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Editor's Column

YOU HAVE LOST YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTE

The Michigan Legislature quietly passed Senate Bill No. 1080, Act. No. 289 of 1964, last June, effective Aug. 28, 1964, which ordains that there shall be no more district-by-district voting on consolidations or mergers of schools after a county committee on planning school reorganizations goes into action.

We asked one of Weidman District's members of the county committee when it is expected to become active, and he said, "We hope to get instructions from the State Committee within thirty days."

Barryton, as we understand it, held its school-district election recently by grace of confusion and/or inactivity of the State Committee, delaying commencement of activity of the powerful county committee, or, as it is designated in the new law, the "Intermediate District Committee."

If the "Intermediate District Committees (county committees) had been active, Barryton would have been compelled to vote as a unit with Remus-Mecosta; and as we tally the votes in that election, Barryton now would have been part of the Remus-Mecosta-Barryton complex by a vote of 821 to 655, the total votes of the three districts.

Let's take a quick look at Act 289 of 1964. (And where were the news media covering state affairs? We read everything we can lay our hands on, and in the Free Press strike, we tuned in every radio and tv newscast. We never heard of Act 289 till last week.)

Here are a few highlights of the Act:

Sec. I. Definitions. (A). Reorganization of school districts means the: (1.) Formation of new school districts. (2) Alteration of boundaries of established school districts. (3) Dissolution or disorganization of established school districts by methods set forth in this act.

(Editor's note: Eighteen men will decide all of this for the county of Isabella, for instance.)

There's a State Committee of seven members, appointed by the Governor. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is the non-voting chairman of this

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BEAL CITY K. OF C. HALL PAID FOR-- Climax of an evening's program Sunday was the burning of the mortgage on the Beal City K. of C. Hall. The Hall, very actively used for wedding receptions and parties, was built largely by volunteer local labor. Rev. Fr. Neubecker is shown, above, with Grand Knight Ollie Andres in the ceremony of burning the paid-up mortgage. (Graham Photo)

BEAL CITY K. OF C. HAS MORTGAGE PAID ON ITS BUILDING

Two hundred people attended ceremonies Sunday evening, Feb. 8, at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City, celebrating the paid-up status of the K. of C. Hall and the burning of the mortgage.

The program consisted of a history of the Council, starting in 1953 when the Council was established, to the planning and building of the K. of C. Hall, which started in 1957. The hall's size is 50x110 feet, and was built mainly by volunteer local labor. The first meeting was held in the hall in February, 1958.

Honored guests at Sunday evening's event included K. of C. State Deputy John La Haie, who spoke on present Council activities; and State Treasurer Leo Everest. Council Chaplain Rev. Fr. Neubecker spoke on the beginning and rapid growth of the Beal City Council.

Ben Weber was toastmaster. Art Tilmann presented the Planning Stage of the Hall building pro-

gram; Fred Fox, the Building of the Hall; Fred Steffke, Financing and Fund Raising; and Norman Gross, Finishing and Looking to the Future.

Climax of the evening was the burning of the mortgage by Grand Knight Ollie Andres and Chaplain Rev. Fr. Neubecker, assisted by the Past Grand Knights and the Building Association officers.

Lunch and refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

The Beal City K. of C. Hall stands as a symbol of community achievement, and the Knights of Columbus of Beal City are to be congratulated on their great effort and the results.

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Funeral Services Friday for Carl Scharrer

Carl Scharrer died suddenly last week Tuesday, on the way to the doctor's office in Remus, Feb. 2.

He had very many friends throughout this area, and his death was a shock to all.

He was born Oct. 22, 1897, in southern Michigan. For years he had been a repair foreman at McClain Chevrolet Sales in Barryton.

Funeral services were held at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton Friday afternoon, Feb. 5, at 1 o'clock, with Andy McNeese officiating. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.

He is survived by his wife, Leah; one son, Robert, of Phoenix, Ariz.; three daughters, Mrs. Lucille Smith of Weidman, Mrs. Betty Straus of Flushing, and Mrs. Shirley Creed of Algonac; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Also three brothers, Ed of Detroit, Chris of Flushing, and Michael of Lake; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Smith and Mrs. Agnes Rubelman, both of Marlette.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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YOUR HOME PAPER

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WANT ADS

ROE'S ACRES--Last year we sold a small piece on the Airline Rd. and now it is improved and will become an asset to the town. This year we plan to further develop Roe's Acres, for beautiful home-sites, and for recreation. Our wildlife--the birds, including game birds; and rabbits, deer muskrats, squirrels, foxes, and the mischievous but adorable raccoons, are protected on our place. There is not hunting or trapping on Roe's Acres. Home sites are on blacktop road, but set back from the highway, desirable for families with children or pets. Watch Roe's Acres as it develops. We're no big outfit, but we keep developing our beautiful wilderness acres. Geo. Skinner, ph. 644-3747.

ICE

NOW AVAILABLE
AT
BEAL CITY TAVERN

HAY FOR SALE--At the Clarence Conley farm 1/2 mile south of Brinton. Call Wm. Beck, 644-3937.

Feb. 11t2p

BABY SITTER WANTED--One child. Full time, 8.30 a. m. to 6 p. m., Tuesday to Saturdays. Responsible woman for child care and light housekeeping. Live in or go home nights. Gladys Navarre, ph. 644-3587. Feb. 11t1

YOU CAN HELP US--By telling our advertiseis you saw them in the Weidman Messenger, the Home-Town paper.

