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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### REP. JOHN ENGLER TO MARRY REP. COLLEEN HOUSE

John M. Engler (our Johnny, who represents us in the state legislature) and Rep. Colleen M. House, representing a Bay City district, will be married April 5, state papers have announced.

Some of the papers have been having fun with the Representatives in love, especially since the lady Representative's name is House.

The Saginaw News ran a skit titled, "House's housekeeping, House work may clash".

It began, "Keeping house may threaten Miss House in the House (of Representatives)."

The skit went on to say, "The hitch in (these two) getting hitched, however, is a state law which demands that legislators maintain residency in their home districts.

"Residency is defined as the place where one customarily keeps one's presence or sleeps.

"Bay City Democrats may be thinking that in Miss House's case, that could be Lansing after April 5. And that would give them a third chance at the 101st District seat." (Miss House is a Republican.)

Rep. House explained that "the majority of our time is spent in Lansing anyway, so we will still maintain a residence in both of our districts (hers and Engler's).

"We'll probably have a residence in Lansing, which will be the neutral spot," she said.

When the legislature isn't in session, Rep. House said, they'll probably split their time between their respective districts.

The Saginaw News went on to say: "Engler and Miss House, if the triple-residency scheme is carried out, would be spared the expense of living on two salaries but maintaining three homes. Both now live with their parents.

"Neither Engler nor Miss House could be immediately reached for comment on hints that Democrats may try to break up the couple's House-keeping plans." \*\*\*\*\*

And we see by the Mt. Pleas-



A HISTORY OF WEIDMAN IS NOW AT THE LIBRARY--Diane Benn, shown above with her children Chris and Kitty, look over Diane's work of over a year. Diane purchased nearly a hundred copies of old Messengers plus a complete set of the 1899 land ownership plats, and she chose stories and pictures from the paper to give a good presentation of the beginnings of the village of Weidman, and also of its surrounding areas. The book cannot be checked out of the library, but is free to anyone wishing to study it over at the libra  
Messenger photo

ant Times-News that the Sherman Township Board sent a letter to the new Board of County Commissioners requesting abolition of the office of county controller, hired last year by the outgoing Board of Commissioners.

"The people would be better represented by the commissioners and other county officials," the Sherman Township Board members told the commissioners, adding, "The county commissioners are fully capable of handling the job themselves."

This week the Coldwater Township Board also sent a similar letter to the County Commissioners, also requesting the ousting of the controller, and also the county surveyor.

We're proud of you, Township Boards!

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### NEWS NOTES

Wilbur Benn has moved to his home here in Weidman, from Shepherd. He plans to travel shortly, going first to Texas, to visit the Ted Nutt family, and other relatives in western states.

### THIS AREA WAS LUCKY IN SATURDAY'S STORM

This area considers itself lucky in that no great damage has been reported from the early-morning thunder-rain-snow-and-wind storm of early Saturday morning.

The storm hit here suddenly, with gale winds twisting trees, and with a heavy downpour of rain. There were a couple of thunder claps in the Weidman area.

By daylight the wind was unabated, and it was still a twister.

Electric power was off in various sections in this area, but not in the village of Weidman.

The McArthur Insurance Agency reported a few calls, mainly for loss of large glass windows, television antennas, and small sheds destroyed in the wind.

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### NEWS NOTES

Margaret Kirvan and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Monday visitors at the Richard Touchinski home. Minerva Owens was also a caller.

### PREPARATIONS ZIPPING ALONG FOR LITTLE MAC PIG ROAST

Preparations for the Little Mac Bridge pig roast on the Elwood Miller farm are zipping right along, with committees reporting real progress, at last week's meeting.

There have been some substantial donations, and more are needed, of course. Beans have been turned in, and at last week's meeting the menfolks worked at "picking beans" with Harry Pung's antique machine--which still does the job perfectly.

Buttons and dinner tickets are now on sale at most business places and from all Firemen, and certificates for bridge walkers are printed and ready to be certified and filled in on the great day.

There will a big sign at the bridge listing all donors of all descriptions, large and small, for the occasion.

Tickets are now on sale for the snowmobile and lamb to be given away. The snow machine is on view in the former Shook (IGA) Store building.

