

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### WE HAVEN'T FOUND OUT YET WHERE THE CAN LIDS ARE

So last week, after the paper was out, we sent copies of our column about the can lid shortage to all our politicians, state and national, concerned with our area (we hope), and as we write this we have not received word from any of them.

We haven't found any can lids, either. We have written to both the Mason and Kerr companies, inquiring if we can buy lids direct from the manufacturers.

Meanwhile, the rumors continue, and an interesting sidelight or two surfacing.

We've heard the one about the man down by Detroit sitting on a warehouse stuffed full of can lids, and still buying up the whole shebang as it comes off the factory lines. (Why doesn't he sell 'em--he could get fancy prices.) And how long is he going to go on filling warehouses with can lids?

We've heard the one about the big retail stores buying up all the lids and stashing them also in warehouses so we'll have to buy their store-canned goods. (Seems like an expensive method of selling canned goods.)

We've heard that Libby Canning Company has bought controlling interest in both Kerr and Mason jar companies, and that Libby is holding down production at the plants, again in order to sell the Libby products. (That also seems to us an expensive way to sell goods.)

It's a mystery to us, and that's for sure. So far we've heard no reasonable answer. For, if any of the above were true, then the perpetration of the act of stashing the whole supply of canning lids constitutes an act of criminal conspiracy, we believe, and anti-trust laws should be brought into action.

We heard another mystifying one, which we believe, as it comes from an unimpeachable source:

An area family has a friend in Oklahoma, where the Kerr factories are located, and out there



### THE NEW BANK BUILDING BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE--

After months of preliminary masonwork on its underpinning's. Two wings of the building show in the photo above, with a third (to the south, or right in the picture) shrouded in plastic coverings to protect workmen from cold as they lay on brick facing and roof shingles. The new bank building will dominate the corner of Bridge Street and Woodruff Road at the north edge of Weidman's business street. A beautiful architect's drawing of the completed building is on display at the bank. Messenger photo

can lids are in plentiful supply. The friend brought a supply to our source of information, last summer, from Oklahoma.

Curiouser and curiouser, as Alice said in Wonderland.

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### PUBLIC MEETING FEB. 11 ON FATE OF CHIPPEWA RIVER

A public meeting is slated for 8 p. m. Feb. 11 in Room 124 at the Court House in Mt. Pleasant to discuss the future status of lands along the Chippewa River in this area.

Suggestions have been made to place the river under the Scenic Rivers Act, which prohibits the cutting of any tree less than 100 feet from water, and prohibits the building of any structure less than 400 feet from water.

According to County Commissioner Della Walker of Mt. Pleasant, it is necessary for proponents of the action to obtain approval of the local Township Board before action can be taken. If a township board approves

the proposition, according to Mrs. Walker, the matter then goes before the Board of County Commissioners.

Chippewa Township has declared itself against any proposal to restrict the river in its area, and other townships appear to be equally against it.

The interested public is urged to attend the meeting that will air the entire proposition.

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### POPCORN SALE WILL BENEFIT LITTLE LEAGUE PLAYERS

Little Leaguers of the Weidman area will be going house to house Saturday morning beginning at 10 o'clock, selling ready-to-pop packages of popcorn, with complete trimmings of popping oil and real butter.

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### PREPARATIONS BEING COMPLETED FOR PIG ROAST AT MILLER FARM FEB. 16

Members of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department and their wives, and members of the Beal City and Weidman Business Associations--and their wives--are completing final plans for the biggest celebration yet on the Elwood Miller farm, the third annual Lil' Mac Bridge pig roast.

This year, eight hogs will be roasted over outdoor charcoal pits and a complete dinner menu including the famous bean soup, baked potatoes, dressing, fresh-baked bread from the ovens of Weidman and Beal City women, and of course generous helpings of roast pig meat, along with soft drinks, will be offered.

