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Editor's Column

By Connie

Last week the Baumann IGA Store in Weidman received a shipment of canning jars, some quarts (not many, Keith Baumann said), and some pints, the large-mouth and regular kinds, all with lids and tops.

The quarts were gone by Thursday night. The pints were selling briskly.

(And, in discussing the shipment, Keith Baumann said last week, "I don't know why they sent me these things. I won't be able to sell them." And we said, "You just THINK you won't!"

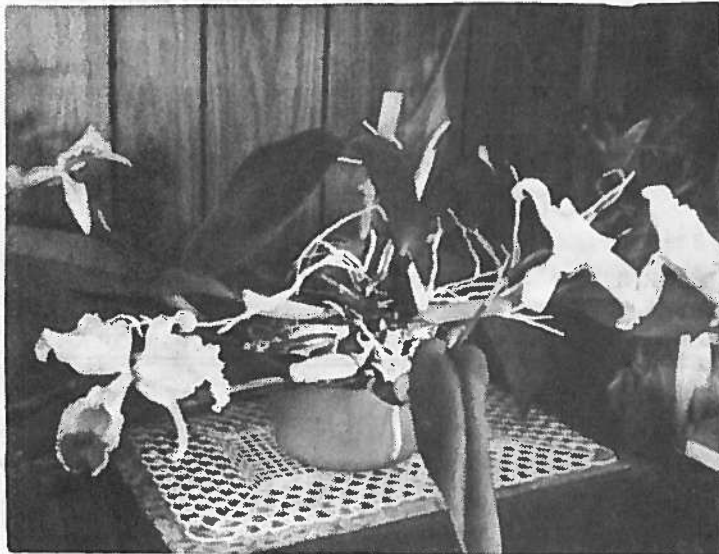
We placed a very small ad on our want ad page, to let folks know Baumann's had 'em, and here they went.

We have noticed, all winter, that Baumann's have stocked a good supply of paraffin and also Sure-Jell, and that the stock has been moving.

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SHE GROWS ORCHIDS, TOO--Maggie Boger, well known for her outstanding success with all kinds of flowering plants, has a cattleya orchid in bloom at her home in Coldwater Township. The plant had four lovely blooms when we took this photo, and Mrs. Boger said there were two more to come. All in all, the orchid plant will have had six blossoms this year.



A CLOSEUP OF THE ORCHID PLANT--Gives a better idea of its beauty. It has bloomed three times before since Mrs. Boger started it eight or nine years ago, from a cutting given her by Etha Oberlin, who brought it from Florida. Before this year, the plant usually had only one blossom at blooming seasons. The blooms are a beautiful lavender, the true orchid color, with a splash of fuschia on the lip. Mrs. Boger says it has bloomed in February, each time it has blossomed. She gives it the same care as she gives her extensive collection of rare African violets. Mrs. Boger certainly has a way with flowers, and her home is filled with exotic and beautiful plants, including an extensive hoyia vine, which she has had five or six years, and which always gives out with its fascinating blossom clusters. She has a dozen or more tuberous begonias in her basement, waiting for spring. Maggie has flowers around her during every month of the year.

Mrs. Boger has her house surrounded by lovely flowering plants each summer, for her private enjoyment; and then, for the enjoyment of the passersby, she has a complete ever-blooming garden at the roadside in front of her home, at the cut-bank edge of the lawn, beside the road. She sure can raise flowers.

Darryl Pitts spent the weekend in Jackson, at the home of the Paul Perrys, attending a Church of Christ Youth Rally at the Jackson church. The Gilmore Church of Christ band played in a program there, and Darryl sings with the band, and also plays.

SENATOR HART SAYS NO HOPE FOR MORE CANNING LIDS THIS YEAR

(Editor's Note: We received the following letter from Sen. Philip A. Hart from Washington this week, in answer to our first editorial on the can-lid-shortage situation as it affects us directly in this area.

