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Editor's Column

By Connie

ENGLER COMES ACROSS WITH CANNING LID INFORMATION

So our Johnny at Lansing (Hon. John M. Engler, Representative, 39th District) sent us a detailed letter, after a couple of weeks, and we're giving John credit. He did his homework on the subject.

In contrast, Jack Toepp (Hon. John Toepp, State Senator, 36th District) sent us the following eipstle:

Constance
Roe's Acres
6298 Airline Road
Weidman, MI 48893

Dear Constance:

Thank you very much for your letter concerning canning jar lids.

As soon as we receive an answer from the Mason and Kerr Companies, I will again contact you.

Sincerely,
John F. Toepp
State Sentaor

In the first place, we didn't send Jack a letter, we sent him our first editorial on the canning-lid shortage, with marker-pencil lettering at the head of the page, "Please answer this!"

That, we assume, is how much Senator Jack pays attention to hillbilly constituents.

And he didn't need to write the Mason and Kerr Companies. We did that, that first week.

No thanks, Senator Toepp.

On another page you'll find John Engler's letter in full, and it is very interesting.

LIL MAC PIG ROAST IS THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The big day is almost upon us, and hard-working members of the Fire Department and Business Associations of Beal City and Weidman, were thankful for the snow Friday and Saturday, and thereafter, however meager. We take it that snowmobiles will be active on whatever snow we may have.

The dinner itself is the big attraction, though there are myriads of other things going on, from morning till 5 p.m.

Warming tents will be there for



SUNDAY'S THE BIG DAY--For the Lil Mac Pig Roast at the Elwood Miller farm. The round signs will be posted all over the local area, with directional arrows leading in to Weidman and the Miller farm. The pig signs are old Coca Cola signs donated by the company in Mt. Pleasant and painted by Firemen and their wives, with Dick Touchinski the artist creating the pig chef. Walt Smith made and painted the arrow signs for the road, and there are plenty of them so the traveler coming in can easily follow to the festivities Sunday.

those with cold hands and feet, transportation from the parking lot to the eating tent will be on hand, and the menu is the same scrumptious outdoor cooked and roasted pig meat with dressing, that gourmet bean soup (there's really nothing like it, cooked outdoors and eaten outdoors or in a warming tent); and home made buttered bread, potatoes baked on outdoor grills, and soft drinks.

You'll agree that this is a meal and a day that shouldn't be missed by anyone, young or old or in-between.

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RED CROSS OFFERS EMERGENCY TRAINING

The Isabella County Chapter of the American Red Cross recently offered a shelter managers' training course for mana-

gers and their assistants.

These people, plus a registered nurse and a case worker, would be in charge of an emergency shelter in case of tornado or other disaster in Isabella County.

Completing the three-hour training session are the following:

Weidman: Marvin Eldridge.
Mt. Pleasant: Charles Garrison, Dwight Reava, Dee Reava, Bob Viau, Mary Crowley, Betty Reava, Agnes Straka, Sue Repp, Karen Walker, James Draper, and Oscar Sherman.
Shepherd: Hugh Riley.
Winn: Ken Acker and Bill Burgess.

Blanchard: Stan Delo and Claudia Riley.

Rosebush: Alex Brooks.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

WORK BEE AT FIRE HALL THIS FRIDAY TO DO FINAL WORK ON LITTLE MAC BRIDGE DAY

A work bee will be held at the Fire Hall in Weidman this Friday evening to finish preparations for the big day, this next Sunday, Feb. 16, celebrating the Third Annual Pig Roast and Little Mac Bridge Day at the Elwood Miller farm.

Volunteers are needed for Friday night's work, when potatoes will be wrapped in foil for baking on outdoor grills, bread will be prepared for the dressing that is a delightful feature of the dinner, and anything else that needs to be done before the big day.

Volunteers are also asked to furnish five loaves of home made bread, sliced, buttered and wrapped in foil, for the dinner. The wives of all Firemen and business men in Weidman and Beal City are expected to furnish the allotted five loaves as members of the organizations sponsoring the event. Volunteers are needed to furnish all the bread that will be needed.

The bread loaves may be taken to the Fire Hall Friday night, it was pointed out this week.

Visitors at the Miller farm will be welcomed from 9 a.m. Sunday morning, and there will be many who will want to witness the meat and potatoes started cooking, the bean soup being made in the big kettle, and other sights and sources of fun.

