

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### A LITTLE DOG DIES

Dog lovers will sympathize with Barney and Frances Tranbarger in the death of their Scotch terrier, Mack. The little dog died Sunday morning, after an illness of several weeks.

Mackie met visitors at the Flower Shop door, greeting each one with enthusiasm. He was a lively and fun-loving dog, often playing games with his folks.

Losing a pet dog is a wrench to any family. In a family without children, with a couple getting on in years, it is a real blow.

Mackie suffered heart attacks, same as humans. He also had a liver ailment, same as people. Dogs that are family pets are much the same as people. A good dog, it is said, has the reasoning capacity of a three-year-old child. Its tragedy is that it has emotional capacity far beyond that, and is handicapped by its emotional needs and reactions coupled with its limited reasoning powers.

A good dog is faithful to its family. Mackie was very faithful.

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### KEEP IN MIND THE SCHOOL VOTE

Keep in mind the date of the vote on the Big-Big school consolidation, Saturday, Feb. 11. You are eligible to vote if you are eligible to vote in any township or general election.

While it is true that, as Nina Carrick said in last week's Messenger, this proposition was cut and dried years ago, and this culmination is only a gesture to the people by the Powers of Government, you still have a chance to register your desires on this matter.

School boards and administrations are working full time on propaganda and persuasion of the voting public. But the public's mind is probably made up at this time, and will be manifest on Feb. 11.

The threat of "being put into the Mt. Pleasant district" is put forth by proponents of the Mecosta-Osceola Big-Big school theory, but there is no logic to support it. It's a handy black-dragon to put before voters as a horrible alternative to throwing this school into the Big-Big Mecosta County area.

At this time voters are doubting the necessity of football fields and bowling alleys (Big Rapids?), as being necessary to education.

And the much-touted industrial-agricultural possibilities can be attained locally, and without a

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**GEORGE DOES IT AGAIN**--With a 42-inch, 19 pound, 2 ounce pike on Littlefield Lake Saturday morning. As usual, he went fishing. He caught an itty bitty bluegill and put it on a pike line. He sat in his fish shanty on Purdy Lake and waited. Presently, Wham! Away went his line, 100 feet of it. He had a fish on there. It really was a fish, too, as he discovered during 45 minutes of wrestling it in. During the process, the fish sawed the line on the edge of his ice-hole, skinning it down to a hair-breadth nylon thread. It was a 30-pound-test line, though, and it held.

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Messenger photo.

Ice fishing on area lakes has been sporadic in results this winter, with some fishermen reporting wonderful catches of bluegills on Littlefield, on Six Lakes, on Tubbs Lake, on Evans; but if you scrambled next day to any of these reported fabulous fishing lakes, you came home skunked, or with a few small bluegills.

Cold weather and erratic freezing periods have been blamed for uncertainty of bluegill catches so far.

Last weekend, however, report had it that pike were beginning to hit--and George Skinner now believes it.

Two weeks ago he ran into a period of good catches of large perch on Littlefield Lake. Then those quit, and one or two fishermen on Littlefield reported good catches of big bluegills. That lasted about a day, apparently.

If the pike continue to strike, the ice fishermen will be happy to settle for the big fish. Most lakes in this area abound in pike, and the winter should be good from here on for that species.

George came home Saturday night with a mess of good sized bluegills, after hauling in his big pike that morning.

Others have been getting good catches, at times, on area lakes. Albert Geasler got two good pike on Littlefield Saturday, one a four-pounder and the other a five-pounder.

Weekend thaws saw a number

of fishermen on Littlefield and other lakes Sunday, in dense fog. Those who had been driving cars on the ice refrained from doing so after the warming trend set in.

George Skinner was back on Littlefield Tuesday morning, wearing "creepers," and leaving his car on shore. Ice was estimated at six to eight inches thick on Littlefield last weekend.

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### BROOMFIELD GRANGE NEWS

Grace Crowley, Reporter  
Our New Year's Eve party was a success, and everyone enjoyed the evening. We were eating our lunch when we could all say, "Happy New Year!"

Our Cradle Roll has been reorganized, with Mrs. Zada Ehl as Cradle Roll Mother. We welcome all new babies' names.

Regardless of the bad roads and weather, our smorgasbord dinner was a success, although not quite so many as last month. We are looking forward to seeing you all the second Saturday evening in February.

Pomona met with our Grange Thursday evening, Jan. 19. A good attendance, and a good program.

We need to thank Mr. Berryhill for loaning us his tractor, so we can keep our grounds plowed clean.

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Mrs. Ruth Martin of rural Mt. Pleasant is in CMC Hospital for treatment.

## Men in Uniform

Our three boys who had their basic training together at Fort Knox, Ky., graduated Jan. 19 and all were moved last Friday to difference bases for advanced training.

Pvt. Roger Maeder was moved to Fort Rucker, Ala.

Pvt. Ed Kavanaugh went to Fort Bliss, Texas.

Pvt. Bill Bierschbach went to Fort Bragg, N. C.

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Here's a new address:

Pvt. and Mrs. Mike Block, 207 N. Eighth Street, West Point, Ky. 40177.

Mike lives off base, and rides back and forth from Fort Knox, about eight miles distant, with three other men.

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Paul Smith, who is stationed in Kentucky, was home over the weekend. Miss Sandy Smith of Grand Rapids was also a guest.

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Pvt. Richard Zeien, son of the Edward Zeiens, is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood. His address:

Pvt. Richard J. Zeien US-54962763, Co. 3, 2nd Bn., 2nd Bde., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. 65473.

His folks are sending him the Messenger, saying he always enjoyed reading it at home. We're sure he will enjoy it while he's in training.