Card Of Thanks

It is impossible for me to thank everyone personally, so I will take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all my relatives, neighbors and friends, for their beautiful cards, the congratulations, and gifts, and the dedication tendered me on my recent birthday.

Also I wish to thank my children and grandchildren for surprising me on Sunday with a bountiful dinner and a beautiful birthday cake, and a money tree.

Again thanks to all, and God bless you.

Mrs. Lavina Elias.

Card Of Thanks

It is hard to find words to express our heartfelt thanks to each and every one who by their kind acts made the loss of our loved one, Minnie Conley, easier to bear;

A special thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Henry Hulbert for the beautiful song and comforting words; for all the beautiful flowers, and to the Daggett Funeral Home, and the ladies of Weidman WSCS who put on the dinner.

God bless each and every one. Fred and Verla Wilcox Herman and Bess Meyers Bernie and Sue Griffen And all the Grandchildren.

Card Of Thanks

I wish to thank everyone who attended our Grand Opening of our Glamour Nook Beauty Salon Sunday afternoon.

Also those who sent flowers, and especially the Flower Shop for the corsages.

Gladys Navarre

FOREST HILL CHURCH OF GOD Rev. Henry Hulbert Pastor

Sunday School, 10.. a. m.
Morning Worship, 11.00 a. m.
Youth Service, 6.30 p. m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday,
7.30 p. m.

Sunday night's color-movie and music program was an inspiration to all.

Editor's Column

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Committee.

Duties of the State Committee include such chores as:

(a) Develop policies, principles and procedures so that all areas may become part of a school district operating or designed to operate at least 12 grades.

(b) No less than 500 school districts operating 12 grades can be created by this act.

(d) Direct area surveys and develop manual of procedure to be printed and distributed.

(f) Review, approve or reject intermediate district plans within 60 days of receipt.

That's the State Committee.

Sec. VII, erroneously labeled Section VIII in the Outline provided by the State Department, gives the county committee the authority to say whether you will vote as a "unit" with any other school district it may choose.

It also gives the County Committee authority to decide that you may have to vote on a county-wide basis, all schools thrown in together in a single or multiple proposition.

Note also that the County Committee has authority to decide for you which method of voting shall take place on any school proposition.

Method No. 1. Entire area encompassed (by the Committee's county-wide plan) shall vote on proposed plan. Majority of qualified electors carries election.

Method No. 2: Proposed districts vote on approved plan.

(Note that before this can come about, your County Committee must devise a "plan" for all the schools in Isabella County, but the plan must be approved by the State Committee.)

Most people who have read this new law have overlooked that little phrase, "Proposed Districts."

Here are a few of the duties of the county committees, or, as the State puts it, the "Intermediate District Committee":

1. Follow procedures guide as provided by State Committee.
2. Prepare Plan. (For the whole county and all its schools.)
3. Hold at least one public hearing. (Must be published in newspaper 10 days or more before hearing.)

4. Submit plan to State Committee (within nine months after receiving manual from State Committee.) Editor's Note: We checked with one of our representatives on the county committee, and he said the committee had not received any of this material, the "procedure guide", the "manual," etc.)

5. If plan approved by State Committee, call an election as provided in Sec. VIII.

Majority of voters carries election.

You cannot vote as the Weidman District, or the Beal City District. You must vote as a unit with any other district the planners decide is best for you.

If the Barryton merger with the Remus-Mecosta complex has been approved by the State Department of Education, as some claim, then the good people of the Barryton District may save their energies and blood-pressure. For the planners surely will place that school in the proposed complex, and as we said at the beginning, the three districts, Barryton, Remus and Mecosta, voting as a unit, would approve the merger, where the Barryton District people turned it down.

If indeed the material and instructions come along from the State in thirty days, then there will be no more school-district elections in our part of the state. There will be "proposed districts" with the taxpayer forced to vote along with another school district whether he wants to or not.

We have every confidence in the men selected for the Isabella County Committee. But they are required by law to make plans for the entire county and every school in it, and pair off districts as they see fit.

Suppose they decided that the Beal City District should merge with the Mt. Pleasant District? Beal City District voters would be snowed under by the numbers in the Mt. Pleasant District. If Mt. Pleasant wanted the Beal City District, for instance, it would be Mt. Pleasant's for the taking.

Like we said, though. We have confidence that the men named to the County Committee on Reorganization of our school districts will plan fairly and in accordance with the wishes of the various school districts.

Here are the members of the Isabella County Committee to implement Public Act 289 of 1964 Session of the Legislature:

Herbert Travis, R3, Shepherd; Neil Litwiller, R1, Riverdale; Lyle Walkington, Blanchard;

For the K-12 School Districts: Ivan Allen, Weidman; Matt Engler, Victor Pohl, Beal City; Woodrow Curtiss, Kenneth Gifford, Blanchard;

For the Primary School Districts: Chester Wyant, Russell Seiler, Fremont No. 3 Fr.; John Goodwin, Elton Smith, Lincoln No. 5; Walter Reed, Deerfield No. 9.

Judge of Probate appointments: (And don't ask how the Judge of Probate got in this!)

