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#### Editor's Column

By Connie

Y'WANT REAL COUNTRY LIFE? Y'WON'T GET IT IF COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE STANDS

Those of us who live in small rural villages or "out in the country" live here because we want the personal freedom to do as we see fit with land we have paid for and pay taxes—and how!—on. We shan't have any personal freedom on our own land if the current zoning ordinance passed by the Isabella County Board of Commissioners stands.

Petitions are out calling for an election--yes, a special election, but it's worth it!--on the

A mailing piece has been sent to all boxholders in the county outside the incorporated villages of Shepherd and Rosebush and the city of Mt. Pleasant.

Don't throw away the mailing piece, even though it's addressed to "Boxholder". It has important information in it.

According to its reading of the ordinance we out here in the country will no longer be free to build a garage, or to add a bay window to the house, or to remove any dirt from our land, without a paid-for inspection and permit from the County Commissioners.

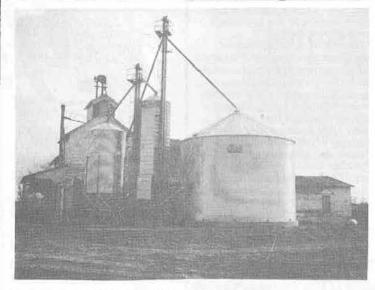
Retired people living in small trailer homes will have three years to stay there, and then-out!

Any violation of the very numerous restrictions on our management of land we own will carry penalties up to \$100 a day fine and 90 days in jail for each day the violation exists.

Some time ago the Messenger printed a piece titled, "Blue-print for Dictatorship". The blueprint is now off the drafting board and is about to be put into practice.

To avoid the many and terrifying restrictions put on us by a Board of County Commissioners who appear wholly out of touch with reality, and who adopted the ordinance written by Bagby & Associates of Grand Rapids, a petition is being circulated to give all of us a vote on the whole frightening matter.

Sign a petition before Dec. 1, the deadline for filing petitions (Continued on Back Page)



TOWERING OVER THE WEIDMAN MILL-Are these new storage silos for corn, at the Weidman Bader Mill here. Full facilities for receiving and storing corn are incorporated in the new buildings. The new silos are so big they dwarf the mill proper, itself no small building.

Messenger photo

NEW STORAGE BINS FULL OF CORN, WILL TRUCK TO DELWIN, TAKE OTHER GRAINS

The new storage bins or silos at the Bader Mill here have been filled, Edward Ley, manager, said this week, but grain will be trucked to other storage at Delwin, he stated, to make room here for corn and other grains.

Local corn fields were not much affected by the leaf blight which hit much of the corn-belt crop, he intimated.

Lee Ann Abbott spent Sunday night with Debbie Graham.

METHODIST MEN'S SOUP SUPPER WAS GOOD SUCCESS

About 80 hungry people were served delicious soups and chili at the Friday evening supper by the Methodist Men of the local church. Receipts were about \$112.

Proceeds will go toward commitments by the Methodist Men, which include a radio program, missionary projects, and so on.

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



SOUP'S ON!—Dan Carrick was caught by the Messenger camera as he ladded out delicious chicken and vegetable-beef soup at the Methodist Men's soup night in the kitchen of the Weidman United Methodist Church Friday evening. A good crowd of hungry soup and chili customers enjoyed the delicious soups, hot buns or crackers, and an assortment of home made pies. The Methodist Men are a very active group working for the church.

Messenger photo

#### Men in Uniform

GARY RECKER NOW IN VIETNAM

Gary Recker, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Recker, left Fort Dix, N. J., Nov. 7, and is in Vietnam, near Cam Ranh Bay.

His new address:

Gary is employed at loading and unloading cargo with the Army.

Naturally, he would like to hear from his friends, as the Stateside holidays approach.

Here's an address with a correction from last week: S.R. Bruce Lynn Chapman,

S.R. Bruce Lynn Chapman, D. 504789, 2nd Regiment, 22 Bn., Co. 369, Camp Dewey Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. 60088.

LAND OWNERS UP IN ARMS
OVER COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS' ORDINANCE

Land owners all over Isabella County are up in arms over the stringent contents of an ordinance recently imposed on them by the Isabella County Board of Commissioners (which has replaced our old Board of Supervisors).

The contents of the ordinance are so absurd in relation to country living that it is safe to say every land owner in the county outside the incorporated areas of Mt. Pleasant, Shepherd and Rosebush is outraged.

Petitions are being circulated and are on hand at many places throughout the county for landowners to sign, demanding a special election to let the people involved answer.

At this time it appears there is no doubt that signatures aplenty will be on petitions to insure a special election to reject the arbitrary and ridiculous details of the Board's ordinance.