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### WEIDMAN REBEKAHS INSTALL OFFICERS

Installation of officers of Weidman Rebekah Lodge No. 119 took place at the IOOF Hall last Monday evening, Jan. 23. Officers installed were:

Nobel Grand, Vina Bailey. Vice Grand, Sally Raub. Secretary, Lillian Johnston; treasurer, Leah Scharrer; warden, Mary Larson; conductor, Viola Curtis; chaplain, Edna Hammond; musician, Nina Forbes;

Left Supporter to Noble Grand, Eva Phillips; Right Supporter to Vice Grand, Gladys Wilson; inside guardian, Ruby Douglas; outside guardian, Catherine Johnson.

Installing officers were:

Lodge Deputy, Nina Forbes; deputy marshal, Catherine Johnson; deputy warden, Leta Parks of Shepherd; deputy secretary, Valerie Shadd of Shepherd; deputy treasurer, Gladys Wilson.

Katie Cohoon of the Shepherd Lodge and Mildred Tompkins of the Barryton Lodge were visitors.

Refreshments of ice cream, cookies, cake and sandwiches were served following the meeting.

Nina Forbes. L.D.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

# Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock were Friday supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith, of Riverdale. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were leaving Saturday to spend the rest of the winter at their home at Zephyr Hills, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Virl Wright of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schrock and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Schrock home.

Miss Janet Dillenbeck of Detroit spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley visited Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Denise Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Conley were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Crooked Lake.

Blaine Dosenberry of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry and Paul and Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, who played in an orchestra at Lindy Lake, north of Gladwin, Saturday night, reported fog was so thick they were only able to drive at slow speed. They had a good attendance, as many were attending the Tip-up Town celebration at Houghton Lake over the weekend.

Keith Thompson called on Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Denslow and family of Freeland were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis. Mr. and Mrs. Max Kimball of Barryton were visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lou Gray spent Tuesday in Mt. Pleasant, visiting her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray, and family.

Mrs. Loren Gray and Kristy and Cheryl of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Gray Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Gray and his father, Ernest Gray, were fish supper guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray were at their cottage on Lake Windoga Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Gilbert Schrock visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens, of Lake, Sunday afternoon.

Homer Teeter, Archie and Danny Powell and Gilbert Schrock were at Littlefield Lake fishing over the weekend.

Mrs. Schrock has been helping care for her nephews, Jeffrey and Brian Tetslaff, at the Owens home while their mother, Mrs. Wayne Tetslaff, has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Denise were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pridgen of Barryton, Saturday eve-

ning.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Denslow called on Mrs. Mabel Cummings and Mrs. Carol Baumgardner and children Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Thursday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Ethel McLean. Mrs. Edward Osborn called on Mrs. McLean Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson visited Mrs. Minnie Reed Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Ralph visited her father and sister, Manley Oliver and Mrs. Marguerite Coleman, of Remus, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Otto Skalitzky was hostess at a party Tuesday evening. Ten ladies were in attendance, and a delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons spent the weekend with her brother, Lester Bodder, at Belding.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ensley of Lansing called on Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley visited Mr. and Mrs. Ensley at their cottage on Littlefield Lake Friday evening.

Ronald Stanley of Weidman was a weekend guest of his grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore of St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City were Saturday supper guests. Mr. and Mrs. Moore and Ronald were dinner guests Sunday at the Donald Pung home.

Andy Stanley came home Sunday morning and got his mother, and they went to Clare to bring her father, Andrew Irwin, Sr., from the Shurlow Rest Home to the former's home in Barryton, where they enjoyed a delicious venison steak dinner. Mr. Stanley joined them later.

Leon Stanley came home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, to spend Monday, as the Barryton school was closed for a teachers' conference.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitehair and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boerema of Wyoming, Mich., were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Ina Gillette. Saturday guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Ervin of Six Lakes, who spent the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky were late Sunday afternoon visitors at the Skinner home in Weidman, to see George's big fish. Esther Skinner was a Monday morning caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen, Jr., and boys of St. Louis were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, the Alton Allens of Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bywater were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thomas of Maple Rapids Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham and Becky were in Saginaw Saturday.

# INVENTORY SALE

## Soper's Dept. Store

BARRYTON

SIDE WALL

BORDER 4¢ yd.

# Wallpaper 25¢ Single Roll

MEN'S FLANNEL SHIRTS **\$1.98**  
Were \$2.98  
ALL COLORS AND SIZES

GIRLS' WHITE SWEATERS **2.98**  
Sizes 6 to 14 years. Were 3.98

BOYS' THERMAL UNDERWEAR **1.00**  
for each piece

BOYS' OVERALLS  
MARKED DOWN TO **\$1.19**  
Sizes 5 and 6 years

OUTING FLANNEL  
3 yds. for \$1.00

Ladies & Children's

BELTS 15 and 50¢

BORDER PRINTS  
For Pillow Cases and Aprons  
NOW **49¢ YD.**

BOYS' JACKETS **1/4 off**  
Sizes 6 to 18 years

LADIES COATS & JACKETS  
**1/4 off**

Men's ALL SIZES  
Jackets **1/4 off**

Sweatshirts **1/4 off**  
FOR THE GROWN-UPS

Boys' Corduroy Pants ON SALE  
Sizes 6 to 16 years

TABLE FULL OF BARGAINS  
Come in and look it over.

HAIR GOODS ON SALE  
Rinses, Rollers, Night Caps

MEN'S PLUSH HATS **\$2.98**  
ON SALE  
Were 4.69

BOYS' BOOTS **\$2.98**  
Zipper type. **2** Size 13 to 6

BOYS' PANTS **\$1.98**  
Sizes 8 to 18 years

NO IRON REMNANTS---49¢ YD.

