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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### TH' HECK WITH WOES, OUR FLOWERS DID COME OUT

This week we're ignoring our local and national dangers and woes and we shall revel in a few of the facts of spring, however cold and unpredictable in Michigan.

The United States is in the beginning of what could be comparable to the decline and fall of the Roman Empire. The Empire fell because of decay from within, to the point where it was easy prey to the "barbarians" invading Italy. The United States is also decaying from within, and will fulfill Khrushchev's prediction, "We shall take your country without firing a shot."

1984 came early to Isabella County. We have a lordly Board of County Commissioners unresponsive to the common taxpayers and going about its own merry way while collecting more and more taxes, without representation, from us lowly clods.

We have a school district which also is taxing us out of our property, and we also have Governor Milliken pressing for mandatory big-big school districts throughout the state, ignoring the unmanagability of the too-big district.

But for this week we're gunna remember: Two weeks ago our crocus popped up through seven inches of straw covering and gave us a show the like of which we haven't had for years. It was cold, too.

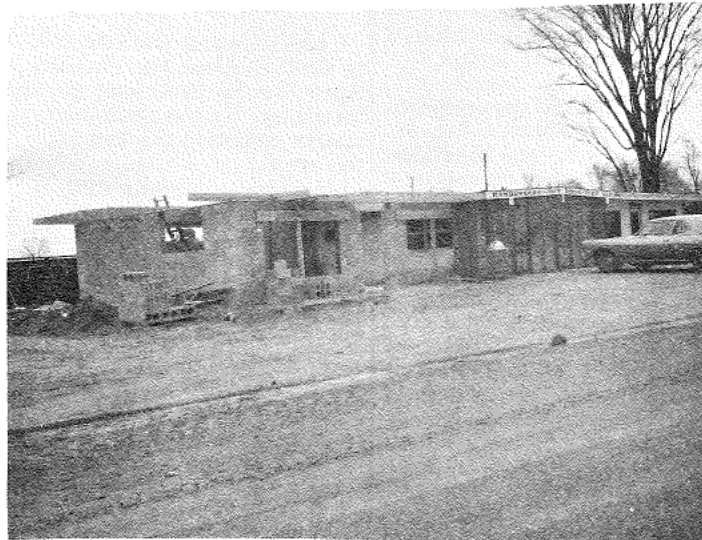
Our little short-stemmed dark-blue violets peppered throughout our lawn are blooming.

And Frances Tranbarger has had a dazzling display of giant daffodils blooming through our high winds, night freezes, snow and the gamut of junk weather we've had this spring. They have been a real sight.

Out at Stanley's woods, the banks partially mutilated by the Road Department's bulldozers were brilliant with pink, blue and white hepaticas. These are Spring's most delicate and most beautiful flowers.

All this in cold, with snow one day last week, twisting winds that tear off twigs from spruce trees and scatter them over the already littered lawn.

But we had some spring flowers. For that we are grateful, in a



**THE WEIDMAN DRIVE IN IS OPEN**--Under the efficient management of Dale and Russell Tilmann--and their wives--the place has prospered, and this week completion is being made on a north wing, to house a recreation room, with the south room for quiet dining.

**POOL TABLES**, pinball machines, and a juke box will be there to entertain the younger generation, while those who wish may eat in quiet in the dining room on the south side.

**THESE YOUNG PEOPLE**--Two sets of husbands and wives, have worked hard and long hours to make it go, and it looks as though it really will go this year.

**OFFICIAL SPRING OPENING** of the drive in is scheduled for this weekend, although the place has been open for business during the past week.

**BEAL CITY SENIOR PLAY TO BE PRESENTED APRIL 30**  
Seniors at Beal City High School will present their Senior play, "Pickle Puss," this Friday evening, April 30, at 8 o'clock. It also will be shown May 1, with a presentation at 8 p.m. Price of admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. The public is invited for an evening of fun and entertainment.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wood of Bay City were Sunday guests of Mrs. Emily Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan and Mr. and Mrs. John Pyle of Flint were also guests.

spring like this, and we have taken their beauty to heart to the fullest extent.

For a few minutes at a time, we have forgotten the tribulations of our local area, our county, our state, and our country.

One glimpse of spring beauty under most adverse weather conditions. We shall treasure that memory. At least we had beauty in the midst of freezing spring.

**SUPERVISOR LEWIS BOWEN APPEALING COLDWATER TOWNSHIP'S TAX SITUATION**  
Lewis Bowen, Supervisor of Coldwater Township, said this week he is appealing to the State Tax Commission for reconsideration of County officers' treatment of his tax figures for his township.

Lewis cut \$530,000 off Gem Survey's valuation figures for Coldwater Township, and the Coldwater Township Board of Review upheld him.

The Supervisor and Board of Review of Coldwater contend their figures are a 100 percent assessment, and that Gem Survey's figures were exorbitant.

The Isabella County Board of Commissioners, however, through their Equalization Committee and the Equalization Director, slapped the value back on with a 1.3349 factor.