(We do not agree entirely with Sen. Hart, and we feel that he is writing off a pesky situation that affects only the folks back home and especially those of us who live out in the boonocks. (Here is Sen. Hart's letter.)

Ms. Constance Skinner
Weidman, MI

Dear Ms. Skinner:
The shortage of canning supplies has no easy answer, I am afraid. The Department of Agriculture reports that the shortage is caused by a substantial increase in demand from home canners and critical shortages in raw materials needed to make jars and tops. I am told that 6.5 million more home gardens have been planted this year. Overall demand increased 170% in 1974 and some areas have had a far greater increase.

There is little hope that the

supplies will be much better this year. All I can suggest is that you encourage your retailer to seek supplies in Canada where apparently the shortage is less severe and to scout around in surrounding communities for additional supplies. Apparently the shortages are spotty, with one town having more than enough while a neighboring town has none. As a long-term policy, I have sponsored a shortages commission which will give the government a means to anticipate shortages of this kind and hopefully prevent the kind of hardship we are experiencing.

With best wishes,
Sincerely,
Philip A. Hart
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

(Editor's Note: About all we have to say to that is, "Well, thanks a lot!"

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine of Midland were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. Phillips enjoyed a drive to Marion and that vicinity and had supper at Barryton.

Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy and children of Big Rapids were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and family.

Mrs. Kenneth Gray and children spent Saturday in Lansing with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCaige, and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bachelor.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Reed and Elizabeth were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Curoski and family at Clifford Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson. Sunday afternoon they called on Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Waid at Crooked Lake. They were Sun-

day evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Riley at Coldwater Lake.

Brian Tetzloff spent Saturday over night with his cousin, Philip Schrock.

Jane Conley was a Sunday afternoon caller of Mrs. Etta Skalitzky.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot in Weidman. Their Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son and Leo Bick.

Sue Denslow and friend, Betty, were callers at the Burdette Reed home during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck. Their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Louisell, Jr., and family of Grand Haven, were weekend guests. Mr. and Mrs. Art Savage of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis and family went to Ohio with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Johnson and

son over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and family of Remus were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and family of Barryton have moved back to our neighborhood. His folks, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, helped them move during the weekend.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Evelyn Slupe and family were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright. Micky was an overnight guest of Shamnon La Londe Friday.

Emily Geasler of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with Ray and Joyce Geasler.

A nice crowd attended the Singspiration at the Brinton Chapel Sunday evening. Refreshments were served after the services.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baker and baby were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker. Boyd Cheadle and son-in-law of Lansing were Saturday afternoon callers, and did some fishing.

Harley Teeter was a patient at

Ann Arbor last week, where he underwent tests. He will go back soon, and will undergo heart surgery. Harley can be remembered as one of our neighborhood boys. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Teeter and Angela called on the Teeters at Clare Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe and Dwayne and Shannon were Saturday supper guests of his mother, Eunice La Londe, in honor of Wayne's birthday.

Emily Livermore was in Silver Lake, Wisconsin, from Thursday, returning home Monday, where she went to see her father, who has been seriously ill.

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Local Items

The Daniel Bushrees were in Midland last Monday and again Saturday. They had supper that evening with her sister, Mrs. Richard Wrathell, in Midland.

Mrs. Minerva Owens of Brinton visited her niece and family, the Richard Touchinskis, Monday day afternoon of this week.

Mrs. Ruth Momany spent Sunday afternoon and evening with the Ross Momany family of rural Big Rapids. A birthday cake was enjoyed, observing Ruth's birthday.

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 Feb. 13t7

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 Feb. 6t4

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 my home, five days a week.
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 man.
 Feb. 27t1p

NOTICE--We are glad to an-
 nounce that Barbara Whaley has
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 Feb. 27t2

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 number subscribe to it. Some
 borrow it. Some loan it out to
 relatives, neighbors, friends.
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Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our relatives
 and friends for the Mass cards,
 calls, flowers, food, and other
 kind expressions of sympathy for
 the recent loss of our loved one.
 These were greatly appreciated.
 The Family of
 Nora Simmer

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank each
 and every one for the tremen-
 dous response to the March of
 Dimes Bake Sale held Satur-
 day at the Fox Hardware Store
 in Weidman.