Bachelor Girls' Runproof, Seamless TIGHTS on Sale  
1-3-4-6-sizes. 7 to 14 girls'.  
Also Ladies' Sizes

Little Girls' 100% Nylon Knit Water Repellent Red & Blue

Stretch Pants **\$1.98**  
Size 9 mo. to 2 yrs. Were 2.98

Girls' FleeceLined Stretched Nylon PANTS  
Now **\$2.98** Were 3.98

LA FRANCE Ladies' Hose 2 pair **.98**  
All sizes. Seamless & Seamed

Boys' Overall **\$1.98**  
Western Twill

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S PANTS **2.49**  
Were 4.98



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## WANT ADS

WANT AD RATES: 50¢ per week for ordinary ad; space rates of 50¢ per col. inch for those of longer length. Card of Thanks: 75¢, unless very long. Ph. 644-2000, Weidman.

### Card Of Thanks

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to all my friends and neighbors for all the nice things they did to help me in any way during the sickness and death of my husband;

All the lovely cards he received during his stay in the hospital, also the cards I have received since;

For all the beautiful floral offerings; to everyone who sent food to the house, and helped in any way;

To George and Fawn, for their acts of kindness, and Rev. Beard for his comforting words;

To everyone, I am so grateful, and may God bless you all.

Mrs. Frances Beck  
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald Seymour  
 And Family  
 Mrs. Hazel Carson And Family  
 Neta Seidel  
 Harley Beck

### Card Of Thanks

I would like to thank all my friends and neighbors for the pretty cards and flowers, and the Merry-Go-Round Club for the pretty plant sent me while I was in the hospital.

Thanks a lot.  
 Charlotte Hart.

## Weidman Messenger

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

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EVERYBODY READS IT!

We are gratified at the fact that everybody really does read the Messenger. Every word in it. The Messenger is the best-read paper in Central Michigan.

## SMALL OR LARGE SEPTIC TANKS

CLEANED  
 500-gal. tank \$20; 750-gal. tank \$25; 1,000-gal tank \$35. New prices for this area.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN SEPTIC TANK SERVICE  
 Call Stan Phelps, Mt. Pleasant, 772-9154, after 4 p. m., or call Don Smith, Weidman, 644-2224.

## the Churches

### GILMORE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST

George Getchel, Pastor  
 Morning Worship, 10 a. m.  
 Bible School, 11 a. m.

Gilmore Christian Youth, 6 p. m. Young people from 7th grade up are urged to attend these meetings and participate in the various projects.

Evening Worship, 7.30 p. m.  
 Wednesday, 7 p. m., Bible Study.

Thursday, 7 p. m., North-central School of the Bible at Barryton. Final week to enroll and get a certificate.

Sunday, 5.30 p. m., Fifth Sunday Rally and Minister's Exchange. Luncheon at 5.30. Each family will bring their own table service and food for family. Menu: Sandwiches, jello salads, desserts, etc. Program around tables and then Evening Worship Hour with Lyle Brassfield of Alma as speaker.

Morning Worship attendance last week, 215. Bible School, 139.

The weather was so bad that the young folks did not go to Lansing to North American Convention Rally last Monday night.  
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### FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Stanley Spires, Pastor.  
 The young people of the church will have a tobogganing party Saturday, Jan. 28, at 7 p. m., at the Paul Hoffman home. There will be refreshments and entertainment. If there is no snow for

sliding, a party will be held at the Hoffman home.

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## EAST Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Dewey and Dale Olger called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger Saturday afternoon. The Olgers all were in Mt. Pleasant Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Allen and children of Blanchard called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and family Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of the Dewey Olgers.

Geraldine Olger called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham, Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Theisen and family of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and family Thursday evening.

Esther and Dick Skinner and Terry Sisco were Saturday evening callers at the Dewey Olger home, to watch color tv.

Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner were guests at a fish-fry supper Monday evening, at the home of the Harold Skinners. The occasion was Harold's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Branson left Monday for Florida, where they will spend the winter. They will be at Englewood, at a trailer resort, where Bill and Mary Jones spend their winters.

Esther Skinner reported Tuesday morning for jury duty at the court house at Mt. Pleasant.

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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Ruby Douglas visited Mrs. Charlotte Hart and sister, Mrs. Violet Lowery, Tuesday.

Cyrus Hart returned home last Tuesday from the Lakeview Hospital, feeling much better.

Martin Boger visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler Tuesday. Mr. Geasler was unable to go to his work in Alma Tuesday, due to the snow and cold weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schrock visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Norman Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis of Mt. Pleasant took their aunt, Mrs. Violet Lowery, to her home in Pontiac Saturday. She had spent several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Hart, since Mrs. Hart's return from CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wardwell called on their uncle and aunt, the Paul Coles, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee of Mt. Pleasant visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger and daughter, Mrs. Wm. Estes, visited Mrs. Charlotte Hart Saturday. Roxann Hart stayed Sunday night with her grandmother.

Albert Geasler was another lucky fisherman, getting two nice pike, four and five pounds each, on Littlefield Lake Satur-

day.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham and girls spent Sunday at Mott Mountain, skiing and taking pictures.

Mrs. John Gott and Mrs. Meryl Graham spent last Monday with Mrs. Bessie Allen of Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight and children spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Florence McCreight, in Midland.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Kurtz, and five daughters, of Grand Ledge, and Mr. and Mrs. John Pick of Lansing. Sunday visitors were another son, Jack Goodrich, and son, Chris, and Dick Pardee and son, Douglas.

