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Editor's Column

By Connie

"IF YOU CAN, CAN...."

With towns and cities offering vacant areas to families for home-garden plots, the United States Agriculture Department has launched a five-month campaign designed to scare the daylights out of home canners, especially the young and inexperienced.

The scare warnings are aimed at botulism, a type of food poisoning caused by a bacteria that can grow in improperly processed low-acid canned vegetables.

In an article in the Detroit Free Press of Saturday, March 22, it was stated, "Government analysts and presidential consumer adviser Virginia Knauer also reported that the outlook for canning supplies is generally good for new canners (using the glass cans that come boxed, with lids and tops in place), but tight for the replacement lids which long-time canners need each year."

And we ask, Why?

We put in an urgent request for Johnny Engler, our State Representative at Lansing, to drop by Sunday and talk it over with us, but Johnny didn't show.

We've canned low-acid vegetables for years, by the hot-bath method, and we've never had a hint of botulism. We've also used (and still do) mayonnaise jars, against which government microbiologists and home economists are warning the public during its five-month buy-new-cans-and-lids-only campaign.

Again we ask, Why?

And we ask, who or what are the parent companies of the two suppliers of canning supplies, the Kerr and Ball Companies? The steel conglomerates? Oil? The rubber industry?

Mrs. Knauer also said that the canning-jar industry (meaning mainly those two companies) expects new canners this year will need a total of 300 million jars and lids this year. She said that more than 400 million jars should be produced this year, "but there might be trouble with production of lids and replacement lids," she



FIVE GENERATIONS--Of the Ley family are shown in the photo above. Leone (Ley) Martin of Beal City is seated at far right, holding Great-great-grandson Timothy Brian Minarik; to Leone's left is her daughter, Great-grandmother Irene (Ley) Henning, of St. Johns; and (rear, from left) Margo Mitchell Minarik, mother of Timothy, and Grandmother Bernice Henning Mitchell, Irene's daughter. Henry and Leone Ley had 12 children, 65 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. One of Leone's sons, Edward Ley, is manager of the Bader Mill at Weidman.

said.

Why?

They're planning an overrun of 100 million glass jars (with tops and lids) that nobody will buy; but they can't produce the simple lids needed by experienced home canners.

Dear Mrs. Knauer, we do ask, Why?

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(For anyone wishing to write Mrs. Knauer, or possibly send her this column, her address is: Mrs. Virginia Knauer, Presidential Consumer Advisor, Washington, D.C. She'll get it.

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The Chippewa Hills Schools were closed Monday on account of the ice storm in this area. We were the only area school closed that day.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson of Stanton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur.

FIRST GEESE ARRIVE OVER WEIDMAN

Mrs. Walter J. Smith (Jeanne) reported sighting (and hearing!) a flock of 16 Canada geese Monday afternoon, heading northeast from her place, possibly landing on the Mill Pond, or Lake Weidman, as there are usually open spaces along the channels there.

"They were so pretty!" Jeanne said. "And they sure sounded good!"

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WILD TURKEY, ANYONE?

Wally Joe Smith, son of the Walter J. Smiths, spied a wild turkey standing beside his neighbor's fence, last Friday evening, after a snow. The big bird had been in the gardens, and had walked around the Campbells' house. Wild turkeys are known to be in the area of Lake Station and we hope they're looking over our area.

"THE IRISH"

(Sacred Heart Academy State Champions, Class D, in Basketball Playoffs)

ANN ARBOR (Special to the Messenger)--At 8.35 Saturday night, March 22, ecstasy broke out uncontrolled for the Sacred Heart team as they won the State Basketball Championship title in Class D.

It's true that Sacred Heart had an unbelievable team of stars on their first, second and bench teams, and it's true that they had the nonpareil Coach Denny Kuiper, of whom there is no peer in high school coaching.

As the seconds ran out and the game was won, the Irish fans' emotions broke loose as though Britain had withdrawn from Belfast.

Celebrations the like of which Ann Arbor had never witnessed in Crisler Arena took over. A blizzard of shamrocks covered all areas, and "Go Irish" signs popped up everywhere.

Those signs were on cars and buses escorted through Ann Arbor, Lansing and Mt. Pleasant.