A total of \$131.50 was taken
 in for our community's support
 toward helping someone less
 fortunate.

Joan Burden won the March
 of Dimes cake.

Again, many thanks for
 helping a good cause.

Bea Gross
 Agnes Fox

Obituary

MRS. ETHEL K. PURDEY
 Mrs. Ethel K. Purdey (nee
 Jones), formerly of Leslie and
 now of Woodland, Mich., and
 a former resident of this area,
 passed away Tuesday, Feb. 18,
 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.
 She was 57.

Surviving are her husband,
 Henry C., of Woodland and for-
 merly of Littlefield Lake; a
 daughter, Mrs. Richard (Ruby)
 Ward; four step-daughters, Vi-
 ola, Irene, Stella, and Delores;
 a son, Lloyd Hugdon; three step-
 sons, Jay, Walter and James
 Purdey; many grandchildren and
 several great-grandchildren;

four brothers, and four sisters.
 Funeral services were held at
 the Patience-Montgomery-Luecht
 Funeral Home in Leslie Thursday,
 Feb. 20, at 2 p.m., with Rev.
 Maurice Osborn officiating.
 Interment was in Woodlawn
 Cemetery at Leslie.

The family have the sympathy
 of all.

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NEWS NOTES

James Sutton and family of
 Ashley were Saturday supper
 guests of the Ronnie Sprague
 family. The Spragues were Sun-
 day dinner guests of the Leon
 Snyders of Ithaca.

DEMOCRATIC PUBLIC MEETING SET FOR MARCH 3

The public meeting and "brain-
 storming session" with Consum-
 ers Power Company officials set
 by the Coe Township Democrat-
 ic Club for Feb. 17 has been re-
 scheduled because of last Mon-
 day's ice storm.

It is now set for Monday, Mar.
 3, at 8 p.m. at the Valley View
 in Shepherd.

On hand to answer questions
 from the floor will be Gerald
 Carvey, assistant manager of
 the central division of Consum-
 ers Power Company, and Eugene
 Yehl, superintendent of Consum-
 ers' energy consulting ser-
 vices. They will represent the
 power company's views.

The second half of the evening
 will be given over to discussions
 among small, table-sized groups.
 They will pool ideas and infor-
 mation in order to propose their
 own possible solutions to the
 double problem of energy con-
 servation and rising energy costs.

The Coe Township Democratic
 Club will undertake to forward
 ideas generated by the meeting
 to the appropriate agencies and
 officials.

The club's founders hope that
 proposals at the March 3 meet-
 ing will prove beneficial to both
 the small consumers of Consum-
 ers Power and to the company
 itself.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth re-
 turned home from CMC Hospital,
 after a two weeks' stay for treat-
 ment of injured ribs, suffered in
 a fall on the ice. She was report-
 ed as improving nicely.

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Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Myers and Mrs. Choice Foster and Mrs. Lola Reed went to visit Mrs. Ina Gillett at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stevens in Sanford, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ernest Kennedy called on Mrs. Nettie Baker Tuesday.

Mrs. Gale Krueger says her mother, Mrs. Leila Shook, has returned after a vacation in Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lieder of Detroit are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder for a couple of weeks. Mrs. Lovica Krueger and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson were Sunday guests.

Mr and Mrs. Louis Larson and sons, Lars and Nels, and a friend spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson.

Mrs. Minnie Flaucher, Mrs. Rosie Leiter and Mrs. Millie Voss and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee were Friday luncheon guests of their sister, Mrs. Doris Wilmot.

Richard, Ralph and Sean Flaucher were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaucher. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Flaucher spent Sunday evening with them.

Marvin Armock of Grand Rapids visited his aunt and uncle, Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar, Wednesday. Mrs. Paul Lue-

der was an afternoon visitor.