The ordinance is the fruit of the labors of Scott Bagby and Associates, professional urban planners of Grand Rapids, who have long been on the payroll of the county through the County Planning Commission, a group appointed by the then Board of Supervisors and headed by Don Gould.

Local places where the petitions are placed report good response (Continued on Next Page) LAND OWNERS UP IN ARMS (Continued from Page 1)

from land owners, that is, signatures are coming in well.

Fifteen hundred signatures are needed to get us a special election on the matter. It is hoped we can present the Court House with 3,000 names of objectors to the dictatorial ordinance wished on us by the Board of County Commissioners.

Here's a list of the County Commissioners, and their occupations: Harold Preston, retired, formerly with Mt. Pleasant Abstract Co.; L.D. Richmond, retired, former teacher, one time with Mt. Pleasant office of Blue Cross; Paul D. Hame, retired, formerly with a rendering-plant business; Richard J. Lichtenfelt, employee as head of Food Commons, Central Michigan University; Elwin Larrance, farmer, Rosebush; Earl House, farmer, Rosebush; Roger Galer, Broomfield, Dow Chemical employee; Henry Schumacher, Mt. Pleasant Route 2, retired farmer; Delmer Watson, Mt. Pleasant Route 4, retired farmer; Chester Brown, Mt. Pleasant Route 4, farmer; Kenneth Helber, Mt. Pleasant Route 3, riding stable near Mt. Pleasant; Norval Morey, part owner Morbark Industries, Winn; Elton Salisbury, Shepherd, retired farmer; Thomas Beltinck, custodian, Mt. Pleasant School system; Robert Reynolds, insurance, Mt. Pleasant.

These are the men who voted to approve the "urban planning" dreamed up by Scott Bagby and Associates, of Grand Rapids.

S. W. Sherman Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Thren have a new baby girl, born Nov. 21. She weighed seven pounds and eight ounces.

Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called on Beatrice Gatehouse Monday

afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Beutler and Diane
and Billy visited her folks, Mr.
and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss,
of St. Johns Sunday, and they
drove to Lansing. She spent Saturday in Saginaw, shopping.

Virgil Gatehouse and Marie Mathewson of Remus visited the Harry Gatehouses Saturday eve-

ning.
Bill Pung and Tom Hoffman
called on the Dale Gatehouse

family Sunday.

The Gary Gatehouse family have been having flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark spent Saturday evening with the Ivan Hines family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe, Jr. Jr., and Walter and Joyce and Percy Second are in Florida, visiting the Walter Howes, Sr., for a couple of weeks.

Ervin Dutcher and Clayton Dutcher have been having flu the past week. Clayton visited his doctor Saturday.

The Bill Maeders were Sunday

afternoon guests of her folks, the Harry Gatehouses. Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan of Mt. Pleasant were Wednesday evening visitors.

Floyd Dutcher had Friday dinner with the Clayton Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and Kim and Shelly had Saturday dinner with them also.

Hattie Losey and Jessie Rosencrantz were Saturday callers of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Orrie Merrihew called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxon and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Comstock and other friends in the Blanchard area last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and Gena and Toni of Clio spent Saturday over night and Sunday with the Clayton Dutchers. They spent Friday over night and Saturday with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Simkins. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris and Jon of Midland were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests. Bob Dutcher and Garry Dutcher and son, David, were also Sunday dinner guests. Jim Dutcher was an afternoon caller.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew visited Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton Tuesday. The Kirvans were Friday callers of the Merrihews.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Small and twins of New Baltimore were Sunday afternoon callers of their grandparents.

Bob Dutcher of Midland spent Saturday and Sunday with the Garry and Clayton Dutchers.

Mrs. Ervin Dutcher entertained the Busy Bees Thursday afternoon. Edna Merrihew attended from here.

Floyd Dutcher spent Sunday and over night with the Ervin Dutchers.

Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Mrs. Ronna Dutcher attended a bridal shower for Miss Nancy Howe Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Jack Cook. Nancy will become the bride of Butch Hardenburgh in December.

Ronna Jean Dutcher called on neighbors Monday.

Ivan Dutcher spent Sunday evening with the Ervin Dutchers and Floyd. He called on them and the Clayton Dutchers Monday and took Floyd to catch the bus on his way to sunny Florida. Hope you had a good trip, Floyd, and didn't get too tired.

Clyde Beutler entered CMC Hospital Saturday for a checkup and tests, as he hadn't been feeling very good. Marion called on him Monday.

The Howard Beutlers attended the soup and chili supper put on by the Weidman Methodist Men Saturday evening.

Several families in our community are having bad colds and the flu. Hope everyone is better soon.