Transportation will be furnished from the parking area to the eating area, and sledding is encouraged on the beautiful hills of the Miller fields. A special sliding area will be roped off for small children. Snowmobile trails and safaris, as well as just zooming over the landscape there will be part of the day's fun.

Overnight camping, with tents or trailers, will be permitted, with no water or electricity facilities available.

The day is being planned for everyone, snowmobiler or no, with enjoyment provided with a raffle and bridge walk after dinner (about 3 p.m., probably).

Dinner will be served beginning at 1 p.m.

Festivities will end at 5 p.m. Directional signs from M-66 and US-27 will be up, and the delightful "pig" signs painted by

(Continued on Back Page)

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Evalena Grant and son, Larry, of Warren were Friday and Saturday guests of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar.

Joe Garrett and Miss Christine Bruce were united in marriage at the Weidman Baptist Church Saturday evening.

Mrs. Callie Bozer passed away in Midland, and was buried Saturday from the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant. The family were former residents of the Two Rivers area.

The CMB Club plans to meet with Mrs. Leona Courser Thursday.

Mrs. Lovica Krueger spent the weekend with the Harold Kruegers.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder. Oral Bunting was a Tuesday evening guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Passierillo and son, Kim, and Mike Murphy of Saginaw were Saturday overnight guests of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and daughter, Dixie, and Mrs. John

Pung spent Sunday with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mrs. Robert Fanning and Michelle have been visiting relatives in Iowa.

Mrs. Bob Hogg and Barbara visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines Sunday. Dinner guests, in honor of Mrs. Ivan Hines' birthday, were Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines and Shelli and Robbie, and Mrs. Colleen Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaughner and family of Midland.

Mrs. Betty Worix was a Monday caller of the Ray Flaughers. Richard Flaughner and sons called Saturday. Mrs. Richard Flaughner and Marty and Mrs. Ralph Flaughner and Brian were also visitors.

Ron Flaughner has enrolled at Hillsdale College for three months of training in his line of work.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bushree were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips, for cards. Sunday was Emil's birthday, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine of Midland and son, Ted, and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Grice of Sanford were Sunday dinner guests.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Bill Thompson is now employed at WFYC Radio Station at Alma weekends.

Mrs. Flora Wood and Mrs. Eva Denslow attended a housewarming party for Rev. and Mrs. John Wright at Weidman last Monday evening.

The Benn Johnson family attended a boys' tournament at Big Rapids Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rohloff were Sunday evening guests of the Johnsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher and Patti were Saturday evening callers at the Earl Oplinger home. Mr. and Mrs. John Carr of Lansing were Friday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller were Sunday evening guests of the Elwood Millers.

Mrs. Eva Bell Buzek and Mrs. Diana Brant and daughter and

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee were Sunday guests of the Mack Denslows.

Mrs. Catherine Aldrich and Mrs. Linda Brown and baby were Thursday callers at the Paul Miller home.

Bob Thompson was a Tuesday overnight guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Myrl Stoll. He took a Civil Service test Wednesday in Lansing.

Wednesday supper guests at the Jim Thompson home were Tim Workman and two friends from Alma.

Mrs. Thompson attended UMW Society at Mrs. Hazel Scott's in Remus Wednesday afternoon, and spent Monday evening with Mrs. Wager.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey were Tuesday evening callers at the Charlie Losey home, and Lois also called on me.

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Feb. 6t4

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continue to accept applications
for the position of Rural Substi-
tute Carrier of Record through
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forms at the Post Office during
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Feb. 13t7

LOST--German shepherd-husky
puppy, 2 months old, male;
silver with black on face. Wear-
ing small flea collar. Please
call 644-3638.

Feb. 13t1p

FISH FRY--Sponsored by the
Weidman Lions Club, at the
Weidman School Friday, Feb.
14, with serving from 5 to 8
p.m. Adults \$2.50, children
under 12 \$1.00. Free eye
screening. All proceeds will
go toward Mitchell Memorial
Park debt retirement.

Feb. 13t1

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Harvey Brien and Mrs.
Ronald Litell and daughter, Julie,
all of Ithaca, were Sunday after-
noon and supper guests of Mrs.
Nina Forbes. Mr. and Mrs. Rus-
sell Wilson and Mrs. Margaret
Mullet were Wednesday dinner
guests, and all attended the fu-
neral of Kit Johnson.