Howard Bailey and two sons of Gladwin were Saturday guests of Mrs. Vina Bailey. Audrey Flaughner and Mildred Ruegsegger were afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague called on Mrs. B. W. McCann of Midland Sunday. On their way home they called on Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williamson of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Jib Hall of Barryton Thursday evening.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gross and Ernest were Mr. and Mrs. Don Lofgren and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Gross of Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cotter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague were callers of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell Saturday evening.

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### BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JODI SPRAGUE

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague were hosts at a birthday party for Jodi Sprague Wednesday evening, at their home, observing the little girl's sixth birthday.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and Pam and Mrs. Bessie Teall, and Mrs. Mary Ann Bruce and three children of Ashley.

## WEDDING STATIONERY

- \* Invitations
- \* Announcements
- \* Anniversary Invitations
- Silver Wedding
- Golden Wedding

Printed Napkins:  
 Small and Regular Size

## Weidman Messenger

By Appointment After 6 p. m.

## WEST Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

### ENTERTAIN THEIR CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Block entertained their club Sunday evening.

Pepper was played, and nice prizes won. Bill and Blanche Schafer won high score, Max Straus and Ella Yuncker low, and Herb Yuncker won the pepper prize.

A lovely lunch was served by the hostess. The next club will be at the Bill Schafer home.

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The new baby boy, Terry Joseph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Vogel, was baptized Sunday at St. Joseph's Church in Beal City. His godparents were Mrs. George Vogel of Midland and Joe Mahaffey of Lake. The George Vogel and Joe Mahaffey families were dinner guests at the Vogel home.

Mrs. Gerald Maeder and Shirley and Mrs. John Maeder attended a bridal shower for Diane Maeder at the Ken Lintemuth home at Chippewa Lake, Sunday afternoon. Diane will be married on Feb. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fox entertained their club Saturday evening. Cards were played, and nice prizes won. A delightful lunch was served. The next club will be at the Dick Funnell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schafer and two sons, Brent and Brian, of Mt. Pleasant visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Block, and family, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pohl and family visited at the Jim Epple home in Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon.

Our deepest sympathy to Frances Beck in the loss of her devoted husband, Bill. This reporter remembers her father, Bill Smith, speaking of Bill Beck's coming to the Weidman grist mill for years as one of his nice and kindly customers.

Both Bills are greatly missed by all their friends and relatives in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reihl took their daughter, Rose Ann, to Saginaw Saturday to Saginaw General Hospital for an interview. Rose Ann plans to enter the nursing field after graduation in May. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Faber, Sr., went along with them, and visited at the Joe Hengesberg home at Freeland.

Parents in this area spent Monday at the Beal City Schools, at their appointed times with teachers for conference and to bring home report cards for the first semester.

Mrs. Joe Neubecker and Mrs. Carol Wernette spent Monday afternoon with Joe at the Medical Care Building in Mt. Pleasant. Joe remains about the same. Some days he feels better than other days.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Halfman

spent Sunday afternoon and were supper guests at the Ray Fox home in rural Mt. Pleasant.

Jim Smith was a Sunday afternoon and supper guest of Jim and Donny Alwood. David and Danny Halfman spent Friday afternoon, and Jerry Abbott spent Saturday afternoon at the Alwoods'.

Many from this area attended the Senior Citizens meeting at the KC Hall in Beal City last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gross were Saturday evening guests at the Roger Ward home. The occasion was little Jeff's third birthday. They all enjoyed ice cream and cake, and Jeff received a nice gift from his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Faber and family visited at the Gary Wernette home Saturday evening. The Thane Wernette family of St. Louis spent Sunday and enjoyed dinner and supper with the Gary Wernettes.

The Don Alwoods and John Gotts received letters from Ward Dell, who is at the tb hospital in Saginaw. Ward is enjoying his stay, and expects to come home when it warms up. He writes he is getting wonderful care.

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## NorthWeidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham and family of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Chel Latham and family visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham, Sunday.

Bud Blodgett and Stanley, Anna and Mike called on the Earl Blodgetts last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Sam Waters and Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and family recently.

Muriel Miller and Carol Abbott called on their grandmother Saturday evening at the Medical Facilities Building in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Muriel Miller was hostess at a party at the Baptist Church for her teenage class Saturday evening. Games were played, and lunch served. A good time was had by all.

Leroy Sexton of Sturgis visited Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Sexton Monday.

Mrs. Bessie Sexton visited her doctor at Midland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams of Lake were overnight guests at the Roy Adams home Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Loviska and family of Flint were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and Debbie Graham called on their sons at Winn Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and Larry. Tina Gott came home with them, and she and Debbie stayed over night with their grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family were dinner

guests Sunday and took Tina home. They picked up Julia Monday.

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## Central Gilmore

Mary Helen Pitts, Reporter  
Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Graham Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Reale and son of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Cook and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Renner and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Cleland Cook and family of Lansing.

Mrs. Elwyn Pitts and Sharon and Marlene were in Midland Friday, visiting the sick folks: Mrs. Richard Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Perry, Gerald Agle, Mrs. Thelma Renner, and Ronnie Larrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce visited Mrs. Lettie Wiggins Saturday afternoon.

Callers at the Egbert Fordyce home this week were Mrs. Beulah Riley and Mary of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crane and Mrs. Hillman of Harrison, Mrs. Hazel Battleshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Honeywell of Flint, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davison.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts were Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts and family, Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce, and Cheryl, Mona and Janet Pitts.

Mrs. Clara Burgess and daughter

of Mason were in Gilmore visiting friends and relatives Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Hartnell spent the weekend in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and Mr. and Mrs. James Clark went to Edmore to attend a meeting last Monday evening.

Mrs. Grace Seymour was released from the hospital last Friday. We hope you are feeling better, Grace.

Mrs. Walter Faber entered St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor last Wednesday. Let's remember all the sick people with cards and prayers.