New plans on swifter serving are being perfected, and it is expected that waiting lines will move along much faster this year (it's cold, on that date in February, especially when you're just standing there in line).

Generous donations of everything needed have been received by committees, including hogs, the beans, potatoes, and of course the women will provide the fresh-baked buttered bread.

This year the whole state of Michigan is invited--something new for the Lil' Mac Bridge celebration day.

This year there will be a walk across the little bridge, in the manner of the celebrated annual walk across the Big Mac Bridge at the Soo, with appropriate certificates to be signed on the spot attesting to the fortitude of the walkers.

Last year folks brought in travel trailers the night before the celebration day, and they're expected again this year. Snowmobile trails are laid out, with safaris planned and available, and also just plain snowmobiling up and down the beautiful hills on the Miller farm.

Y'all come.

ball equipment for Little League teams on the Weidman diamond, a thoroughly rebuilt playing field, this spring.

Look for the Little League kids at your door Saturday morning.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

**Around Horr**

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Jim Wright was a Sunday afternoon caller at the Paul Miller home. Randy Miller and a friend were also Sunday callers. The boys were part of a group of 12 Boy Scouts and 10 fathers who spent the weekend at the Norman Miller mobile home here.

Mrs. Betty Thompson called on Mrs. Clara Grewett in Mt. Pleasant Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wood and Andrew spent Thursday evening with the Jim Thompsons.

Mrs. Diane Johansen and Mrs. Gloria Antcliff and Brad were Sunday afternoon guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Flora Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and girls were Sunday supper guests of her folks, the Elwood Millers.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bowen and Mike and Mr. and Mrs. Jude Simons were Saturday supper guests at the Miller home. George Miller was a Saturday supper guest also. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan were Sunday callers. Mrs. Bobbie Oplinger entered the Mt. Pleasant Hospital Sunday, for surgery Monday morning.

Charles and Ray Fahnestock went to Scottville Monday morning.

Mrs. Alma White took her father, Alva Cummins, back to the hospital Monday for his checkup. He was feeling better.

Monroe Beckwith was a Wednesday caller at the Cummins home. Mrs. Nettie Lawrence was a Sunday caller, and took them a loaf of bread, some cookies, and a salad.

Monroe Beckwith was a Wednesday supper guest of the Charlie Loseys. Clayton Dutcher

called Tuesday, and took them some fish. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew called Thursday evening. Harold Losey called Sunday.

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**ROD AND CATHY ADAMS  
LOOK FOR SNOWMOBILE  
TRADE FOR HORR STORE**

Rod and Cathy Adams, the young couple from Grand Rapids who took over the Horr store at Christmas time, say they're now waiting for snow, as they were advised of good snowmobilers' business in their area.

Rod and Cathy are young, and hope to make their store and home a permanent part of the area.

They were raised at LeRoy, a small town south of Cadillac, and enjoy country folks and country living.

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**Walker Creek  
News**

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fifield and family and her sister, Patty, were Saturday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan were Saturday evening callers.

Mrs. Emily Dague and her mother, Mrs. Flora Van Syckle, were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were Thursday evening callers.

Happy Birthday to Ethel Mae Monroe, who celebrated her birthday last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and

family were Sunday dinner guests of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bates, at Clare. Their Friday evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed and family.

Callers during the week at the Warren Leiter home were Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and family of Barryton and Tim Leiter of Mt. Pleasant. Little Greggy Leiter spent Saturday with his grandparents, while his parents were attending a wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacy all have been ill with flu the past week.

Clyde Dosenberry and children were Sunday dinner guests of his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry.

Mrs. Dolores Portenga and her grandmother, Mrs. Eva Gray of Mt. Pleasant, spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Clarence Ley at White Cloud.

Mrs. Lois Hartzler was a Monday afternoon visitor of Mrs. Gilbert Schrock. Philip Schrock is entertaining the chicken pox this week.