We salute the courage of Lewis Bowen and the people of Coldwater Township, and hope they can impress the State Board.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider spent Sunday in Big Rapids, visiting relatives.

## Men in Uniform

Here's a new address:  
RMSA Robert C. Riley, D50-01-57, U. S. Nav. Comm. Sta., Guam, Box 121, Division 30X, FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96630.

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Here's another address:  
PFC. Richard Smith, [redacted] C Btry, 3Bn., 27th Arty., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96321.

Richard left April 4 from Oakland, Calif., for Vietnam. He is in heavy artillery, located in a firing battery, handling big guns. He said in a recent letter to his folks, the Ray Smiths, that he met Mike Powell at Nha Trang.

He said, in his letter, "I sure feel sorry for these people over here. The way they live makes the bad side of Weidman look lovely.

"They live in homes that are made of old wood and straw. Maybe each board is about an inch apart.

"Since I have been here I have been in Nha Trang, Cam Ranh Bay, and Bien Hoa."

Richard's wife, Melinde, will remain in Texas until his return. They were married in Texas March 5.

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**BEAL CITY SCHOOL TO HAVE RUMMAGE SALE**  
A school benefit rummage sale will be held May 1 from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m., in St. Joseph's Church basement at Beal City.

Proceeds will go to the parochial school to help pay the school's expenses.

Parish people are working hard to save their private school.

Collection of articles donated will be from 12 noon to 5 p. m. Friday, April 30, in the church basement.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith were honored guests of the Lions Club of Wolverine last Tuesday evening, the occasion being the club's honoring Annette Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith, a Senior in the Wolverine High School. Attendance was terrific, and included many Old Settlers of the area. The local Smiths enjoyed a wonderful dinner, as well as recognition for the honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Boerema of Wyoming, Mich., were Wednesday visitors of her mother, Mrs. Ina Gillett.

## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Opal Denslow attended a pink and blue shower honoring Mrs. Sue Acker at Durand this week Monday. She was the former Sue Ann Dunn. Mrs. Denslow enjoyed Sunday dinner at the Darrell Platek home, in their new house, formerly the Bob Spough farm four miles northeast of Barryton.

Sunday callers at the Mack Denslow home were all their children and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Gross and Amy were Sunday guests at the Gerald Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Swan and Larry and Kevin were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow. The dinner celebrated Larry's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber were Tuesday evening guests of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Mrs. Lawrence spent Wednesday with her son, Garth, and family. Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Lawrence were Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins and the Garth Lawrence family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and I went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz Sunday evening to help Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Dorothea Bergquist and Mrs. Elaine Wood were co-hostesses at a bridal shower honoring Miss Gloria Wood, Friday evening, at the Richard Wood home. She received lovely gifts.

Mrs. Flora Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller called on Carl Geasler and Martin Boger Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Minnie Strauch spent Wednesday and Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Hattie Losey. The gals called on me Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew called at the Losey home Saturday morning, on their way to visit their daughter and family, the Chuck Tiedemans, at Clarkston.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Tiani and two children were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and boys joined the others for Sunday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were business callers in Grand Rapids Thursday, and also called on the Chuck Wilsons. Tim Workman was a Thursday overnight guest at the Thompson home. Bob and Bill and the rest of the high school band attended the Trout Festival at Kalkaska Saturday.

Sorry, not much news this week. Several I can't get. Better luck next time.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Connie Bowen spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen. Connie has employment in Swartz Creek.

Sunday callers of Frances Beck were Don and Grace Seymour, Connie Bowen, and Violet Wright. Connie also called on Nora Geasler Sunday.

Echo Godwin and boys called on her grandmother, Eathel Beers, Sunday.

Violet Wright did papering for Mrs. Jim Pitts Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Merrihew of near Detroit were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

Frank Scott and son, Frankje, of Suttons Bay were weekend guests of Flossie and Don Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler are planning on going to Grand Rapids Wednesday and join their daughter, Emily, on a trip to Ames, Iowa, where they will visit their son, Mitchell, and family for a few days.

Floyd Tower called on Alfred Bartley Sunday.

Jerry Roberts joined some men from Clare on a smelt fishing trip Thursday night, and reported very good luck with lots of smelt.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe returned home Friday evening, after spending the winter in Arizona.

Carl Geasler returned home from the hospital in Saginaw, and is reported as gaining, after surgery.

Violet Wright, Isabel Tupper and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted attended the funeral of their cousin at Riverdale Thursday.

Caroline Alston and niece of Clare called on Nora Geasler Tuesday.

Lena St. John was taken to the Lakeview Hospital Thursday night. Mrs. Dale Olger was also taken there Thursday. We wish each of our neighbors a speedy recovery and return home soon.

Last Tuesday, April 20, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger gave a birthday party for Mrs. Boger's brother. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler. Earl Geasler and wife of Remus were unable to attend because of illness.