Card of Thanks

My happy appreciation to all
my relatives and friends who
sent me birthday cards and gifts.

(How do you do it? I can't even
keep track of birthdays in my
own family!)

I was very pleased and touched
at your remembrances.

Thank you.

Connie Skinner

Card of Thanks

Sincere thanks to friends and
relatives for cards and gifts and
phone calls remembering my
90th birthday.

And thanks to the Senior Citi-
zens for their special card, and
to Eugene and Betty Tilmann
for hosting the family party at
their home in Mt. Pleasant.

Thanks to all again.

Lavina Elias

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all the many
friends, neighbors and relatives
for the deep affection shown us
through their many acts of kin-
dness in the death of our dear
mother and grandmother.

A special Thanks to the Rush
Funeral Home, Rev. Arlo Vanden-
len, the ladies who prepared and
served dinner at the church; and
those who sent flowers, food and
cards.

And to all for the countless acts
of kindness and help to us during
this time.

The Family of
Kit Johnson

LA LECHE GROUP TO MEET FEB. 18

Tuesday, Feb. 18, will be
the second meeting of La Leche
League, at 10 a.m. at the home
of Mrs. Diane Benn in Weidman.

Informal discussions on the
art of breast feeding and how to
overcome difficulties will be
on the agenda.

Anyone interested is more
than welcome, Mrs. Benn says.
If any has questions or sugges-
tions, you may call Mrs. Benn,
644-3316.

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Mrs. Sally Glenn and son of
Lapeer spent Friday and Satur-
day with her sister and family,
Mary (Mrs. Gary) McArthur,
and family.

Obituary

EDWIN "PETE" GRACE
Edwin (Pete) Grace died early
Monday at CMC Hospital in Mt.
Pleasant. He was 63.

He was born Nov. 17, 1911, in
Nottawa Township, and was a
lifelong resident. He spent his
life on his farm in Nottawa.

He was a member of the Zion
Lutheran Church.

Funeral services were held at
11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12,
at the Zion Lutheran Church with
Rev. Edward L. Krauss officiat-
ing. Burial was in the church
cemetery.

He is survived by four brothers,
Carl and Cecil of Mt. Pleasant,
William of Weidman, and Roy
of Waukesha, Wisc.; and three
sisters, Mrs. Erma Cameron,
Mrs. Clara Creech and Mrs.
Minnie Newell, all of Mt. Pleas-
ant.

His family have the sympathy
of all.

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BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 17 TABLES IN PLAY

At their regular scheduled card
party last Thursday afternoon,
the Beal City Senior Citizens had
17 tables of pepper in play.

Monica Grinzinger won first
prize for the ladies, with Paula
Doren second and low to Edith
Touchinski.

Father Neubecker won high-
score prize for the men, with
Ambrose Thelen second and Pat
Bunting winning low.

Jack Cotter won the pepper
prize. Bernard Gallagher drew
the door prize.

A lunch of cookies and coffee
was enjoyed.

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

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REP. ENGLER ANSWERS LOTS OF QUESTIONS ON CAN LIDS

Following is the letter in full which we received from State Rep. John Engler in response to our sending him our first editorial on the subject, with "Please answer this!" scrawled with a heavy marking pen on the page.

John took some time answering, but maybe he needed it, as his letter indicates some footwork in obtaining information. Here's what he had to say:

Dear Connie:

Thank you for your editorial expressing your concern over the shortage of canning jars and lids in Michigan.

I spoke with representatives from the two major producers of jars and lids in the United States --the Ball Corp. and the Kerr Corp. Both representatives assured me that everything possible is being done to produce the maximum amount of canning supplies. The Ball Corp. is operating 7 days per week, 3 shifts per day.

I have also been informed that several other companies have started production of canning supplies for this years canning season.

The main reason there was a shortage last year was because approximately 6 1/2 million new gardens were planted across the country. This large amount of new canners, plus the shortage of tinsplate which goes into the manufacturing of lids, and soda ash, which goes into the manufacturing of jars, caused the shortage of canning supplies. The material shortage has been alleviated by the federal government who has promised to help the canning companies in obtaining the needed materials.

In the past, wholesale and retail stores have not wanted to carry home canning goods on their shelf before the start of canning season, usually May in Michigan, and in some cases have refused early shipment. However, this year, because of the shortage last year, both major companies have started shipment earlier than usual.