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 ing. Betty Dutcher.  
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## Obituary

**NORA C. SIMMER**  
 Nora C. Simmer of 62320 N.  
 Chestnut, Reed City, died last  
 Wednesday morning, Jan. 22,  
 at the Blodgett Hospital in Grand  
 Rapids.

Nora C. Smith was born May  
 12, 1912, at Beal City. She was  
 married to Arnold Simmer in  
 February, 1938, and he preced-  
 ed her in death in May, 1974.

She had been a resident of the  
 Reed City area since 1942, and  
 was employed for 14 years at  
 the Holmgren Store at Reed  
 City.

She is survived by a son, Harry  
 Simmer, of Sears; three daugh-  
 ters, Mrs. Arthur (Mary Lou)  
 Profrock of Reed City, Mrs. Dan  
 (Susanne) Bowen of Grand Ledge  
 and Elaine Simmer, at home;  
 her mother, Mrs. Louise Smith  
 of Beal City, who is 92 years  
 old; a brother, Gerald Smith,  
 of Mt. Pleasant; three sisters,  
 Ann and Dora Smith and Mrs.  
 Walter (Doll) Rau of Beal City;  
 and five grandchildren.

Her family have the deep sym-  
 pathy of all.

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## Local Items

Miss Robin Young of Clare was  
 a Friday caller of the Eugene Mc-  
 Arthur family. Miss Earlene  
 Smedley of Clare was a Sunday  
 caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ervin of Winn  
 and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Heintz of  
 Mt. Pleasant were Saturday eve-  
 ning guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary  
 McArthur and family.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Obituary

### HAZEL B. COUGHLIN

Hazel B. Coughlin of Mt. Pleas-  
 ant died Jan. 24 at CMC Hospital.  
 She was 73. She was one of the  
 Bolinger girls, a sister of George  
 Bolinger who for many years was  
 our depot agent on the railroad.

She was born in Jones Field Ap-  
 ril 7, 1901. She was a resident  
 of the Weidman and Mt. Pleasant  
 area most of her life.

Funeral services were held Jan.  
 27 at the Stinson Funeral Home  
 in Mt. Pleasant, with Rev. Mark  
 Mitchell officiating. Burial was  
 in Memorial Gardens in Mt.  
 Pleasant.

She is survived by two sons,  
 Philip Bolinger of Vermontville  
 and Daniel B. Coughlin of Mt.  
 Pleasant; one brother, William  
 Bolinger, of Florida; two sisters,  
 Mrs. Beatrice Decker of Mon-  
 tague and Mrs. Elsie Campbell  
 of Muskegon; and nine grandchil-  
 dren.

Many here will remember the  
 Bolinger family. They lived  
 across the road from the Roe  
 place, and the girls in the two  
 families were childhood friends.

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## Card of Thanks

I do want to offer my very sin-  
 cere thanks and appreciation to  
 all of my relatives and friends,  
 and the Busy Bees, who have  
 sent me cards, letters and gifts  
 during my stay in the hospital.  
 I'll remember you always.

Frances Fahnestock

## Local Items

Friday guests of the Richard  
 Touchinski family were Mr. and  
 Mrs. Jude Simon of Brinton,  
 Pauline Branson, and Mr. and  
 Mrs. Elwood Miller. Saturday  
 the Touchinsky family went to  
 Clio and visited their uncle and  
 aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Merri-  
 hew.

Titus Sanford, resident plumber  
 for the Klein Plumbing Company  
 at Mt. Pleasant, has been sick  
 the past week with strep throat.  
 The Sanfords purchased the "old  
 Miles Drallette" house on the cor-  
 ner of Air Line Road and Cold-  
 water Road, from Mrs. (Tvorik)  
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He had trouble with his eyes...  
 so he didn't read newspapers.  
 BUT HE SOLD HOT DOGS.  
 He put up a sign on the high-  
 way, telling how good they  
 were.

He stood by the side of the road  
 and cried, "Buy a hot dog,  
 mister!"