Mrs. Boger's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Kent, of Grand Rapids, dropped in and joined the party. All had a wonderful time.

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Boger gave a birthday party for Timmy Turnbull, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turnbull of Lansing. Martin Boger's birthday also was part of the observation. All their family were present: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Herman and Kristy of Weidman, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turnbull and family of Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Estes of Brinton.

Fern Beutler was admitted to CMC Hospital Sunday, suffering from hyper-ventilation, a difficulty in breathing. She came home Monday. Her mother, Mrs. Lena St. John, was reported Tuesday morning as steadily improving, in the Lakeview Hospital.

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## Local Items

Gerald Grewett was admitted to CMC Hospital last Thursday, April 22. He underwent surgery for ulcers. He was reported in serious condition the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude King of Columbiaville, Mich., were Sunday and Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goudie of Clare were Sunday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur and family had Sunday dinner

with Mrs. Roxie Salisbury and Mrs. Virgil McArthur in Shepherd. They enjoyed the big parade as Shepherd wound up its Maple Syrup Festival. Mr. and Mrs. David McArthur and family were also guests of the Shepherd ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baxter of Flint spent last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Garold St. John and family. The Baxters had just returned from wintering in Texas.

Mrs. Leila Shook spent a week with her sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Irwin, of Alpena.

Mrs. Ted Smith was in CMC Hospital the past week, in traction for back trouble. Her mother, Mrs. Leah Scharrer, and Mrs. Clara Smith, called on her Monday afternoon. Lucille was feeling some better.

Mrs. Clyde Beutler spent Sunday with the Forrest Johnston family at Rosebush.

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Mar. 4tApr29

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April 15tf

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ment work, etc. Jerry Horstman,  
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Jan. 14tf

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ior. Edw. Schafer, Coldwater  
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FOR SALE--1/4 Horse Motor,  
also a few bales of straw. Or-  
rie Merrihew, Weidman.  
Apr. 29t2p

YOU saved and slaved for wall  
to wall carpet. Keep it new  
with Blue Lustre. Rent electric  
shampooer \$1 at Fox Hardware,  
Weidman.

Apr. 29t1

### Legal Notice

ISABELLA COUNTY PROBATE  
COURT

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
Estate of BLANCHE L. CLIFF,  
Deceased.

THE COURT ORDERS:

Petition of Leon G. McArthur  
praying instrument filed be ad-  
mitted as Last Will of Deceased  
and administration granted Leon  
G. McArthur and heirs be deter-  
mined, will be heard May 19,  
1971, at 9.30 A.M. at Probate  
Court. Publication in The Weid-  
man Messenger. Court Rule No-  
tice.

Dated April 15, 1971  
BURKE McCLINTIC  
Judge of Probate

Attorney:  
Stephen W. Fox  
102 Hersee Bldg.  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
April 29t3

### Card of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere  
thanks to friends, relatives,  
clubs, lodges, for the flowers,  
cards, gifts, and all those who  
visited me.

Rev. Athel Lynch and wife  
for prayers and visits;  
Dr. Chamberlain and nurses  
for good care while I was in the  
hospital; also for the phone  
calls and visits at home.

Your thoughtfulness will always  
be remembered.

Myrtle Moses

## Weidman Messenger

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## Obituary

ROBERT OAKLEY DAGUE  
Robert Oakley Dague passed  
away April 24 in Nokomis, Fla.,  
at the age of 81.

Funeral services were held on  
Wednesday, April 28, at 2 p.  
m. at the Daggett Funeral Home  
in Barryton, with Rev. Wayne  
Lyon officiating. Burial was in  
the Sherman City Cemetery.

He is survived by two sons, Del-  
bert and Robert, both of Sagi-  
naw; two daughters, Mrs. Rob-  
erta Esmer of Saginaw and Mrs.  
Luanna Myas of Berrien Springs;

Also nine grandchildren and  
six great-grandchildren; Mrs.  
Grace Estabrook of Barryton; a  
sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Archer of  
Wheeling, West Virginia; and  
a niece, Mrs. Isabel Sisco of  
Brinton.

The Dague family lived many  
years in the Barryton and Cold-  
water Township areas. Mr.  
Dague had lived 63 years on his  
farm just east of Barryton.

The family has the sympathy  
of all.

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S. W. Sherman  
Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher  
were Friday evening and supper  
guests of the Clayton Dutchers.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher  
and children spent the weekend  
with them, and the Dale Dutch-  
ers spent Sunday. Ivan Dutcher  
was a Sunday callers.

The Robert Dutchers spent Sat-  
urday evening with the Garry  
Dutchers.

The Clayton Dutchers spent  
Saturday evening with the Rich-  
ard Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler,  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler, Mr.  
and Mrs. Clayton Beutler and  
Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler at-  
tended a Ladies' Night dinner  
and program at the Bay City  
Consistory Cathedral Thursday  
evening.