Banners flew, bugles blew, drums rolled; the State Champions were heralded like an announcement that President Ford had proclaimed Peace in the World and the Arabs had cut oil to \$2.00 a barrel, delivered.

The Irish not only won the State Championship; they helped cement a comradeship of the whole of Isabella County, including the areas of Beal City and Weidman.

For they have as players on their championship team many young men whose families are household traditions in this area:

A country boy, Pete Cotter, is one of SHA's many stars. And there are Co-Captains Bunting and Simon, Myler, Voisin, Horan, Sommerville, Brandell, Nolan and Doerr, and others.

Four of the stars have family roots in Weidman and Beal City. They are Doerr, Voisin, Horan and Pete Cotter.

Pete's great-grandfather, David Cotter, cleared the forest off 80 acres in Section 12 of Nottawa Township in the late 1880s and built a log house and barn. He delivered, by ox team, logs (Continued on Next Page)

THE IRISH

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to John S. Weidman's mills in the 1890s.

He planted crops among the stumps, assisted by his sons, Frank and John (Pete's grandfather), and the latter also built houses and barns and became a leading mover, in later years based in Mt. Pleasant.

Pete's father, Dave Cotter of Isabella Road and Leonard Crude Oil, was on the Oilers' championship team of 1932, when they played March 19, 1932, in East Lansing and beat Niles, 24-6, for State Championship, Class B.

Well. In Ann Arbor last Saturday night, every sport fan from this area who could buy, beg, borrow or steal a ticket or who knew a VIP in Ann Arbor or could get accreditation to the Press Box was there to see the final victory.

S.H.A. was allotted only 700 tickets in the arena that has a capacity of 14,500. Ann Arbor needs a new allocation ticket schedule. Mt. Pleasant and this area could have used 6,000 tickets.

Fans recall semi-finals at Frankenthuth, when S.H.A. defeated Waterford; in Lansing Civic Center, when East Detroit lost, and the finals in Ann Arbor when Alendale felt the Irish shillelaghs time after time, ending 65-55.

Officials and fans around the state praised Coach Kuiper, whose famous players won for S.H.A. He inspired his boys, and also the loyal fans.

S.H.A. can hardly wait for the

Beal City Centennial in July and August, when their champs' float will be in the parade. And, wait for '76!!!!

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Tracy White fell while trimming a tree a week ago Sunday and broke his shoulder. He is doing as well as can be expected, as he'll have to be quiet for six weeks or so.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Darnell and two daughters were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Denslow attended Jeff Darnell's wedding at Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening. Mack tells me Mrs. Ruth Denslow is in the hospital at Corpus Christi, Texas, and is very bad.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Merrihew and children were Sunday evening callers at the Gerald Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright were Saturday supper guests at the Elwood Miller home. Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens were Friday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald spent Wednesday evening with me.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent most of last week with the Lynn Johnson family, making maple syrup. They called at the Mt. Pleasant hospital Wednesday to see John Adams and Jim Brand, and called on the Elwood Millers Thursday evening. Their children were all home Saturday evening, helping their father celebrate his birthday.

Mrs. Eva Denslow spent the weekend in Midland with the Russell Swans.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist and Mrs. Flora Wood enjoyed Sunday dinner at the McNeilly Restaurant in Barryton, and later called on the Vance Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Nancy, Patti, Gary and Beth, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad and I were Tuesday supper guests of the Charlie Loseys. Tracy White was an afternoon caller. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lutz called Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wilson attended a Senior music recital honoring Miss Nancy Thompson at Hope College at Holland, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Bill and Bob attended a community cantata Sunday evening at the high school at Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson were business callers in Lansing last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins report the birth of a new great-grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins the 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock spent three days last week

in Detroit and Brighton with their children. They enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fahnestock.

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BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 17 TABLES IN PLAY

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

Ella Cox won first prize for the ladies, with Helen Schumacher second. Dora Streng won low.

For the men, Father Neubecker won first prize, with Joe Streng second and Joe Keiffer low.

Ambrose Thielen won the pepper prize. Henry Schafer drew the door prize.

Cookies and coffee were served for refreshments.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, April 3. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Mrs. Zena Olger and Mrs. Helen Hudson of Midland were last Thursday afternoon visitors of Connie Skinner. Helen is a very old friend, from the days when her mother, Mrs. Tanner, used to write the Gilmore news for the Messenger.