About two weeks ago the Ball Corp. started shipment to the southern states where canning season starts slightly earlier than in the north. In approximately 6 weeks shipments from both major companies should be at retail stores in Michigan.

Early shipments will be jars and lids with later shipment of lids. Shipment is done this way so that new canners will be able to obtain jars. Experienced can-

ners usually have jars and need the lids later in the season, just before they are ready to can. However, shipments of lids will also be done earlier this year, probably around May.

Both major companies are allocating their canning supplies based on past sales and what they expect to produce this year. This is being done in order to assure an equitable distribution throughout the United States.

I'm sure you can appreciate the problems in predicting the need for canning supplies. Last year was an extremely good growing season in all parts of the United States, plus with the rising price of food at the market, many people for the first time planted new gardens and started canning their own food. This year the growing season could be as good or better than last year, or possibly because of flood, drought, early frost, etc., the demand for canning supplies may decline.

I have been assured that both major companies have been working to produce more supplies than last year. This plus the addition of several other companies who have started production should mean that supplies this year will be available to meet the demand.

If you have further comments or questions on this problem, I would be happy to hear from you again.

Sincerely,
John M. Engler
State Representative

cc:
Mr. W.S. Stuart, Ball Corp.
Mr. Jack Rose, Mich. Chain Stores
Michigan Consumers Council
Mr. Forrest Strand, Dept. of Ag.
Mrs. Gladys Gibson
Mr. and Mrs. Herdlein
Mrs. Edward Zuker



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Mrs. Frances Tranbarger

(Editor's Note: According to a Gallup survey, nearly half the families in the United States had some kind of vegetable gardens last year.
(Yuh think every one of 'em won't plant again, with maybe a few more added?
(Yeh, we're gunna need canning supplies.)

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Lewis Bowen and Wilbur Scott attended the funeral of Earl Coker at the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell Sunday.

A very nice crowd attended the Senior Citizens' meeting at the hall in Brinton Thursday. A very lovely dinner was enjoyed, and then bingo and card playing were the entertainment for the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright spent the weekend with their daughter, Evelyn Slupe, and family in Grand Rapids.

Carl and Ellen Geasler called on Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wood last week Tuesday. Florence is at home, convalescing from a broken ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Godwin and boys were Sunday callers of their grandmother, Eathel Beers, reminding her of her birthday, and they also celebrated the

birthday of Echo Godwin.

Wilbur Scott installed a new furnace for the Joe La Londes last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Haenke and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher spent Saturday with the Lewis Bowens, where they celebrated little Eric Haenke's birthday.

Ronda Livermore was taken to the doctor in Clare Saturday evening.

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Local Items

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

Jim Hughes, news director of Radio Station WCEN, was a Sunday afternoon caller of Connie Skimmer and Gretch. (Jim has a similar--but better--dog, Lobo, who is his constant companion.)

The Ray Merritt family and Tom Getchel had Sunday dinner with the Bernard Pitts family. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson were Monday evening dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Allen are leaving Friday for a vacation trip to Phoenix, Arizona, for two weeks. They will visit friends there.

Frank Goodrich attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Rose Barrett, in Mason, Monday.

Miss Robin Young of Clare spent the weekend with the Eugene McArthur family.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR LAVINA ELIAS

Eugene and Betty Tilmann hosted a party celebrating the 90th birthday of Lavina Elias, at their home in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

All of Lavina's immediate family members attended, and she received lovely gifts.

The Tilmanns served dinner to 38 relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schafer and family of Shepherd spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Milo and Ann Eldred called on Tillie Schafer Sunday.

Debra Rau and Cindy and Donna Klumpp spent the weekend at Camp Rotary with the Explorers Club, a group organized by Central Michigan Community Hospital under direction of Maxine Klumpp. They took part in many snow activities, including ice skating, skiing, tobogganing, and snow games.

Mrs. Howard Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson of Detroit attended the funeral of Kit Johnson of Weidman last Wednesday. They also called on Matilda Schafer and Effie Schafer while they were here.

Ruth Sherlock and family and Robert Schafer called on Matilda Schafer Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred at Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schafer are spending a week in Florida, vacationing.

Lori Schafer is spending the week with Cindy and Donna Klumpp. Shelley is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moss in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Ranny Schafer called on Louise and Dora Smith Wednesday morning.