Virgil and Emma Gatehouse  
and Marie Mathewson spent Sat-  
urday evening with the Harry  
Gatehouses.

Laurel Beutler celebrated her  
birthday Wednesday. Twelve of  
her friends came out after  
school for a party. She was  
eight years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler  
and children went to St. Charles  
Saturday. Their grandmother  
had gotten the children tickets  
to a puppet show. Howard visit-  
ed Mr. Sanderson while Marion  
and her mother took the chil-  
dren to see the show.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and  
family were Sunday dinner  
guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank  
Graham of Rosebush, and they  
attended the parade in Shepherd  
in the afternoon, then visited  
Mr. and Mrs. Don Walker of

Shepherd.  
Bill Hardenburgh and Vicki  
Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. Wil-  
lard Ransom and family of Flint  
over the weekend.

Mrs. Hattie Losey and Mrs.  
Minnie Strauch were Thursday  
callers of Mrs. Clayton Dutcher.  
Minnie Strauch spent Tuesday  
over night with the Ervin Dutch-  
ers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher  
had their dinner in Shepherd  
Saturday, then visited Mrs. Clara  
Smith in the Lakeview Hospital  
in the afternoon. They visited  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington  
and family in Saginaw Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Merrihew  
and Kelli of Taylor were Sunday  
dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs.  
George Merrihew.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher  
called on Mr. and Mrs. Robert  
Hines Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Downing of  
Marion visited Mr. and Mrs.  
Howard Beutler and family Sun-  
day afternoon.

The Jack Wernette family vis-  
ited the Duane Thren family  
Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ronna Dutcher called on  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sisco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher  
are living in the apartment  
house across from the school in  
Weidman.

Rex Dutcher spent Saturday  
over night with David Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Spring-  
stein of Fenwick and Mr. and  
Mrs. Theodore Case were Sun-  
day visitors of Mr. and Mrs.  
Richard Dutcher.

Orval Merrihew returned home  
from Florida last Thursday af-  
ternoon, and had supper with  
his father, Orrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woodin  
and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald  
spent Tuesday in Lewiston. Mr.  
and Mrs. Harold Moose of Torch  
Lake came Friday and visited  
through Sunday. Miss Florence  
Fitzgerald and Bob Kentine of  
Lansing spent the weekend with  
her folks. Mr. and Mrs. Ferris  
Wernette of Davison visited  
them Monday.

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REBEKAH CARD PARTY  
HAS NINE TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular Rebekah-spon-  
sored card party last Tuesday af-  
ternoon, there were nine tables  
of pepper in play.

Will Lawens won first prize for  
the men, with Nina Forbes win-  
ning first for the women. Low  
prize was won by Gertrude Gross.

Coletta Gross won the pepper  
prize, with Gladys Wilson win-  
ning the door prize.

The next Rebekah card party  
in Weidman will be Tuesday af-  
ternoon, May 4.

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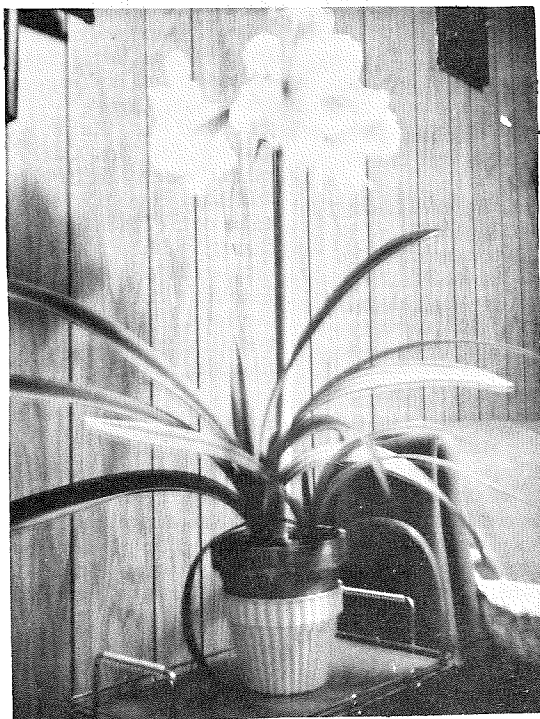
BETTER THAN A LETTER



Times-News Photo

THESE WERE SIX of the ten men who left Local Board #38 in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday for induction into the Armed Forces. Leaving were: Ronald Griffiths, James Hamilton, Harry Love and

Chris Altstaetter of Mt. Pleasant; Justin DuBois and Charles Clark, Shepherd; James B. Race III, Flint; David Isaac, Clare; Kevin Holliday, Lake and Jeffrey Jones, Weidman. A number of men also left to take pre-induction physicals in Detroit.



WHITE AMARYLLIS IN FULL BLOOM--We couldn't do justice to Maggie Boger's breath-taking white amaryllis with our camera. The blooms are huge, and veined with green shadings. Lena Cole gave her the bulb, Mrs. Boger told the Messenger. Mrs. Boger's green thumb in growing plants and flowers is famous hereabouts. She has not only house plants the like

of which you and I can't grow, but her outdoor gardens are always the most beautiful.