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

Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Nina Forbes called on me Saturday.

Mrs. Eugene Flachs visited her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder entertained relatives from Greenville Sunday.

Mrs. Lorraine Schultz of Lansing was a guest of her mother and brother, Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold. The Rhodes were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder at Coldwater Lake.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Zena Olger's company is still with her. They are making quilts. Zena's granddaughters, Mrs. John Wood and baby Shane and Mrs. Jack Wood and baby Andy called Friday.

Mrs. Olger and her sister, Myrtle Decker, and Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Van Warmer called on

her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee, Saturday. Sunday they visited Zena's son and family, the Dewey Olgers.

The little girl across the road from Zena's, Sandy Jeffrey, called on them after Sunday School.

Cathy Alwood called at the Norman Geasler home Saturday, taking orders for Girl Scout cookies. Sunday Helen and Cathy called at the Dan Kripa, Dick Mahon and Russell Dennis homes in Mt. Pleasant. They enjoyed seeing Russell and Barbara Dennis' new baby boy, Russell Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker and family, Mrs. Lois Knollenberg and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy and family and Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy attended a Christian film, "Time to Run," in Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gott of Elwell spent Sunday afternoon with us, then we went with them to the Nazarene Church here in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Vander-Sys spent last Tuesday and Wednesday in Grand Rapids, attending a tree and nursery convention. Little Heather Alwood stayed with her grandparents, the Don Alwoods. Heather stayed with aunt, Tammy Methner, Friday and Saturday, while her mother worked at the Weidman Beauty Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown and son were Friday callers at the Max Aldrich home. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Prout of Rosebush.

Albert Gott of Winn enjoyed chicken dinner with his parents, the John Gotts, Sunday.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfarnes received word Sunday that their little granddaughter, Jennie Lynn, is in the intensive care unit in Hurley Hospital. Her little heart is sure taking a beating. We sure need your prayers for this little girl who has been ill so long.

A very nice 25th anniversary party was held Sunday at the K. C. Hall in Beal City for Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus. Congratulations, Larry and Ernestine! Here's hoping you have many, many more.

Saturday supper guests of the Paul Coles were Mr. and Mrs. Orma Kripa and grandchildren, Lisa and Brian, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Melissa and Ronnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoskey of Harrison were Sunday dinner guests of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfarnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee are

doing chores for Mrs. Grace Barber while Mrs. Barber enjoys the Sunny South for a few weeks.

Velma Cole went in for blood tests Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wardwell visited their uncle and aunt, the Paul Coles, Sunday evening.

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Local Items

Mrs. Doris Sprague and Dick of Lansing were Saturday dinner guests of R. D. and Jennie Sprague.

Mrs. Emily Wood returned home again Saturday, after being in and out of the hospital.

Greg and Geoff Allen are staying with their grandmother, Mrs. Alton Allen, while their parents, the Ivan Allens, have been enjoying a two-weeks' vacation in Arizona. They expect to return home this Friday.

Dale Bywater and son, Pat, of Midland, were Friday callers of Mrs. Ethel Bywater, and took her for a long ride through the country.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Dick McCann at Midland. They spent Tuesday evening with the Andy Bellingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert had lunch with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker and daughter of Bath were callers in the evening.

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

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lane of Grand Rapids spent the weekend at the Bob Schafer home. They called on Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schafer and family, Louise Schafer and Beatrice Sheahan spent Sunday at the Everett Schafer home.

John and Gertrude Schafer called on Louise Schafer Wednesday.

The Sons won the game between the Fathers and Sons.

Milo and Ann Eldred spent Friday evening with Tillie Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pung returned from their trip to Las Vegas.

Mrs. Harold Smith and brother, Joe Blasen, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen and family, and were dinner guests. They are from Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen spent Saturday in Houghton Lake with Oscar Fedewa.

Mrs. Viola Engler entertained company Saturday afternoon.

Connie Skinner called on Louise and Dora Smith Wednesday.