AND PEOPLE BOUGHT.  
 He increased his meat and bun  
 order, and he bought a big-  
 ger store to take care of his  
 trade.

He got his son home from col-  
 lege to help him...  
 But then something happened.

His son said, "Father, haven't  
 you been listening to the ra-  
 dio? There is a big depres-  
 sion on. The international  
 situation is terrible, and the  
 domestic situation is even  
 worse."

Whereupon the father thought,  
 "Well, my son has been to  
 college. He listens to the ra-  
 dio and reads the newspapers,  
 so he ought to know."

So, the father cut down on the  
 bun order, took down his ad-  
 vertising signs, and no long-  
 er bothered to stand on the  
 highway to sell hot dogs.

His hot dog sales fell almost  
 over night.

"You were right, son," the fa-  
 ther said to the boy.  
 "We are certainly in the middle  
 of a great depression."

(Compliments of Bob Stockman,  
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**THE LITTLE MAC BRIDGE**--On the Elwood Miller farm, where the third annual Lil' Mac Bridge Day will take place Sunday, Feb. 16. The bridge was built by friends and neighbors of the Millers--and the Millers--for snowmobile access across the Chippewa River, and it is pretty much of a marvel of suspension-bridge construction, in a miniature way. This year there will be a "walk across the bridge," in the manner of the famed annual walk across Big Mac at the Soo; there also will be many winter scene enjoyments, and a great big hog-roast dinner.

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

Michael Dutcher came home from the hospital Thursday, after spending a week there. He had bronchitis.

Kevin Thren is having the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark were Sunday afternoon visitors of her folks, the Harry Gatehouses. Bea Gatehouse spent Wednesday afternoon with Lou Ann Maeder.

Garry and David Dutcher and Jim Dutcher were Sunday callers of ours.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and Karen of Clarkston brought Edna Merrihew home Saturday. They had dinner with the Ervin Dutchers, and spent Saturday over night with Edna. Then they called back on Ervin's Sunday, on their way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Owen and three children and Dwight Strabel of Midland spent the weekend with the Robert Dutcher family. Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and

Heather were Saturday evening visitors of the Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and boys were Thursday evening callers.

Dale Dutcher and Bob Nobel called on us Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe called on the Clayton Dutchers Wednesday. They spent Saturday afternoon and evening with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and boys of Mt. Pleasant had Sunday dinner and spent the evening with us. The Robert Dutcher family and Dick and Patti all had cake and ice cream with us Sunday evening.

Kathryn Doerr and Julia Bowen of Mecosta visited Grace Fitzgerald Tuesday.

Florence Fitzgerald spent the weekend in Lansing with Mr. and Mrs. Terry Dodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Decker of Barryton were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald.

Carl and Grace attended the 25th wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Glen Smith at the Remus Town Hall Saturday even-

ing.

Monroe Beckwith of Otisville spent Wednesday and Thursday with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. He had lunch with us Wednesday, and called on Steve Dutcher Thursday evening.

Eloise, Barbara and Beth Hogg were callers of the Ervin Dutchers during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and Susie and Cindy of Lake Orion spent the weekend with Jack's folks, the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler enjoyed dinner Sunday at the Coldwater Lake Inn, with the Farm Bureau group.

Diane, Billy and Brenda had dinner with their grandmother, Mrs. Claribel Beutler, in Weidman. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children were also dinner guests. They visited the Jim Beutlers of Rosebush Tuesday evening.

Percy and Harold Secord of Holt were in Mt. Pleasant on business Wednesday, and called on the Clayton and Ervin Dutchers. Word was received here of the death of Earl Forbes of Detroit.

He was the husband of Imogene Hibberd. They buried him in the Forest Hill Cemetery here on Wednesday.

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## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Just a thank-you line for the beautiful Xmas card.

I am 92 now, and quite well. Dora is home to take care of me. I fell last fall, and Dora had to come home to help me. I could not walk. I walk with a walker now, and play lady.