An interesting plant (which Ye Ed kept brushing against in her efforts to get a picture of the amaryllis) is a shrimp plant, covered with shrimp-shaped but beautiful blooms. Not many people have that touch for making flowers grow beyond the good or better, and on to the best.

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## Weidman Messenger

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Some buy it. A gratifying number subscribe to it. Some borrow it. Some loan it out to relatives, neighbors, friends. We don't mind a bit, because

EVERYBODY READS IT!

# MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

GIVE HER  
A LOVELY GIFT  
FROM OUR WELL  
STOCKED STORE.

by  
**American**  
Greeting

COSTUME JEWELRY  
COSMETICS  
MANY KINDS OF  
NICE GIFTS

SUNDAY,  
MAY 9

**MOTHER'S  
DAY**

**BUD'S  
STORE**

WEIDMAN

### West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Ruby Douglas was a visitor of Mrs. Charlotte Hart last Tuesday.

Wednesday callers of the Paul Coles were Martin Boger and Tony Maswchuck. Mr. Boger brought Velma Cole some honey.

Roy Donley has a trailer house at his farm, and plans to live in it while he builds a new house at the site where the one burned last fall, on the old Earl Douglas place.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Miss Ruth Border, returned home from Flint Sunday, after several days spent visiting with several families there.

Wednesday evening visitors of the Paul Coles were their sister-in-law, Mrs. Beulah Wixson, Miss Ruth Border, and Mr. and Mrs. James Wixson and daughter, Lee Ann.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart visited Mrs. Hugh Douglas Friday.

Friday dinner guests of Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma were her sisters, Mrs. Helen Wardwell, and Mrs. Hilda Samson.

Little April Wilkie spent Friday with her Grandma Wardwell and Grandma Shaner at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Wm. Sampson got a release to go back to work, after being off for some time with infection in her veins.

Tony Maswchuck is doing some remodeling on his farm home.

Mrs. Norman Geasler and two sons spent the weekend at Gladwin with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Haight of Weidman visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geasler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and sons, Daryl and Mike, and Norman Geasler spent the weekend at East Tawas, smelt fishing.

Little Joey Geasler was two years old Monday. A party was held Sunday evening for him.

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### Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

Hi:  
Nice to be back in good old Michigan in the springtime, after a lovely winter spent in Florida. The weather man there said it was the warmest winter Florida had had for 12 or 15 years. There were two real hard frosts that killed a lot of the orange trees, and about 50 percent of the oranges were frozen, but that didn't last more than a couple of nights. When the sun came out it didn't take long to warm things up. It was around 75 and 80 degrees all winter, sometimes 90 degrees. Didn't see any snow banks.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook went to Lansing Sunday to visit their sons, Cleland and Donald, and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dell left Tuesday with their son for Florida for a couple of weeks.

The barn on what was once known as the old Hugh Graham place but now owned by the Rawson boys, burned to the ground Friday morning, about 1 o'clock, cause unknown.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts attended a Veterans of World War I meeting and dinner at Clare Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce and Mrs. Donna Fordyce were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fordyce of rural Mt. Pleasant.

Carl Geasler returned home from St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw Thursday afternoon, feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts and Marlene and Terry of Big Rapids were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Art Goudie and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fordyce of Farwell returned from Florida last Tuesday. There has always been a saying around here that when the Claude Fordyces come back from Florida, we'll get our last snow storm here. We got our snow storm Thursday.

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### North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Conley were Saturday evening callers of the Olgers. Mrs. Mattie Maguire called Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maguire called on Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Esterline of Farwell Sunday afternoon. They attended church at the Gospel Tabernacle at Oil City Sunday.

Cathy Alwood and Deana St. John attended a birthday party for Laurel Beutler at the Howard Beutler home Wednesday afternoon after school. Laurel was eight years old, and several friends went to play games and enjoy cake and ice cream and wish her Happy Birthday. She received nice gifts.

Helen Alwood called on Lucille Smith at CMC Hospital last Friday afternoon. She also called on other sick people from our area.

Rusty, Jim and Donny Alwood spent Sunday at the Chum Methner home near Blanchard. They enjoyed chicken barbecue, horse riding and games.

Joe Ptak and son, Brian, of Royal Oak called at the Don Alwood home Friday evening. The Ptaks were planning on cleaning up around their land on the Weidman Mill Pond, and visited friends in Evart also.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Powell of Bridgeport and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Moore called on Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott and Leann Abbott called on Mr. and Mrs.

Mack Denslow Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Knorr of Shepherd called on the Abbotts Sunday.