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LEGAL

Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN
 THE PROBATE COURT FOR
 THE COUNTY OF ISABELLA.
 Estate of EDITH JACKSON, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
TAKE NOTICE; On March 20th, 1975, in the Probate Courtroom at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, before the Honorable Alexander T. Strange, Judge of Probate, a hearing was held on the petition of Floris Maeder, dated March 18, 1975, and administrative of the estate was granted to Gerald Jackson.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to said Gerald Jackson at 1014 North Nine Mile Road, Sanford, Michigan, and proof thereof filed with the Court on or before May 28, 1975.

Notice is further given that the heirs at law of said deceased will be determined on said date and that the estate will be thereupon assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

Gerald Jackson
 1014 North Nine Mile Road
 Sanford, Michigan
FOX & FOX
 By Stephen W. Fox
 Attorney for Petitioner
 102 Hersey Bldg.
 Mt. Pleasant Michigan 48858
 Phone: 773-3460
 Published March 27, 1975

FOR SALE--Three domestic mallards, two females, one male. Beginning to lay eggs. \$3 each. Ph. 644-3316.
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Notice

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the next Annual Township Meeting of the Electors of the Township of Sherman, County of Isabella, State of Michigan, will be held at

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP HALL
 Beginning at 1:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on **SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1975**

At such time, in addition to other regular business and in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenues of the Township shall be submitted for consideration.

Signed: **KEITH LOOMIS**
 Township Clerk
 Dated March 27, 1975
 March 27t2

LEGAL

Notice

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the next Annual Township Meeting of the electors of the Township of Nottawa, County of Isabella, State of Michigan, will be held at

NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP HALL
 Beginning at 1:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on **SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1975**

At such time in addition to other regular business and in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenues of the Township shall be submitted for consideration.

Signed: **BERNARD RAU**
 Township Clerk
 Dated March 27, 1975
 March 27t2

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Notice

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the next Annual Township Meeting of the electors of the Township of Coldwater, County of Isabella, State of Michigan, will be held at

COLDWATER TOWNSHIP HALL
 Beginning at 1:00 o'clock P.M., Eastern Standard Time, on **SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1975**

At such time in addition to other regular business and in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenues of the Township shall be submitted for consideration.

Signed: **NORMAN GEASLER**
 Township Clerk
 Mar. 27t2

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

\$300.00 REWARD--For information leading to the arrest and conviction of party or parties for breaking and entering and stealing the duplex wood and coal stove and the electric heater from the house on the corner of Gilmore and Grass Lake Road. All information will be kept confidential. Call Paul Cole, 644-2088; corner West Coleman Road and Littlefield Lake Road.

March 27t1

Obituary

ROSEMARY CASSIDY

Rosemary Cassidy of Clare died Sunday, March 23, at CMC Hospital. She was 43.

She was born March 16, 1932, in Beal City. She was a lifelong resident of this area. She had been employed as a seamstress for Oren's Department Store in Mt. Pleasant. She was a member of St. Cecelia's Catholic Church in Clare.

Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, March 26, at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church with Father John Hoogterp officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Harold; three sons, John of the United States Navy, and Dan and Claude of Clare; two daughters, Mrs. Frank Robison of Farwell and Rebecca, at home; one grandchild; four sisters, Mrs. Ernest South of Freeland, Mrs. Donald Peltier of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Al Bush of Illinois, and Mrs. Jack Theisen of Beal City; and three brothers, William Bleise of Minneapolis, and Robert and Joseph Bleise of Weidman.

The family have the deepest sympathy of their many friends.

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Kathy Neubecker

VERA NEUBECKER, of W. Weidman Rd., Weidman, announces the engagement of her daughter, Kathy to Stan Shaner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shaner, of N. Woodruff Rd., Weidman. The bride-elect, a 1974 graduate of Beal City High School, is employed at the Center for Human Development in Mount Pleasant. Her fiance, also a 1974 graduate of BCHS, is employed at R.J. Tower, Corp, of Greenville. A June 20th wedding is being planned.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Zena Olger attended her church Sunday, then went home with daughter Mrs. Gladys Williams. After dinner, Zena went with them to watch their grandchildren at Clare. Zena's company have gone home for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee visited his sister, Mrs. Olger, last Tuesday.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Mrs. Beverly Abbott attended the funeral of Edith Jackson (Mrs. Guy) at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus last Wednesday afternoon. They joined with relatives and old friends at the Grange Hall later for lunch.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and daughter, Cathy, spent the weekend with the Bill Alwood family in Hemlock. On the way home they visited Mrs. Marie Jackson and the Elwood Schneider home in Midland.