The big day is Sunday, Feb. 16, with dinner being served at 1.30 p. m.--with a planned roasting of eight hogs over charcoal fires.

Outdoorspeople from all over the state are expected to be present this year, as the day has been opened up for wider publicity and capacity for serving a far greater number of people has been arranged.

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### ZEKE GETS HIS CHRISTMAS PRESENT--A NEW STOVE!

His many friends in this area chipped in to the tune of \$112.82 during the holidays, to provide Zeke Tanner with a much-needed new wood stove for his home.

Last week Ernie Rhode took Zeke to Mt. Pleasant, and they found just the stove Zeke wanted--at Mission Lumber Company.

Harry Pung brought the new stove over to Zeke's place Monday of this week, and he and other friends put it up for Zeke.

The stove was priced at \$99 plus tax, and there was a small amount of cash to give Zeke.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gross were callers of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague Sunday afternoon.

## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Visitors at the home of Zena Olger last week were her granddaughter, Linda Conley, and a friend, Josephine Straus, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Chel Latham and Joe of Mt. Pleasant called on Laura Latham Saturday. Joe stayed over night, and all day Sunday with her grandmother.

Visitors at our home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott of Farwell, who called one afternoon, and had cookies and coffee with us. Sunday, Becky Graham and friend, Dennis, of Clare, were visitors. Wanda and Debbie Graham called Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott were Sunday evening luncheon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood took their daughter, Heather, home from CMC Hospital last Thursday. Mrs. Alwood was ill with flu over the weekend.

The Don Alwoods and the Rusty Alwoods attended a wedding reception Dec. 28 for Mr. and Mrs. Danny Kripa, Jr., at the Black Creek Conservation Club east of Mt. Pleasant. The newlyweds are living on Route 5 in rural Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Don Alwood and children attended a ninth grade basketball game last Wednesday evening at the high school. Monday night Donny went with the team to Cadillac. Friday night Helen took a load of children to a varsity game and dance at the high school.

Mrs. Helen Alwood received

word of the death of Ralph Wagner, an oil field worker whose family were residents of this area during the years 1951-58. He died of a virus infection that affected his heart and lungs. After he left here he went into business in Puerto Rico, later retiring and purchasing a retirement home in Texas. Mrs. Wagner's address: Box 85, White Oak, Texas 75693, for those who may wish to write her.

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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Laura Ewing of Vassar is helping Yours Truly, her grandmother, while she isn't so well.

Tony Masiwchuck and Pat, Debbie and Joe spent the weekend at their farm.

Wm. Ewing left Friday night for Thailand, where he will spend a year in service of his country.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger spent Saturday with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman, while the electricity was off at their home due to the storm.

The Merry Go Round Club met at the Brinton Hall with 13 ladies present. They tied off two comforters. The next meeting will also be at the Brinton Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ewing of Vassar and Amy visited their grandparents, the Paul Coles, last Tuesday. The Ewings spent two years in Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bawkey of Muskegon called on their cousins, the Paul Coles, Friday. They went on to Mt. Pleasant,

where they visited their aunt, Mrs. Anna Hanner, who is doing fine. And as for Yours Truly, she went in Wednesday for x-rays.

Those celebrating birthdays last weekend included Dan Kripa, Jan. 11; Paul Cole and Helen Mahon, Jan. 13. All enjoyed a very nice party at the Paul Coles Saturday evening, with a chili supper and ice cream and cake later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Allen of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday at their cabin. Their niece, Laura Ewing, spent Sunday with them.

Mrs. Maggie Boger has been on the sick list.

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## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Heim of Lake were Sunday evening guests.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Ruth Klumpp drove to Midland Hospital Friday for a complete checkup.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp attended a Moose meeting at Saginaw Friday evening.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Al Klumpp home.

Charles Gross is on the sick list.

The Jack Pungs took their club to their cabin at Vanderbilt for the weekend. Dora Smith took care of the Pung children while they were away.

Don and Judy Schafer called on Tillie Schafer Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp attended a party at the Oscar Schafer home at Winn Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen took her father to the hospital in Ann Arbor Tuesday.