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## TOPS CLUB ORGANIZED HERE, REGULAR MEETING NIGHTS DESIGNATED

The first meeting of the Weidman TOPS Club was held last Tuesday evening at the Weidman School, and an official club organized.

Officers are Jeanne Smith, leader; Bessie Allen, co-leader; Wanda Graham, secretary; and Ruth Pung, treasurer.

The TOPS Club will meet each Tuesday evening at 7, in the Home Ec room at the school. New members are welcome at any time.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

# NOTICE OF HEARING

A Public Meeting will be held in the Mecosta School, Mecosta, Mich., at 8:00 P. M. on January 30, 1967 for the purpose of a Hearing on the proposed School District Reorganization Plan for the Barryton, Mecosta-Remus, Weidman and Fouts School Districts.

Board of Education

Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate S/D



# Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

## ENTERTAIN THEIR CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Ally Andres entertained the members of their club Sunday evening.

Cards were enjoyed, and prizes were won by Frank Schafer, first, and Roy Guthrie, second, for the men. Mrs. Julius Bierschbach won first for the women, with Mrs. Lucille Schafer winning second. Herman Kremsreiter won the pepper prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach will entertain the club in two weeks.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer entertained their club Wednesday evening. Prizes went to Raymond Gross and Joyce Schafer, for high score, and to Steve Simmer and Mary Pung, low. Bob Pung won the loners.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schafer entertained their club Saturday evening. Prizes went to Jack Pung and Mrs. Everett Schafer, high score, and Donald Schafer and Mrs. Ronald Neubecker, low. Loner's prize went to Donald Schafer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fussman of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon at the home of his parents, the Joe Fussmans.

Mrs. Irene Schafer visited her father, Leander Bierschbach, Sunday. Mrs. Doris Jones of Mt. Pleasant was also a visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCormick spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Mary Kremsreiter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ally Andres spent Sunday at the Bill Fox home.

Jim Schueller of Traverse City had supper and spent the evening Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bierschbach. Other callers were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grinzinger spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sheahan.

Mrs. Dianne Schumacher and Mrs. Judy Schumacher and two boys, Doug and Steve, had "brunch" with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach, Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Bierschbach and Barbara were guests at the Bob Lyons home for a late dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith and Mrs. Norma Martin of Fowler spent Sunday afternoon with their aunt, Mrs. Louise Smith, then went to the hospital to see Billy Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Smith Sunday afternoon, also Mrs. Walter Rau.

Rita Hauck spent Sunday with Mrs. Harold Block and Mrs. W. J. Laubenthal.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tilmann and family spent Sunday with their son, Bruce, at Coral.

Mrs. Louise Schafer spent the weekend at her house in Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sherlock of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday at the Tony Schafer home.

Mrs. Gertrude Hibbeln of Detroit spent the past week with relatives here.

The Senior Citizens party at the KC Hall was well attended last Thursday afternoon. Ten tables of pepper were in play. Herman Grinzinger won the door prize.

Louis Rau returned home from the hospital last Wednesday, feeling better.

Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard spent Saturday at the Tony Schafer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kessler, Mrs. Gerturde Hibbeln and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tilmann drove to Florida last week, to spend a month in the warmer climate.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Brenda Ball went to Lansing Jan. 11 for surgery at Sparrow Hospital, and remained till Jan. 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown are the proud parents of a new baby boy. They are calling him Jeffrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zuker named their baby Kelly Susan.

Mrs. Larry Egbert spent Thursday evening with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Yuncker.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Theisen are the proud parents of a new baby boy. They are calling him David.

Terry Kavanaugh of Saginaw spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith. Terry reports he bought 40 acres of land from Virgil, which he plans to build on in the future.

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## N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. George Erhardt of Sparta were Wednesday dinner and supper guests of their aunt, Mrs. Nettie Crowley, and Jay. Mrs. Grace Crowley was a Sunday visitor.

Herman and Aliance Cook and Mrs. Glee Krueger and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Cook of Lansing. The Francis Meads of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening callers of the Cooks.

Emil, Paul and Terry Lueder were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Eda Van Zandt.

Mrs. Van Zandt attended a birthday party for Mrs. Ruth Van Zandt at her home in Hemlock, Tuesday evening. She spent Wednesday there also, with the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Demlow and family of Winn were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook. Mrs. Margaret Freeman of Adrian was a weekend guest of the Cooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook called

on the Jack Cooks Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Jack Cook, who was in the Tri-County Hospital several days, is home, but still not entirely recovered from her neck injury.

Mrs. Beatrice Adams and Maycie Cook were Friday afternoon callers of Mrs. E. Rhode. Mrs. Rhode and Harold spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Zandt and sons spent the weekend with Mrs. Eda Van Zandt. The boys fished at Six Lakes, and got a nice catch.

George Woodin was a Thursday evening supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines. Roderick Nicholson was an evening visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg and children were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines.

Sandra Cook was one of the group of 6th graders who attended the Shrine Circus in Saginaw Saturday.

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Inez Hayhoe of Winn was a Saturday afternoon visitor of Mrs. Bertha Clark.

## Local Items

Mrs. Leah Scharrer called on Mrs. Nellie Haight Sunday. Mrs. Haight has been a patient in the Clare hospital, and had just returned home.

James Buerge of Howell spent the weekend with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Abendroth. Mr. and Mrs. Judson Anderson and family of Lansing came Saturday and stayed over Sunday with her parents.

Raymond Kirvan of Big Rapids was a Thursday evening guest of Mrs. Emily Wood. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Emily Wood was a Sunday evening dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger.

Mrs. Flossie Davy was reported much improved the first of this week, after a stay in CMC Hospital. She hoped to return home this Thursday.