Mrs. Eileen Abbott visited Mrs. Paula Maeder several times last week. Eileen and Dale Maeder took the children to see Paula Saturday. She was doing well,

and will be out of intensive care very soon.

Micky Abbott and son, Robert, came home last Wednesday. Mrs. Carol Abbott picked them up at the airport.

Mrs. Anita Ptak and Mrs. Helen Alwood visited Hermione Smith at Pleasant Manor Nursing Home last Thursday afternoon.

Ladies from here attending the new Remus flower shop's Open House last Friday morning included Jeanne Smith, Verlia Wilcox, Ada Wood, Phyllis Sides and Helen Alwood.

Mrs. Muriel Miller and Debbie called on her sister, Carol Abbott, Tuesday after work.

Visitors at our home last week included Bessie Allen, Dennis Huber of Clare, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scott of Lansing. Debbie Graham spent several days and nights with us.

Wanda and Debbie Graham spent last week at her home in Weidman, as Debbie had Easter vacation.

Wanda, Helen and I had the Merry Go Round Club Thursday. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Melanie Hudalin, the next house west of the Don

Seymour's.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Gott of Elwell called Sunday afternoon. They are our grandson and wife. Debbie Graham took her Grandpa to visit the Dick Gotts near Farwell Thursday afternoon. Debbie recently got her driver's license.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee visited his sisters, Mrs. Zena Olger and Mrs. Myrtle Decker, Wednesday. The also visited at the home of her sister, the Paul Coles, that day.

Thursday visitors of the Paul Coles were Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes and Dick Mahon, and Steve Kripa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hauck were at their cabin on north Littlefield Lake on their way home to Galien, after a trip to Arizona and back through Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

The Haucks called on the Paul Coles Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pfannes visited his borther and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes.

We hope Mrs. Pearl Geasler is feeling much better since her stay in CMC Hospital.

The Paul Coles were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes.

The Fanneses received word that their little granddaughter had surgery this Monday morning at an Ann Arbor hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole of Detroit are spending some time at their farm.

Mrs. Helen Allbee and Mrs. Coranna Shaner, Mrs. Iva Blodgett, Mrs. Ethel Bolles and Mrs. Hilda Sampson left Thursday on a trip through the Sunny South.

They'll do some fishing in Florida.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Carl, Ellen and Joyce Geasler were in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Tupper called at the Russell Wright home Thursday.

Maggie Boger, Joyce Geasler, Ellen Geasler, Etta Skalitzky and I attended Merry Go Round Club at Wanda Graham's in Weidman last Thursday. There were 18 in attendance. The April meeting will be with Mrs. Hudalin on the 10th of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow and family were Friday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe and family.

Douglas Godwin spent from last Wednesday till Sunday with his family, returning to his work in Louisiana Sunday.

Russell, Micky and Bobby Slupe of Grand Rapids are spending their Easter vacation with their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright. Verl Wright and boys of Flat Rock were weekend guests also.

Lewis Bowen attended a Federal Land Bank meeting at Clare last Tuesday.

Charlie Scott is a patient at CMC Hospital at this time. He was scheduled for surgery Tuesday.

Virginia Ackley was a patient at CMC Hospital from Tuesday till Friday.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins of St. Louis, a boy, Saturday. He has been named David Joe. He is a grandson of Mrs. Ula Cummins, and great-grandson of Mrs. Helen Smith and the Alva Cumminses.

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EASTER IS SUNDAY, MARCH 30

EASTER CANDY GIFTS

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Schumacher and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smith spent last Thursday with the Gerald Straus family in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith and family spent the weekend with the Wayne Huffman family in St. Clair.

