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Editor's Column

By Connie

IT SNOWED FOR LITTLE MAC PIG ROAST Whaddayaknow.

After swinging on a trapeze of doubts and discouragements on snowmobile conditions for the Third Annual Little Mac Pig Roast Day, Ole Weather Man took pity on all the many who had worked so hard for weeks, and sent us some snow.

With eight pigs scheduled for roasting on open-pit fires, and with a like huge supply of what-goes-with-it for the dinner, we were getting fearful that snowmobilers would boycott the day and we'd be heartbroken.

For once, that ole snow looked good, comin' down all day Saturday.

Folks began coming in to the village here, and to the Miller farm, Saturday, to stay over for the festivities. Good for them. It's estimated that there were more than 2,000 people there Sunday.

So--Ye Ed, properly bundled up in a snow suit donated by the Spike Branson family, went out to the Miller farm and enjoyed the scrumptious dinner (we do love home-made dressing with pork, and also home-baked bread,



THE BRIDGE WALK--Across the Little Mac proved a most popular attraction at Sunday's Third Annual Little Mac Bridge Pig Roast on the Elwood Miller farm with its beautiful rolling hills and trees. Groups like that above were constantly arriving at the bridge entrance through the afternoon. Certificates were handed out by George Miller to the bridge walkers on their return across the span. Ye Ed was one of the proud trudgers. The bridge walk was the brainstorm suggestion of Jim Hughes, news director of Radio Station WCEN at Mt. Pleasant.

served hot, to say nothing of that delectable bean soup that has become tradition.

You never saw so many snowmobiles at one place in your life. We also tried to get pictures,

and we show you how we came out, on this and other pages.

We'll have the financial figures for you next week. At present, they're still counting, income versus bills.

TWO ACCIDENTS AT SUNDAY'S LITTLE MAC PIG ROAST CELEBRATION

Two accidents occurred in relation to the mammoth celebration on the Elwood Miller farm Sunday, observing the Third Annual Little Mac Pig Roast and Snowmobile festival.

The first occurred Saturday evening when Iola Miller's snowmobile slid on a slippery piece of road and collided with a truck driven by Eugene McArthur, who was among the many workers out there in preparation for the big day.

Iola jumped off her machine in time, landed in a ditch and was unhurt except for a bruised elbow.

The second accident occurred Sunday afternoon when 12-year-old David Davy, son of Elmer Davy, drove his snow machine into a parked car and suffered a bruised leg. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital in Mt. Pleasant and released.

The Little Mac day has been lucky, so far, and up to now. Planners say that more patrols and tighter supervision will no doubt be necessary another year, in view of the huge crowd--growing with each celebration--that comes from all parts of the state.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



TWO WAITING LINES FOR DINNER--Stretched a quarter of a mile up the hills from the food tents. Service was fast, however, and the endless lines moved along well.



A BIG BONFIRE WAS COMFORTING--After the long wait in the dinner lines. Many enjoyed their feasts around the warm fire, thawing out toes and fingers, and just plain enjoying the fire's welcome warmth. Messenger photos

Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Del Esterline of Farwell were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leiter of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and family of Barryton were callers during the week.

Mrs. Otis Conley returned home Saturday evening from a month's vacation in Florida. Sunday afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzy, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Riley of Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilcox and boys spent Saturday evening with Orville and Joyce Wiggins at Farwell. Their son, Larry, left Friday morning for Carswell Air Force Base in Texas, after spending a few days here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson. Saturday evening they and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzy enjoyed the Rebekahs' card party at Barryton.

Barb Gray and Mary Terwilliger spent last Thursday shopping in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Yabs of Lake Isabella were Friday and Saturday callers of Howard and Ethel Mae Monroe.

Mrs. Karen McGuire of Paris spent three days last week with her mother, Mrs. Orval Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and family were Sunday afternoon callers of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Warner, at Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Terwilliger attended the wedding of Dorothy Klumpp and Greg Bunting Saturday evening at Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis were Friday evening callers of her sister, Bessie. When they returned home they were surprised to find a nice box of valentine candy for them, brought by their granddaughters, Teresa and Jeannie Loomis.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son were Sunday dinner guests of his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Voss. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee and their daughter, Janine Bauw, and Robin were afternoon visitors. They were Sunday evening callers of Tom and Alma Voss.

