Otto Skalitzky reported that her sister, Mrs. Kate Darnell, of Barryton, was in Lakeview Hospital, and hoped to visit her soon. We wish her a speedy recovery!

Mrs. Skalitzky said she had finished freezing and canning chickens, and now can make quilts. She makes some beautiful ones!

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Crooked Lake. Sunday visitors at the Conley home were their daughter, Loretta, and her daughter, Terri, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Barry Conley, and Kurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haskins at Barryton Friday evening.

Mrs. Daniel Stebelton of Mt. Pleasant was honored with a surprise birthday party Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Leiter and Melissa. Guests were Mr. Stebelton and Renee, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, and Valerie, Cindy and David, and Tim and friend Janet Carr of Mt. Pleasant; Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., of Lake Windoga, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Baker of Greenville.

Mrs. Juanita Struble of Mt. Pleasant was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray were in Mt. Pleasant Thursday, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray and family. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gray and Suzette and David of Midland were Sunday dinner guests of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hanson of Rodney visited at the Gray home Sunday afternoon.

Miss Pam Riley was a Friday overnight and Saturday guest of Miss Teresa Loomis.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and Teresa, Jean Ann and Marcia, and Pam Riley visited his father, Arthur Loomis, and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Loomis and Dawn, Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Theisen and family of Mt.

Pleasant visited at the Keith Loomis home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Alma Dosenberey went to the Corey Funeral Home in Evert Sunday to pay respects to her sister-in-law's mother, Mrs. Vivian Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Monroe visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John Thursday evening. Eddie John is better, after his bout with tonsillitis, but Mrs. Emmons reports he will have to have his tonsils out in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott and Michael visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley went to the Coker Funeral Home Tuesday to pay respects to Don Lloyd, a lifelong friend. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends.

We were Tuesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and Pam and David, Jr., of Lake Thirteen. We visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber Thursday evening. R. G. Fountain and Chester Lynch called on us during the week, and were luncheon guests. Mr. and Mrs. James Stanley of Elsie, Mr. and Mrs. Max Stanley of Harrison and Clair Stanley of Farwell visited at our home Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Vinton of Farwell and Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and Debbie, Pam and David, Jr., of Lake Thirteen were Saturday luncheon guests at our home, and the children stayed with us while the parents shopped in Saginaw.

The children, and Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Julie of St. Johns were Saturday supper guests of our family. Mrs. Donald Pung and children, except Debbie and Dennis, of Beal City visited us Saturday afternoon. Also Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and family except Ronald. Guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abendroth of Lake Windoga, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Julie, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley, and Mr. and Mrs. David Moore, who came for the children.

Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Julie, Michael, Martin, Richard, Sheryl and Sheila stayed with us Sunday afternoon and evening.

Ronald helped do chores at his Uncle Andy's at Barryton. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley, went to St. Joseph's Hospital in Flint to visit her mother, Mrs. Betty Vinton, who suffered a light stroke, and when she fell had a serious concussion. We talked to Ruby (Mrs. Donald Stanley) Monday morning and she reported her improving in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilmot and Linda of Weidman visited Mr. and Mrs. Charle Voss and

Stacey Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Voss and Stacey were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Voss and family.

MONDAY NOON, NOV. 8--
NEWS FLASH

Mr. Charles Voss telephoned to report a baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss of Leaton, weighing six pounds, four and a half ounces, who will answer to the name of Angela Sue.

Mother and baby were doing fine at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

Congratulations, Stuart and Vivian!

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tilmann of Lake Windoga returned last Thursday after spending two months at the Flying B Ranch at Challis, Idaho, where Dick did some guiding for hunters and fishermen. Dick got himself a nice big bull elk, and a deer. They had beautiful weather, they report, except the last week they were there, when the big snow storm hit. Dick's party shot three bears, reported as over-plentiful out there this year, and marauders of camp sites. The Tilmanns will stay at their home on Lake Windoga until January, when they will get to Florida till May.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Fred Wilcox returned home from CMC Saturday, after a five-day stay, suffering ear and kidney infection. She was reported feeling better the first of this week.

Mrs. Grace Pitts and Mrs. Elaine Esterline visited the Bernard Pitts family Sunday afternoon. Bernard had been suffering from a cold.

Small Mark St. John returned home from CMC Hospital Monday, after a bout with pneumonia.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

EASTERN STARS HONOR 50-YEAR MEMBERS

At their Nov. 3 meeting, the Waubenoo Chapter No. 360, OES, honored their 50-year members.

Those presented were Ruth Blesch, Emma Middlesworth, Catherine Johnson, Edna Schultz, Claribel Beutler, and Maude Robinson of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Others, unable to attend, included Mabel Wood, Izzetta Drew, Leon McArthur, Lennie Otterbine, and Lois Looman.

A note from Lois said they had leased a house near Tucson, Ariz., and would spend three months there. Louis has leased his plant and equipment in Detroit. They are former Weidman residents, and had lived in Detroit many years. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

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MRS. KIT JOHNSON OBSERVES 85TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Kit Johnson celebrated her 85th birthday Sunday afternoon with 22 members of her family present.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Millis, and Miss Tammy McCrum, all of Mt. Pleasant; and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Phelps of Lansing.