Mrs. Monica Grinzinger, Mrs. Leo Gross and Mike Gross called on Mrs. Gertrude Gross Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith called on Mrs. Louise Smith Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cotter and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cotter spent Thursday evening with Henry and Rose Schafer.

Chum Schafer did some work Monday for his mother.

The Schafers and Jack Cotter spent Sunday afternoon with Cliff and Eva Annistee at School Section Lake.

Mrs. Larry Rau called on Mrs. Louise Smith and Dora, and on Mrs. Herman Krensreiter and two children, Monday afternoon. Larry Rau and Doll Rau called Wednesday morning. Mrs. Smith and Dora called on Mrs. Tony Schafer Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Proefrock and Elaine Simmer of Reed City were here for the wedding of Karen Simmer and Randy Amon Friday evening. They stopped to visit Grandma Smith.

Dora Smith baby-sat Monday for the Larry Raus.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Theisen and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh returned home from their trip to Florida Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smith called on Mrs. Louise Smith and Dora Friday afternoon. Mrs. Anna Eldred and Mrs. Walter Rau were Sunday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martin entertained company Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Smith and family of Ithaca spent the weekend with Mrs. Irene Smith and John Smith and family.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen, Louise Schafer and Beatrice Sheahan went to Lansing Thursday to see Ed Blasen, who was killed in an accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp spent Thursday evening with Tillie Schafer, celebrating her 85th birthday.

Lavina Elias, Mrs. Walter Elias, Helen Simmer and Matie Pung had dinner with Noreen Elias Tuesday.

Orielda Farner spent Tuesday

with Louise Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann, Donald Tilmann and Earl Tilmann spent the past week in Florida.

Sister Herman Joseph and Sister Marie Alexander spent the weekend with the Paul Schafers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Smith spent Sunday in Lansing with Mr. and Mrs. Buck Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred spent Sunday with Mrs. Tillie Schafer.

Mrs. Marie Rahl is driving a new car.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Schafer are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Sunday, March 23.

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Coldwater Lake

Ruth Sherlock, Reporter
Tel. 644-2310

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Breuer called on the Ed Schafers Monday evening.

Eddie Sherlock visited the dentist again Monday,

Tuesday Nanette Mathews spent the day and evening with LeAnna Sherlock.

Wednesday, Carol Mathews, Marge Schafer and Ruth Sherlock attended an Artex hostess fair at Rosebush. There was an afternoon and evening meeting. The girls enjoyed lunch at the Big Boy in Mt. Pleasant.

Thursday, Judy and John-John Tilmann and her guest, Marie Sanzoni, from Clare, called on Marsha Schumacher.

Robert Schafer called on Ruth and Wayne Sherlock Thursday evening. He had been out enjoying the nice weather, riding his motorbike.

Happy 85th Birthday, Grandmother Tillie Schafer! Her birthday was March 14.

Ruth Sherlock and Head Start teacher Pam Grim drove to Stanton for a meeting anent the program here at Beal City. Pam is doing a great job with the help of Darlene Dahlenburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer called on the Don Schafers Friday afternoon.

Saturday, Wayne and Ruth Sherlock and children drove to Kalkaska to visit Orvil and Gladys Sherlock. They also visited Pearl Sherlock and Myrtle Kill. Folks up there were without lights since 4 a. m. Saturday morning till we left Sunday.

Loretta Lorenz and Leona Perrin enjoyed supper with the Bob Theisens of Mt. Pleasant Sunday evening.

Jerry and Jane Schafer and children, Billy and Kelli, took Ed and Marge Schafer to Riverdale for chicken dinner Sunday.

Max Straus and the four girls were guests at the Loretta and Clarence Lorenz home Sunday. Other guests were Camie and Julie Lorenz.

(Too Late for Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer called

on Tillie Schafer Monday. Other visitors were Jerry and Bethel Schafer, son Chris, and David Schafer. Eddie Sherlock, four, enjoyed his first visit to the dentist. Wayne and Ruth Sherlock called on the Jerry Schafers at Rosebush Monday evening.

Don and Judy Schafer enjoyed the company of Ed and Marge Schafer Tuesday evening, for a game of cards. Judy and John Tilmann entertained Tuesday evening. Their guests were Ruth Sherlock, and Dave and Jamie Nemer of Saginaw.