Mrs. Clarence Ley was a Wednesday overnight guest of her daughter, Mrs. Dolores Portenga. Wednesday evening they called on Mr. and Mrs. Will Martin at Beal City. Thursday they and Mrs. Etta Skalitzy and Mrs. Eva Gray drove to Utica

and visited Pearl Loomis at the John Beutler home. Dolores reports that Pearl is not feeling too well. They also called on Harry Naylor at Southgate.

Weekend guests at the Portenga home were Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Wagoner, Larry De Vos and daughters, and Dolores' brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Ley. All attended the pig roast Sunday at the Elwood Miller farm.

Happy Birthday to David Leiter, who celebrated his ninth birthday Wednesday, Feb. 19; and to Donny Loomis, who will be nine years old the 22nd.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey spent the weekend at Lake Ann, near Traverse City.

Janice Lettinsky was a Sunday guest at the Joe Martin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Denslow and family and Mrs. Joyce Chaffee were Sunday dinner guests of Mack and Margie Denslow.

The Benn Johnson family attended the Little Mac Pig Roast at the Elwood Miller farm Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White and Bill Cummins were Saturday dinner guests at the Alva Cummins home, celebrating Alva's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam had Sunday dinner with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller were Friday afternoon guests of Mrs. Flora Wood.

Mrs. Opal Denslow, Mrs. Margaret Denslow, Mrs. Eva Denslow, Mrs. Margie Denslow, Mrs. Flora Wood, Mrs. Charles Fahnestock and Mrs. Alma Dosenberry attended Busy Bees last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Mary Fahnestock. There were 16 ladies in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Don Merrihew, and Greg and Brenda, were early Sunday evening callers at the Charlie Losey home.

Mrs. Opal Denslow, Mrs. Berl Denslow and Mrs. Randall Brownell attended a bridal shower for Miss Debbie Denslow Saturday afternoon at Lakeview.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs were Friday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mathews of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and family spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Smith and son. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden and Mrs. Ada Wood and Edie were Sunday evening guests. The

young ones enjoyed ice skating on the Smiths' Perch Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were

Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mulnix of Carson City.

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Feb. 13t7

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Feb. 20t1p

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Words cannot express our thanks
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 ment for saving our house Thurs-
 day night.

Our thanks to Laverne and Jay
 Vaughn for their help before the
 fire department arrived.

And a special thanks to Bill
 Lowery for letting us stay with
 him until we could stay in our
 house again.

Fay and Virgilene Forbes

EXPIRATION DATE--Of your
 subscription appears each week
 on your address line.

Card of Thanks

We want to thank most sincere-
 ly all of the many workers on the
 Little Mac Bridge Day project.

You really put it out!

There were many who helped
 in a great many ways who were
 not connected with the Nottawa
 and Sherman Volunteer Fire De-
 partment, the Beal City Business
 Association or the Weidman Busi-
 ness Association. Thanks for your
 very great help.

Thanks for your donations, all
 who gave the hundred and one
 various things that counted so
 much. All of you have made the
 Little Mac Annual Pig Roast a
 real community project, and we
 are very proud and grateful.

And a very special Thank You
 to Elwood and Iola Miller for
 opening their beautiful farm to
 the public for the day.

The Firemen
 The Two Business
 Associations
 The Committees on
 the Little Mac Project

Obituary

JULIA A. WHITNEY

Julia A. Whitney of Mt. Plea-
 sant died Feb. 14 at CMC Hos-
 pital in Mt. Pleasant. She was 80.
 She was born April 13, 1894,
 at Leroy.

