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Editor's Column

By Connie

AN EARLY SPRING?--BRING IT ON!

Violet Wright of Brinton tells us she had six robins in her yard during February, all big and fat and sassy.

She saw one on the last day of February, and had a flock of five before that.

She had robins in her yard during three weeks in February.

Some robins, apparently unable to make the long trip south, will stay over winter-time in Michigan; these, we figure, are the old ones who know better than to attempt the migration rigors.

But Violet's robins appear to have just arrived, and we hope they mean it, and will stick around.

UTILITIES HIKE RATES TO US, BUT GO ON USING EXPENSIVE COLOR PRINTING

We got our electric bill from Consumers Power Company last week, a whopping 100 percent hike over our normal cost. A letter of "explanation" was enclosed--using three-color printing, which is very expensive.

We couldn't help wondering if Consumers Power wouldn't be more believable if it would forego the luxury of color printing.

We'd take our utility bills--and "explanation" letters printed in just plain old black on white, and we'd feel a lot better about the jump in rates if the company didn't waste money on this jolly printing while upping our monthly bills.

Same with the telephone company. Our bills on that have also climbed, and the telephone company encloses, with its bill, a return envelope printed in four colors--and you can't get much more expensive printing than that.

We wish the utility companies would economize a little on the epistles they send us explaining why our bills are so high, and also rising with every month.

We still think the canning-jar lid situation is ridiculous and outrageous, and we still wonder about the hands-off policies of

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BEAL CITY LADIES MAKE QUILTS FOR CENTENNIAL--So we were invited to noon dinner and a viewing of the every-other-Thursday afternoon meeting of the Altar Society of St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City, and we found the K. C. Hall busy as a bee with quilters absorbed in their needlework even before noon. Among those at the quilting frames were (above) Kathleen Gross, Ella Yuncker, Agnes Fox, Colletta Gross, Katherine Schafer, Lillian Zeien, and Viola Engler. Others were busy at other frames and at completing the pot-luck--delicious!--dinner.



AMONG THOSE AT ANOTHER QUILT FRAME--Were Arlene Cotter, Regina Faber, Trudy Smith, Margie Yuncker, Barb Andres, Leona Faber, Mildred Young, Agnes Thelen, Veronica Tilmann, Monica Grinzinger, and Ida Tilmann. We did not get everybody in our pictures, and there were many others busy at the hall last Thursday, as they are every other Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Herman Grinzinger showed us a lovely piece she had completed, and sold to a girl working on the Mt. Pleasant Times-News. The piece can be used as a quilt, an afghan, or a tablecloth, and is finely embroidered in bright colors on soft wool material in pastel green.

The Beal City Altar Society

has a membership of about 250, and the ladies working at the K. C. Hall have two lovely baby quilts finished, and will make more, they said.

Officers of the Altar Society include Agnes Fox, president; Karlene Pung, vice president; Mary Beth Hauck, secretary,

THREE HURT IN ACCIDENT ON MILL ROAD MONDAY

Dale Maeder, his wife Paula and one of their children were taken by ambulance to CMC Hospital Monday afternoon at 3.20 when their car hit an icy spot on the road and went into a bridge abutment.

The accident occurred at the second bridge on Bridge Street, east of Bader's Mill, heading east, when blowing snow off the mill pond obscured vision and Dale's car hit an icy spot in the road. He lost control and the car hit the cement abutment and was demolished.

Dale suffered a badly broken right leg and other injuries. His wife, Paula, underwent major surgery Monday night for internal injuries including a shattered pelvis, punctured bladder and colon, and other injuries.

Three-year-old daughter Shisa suffered facial cuts. She also had head bruises and a possible neck injury.

Another daughter, Betty, aged two, was in the back seat and was unhurt. She is staying with her Maeder grandparents while her family is in the hospital.

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MUSIC PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLERS SHOWN HERE MARCH 17

A different kind of music program will be held at the Weidman gym Monday, March 17, at 7.30 p. m., Mary Starr, music teacher for the Weidman Elementary School, said this week.

Students from kindergarten through fifth grade will show their parents and guests how they learn to read, sing and play music in school.

Fifth graders will play songs on their recorders. The choir will sing rounds and partner songs.