Marge Schafer was hostess to the painting party Wednesday here at the lake. Her guests were Ruth Sherlock, Judy Schafer, Ju-

dy and Dianne Tilmann, Ruth Klumpp, Mildred Haynes and Edith Lueder. The next hostess is Judy Tilmann Wednesday, March 26. Anyone interested may call Ruth Sherlock.

Thursday guests at the Ed Schafer home were Emil and Edith Lueder. Wayne and Ruth Sherlock and Jerry and Jane Schafer of Rosebush played bingo at Sacred Heart. Jerry won \$24.00, Jane won \$500.00 at the Moose. How lucky can you get?

Sunday Ed and Marge called on old friends, Ralph and Donna Heilien, of Merrill. Robert Schafer and Sharon McCoy and her folks called on Mary Nartker of Lansing.

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Author Unknown.
Submitted by:
Ruth Sherlock

BURNING PERMITS NOW REQUIRED FOR TRASH FIRES

By Merle Aldrich
Fire Officer, 315 E.
Chippewa Street, Mt.
Pleasant

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Control Act.) Such material in-
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and siding (tar), oil residue, and
garbage.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague
were Sunday callers of Mrs.
Frances Hartgrave near Loomis,
Sunday. They also called on
Mr. and Mrs. Dick McCann in
Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell at-
tended a birthday party for their
oldest grandson, Robert, Jr., in
Mt. Pleasant, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Dell of
Littlefield Lake were Sunday
visitors of Mr. and Mrs. William
Louisell.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wood and
son of Lansing spent Sunday with
their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard
Pitts, and family. Mrs. Grace
Pitts and Mrs. Elaine Esterline
were Sunday dinner guests.

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox, Mrs.
Jeanne Smith, and Ada Wood
had lunch in Mecosta last Mon-
day.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides
and children spent Friday eve-
ning with Mr. and Mrs. Walter
J. Smith and son. Mr. and Mrs.
Glenn Hart of Iron River will be
Easter Sunday guests of their
son-in-law and daughter, Mr.
and Mrs. Walter J. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchin-
ski and girls and Mrs. Edith Tou-
chinski returned last Wednesday
from a trip through Mississippi and
Florida, where they spent five
days.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Jackson and
son of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday
with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Ericson
of Grant Center visited their old
neighbor, Mrs. Ethel Bywater,
Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower, and
Mrs. Larry Leiter and daughter,
Stacy, visited the Tom Flower

family at Petersburg, Mich., the
weekend.

Mrs. Nina Forbes went to Mt.
Pleasant Sunday, to the home of
her son and daughter-in-law,
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Brien,
who took her and Mrs. Harvey
Brien out of Ithaca out to dinner.
In the afternoon they attended
the cantata, "The First Easter,"
at the Rosebush Presbyterian
Church. Norma Brien and Jan-
ice Hoffman directed the pro-
duction.

Mrs. John Showalter of Mt.
Pleasant spent Thursday night
with her son-in-law and daughter,
Mr. and Mrs. David Flower.

Mrs. Melvin Fitzpatrick of Jack-
son passed away Friday. She was
the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rus-
sell Wilson. The funeral was held
Wednesday morning at the Weath-
erby Funeral Home in Jackson.
Mrs. Fitzpatrick (Helen Wilson)
was a graduate of the Weidman
High School.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,

Enclosing belated check for
subscription--just got too busy in
March to remember it!

Have been enjoying all of the
former Weidmanites who have
been here in Zephyrhills this
winter. Some I hadn't seen for
many a year.

Ralph and Dort Bergquist were
here for a few weeks, their first
visit. Arlene Leiter and her mo-
ther, Bessie Latham, came again
this year and brought Mary (Lee)
Ade, Bessie's sister, which was
a delight to me because, as
Mary says, "We can't remember
when we haven't known each
other." Harold and Helen (Beut-
ler) Cotter came again, also
Glenn and Beulah Scott, and Del
and Betty Johnson.

My cousins, Sam and Lois Jar-
rett, from Mt. Pleasant, left
Saturday, and my brother, Jerry
Bywater, and wife spent the
weekend. Now I'm looking for
more company from Michigan!
Never a dull moment.

It is a very comfortable 75 de-
grees today--cooled off after a
shower yesterday morning.