She is survived by three sons,
 Albert, Arthur and George, all
 of Mt. Pleasant; three daugh-
 ters, Mrs. Caroline Lyness of
 Mt. Pleasant, Virginia Briggs
 of Ithaca and Betty Howard of
 Remus; a brother, Earl Runyon,
 of Weidman; a sister, Mrs. Vir-
 ginia Gifford, of Mt. Pleasant;
 and 23 grandchildren and 42
 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at
 2 p. m. Monday at the Stinson
 Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant,
 George Stehle officiating. Bur-
 ial was at Kelly Cemetery.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Klein of
 Mt. Pleasant were Saturday eve-
 ning dinner guests of their bro-
 ther-in-law and sister, Mr. and
 Mrs. Titus Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur
 attended the wedding of Dorothy
 Klumpp and Greg Bunting at St.
 Joseph's Church in Beal City Sat-
 urday evening. A reception was
 held at the K. C. Hall after the
 ceremony, which the McArthurs
 attended also. Mr. and Mrs. Gary
 McArthur also attended the wed-
 ding and reception.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

NEXT AUDUBON FILM
 SHOWING SET FOR FEB. 23
 "Footloose in Newfoundland" is
 the next Audubon Wildlife film
 program, to be presented by pho-
 tographer-naturalist Thomas Ster-
 ling Sunday, Feb. 23, at 3 p. m.
 in Warriner Auditorium on the
 campus at Mt. Pleasant.
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 waters of the world is Newfound-
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 of North America. For the past
 thousand years, this Canadian pro-
 vince has witnessed the lives of
 the primitive Beothuck Indians,
 Eskimos, Vikings, Portuguese
 fishermen, Spaniards, British and
 French explorers.

The film is a story of Newfound-
 land via its history, people, and
 its wildlife. Included will be
 footage on whaling--some of the
 last of this activity ever photo-
 graphed on the North American
 continent; fishing for Atlantic sal-
 mon and huge cod; spectacular
 Gros Morne National Park with
 fjords rivaling those of Norway;
 wild creatures such as bear, moose,
 gannets, puffins, and colorful sea
 life.

Sterling was interested in na-
 ture since boyhood in southern
 Michigan, traveled and photo-
 graphed extensively in wilderness
 areas during his five-year stint in
 the Air Force, graduated as a
 field naturalist from the Univer-
 sity of Michigan, and has pro-
 duced natural history films for
 the classroom and for the Cana-
 dian Broadcasting Company.

Admission at the door is 50
 cents for students and \$1.50 for
 non-students.

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REA POWER OFF AT
 OJIBWA RECREATION AREA
 MONDAY AFTERNOON

Residents of the Ojibwa Recrea-
 tion Area were without lights and
 power Monday afternoon from 2
 to 5 o'clock, when REA lights
 came back on and then off again.

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 heavily during Monday and Tues-
 day's freezing rains.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,

We had a lovely fall, even though we were going to have a green Christmas; but just a week before Christmas it started to snow and has been snowing most of the time since. We have about 30 inches of snow here in the valley, more on the mountains.

Hope you have a good year.

Love,
Annetta Bellows, Calder, Idaho

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



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SNOWMOBILERS WANTED TO CROSS THE BRIDGE, TOO--And were permitted to do so, between contingents of walkers over the span. The day was a busy one, and full of fun, at the Third Annual Little Mac Pig Roast on the Elwood Miller farm.



A VIEW FROM THE HILLTOP--Where diners waited in line. That's downhill, there, as shown in this photo, with a portion of the eating-table area in the far distance.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Bazaire and family of Santa Ana, Calif., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague. They all enjoyed the Little Mac Pig Roast on the Elwood Miller farm Sunday.

Mrs. Rose Showalter of Mt. Pleasant was the guest of her grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Doug McArthur, and son, at dinner Sunday, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth was reported as improving after injuries suffered in a fall last week, but was still at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Connie Bahr of Mt. Pleasant came and got her grandmother, Mrs. Nina Forbes, Thursday, and took her to the Charles E. Brien home, and later they went out to visit Mrs. Charles Huffman and family. Mr. Brien brought her back home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus and family of Flushing were guests of their mother, Mrs. Leah Scharrer, and enjoyed the Little Mac Pig Roast on the Elwood Miller farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullet and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were Sunday evening guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski celebrated the birthday of their daughter, Debbie, who is three years old, Tuesday. Guests at dinner included Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller, and Mrs. Edith Touchinski.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and Duane of St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam of Laingsburg were Saturday luncheon and afternoon guests of their mother, Mrs. Ula Cummins, and Mrs. Helen Smith.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Marie Rahl called on Louise Schafer Wednesday. Norm and Mike Schafer of Shepherd were Saturday evening visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schafer and Melissa called Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and sons of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise, Dora and Ann Smith last Monday evening.