Ed Faber and Leona Faber called on Mr. and Mrs. William Martin Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith spent Friday in St. Johns and Fowler.

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Coldwater Lake

Ruth Sherlock, Reporter
Tel. 644-2310

Parents' Council meeting of the Head Start program at Beal City met Monday last week at 1 p. m. It was decided that meetings would be held the second Monday of each month thereafter, at 1 p. m.

Anyone in this area with news items, please call this reporter: 644-2310.

Robert Schafer and Ruth Sherlock and children, Marlene, LeAnna and Eddie, stopped in to visit with Grandma (Tillie) Schafer of Beal City Wednesday evening.

Robert Schafer enjoyed supper

Thursday evening at the Wayne Sherlock home. Later neighbors John and Judy Tilmann and son, John, dropped in, and the adults enjoyed a game of cards.

Judy Schafer was hostess to the Coldwater Painting Party. Her guests included Nancy Whitney, Sue Lezan and Pat Wilson of Mt. Pleasant, Pat Stahl of Sumner, and Judy Tilmann of Coldwater Lake. Ruth Sherlock was demonstrator. If anyone enjoys painting, call Ruth Sherlock, 644-2310, to join us next month. Judy Tilmann is next month's hostess.

Marsha Schumacher enjoyed being hostess to her brother, Steve, and family, who spent a few days with her.

Wayne and Ruth Sherlock spent Friday evening enjoying a game of cards with Don and Judy Schafer.

Lots of folks have been sick lately, around the lake. Hope everyone is feeling lots better.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Deming sold their home here on the lake and are moving into Mt. Pleasant. Folks around are sorry to see them leave this area.

Robert Schumacher fell while ice skating here on the lake. Marsha had to rush him to the hospital, but he's feeling lots better now.

Wayne and Ruth Sherlock and Marlene, LeAnna and Eddie were Sunday evening guests at the home of Gerald and Jane Schafer of Rosebush.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Van Warner and her mother, Myrtle Decker, have been visiting her sister, Zena Olger, for a week and helped her tie a quilt last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee of Farwell called on Zena Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson of Mt. Pleasant called, bringing a new color tv antenna for Zena. Zena was in Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday.

Donny Alwood spent the weekend with Jim Kowaleski of Remus. The boys spent some time ice fishing, and caught many bluegills and perch. They attended the snowmobile races at Canadian Lakes with the Kowaleski family Sunday.

Cathy Alwood returned to school last week after having the flu and a sore throat. Becky England is ill and out of school this week.

Old neighbors of Mrs. Ella Adams are hearing from her, from her home in Florida. The weather there hasn't been too bad this winter, she said. It was raining as she wrote, and she said they needed it. Ella has been crocheting, as a low-movement pastime, as she suffered a heart attack last fall. Her address is Box 217, Gibsonton, Florida 33534, % Hannah Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and Alice and Angela called at the Don Alwood home Sunday afternoon. The girls had spent the weekend with their sister, Mary, at her dorm at the University in Mt. Pleasant, during Family Weekend there. The girls reported a very good time with their big sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Talsma and girls of Grand Rapids spent the weekend at the Dennis Hayes home at Lake of the Hills. Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and Heather spent some time with them also. Rusty and family were Saturday luncheon guests at the Don Alwood home.

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Jack Fussman has purchased the popular Mt. Pleasant Speedway, it was announced this week.

The speedway will open May 9.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur entertained their children and their families last Tuesday evening, celebrating Mrs. McArthur's birthday. Mitch and Jean were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur and son.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family spent Saturday evening with the Forrest Johnstons in Rosebush. They enjoyed slides and narration of the Johnstons' trip to Australia and New Zealand. Ice cream and cake were served, in honor of Forrest's birthday.

Marine PFC Douglas A. Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Garrett, reported for duty with Force Troops Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, Camp Lejeune. N C



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WEIDMAN JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS WORK ON COOKING BADGES-- At the cafeteria of the Weidman school, each Wednesday afternoon after school is out. Above is shown a small table-setting done by the girls (they also had a long table set with paper plates and plastic silverware, done perfectly), but above is a table set with "good" dishes. Gathered 'round the table are Sheryl Stanley, Lori England, Kelly Schafer, Michelle Lopez, Marilee Blodgett, with Phyllis Sides, leader, and Kim Donley.