Milton Brown, Keith Decker, Ronald Shaver, all Mt. Pleasant; Clyde Beutler, Weidman; Robert Watters, Shepherd.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

MARRIED IN ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Constance Block and Wayne Schafer were married Saturday morning in St. Joseph's Church, with Rev. Father Neubecker officiating.

Betty Block and Judy Ann Schafer were the bride's attendants. Donald Schafer and Lavern Yunker were groomsmen.

About 80 near relatives were served wedding breakfast in the church basement. Over 300 attended the reception at the K. of C. Hall in the evening.

Mrs. Ida Tilmann returned home Thursday after spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Courtright, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Anna Eldred of Blanchard spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Miss Margo Smith, who is employed in Muskegon, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Luella Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lawens spent from Wednesday till Friday in Ohio. They attended the funeral of Mrs. Edith Dietrich Lisk.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Killicut and family of Lansing spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schafer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gross and family, and with Charlie and Elaine Gross.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pung spent the weekend in Lansing with Mrs. Pung's brother and family.

Gerald Smith returned home from the Clare Hospital last Wednesday, feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pung last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trowbridge of Greenville spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann are driving a new car.

Mrs. Tillie Starr of Munger called on Beal City friends Friday.

All the children of the Wm. Pung family came home Sunday to help Mr. Pung celebrate his 81st birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Schafer of Saginaw spent the weekend at the Peter Schafer home.

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JOHN WIXSON DIES IN HOSPITAL

John Henry Wixson died Monday morning at 12.30 at Central Michigan Community Hospital.

He was 92 years old a week ago Monday.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Gilmore Church of Christ, with C. Hiram Gates officiating. Interment was in the Gilmore Cemetery.

Funeral Services In Barryton for Minnie Conley

Minnie Conley, daughter of Levi and Eliza Wagenman, was born in Mercer County, Pa., Dec. 30, 1875, and departed this life at the home of her son, Fred Wilcox, in Weidman, Feb. 3, 1965, at the age of 89 years, one month and three days.

At the age of nine years, she, with her parents, came to Michigan, settling in Coldwater Township. She spent most of her life there until ten years ago, when she moved to Weidman to live near her son, where she was lovingly and tenderly cared for by her children and grandchildren.

She was united in marriage to Wm. Wilcox. To this union six children were born. Her husband and three sons, Asa, Harvey and Howard, preceded her in death.

Left to mourn their loss is one son, Fred Wilcox, of Weidman; two daughters, Bess Meyers and Sue Griffen of Ionia; eight grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren; one step-son, Lloyd Conley, of Mt. Pleasant; three step-daughters, Bernice, Gladys and Edna of Grand Rapids;

Also four sisters, Della Eddy of Saranac, Martha Pote of Pontiac, Flora Wood and Freda Miller of Weidman; several nieces and

nephews, and a host of friends who will sadly miss her.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 6, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with the Rev. Henry Hulbert officiating. Burial was in the North Brinton Cemetery.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

My son, Arthur (Roy) Silvernail, has asked me to write and explain where you have heard the name Silvernail before.

I am the youngest daughter of Fred L. Kent, who wrote the "Around Horr" news for many years. He passed on Feb. 22, 1932.

I was married to Arthur E. Silvernail, the balloonist, in 1908.

I wrote the news for the Messenger at one time, while my father spent the winter with my sister in Germfask, U.P. That was 52 years ago.

Later I wrote the "County Line" news for the Messenger. We lived on the County line between Mecosta and Isabella. That was nearly 50 years ago.

After living in Stanton one year, in 1917, we moved to Grand Rapids, where Mr. Silvernail died in 1924.

A year later I was married to Elmer E. Dent, who passed away in June, 1962.

Three generations of our family

have read the Weidman Messenger, and it is truly "better than a letter". For although we haven't lived up there for nearly 50 years, we have many relatives and friends in and around Weidman, and the Messenger keeps us in touch with them.

Very sincerely,

Millie L. Dent,
1340 N. College
Grand Rapids.

(Editor's Note: And what a nice letter, and how glad we are to hear from you, and remember, after this explanation, the Silvernail name, from our childhood! Thank you, Mrs. Dent.)

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Louise Johnson

Mrs. Louise Johnson died Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Kelsey Hospital in Lakeview. She was born June 30, 1914, and had been a Weidman area resident for 25 years.

Funeral services were held at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton Friday, Feb. 5, at 3 p. m., with Rev. J. Dobben officiating. Interment was in the Sherman City Cemetery.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her husband, Charles; and one son, Howard, at home. Also two sisters, Mrs. Eva Johnson of Chipewa Lake, and Mrs. Daisy Woodbury of Big Rapids; four brothers, Clifford Fisher and Emerson of Hillman, Asel of Grand Rapids, and Delbert of Flint.