Mrs. Jack Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Jude Schumacher, and Mrs. Kate Schumacher and son spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Halfman. Jude took them all out for supper that evening.

Mrs. John E. Schafer entertained company at supper Thursday.

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Coldwater Lake

Ruth Sherlock, Reporter
Tel. 644-2310

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and Bob enjoyed supper with Don and Judy Schafer Wednesday evening.

Jane and Joe Schafer and family spent Wednesday evening playing cards with the Wayne Sherlocks.

Darlene Dahlenburg and Pam Grimm from the Head Start program dropped in for a visit with Eddie Sherlock and his parents Monday.

Sister Mary Janet of Beal City Catholic School celebrated her birthday last week. Her First Graders all wish her a Very Happy Birthday and many more; as do all the families in this area.

Wednesday morning Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and Wayne Sherlock drove to Rosebush to visit Jane Schafer, who's been ill with the flu.

Don Schafer and Wayne Sherlock helped Ed Schafer fix the plumbing Thursday.

Glenn and Carol Mathews enjoyed the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Funnell up north, snowmobiling. There's more snow there, but the roads were clear, and Carol says they had a

great time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Klumpp and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer drove to Farwell Sunday to visit Mabel Klumpp in the Ardis Nursing Home. The Schafers spent the afternoon and evening playing cards, and had lunch, with the Klumpps.

Sunday was a very special day for husband Wayne Sherlock. His half-brother, Keith Sherlock, and Keith's father-in-law, John Maas, dropped in for a visit. Wayne hadn't seen his brother in 18 or 19 years. The surprising part is, John Maas has a cabin right here on Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tilmann drove to Saginaw Saturday evening, and enjoyed supper at the Bayview Inn with Mr. and Mrs. Mason Stevens and their son, Micky, and his girl friend, Miss Jamie, and Dave Nehmer from Lapeer.

Judy Tilmann and son, John, visited the Albert Tilmanns Sunday while John Tilmann, Sr., did some fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hutchinson spent Sunday evening with the Wayne Sherlocks.

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CANNING LID MYSTERY STILL ON THE FRONT BURNER

Mrs. Paul Simmer (Rosie) has sent us the following letter from the Bernardin, Inc., Company ("America's First Manufacturer of Metal Closures"), of Evansville, Indiana:

We regret to advise that we have been forced to discontinue filling individual orders for Bernardin home canning caps and lids.

The volume of requests that we have been receiving has increased to a point where we are unable to handle it. We are increasing our production considerably over last season. In spite of this it is taking all of our production to take care of our regular channels of distribution, which are truckload shipments to wholesale grocers and grocery chains.

With the quantity of caps and lids that we will ship into your area we feel sure you will not have difficulty this season in securing them from your regular outlets in ample time for the canning season.

BERNARDIN, Inc.

(And a note from Rosie):
Connie:

This is the letter that was received from the Bernardin lid company. A lady I know from Shepherd, Mich., called them and their office stated that seven truckloads were shipped into Michigan since December, and

they are sure they have been delivered somewhere.

They too are concerned as to where their lids are... interesting!

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

We love the little paper, just can't go without it. Hope we


don't miss our paper for the week of 25th. (Check enclosed.)

Best wishes, Connie.
Lawrence Dell
Lake

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY




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REPUBLICANS PLAN LINCOLN DAY DINNER

New York Congressman Barber B. Conable, Jr., will be the featured speaker at the Isabella County Republicans' annual Lincoln Day dinner in Mt. Pleasant Saturday, March 8.

Tenth District Congressman Elford A. Cederberg is expected to accompany Mr. Conable to the dinner, which annually draws leading Republicans from all over Michigan.

The dinner will be at the Mt. Pleasant High School at 7 p.m., catered by the Embers. A pre-dinner reception will begin at 5.30.

Tickets are \$10 a person for the dinner and \$5 a couple for the reception. Advance tickets may be obtained from Isabella County Republican Committee Chairman Bill Dewey or any member of the committee's executive board.