Ward Dell spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Handy of Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gott and grandson, little Bruce Gott, called on Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gott of Elwell Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family of Stanton called on Mrs. Wanda Graham and girls and Mr. and Mrs. John Gott Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and Flossie Allen of Winn called on Mr. and Mrs. John Gott Sunday, and took his parents and Cathy Alwood for a ride, and had dinner at a restaurant in Coleman. They passed by where Mrs. Gott's parents lived, near Hope, then back to Bessie Allen's for supper, and home.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams visited at the home of their niece and family, the Everett Conleys, of Clare, and also at Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shaw's of Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Waite were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Adams Monday.

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Young People's Service, 6.30 p.m.

Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

Choir practice Thursday, 6.30 p.m.

Our people enjoyed the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Olson of the Rural Bible Mission. They are just starting out this week, even though they are middle-aged.

It challenges the philosophy of those who think they are over the hill at 35.

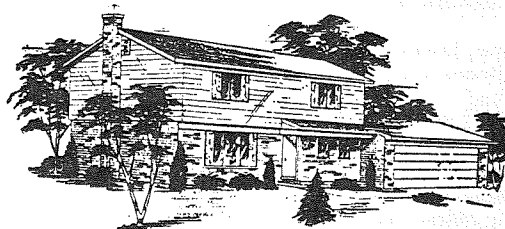
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April 21

	W	L
Beal City Service**	30	
Schlitz Beer	29	
Weidman Bank	28.5	
Household Appl.	28	
Lowery Northern	27.5	
Wentworth IGA	25	
Giant Super Market*	24	
Pabst Blue Ribbon	24	
Smalley Builders	24	
Marchiando & Rau	23	
Central Concrete	23	
Beal City Tavern	20	

\*First Half winners.

\*\*Second Half winners.

High Team Series: Wentworth IGA 2959. High Team Game: Central Concrete 1086.

High Indv. Series: Larry Mason 600, Bob Berg 542, Dan Wawersik 532.

High Indv. Game: Larry Mason 215, Mel Pohl 211, Dan Wawersik 204.

This was the last night of play for the Continental League for the season, except for a rolloff Wednesday evening of this week.

## GUYS & DOLLS

April 23

Lawens-Pantenburg	44	12
Blehm-Hyde	36	20
Moore-Long	35	21
Bierschbach-Huber	34	22
Thon-Blake	34	22
Ecker-Eldred	31	25
Nolte-Kolarik	24	32
Bleise-Straus	24	32
Moore-Moravy	24	32
McConnell-Myers	19	37
Stewart-Bleise	17	39
Pung-Keesler	14	42

High Team Series: McConnell & Myers 2410. High Team Game: Blehm & Hyde 845.

High Series, men: Bob Moore 516, Dale Lawens 507, Jerry Thon 506.

High Game, men: Jerry Thon 190, Bob Moore 189, Gary Moore 187.

High Series, women: Mary Hyde 543, Barb Moore 504, Mary Blake 501.

High Game, women: Barb Moore 201, Mary Hyde 198, Mickey Blehm 182.

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## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

We extend our sympathy to the relatives and friends of Oakley Dague, who passed away the latter part of last week in Florida.

We were very sorry to hear that Mrs. Lena St. John was taken to the Lakeview Hospital late Thursday night. Glad she was feeling better Monday!

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss, and Stacey, Sunday. Mrs. Voss celebrated her birthday Monday, April 26. Will report those attending next week. Meanwhile, Happy Birthday, Millie! Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock

visited his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, Friday night at Riverdale, finding her improving in health. She had been at CMC Hospital for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Schrock visited their son, Rodney, and children at Farwell Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip called on his parents Sunday evening.

Mrs. Violet Wright of Brinton papered the kitchen for Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City and Mrs. Kate Darnell and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Showers of Barryton were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Skalitzky.

Mrs. Skalitzky reported that her husband had begun working for Richard Cook early Monday morning, planting potatoes at Jubilee Corners south of Remus. They have contracted two hundred acres in that area.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Saturday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Burton of North Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pung of Weidman visited Danny Suman and children Saturday night at Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck spent the latter part of the week at Grand Haven and Spring Lake, visiting their daughters and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell and Patrick and Jill and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell and Heather. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haskins of Barryton visited Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Kimball and family of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stebelton and Renee of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss were also visitors. Mrs. Leiter reported that her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Leiter, visited their daughter, Melissa, at Ford Hospital, Sunday, finding her lots better.

Mrs. Keith Thompson attended a bridal shower for Miss Gloria Wood, who is the fiancée of Marston Antcliff of Barryton, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Juanita Struble spent the weekend with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Packer and family of Deerfield Center were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz, and family, of rural Remus, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray and his father, Ernest Gray, who spent Sunday with them, visited Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray and family at Mt. Pleasant in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray called on Mr. and Mrs. Lee Navarre Sunday evening, finding them well.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip were Saturday supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens, of Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane called on Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Shook and family of Barryton Thursday evening. They visited Mrs. Vera Allen and Rev. Ione Lloyd at Sears Tuesday evening.