I'm at work, so much get busy.

Sincerely,
Ercel (Bywater) Woodward
Zephyrhills, Florida

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Forest fires hurt us all!

The Churches

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Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Lueder had their grandparents to Sunday dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder's 54th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen and Tim Jackson spent Monday evening with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold. Marty Hines was a Tuesday evening visitor. Mrs. Nancy Van Hatten and Kim of Detroit also called on the Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Larson and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Dubois and baby of Tuscola were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Charis Larson. Louis Larson and son, Lars, brought Seaman Tom Harris, of the U. S. Navy, to visit his grandparents, the Chris Larsons, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family were Sunday guests of the Lynn Johnsons.

Harold Rhode and his mother, Mrs. E. R. Rhode, visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook Sunday.

Mike and Mark Krueger, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Krueger, were confirmed in the Broomfield Lutheran Church Sunday. Guests at a family dinner in their honor were Mrs. Leila Shook and Richard, the Richard, Jack and Orves Cooks and Glee Krueger, and Miss Alliance Cook, Miss Kathy Krueger and Joe Kish, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Klumpp, and Dan Graves. Rev. and Mrs. Schmelzer and daughter, Nancy, were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Woodruff were Wednesday guests of Mrs. Leona Courser.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Johnson and grandchildren, Steve and Sherri Johnson, returned home Saturday from Oklahoma, where they visited their daughter, Nancy, and family, the Neil Benedicts.

Mrs. Linda Krueger and Mrs. Geraldine Johnson visited Mrs. Isal Johnson at Golden Acres Rest Home at St. Louis.

Mrs. Edna Toarmina and grandson, Henry Lamberti, of Warren, and Ed Lamberti of St. Clair Shores, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook and family, visited Jay Leinaar Saturday to celebrate his 86th birthday. Clayton Crowley and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder came Sunday.

Mrs. Bob Hogg and Barbara and Nancy were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines Sunday afternoon. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Flachs, Roderick Nicholson and Mrs. Ivan Hines were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer and Elton and Dale Hutchinson were Tuesday supper guests at my house. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ferguson of St. Louis called Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Carr of Saginaw were Saturday supper guests.

Mrs. Sue Ward spent Tuesday with Mrs. Ella Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett have a new granddaughter, Dawn Louise, born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson.

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Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley. Alice Skinner and Kathy Battleshaw were weekend guests of the Conleys' granddaughter, Terri Brown. The Conleys spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gorby at Lake Thirteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Blane Momroe were weekend guests of his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe.

Miss Sharon Brown of Lansing spent the weekend with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Voss of Metamora were Saturday evening guests of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Voss and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot. Chuck and Millie were Sunday afternoon callers at the Tom Voss home.

Karen McGuire of Paris spent two days last week with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Reed. Saturday evening visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kendall of Chippewa Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pyrratt and Holly of Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Terwilliger were Friday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Gray and family.

Mrs. Orville Bates and son, Marty, of Clare, were Sunday afternoon visitors of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Denslow and Milford of Remus spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky. Mr. and Mrs. Powell of Clare were Saturday callers.

Callers of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Reed. Lyle Denslow was a Monday dinner guest.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Ula Cummins called on Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White of Horr Wednesday afternoon. Tracy suffered a fall from an apple tree he was trimming, and suffered a fractured shoulder.

Mrs. Virgil McArthur of Vassar is spending the week at the home of her son, Eugene McArthur, and family. She used to live in Broomfield Township, and has many friends here.

Mrs. Ula Cummins and Mrs. Helen Smith were here last Wednesday

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A cold front moved into this area late Tuesday afternoon,

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HE'S HAPPY OVER HIS FFA SCHOLARSHIP--Paul Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gross, was awarded a \$600.00 per year scholarship at Michigan State University at Lansing next fall, when he will begin his two-year finishing course in Agronomy, or teaching Ag in high schools after graduation from State. His scholarship is for two years, and is expected to pay tuition, possibly help on books. All local chapters of the Future Farmers of America donate in to the scholarship fund each year, and the state organization of the FFA awards the scholarships. Paul has been a member of the Future Farmers of America all through his high school years at Beal City, and continues with it. Scholarships are usually awarded by the FFA for at least average school grades, plus performance within the FFA. Messenger photo

Paul is completing two years at Central Michigan University at Mt. Pleasant this spring, in preparation to entering State next fall on a course which will give him a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agribusiness and Natural Resources Education.