The Altar Society meeting was well attended last Wednesday evening.

Ida Gross and daughter, Mrs. Paul Esch, and her daughter, Helen visited Louise and Dora Smith Tuesday afternoon, and all had a wonderful time.

Rose and Henry Schafer and Jack Cotter spent Tuesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cotter.

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer attended the funeral of George Smith in St. Johns the past week.

Allen and Carol Schafer called on Grandma and Henry Schafer Saturday evening.

Mrs. Bertha Cotter was still in CMC Hospital the first of the week, after surgery.

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## Coldwater Lake

Ruth Sherlock, Reporter  
Tel. 644-2310

Gladys and Orville Sherlock of Kalkaska were weekend guests of the Wayne Sherlocks.

Judy Tilmann and son, John, called on Marsha Schumacher last Tuesday.

Ed and Marge Schafer called on the Wayne Sherlock family Friday evening, to play cards. Marlene, LeAnna and Edward surprised their Grandma (Marge) with a cake and birthday gift.

Marge's birthday was Saturday, Jan. 11. Happy Birthday, Mom! Guests present to help her celebrate included Jerry and Jane Schafer and children Billy and Kelli of Rosebush, William Schafer and son of Mt. Pleasant, and Ruth Sherlock and her girls, Marlene and LeAnna.

Marlene and LeAnna Sherlock were visitors at the Sandie Matthews home Saturday afternoon.

Ruth Sherlock called on Judy Schafer Saturday afternoon.

LeAnna Sherlock spent Saturday afternoon and evening with Josette Schafer.

Sunday guests of the Ed Schafers were Ruth and Wayne Sherlock,

Don and Judy Schafer and children, Josette and Heather. The adults enjoyed playing cards.

John Tilmann caught a nice 28-inch walleye pike here at Coldwater Lake, weighing seven and a half pounds. Nice going, John.

Wayne and Orvil Sherlock also went fishing here, and we enjoyed a nice fish supper with their catch.

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## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. John Passeriello and granddaughter, Marlo, of Saginaw were Thursday guests of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray. Mrs. Ruby Schupbach and Janet and Mrs. Mary Meade and daughters, Chris and Karen, were Friday visitors.

Mrs. Jack Lieder was hostess to 15 ladies of the CMB Club.

Floyd Ferguson and friend of St. Louis called on me Monday afternoon. Pennie and Terry Plank called on their grandmother Saturday.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold were Tuesday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines. Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines and Rochelle and Robbie, Leland Hines and daughters, Ronda and Lisa, were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Marshall and family, Emerson Marshall and daughters and Mrs. Ella Cox were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Marshall.

Mrs. Roy Parks was a Tuesday visitor of Mrs. Richard Flaughter.

The Ray, Richard, Ralph and Russell Flaughers had a pot-luck soup supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Flaughter Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Ward, spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaughter.

Mrs. Lachlan MacGregor and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett.

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## BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 18 TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular card party put on by the Beal City Senior Citizens at the K. C. Hall in Beal City last Thursday afternoon, there were 18 tables of pepper in play.

Mrs. Agnes Thielen won first prize for the ladies, with Clara Ockert second. Catherine Schafer won low.

Harold Schumacher won first for the men, with Joseph Streng second. Louis Rau won low.

Catherine Schumacher won the door prize. Henry Schafer won the pepper prize.

Cookies and coffee were served by the committee.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Jan. 23. Everyone is invited.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls and Mrs. Edith Touchinski were in Clare one day last week. They attended installation of Oddfellows at Farwell, as guests of Lewis Bowen and Irene. They enjoyed the ceremonies, and a delicious lunch afterward.

Mrs. Alton Allen attended the

funeral of Roy Zinn at Alma last Monday.

Mrs. Mildred Terry of Barryton spent last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Claribel Beutler. Mrs. Forrest Johnston of Rosebush was a Sunday afternoon guest. She and her family had returned from a two week's visit with their son in Australia. They also spent a week in New Zealand.

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# Poet's Corner

## THE FALL OF LIFE

By Wanda J. Bissett

See the couple rocking there,  
A smile upon their face.  
Remembering things long since  
past,  
In another time, in another place.