Miss Laurie St. Laurent of Me costa was a Saturday overnight and Sunday guest of Miss Denise Denslow. Mrs. Mabel Cummings of Barryton visited Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Sherman and Mrs. Bessie Loomis of north Brinton visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John Tuesday afternoon. Eddie John was feeling better. Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey and Mrs. Helen Emmons of Plainwell called at the Emmons home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Posser of Evert were Sunday visitors.

Arthur Loomis visited his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis, and daughters, Sunday morning.

Edwin Cook of Canadian Lakes spent one evening the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley. Martin and Richard Stanley of Weidman were Friday overnight and Saturday guests of their grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley were Saturday night guests of Mr. and

Mrs. Donald Stanley of Weidman, who hosted an anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung of St. Johns. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung of Beal City and Mr. and Mrs. David Moore of Lake Thirteen. The above and their families were Sunday guests at the Stanley home. Kathy and Janice Pung of Beal City and Charles Cook of Canadian Lakes were callers.

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## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

How are you this beautiful morning? Am sending some money to pay for my subscription again. Sure look forward every Thursday to my paper. I enjoy the school pictures of long ago.

Say Hello to all my friends who have moved so far away. Minnie (Dutcher) Strauch Mt. Pleasant.

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Dear Mrs. Skinner:

Enclosed is my check to cover the subscription for my mother, Pauline Boge for the year. She was 86 years young April 28, and enjoys the paper very much.

Mrs. Glenn Davis  
Mt. Pleasant

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## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bellows of Flint spent Sunday with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Judy Travis, Mrs. Peg Barz of Shepherd, Mrs. Jack Smith, Janice Smith, Carrie Smith and Mrs. Walter Smith attended a bridal shower for Sandi Klimkiewicz at Albion Saturday.

A few area bowlers attended a state bowling tournament at Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Dixon and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Coletta Gross. They are from Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trowbridge and family of Midland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blasen.

Diane Pohl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pohl, was united in marriage to Bill Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, in St. Joseph's Church April 17.

A number from here attended the maple syrup festival at Shepherd.

George Doll and daughter, Catherine, of Birch Run called on relatives in Beal City Monday afternoon. They called on Will Pung, Louise Smith, Tony Schafer, Joe Tilmann, and Sylvester Dole.

Mrs. Vada Tilmann and Mrs. Dolly Rau and Delores and Brian called on Louise Smith Monday evening. Larry Rau and Miss Sheila McCall spent Thursday evening with her.

Mrs. Smith spent all day Wednesday in Mt. Pleasant, with her son, Gerald, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh spent Thursday evening with Tillie Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp were Friday evening visitors of Mrs. Schafer, and Mrs. Anna Eldred of Blanchard and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer and children were Sunday guests.

Mrs. Ida Tilmann entertained her brother and wife from Chesaning last Monday.

Mrs. Jerry Schafer spent Monday evening with Mrs. Tillie Schafer.

Mrs. Louise Schafer spent the weekend with her children in Shepherd.

Howard Schafer is in CMC Hospital.

Harold Straus and daughter spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Joe Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pung of St. Johns spent the weekend with Mrs. Joe Pung.

Mrs. Bob Baird spent the weekend with her mother in Battle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Pung, Mrs. Martha Gross and Pauline Martin of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer of Weidman spent Sunday with Mrs. Joe Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnel had a bridal shower for her son, Pat Funnel, and his fiancée, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Charles Frodel of Grand Rapids had a bridal shower for Janice Rau Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Gross.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Battle and family of Big Rapids spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber.

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### BEAL CITY SCHOOL NEWS

At the April meeting of the Beal City Board of Education, a Suspension Code was presented by Principal Robert Myers. The Board adopted the code.

Curt DuVall presented projects and programs for the Vocational Agriculture Department for the spring and summer months.

The Board approved general funds bills totaling \$7,759.35. Also approved was \$8,061.69 in Building and Site bills.

The Board decided to look into the possibility of expanded parking facilities at the High School.

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The Beal City Public Schools' annual Kindergarten Roundup is this week Thursday, April 29.

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The Senior Class of Beal City High School is planning to travel to Schuss Mountain at Mancelona on May 20 and 21 for two days of canoeing, horseback riding, swimming, golfing, hiking, good eating and relaxing. The group will be accompanied by two parents and one faculty member. The excursion will mark the last social event for the class, which will graduate Thursday, May 27.

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The Junior Class of Beal City High School is sponsoring the annual Junior-Senior banquet and prom. It will be held Saturday, May 8, with the banquet beginning at 6.30 p. m. and the prom from 9 p. m. to 12.30 a. m. Both will be in the University ballroom at CMU.

The banquet will be served buffet style, with a choice of ham or chicken for the main course. Theme for the evening will be, "We've Only Just Begun," which also is the Senior Class motto.

Decorations will center around the class colors of 1971, plum and cream. Centerpieces for the tables will consist of white rosebuds and purple pansies, flowers of the Senior and Junior classes. Music for the dance will be by "The Seventh Dawn". Tickets will be \$2 for singles and \$3.50 for couples.

