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Editor's Column

By Connie

ARE WOMEN HOARDING WHAT CAN LIDS THEY FIND?

A manager of a supermarket hinted last week that women, who grab up the pitifully small shipments of canning-jar lids as they come in, may be hoarding them unnecessarily.

"If they are, then the whole country's in trouble," the store manager told the Messenger.

We hardly believe that they are. They have been gripped by fear after Consumers Power Company, during its hassle for rate increases earlier this winter, hinted at brownouts and even blackouts if it didn't get the money it asked for (from us).

And if anything happens to our sources of electric power (Consumers Power, the REA), there go our freezers stacked with hard-earned produce from our last-year's gardens, plus bargain-bought packages of meat.

I believe that most women are like me: I do want enough can lids on hand at all times to can up everything in my freezer if worse comes to the worst.

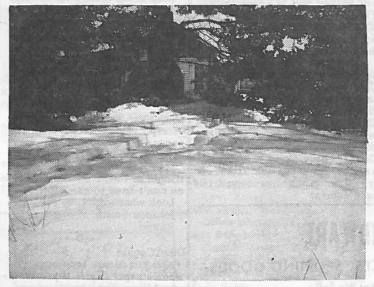
Also: I didn't do any canning at all last year. The year before was a good tomato year and I put up 50 pints of open-kettle tomatoes (stewed). Also I put up 50 pints of my own recipe for tomato juice, which I must have for breakfast. (At least, I have convinced myself I must have it.)

So..... I have used enough of my 50 pints of stewed tomatoes so that I'll have to can them again this year.

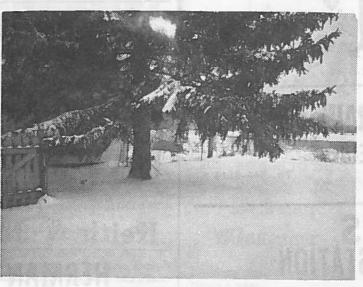
I made no tomato juice last year, as my sister Frances gave me all of hers, which she can no longer use. I've swigged down most of that, and shall have to can tomato juice this year.

I WANT CANNING-JAR LIDS!
I see no reason in the world
why all the women in America
who want to can, can't. This
year. With a decent supply of
jar lids, too.

One aspect of the situation



APRIL 3, 1975--Looked like winter again, after a few promising days of softening winds. We thought we were hard-hit, and all area schools closed, and all social and educational events were cancelled. We personally had two-foot drifts in our yard, and were really downcast.



APRIL 10, 1974.—We found this photo in our files, dated April 10, 1974, and at that time we thought we were being badly treated, too. But that's April in Michigan, we'd say. Snows come and go, sometimes overnight, in April, in Michigan. And the spring buds keep right on growing, just waiting for a break in the weather.

was pointed out to us this last week: When a woman goes into a food market expecting to pick up a couple of boxes of jar lids and can't get them, she's apt to blame not the manufacturers

but she's apt to be mad at the storekeeper, personally.

That's too bad. The storekeeper can't get the lids, either. He's dependent on a super-agency of grocery distribution for his store

ANNUAL LIONS CLUB PARTY FOR RETIRED MEN PLANNED

Personal invitations have been sent out by the Weidman Lions Club to retired men of this area for their fourth annual retirement dinner and evening of entertainment, on Wednesday evening, April 16.

All retired men of the Weidman area are cordially invited.

Dinner will be at 6.30 p.m. in the Weidman School cafeteria with entertainment and get-acquainted time following.

If any retired men have not received invitations (we have some new folks in our area, all the time), they are to consider themselves invited.

They may contact Harry Herman, Weidman Postmaster and Lions Club chairman of the retirement night entertainment.

FIRE FIGHTERS OFFER FAMILY PORTRAITS AT SPECIAL SESSION APRIL 20

Members of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department are staging a fund-raising day of family photos, in color, on Sunday, April 20, at the Fire Hall in Weidman.

Individual or group photos in color will be offered by a professional cameraman, at \$4 each for & 10-inch portraits.

Other sizes will be available in any quantities, the Firemen said this week.

Several poses will be offered customers, to choose from.

Reservations should be made for sittings for the photos, and may be made by contacting any Fireman in Beal City or Weidman.

Proceeds will be used to acquire necessary equipment on the fire-fighting vehicles.

Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula Cummins spent Easter Sunday at the Larry Cummins home in St. Louis.

supplies.

So--If we can just get enough can lids to put up our garden surplus (that which needs to be canned) and protect our home freezers, we'll be all set. But we shan't forget the manu-

But we shan't forget the manufacturers of those can lids, not for a long, long time.

TWO SCHOOL CARNIVALS SLATED FOR THIS SATURDAY

Carnivals in the Weidman Elementary School and the Beal City School are scheduled for this Saturday evening, April 12. Both carnivals feature games,

prizes, bake sales, and refreshments, and fun for all ages.

Both schools plan to use proceeds for needs of the children's education there.