Reports this week from Flossie Forbes, in the medical facilities at Lakeview, indicated she was coming along real well.



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## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

How are you getting along, with all the snow, up there? It has been rather cold here by spells, but no snow or rain.

Seeing the Kents are contributing their poetry, I thought I might add my bit about Arizona:

The mountains challenge you to hide.

They gaze on you from every side.

With colors changing with the light,

They really are a pretty sight.

They say it's pretty in the spring, The canyon is the grandest thing. The flowers, they will bloom so gay,

It almost makes me want to stay.

The climate 'way out here is grand,

When it's not cold or full of sand. I haven't seen a creek or lake, The ground is hard as last week's cake.

They used to shoot the bad guys quick,

But now they're getting hard to pick.

If you believe what's in the papers,

A lot of folks are cutting capers.

You should see the houses grand. The rich folks build on rocks and sand.

But then they pretty surely know They won't get stuck in ice or snow.

Each one must like where he abides.

I wouldn't be one to take sides, But I think I'd rather have the sand

That blows in good old Michigan.

Blanche Carr

Tucson, Arizona.

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(Editor's Note: we received this unusual letter right after Christmas, and now we figure to answer it, sort of, by printing it. It's possible it will be of interest to some oldsters still around.)

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Golden Harvest Club  
Cassville, Mo. 65625  
(An organization of retired people in the Ozarks.)

Mrs. Constance Roe Skinner  
Dear Mrs. Skinner:

The other day a friend gave me old copies of the Grit, and in one is the story about you and your publication, and it rather brings back some memories, and should I say, curiosity?

Before World War I, I was foreman for E. J. McCall on the Mt. Pleasant Times, and again after I came home from the war.

I remember the name so well, of Roe, because of having some relatives by the name, and I re-

member there was a nice little girl, the daughter of a Mr. Roe who edited a paper in Weidman, who came and worked for us a while.

Could that by any chance be you or a sister of yours?

You needn't answer this unless you wish, but to both of us it could show that the world isn't so big after all.

I don't remember names too well, but at the Times there was E. J. McCall, Mrs. Fannie Ryan, Louis Juister, Jim Montgomery, a Dalrymple boy, and several others.

It's been a long, long time ago, and I have been with several publications since that time, but of course now retired here in the beautiful Ozarks and at 74 years have an acre of just about everything to keep me busy, except that I edit a paper, The Harvest Times, that is not only for the local retired, but goes out to all parts of the country, in which I hope to help give us older ones a better slant on life.

This of course is an unusual letter, but it is because it brings back many happy memories. And it was nice to read the article about you, and most certainly I wish you and your husband great success in your undertaking.

If you care to answer I will gladly mail you a copy of our next issue.

By the way, isn't Weidman considered the exact middle spot in Michigan?

Sincerely and with best wishes.

C. J. Myler

The Harvest Times

Box 15, Cassville, Mo.

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Well, now, to answer some of Mr. Myler's questions:

It probably was li'l ole Connie working at the Times before 1920 and again it may have been one of the other Roe girls, as we all worked, at one time or another, on the Mt. Pleasant Enterprise and the Times of the very old days.

Connie doesn't remember the names, either, and we'd forgotten, even, that E. J. McCall was the publisher of the Times before Webb McCall became publisher. (How many years ago!)

Roe girls working on the Mt. Pleasant papers in the old days included Mildred, Lois, Connie, and Allys. Pick any one of 'em, we're afraid, Mr. Myler. We were all there at one time or another.

And, yes, Weidman was considered to be the exact center spot of Michigan, until late years when some controversy arose and so far as we know nobody ever settled it.

And thanks for your good wishes, and our very best to you.

Connie Roe Skinner.

**Weidman  
Messenger**

## HISTORY OF SHERMAN TWP.

By Fred L. Kent

(Editor's Note: Again this week we are happy to present Fred L. Kent's History of Sherman Township, from his priceless writings of 1914. The narrative takes up from our last instalment:

Of those who came in 1871, Mrs Margaret M. Tinker, Wm. Tinker, son of John B. Tinker; Mrs. Retta Tinker (widow of Amos J. Tinker); Endora Loree (daughter of James H. Tinker), are all who remain. Of those who came in 1872, Andrew L. Lawrence is the only survivor (in 1914).

From 1870 to 1875 but few came, and many moved away. Then the tide changed, and in the next five years many new settlers moved into the township. Among the number were Thomas Doyle, Winfield Bly, William, Jesse and John Thompson, Richard Alderman, John Burd, Walter Lyon, George Waight, Samuel Pridgeon, John Beutler, Sr., John Hine, J. H. and E. B. Denslow Sr., Joseph and Stephen Losey, F. D. Woodward, David and Charles Carr, David P. Mecum, Wm. F. Sherman, Will Sheldon, H. M. Goodenough, Stephen Morey, H. D. Smith, John H. Putman, Philander Brand George Engles, Dan Loomis, Millard Pennington, Asa A. Smith, John Gatehouse, Wm. Miller, E. D. Adams, Samuel Kirvan, Wm. K. Gibbs, Frank Harrison, Martin Elliott, Andrew C. Divine, Silas Wright, Frank Rodgers, Sr., Charles Gardner, R. H. Gardner, A. W. Konkle, David Pruthero, L. J. Beebe, Wm. Cox, and Wm. Brooks.

Of this number, 16 are dead (in 1914), and many gone to other parts. We expected to state that E. M. Holstead had voted at the earliest election of any living inhabitant of the township at the present time, but his death on the 19th day of July, 1914, leaves that distinction to Adelbert S. Kent. Oscar E. Kent is the next who voted. Mr. Holstead voted in the spring of 1871; the others were here previous to that date, but were not old enough to vote.