SIGNATURES NEEDED ON PE-TITIONS FOR SPECIAL ELECTION ON OUR PERSONAL RIGHTS

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Aug. 27tf

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Nov. 26t1

LOST--My dog, partly Dasch-hund, missing 10 days. Answers to name of Oscar. He probably just wandered off. Please help me find him. Rodney Roosa, 10 years old, inquire at Family Restaurant, in Weidman.

Nov. 26t1

IF PLUGGED -- Don't dig. Call 644-2058 for information and price. Electric sewer rod 100 feet long.

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PAINT JOBS WANTED -- Brush and spray. Interior and exterior. Edw. Schafer, Coldwater Lake, ph. 644-3967. CARPENTER WORK--Wanted. Outside, inside, old or new. Room paneling, cement work, etc. Jerry Horstman, Weidman

Oct. 2t10p

## Card of Thanks

The Sherman Township Board, who served under our retiring Supervisor, Clyde Beutler, in his last term of office, wish to thank and commend him for a lifetime of service in township government. His experience and guidance will be greatly missed. Thanks, Clyde.

Alma Dosenberry, Treas. Keith Loomis, Clerk. Vance Wood, Trustee. Earl Oplinger, Trustee.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all the people who attended our Soup Supper last Friday evening at the Weidman United Methodist Church.

We especially wish to thank our ladies, who made the supper possible: They made the soup. Thanks to everyone.

The Methodist Men.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all the friends, neighbors and relatives for their acts of kindness during our sorrow in the loss of our husband and father.

A special thanks to those who helped with food and put on the dinner.

Mrs. Agnes Brown And Family (Bea Gross)

## Card of Thanks

I wish to thank everyone who helped me in my hospital stay; my brother, Clayton, who took me to the hospital; my brothers' and sisters and other relatives who visited me;

Those who sent gifts, cards and flowers; and those who called to see how I was doing.

Also the Weidman church ladies who sent me the card signed by so many; and visits by the ministers.

Also I wish to thank the Weidman Eastern Stars for the beautiful big basket of fruit.

It is all much appreciated. Floyd Dutcher

## the Churches

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, first and third Thursdays 2.30 p.m., at the church. WINN CHURCH:

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

Worship service, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 9 to 9.55 a.m. xxxxx

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH (I mile west of Weidman) Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, ph. 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a.m. Preaching, 11 a.m. Choir practice, 6.45 p.m. Evening Service, 7.30 p.m. (Hymn Sing at Lake at this time Nov. 29.)

Church Visitation Wednesday. Our Thanksgiving Fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The choir sang; testimonies of thanksgiving were given; the congregation joined in with thanksgiving songs, then the pastor and family were surprised with boxes of groceries. They were really thankful.

Dec. 2, Teachers-officers meet, 6.30 p.m. Prayer meet-ing 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. \*\*\*\*

GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST George Getchel, Minister Located six miles south of Farwell; 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.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague enjoyed the Methodist Men's soup supper at the church Saturday evening.

Mrs. Emily Wood was ill last week, but was reported feeling some better Monday.

LOCAL LIONS CLUB TAKES PART IN LEADER DOG WEEK

Nov. 29 through Dec. 5 has been proclaimed Leader Dog Week by Gov. Wm. Milliken,

During Leader Dog week, attention is called to the important rehabilitation program being conducted at the Rochester, Mich., Leader Dog School.

The non-profit school, Leader Dogs for the Blind, was founded in 1939 by Lions of Michigan, and has since trained over 3,000 Leader Dog "teams" (Leader Dog and blind person). Leader Dogs are furnished without charge to all eligible applicants.

A Leader Dog enables its owner to enter fully, despite a handi-cap, into the life of the community; to live an active and contributive life of his own.

Lions arrange the enrollment of every eligible person who expresses an interest in obtaining a Leader Dog. Lions sponsor projects that are largely responsible for the success and growth of the unique school that provides happiness and confidence to blind men and women.

In addition to furnishing operating funds, Lions are always on the lookout for good, friendly German shepherds, Labrador and golden retrievers, between the ages of one and two years, for the Leader Dog training program. All dogs are contributed. None is purchased.

Anyone knowing of a blind person interested in obtaining a Leader Dog may contact any member of the Weidman Lions

Anyone interested in contributing a potential Leader Dog may writer Leader Dogs for the Blind, Rochester, Mich. 48063.

#### ---0---Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wernette of Remus were Sunday dinmr guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wernette and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fordyce called on Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Beutler went with them to the home of Mrs . Beutler's daughter, Jeanette Johnston, of Rosebush, for a visit. Jeanette and Claribel went to the hospital to see Clyde, who entered Saturday for tests.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Brien of Shepherd were Sunday callers of Mrs. Nina Forbes. They were supper guests. Gladys Wilson, Margaret Hathaway and Mrs. Forbes went to East Jordan last Wednesday to pay respects to their cousin, Alfred Johnson, who passed away Nov. 15. They were overnight guests of Mrs. Johnson, returning home the next day, stopping in Marion to visit Mrs. Marion Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague and Steve of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and Mike.

#### Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Thompson and family of Lapeer visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Voss attended the wedding reception for her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sheldon, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon, Saturday evening.

Eddie, Mary, Debbie and Susan Schrock of Farwell were weekend guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock. Lori Brines of Gray Lake was a Sunday overnight guest of Mary and Susan, and Debbie Schrock spent the night at the Norman Brines home at Gray Lake. Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip and Gary Brines were Sunday evening callers at the Schrock home.

Mrs. Clayton Beutler took Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Conley to Grand Rapids Thursday afternoon, where Mr. Conley entered Butterworth Hospital. He had surgery Friday morning. Clayton Beutler and Mrs. Lena St. John went with Mrs. Conley to visit him Friday morning, reporting a successful operation, but he will be confined to the hospital a week or so. Mrs. St. John, Mrs. Beutler and Mrs. Conley visited him Sunday. We hope for a speedy recovery!

for a speedy recovery! Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky visited Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dar-

gitz and family of rural Remus Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent of Sherman City were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck.

We are glad to report that Donald Zill returned home Friday from St. Joseph's Hospital at Ann Arbor, and is feeling fine.

Gilbert Schrock and his hunting party returned home Wednesday night from Munising, where they were camped, but weren't successful in getting a deer.

Mrs. Micky Dargitz and Brian, Jill and Kathy visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow, Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Abbott and son, Larry, and Mrs. Wyona Risdon' of Blanchard visited Mr. and Mrs. Denslow Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCormick of Sarnia, Ont., Canada, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tate and infant son, Murray, of London, Canada, and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson of Roger Heights, Big Rapids, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Roddy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray were Mt. Pleasant shoppers Thursday. Ernest Gray spent Sunday at his son's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gilmore and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Van Deusen of DeWitt were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Portenga and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wirgua of Mt. Pleasant Sunday, and made the acquaintance of the latters' new baby son.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Loomis visited Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis.

Mrs. Leo Denslow and daughter, Mrs. Willis Finney, and sons of the Coldwater oil field area, took Ricky De Vries to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald De Vries, of Big Rapids, Wednesday, and report Mrs. DeVries and baby son doing fine. Mr. and Mrs. Finney and sons were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Denslow.

Lee Favreau of Holland called on Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow called Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Burton of north Clare.

Mrs. Russell Stanley accompanied her son-in-law, Adelbert Pung, to St. Johns, last Monday afternoon, where she visited Mrs. Pung (Caroline) and daughters, Susan and Sandra, while Mr. Pung went to Lansing, expecting to return home about 4.30. She stayed to enjoy a delicious supper. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore were also supper guests.

Mrs. Stanley took her news notes with her, to rewrite while

there, and her delay in reporting where she was caused the editor of the Weidman Messenger, the neighbors, and especially the grandchildren (Donald and Diana Pung's little ones), to be alarmed. They thought something had happened to Grandma! Sorry! Had to have a checkup at the Davis Clinic laboratory Wednesday morning (regular routine).

Guests during the weekend at the Stanley home were Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Susan and Sandra of St. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City, and Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and family of Lake Thirteen, and Michael Stanley of Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and Ronald called, enroute home from their hunting camp in the northeast Evart area. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spence and Sharon and Janet of Portland were also callers, and a few of the boys! friends came in for coffee, but so far hunting has been nil!

We are greatly concerned over the welfare of our three-year-old great-granddaughter, Mary Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Battle (Judith Moore) of Wyoming, supper guests. Mich. She is in Ferguson Hospital at Grand Rapids, having had exploratory observation of her heart, which has had a valve disorder. The last report was that one of her lungs had collapsed, and she was in an oxygen tent. We hope to hear she will be improving soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Larrance were planning to leave this Wednesday for their winter home at Seffner, Florida. They were having Thanksgiving dinner at the home of their daughter in Valpariso, Ind.

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#### Local Items

Earnest Gross reports that we had our first snow last year on Oct. 23—he marked it on his calendar. In spite of the sudden winterizing over night Sunday, we may take some comfort from Earnie's calendar date. At least we had a couple of weeks free of the white stuff, over last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and John, Pat and Jane and Kathleen of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon and evening with his mother, Mrs. Kit Johnson.

James Noe and Mrs. Ivan Allen visited Ramona Richardson, Mr. Noe's daughter and Mrs. Allen's sister, in the hospital at Jackson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family. Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts and family of Big Rapids were

Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs spent last Wednesday afternoon and were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and family and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague called on Mrs. Arthur Dent at Farwell Saturday evening.