VOTE FOR ROBERT H. CAMPBELL

for
CIRCUIT JUDGE

AT SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

FEBRUARY 15, 1965

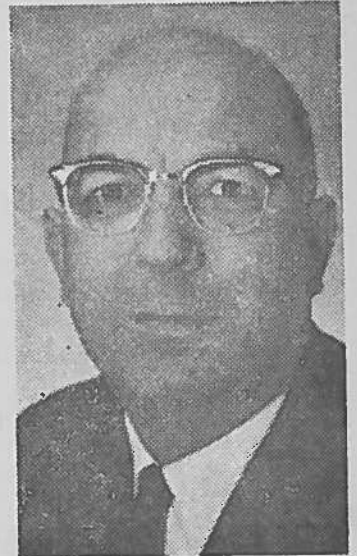
Graduate of Central Michigan University 1941
and University of Michigan Law School 1947

Practicing Attorney for 17 Years

Former Prosecuting Attorney for 2 Terms

Presently Clare County Judge of Probate

World War II Veteran 1942 - 1946



YOUR VOTE WILL BE APPRECIATED

(Paid Political Advertisement)

N. Broomfield**Maycie Cook, Reporter**

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Loomis spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Will Cook.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens.

Mrs. Maycie Cook entertained the Birthday Club Wednesday afternoon. Guests were Mrs. Mary Cook and Tom Latham of Remus, Mrs. Vida Lueder, Mrs. Minnie Rhode, and Mrs. Nettie Crowley. Cards were played. A lunch was served the guests by the hostess.

The Grand Opening of "Etta-belle's Beauty Salon", located at Van Zandt's on M-20, Saturday afternoon, was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Handy and Mrs. Frances Handy of Ewart, Will and Roderick Nicholson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook were birthday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Cook Thursday, for Mrs. Cook's birthday. In the afternoon, Herman Cook, Mrs. Glee Krueger and Mrs. Lyla Mead of Mt. Pleasant were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook. Later they took Darla Cook, who was home for the weekend, back to Grand Rapids, where she attends college.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder spent Sunday afternoon with Mr.

and Mrs. Roy Strong. Mrs. Strong is able now to get around in a wheel-chair.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Strong were last Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eldred of rural Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook and Stewart and Sandra, and Miss Elsie Richardson spent Sunday afternoon in Owosso. Elsie is helping out at the Murphy Store in Mt. Pleasant for 10 days.

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S. W. Sherman**Goldie Dutcher, Reporter**

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler were Saturday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and family. Her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss, of St. Johns, were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. They spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hogen.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey were Friday afternoon callers of the Clayton Dutchers.

Jim Dutcher is helping out at the Dick Dutchers', while Dick is sick a-bed with mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher had supper and spent the evening with the Clayton Dutchers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and children of Belleville spent the

weekend with her folks, the Clarence Chaffee family.

The friends and neighbors extend their deepest sympathy to the families of Mrs. Louise Johnson, Carl Scharrer, and Mrs. Conley, who passed away this past week.

Orville Merrihew went to Alma with a group of men from the church to Rally Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children spent Thursday and Friday nights with the Clayton Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and Troy spent the weekend with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Sylvia and Troy will stay this week, while Bill is attending school in Rock Island, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew attended John Deere Day last Tuesday in Mt. Pleasant. George won a set of jumper cables

BEAL CITY FFA IN DISTRICT PARLIAMENTARY CONTEST

Eight Beal City High School FFA members represented their local chapter in a district elimination contest at Blanchard Wednesday evening of this week.

Taking part in the parliamentary procedure contest were John Engler, chairman; Pete Schafer, secretary; Ken Schmidt, Charles Burman, Fred Sponsellor, Glen Bierschbach, and Richard Straus.

Earl Fox was entered in the public-speaking contest.

Other FFA Chapters participating included Blanchard, Shepherd, Remus, and Big Rapids.

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NEWS NOTE

Leo Wittenbach, a fruit grower from Greenville, was a Monday luncheon guest of George and Connie Skinner.

USED CAR**BARGAINS****Ready for Winter Driving**

1959 CHEVROLET BEL AIR 4-Door.
6-cyl. Power Glide transmission.
Runs good.

1962 FORD FALCON 4-DR. SEDAN
6-cyl., standard shift. Radio. One owner. Very clean.

1953 CHEVROLET 3/4 RON PICKUP
Runs very good.

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Very low mileage. Very clean unit.

1961 FORD STATION WAGON
6-cyl., Standard Shift.

1960 FORD 2-DR. SEDAN
352 engine, with Cruisomatic Transmission.
A clean one-owner car.

1959 FORD STATION WAGON
V-8. Standard Shift.

SPECIAL NOTICE!**To Customers of GOVER CITY**

February is the final month of Gover's Merchandise Savings Coupon Sale. The 27th of February is the last day customers will be able to receive Coupons with their purchases, Remember —

\$50 in Coupons Earns \$ 5.00 free in trade

\$75 in Coupons Earns 7.50 free in trade

\$100.00 in Coupons Earns 10.00 free in trade

So shop GOVER CITY now — Earn Coupons and receive free merchandise when you have traded \$50.00 or more.

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Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

PLENTY OF FREE PARKING**McCLAIN**Phone Barryton 382-5445
Weidman 644-2155

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bernith Michael and boys were Sunday callers at the Vance Wood home. Saturday callers were Mrs. Martha Pote, Mrs. Ione Crowley and Mrs. Monica Clark, all of Pontiac.

Mrs. Martha Pote spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Flora Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and boys attended the Pine Woods Cub Scout meeting at Remus Town Hall Thursday evening.

Callers at the Martin home were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin and Mrs. Alma Byron Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Martin were in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening. Joe went to see the doctor, and then they called on his sister.