For they've reached the Fall of  
Life.

Those folks in their rocking chair;  
They've reached the quiet years  
With a calm and easy air.

They remember a childhood,  
Where they spent their Spring of  
Life;

Where soon they'd grow to be a  
adults,  
To spend the Summer as Man  
and Wife.

Memories fill their thoughts  
Of those days past long ago,  
When children roamed about  
their home  
To set their hearts aglow.

When he worked in the fields,  
In back of a horse drawn plow;  
And each day awoke at dawn  
To milk the tired old cow.

When she churned the butter  
They all loved to eat;  
And baked cakes and bread  
On hot cordwood heat.

And then a depression  
Brought grief and despair;  
But, in spite of it all,  
There was still time to care.

And then a lonely day came!  
Their children were all grown,  
And each had gone his separate  
way  
To make a home of his own;

But soon, as in those days before,  
Children once more played;  
And maybe were spoiled just  
a bit  
By those older and grayed.

Knowingly, wisely, sagaciously,  
They watch the story repeat;  
And now great-grandchildren  
Complacently sit at their feet.

Who silently watch and listen  
To those stories of old,  
That somehow seem to change  
in text,  
Each and every time they're told.

Of making a home  
In a faraway land;  
And years passing by  
As windblown sand.

Of their Springtime,  
Their Summer and Fall;  
And their way of knowing  
That Winter soon will call.

As I watch my children,  
Who in awesome adoration

Listen to my grandparents  
And their tales of tribulation,

I wonder if I'll be able to  
quietly sit  
In some far-off distant day,  
And watch my own  
Great-grandchildren at play.

As sure as history repeats itself,  
The chain of life goes on;  
And someday little children  
May sit on my lap and yawn.

## Men In Uniform

Marine Private Brad B. Martin,  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin,  
graduated from recruit training  
at the Marine Corps Recruit De-  
pot at Parris Island, South Caro-  
lina, in December.

Airman Ned W. Rau, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rau, has  
graduated at Chamute AFB, Illi-  
nois, from the U. S. Air Force  
aircraft mechanic course con-  
ducted by the Air Training Com-  
mand.

He was assigned to K. I. Sawyer  
AFB, Michigan, for duty with a  
unit of the Strategic Air Com-  
mand.

Marine Cpl. Billy R. Bushre,  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bushre,  
has been promoted while serving  
at the Marine Corps Air Station,  
Cherry Point, N. C.

He is assigned to duties as a  
machinist. He joined the Marines  
in 1972.

## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:  
So glad you tell it like it is--  
keep it up, and hope you have a  
Very Joyous Holiday Season.  
Louis and Lillian Zeien.

Dear Connie:  
It was nice to see you again  
and know you were OK. I have  
to hand it to you, you have  
what it takes, and it isn't a  
back seat. Glad you got those  
punks!

Yes, we had a lot of snow, but  
not as much as Detroit.  
There are a lot of people out  
of work. Tom and Sandy are  
still working, and Don is on su-  
pervision. Bennett and I got mar-  
ried in the last depression, 1930.  
The young people today will  
find it hard to take. They have  
been living too high on the hog,  
and thought a depression was a  
fairy tale.

They say that one thing about  
being retired, you don't have  
to worry about being fired; but  
the pot of gold won't last for-

ever, someone has to put some  
in.

Bill Jones is in the hospital (in  
Flint). The doctor said he was  
failing fast.

We are OK. Take care of your-  
self. Love,  
Bennett and Doris Skinner  
Swartz Creek

Miss Connie Skinner:

Sorry to be so late in sending  
for my subscription, but I fell  
and fractured my right arm.

Was in the hospital and have  
a cast on for six weeks. Am  
home now.

Yours truly,  
Maxwell S. Love  
Detroit

## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich and  
Kelly spent New Year's with his  
brother and family, Mr. and Mrs.  
Jay Aldrich, and children, of  
Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich of  
Lansing spent the weekend with  
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max  
Aldrich.

## GTE COMPLETES WORK ON WEIDMAN OFFICE

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equipment installers have com-  
pleted installation, relocation  
and testing of new switching  
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gan.