Gay Lynn Smith and three girls celebrated her birthday Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry Grinzinger and Kitty Gross spent Friday with Mrs. Leo Gross and Mike.

Dale and Ginger Rau were home for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pung left Thursday for Las Vegas.

Mr. and Mrs. Mazurik and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer returned Saturday night after a week's vacation in Orlando, Florida.

Alfred Klumpp spent Saturday and Sunday in Saginaw, at the Naval Reserve.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with the Oscar Schafers.

Dan Schafer of Detroit spent a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer.

Mrs. Esther Stanley of Weidman spent the weekend with the family of her son-in-law and daughter, the Don Pungs.

Callers at Grandma Smith's home Sunday afternoon were Fred and Delores Gould and sons of Mt. Pleasant, Gerald and Loretta Smith, also of Mt. Pleasant, Art and Mary Lou Profrock and Jody, Steve and Elaine Simmer of Reed City, and Ronnie

and Cathy Smith and new baby of Lansing.

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Coldwater Lake

Ruth Sherlock, Reporter
Tel. 644-2310

Last Monday the Head Start program held this month's meeting. After the meeting, parents all made terrariums, which they took home.

Wayne and Ruth Sherlock and Don and Judy Schafer went out for dinner Tuesday evening, and enjoyed an evening of bowling. Josette and Heather Schafer spent the evening visiting LeAnna and Eddie Sherlock.

This reporter wishes Happy Valentine's Day to all the readers of her column.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Casey Vanderkuy of Lapeer came to visit John and Judy Tilmann and son, John.

Sharon McCoy of Alma spent Sunday visiting the home of Robert, Ed and Marge Schafer.

Ed and Marge Schafer returned home Wednesday evening after a vacation in Florida. They spent over a month at Tampa, and met a lot of nice people from all over the U. S. A. They went to a club there to celebrate their 38th anniversary (Jan. 25). The band, called "Three Hits and a Miss", dedicated their floor show and a couple of songs to them. Marge spent five days there in bed with flu. Ed and Marge also called on Frank and Mabel Walz at Lakeland, but didn't find them at home.

Joe and Jane Schafer and children called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer Thursday evening, th stopped at the Wayne Sherlocks' and enjoyed a game of cards.

Last week Ruth Sherlock drove to Ann Arbor, taking her son, Edward, there for extended tests on his heart. Four-year-old Edward reported to his father that he had a nice day, but the doctors were hippies. Eddie has a butch haircut!

Many from this area attended the wedding of Dorothy Klumpp and Greg Bunting to extend their congratulations. A lovely time was had by all at the reception at the K. C. Hall in Beal City, and Mr. and Mrs. Bunting received some very nice gifts.

Anyone in this area wishing to share their news with us, please contact this reporter!

Harry Rupp was reported feeling better this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spiess IV and daughter, Jennifer Emily, of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. John Spiess III were Sunday dinner guests of their parents and grandparents, Harry and Florence Rupp.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

AT THE LITTLE MAC PIG ROAST...



ANOTHER VIEW OF DINERS IN LINE--While we got mainly snow machines in this photo, that's people, clear 'way down the line and down the hill. But the lines moved along nicely, and serving was a miracle of efficiency and courtesy. Messenger photos

With Saturday's snowfall, the annual Little Mac Bridge celebration was a whopper of a success.

Saturday night a city of campers and trailers was parked on the hills on the Elwood Miller farm, enjoying the new snowfall that mercifully came during Saturday, after a cliff-hanger week of not-enough-snow-for-machines. The miraculous stuff began early Saturday, and gave us perfect conditions for snow machines and other sports, such as

easy-hill sliding for kiddies and hay rides behind a huge tractor.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Harrison and family of Breckenridge and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Maxon of rural Remus joined the Dennis Embrey family to ride their snowmobiles out to the Elwood Miller farm Sunday for the Third Annual Little Mac Pig Roast. All reported a wonderful day.