Susie Losey spent the weekend with Sandy Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and baby were Wednesday supper guests of the Chuck Roberts family in Lansing, on their way home from Ann Arbor.

Harry Dent spent Friday overnight with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wood in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller were Friday supper guests of the Gerald Dents.

Mrs. Joyce Sheets and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and family were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow.

Kenny Oplinger played a cornet solo at Ferris State College Saturday. Mecosta and Remus scholars all received one and two for their performances in the solo ensemble. Mrs. Bobby Oplinger spent the morning there.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger spent Friday evening at the S. Reynolds home in Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson were Friday evening callers at the Benn Johnson home.

Farm Bureau met Tuesday evening at the Don and Mary Starr home.

Mrs. Carol Johnson called Friday on her aunt, Mrs. Clara Lutz, who came home from the hospital a week ago Sunday.

Mrs. Ellen Thompson and Mrs. Betty Thompson accompanied Mrs. Evelyn Denslow to Barryton Sunday p. m. to attend a shower for Mrs. Linda Simmey.

Woodrow Martin called at the Sidney Lawrence home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawrence called on their son and family, the Garth Lawrences, at Midland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright were all guests of their mother, Mrs. Paul Miller. They were here to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Minnie Conley, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich and family were Saturday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl Denslow, Jean, and the Derry Dunn family were Sunday callers of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Denslow. The Derry Dunns had just returned from their Florida vacation, with tan, and reporting a very nice time, temperatures in the 90's.

Martha Pote, Ione Crowley, Monica Swartz, all of Pontiac, Della Eddy and son, George, of Saranac, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood were Saturday dinner guests at the Howard Wood home. All attended the funeral of their sister and aunt, Minnie Conley. Several others from Ionia, Grand Rapids and surrounding towns were also present.

N. Brinton

CORA ESTES, Reporter

Mrs. Robert Slupe and three children of Grand Rapids are visiting her parents, the Russell Wrights, for the next two weeks, while Mr. Slupe is attending school in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. John McRobert of Lake were Sunday visitors at the Bert Estes home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted visited her brother, Howard Hatt, of Averill Wednesday evening. Mr. Hatt had been a patient in the Midland Hospital for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fosburg have moved here from California to make their home in Clare. Mrs. Fosburg is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. Verl Wright of Greenville and Walter and Opal Tower spent Sunday evening at the Russell Wright home.

Gary LaLonde of Fort Knox, Ky., spent the weekend with his parents in Brinton.

Mrs. Leland Forbes and sister, Caroline, are visiting relatives in Detroit.

Mrs. Irene Bush of Hollywood, Fla., left Sunday for her home, after spending some time here with her mother, Mrs. Leland Forbes.

MEET FEB. 16 TO DISCUSS CLEANING WEEDS OUT OF WEIDMAN POND

A joint meeting between the Weidman Business Association and the Weidman Lions Club will be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, with dinner at the basement dining room of the Weidman Methodist Church.

Tickets for the dinner are \$1.50 a plate, and reservations must be made in advance, it was pointed out this week.

All interested land-owners on or around the Weidman Pond are urged to attend this dinner meeting, whether members of either organization or not. Wives are expected to attend with their husbands, the Lions said this week. Anyone interested in the Weid-

man Pond, fishermen and sportsmen, and their wives, are also cordially invited.

A representative from a commercial weed-killer company in Grand Rapids will be present to lay out weed-killing procedures, costs, and possibilities.

Ticket reservations should be in not later than next Monday, Feb. 15, Ed Fox, chairman, said this week.

The dinner is scheduled for 6.30 o'clock.

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WILLING WORKERS 4-H CLUB HAS JANUARY MEETING

At the January of the Willing Workers 4-H Club of Weidman,

at the Weidman Community School Jan. 25, 12 members and four adults were present.

It was announced that there will be a knitting style show Feb. 20 at 1.30 p. m. in the Senior High School Cafeteria in Mt. Pleasant.

A Valentine tea was planned at the next regular meeting Feb. 22, honoring the mothers. All Willing Worker members and their mothers are urged to attend.

Reporter, Gloria Wood.

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NEWS NOTE

Raymond Gardner was reported as improving the first of the week, in St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing. He was being treated for chest congestion.

A NEW FACE TO SET THE PACE!



AND BIG LEN, THE NEW SYMBOL OF LEONARD'S DEEP POWER!

All over Michigan you'll be seeing this bright new face, reminding you that Leonard is a modern, progressive company completely dedicated to serving Michigan motorists with the very finest in petroleum products and service. And, you'll be seeing a lot of Big Len, too. He's the symbol of the DEEP POWER in Leonard's new Total Performance gasolines — the modern new auto fuels that give you extra power when you need it most! Stop in this weekend and try a tankful. You know you can depend on Leonard!



Weidman PH. 644-3959

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

We receive your paper. The Messenger is as good as ever. It is nice to get it once more.

Have put in a very busy winter. Made quilts (baby) for my great-great-niece, also for Herbert's great-niece and nephew, and am now quilting on one which I will soon have done and have another ready to put on the frames as soon as this one is off.