Love and prayers,  
Louise Smith  
Beal City

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**Beal City**

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mary Sebenick of Lansing died Saturday, Jan. 25. The funeral was Tuesday.

Mrs. Tony Schafer, Mrs. Ruth Klumpp and Dora Smith went to Reed City to see her twin sister, Nora Simmer, who died last Wednesday and was buried Friday. She was in a funeral home.

Louise, Doll and Dora Smith went to the K. of C. Hall last Tuesday morning to help out on some quilts for the Centennial this next summer. A number of other ladies were there to help.

The funeral of Charles J. Gross was held last Monday, Jan. 20, in St. Joseph the Worker Church, with a dinner served the family at the K. C. Hall.

Dora Smith baby-sat Monday for Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gross.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at Jerry Schafer's.

Paul Onstot and Maxine Klumpp called on Tillie Schafer Saturday

evening.

Debbie Rau, Suzanne Schafer, Denise Tilmann and Sherry Reihl enjoyed an ice skating party at the Alfred Klumpp home Sunday afternoon.

Maxine Klumpp drove to Hillsdale on business Saturday.

Doris Tilmann of Reed City attended the funeral of Nora Simmer Friday.

Ed and Vera Kavanaugh spent the weekend in Detroit.

Quite a few from around here went to Reed City Thursday afternoon to attend the wake for Nora Simmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann and Debbie Rau and Mrs. Louise Smith drove to Reed City Wednesday evening to see Nora Simmer, at the funeral home.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zeien spent Sunday afternoon with their aunt, Louise Smith. Kitty Gross was a Friday caller.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

**Local Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and two other couples, George and Lois Getchel and Ivan and Frances Brown enjoyed dinner in Saginaw Sunday, and a drive to Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. Maud Boulton, in Midland. Sunday her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brenay, of Bay City were guests of the Phillipses.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



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Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfarness went to Cadillac Sunday to visit her step-mother in the hospital there, who was very ill with kidney stones. Mr. and Mrs. Walters had just got home from Flint to their home at Houghton Lake Friday, after a stay in Saginaw and Flint, where Mr. Walters has been under doctors' care all winter, when Mrs. Walters was taken very ill and was rushed to the hospital in Cadillac. Hurry and get well, Laura.

The Bess Pfarness' little granddaughter, Jenny Lynn, was rushed back to the hospital at Ann Arbor. Doctors were running tests Monday to decide whether there is a hole in her little heart.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lague and Audrey and Andy visited their grandparents, the Paul Coles, and Velma, Thursday. They took their sister, Laura Ewing, home with them to Vassar. Laura had been helping Grandma Cole out.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Riggs, near Clare, Wednesday.

Little Kim Kripa has a wheel chair now. She enjoys it very much.

George Cornell of Beaverton visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler, Saturday.

Miss Pam Worth is staying at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth, at this time.

The Coles were surprised Sunday with a lovely ham pot-luck dinner, put on by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa and Steve and Mr.

and Mrs. Danny Kripa and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mahon and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dennis. We wish to thank every one, and may God bless.

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### Local Items

Jack Cotter was a Sunday afternoon visitor at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Suman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gross were Saturday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler and Mrs. Mary Beutler and Mrs. Marion Beutler attended the 75th anniversary of the Eastern Star Chapter in Carson City Monday evening. Ida (Snyder) Sweet is secretary of the chapter there, and she invited Mrs. Beutler and Mrs. Emma Middlesworth to attend a dinner and the program. Mrs. Middlesworth was unable to attend, due to recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Jib Hall in Barryton.