## Obituary

### EMMA VERLEGER

Services for Emma M. Verle-  
ger were held at Sacred Heart  
Church in Mt. Pleasant, with  
Father John Thome officiating  
and burial in Calvary Cemetery  
in Mt. Pleasant.

She was born Oct. 17, 1901,  
in Kaliva, Ohio, and died Dec.  
20 in Belding.

Survivors include three daugh-  
ters, Frances Weston of Grand  
Ledge, Mrs. Robert (Elaine)  
Whitmore of DeWitt, and Mrs.  
Lionel Block of Beal City; three  
sons, Harold and Dean of this  
area, and Leonard of Lansing;  
and 26 grandchildren, 11 great-  
grandchildren, and three broth-  
ers and three sisters.

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Cong. Elford A. Cederberg  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

## Legislators

State Sen. John R. Toepp  
State Senate Building  
Lansing, Mich. 48901

State Rep. John M. Engler  
House of Representatives  
Lansing, Mich. 48901

State Rep. Donald E. Holbrook, Jr.  
House of Representatives  
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Dec. 19tf

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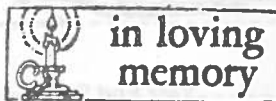
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The Family of  
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## Card of Thanks

Our sincere thanks to Dr. Klickstein and staff at CMC Hospital, Rush Funeral Home, and Father Don Dueueke, for their kindness shown at the loss of our husband and father.

Also we would like to thank friends, relatives, the ladies preparing the dinner, those who brought food, sent flowers, and all others who helped in any way.

Your expressions of sympathy will never be forgotten.

The Family of  
 John Schumacher.

## Card of Thanks

I want to thank all the many friends around here who put in to get me a new stove for my house, for Christmas.

It is a wonderful present.

Now I can keep warm, with wood given me by friends also, and I'll always be grateful to you all.

Zeke Tanner

## Obituary

### JESSIE M. TUPPER

Jessie M. Tupper of Mt. Pleasant died Jan. 12 at CMC Hospital, after a fall in which she suffered a broken hip. She was 76.

Surviving are two sons, Dale of California and Kenneth of Mt. Pleasant; six daughters, Mrs. Bert (Dorothea) Crowley, Mrs. Stanley (Eithel) Darnell, Mrs. Harold (Mitchelene) Livingstone, and Mrs. Kenneth (Bonnie) Schrock, Mrs. Fred (Dorothy) Sowle and Mrs. Frank (Marvel) Sowle; and 32 grandchildren, 69 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren, a brother, Charles John of Weidman, and two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Smith and Mrs. Milda Lee of Grand Rapids.

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## Obituary

### DONALD TICE

Donald Tice of Barryton died Jan. 5 at the Lakeview Hospital. He was 48.

He was born Sept. 4, 1926, in Mecosta County and was a lifelong resident of the Barryton area. He was employed by the Walworth Logging Company at Barryton. He was a veteran of

World War II.

Funeral services were held at 1 p. m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Robert Cree officiating. Burial was in the Brown Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Ramona; five daughters, Mrs. Cheryl Bark of Barryton, Mrs. Donna Tribe of Big Rapids, Mrs. Cathy Troope of Chippewa Lake, and Louanna and Teresa, at home; two sons, Dan of Barryton, and Joseph, at home; his mother, Mrs. Jenny Tice of Barryton, and four grandchildren, two sisters and four brothers.

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## Obituary

### GEORGE SMITH

George Smith passed away Jan. 8 in St. Johns. He was 72.

He was born July 10, 1902, in Clinton County, and was raised as a young boy in the Beal City area.

Three years ago he suffered a stroke, and had been bedridden since.

He leaves his wife, Margaret; two daughters, Lois Jean of De Witt and Joan of Ohio; two brothers, Sylvester of Grand Rapids and Leo of Weidman; and many nieces, nephews and cousins in this area.

Preceding him in death was his sister, Eva Smith Breuer, in 1958, and his brother, Bill, in 1962.

Relatives from this area who attended the funeral in St. Johns Saturday included Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer, Mrs. Jack Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Smith and Wally Joe, Rusty Alwood, Don Smith, and Mrs. Don Alwood.