#### Beal City Dora Smith, Reporter

Richard Schmidt spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmidt.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keiffer and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mercure of Clare Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keiffer left for Chicago last week and then they will go on to Florida for the winter.

Mrs. Frank Mumy of Mt. Pleasant and friend called on Louise Smith Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer were evening guests. Dan Boven of Lansing and Susanne Simmer of Mt. Pleasant were Friday evening callers. Ginger and Debbie Rau and Dale Rau were visitors.

Ginger Rau and Ann Smith called on Gertrude Grodsky and her mother in Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. June Blasen and Ann spent Wednesday in Midland and Sagi-

Tom Tilmann of Lansing spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tilmann and family.

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

The banns of matrimony were announced Sunday for the first time between Jerry Joe Schafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer of Coldwater Lake, and Jane Bader, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bader.

Mrs. Gertrude Schafer spent the past week with relatives in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer spent Friday evening in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard were Friday visitors at the Tony Schafer home.

Mrs. Louise Schafer spent Monday in Mt. Pleasant.

Gary Smith has moved to Midland, from the Schafer apartment.

Misses Donna, Cindy and Maxine Klumpp and Mrs. Tillie Schafer called on Mrs. Herman Grinzinger Sunday afternoon. ---0---

> Two Rivers Blanche Carr, Reporter

CELEBRATES 82ND BIRTHDAY Mrs. Nettie Baker celebrated her 82nd birthday anniversary when the members of the CMB Club and other friends brought a bountiful pot-luck dinner with birthday cake, and spent the day with her Friday.

She received many cards and gifts. There were 15 ladies pres-

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin and Mrs. Steve Thren and baby visited Mrs. Martin's father, Elmer Garrett, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer and Pamela and Elton were Thursday supper guests of Blanche Carr.

Pamela and Elton spent Sunday afternoon with their Grandmother APPRECIATION PARTY Carr.

Mrs. Paul Lueder was hostess to the Birthday Club Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and Debbie of Mt. Pleasant were guests of Mrs. E.R. Rhode and Harold Sunday at the Coldwater Lake Inn, in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Bunting and Stacey of Belding spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Oral

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder were Tuesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder. Mrs. Helen Hartman was a Friday supper guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaugher attended a wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sheldon of Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaugher and Pennie and the Richard Flaughers were Thursday dinner guests. Mrs. Richard Flaugher and family and Mrs. Ronald Flaugher and children were Sunday guests of the Ray Flaughers. Ralph called from Puerto Rico

Ward Dell was a Wednesday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines and family of Barryton were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Dick and Tom Grewett of Detroit were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Herman Martin and Ray. Mrs. Ruby Schupbach and Janet were Sunday guests.

Glen Stump of Greenville visited his sister, Mrs. Florence Harvey, Saturday. The Bob Harveys of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sweet and family of Mt. Pleasant

were Sunday guests. Misses Mildred and Lylah Oatley of Mesick and Fred Woodruff were Thursday dinner guests of Mrs. Leona Courser. Her granddaughter, Mrs. Nancy Benedict, and baby spent Friday afternoon with

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Meade were Saturday evening visitors at the Herman Cook home. ---0---

Local Items Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague hosted a pre-Thanksgiving dinner at their home Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague and Mrs. Bessie Teall as dinner and supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Garold St. John celebrated the seventh birthday of their daughter, Deana, Sunday, with a birthday dinner. Mrs. Orville Bates of Clare and Mrs. Arthur Bazaire were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell were Monday morning callers of Mrs. R.D. Sprague.

TOPS CLUB STAGES

The Weidman Hep TOPS Club surprised Esther Stanley Tuesday evening after their meeting, with an appreciation party for her, for making a banner for their club.

Although they didn't win any honors at A.R.D. (Area Recognition Day) at Mt. Pleasant, they hope to compete at S.R.D. (State Recognition Day) at Flint in May, and also present it at I.R.D. (International Recognition Day) at Washington, D.C., in July.

Esther was really surprised, and wishes to thank all her TOPS friends for their gifts and money, also she thanks her daughter, Diana Pung, and daughter Deborah, for their gifts, who were guests for the event.

Our club is still thriving, and has several contests now in progress to encourage members to lose weight.

We meet each Tuesday evening at 6.30 at the Weidman school . We hope the members who are ill will be better soon, as we miss them at the meetings.

P. S. -- A note to all members: Count calories and keep our club trying for a greater loss in weight recording.

See you lighter, E. V.S. BETTER THAN A LETTER

BROOMFIELD GRANGE NEWS

There will be a quilt party Dec. 19 at the Broomfield Grange Hall, when a quilt will be given away.

The quilt is made by the Grange ladies. Proceeds will go to the Isabella County Day Center in Mt. Pleasant, to buy equipment for the center.