We hear that many folks really enjoyed the poems by Wanda J. Bissett which we printed recently. Wanda is the daughter of Mrs. Daniel Bushree, a well known local resident and Senior Citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beutler, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spence and family, and the McArthur family and Earlene Smedly enjoyed an ice cream social at the David McArthur home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth re-

turned home from the Alma Hospital Sunday, after a 10-day stay suffering from bronchitis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gould of Ewart spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

Doris Portenga was a Monday caller of Janice Touchinsky. Don't forget the pre-Centennial

dance at Beal City this Saturday night, Feb. 1. Nottawa folks know how to work together, and they have been working for the past year on preparations for the big event, next July 26-Aug. 3.

And don't forget the third annual pig roast at the Little Mac Bridge on the Elwood Miller farm Feb. 16, a Sunday.

# The Messenger

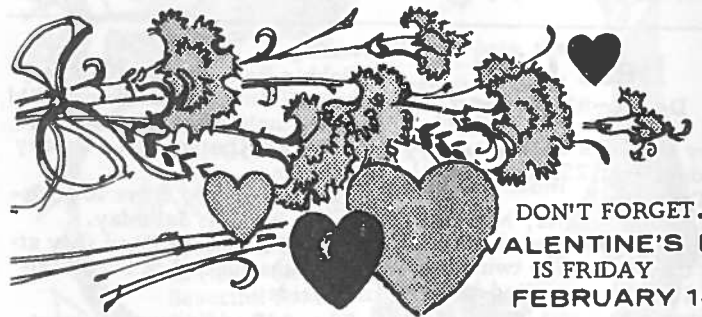
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## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Zena Olger went with Helen Alwood last Friday to the home of her daughter, Helen Letson, and they took her shopping. Zena and I tied a quilt last Tuesday. We have another one to tie this week for my great-grandchildren Sherry and Todd Allen, for their birthdays.

Zena Olger went home with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams for dinner Sunday after church, and they brought her home later.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott took us to visit my sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGillis, on their Golden Wedding reception at the VFW Hall west of Farwell.

Les Shenk and Donny Alwood spent Sunday rabbit hunting and ice fishing. Les enjoyed dinner at the Alwood home.

Cathy Alwood had minor surgery for removal of a small lump on her right side, at the Davis Clinic last Friday. On their way home, she and her mother called at the Dan Kripa home. Mrs. Zena Olger accompanied them to town.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Drake of Riverdale visited us one day last week.

Mrs. Max Aldrich called on her daughter, Mrs. Linda Brown, on Weidman Road, east of Weidman. Linda and son called on her parents Friday afternoon.

The Max Aldriches and Wanda Graham helped her brother, Al Gott, put up our yard light Saturday. We got it for Christmas.

Several ladies from the Baptist Church surprised Ethel Mae Monroe Friday on her birthday, with cake, ice cream and jello, and also many nice gifts.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Mrs. John Gott attended the Birthday Club meeting Thursday at the home of Loretta Laser near Barryton. She received nice gifts.

Little Becky England was ill over the weekend, and missed school Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and Heather called at the Don Alwood home Saturday. Fonda and Heather are both feeling better. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hayes enjoyed supper at the Rusty Alwood home Monday evening.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts and boys of Big Rapids were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Grace Pitts. Mr. and Mrs. Greg Pitts of Comstock Park and Mrs. Elaine Esterline of Farwell were also dinner guests.

Groups of young folks have been enjoying skating on the ice at Walt Smith's Perch Lake, and also on Lake of the Hills, in Weidman.

Diane Benn was a Sunday afternoon visitor of Ruth Momany.

## the Churches

**WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
(1 Mile West of Weidman)  
Pastor; Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a. m.  
Morning Service, 11 a. m.  
Evening Service, 7. 30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7. 30 p. m.

Ron Diehl of Midland presented beautiful slides on "The Holy Land", and commented on each picture. Mr. Diehl has been to the Holy Land on three different tours.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Olling and family of Breckenridge, and several from the Brinton area, also attended Sunday evening.

Lunch was served later in the basement of the church.

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**WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST**  
Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163 2nd Street, Weidman.  
Office phone 644-3336, parsonage 644-3441.