The first two I quilted I had two young helpers, Mrs. Hattie Adams, past 90, and Mrs. Cora Johnson, 87 years old. They helped on the first two, and Mrs. Adams' cousin's wife, Mrs. Dorothy Ackerson, of Grand Ledge, 53, helped us on the second one. They came one afternoon, or rather, two afternoons, one afternoon on each quilt.

The piece on feeding the birds in the last issue of the Messenger interested me, as that is what we've been doing these last three winters. We too have the pretty cardinals, the blue jays. Does Mrs. Blue jay have a topknot like the Mister, but smaller? We have the sapsucker, chickadee, and others. This fall the trees here were full of blue jays. I never saw so many. But now just a few.

We are also feeding squirrels, the small and the large ones. So interesting to see them all. Also chipmunks here in the summer. I call one Chippy, and can get real close to it, but if Herbert appears on the scene, no Chippy anywhere. But I'm around them more than he is, as he goes for long walks.

I also have been serving this

winter for my six granddaughters. Even made them some doll clothes. Were they happy about them! I also sew for my three grandsons.

We went there early one morning and two of them weren't dressed yet, and when the doll clothes appeared, they didn't have time to dress then.

I was getting along fine after surgery for gall bladder removal, when in January I had my second bad cold. I was x-rayed and they found I had pneumonia in my left lung, so I've had to stay close to home. I now catch cold so easily. Have a slight cold now, so have to be careful this changeable weather.

We two enjoy the Messenger very much. I miss writing for the paper as well as enjoying my old neighbors I used to call up for news and chat with at the same time.

One day last week we went in to see my daughter, Mrs. Ethel Mae Monroe in the CMC Hospital. She was much better. Not as bad as last winter, but 'sugar' infection, which is bad enough when you don't think it bad.

Also saw George Van Conant and Keith Thompson, as they were in Room 201 and Ethel Mae in 202. Keith was going home that evening. George said one of his daughters was in, had pneumonia; also his niece, Loretta. Also a cousin's daughter, all with pneumonia. There were five in George's room, four in Ethel Mae's. So much sickness.

We were so sorry to hear of Carl Scharrer's death, and Louise Johnson's, and Minnie Conley's. But when our Lord calls us we have to go, no matter how we may be missed by our loved ones. It is God's will. Their families have

our sympathy.

The west side of Horsehead Lake has quite a village of fish houses along the channel. Many fish with poles there, not much spear fishing, as the bottom of this lake is so white. Many drive in here and park and walk across the lake and fish from the center on over to the west side. Not many families live here in the winter, only Charley Phillips, son of Bert Phillips who lived near Ernie Gray's when I was about 15 years old, and the Garvies and us. They travel on the new Colgrove Road north of us.

You folks keep up the good work.

Herbert is busy spearing pike each day on Tubbs Lake. He got his limit one day, which was five. Mr. Scott, an old friend of his, got several large ones the other day, so now you just can't keep him away from the lake, no matter how bad the weather.

They're nice to have, so one can share fish dinners with others, then also out of the deep freeze, they taste as good as when first caught.

Must close and get this quilt done. Have two more I want to do yet this winter, if I don't get sick again, which slows one up some.

Sincerely,
Frances Fackler Shook Lawrence

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(Editor's Note; And how good to hear from you, Frances! We remember your fine news letters from Sherman City, and have missed hearing about you. Our thanks for writing.)
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BETTER THAN A LETTER

SOUTHWEST GILMORE

Verna Seymour, Reporter
Mrs. William Karthas and three children of Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. Elston Carson of Wixom, Mich., were weekend guests of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Don Seymour, and Kenny.

Mrs. Leona Buchel came home last Tuesday from CMC Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ritter and Clarence Lorenz of Coldwater Lake called at the Norman Buchel home Sunday.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of Henry Wixson, who passed away Monday morning.
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WEIDMAN SCHOOL MISSES TWO DAYS THIS WEEK

There was no school Monday at the Weidman Community School on account of icy roads.

School was out also on Wednesday, for Teachers' Institute at the Mt. Pleasant High School, for all teachers of the area.

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**RALPH TURNBULL
NEW SUPERINTENDENT HERE**

Ralph Turnbull has been signed as Superintendent of the Weidman Community Schools for the next year.

Mr. Turnbull has been Principal at the Barryton School two years. The family lives in Weidman.

Mr. Turnbull is a charter member of the Weidman Lions Club, and is a hard-working civic-minded citizen of our town.

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**COURT OF HONOR
FOR WEIDMAN SCOUTS**

A Court of Honor for Weidman Boy Scout Troop No. 643 was held at the Weidman Community School Monday evening, with a pot-luck supper attended by parents and families of the Scouts.

John Berryhill is Scoutmaster of the Weidman Troop.

After a bounteous supper, the Scouts presented their flag ceremony. Richard Recker was welcomed into the Troop as a new member.

Larry Wilcox was awarded his First-Class badge. Second-Class badges were awarded to Mike Adams, Eric Methner, Jim and Bob Wilcox, and Brian Howard, and Bradley Kimball, and Scout Royce of Remus, and Jess Martin, and Pat Berryhill, Lee Houghton, Mike Sprague, and Wendell Willoughby.

Morris Houghton was awarded an honorary Assistant Scoutmaster's Degree.

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**WEIDMAN PTA MEETS
MONDAY EVE., FEB. 15**

The Weidman PTA will be held in the High School cafeteria next Monday evening, Feb. 15, at 8 o'clock.