ANOTHER GROUP AT THE "FANCY" TABLE--Includes Rhonda Sides, Julie Wernette, Cathy Alwood, Tammy Denslow, Pennie Hummel, Melissa Leiter, Laura Beutler, Sheila Stanley, and Elizabeth Blodgett. Denise Bellows, leader, is with them.

18 GIRL SCOUTS ENJOY SKATING PARTY

Eighteen Junior Girl Scouts of the Weidman Troop enjoyed a skating party Saturday afternoon at the lakeside home of Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and family.

Skating on the lake was good, and the girls had a wonderful afternoon. Phyllis Sides and Denise Bellinger served hot chocolate and cookies after skating was over.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and family spent Sunday in Lansing, visiting Shirley Crawford.

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth suffered rib injuries in a fall on the ice last Thursday. She was taken to CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, where she was reporting recovering.

Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee were last Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and Ira Leiter, observing Ira's birthday, which was Feb. 2. Thursday evening guests of the Leiter family, to help Warren celebrate his birthday, were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leiter and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stebelton of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and family of Barryton, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son. They were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis.

Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip called on her folks, Mr. and



IN THE KITCHEN--Girls were preparing food for the weekly supper, which is shopped for, cooked and fixed, and served on tables set correctly by the girls, with no grownups doing any of the work. Working on the meal shown above are Roxanne Pung, Tania Beltinger, Becky McDaniel, Julie Battleshaw, with Alice Smith. The Messenger woman was delighted with the tables, the food, and the girls. Our congratulations to all those working in this very valuable organization for the Weidman area.



PREPARING THE RELISH DISHES--Are Laura Kinsman and Cindy Theisen (above photo). Besides learning marketing, the girls are learning recipes, and they do all the work of preparing the suppers, which their guests (their leaders) truly enjoy. The girls are becoming good cooks, and knowing food-buyers. Their work on their cooking badges is paying off in practicality.

Messenger photos

Mrs. Edmund Owens, Sunday afternoon, and also on her sister, Mrs. Jacques Coon. They enjoyed a telephone call from Gilbert's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock, from Florida, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Betty Rosser of Ewart spent last Thursday with her sister-in-law, Alma Dosenberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent and grandchildren were Wednesday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons. Wayne Fifield and friend of Lansing were Saturday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss were Saturday dinner guests of Tom and Alma Voss.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were

Tuesday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck. Sunday evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Art Savage of Mt. Pleasant.

Dad and Mother Loomis called on us Tuesday evening. We enjoyed Sunday afternoon with our daughter, Marcia, observing her birthday, which was Monday.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Leah Scharrer and Mrs. Lucille Smith spent the weekend with their daughter and sister, and family, the Paul Creeds, at Marine City. They also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith in Flint.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Mabel Bearse is spending some time with her sister-in-law in Midland, since her recent release from the hospital.

Miss Alice Rickles visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Rickles, one evening last week.

Missy Mahon has the chicken pox.

The Paul Coles were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa Thursday evening.

We understand that a couple of homes on our corner have been broken into, and several items of value were taken. We wonder where and when it will all end.

Oh, yes, we hear you can find a few fruit jars now, but I hear there might be a catch. They might be cheaper by the dozen, but they tell me there is only eight in a box. So, beware, folks, there may be no lids with them, we hear.

Yours Truly has a birthday Feb. 13. Those helping to remember it Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa, and Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes, and Miss Alice Rickles. A nice time was had. Yours Truly received some very nice gifts.

Mrs. Helen Mahon made a very nice cake for my party. Ice cream and cake were served later in the evening.

Miss Velma Cole received a card from her old friend and neighbor, who has been gone for several years. It was from Theron Hamilton.

Mrs. Pearl Geasler is very ill with pneumonia. Hurry and get well, Pearl!

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sloan and Mrs. Melody Reed and Frank Cornell and Nancy of Gladwin visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler Saturday.

Mrs. Pearl Geasler visited her doctor in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Jude Simons of Brinton were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and family.

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox and Mrs. Jeanne Smith were in Evert Monday morning.

Larry Wilcox is home on a week's furlough from the U. S. Air Force. He is stationed at a base in Texas hereafter.

Mrs. Ula Cummins and Mrs. Helen Smith attended a housewarming for Rev. and Mrs. Wright, in their new home on the Coldwater Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller of Lansing were last Tuesday afternoon callers of R.D. and Jennie Sprague. The Spragues called on Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler of Brinton Thursday afternoon.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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.