Ice cream and cake were enjoyed by all, and Mrs. Johnson received gifts and cards from her family and from friends.

She also received a call from Tim Johnson, her grandson, of Grand Rapids, wishing her a Happy Birthday.

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Becky Graham took part in an orchestra and choir concert last Wednesday evening at the new high school. Becky sings in the choir, her fourth year.

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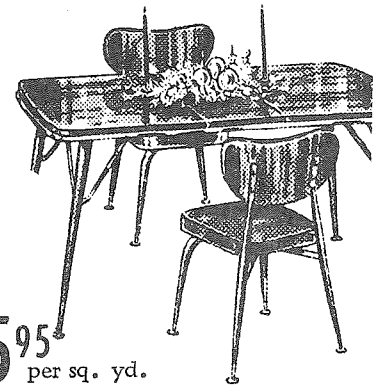
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S. W. Sherman
Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons spent Thursday afternoon and evening with his folks. He helped his dad while here. They called on us Monday afternoon also.

The Willard Ransoms visited the Jack Cooks.

Steve Dutcher expects to be able to sit in a wheelchair this week.

Judy Hardenburgh and Donald Rondy, Jr., were married Friday at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Dell of Middleville, and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardenburgh and family of Pierson and the Willard Ransoms of Flint spent the weekend with the Harry Hardenburgh family and Emory Dell. They came to attend the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and sister, Sandra, and Connie Foster spent Saturday in Saginaw with Steve. Their mother, Ronna Jean, came home with them Saturday night, and went back Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wernette and Cindy of Greenville spent Sunday afternoon with the Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children spent the weekend with the Clayton Dutchers. Others for the weekend were the Jim Dutchers, Garry Dutcher and children, and Richard Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and children, and Joyce Yuncker and children. The men were helping on the garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint spent Saturday and over night with her folks, and Sunday with us.

The Larry Dutchers of Flint called on the Clayton Dutchers Wednesday. They had come up to see her father, Mike Simkin, who was in the Lakeview Hospital.

Marion Beutler and Donald were calling on neighbors this week, collecting for the United Fund. Nov. 2 Marion was in Rockford, attending a WSCS district meeting.

Mrs. Marion Beutler will entertain the Busy Bees at her home this Friday afternoon.

On Nov. 3 the Eastern Stars honored all 50-year members.

Miss Florence Fitzgerald of Lansing spent the weekend with her folks, the Carl Fitzgeralds.

Mrs. Robert Decker and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited Mrs. Angus McDonald of Grand Rapids Tuesday.

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Prayer Service Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.

Sunday, Nov. 21, is the time of the annual Thanksgiving offering.

Rev. and Mrs. Jason Hadwin, parents of Mrs. Wright, visited at the parsonage last week.

Margaret Sisco entered the Clare Hospital last week for tests and possible surgery. She would appreciate cards and prayers.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Athel J. Lynch, Pastor
Weidman Church:

Church School starts at 10 a. m.
Worship Service, 11.15.
Methodist Men, fourth Saturday evening, 7 to 9.

WSCS meets the third Thursday of each month at 3 p. m., a change of dates.

WINN CHURCH:

Worship service, 8.45 to 9.45.
Sunday School, 10 a. m.

COOMER CHURCH:

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Sunday School, 9 to 9.55 a. m.

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

BROOMFIELD ZION LUTHERAN
Located six miles south of Weidman on Coldwater Road.

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor
Sunday School, 9.15 a. m.
Worship Service, 10.30 a. m.
Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

BRINTON CHAPEL

Norman Brines, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Church, 11 a. m.
Thursday, youth meeting, 5.30 p. m.
Choir practice, 7 p. m.
Prayer meeting, 7.30 p. m.

Real Estate Transfers

(Furnished this Newspaper by Courtesy of Donald R. Sandbrook, Register of Deeds.)

Herman T. Schafer and wife to Gary E. Wernette and wife, pt. nw se sec. 18, Nottawa.

S. H. Associates, Inc. to James R. Barwick, pt. nw sw sec. 17, Deerfield.

L. Wayne Dowling and wife to William L. Best and wife, pt. nw sw sec. 15, Deerfield.

Earnest G. Chester and wife to Lake Isabella Corp., Lot 86, Lake Isabella Plat No. 1, Sherman.

Allen Lumber Co. to Douglas L. McArthur and wife, Lot 147, Lake of the Hills Sub. No. 2,

Sherman.
Judith Ann Garrett to Alan Vance Wood and wife, pt. nw nw sec. 32, Nottawa.
Frances Beck to George D. Kline and wife, nw of the se and ne of the sw, sec. 15, Coldwater.
Richard W. Morris and wife to George J. Boucher and wife, e 1/2 of the nw and pt. nw of the ne, sec. 35, Gilmore.

Cecil A. Palmer and wife to Lake Isabella Corp., Lot 55, Lake Isabella Golf Estates No. 1, Broomfield.

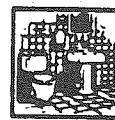
Phyllis A. Darling to Joseph M. Anton and wife, pt. ne ne sec. 36, Deerfield.