Upon graduation from Michigan State Paul plans to teach Ag in high schools. Curriculum will depend, he says, on the location of the school in which he's teaching, as those in larger cities will want varied horticulture classes and floral sciences, while schools in rural areas will want courses in livestock production, which entails all things pertaining to farming.

Paul has put in 15 hours this winter at The Flower Shop in Weidman under guidance of Frances Tranbarger, learning greenhouse procedures and techniques. He must have 30 hours' work in a greenhouse, on his present course at Central, with two hours at the huge Elliott Greenhouses at Mt. Pleasant. He will finish his greenhouse Sunday hours about May 1.

The Norman Gross family is a farm-together unit, with sons and daughters helping with the operation of the dairy. Their oldest son, Tom, is in classes at CMU, on a broadcasting course. He does the broadcasts for Central's Junior Varsity basketball games this winter. Eight of the Gross children are enrolled at the Beal City Schools.

The Gross herd of Holstein cows rates high in county DHIA standings.

Paul works on the farm after classes at Central, and plans to go on working there summers as

he studies at Michigan State. He has two cows, two heifers and a calf of his own, on the farm, which he raised through his work with the FFA.

Last year Paul was State Vice President for Region Six of the FFA, and he presented the same scholarship then to Bert Keefer of Lapeer. Only one scholarship is given out each year. Paul's scholarship was presented him by Jim Schrader of East Lansing last Thursday.

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FINDS OLD CARD IN OLD BUILDING

Ruth Schmidt, who has been helping her father, Ernest Schmidt, renovate the ancient building on the Vandecar corner four miles east of town, tells us she found the remains of what probably was a calendar, with the words simply, "Greetings from Ann".

We would guess that it might have been a good-will calendar from the days when Ann Snyder ran the tavern now known as Weaver's, in Weidman.

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NEWS NOTES

Ed Fox, Ed Osborn and Ivan Allen spent Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Upper Peninsula, fishing for walleyes on a bay near Cedarville and Pickford. They got their limit, plus plenty to eat while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Baker and two children of Bath, were callers of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich during the weekend. They were at their cottage on Coldwater Lake.

CHECKER TOURNAMENT RESULTS FROM THE WEIDMAN SCHOOL

The second annual checker tournament at the Weidman Elementary School concluded last week, with two brothers competing for the division championship.

Mike Hartzler, a Fourth Grader, and his brother, Steve, a Second Grader, made it through the preliminary competition and on to the finals in his division. Steve bested his brother in a two-out-of-three match. All three games were close contests.

To arrive at the finals games, contestants had to win at the room level, grade level, and then compete against other grade winners. Room winners were as follows:

Grade 1 (Miss Smolek, Mrs. Egbert), Mark Schafer, Jay McWilliams.

Grade 2 (Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Rescoe), Steve Hartzler, Ron Huffman.

Grades 2 and 3 (Miss Flachs), Mike McGuire.

Grade Three (Mr. Ireland, Miss Rhode), Wannetta Marshall, David White.

Grade Four (Mrs. Gingrich, Mr. Hayes), Reiner Waidler, Mike Hartzler.

Grade 5 (Miss Black, Mr. Shanahan), Rich Whitish, Bland Schafer.

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RARE DISEASE HITS BEAL CITY AREA

Art Tilmann, Reporter

A very rare disease has hit the Beal City area and is spreading rapidly. It is known as centennial pox. Medical authorities agree that it hits almost all communities every 100 years.

Some of the symptoms are: Erratic behavior is noted; jovial moods often overcome the victim, also victim has a desire to live in the past, with no concern for the present or future.

Men forget to shave, enter beard-growing contests, tell tall tales of the past, and take a sudden interest in antiques, old farm machinery, and cars.

Women also take an interest in antiques, design and make bonnets and long dresses, attend quilting bees, and become reminiscent of days gone by.

Health officials state there is no known cure for centennial pox, and that the symptoms may prevail six months to a year or longer.

It is requested that understanding and consideration be shown to all afflicted with this rare disease.

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