There are two log houses still standing that were built in 1869, and are the oldest houses in town, one on S. Kirvan's place, near the town hall, a cedar house in good condition. The other on John V. Kent's place, half a mile south of Horr, in poor condition. The former was built by Alexander Miller, the latter by John Kent, Sr.

It has only been about 20 years since the road was opened on the line north of Horr. The angling road across the flats was about the worst mile of road in the state for many years. It was a mail route from Sherman City

south, and yet it always remained a disgrace to the town.

The people finally made a bee and chopped the road out on the line, and it has been graded and is now a good road. The writer is guilty of the following, which appeared in the (Mt. Pleasant) Enterprise newspaper many years ago. It described the condition of the road very well if it has no other merits:

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On a Sherman City street an old man was seen.

His locks they were silvered, his form it was lean.

Long, long years ago he started from Horr,

Sherman City he knew he could walk in an hour.

But he slipped on a root and down in the mud

Ha sank out of sight in the bottomless road.

He passed through to China, where the heathens abide, But the roads were far better than he left on this side. And though the people were odd, he liked their (high)ways And decided to stay there the rest of his days.

But when he grew old he thought he'd find out

If the people of Sherman had fixed that mail route.

When told that the road was still at high tide,

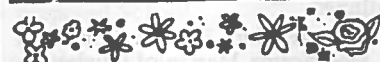
He said, "God forgive them!" and lay down and died.

Charles Taylor of Coe is the author of some interesting county history, written for the Northwestern Tribune in 1888, from which I quote the following:

"Isabella County was opened for settlement by what was called the Act of the 4th of August, 1854, graduating the price of lands, and in September and October following a general rush was made for the cheap lands.

"At that time, January, 1855, a number of families had moved into the county, some had come in November and December, 1854. The first families to move into the township of Coe were Patrick Roberts, Patrick Fanning, Daniel Brickley and Willard Stewart."

(To Be Continued)



## WEDDING STATIONERY

- \* Invitations
- \* Announcements
- \* Anniversary Invitations
- Silver Wedding
- Golden Wedding

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## S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

### MRS. MERRIHEW ENTERTAINS BUSY BEES

Mrs. Edna Merrihew entertained the Busy Bees Thursday afternoon. Mrs. John Hibberd, Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Mrs. Lucile Merrihew, Ellen and Betty Thompson, Deborah Benn, Eva Denslow, Claribel and Marian Beutler, and Mrs. Catherine Johnson all enjoyed a pleasant afternoon.

A nice lunch was served.

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Mrs. Bonnie Dutcher and children called on Mrs. Katie McDaniel and family Sunday afternoon.

Sp/5 and Mrs. Larry Dutcher are happy over their new baby daughter, Gena Marie, born Saturday night, Jan. 14, at 11:51 at the Midland Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher drove to Midland Sunday afternoon to see Carol and the new baby. She makes 17 grandchildren for the Clayton Dutchers. Her other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Simpkins, visited them Sunday afternoon also.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher visited the Dale and Robert Dutcher families Sunday afternoon. They also visited Frank Secord Sunday evening at the Mt. Pleasant hospital, and called on Mrs. Nora Secord, and Percy and George, Sunday evening.

We had a letter from Floyd Dutcher from Ruskin, Fla., saying he had been quite sick since Christmas, but was beginning to feel better last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin and baby called on Mrs. Clayton Dutcher Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Ronna Dutcher called Wednesday. Douglas Dutcher spent Tuesday and Wednesday, as he had a cold and was unable to go to school. His folks and Fred Cobb called Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

The Robert Dutchers of Midland spent the weekend with the Clayton Dutchers.

George Woodin and Clayton and Robert Dutcher called on the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family, Saturday evening.

George Woodin called on Mr. and Mrs. Tom Latham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines and Roderick Nicholson spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher. The Dutchers called on Mr. and Mrs. John Hibberd during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and Laurel spent Saturday evening with the James Beutler family of Rosebush.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler were Sunday dinner guests of the Carl Beutlers. The Howard Beutlers spent the afternoon with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Van Nocker and family of Lansing spent the weekend with Mrs. Catherine Mc-

Daniel and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Doug called on the Clayton Dutchers Saturday evening. Garry and David Dutcher were Sunday callers.

George Woodin called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lawrence of Horsehead Lake Friday.

Mrs. Dorothy Chaffee visited Beatrice and Vadah Gatehouse during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Probasco of Sunfield Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Thren were planning to take baby Kerry to Ann Arbor Wednesday to have his cast changed. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thren expected to go also, so Carl could have a checkup.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kahler of Davison spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hibberd.

Mrs. Hibberd and Mrs. Kahler visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strong Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines. George Woodin visited the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and children of Belleville spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and children spent the weekend visiting relatives in New Era, Montague and Muskegon. They visited her folks, Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hissong and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Pettigrew and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cobe and son, Jeff, of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas. Fred and Dick both have snowmobiles, so they had lots of fun on the hills.

Burgess Case was an afternoon and supper guest of the Dutchers.

George Woodin spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Orval Wiggins of Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and George Woodin spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe, Sr., and family of Deerfield, Mrs. Carol Dutcher and new baby of Mt. Pleasant, and had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Mrs. Florence Hoffman of Lake called on Mrs. John Hibberd Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Mrs. John Hibberd were Remus callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and Laurel spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler.

## Local Items

Robert Carroll and two sons and Mr. and Mrs. Don Peterson, all of Livonia, were Friday evening dinner guests of Bob's mother, Mrs. Vada Carroll. They were on their way to skiing near Cadillac.