Others attending their uncle's funeral included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Ypsilanti and Richard Smith and son, Brian, of Au Gres.

The family have the deepest sympathy of all. Many around here have happy memories of the days when he was young among us.

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## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

I didn't quite forget. Here is the money for another year's paper. I didn't get my paper until Friday last week. Always get it on Thursday. I thought, "Now, maybe Connie won't send me any more until she gets the money, ha!"

Anyhow, here's wishing you a lovely 1975, without any bad boys.

Sincerely,  
 Mrs. Ellen Neelands  
 Pontiac.

## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Opal Denslow and Mrs. Claribel Miller went to the Daggett Funeral Home Monday to pay respects to their cousin, Don Tice, who passed away suddenly with a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family were Monday evening callers at the Gerald Dent home. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan were Sunday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Dent were Thursday callers at the Lynn Johnson home, celebrating Sherri's 12th birthday.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended the Remus UMW Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Lucille Fountain at Remus. Thursday she attended Busy Bees at Mrs. Claribel Beutler's in Weidman.

Tim Workman of Alma was a Sunday dinner guest at the Jim Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent were Sunday guests of the Elwood Millers. The Millers took Mrs. Margaret Kirvan to the doctor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller were Tuesday dinner guests at the Edmund Owens home. They called on Elwood's mother Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin spent from Friday till Sunday with her father, Leo Bahr, at Copemish. Little Kelli Martip came home from the hospital Thursday.

Miss Debbie Slider spent last week at the Earl Oplinger home.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow, Mrs. Eva Denslow, Mrs. Opal Denslow, Mrs. Charles Fahnestock and Mrs. Flora Wood attended Busy Bees Thursday afternoon at Mrs. Claribel Beutler's.

Carl and Ellen Geasler were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mrs.

Flora Wood, and took her some freshly dug parsnips out of their garden.

Susan and Chris Fahnestock and a friend and Mrs. Marian Conrad and daughter, Carolyn, all of Dearborn, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock.

Some storm Saturday morning! Lots of us had no electricity for a while, but there was no other damage reported. We were fortunate, lots better off than other parts of Michigan.

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker called on Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cheadle near Gladwin Thursday. Callers of Ken and Oralea during the week included her niece, Bernadine Fair, and family of Remus and Patricia Berry and son of Chippewa Lake.

The Merry Go Round Club met at the hall in Brinton last week. Two quilts were tied during the day. The February meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 13, at the same hall.

Irene Bowen and Connie Fletcher were in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Eathel Beers, Eunice La Londe, Fern Verette and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe and Shannon and Duane were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Beers, in honor of George's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Geasler of Pontiac spent the weekend of Jan. 4 with Carl and Ellen Geasler, and other relatives, returning home on Monday.

Marvel and Dorothy Sowle spent Saturday with their mother, Jessie



AMONG THE CHRISTMAS ANGELS--Who came to our door during the holidays were the four daughters of Paul and Rosie Simmer: Linda, Lois, Laurie and Lisa, who brought us a lovely gift of Christmas cookies ("We did the decorating of those," the girls said), fruit cake, fancy bread, a couple of jars of their mother's choice relishes, and a whole lot more. We received several gifts from "Christmas Angels," among them the Weidman Brownies of the Girl Scout Troop here, and some gifts from just private friends and neighbors. Thanks, everyone! Messenger photo

Tupper, at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Tupper fell Saturday, breaking her hip. She passed away Sunday afternoon. Sympathy goes to the family.

Senior Citizens of this area are invited to visit the Brinton Hall this week Thursday afternoon between the hours of 1 and 3 to get help on making out their home-stead tax rebate forms, Supervisor Lewis Bowen announced this week. Anyone from any area is also welcome.

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## Local Items

Mrs. Claribel Beutler and Mrs. Emma Middlesworth went with a Senior Citizens bus load to Saginaw Friday, after luncheon at the Holiday Inn at Mt. Pleasant, where the group met, after which they attended the Shriners Circus in Saginaw.

Mrs. Grace Pitts spent Sunday with her daughter, Elaine Esterline, in Farwell.