The program will be entertaining and educational, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

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

and Susie Straus, treasurer.

The Society is a very active influence in the social and cultural life of the area.

SQUARE DANCING, PHYSICAL FITNESS CLASSES AT LAKE

Mid Michigan Community College is offering two physical fitness classes in Lake starting this week. They are women's physical fitness from 8 to 10 p. m. on Wednesday and square dancing from 7.30 to 9.30 Thursday evenings.

The classes are held in full cooperation with the Farwell Area Schools and will be conducted in the Lake Elementary School. Both classes will meet for eight consecutive weeks, in Lake. Tuition costs for area in-district resident adults is \$12.

More information may be obtained by calling Jim Stange, director of community service, at Mid Michigan Community College, tel. 386-7792, Extension No. 30.

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PARENT, TEACHER TALKS AT WEIDMAN SCHOOL

Appointment notices have been mailed to parents of children in the Weidman Elementary School, according to Principal Harry Howard, for parent-teacher conferences beginning Tuesday, March 11, in the afternoon.

Parents may gain valuable information about their children's academic world, and they also can show the children that their school life is important to them.

Conferences at the Weidman school will be Tuesday, March 11, from 3.30 to 7.30 p. m., and Wednesday, March 12, from 3.30 p. m. also to 7.30.

The kindergarten schedule calls for conference times beginning Tuesday, March 11, from 8 a. m. to 7.30 p. m., and Wednesday, March 12, from 3.30 p. m. to 7.30 p. m.

Mr. Howard said the school was pleased with the turnout last fall, and hopes the upcoming conferences will be as fruitful.

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GIRL SCOUTS ATTEND ATHLETIC MEET

The Girl Scouts of Weidman Troop 926 attended gymnastic and diving meets at Central Michigan University Saturday afternoon.

They enjoyed watching the many colleges competing in the events.

Mary Beutler and Helen Alwood drove their cars to take the girls to the meets.

The Girl Scouts have completed their cookie sales of 780 boxes, and will deliver them between April 11 and April 21.

Five girls sold over 60 boxes, and won a special badge. They are Elizabeth Blodgett, Tonya Bellinger, Michele Lopez, Pam Sprague, and Melissa Leiter.

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Connie Skinner was a guest of St. Joseph the Worker's Altar Society at Beal City last Thursday, for a delicious lunch and visit with old friends.

LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE AT 5-DAY WORKSHOP

The Gladys McArthur Memorial Library in Weidman has a representative at a five-day workshop in Mt. Pleasant, sponsored by the Mt. Pleasant library.

She is Clarisse Loeding of Lake Windoga, and she is taking the six-hour course, 10 a. m. to 4.30 p. m., on library procedures with a theme of "Communication and Public Relations".

Last week's speaker was Dr. Peterson from the University in Mt. Pleasant, Professor of Library Science.

April is National Library Week, and the Weidman library will observe it appropriately.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Dorothy Breuer of Winn spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Leona Courser.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz of Merrill were Wednesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson.

Mrs. Choice Foster was a Friday afternoon visitor of Blanche Carr. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa, Mrs. Elizabeth Billsby of Merrill and Miss Pennie Plank and Mike Cooper were Saturday guests of mine.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Starks and children called on Mrs. Choice Foster Sunday.

Mrs. Nettie Baker had as visitors Sunday, Mrs. Dorothy Breuer, Mrs. Leona Courser, Mrs. Ella Bugsby and Miss Mildred Benson.

Mrs. Eugene Flachs spent Thursday with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines. Mrs. Bob Hogg was a Wednesday visitor. Roderick Nicholson had dinner with them Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder were Thursday supper guests at the Arnold Krueger home in Mt. Pleasant. The Lieders called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartholomew of Blanchard. Harold is in quite poor health.

Herman Lueder is scheduled for major surgery soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola called on her mother, Mrs. E. R. Rhode, and her brother, Harold, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Martin of Zilwaukee were Sunday luncheon guests of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray.

Terry Lueder and Gerald Hines called on Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar Sunday. The Paul Lueders were Friday evening visitors.

Mark Wiley of Gregory was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Smith of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Nagy were Friday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Courser and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell McDonald, of Houghton Lake, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser have a new granddaughter, born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Chaffee.