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Local Items

Mrs. Beulah Shellhaas of Westland, Mich., visited her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bushree, from last Wednesday till Saturday. Mrs. Bushree took her to the card party at Beal City Thursday afternoon, and Mrs. Shellhaas took them out to a fish supper at Alma on Friday evening.



State Wide Real Estate of Midland, Inc., is expanding operations into the Mt. Pleasant-Weidman area. Call collect and ask for Ellie Pontious or Vickie Metcalf Bauer--687-5566, 687-5262 or 687-5631, for more information on listing your property.

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the Churches

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Evening Service, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p.m.

Choir Wednesday, 8.30 p.m.

March 2, Steve and Nancy Starks will have some music for the morning service, and a full music program in the evening.

Several from our church went to the Brinton Chapel Sunday evening for a Hymn Sing, fellowship hour, and lunch.

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, 6.30 p.m.

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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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.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur and Eric and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family, for cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and daughters were callers of Mrs. Bessie Teall Sunday. Mrs. Denise Bellinger and three daughters were also visitors.

BUS SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE BETWEEN HERE AND AREA TOWNS AND MT. PLEASANT
The Isabella County Rural Transportation System, Van-Tran, has initiated a new line-haul bus service.

People in Weidman, Beal City, Rosebush, Chippewa Reservation, Shepherd, the University Center, and Homestead Estates in Mt. Pleasant can board the Van Tran vehicle at designated times and places without calling for a ride.

The door-to-door service will still be available, however.

Fees for the new line-haul system are 50 cents regular and 25 cents for Senior Citizens (half the price of door-to-door service.)

Starting Monday, March 3, the following schedule will be in force:

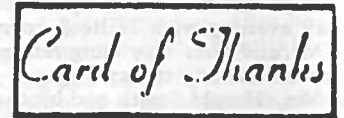
Route Locations	Departure Times
Beal City	8.50
To Weidman	9.00
To Rosebush	9.20
To DART Center	9.35
To University Center	9.40
To Reservation	9.50
To Shepherd	10.05
To Homestead Est.	10.15
To University Cen.	10.25
To DART Cent.	10.30
To DART Cent.	1.30
To Beal City	1.50
To Weidman	2.00
To Rosebush	2.20
To DART Cent.	2.35
To University	2.40
To Reservation	2.50

To Shepherd 3.15
To Homestead Est. 3.15
To Univ. Center 3.25
To DART Center 3.30

Bus stop locations, in order of the route, are:

Beal City: Rau's Foodland.
Weidman, Weidman Laundromat.
Rosebush, Coin-Op Laundromat.
Mt. Pleasant, Dart Center and University Center.
Chippewa Reservation, Main Office, Shepherd, Village Hall, Homestead Estates, Community Building.

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I'd like to thank Harry Herman and the people at the Post Office for giving me all the rural routes for the Weidman telephone directory for the Easter Seals.

I'd also like to thank Anita Sanford, Margaret Huffman, and Bonnie Sprague for spending Thursday morning over here, addressing all those envelopes.
Diane Benn

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes are spending the week in Atlanta, Georgia, on a business trip. They plan to return Saturday.

Mrs. Ruth Blesch and daughter, Jo Alkofer, of Barryton, were Sunday callers of Mrs. Emma Middlesworth.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad were Friday evening guests at the Gerald Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan were Sunday morning callers at the Elwood Miller home. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and girls were Sunday dinner guests.

Mrs. Myrl Scott of near Evart and Mrs. Pauline Schut and son of Cadillac were Saturday afternoon and luncheon guests of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended their card club Saturday evening, at the home of the Fred Steffkes.

Mrs. Janet Potter and Karen were Saturday dinner guests of Mrs. Flora Wood. Mrs. Wood was a Sunday dinner guest at the Richard Wood home, and they attended a Billy Graham film later, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Denslow were Saturday callers of his mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow, and they enjoyed dinner in Mecosta.

Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Margaret Denslow attended the Billy Graham film, "Time to Run," in Mt. Pleasant Sunday, and also attended the Audubon Society film, "Footloose," on Newfoundland, at the college.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson spent Sunday in Grand Rapids with the Chuck Wilson family.

Bill Thompson was a Saturday overnight guest of Don Snyder in Winn, and went to his work at Alma from there Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Nancy Losey and Chad Chapman were Sunday evening guests at the Charlie Losey home.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Last Wednesday evening our children, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher, took us out to a smorgasbord dinner in Edmore. It was the first time our family had all been together in a couple of years, as their work seems to be at different shifts. The occasion honored our 44th wedding anniversary, which was Feb. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris and Jon of Mt. Pleasant had Sunday dinner with us. They visited the Jim Dutchers later in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint visited from Wednesday night till Friday night with us and her mother, Alice Simkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children and Karen and Becky Dutcher were callers. Barbara and Patti Dutcher visit-

ed the Theodore Cases Saturday evening. Other visitors were the Joe Coles of Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Dawn visited the Richard Dutchers Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and children had Saturday supper with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., had Saturday lunch with his folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald attended a funeral at Kingsley Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stevens of Lakeview and Mrs. Walter Stadtfeld and Terri and Valerie of Remus visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald Sunday.

Betty Dutcher called on Sally Howe Monday morning.

Harry Gatehouse is still in CMC Hospital, feeling some better. Virgil and Marie Gatehouse visited Bea Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McDaniel and baby of Sanford spent the weekend with the Robert Dutchers. Garry and Bonnie Dutcher were Saturday evening visitors.

Ervin Dutcher, Sr., called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday morning.

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GROUNDSKEEPING COURSE

AT MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE

Mid Michigan Community College will conduct a course in landscape maintenance, designed for groundskeeping personnel.

The course will prepare the practicing groundskeeper in the proper establishment and care of trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers. Students will become acquainted with soils and fertilizers and plant diseases and control methods, plant insects and control, trimming and pruning, and planting and transplanting, and weeds and weed control methods.

The three college credit hour course will be held on the campus of Central Michigan University, and will begin March 12. It will meet for 12 weeks, from 6 to 10 p. m., Wednesday evenings. The instructor, Lester Begick, is a well-known nurseryman from Midland.

Anyone interested in more details may contact Dr. Charles Corrigan at Mid Michigan Community College, Harrison, telephone 517-386-7792, Extension 33.

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FREEZING RAIN--Last week Monday, Feb. 17, coated trees and shrubs with heavy loads of ice, as we saw through our kitchen window, looking at lilac bushes.



PINE TREES ALWAYS SUFFER MOST IN ICE STORMS--As this tree at Frances Tranbarger's showed. Ice remained on trees and shrubs until Friday, last week, and we were just lucky there was no wind all week. Last year an ice storm with high winds wreaked havoc on trees all over Isabella County. Late February weather is nearly always freakish. Messenger photos

LA LECHE LEAGUE MET THIS WEEK

A meeting of La Leche League scheduled for last week was cancelled, due to the ice storm and bad roads.

The group met this week Tues-

day at 10 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Diane Benn.

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Mr. and Mrs. Don Green of Wheeler were Sturday supper guests of their sister, Mrs. Alton Allen.

Editor's Column

By Connie
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And don't tell us that housewives have been making jelly frantically all winter. They haven't, but they have been making certain they have their supplies on hand when the season arrives.

And we claim we have a right to try to insure our preservative necessities, even buying along all winter for that summertime food-saving season.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

LIBRARY NOW HAS SEWING PATTERNS TO CHECK OUT

The Gladys McArthur Memorial Library in Weidman now has sewing patterns to check out like books, it was announced this week.

The patterns are on free check-out for two weeks, the same as books.

The library needs a volunteer librarian for Tuesday afternoon from 2.30 to 5. Anyone interested may call Diane Benn at 644-3316.

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