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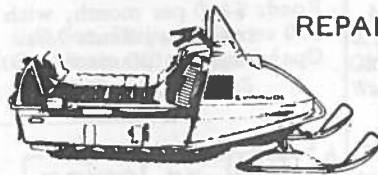
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# Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Reed were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pyrratt of Big Rapids. They were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Marshall.

Happy Birthday to Michael St. John, who celebrated his ninth birthday Friday, Jan. 10. His friend, Troy Spence, spent the night with him. Mr. and Mrs. Don Papesch and family of Tekonsha were also overnight guests of the St. John family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Olger and family at Six Lakes a week ago Sunday. Gilbert's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock, were Saturday evening guests. Mrs. Schrock and son, Philip, called on her mother, Mrs. Edmund Owens, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family were Tuesday evening guests of their son, Tim, and family in Mt. Pleasant, to help him celebrate his birthday. Their Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stebelton and Renee of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and family of Barryton, and Tom Loomis. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Jeffers and

son of Sheridan were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John. They surprised Eddie John with a nice cake for his birthday.

Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed and family were Mr. and Mrs. Orval Reed, Mrs. Minnie Reed, and Ralph Thompson.

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## THINK METRIC

Signs along some highways are giving distance to next towns in both miles and kilometers, according to word from Mid Michigan College at Harrison.

On the proposition that the metric system soon will replace our present methods of measurement, the college is offering a one-credit course which will teach the metric system of measurement.

This is a self-instructional program, using tapes and slides. A member of the mathematics department at the college will be available for assistance and testing.

The course is offered by the newly-established Career Department and Individualized Learning Center at Mid Michigan Community College. Students may enroll at any time and complete the course at their own paces.

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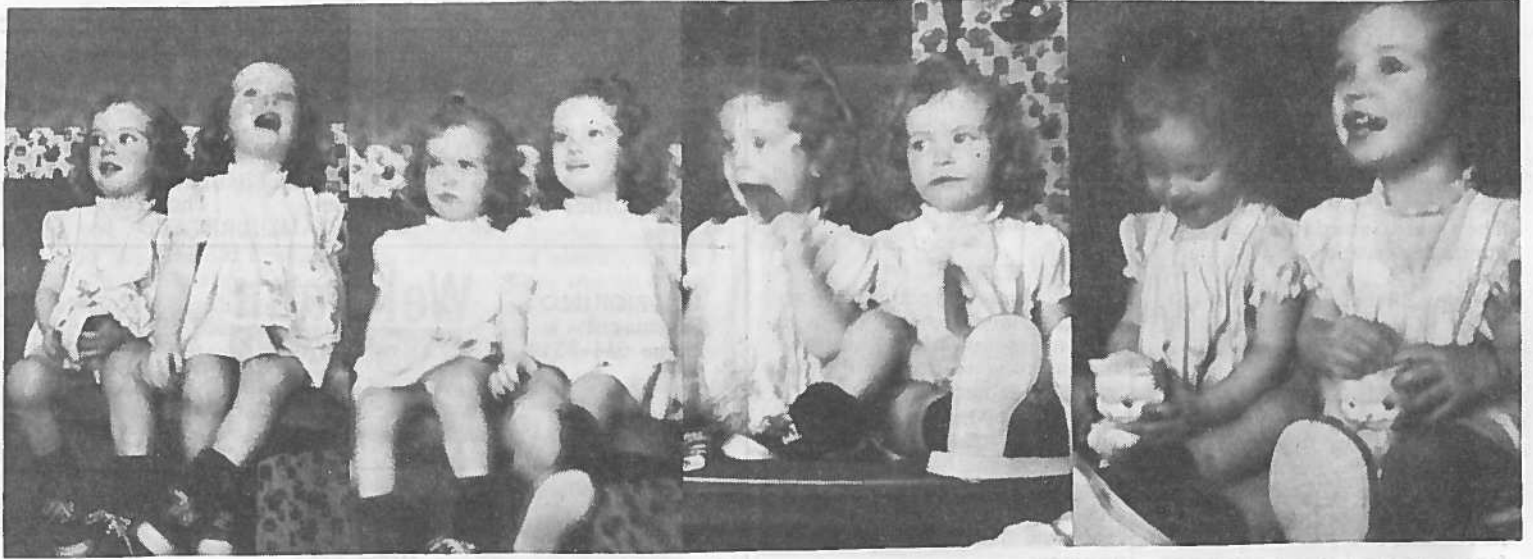