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Jan. 23tf

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 2202.

Dec. 12tf

FOR EXPERT TAX ASSISTANCE
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 Feb. 13t4

WANTED--Live-in baby sitter
 for three to five days a week.
 Call 644-2550 in early even-
 ing. Betty Dutcher.

Jan. 30tf

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Jan. 9tf

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 mates.

Jan. 23tf

FOR SALE--Dry fire wood, \$12
 per cord. Call 644-2096,
 Feb. 6t4p

Notice

The Weidman Post Office will
 continue to accept applications
 for the position of Rural Substi-
 tute Carrier of Record through
 March 31, 1975.

Interested persons can obtain
 information and application
 forms at the Post Office during
 the regular business hours.

Feb. 13t7

NOTICE--We are glad to an-
 nounce that Barbara Whaley has
 rejoined our staff. Phone 644-
 3587 for appointment. Navarre's
 Beauty Salon, Weidman.

Feb. 27t2

ALWOOD PLUMBING. For ser-
 vice call 644-3581.
 March 6tf

WANTED--Someone to cut
 down some trees. Can have
 wood for cutting, and hauling
 away brush. Call at 3358 Fir-
 Street, Weidman, or phone
 644-3651.

Feb. 27t1

LOST--Feb. 28, at Littlefield
 Lake, male beagle with short
 tail, answer to name, "Stub".
 Child's pet. Please phone 644-
 3473.

March 6t1



In loving memory of Etta Jane
 Bellingier of Fremont, who died
 one year ago, March 8, 1974,
 in Foote Hospital in Jackson at
 the age of 93.

Sadly missed by her children
 and grandchildren.

Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula
 Cummins called on Mr. and
 Mrs. Alva Cummins Sunday af-
 ternoon. On their way home
 they called on Mrs. Emily Wood.
BETTER THAN A LETTER

MEETINGS of BOARD of REVIEW

Notice is hereby given, that
 the Assessment Roll for Sher-
 man Township will be open to
 public review March 10 and 11,
 Monday and Tuesday, from 9
 a. m. till 12 noon and from 1
 p. m. until 4 p. m., at the Sher-
 man Township Hall.

EARL OPLINGER
 Supervisor
 Sherman Township

Notice is hereby given, that
 the Assessment Roll for Cold-
 water Township will be open to
 public review March 10 and 11,
 Monday and Tuesday, from 9
 a. m. to 3 p. m., at the Cold-
 water Township Hall.

LEWIS BOWEN
 Coldwater Township
 Supervisor

Notice is hereby given, that
 the Assessment Roll for Notta-
 wa Township will be open to
 public review March 10 and 11,
 Monday and Tuesday, from 9
 a. m. to 12 noon and from 1
 p. m. to 4 p. m., at the Notta-
 wa Township Hall.

ERNEST SCHMIDT
 Supervisor
 Nottawa Township

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
 (1 Mile West of Weidman)
 Pastor; Marvin Eldridge, phone
 44-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a. m.

Morning Service, 11 a. m.

Evening Service, 7 p. m.

Choir Thursday, 6.30 p. m.

Steve and Nancy Starks sang
 two songs in the morning service.

They took over the evening ser-
 vice, and sang many beautiful
 hymns. Their daughter, Karen,
 sang two songs as solos.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163
 2nd Street, Weidman.

Office phone 644-3336, parson-
 age 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 Thurs-
 days, 3 p. m.

Methodist Men, 4th Saturday,
 5.30 p. m.

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

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Past
 Sunday School, 9.15 a. m.

Worship Service, 10.45 a. m.

Ladies' Aid meets on second
 Wednesday of each month.

**WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE
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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.

Obituary

MRS. LENNIE M. OTTERBINE

Mrs. Lennie M. Otterbine of
 Mt. Pleasant died March 1 at
 the Isabella County Medical
 Care Facility, at the age of 88.

She was born Feb. 23, 1887,
 in Sears. She was the widow of
 John Otterbine, an old-time
 barber in Weidman in its early
 days. The Otterbines were
 among the early families to en-
 ter into business here when the
 town was just beginning.

She was a life member of the
 Waubenoo Chapter No. 360, Or-
 der of Eastern Star, of Weidman,
 and was active in the social life
 of the village in the old days.