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Poet's Corner

WINTER BEAUTY
By Blanche Carr

Although we long for sunny clime
When winter bites the toe,
There's much of beauty round
about
In all this ice and snow.

The lacy fern on window pane,
The glassy ice on tree and bush,
And snow so deep a blanket
Puts on each sound a hush.

When night is bright with moon-
light,
And stars are all aglow,
We can enjoy the splendor
Of God's diamonds in the snow.

Tho' some may long for riches
And jewels rich and rare,
God has given us such beauty
That we all can have our share.

A heart that has contentment
Has a gift that has no price
If we live in the sunshine
Or a land of snow and ice.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

The Don Alwood family enjoyed fish supper at the Rusty Alwood home Thursday evening. Fonda made Cathy a birthday cake, and served ice cream with it. Cathy celebrated her birthday Valentine's Day, and she is 12 years old. She took her classmates Rhonda Sides and Gwen Fairchild, and her niece, Heather Alwood, out for supper in Mt. Pleasant, and later all attended a sledding party at Lake Windoga. Grandma Gott made Cathy her annual birthday cake, as she has ever since Cathy returned with her folks from Seattle, where she was born.

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Van Warmer returned home to Chesaning for a few days, but will be back some time this week. Zena Olger's sister, Myrtle Decker, stayed with her.

Mrs. Max Aldrich went with her daughter, Linda Brown, to a Fashion Wagon party at the home of Linda's sister-in-law, Sara Brown, at Remus, one day last week.

Donny Alwood, Jim Kowaleski and Brian Dargitz attended a basketball game at the college Saturday afternoon, with their coach. In the evening they attended a movie at the high school, and stayed over night at the Micky Dargitz home. Sunday they fished on Lake 28, near M-66.

Dick Gott and friend called on us last Tuesday. Albert Gott of Winn called Sunday. Wanda, Becky and Debbie Graham also called, and brought us a box of

valentine candy, and spent the evening.

Steve Kripa of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday evening with his cousin, Jim Alwood, and they attended a party at the Walter Graham home on Lake Windoga.

Mesdames Jeanne Smith, Elvah Gott and Helen Alwood attended the Merry Go Round Club meeting at the home of Verna Seymour last Thursday. A pot-luck dinner was enjoyed, and a meeting held. Two new members joined the club. They are Mrs. Mel Thompson and Mrs. Evelyn Kent. Several members were unable to attend because of illness. Ellen Geasler won the door prize. The next meeting of the club will be at the Wanda Graham home in Weidman, across from the IGA Store, with Elvah Gott and Helen Alwood as co-hostesses.

Miss Denise Ptak and nephew, Denny, of Detroit spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak, and Brian. Denise attended the pig roast in the afternoon.

Mrs. Carol Abbott and Mrs. Monica Parker visited Lois Knollenberg and family Wednesday evening.

Micky Abbott and Lee Parker attended the Men's Meeting at the Baptist Church Wednesday evening.

Among ladies attending the Ladies' Valentine Retreat at the Trinity Baptist Church in Farwell last Tuesday were Jeanie Eldridge, Mercel Graham, Ruth Yabs, Elvah Gott, and Helen Alwood. They enjoyed the special speaker, Mrs. Joan Olson, of the Spring Hill Camp near Ewart. Special musical numbers by other area churches were enjoyed, and a delicious luncheon served to the 115 guests attending.

Helen Alwood heard from her brother, Dick Smith, and wife, Rosie, from Las Vegas, Nev., last week. They were attending a National Principals' Conference at the Hotel Hilton there. Dick wrote that the temperature was 65 to 70 degrees, real nice. He has spent all of his 19 years of teaching at Au Gres. The first few years he was coaching, but in later years he has been principal and athletic director in the Au Gres school system, which is Class D, like we used to be in Weidman.

Friends are hearing from Roy and Hazel Johnson, who are in Ruskin, Florida. They are enjoying the warm weather. Many there have the flu, so they don't go out much, and fishing isn't very good there this winter, Hazel said, because of the "red tide" last summer. A neighbor caught a mullet weighing about three and a half pounds. Carl

and Ethel Smith of Remus visited them recently.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Ruth Rickels was a Sunday dinner guest of her sister-in-law, Miss Alice Rickels.