The Weidman Boy Scouts will have charge of the program. Mr. John Berryhill is Scoutmaster.

The Fourth Grade will serve refreshments.

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**DANCE AT DREW HALL
SATURDAY EVENING**

There will be a round and square dance party at Drew Township Hall Saturday evening, Feb. 13, it was announced this week.

Bring cookies or sandwiches. Everyone welcome.

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**North
Weidman**

Wanda Graham, Reporter

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Abbott. A son, Robert Mitchell, was born to them Sunday morning at the Clare Hospital, weighing six pounds, 10 ounces.

Mrs. Charles Cope and children and Mrs. Norris Hicks and daughter were Friday callers at the Meryl Graham home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden at-

tended the funeral of Mrs. Conley at Barryton Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. John Latham and Mary Grove helped their father celebrate his birthday Friday by cooking dinner for him before he went to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham and girls fought through the fog Sunday to deliver some skiing pictures to Mott Mountain at Farwell, then called on her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen, also of Farwell.

John Gott was still on the sick list the weekend. Mrs. Laura Latham reported she didn't feel too chipper.

Mrs. Flossie Allen and Mrs. Albert Gott were visitors at the John Gott home Monday morning. Mrs. Albert Gott called on Wanda Graham also.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Block Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott have their grandchildren, Rusty, Julie, and Tina Gott, staying with them for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden and family had dinner at the Walt Smith home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors at the Gerald Latham home.

Mrs. Mickey Abbott and new son came home Tuesday from the hospital. Muriel Leiter spent the day getting her home ready for her.

Mrs. John Latham and Mary Grove had business in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday.

Mrs. Wanda Graham and Becky and Mrs. Arlene King and Anna skated to Mt. Pleasant Monday on the icy roads, but drove home on bare pavement. Seems so good to see the road again.

Mrs. John Gott took care of the little Alwood children so Helen could attend the funeral of her old neighbor and friend, Carl Scharrer, last Friday afternoon at Barryton. Carl was like a father to Helen back in the early 1940s, when Lucille (Scharrer) Smith and Helen Alwood were growing up together in high school. He will be greatly missed by our community. He always had a smile and a joke for all his friends.

Judy and Jerry Abbott stayed with Helen Alwood and family Monday while their mother was in Mt. Pleasant on business. Beth Ann McClain spent part of the afternoon with the Alwoods. Leah Scharrer also called.

Rusty Alwood of Lansing spent Sunday and Monday forenoon with his parents, the Don Alwoods. Denny Johnson of Mt. Pleasant called Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and their grandchildren, Rusty and Julia and Tina Gott of Clare, visited at the Marvin Allen home near Farwell Monday afternoon. Mrs. Allen is laid up with a broken

bone in her ankle, and has a cast on it.

Mrs. Helen Alwood received a nice long letter recently from her friend, Jewel Wagner, of Burkesville, Ky. She wants all her friends to know she is thinking of them and still misses playing cards with Jessie Rosencrantz at the Rebekah card parties. Their son, Jim, has graduated and works with his father, drilling oil wells. Beth Ann will be a Freshman in high school in the fall. She would like to come back to Michigan to go to college later on.

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Local Items

Ray Kirvan of Big Rapids was a Tuesday caller of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wood. Harry Dent spent the weekend with the Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. John Starr of Midland were last Friday visitors at the W.A. Appelgreen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carey of Mt. Pleasant were Tuesday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bywater.

Mrs. Ethel Wager returned from a visit to the home of her son, Clinton, at Vanderbilt, and will spend the rest of the winter at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey and Richard were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Leach and family of Greenville.

Saturday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell were her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Handy, of Harrison, who also spent the afternoon with the Louisells.

Mrs. Lew Frantz was reported as

about the same this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Esch of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were last Tuesday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague.

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**CMC
Hospital**

Among those admitted Feb. 2 were Darryl Yuncker, Dorothy Erwin, and Carolyn McQueen.

Discharged Feb. 3 were Leona Buchel, Mrs. Norman Vogel and baby boy, Jean Loomis, Donna Gross.

Among those admitted Feb. 3: Michael Schafer, Patrick Wellman.

Discharged that day were Ella Methner, Wayne Charnes, Keith Thompson, Wanda Cotter.

Among those admitted Feb. 6: Kenneth Saunders.

Admitted Feb. 7: Herbert Gepford, Aloise Berryhill.

Discharged Feb. 6: Mrs. Thomas Murphy and baby boy, Mrs. Gary Gatehouse and baby boy.

Discharged Feb. 7: Kevin Snyder, Phillip Sprague, Patrick Wellman.

Admitted Feb. 8: Goldie Bellinger, Harry Hauck.

Discharged Feb. 8: Elsie Richardson, John Gross, Mrs. Russell Flaughter and baby girl, Mrs. Charles Garrett and baby boy.

Kenneth Saunders was scheduled to remain in CMC Hospital the rest of this week, and possibly longer, it was reported this week. Tests were being run Tuesday, and doctors were indefinite as to how long he will be there.

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AMBULANCE SERVICE

Walker Creek News

Mrs. Esther Stanley, Reporter

The Russell Stanley family were shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Mr. Stanley's sister-in-law, Mrs. Mabel Stanley, wife of his brother, Clair, of Farwell, Sunday morning. Mrs. Stanley was the mother of Leon Stanley, owner of Stanley Oil Co. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Methodist Church in Clare, with Rev. Salisbury officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes Thursday p. m.