Choir Thursday, 6. 30 p. m.
Bob Bywater, son of Howard and Garnet Bywater, spoke Sunday at our church about the work he is doing, called "Transport for Christ". He drives a truck for the Coca Cola Company in Grand Rapids. The program will soon be on the air, for truck drivers, from 12 midnight to 4 a. m.
Bob also sang us a couple of songs.

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.

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

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

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.

HOUSEWARMING FOR FORMER PASTOR AND WIFE

Members of the Weidman Nazarene Church gathered at the new home of Rev. and Mrs. John Wright last Monday evening at 7. 30.

About 28 church members enjoyed an evening of games and dessert and coffee.

The Wrights received many nice gifts for their new home near the Nazarene Church on South Coldwater Road.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Mrs. Ula Cummins spent Sunday afternoon and had dinner

with Mr. and Mrs. John Freeze of Mt. Pleasant.

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THIS LIL MAC FLAG WILL FLY--Beneath the United States emblem and the Michigan State flag, on the Miller farm next Sunday. A flagpole will stand just before the beautiful grove of evergreen trees, and the three flags will be wavin' in the wind. Dick Touchinski (center) created the little pig with chef's cap, and his wife, Janice (left) and his mother, Edith Touchinski (right) did the sewing and basting. "I did some basting, too!" Dick pointed out in an interview. Iola Miller furnished material for the bright-colored emblem. The flag, and the new signs, will be part and parcel of future Lil Mac Pig Roast Days for the area, under sponsorship of the Volunteer Firemen and the Business Associations of Weidman and Beal City. Messenger photos



LITTLE MAC BRIDGE PIG ROAST AND FUN DAY

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the Firemen and their wives will be all over this local area. You just can't lose your way to the Miller farm, this year.

See yuh there.

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Local Items

In Weidman for the funeral of their mother, Kit Johnson, last week were Mr. and Mrs. Fey Johnson of Punta Gorda, Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Ness (Marion), all of Fremont, Ohio; and several of Kit's grand-

children and their spouses, and of course the Mt. Pleasant relatives, Charles and Gerald Johnson and their wives, and the Tom Powells.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cripps and son, Keith, of Detroit spent Feb. 1 with Mrs. Edna Bowein, to celebrate Edna's birthday. Mrs. Esther Davis and Mrs. Eva Renton of Brighton brought Mrs. Edna Bowein back from a visit in Detroit, and stayed for the weekend. Marlene Phillips of Lansing and Tracy Phillips of Birmingham also spent the weekend with Mrs. Bowein.

Mrs. Ula Cummins was in Ithaca and Carson City last Wednesday.

ENGAGED



DORRINE LYNN FRANTZ

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn D. Frantz of Weidman announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorrine Lynn, to Andrew Rampley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rampley of Darsham, Suffolk, England.

An April wedding is being planned.

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THE MESSENGER HELPS FIND A LOST DOG

Earl Tilmann called in a want ad a couple of weeks ago, listing a female beagle lost somewhere on the Ojibwa Recreation spread.

"She's a good hunting dog, and besides that, just a real nice dog," Earl said. "I do hate to lose her."

So we ran his want ad, and last week Earl came in, real happy, and said that Lester Terwilliger answered the ad.

Lester had had the dog a week and a half ("A beagle will go to the nearest house, when it's lost, and adopt any family," Earl said.) and Les had taken it out for rabbit hunting, with good results.

"I really hoped it wasn't your dog," Lester told Earl.

But it was. And now Earl has his beagle back.

This week we're running another Lost Dog ad, a puppy, this

time, and we do hope someone takes it to its youthful owner, who is heartsick.

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GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE STARTS FRIDAY, FEB. 14

Weidman Junior Girl Scouts will conduct a cookie sale starting this Friday, Feb. 14 (Valentine's Day).

The girls will go house to house with Girl Scout cookies, always delicious, and with six different kinds.

This is a national event of the Girl Scout organization.

Our Weidman girls will be taking orders from the 14th to the 23rd of this month only.

April 11 to 21, the cookies will be delivered.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton of Ashley were Saturday visitors at the Ronnie Sprague home. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spice and family of Carson City were also visitors that day. Mrs. Junior Bakos and family of Ashley were weekend callers.

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