She is survived by her son,
 Floyd, of Mt. Pleasant; and a
 grandson and two great-grand-
 children.

Funeral services were held
 Tuesday of this week at 1 p. m.
 at the Stinson Funeral Home
 with Dr. Neil Bintz officiating.
 Burial was in the Flake Ceme-
 tery at Barryton.

Mrs. Otterbine will be remem-
 bered by older residents of this
 town.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burden
 and Mrs. Ada Wood were Friday
 evening guests of Mr. and Mrs.
 Walter J. Smith. Mr. and Mrs.
 Thayne Sides and Rhonda were
 also visitors, for coffee and cake.



Sharon Kay McCoy

THE E.J. McCOYS, of 1860 Michigan Ave., Alma, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Kay to Robert Lee Schafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer of 5678 W. Jordan Rd., Weidman. The bride-to-be, an Alma High school graduate, is employed at Consumers Power Co. in Alma. Her fiance, a

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood were Saturday guests of Mrs. Flora Wood. Bob Bergquist was a Sunday afternoon caller. Mrs. Wood was a Sunday dinner guest at the Vance Wood home.

Mrs. Opal Denslow attended the wedding and reception for her granddaughter, Miss Debbie Denslow, and Neil Olmstead, at her home in Lakeview, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman DePew returned home from Nicholasville, Kentucky, after several months' stay. She is Mrs. Denslow's granddaughter.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mrs. Barbara North and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber of Farwell were Sunday guests of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mrs. Alma Byron and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Byron and family were Sunday guests at the Joe Martin home. Mrs. Lena Martin and Brenda were Saturday supper guests.

Tim Workman was a Friday supper guest at the Jim Thompson home.

Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula Cummins were Sunday callers at the Alva Cummins home.

Mrs. Opal Denslow attended services at the Baptist Church Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Steven Starks of Grand Rapids furnished music and songs. The services were well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller went Saturday to visit his mother,

were visitors at the Lawrence Fillhard home in Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot of Weidman were Saturday evening visitors of Chuck and Millie Voss. Millie was caring for Mike and Shawn Wysong for a few hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis were Wednesday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loomis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Denise, and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky enjoyed the Rebekahs' card party at Barryton Saturday evening. Sunday, Mrs. Skalitzky and Mildred De Vary visited their sister, Kate, at Big Rapids.

Dad and Mother Loomis called on us Friday evening. Thursday evening we attended the winter band concert at the Chippewa Hills High School.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow of Weidman were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place were at Ann Arbor Tuesday, where her brother, Harley Teeter, was scheduled for heart surgery Tuesday morning. We hope for a speedy recovery to you, Harley.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Metzger of Bailey spent Sunday with Dad and me.

George and Cora Beers were in Lansing Friday, where they attended the funeral of Glenn Bartlett, who passed away very suddenly, from a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Craig of Brin-

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer had their Sunday dinner with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gesselman, and family, of Hubbardston, and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bradberry and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schafer.

The wedding of Tom Tilmann and Cindy La Lone took place Saturday at 6 p. m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church at Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh spent a few days in Chicago last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lawens entertained company Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Fred Gould and sons of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Walter Rau called on Mrs. Louise Smith and Dora Thursday morning.

The K. C. family pancake and sausage breakfast Sunday, Mar. 2, had a good turnout.

Mrs. Helen Simmer is in the hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Proefrock and children and Elaine Simmer of Reed City stopped at Grandma Smith's Sunday evening. They had been to see their sister, Suzanne, who had been in the hospital at Grand Ledge.

Mrs. Pat Moody, Mrs. Bob Tatro, Mrs. Shirley Gates, Mrs. Anna Eldred and Mrs. Ruth Klumpp spent Wednesday with Tillie Schafer. Jerry and Jane Schafer of Rosebush spent the evening with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schafer and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Schafer of Detroit spent the weekend at the Howard Schafer home.

Danny Schafer, Jr., and girl friend from Detroit spent the weekend at the Jerry Schafer home.

Mrs. Cele Schafer of Flint, formerly of this area, died Friday night.

Miss Gertrude Grodski of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday afternoon with Louise, Dora and Anna Smith. She called on Mrs. Tony Schafer and then had supper with us. After supper she and Dora visited the Little Red Barn.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau had their family home for Sunday supper of rabbit and squirrel.