Mrs. Eleanor Hamilton Warner and children, Brian, Andy and Cheri, were Saturday dinner guests of the Paul Coles. They took them some lovely and tasty T-bone steak, a rare luxury.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuck also called on the Coles Saturday. Tony and Pat were married Jan. 31. They spent the weekend at their farm here. Debbie Moreno is spending the week near Kalamazoo with her father and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and girls, Melissa and Ronnie, visited the Paul Coles Friday evening.

Miss Alice Rickels spent Sunday evening with their cousins, the Coles.

Mrs. Bess Pfarnes received word that her father and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Walter, were much better, and able to be at their home at Houghton Lake.

Mrs. Pearl Geasler was on the gain, but Monday morning at news time she was reported as not so good again.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich had many relatives here Sunday for the Little Mac Pig Roast, going out on their snowmobiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Brickner of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Grace Pitts were Sunday dinner guests of the Bernard Pitts family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Appelgreen and family of Lansing spent the weekend with W. A. Appelgreen and other relatives, and enjoyed the Little Mac Pig Roast Sunday.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Hooray for your efforts concerning jar lids. Hope they bear some "fruit".

Sincerely

Thelma Simmer
Weidman

**Weidman
Messenger**

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kennedy took their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Douglas Kennedy, to the Detroit airport, where she will fly to England to join her husband, who is stationed there, in the Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Garrett called on Mrs. Leona Courser Saturday evening.

Mrs. Nettie Crowley is confined to her bed with flu.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller of Westphalia were Friday guests of Mrs. Kate Martin.

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

Mrs. Bert Chaffee celebrated her birthday with her sisters as dinner guests: Mrs. Rosie Leiter, Mrs. Minnie Flaughner, Mrs. Doris Wilmot, and Mrs. Millie Voss.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keysor returned Saturday from vacationing in Florida.

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MEETING AT FIRE HALL NEXT TUESDAY, FEB. 25

There will be a recap meeting next Tuesday evening at the Fire Hall in Weidman, beginning at 8 o'clock, when recapitulation of finances and records from the Third Annual Little Mac Bridge Pig Roast celebration will be presented.

All interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

Firemen, Business Association people from Beal City and Weidman Associations, committee chairmen, are urged to be present.

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JACK FUSSMAN IMPROVES MT. PLEASANT SPEEDWAY

Jack Fussman, well known among county stock-car drivers and fans, took over ownership of the Mt. Pleasant Speedway, and has been busy with improvements. Jack has sold his own racing car to his brother, Pat. He has been busy on the track this winter.

Jack also has been organizing the racing rules on the Mt. Pleasant track. All cars now will run in an open class, the hobby stock class having been eliminated.

There are also beneficial changes in the timing system, Jack said. He has been meeting with owners of other race tracks, and five have adopted identical rules for stock-car racing. This will allow a driver from this area to take his car to any of the other tracks, and vice versa.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

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S. W. Sherman
Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher attended the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Roy Houghtaling at Sanford, and for Mr. and Mrs. Randall Smith of Midland, both Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman of Lansing were Saturday callers of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., and had Sunday dinner with them. Dick and Patti Dutcher called one evening.

There is Lenten Service at the United Methodist Church in Weidman every Thursday. Dean Den-slow was the speaker last Thursday, and Rev. Neil Bentz of Mt. Pleasant will be the speaker this Thursday. Everyone welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston of Rosebush visited the Carl Beutlers Sunday afternoon.