David Moore of Big Rapids spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley. Sunday dinner guests were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore and Mary Lou of Big Rapids, son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Susan and Sandra of St. Johns, and their son-in-law, Donald Pung and children of Beal City. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and family were Sunday evening guests.

Miss Janet Dillenbeck and roommate, Miss Karen Soutanian, of CMU spent the weekend in Detroit, returning home Sunday to her parents', Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck. The girls enrolled Monday for next semester college courses.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Denslow were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney of Lansing spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow.

Sunday p. m. Mrs. Finney was honored with a pink and blue shower at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Doris Sowle, of Barryton, with her grand mother, Mrs. Mabel Cummings, and aunt, Mrs. Carol Baumgardner, as co-hostesses. Those attending from this vicinity included Mrs. Ollie Denslow, Mrs. Alma Dosenberry, Mrs. Natalie Gray, Mrs. Etta Skalitsky, Mrs. Vada Conley, Mrs. Loretta Smith, and Mrs. Darlene Dargitz of Big Rapids. Mrs. Finney received many nice gifts.

Keith Thompson came home from the hospital at Mt. Pleasant Wednesday evening. A high fever had returned Sunday, but he was feeling better later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and family. Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson visited their son and family Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis were Sunday p. m. guests of the son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter.

The Leiters, who call their band the "Country Partners," will play at a Jamboree at Farwell Feb. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis brought their little daughter, Jean Ann, home from the hospital Tuesday. Glad to hear she is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Theisen and family of Mt. Pleasant Sunday p. m.

Mrs. Flora Van Sickle was a weekend guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller. The Millers' son, Steven, of MSU, East Lansing, and his fiancée, Miss Sheila Nelson, of Western State University, Kalamazoo, were also weekend guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler and Clifton and Mary, and Clark (Red) Sowle were Sunday dinner guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Lena St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Conley were Sunday morning callers of Mrs. Lena St. John. Mrs. St. John's niece and husband of Brinton, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Verette, went to Charlotte Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sumerix.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Denslow, Sunday evening, while Clifton and Mary attended MYF at the Methodist Church in Weidman.

Donald Stanley and sons, Ronnie and Micky, went to a basketball game at Marion Friday evening. Barryton won over Marion, 95-69.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and family of Big Rapids were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow.

Mrs. Denslow tells us Mrs. Eva Denslow planned to accompany her son, Othel, to Ann Arbor Monday, where she entered the hospital for treatment of a bronchial condition.

Mrs. Alma Dosenberry and Mrs. Evelyn Denslow were Mt. Pleasant callers Tuesday. They also attended the basketball game at Marion Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray were in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday, calling at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray and granddaughter, Joyce, were Sunday dinner guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Maxel Gray, and daughter, Melody, of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Lake were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley.

Barry Conley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley, reports that Stanley Dague, Floyd Sowle, George McClain and he have shot 25 fox so far this winter. Quite a boon to pheasants and rabbits.

Couldn't help but feel sorry for the birds, too, so welcomed the jays and cardinals to our front yard with some bread. And was sure a robin was among them Saturday! !

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

East Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Monday afternoon Dewey Olger and Wendell Sisco took feed to Weidman to get it ground for Jim Latham.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger Wednesday afternoon.

Wednesday afternoon last week the Barryton School bus was stuck on the Dewey Olger road for 1 1/2 hours. No school in Barryton Monday this week because of teachers' institute at Big Rapids. No school in Weidman because of icy roads.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of John Henry Wixson, who passed a way Monday morning. Mrs. Paul Cole is a daughter.

Bruce Hamilton called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner Monday morning.

Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Gary Latham of Weidman were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger. Mr. and Mrs. Olger and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood of Farwell. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham on their way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Geasler of Pontiac spent the weekend with Carl and Ellen Geasler. They all attended the funeral of Mrs. Minnie Conley at Barryton. Saturday evening they attended the wedding and reception of Russell Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Graham, of Clare.

Merry-Go-Round Club meets at the Brinton Community Hall on Thursday, Feb. 11, to tie off quilts. Pot-luck dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and girls were business callers in Reed City and Scotville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner, as President of the Auxiliary and Senior Vice-Commander of VFW Post No. 3033 in Mt. Pleasant, helped serve M. E. S. Union dinner at the Post house Saturday.

Alice and Brenda Skinner are spending a few days with their grandmother, Elana Miller, of Farwell.

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OPEN HOUSE AT THE GLAMOUR NOOK BEAUTY SALON WAS WELL ATTENDED SUNDAY

Gladys Navarre's beautifully finished and spacious "Glamour Nook" Beauty Salon held Open House Sunday afternoon, with gratifying attendance in the face of icy roads and fog.

Out of town visitors included Lenore Conkright, of Lenore's Beauty Salon in Mt. Pleasant; four beauty operators from Lenore's; Mr. and Mrs. Don Gillis, our Sheriff, of Mt. Pleasant; and guests from Lansing, Ithaca, and other places.

Local people attended in good number, to view the beautifully appointed and spacious new salon.

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