The Broomfield Grange will have the first March of Dimes auction at the Broomfield Township Grange, sponsored by the Isabella County Pomona Grange No. 50. All donations will be appreciated.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith of Flint were Friday evening callers of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith, and Jim. They were on their way to Newberry, across the Straits, where they spent the weekend. Roger called his folks Monday morning, and said the winter storm up there had created havoc, with icy roads, four-foot snowbanks along the highways, and house trailers, cars and trucks overturned by high winds they had there. They experienced terribly high winds while crossing the bridge at Sault Ste. Marie.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



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#### Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dell and
family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dell.

Saturday Mrs. Irene Morris of Detroit called at the Wm. Phillips home. In the afternoon their daughter, Mrs. John Mullet, and son came and were supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook went to Lansing Friday to visit their son, Cleland, at Sparrow Hospital. Cleland had surgery Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Warner north of Clare, last Wednesday.

Stony Thatcher had to return to CMC Hospital again last Thursday.

Word was received that Roy Glass passed away Sunday morning, after a heart attack. Roy was a son of Stan Glass, and lived in Gilmore at one time.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts, Greg, Marlene and Terry of Big Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce.

Mrs. Elam Seymour talked with Mrs. Henry Craven in Floriday Sunday afternoon, when we were having one of our first winter blizzards. Edith said weather was wonderful there, with temperatures in the 80s, and fishing was good. Makes us wish we were there, too.

## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKenzie and family spent Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart. Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Hart and Roxann and Mrs. Lane Chapman and Amy, Mrs. Ida Reynolds and Mrs. Mary Reynolds, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis all helped Mrs. Hart celebrate her birthday.

Wm. Lowery entered the Clare hospital Monday, for surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Douglas made a trip to Pontiac this week. Hugh Douglas is on sick leave from his work.

Hubert Shendorff of Belding was taken to the Clare hospital while hunting in Gilmore Township. He suffered a heart attack. He is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Douglas.

Our sympathy to the family of Roy Glass.

Sorry to hear Norman Geasler was unable to attend a family birthday dinner Sunday evening, due to arthritis. The party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Albert Geasler, for Mr. Geasler and Mrs. Melva Worth.

Tim Kirkey of Mt. Pleasant got a five-point buck Monday morning in Sherman Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mosell and sons, Charles and Dick, of South Bend, Ind., spent the weekend with her parents, the Paul Coles. Supper guests Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa.

Mr. and Mrs. Mossell visited his sister, Mrs. Chuck Merchant, of Harrison, Saturday evening.

#### North Weidman Elvah Gott, Reporter

Rusty Alwood spent the weekend home from his work in Ludington. He was a lucky hunter Saturday morning and got a nice six-point deer.

Mrs. Don Alwood and Jim, Donny and Cathy attended a Ninth Grade football party at the Barryton school last Wednesday evening.

Bob Smith and son, Robbie, of Ypsilanti spent last week at their cabin near Gladwin, with no luck in hunting. They called on relatives in the Weidman area before returning home.

Mrs. Hermione Smith and Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy enjoyed dinner at the Family Restaurant in Weidman Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller and son, Butch, of Lansing have been spending the past two weeks at their cabin northwest of Weidman, for deer hunting. Butch has been hunting with the Alwood boys.

Roy and Ella Adams have arrived at their winter home in Florida and are settled and real happy. Their address: 2820 5th St., E., Bradenton, Fla. 33505. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham call-

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham called on Laura Latham Saturday.
Mrs. Mattie Maguire entered
CMC Hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaugher and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger Sunday.

Mrs. Norman Abbott cared for Carolyn Jewell's children the weekend while Jim and Carolyn and friends went hunting up North. No luck at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Blodgett and family of Flint have been hunting in this area, and took home three deer Sunday night.

Becky Graham took her grandmother, Mrs. John Gott, to Evart Saturday to her doctor.

PETITIONS ARE AVAILABLE ALL OVER FOR SIGNATURES ASKING FOR SPECIAL ELECTION TO FREE US FROM DICTATORSHIP

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At this time of year, we feel it is especially appropriate to offer our great big Thanks to all you lovely people out there who read this paper—and pay for it. We are truly grateful.

# Weidman Dessenger

#### Around Horr Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Brr-Our first taste of winter. As far as I am concerned, I don't like it.

Garth Lawrence and Pam called on his mother Saturday, and Garth did some hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski were Wednesday evening guests of the Paul Millers.

Pete Wood and Michael and Tim Kirkey are camped at Mrs. Flora Wood's, and are doing

some hunting.