Dora Smith called on Louise Schafer Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson of Scranton spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Joe Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant spent Tuesday morning with his mother, Mrs. Louise Smith, and Dora.

Mrs. Louis Rau is in the hospital at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung are the proud parents of a baby girl, born last week Tuesday.

Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Sunday evening.

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Coldwater Lake

Ruth Sherlock, Reporter
Tel. 644-2310

Congratulations to Robert Lee Schafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Schafer of Coldwater Lake, and Sharon Kay McCoy, daughter of E. J. McCoy of 1860 Michigan Avenue, Alma, on the announcement of their engagement. The happy couple say they will exchange vows on June 14. Good luck.

Also would like to congratulate Don and Diana Pung on the birth of their baby girl Feb. 25.

Get Well Wishes to Nellie Wood and Judy Tilmann. Judy has been ordered to stay in bed for a week, by her doctor. Hope you are feeling much better at this writing.

We hear Loretta Lorenz is feeling lots better lately.

Head Start parents will hold their next teacher-parent meeting Monday, March 10, at 1 p. m. at the Beal City School.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sherlock and son, Eddie, drove to Traverse City to check on their home there. They also visited with Mrs. Myrtle Kill, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Sherlock, Mr. and Mrs. Devere Brook of Kalkaska. LeAnna and Marlene Sherlock spent the evening with Ed and Marge Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Wischmeyer spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer.

Four-H Girls interested in Artex painting met at Carol Matthews' Thursday afternoon after school.

Loretta Lorenz called on Flo Haupt Saturday afternoon.

Saturday evening visitors of Loretta and Clarence Lorenz were Vera and Max Straus and girls, Rosie and Paul Simmer, and Margaret and Bob Decker.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Wischmeyer called on Al and Bill Shabas in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Sunday Loretta and Clarence Lorenz attended the breakfast at the K. C. Hall in Beal City, then visited Edna Bowein in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Wischmeyer drove to Higgins Lake Sunday to visit his sister, Clara Robke.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Schafer and children Johnny, Ricky and Penny called on the Edward Schafers Sunday.

The folks here at the lake welcome Dave and Dianne Tilmann and daughter, Mindy, who just moved in here on Jordan Road. We hope they are enjoying their new home.

Judy Schafer returned from a business trip to Florida last Thursday morning. Her sister, Nancy, also went with her. On her return she heard that her mother, Mildred Haynes, has been ill in the hospital. Hope

she's better.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen, Jr., of St. Louis were Sunday guests of their mother, Mrs. Alton Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family spent Saturday in Lansing with their children and their families.

Mrs. Rose Showalter of Mt. Pleasant was a Saturday-evening dinner guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur. Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and children were also dinner guests.

They enjoyed an evening of cards. Mrs. Showalter was an overnight guest of Mitch and Jean, and spent Sunday morning with the Gary McArthurs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Brown of Farwell were Tuesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts.

Mrs. Jeanne Smith, Mrs. Joan Burden and her mother, Ada Wood, were shopping in Saginaw last Tuesday.

James Loeding of Port Huron spent last weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Loeding, at their home on the Ojibwa Recreation Area.