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**MOODS OF IDENTICAL TWINS**--Lisa and Lori Branson, daughters of Spike and Pauline Branson, weren't overly enthusiastic about posing for the Messenger camera, but we did get a few pictures of the truly beautiful little girls. They are exactly alike (their parents can tell them apart--Lori wears a bracelet!)--but unless you know who's got the bracelet, it's impossible to tell who's who. The girls were two years old last Nov. 18, and they both have naturally curly golden hair (we asked Pauline, "How lucky can you get?"). The twins enjoy snowmobile rides with their parents. The rest of Spike and Pauline's family consists of Brenda, 20; Patty, 18; Randy, 16, and Sherri, 12.

### HOODLUMS BUSY AGAIN IN DESTRUCTION HERE

A gang or gangs of hoodlums are on the prowl again in Weidman, their latest outrage being the smashing of windows and a door in the rental house on Ruth Momany's place.

Damage to the house is extensive, and Sheriff's officers are investigating the incident.

The big window in the former office building of Allen Lumber Company also has been broken, cause unknown.

The cost of pure vandalism in Weidman is ridiculous. Gangs of young punks can roam at will and destroy as they please.

Parents of most of the young offenders appear not to care if their sons are ramming around at 1, 2, and 3.30 in the morning in cars, destroying whatever they fancy and can lay their grass stained hands on easily.

Sheriff's deputies are also investigating three larcenies at the Weidman School last week. Two chemical fire extinguishers were stolen from school buses last Wednesday and 30 gallons of gas were siphoned from school buses Wednesday and Thursday nights.

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### In the Editor's Mail

I want to hope for you a pleasant New Year, with good health and strength to carry on your work.

We would miss the paper so much. We would completely lose contact with many of our acquaintances if there were no paper.

Please find my check for 1975 subscription for the paper.

Sincerely,

Opal Denslow.

### LA LECHE LEAGUE GROUP FORMED IN WEIDMAN

A newly organized La Leche League group in Weidman will hold its first meeting Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 10 a.m. at the home of Diane Benn.

The name, La Leche, is Spanish, and means "the milk". The League is non-sectarian, a non-profit organization, with purpose to help encourage "good mothering through breast feeding".

The group will meet the third Tuesday of each month. A series of four meetings will discuss on an informal basis different phases of breast feeding. The first meeting's topic is "Advantages of Breast Feeding to Mother and Child". Diane Benn will be discussion leader.

All women interested in nursing their babies are invited to attend the meetings--as are their babies.

Diane Benn says, "You need not be pregnant, or even have a family, to attend. If you are a wife and hope someday to have children; if you are a grandmother... if you are interested... you are welcome."

La Leche League began in a Chicago suburb 14 years ago when one mother who had successfully nursed her baby helped another who wanted to breast feed.

This is still the basic approach, though the League is now international in scope, with more than 1,700 groups helping thousands of women, in the United States, Canada, and 12 foreign countries.

For further information about the Weidman La Leche League group, contact Diane Benn, ph. 644-3316.

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### WEIDMAN SCHOOL OFFERS PRE SCHOOL PROGRAM

A pre school program initiated last year proved extremely popular, Harry Howard, Principal, said this week. The school is planning to provide the program again this year.

Kathy Shoemaker will be the volunteer teacher for the program. Mothers will be needed to volunteer help each day, Mr. Howard said.

About \$5.00 per student will provide milk or juice each day and help pay for some of the teaching materials. Donations from groups and individuals are

sought.

Children in the pre-school program are taught to recite numbers 1 to 10, write them, count to 10, and be introduced to numbers beyond 10.

Children are taught to recognize their own names when printed; and are also taught to print their first names; and recite the alphabet in order, recognize printed letters, and print some letters.

Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 2.30 are designated as the pre-school time. The program begins Jan. 27.

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