Lester Morgan of Grand Rapids was a Wednesday afternoon caller at the Alva Cummins home. Sunday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and Dawn Marie, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hinch of St. Louis, Ula Cummins, Mrs. Helen Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Grant White and son, Neil, of near Barryton, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence, Garth Lawrence and daughter, Pam, Bill Cummins, and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White.

Jack Thompson has been a patient at Kelsey Hospital in Lakeview for the past week. The Jim Thompsons have been down to see him several times. They were business callers in Lansing Saturday and also called on Mrs. Thompson's mother.

Floyd Dutcher was a Friday dinner guest at the Charlie Losey home, and also a Saturday breakfast guest.

Leo Gatehouse was a Saturday evening caller at the Earl Oplinger home.

Mrs. Carol Johnson called on her brother, Bud Blodgett, and family, Saturday evening.

Frank Benn planned to leave Wednesday to spend a couple of weeks with his brother, Wilbur, and wife, at Shepherd.

Word was received Monday of the death of Mrs. Lovisa Hughes of Grand Rapids, a Barryton resident at one time. She also lived in Phoenix, Ariz., and has many friends in this area. Funeral services were held in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski, George Miller, Mrs. Ethel Mc-Lean, and Mabel Allen were Sunday pre-Thanksgiving dinner guests at the Elwood Miller home. Mr. and Mrs. Miller both have to work Thanksgiving Day.

Harold and Howard Miller of Adrian were Thursday morning callers of the Millers.

Some of the lines must be out of order. I can't get on them. Better luck next week. ---0---

**NEWS NOTES** 

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey left for their winter home in Palmetto, Florida, last Wednesday mor-

Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch were Sunday afternoon callers of Ruth Momany, who has been ill. Ruth was feeling better the first of this week.

#### Brinton News Frances Beck, Reporter

The Merry Go Round Club met last Thursday with Marilyn Fosberg, with 19 ladies attending. The bazaar was a big success. The December meeting will be with Wanda Graham in Weidman on Dec. 10.

Bill Forbes returned to his home in Pontiac after spending some time here, deer hunting.

Fay Forbes received word this week that his cousin, Orville Kirby, of near Mt. Clemens, had been reported missing when their boat was found capsized on Lake St. Clair, where he and a friend had been duck hunting. There had been no report of their being found over the weekend. He was the son of Goldie Kirby and the late Lovell Kirby.

Bonnie Hyder and boys of near Rockford called on her mother, Mrs. Ralph Geasler, Saturday, and her grandmother, Flossie Forbes. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller also were callers of Flossie during the week. Her sister, Caroline Alston, of Clare, spent the weekend with her.

Joyce Geasler attended WSCS at Barryton one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fosburg and boys planned to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Geasler and family in Iowa.

Paul Moone and friend of Battle Creek spent the week at their trailer on Grass Lake Road, doing some hunting.

Mrs. Whaley's brother spent Sunday with her. Mrs. Whaley spent a few days last week with her daughter, Margaret Sisco, and family.

> ---0---EAST oldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Routheaux and boys and new baby girl, Sandy, called on the Harold Skinners Sunday. Grandmo-ther Miller of Farwell was with them. Ken went hunting with Ray and Dick, with no luck.

Sunday was a day of rain, then the sun was shining, and then the wind came up and temperatures really took a drop, then snow flew. As they say, That's Michigan weather, real changeable.

Dale Olger got a seven-point buck last Tuesday.

Denton Lofgren called on his aunt, Dawn Flaugher, over the weekend, for deer hunting, but had no luck.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn West, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Knuth of Montrose spent Tuesday evening till Sunday at their trailer in the Harold Skinner yard, for deer season. Elwyn West, Sr., and Eric came Friday evening. They all hunted with Ray and Dick Skinner. They saw two bucks but had no luck. Don't believe there are as many deer this season.

Diana and Jim Latham called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson and children of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Connors of Stanwood were Friday callers of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger.

John and Jim Latham and wives of Mt. Pleasant called on the Olgers Saturday.

#### Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller and Brian of Lansing were also guests.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR VINA BAILEY

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick and Mrs. David Flower attended a birthday party honoring Mrs. Vina Bailey, at the home of Mrs. Norma Flower in St. Johns Sunday.

Also attending were Audrey Flaugher and Leola Young, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Flower, Jr., of Chesaning, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams and family of Laingsburg.

A happy day was spent observing Vina's 80th birthday.

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Lela Whearett and Don Clark spent last week in Detroit and that area, visiting relatives and old friends. They returned home Sunday evening.

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#### Editor's Column

By Connie (Continued from Page 1)

on the matter. You'll find petition forms available in your area, and we list them here, although they were also listed in the Boxholder mailer.