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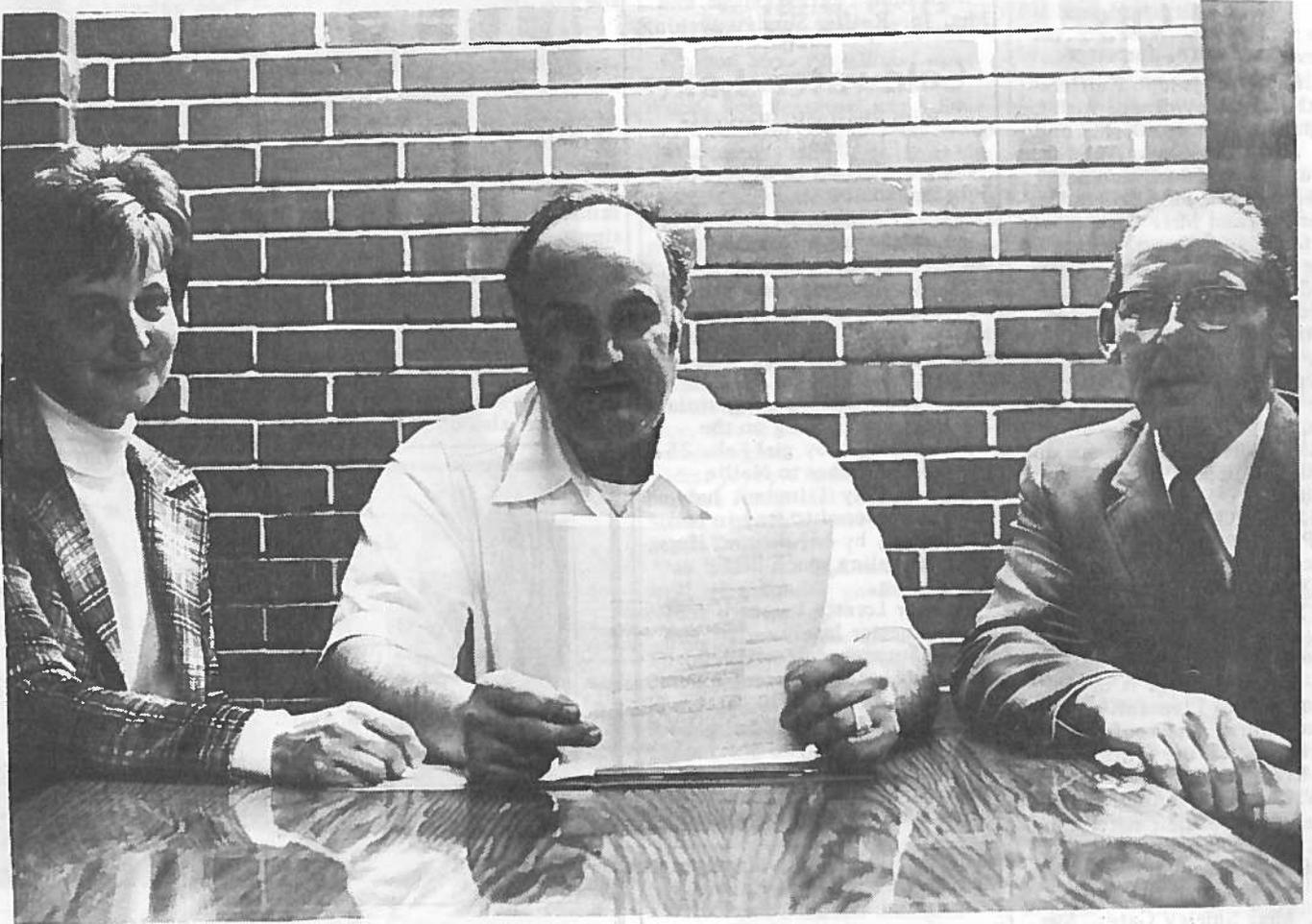
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MITCHELL McARTHUR, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF ISABELLA BANK AND TRUST, HEADS WEIDMAN AREA DRIVE For the Central Michigan Community Hospital expansion fund effort. Shown above are Janet and Clarence Tuma, general co-chairmen of the drive, and Mitch. The announcement was made by the Tumas as co-chairmen for the drive.

The expansion fund drive is a tri-county campaign to raise a million dollars of the total six and a half million cost of a major construction program for the Mt. Pleasant hospital.

Located in Isabella County, CMC Hospital serves Clare and Mecosta Counties as well. Presently the hospital is operating under a qualified license from the Michigan State Department of Public Health. It was granted based on the hospital board's assurance to the department that the renovation and expansion program will begin in June of this year.

Funds solicitations will be initiated soon in Barryton, Beal City, Blanchard, Farwell, Remus, Rosebush, Shepherd, Weidman and Winn.

Expansion plans call for adding 30 beds to the 115-bed facility to provide for the estimated occupancy increase for the next 15 years. A new three-story wing is planned to include a new lobby, surgical suites, laboratory, central sterile department, obstetrical unit, medical-surgical unit and intensive care-coronary care unit. Extensive remodeling of the current facility will enlarge eight other departments and expand visitor parking.