Mary Beutler is recovering from an appendectomy two weeks ago

at the hospital in Mt. Pleasant. Harry Gatehouse entered CMC Hospital Friday night with a blood clot in his leg. Dorothy Breuer spent Thursday afternoon with the Harry Gatehouses. Clarence Chaffee was seeing his doctor Monday morning for more tests. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen of near Midland and the Dale Dutchers called on the Robert Dutchers Sunday, and they attended the pig roast on their snow machines. Norman Kellogg visited Steve Dutcher Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker and children and Robert Dutcher spent last Wednesday evening with us. I'm just getting over a bout with flu. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bates and girls and Terri Owen and Tom Nagel were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and family. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen of Midland spent Sunday over night

with the Robert Dutchers. Eloise and Barbara Hogg visited the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Wednesday evening. Ronna Dutcher called on Margaret Ash and Grace Fitzgerald recently. The Dale Dutchers of Mt. Pleasant had lunch with us last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Foor and children of Pinconning, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hissong and children of Montague and Mr. and Mrs. Art Yuncker and children called on the Garry Dutchers Sunday. The children spent the day with the Dutcher children, while the grownups attended the pig roast. Barbara and Patti Dutcher visited the Theodore Cases Sunday afternoon.

The Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family started for Midland to attend the wedding of a niece Saturday afternoon, but the roads were so slippery east of Mt. Pleasant they turned around and came home.

Becky and Kaye Dutcher and Janice Foor visited me Sunday afternoon. Karen and Becky Dutcher were Saturday afternoon callers.

Marion and Claribel Beutler attended Busy Bees at the home of Mary Fahnestock at Lake of the

Hills in Weidman, last Thursday. Betty Thompson will host them in March. Donald Beutler celebrated his seventh birthday Saturday. The family took him to the Pixie in Mt. Pleasant for lunch. Betty Dutcher had the flu and was off work last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; then she had a three-day weekend, so went back to work Monday, feeling better. Jim's called on the Tom Fykes Sunday afternoon.



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EIGHT HOGS WERE ROASTED AND CARVED--By skilled men who know their job. Shown above are the charcoal fires for the pig-roasting, with the foreground showing home made bread, sliced and buttered and wrapped in foil, and foil-wrapped baked potatoes over warming coals.



EVELYN HACKNEY'S GOURMET COOKS--At one of the big vats of that secret-recipe bean soup, rich with big chunks of baked ham. Seemed like the soup was better than ever--but then, it always tastes better than last year. Messenger photos

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher attended the pig roast at the Miller farm Sunday.

Nora and Ellen Geasler, Maggie Boger and I attended Merry Go Round Club at Verna Seymour's Thursday, with 21 in attendance. It was planned to meet at the Wanda Graham home in Weidman for the March 13 get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker of Grand Rapids spent Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker.

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THEY CAME FROM NEAR AND FAR

While local folks turned out en masse for snowmobile fun and the scrumptious dinner at the Little Mac Bridge Third Annual celebration Sunday, folks also came from all over the state to enjoy the day.

One family brought their camper up Friday night from South of St. Johns, and said they'd read about it in the Weidman Messenger.

We do get around.

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TED WUSTMAN WINS SNOWMOBILE AT LITTLE MAC BRIDGE CELEBRATION

Ted Wustman, known to many Weidman folks as the driver of a truck for the produce company that makes regular rounds here from Grand Rapids, was the winner of the snowmobile raffle at

the Little Mac Third Annual Pig Roast Sunday.

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Brinton News
Frances Beck, Reporter

FAY FORBES HOME SUFFERS EXTENSIVE SMOKE DAMAGE

A hidden fire at the Fay Forbes home last Thursday about 8.30 p.m. caused quite extensive smoke damage before firemen were able to trace the source and put it out.

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was called when Virgilene discovered that the upstairs was thick with smoke, and smoke was throughout the house. No blaze was discovered.

Firemen carefully attempted to locate source or sources of smoke before chopping holes in walls, and it was determined that their chimney was okay, there was no blaze but there was fire somewhere inside the house walls.

There were no electric wires in the areas where smoke was most intense, it was determined, and

Firemen decided it had to be classified as "cause unknown".

It was speculated that possibly a mouse might have carried a match into house walls, setting it off by chewing on it; but no other explanation was found.

Violet Wright and Eunice La Londe were in Mt. Pleasant Thursday, where Eunice called on her doctor.

Verl Wright and boys of Flat Rock were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright. Verl attended the pig roast activities at the Elwood Miller farm Sunday.

Sorry to hear of the bad luck of Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes, when their house suffered extensive fire damage last Thursday evening.

Linda La Londe called on Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe Sunday. Denny La Londe returned home with her, after spending Saturday night with Dwayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen and



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