You can sign a petition at: the residences of Jim Sabatz, Walter Faber and Earl Blodgett for Gilmore Township: for Deerfield Township, Spayde's Market and Petoskey's Market; for Coldwater Township, the residences of Lewis Bowen, Loraine Conley, Clifton Sloan, and Robert Geasler. For Nottawa Township, Rau's Service Station in Beal City, and Fox Hardware in Weidman; for Sherman Township, it's Fox Hardware and McArthur Insurance Agency, in Weidman. (Fox Hardware also has legal petition blanks for four townships in this area.)

Also for Sherman Township, the Lake Isabella office. For Broomfield, the residences of Betty Findley, Gale Krueger and Harold Lapham. Uebele's Market has a petition for Rolland Towr ship.

Get at it and sign these petitions. It means your freedom on land you have paid for with your hard-earned money, and which you thought was yours to do with as you wanted. According to this infamous ordinance by out-of-touch-with-reality men (the County Board of Commissioners), it is not yours at all, it's the Board's, to lay down regulations on how you may and may not use your land.

You have only till Saturday of this week to get your name on one of the petition forms. This week, only, with Thursday out for Thanksgiving.

Whatever you do, though, do not sign more than one petition form. If you should do this, you would jeopardize your own signature, which would be knocked out of the county, and also endanger the whole effort.

After the petitions are in, and when a special election is called, be sure and get out and vote.

It's your freedom on your own home and lands you'll be voting on. Don't muff it and stay away from the polls on this one.

This is local dictatorship or the people getting up and telling 'em off. Your vote could be the deciding one.

Mrs. Loreen Ringquist of Big Rapids and Mrs. Jennie Erickson of Grant Center spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ethel Bywater. Mrs. Ringquist was Loreen Wernette back in the Sherman City days when Mrs. Bywater was Ethel Hatcher, and the two families were neighbors. Both ladies are very old friends of Mrs. Bywater.

## BOWLING

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	Weidman Bank	20	
	Giant Super Mkt.	19.5	
	Beal City Service	19	
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Jerry Bauman 4-7-9-10 split. High Team Series: Lowery Northern 2931. High Team Game: Pabst Blue Ribbon 1025.

High Indv. Series: Bob Hartupee 560, Bob Lyon 536, Bob Bleise & Dale Lawens 529.

High Indv. Game: Louie Van Orden 221, Bob Hartupee 221, Tom Bierschbach 204.

GUYS & DOLLS

Nov. 2	J	
Thon-Blake	31	17
McArthur-Anderson	30.5	17.5
Moore-Long	29	19
Lawens-Pantenburg	28.5	19.5
Blehm-Hyde	28	30
Ecker-Eldred	27	21
Bleise-Straus	26	22
Bierschbach-Zill	26	22
Nolte-Kolarik-Ive	24	24
McConnell-Myers	23	25
Moore-Moravy	11	37
Stewart-Bleise	5	43
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High Team Series: Lawens & Pantenburg 2436. High Team Game: Bierschbach & Zill 871.

High Indv. Series, men: Tom Bierschbach 647, Dale Lawens 580, Mitch McArthur 554.

High Indv. Series, women: Mary Blake 518, Barb Moore 461 Mary Hyde 460.

High Indv. Game, men: Tom Bierschbach 264, 212, Mitch McArthur 244, Dale Lawens 208.

High Indv. Game, women: Mary Blake 179, Barb Thon 179, Barb Moore 175.

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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.

Floyd Dutcher won first prize for the men, Hattie Losey won first for the women.

Earl Blodgett won low. Rose Schafer won the pepper prize. with the door prize going to Clara Fox.

The next Rebekah card party will be Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 1.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Flower planned to have their children home for Thanksgiving Day and the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower of Toledo, O., are expected, and Miss Jennie Flower will spend her vacation from Ferris State College at home.



PLAN SUMMER WEDDING--Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tilmann of 3033 West Beal City Road announce the engagement of their daughter, Rose Mary, to Kevin R. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Brown of 4620 East Bluegrass Road, Mt. Pleasant. The bride-elect is employed at CMU health service, and her fiancee is presently farming with his father.

FIRE DESTROYS SMALL HOUSE ON WYMAN ROAD

A house occupied by the Geo. Derth Johnson family, located on the Wyman Road north of Horr, was a total loss after fire raced out of control Tuesday afternoon.

The Weidman Volunteer Firemen responded to a call at 4 p. m. but the fire had destroyed the place by the time they got there.

The house was a small struc-

The house was owned by Thomas Loomis. The Johnson family

did not save any furniture except their television set, and no personal belongings, including clothes, according to reports Tuesday evening.

The family had no telephone,

The family had no telephone, and had to go to the Burdette Reed home to place a fire call.

Mrs. Johnson told neighbors the family would stay with her mother, Mrs. Bill Johnson (Hattie).

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