Funds for the expansion will also come from state bonds and

grants from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Among other volunteers campaigning for the hospital expansion are Ragolt and Floyd Hauck of Beal City, Roger M. Galer of Remus, Herbert Fluharty of Rosebush, and Orville Klumpp of Winn.

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Local Items

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox was a Sunday visitor of her sister, Mrs. Sadie Zoren.

Frank Thorp will be 85 March 11, next week Tuesday. His address is Box 5615, China Lake, California 93555. His many old friends around here will be interested. Frank is in good health and is still active in rock work out there. His daughter sends him the Messenger, so he keeps posted on local happenings.

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth and Mrs. Claribel Beutler visited the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant to pay their respects to Mrs. Lennie Otterbine, who died March 1.

Mrs. Mike Knipfer and daughters of Big Rapids and Mrs. Larry Egbert were Saturday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



MR. AND MRS. GARY ADAMS

Janet Louise Byrnes became the bride of Gary Roy Adams Jan. 18 at 2 p. m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Big Rapids, with Msgr. James Moran officiating at the candle-light double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Byrnes of rural Rodney and Helen Adams and Roy Adams of Weidman.

The bride is a 1974 graduate of Chippewa Hills High School and

is employed at Central Michigan Bank and Trust in Big Rapids.

Gary graduated from Chippewa Hills in 1973 and is employed at the AMF Tuboscope Company, also in Big Rapids.

Gary was active in high school sports, and starred in many football games and excelled in many others. He has many friends here.

The young couple are making their new home at Chippewa Lake.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Muriel Miller and Debbie, Mrs. Lou Ann Leiter and Mrs. Carol Abbott and Robert called on Mrs. Lois Knollenberg and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich of Lansing spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Prout of Rosebush went to the White Wagon Restaurant in Rosebush for dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown and son and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Brown called on Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich Saturday.

Mrs. Jane Shenk and Carrie and Mrs. Helen Alwood and family attended the winter concert at the high school last Thursday evening. Many other area parents attended to hear and see their children in the bands. The band students are practicing to compete in district programs coming up soon.

Many from this area enjoyed Steve and Nancy Starks' musical program Sunday evening at the Weidman Baptist Church.

Mrs. Bud Olger and Mrs. Joyce

Comors and baby called on Zena Olger, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee, of Farwell, called Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams had dinner with Zena and her sister, Myrtle Decker, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Van Warmer went home Friday for a few days, but will be back one day this week.

Zena Olger received a card from her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson. They are in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Theisen, Zena's daughter, have a new grandson.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy and Mrs. Elvah Gott called at the Wanda Graham home Saturday to wish Debbie a Happy Birthday on her 16th anniversary. Debbie enjoyed a nice cake and many gifts. Friday evening she attended a school dance with friends, at the high school.

Mrs. Helen Alwood took us to visit Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott in Farwell Thursday afternoon and evening. Dick brought us home.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott and sons of Winn called on us Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott took us for a ride in the north Sunday afternoon. Gale

Hapner and Debbie Graham called on us Saturday afternoon.

Becky Graham was home for the weekend.

Mrs. Elvah Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood visited Mrs. Ida Bazaire last Wednesday afternoon. Ida hadn't been feeling well lately. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lewis Bazaire, took her to Mt. Pleasant Friday to see her doctor.

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Weidman Messenger

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Some buy it. A gratifying number subscribe to it. Some borrow it. Some loan it out to relatives, neighbors, friends. We don't mind a bit, because

EVERYBODY READS IT!

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were Friday supper guests of the Ronnie Sprague family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon of Lake were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls. George Miller was a Sunday afternoon visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. David McArthur and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spence and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur and family, for ice cream and cake in honor of Ricky's birthday.

Myrtie Bowerman was a caller of Emma Middlesworth Saturday, and took her to lunch at the Weidman restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tillmann in Beal City.

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HE'S WORKING FOR COLLEGE COURSE CREDIT--He's Paul F. Gross, 19 years old, a second-year student at Central Michigan University at Mt. Pleasant on a two-year Pre-Agriculture Education course, and he's spending three hours a week at Frances Tranbarger's Flower Shop in Weidman to earn his credits. Behind those daffodils (above), he's examining a small potted plant in the greenhouse.