Church School, 9. 45 a. m.  
Worship Service, 11 a. m.  
Sharing and prayer Thursday, 7. 30 p. m.  
Pot-luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p. m.  
U. M. W., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p. m.  
Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 5. 30 p. m.

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**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Broomfield: Located six miles south of Weidman on Coldwater Road.

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor.  
Sunday School, 9. 15 a. m.  
Worship Service, 10. 45 a. m.  
Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

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**WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

Rev. William Hurt, Pastor  
Phone 644-3604.  
Sunday School, 10 a. m.  
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.  
Choir practice, 6. 30 p. m.  
Evening Service, 7. 30 p. m.  
Prayer Service Wednesday, 7. 30 p. m.



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**BEAL CITY BEGINS ITS CENTENNIAL SCHEDULE WITH DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT**

The Beal City Area Centennial committees have been in full action for many months now, and, as the summer celebration begins to seem a reality (July 26-Aug. 3), it calls for fun and dancing.

At least, that's what we're having this Saturday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City, and it promises to be an evening of complete enjoyment.

A feature of the evening will be the beard contest registration--all Beal City Area men are ordered to grow beards until the summer celebration (unless they purchase an exemption). (Ye Ed bought an exemption from wearing 1875 skirts, a big lapel button reading, "Short Shirt Permit").

Anyhow, Saturday night is a big one, over at the K.C. Hall in Beal City, with music for dancing by that good band of Jerry Schafer's.

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**HOSPITAL EXPANSION FUND IS GOING ALONG WELL**

Over 38 percent of the CMC Hospital expansion fund goal of a million dollars has been achieved, according to campaign co-chairman Clarence Tuma of Mt. Pleasant.

Gifts totaling \$332,435 have been received from volunteers working in Chairman Earl H. Hartman's advance gifts section, and in the medical staff section chaired by Frank D. Johnson, M.D., and Frederick L. Bradford, D.D.S.

The CMC Hospital Auxiliary Board has voted to pledge \$50,000 to the campaign, bringing total receipts to \$382,435.

Campaign volunteers are seeking a million dollars to partly finance a six and a half million

dollar expansion and renovation project scheduled to begin this June. The program, which includes construction of a three-story wing to the south of the existing building, will add 30 beds to the facility, bringing total capacity to 145.

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**EARL FORBES DIED: SERVICES AT FOREST HILL CEMETERY WEDNESDAY**

Word has been received here of the death of Earl Forbes Saturday, Jan. 25, in Detroit.

Funeral services were held in Detroit Tuesday, with graveside ceremony at the Forest Hill Cemetery Wednesday.

Many will remember Earl's wife, Imogene (Hibberd). They both have many friends and relatives here.

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**Two Rivers**

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser and Katie and Chris and Mrs. Leona Courser were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar called on Mrs. Rhode and Harold, and on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Vandebrook and son, Gary, of Mt. Clemens, and Marion Grewett were Saturday evening guests of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Larson of Tuscola visited the Chris Larsons Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaucher spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaucher and family. Russell Flaucher of Midland was a Tuesday luncheon guest of his mother, and spent

the afternoon there.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Rogers were Tuesday evening visitors of the Ray Flauchers. Saturday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Worix and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blodgett, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot and Linda, and Mrs. Ron Flaucher and Denise.

Mrs. Helen Perry of Lansing was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Eldon Marshall, last week.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola of Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Bud Hines and Brenda and Lisa of Barryton visited his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa, Jill White and Mrs. Elizabeth Billsby of Merrill, and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Carr of Saginaw were Saturday dinner guests of Blanche Carr, in honor of Melissa's fifth birthday and the Dalton Carrs' 10th wedding anniversary.

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Mrs. Robert Holt and Diane of Mt. Pleasant were last Monday dinner and all-day guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes. Mrs. Maggie Boger and Mrs. Pauline Estes were Friday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullet and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson spent Friday evening with Mrs. Forbes.

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