Est. of Joe Ratajak to John W. Kennedy, pt. sw nw sec. 27, Deerfield.

Samuel Edwin Straight and wife to Arthur Packard and wife, Lot 84, Bayou Vista No. 6, Gilmore.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

getting old--this accident happens to every editor on every newspaper sooner or later.

Anyhow, our apologies to: Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Granger, of rural Harrison, who called on us. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox, on returning from a five-day tour of Spain; Ivan Allen, George McClain, Jr., and Dick Sexton, who went on a hunting trip to Colorado. There.

We herewith correct an error Ye Ed made all by herself last week in Esther Stanley's lucid account of the Walker Creek News.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley were entertained at evening dinner by Mr. Robert Abendroth, not Mr. and Mrs., as we stated.

Seems that Mr. Abendroth did all the preparation of a delectable dinner, the salad, the steak, everything.

Sorry to have missed out on this delightful and unusual item.

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JIM SCHAFFER RECOVERING (Continued from Page 1)

rate of speed, his car leaving the road 145 feet south of the point of impact.

Before striking the fire truck the driver brought the car up out of a ditch and then hit the fire truck. The impact was great enough to raise the back end of the fire truck, which was loaded with 500 gallons of water in addition to its regular equipment. The police report also showed the car had defective brakes.

Just prior to the crash, according to the Farwell News, another driver, Carl Heim of Wheeler, said he had slowed down as he came upon the fire scene and was driving at about 10 miles an hour when the Abbott car passed him on the right side of the road at high speed.

A fireman tending the fire truck was slightly injured. Jim Abbott did not have auto insurance and was in the uninsured motorists' fund. The police report indicated he had been drinking before the accident.

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Jim Schaffer returned home on Monday and is staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schaffer, on Rolland Road. Jim was tired from the trip from the Ann Arbor hospital, but was feeling good and glad to be home. It was his first experience as a hospital patient. He will wear wires in his face and jaw, and has to report back to the doctors, but he was doing well at home the first of the week.

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Dale Bywater of Midland was a Saturday afternoon caller of Mrs. Ethel Bywater. Virginia Herman was a Sunday caller.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for all the acts of kindness shown us during our recent bereavement:

George and Fawn Daggett, the pallbearers, the ladies who served dinner to the family at the Brinton Community Hall;

And all friends and relatives who called, and all who helped us in so many ways.

The Family of Gary Owens:
Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens
Mrs. Wayne Tetzlaff
Mrs. Gilbert Schrock
Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon

Card of Thanks

During the recent illness of our father, Leo M. Neubecker, several relatives and friends in the Beal City area showed exceptional consideration and compassion toward our mother, by driving her to the hospital, shopping, to church, etc.

Inasmuch as distance precludes us from assuming these important daily responsibilities, we feel especially grateful that you people took this upon yourselves and helped.

Our family will never forget your generosity.

We especially would like to thank Marilyn and Robert Walton. Their kindness, consideration and compassion shown to both our parents during this period was very gratifying to us.

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. F. Neubecker
Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Neubecker
Mr. and Mrs. James S. Neubecker

In the Editor's Mail

Hi, Connie:

I have one of the stinkin' est stories to tell you I believe you ever heard.

I too had skunk troubles, only mine was under my house. I tried the mothballs and the old skunk had a ball digging them out of the hole, so I tried a steel trap. It really worked.

About 9.30 one night I heard the trap snap. I went out to investigate, moved a stone he had dug in the hole--and there he was, looking me right in the eye.

I called Bunk. He was soon over with his shot-gun and finished him off.

Needless to say, I have been scarcely able to eat, sleep or drink in my own home since. It was necessary for me to go in town for some air freshener (which by the way does not do

much good). I am sure one could smell me when I left home.

I am planning a trip to the Holy Land, and who wants to go smelling like a polecat?

I guess time will take care of it, and I am hopeful he is the only one.

My children all invited me to their homes, but why stink up two places?

Flora Wood

(Editor's Note: Dear Flora: A skunk is a skunk is a skunk, I have learned by this time. I also have another one under my porch. I dutifully threw some moth crystals (the drug store had run out of mothballs, what with the run the skunks have given this area), and also I sprinkled chlordane all around the bottom of my old wooden porch skirts.

(For weeks I ran all my outside lights according to advice in a gov' ment pamphlet, but at this time I'm disillusioned with lights keeping skunks away from a place they choose to hibernate in for the winter.

(I think he--or she--heaven forbid--is still under there. It's on the east side of the porch, not where customers come into the Messenger office, so I'm gonna tell him--or her--I'll leave you alone if you leave me alone. That's the only cure for skunk invasion I've found, except a man who is a good shot with a rifle who will stand around most of the night waiting for the varmints to appear. Most of us don't have men expert with rifles --or men, period, among us widows.

(So, my skunk can stay there, for all of me, if he--or she--

behaves himself. Herself.

(Heaven help me in the spring when mating time comes round and mayhap the skunk has little ones.

(But I'm through with 'cures' for skunk invasions. If you got 'em, you got 'em.)

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