PAUL LOOKS FOR APHIDS--On a geranium plant at The Flower Shop in Weidman (so far he hasn't found any), as part of his three-hour-a-week practical workshop experience to supplement his college course at Mt. Pleasant. Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gross of North Gilmore Road, Weidman. He has helped on his father's large dairy farm, a valuable foundation for his chosen career.

Paul is on a course that will fit him as a teacher of Agribusiness and Natural Resources; and that entails not only aspects of modern farming, but also he must be able to advise city students on raising home gardens, how to make cages, greenhouse care and management, and a myriad other details new to the teacher of agriculture.

He says there is a desperate shortage of Ag teachers in Michigan and surrounding state schools, and that the curriculum is a far cry from old-time Ag teaching.

"I want to do something related to agriculture," Paul told the Messenger reporter, "as I was raised on a farm and love it. I think this will be a satisfactory answer to my ambition."

The first day at The Flower Shop, he watered the hundreds of potted plants and looked for insect pests through a magnifying glass. (As we said, he didn't find any at The Flower Shop).

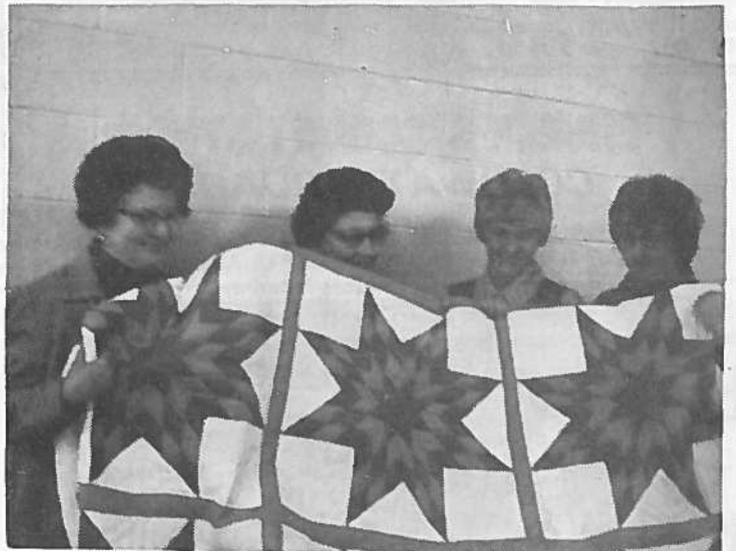
This last Sunday afternoon he did some slipping of Martha Washington geraniums and others, put the slips in Rootone, a fungicide and root-growth promoter; helped Frances get another glass house ready and heat on, and moved 150 geranium plants there, to make room for 500 petunias soon to arrive at The Flower Shop, for transplanting.

Paul is a 1973 graduate of Beal City High School, and has been an FFA member since starting.

"I love this work," he said.



PAUL LOOKS OVER A SPRENGERI FERN POT--At The Flower Shop. In his class at the University (with Faith Johnston as instructor), he must have 30 hours working and observing in a greenhouse, with at least two at Elliott's huge greenhouses in Mt. Pleasant. He started work at The Flower Shop here Feb. 16. His course will end in May. Messenger photos



THE QUILTING COMMITTEE LADIES--Display one of the seven quilts already completed, and their goal is 15 of the beautiful spreads by Centennial time, next July 26 through August 3. Pictured above, with the quilt, are Monica Andres, Agnes Fox, Karlene Pung, and Carol Marchiando. Margaret Gross and Margaret Simmer, also members of the committee, were not present for the picture. Messenger photo

Editor's Column

By Connie

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politicians and the news media.

We're still getting rumors of warehouses full of can lids, in Detroit, for instance, and we still get reports of can lids having been shipped to Michigan.

Weeks ago we asked the editor of the Mt. Pleasant Times-News to put an investigative reporter on the job and give the public the findings, and the editor promised to do so.

Any newspaper that prints information, ideas, rumors, and/or explanations as to the shortage of canning lids, will have the avid attention of every woman in the county. We'd think it would be to any newspaper's great advantage to print what really happened to all the can lids in the interim between last autumn and this date. Surely, women weren't canning frantically all winter. There should have been a good backlog of canning supplies by this time.

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