Mrs. Frank Gross spent a few

days at home from CMC Hospital last week and this, but expected to re-enter, for surgery.

Mrs. Fay Johnson was hostess at a breakfast last Tuesday, with seven guests present.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Love of Lake George were Friday evening guests at the Meryl Graham home.

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# Editor's Column

By Connie

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multi-million-dollar indebtedness, if school administrations really want them.

Anyhow, vote the way you believe on Feb. 11.

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## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

We are happy to hear Dorothy Schafer is home again, after spending a few days in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer enjoyed lunch Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wischmeyer, while in Mt. Pleasant on business.

Mike Kavanaugh and Joe Schafer have moved their fish houses on Coldwater Lake this week. There are many fish house on the lake now.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer enjoyed a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lorenz Wednesday afternoon. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lee and Dorothy Schafer Saturday afternoon.

Rick Klumpp spent Friday night and Saturday with Joe Schafer. The Schafer boys, Rick and Mike Kavanaugh spent Saturday fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer enjoyed chicken dinner at Wyman Sunday afternoon. They met many friends there from the Weidman, Beal City and the Mt. Pleasant areas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lorenz and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lorenz Sunday evening.

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## Two Rivers

Theresa Bunting, Reporter

Duane Stansell and Beverly of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell.

Phyllis Woodruff spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell. The Oral Buntings were evening callers.

Theresa Bunting called on Nettie Baker Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harvey and son of Grand Rapids spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harvey.

Virgil and Tom Harvey spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey at Chippewa Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bunting and Tim spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting. Sunday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Elton Bunting and family of Belding, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Bunting and family, and Lucille Bollman and Nanette.

Raymond Flaughner and Ralph spent Saturday with Glen Flaughner at Bellaire.

Sunday callers of the Herman Martins were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gross of Westphalia and Mr. and Mrs. John Schupbach and Janet of

Mt. Pleasant.

Herman Martin, Jr., Rosemary and Joanne of Lakeview, and Connie Schupbach of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin called on Bertha Gross in Weidman Saturday. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. John Tilmann at Beal City recently.

Leona Courser attended the Coomer Ladies' Aid at Sarah Dell's Wednesday.

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Denslow and Lorraine were Saturday dinner and overnight guests of his mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins spent Saturday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny Tiani and two children of Dearborn Heights were Sunday guests of the Earl Oplinger family.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood observed their 54th wedding anniversary Friday. Congratulations!

Callers during the week at the Howard Wood home were Carl and Ellen Geasler, Rev. and Mrs. Spires, Mrs. Verlia Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist.

Miss Susan Fisk was a Saturday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardenburg and children were evening guests.

Rev. and Mrs. Spires were Wednesday callers at the Frank Benn Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Denslow attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Maude Thompson, at Mt. Pleasant Monday. Mrs. Thompson will be remembered as Mrs. Joe Thompson. Her maiden name was Richardson. She was 88 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and boys spent Sunday in Grand Rapids with his sister and family, the Chuck Wilsons.

Mrs. Myrl Blodgett and Emerson Blodgett and daughter called at the Benn Johnson home Saturday. In the afternoon they all called on Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Helmer, near Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children were Sunday supper guests of the Benn Johnsons. Little Kevin Johnson was four years old Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Curtis and Mike were Sunday evening guests at the Gerald Losey home.

Mrs. Ardis Merrihew was a Friday evening caller at the Charlie Losey home. Harold and Ron Losey and Bill Cummins were Sunday callers.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner called on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood of Gilmore Thursday afternoon.

## Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

JESSE LEE CELEBRATES HIS 92ND BIRTHDAY

Jesse Lee celebrated his 92nd birthday Monday, Jan. 23. His family from Durand, the Willis Lees, and Philip Allen and daughter, Mary Ade of Vernon, the Clifford Leiters and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ward of Sears, were Sunday visitors, and his son, Albert, from Florida, called on the telephone to wish his father a Happy Birthday.

More relatives arrived Monday to congratulate him.

Mr. Lee lives with his daughter, Mrs. Bessie Latham, at the old farm home north of Brinton.

Mr. Lee has been a Brinton area resident for many years, and has many friends.

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There were four tables in play at the card party Saturday evening at the Community Hall. The next party is set for Feb. 4.

Joanie Sisco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sisco, is being treated in Big Rapids for a hip injury. She has been absent from school the past three weeks. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. Fred Whaley of Brinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Sniff of rural Remus and Miss Dorothy Sniff of Big Rapids were visitors at the Bert Estes home Saturday.

Dewey Olger and Art Schrock, with their snowplows, are doing their best to keep their neighbors' drives clear of snow.

The Brinton Chapel folks are joining with the Weidman Baptist Church for religious devotions and hymn singing Sunday evening, Jan. 29.

The fog hung heavy over the Brinton area all day Sunday. Toward evening it appeared pinkish in color. It was reported at Weidman as appearing yellowish about that time.

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FOR FRIENDS OF MEDA DETERLE, HERE'S HER FLORIDA ADDRESS

A friend called in the address of Meda Deterle, widow of Newt Deterle who ran a gas station here years ago. Here's Meda's Florida address. Incidentally, her permanent home is in Florida: Meda Deterle, Route 1, Box 199, Perry, Fla. 32347.

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## Local Items

Mrs. Jean Brown of Mt. Pleasant was a Saturday caller of her uncles and aunts, the Barney Tramburgers and George Skinnners. Mrs. Brown, what you'd call a city woman, brought us a jar of wild grape jell and one of elderberry. In our neck of the woods (what woods, any more?) we're fresh out of wild grapevines and the delightful elderberry bushes. We do enjoy that jell.

We enjoyed a visit Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin of Two Rivers, who dropped in to pay their Messenger subscription.

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