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May 13 will be the date of the Beal City High School spring band concert. It will be at 8 p. m. in the Beal City School gym. Groups performing will include the choir, the 5th grade band, the 6th grade band, and the seventh, eighth and ninth grades' combined band, all under direction of Ronald O'Neil.

Among the band numbers will be "Theme from Love Story," "The Big Rock," "Joshua," "Air

for Band, and Fitzwilliam Suite. Among the choral numbers are We've Only Just Begun, Close to You, Snowbird, Julie, Do Ya Love Me, and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

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The Senior Class will present its play, "Pickle Puss," in the school gymnasium Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1, with performances beginning at 8 p. m. Seniors taking part in the performance include Chris Block, Marilyn Breuer, Vera Reihl, Mary Beth Andres, Diane Clark, Vickie Schumacher, Ken Block, Bob Pasch, Jeff Wilson, Ron Rau, and Randy Adams. Mrs. Joan Gornicki is director.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family spent Sunday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Mary Clark, of rural Mt. Pleasant, and enjoyed dinner with her and all the Clark family, gathered for the day.

Mrs. Nina Forbes was a supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson Friday evening.

Mrs. Mildred Garner of Fort Myers arrived here Monday afternoon, to spend the summer here and with relatives at Vassar, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Boucks of Barryton were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horstman and family.

Don and Rusty Alwood are doing some remodeling work for Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams.

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## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Jack Houghton called on Mrs. Choice Foster one day last week.

Blanche Carr, Choice Foster, Mrs. Wallace Bugsby and Miss Mildred Benson visited Mrs. Nettie Baker Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Leona Courser, with some ladies from the Coomer Church, spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Etta Bellingher, taking ice cream and cake to celebrate her 91st birthday, which was in March.

Mrs. Ella Cox is visiting her daughter, Ruby, and family in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter spent the weekend at their cabin at Cheboygan. They still could not get in to the cabin on account of snow.

Mrs. Ray Flaughter, Mrs. Rosie Leiter, Mrs. Laura Latham, Mrs. Joe Wilmot and Mrs. Steve Voss planned to spend the day Monday with Mrs. Millie Voss, to celebrate her birthday.

Ross Waters and friends of Delton visited Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar Sunday. Christine and Sandra Cook were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dalton of Ferndale, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartholomew of Blanchard and Mrs. Lovica Krueger were Sun-

day visitors of the Jack Lieders. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent and Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines. Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Hogg and Miss Roxanne Hines were visitors.

Mrs. Elsie Hooker of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones of Ewart, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens and Mrs. Joe Gostola and Bonnie and Dixie and Kathy Loucks were recent guests of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

David Johnson of Newberry is visiting his uncle and aunt, the Fred Swans.

Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. George Herdlein and Thursday Mr. and Mrs. John Gillman were guests of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray. Mrs. John Schupbach and Janet and Joyce visited Sunday.

Mrs. Martin and Ray went to see Herman Martin, Jr., at the Edmore Hospital, where he recently underwent surgery.

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### NEWS NOTES

The MOMS Club of Coldwater met last Wednesday at the Hummel resident. The club will meet each Wednesday.

## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

Well, the weather sure turned colder around here over the weekend.

We went up to Singing Bridge smelt fishing Friday morning, but came back Saturday afternoon because of snow storms. It was snowing up there Saturday morning. We got a few smelt Friday afternoon and evening.

Thursday evening Leo and Lucille Schafer brought their grandsons over to fish. Don and Judy Schafer and Josette also called Thursday evening.

Bob Schafer spent Sunday night with Danny Schumacher.

Bob and Renelda Klumpp of Beal City, Russ and Pauline Klumpp and son, Mark, of Remus, and Ed and I called on our mother, Mable Klumpp, in Ardis Nursing Home, Sunday afternoon. Al and Ruth Klumpp called on her Saturday night. I had received a call from the home Saturday evening saying our mother wasn't feeling too good.

Ed and I and the Russ Klumpp family had supper Sunday evening with the Bob Klumpp family.

Sonny Thelen was reported as doing fine this week, and hopes to be home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Tranbarger and Connie Skinner of Weidman enjoyed Sunday dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn.

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### OBSERVES HER 93RD BIRTHDAY APRIL 18

Mrs. Isal Johnson of 1402 Belnap, Mt. Pleasant, observed her 93rd birthday with a gathering of family and friends at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Klumpp.

Mrs. Johnson lives alone and does her own housework.

Many friends and relatives attended, from Horsehead Lake, Winn, Weidman, and Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Johnson received many cards and gifts. Her son, Clifford, telephoned her from Arizona during the celebration party.

Her family attending included Mr. and Mrs. Marion Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Del Johnson of Horsehead Lake, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnson of Mt. Pleasant.

Besides her five children, Mrs. Johnson has 14 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren. Our congratulations, Mrs. Johnson!

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