The Weidman School Carnival is a project of the Weidman Mothers' Club, a very active civic group working solely for the good of the Weidman School.

BENEFIT DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

A benefit dance is scheduled this Friday night beginning at 8.30 at the American Legion Hall at Rosebush, for anyone 18 years of age or older, with live music. Donations are \$5 per person or \$10 per couple. Food and drink will be included.

Advance tickets may be obtained from the Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, the Bay Station in Rosebush, or call 433-5784, for reservations. ---0---

BETTER THAN A LETTER

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Editor:

The Michigan and Isabella County people have enjoyed your report on SHA Class D State Championship. Also Florida re-

ports from Zephyrhills.
I recently saw Dr. Wm. Harrigan and wife Irene and their daughter Susan (Mrs. Dr. James Adam), and the Harrigans' grand-children, at Disney World. They had driven down three weeks ago from School Section Lake in Mecosta County. They rode horses and played golf at Gainesville, Fla., two weeks, then to Disney. The Harrigans expect to tour Big Smokies and arrive home about April 10.

Harry Cotter and wife Virginia, formerly of Nottawa and Beal City, a retired auto dealer in late years at Grand Ledge, have their travel-trailer at K.O.A. Camp near Marco Island. They will tour the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico, before returning to Grand Ledge. Harry is playing amateur semi-pro golf at Marco Island on its world-renowned 18-

The Charlie Cains are at Trailer Camp Americus east of Fort Myers.

Sincerely, Gerald and Alta Cotter

Naples, Florida P.S.--Back in Mt. Pleasant and at Eight Point Lake about May 10.

2nd P.S. -- Your sister's help to the Gross boy is outstanding.

(Editor's Note: Frances says it's the other way around: Paul Gross' help to HER is outstanding. He's quite a guy.)

Dear Connie:

Here is my money for another year of the Messenger. What would we do (especially we old people) for news?

I for one seldom have any

news in person. Thanks again! Ruth Momany Weidman

Dear Mrs. Skinner:

Sorry I'm late for payment of paper, but better late than nev-

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In regard to can lids, it's as simple as this: No can lids, women don't have to can..

Look what work they save us. Johanna Smith Remus

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Dear Connie

Will you please send next week's paper (April 10) to Weidman? We will be leaving here Tuesday, April 15, and that is the day the paper comes. We don't want to miss any. It has been very warm here, in the 80s

most of the time.

I have been following your articles on the can lids, in the paper. Down here we find lots of cans, some boxes of lids and rings, but very few lids alone. The place to get the lids seems to be the flea market. I could have bought dozens last week, at 60¢ a dozen. Maybe I'll wish I

Well, must get busy. See you

Daisy Embrey Florida

BLOCK AND BRICK LAYING WORKSHOP THIS SATURDAY

Do-it-yourselfers will be out in force for the block and brick laying workshop at Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison this Saturday, April 12.

The workshop has been an annual spring event for the past three years. Robert Baukus, workshop instructor, says the course will cover proper tools and equipment, layout of foundations, use of transit, mixing of mortar, and building of corners and of course the laying of cement blocks and bricks.

Each individual student will be laying blocks and bricks and using the transit, he said.

Enrollment for the three-Saturdays workshop may be made by calling 386-7792, extension 30, at Mid Michigan College.

The workshop will be in session from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for three consecutive Saturdays. Tuition is \$18 for out-of-district students, with a lab fee of \$5 for materials used.

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April 10t1

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Smokey Says:



Card of Thanks

I want to thank all of my family, relatives and friends, for their beautiful flowers, cards, and gifts sent to me during my recent stay in the hospital.

Thanks also for their visits and prayers, especially from Rev. Stehle and Rev. Brooks.

Everything was most appreciated, and I am grateful for it all.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Marilyn Recker.

Card of Thanks

We want to express our great appreciation to everybody, for the flowers, cards, visits, and prayers, while we were both in the hospital, and while one of us is still there.

You have all been wonderful to us, and we can only say, God bless you all.

Jack and Minnie Schafer

Obituary

ISAL A. JOHNSON
Isal A. Johnson of Mt. Pleasant
died April 3 at the Golden Acres
Convalescent Home in St. Louis.
She was 96.

She was born in Lima, Ohio, April 16, 1878, and was a resident of the area for 90 years.

She is survived by three sons, Russell and Marion of Mt. Pleasant, and Thomas of Rodney; 14 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and 19 great-greatgrandchildren. A son and a daughter preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held last Monday in Mt. Pleasant, with Rev. Athel Lynch officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

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the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH (1 Mile West of Weidman) Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Service, 11 a.m. Evening Service, 7.30 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p.m.

Our church observed an anniversary Sunday, as it was started 17 years ago, April 8, in Weidman, in 1958. We were there two years, then built the basement of our present church, and had services there for several years, then we moved upstairs as the present building was completed.

The McConnell girls, Joetta, Micky, Elaine and Kenneal, sang special numbers nearly every Sunday, and this past Sunday we enjoyed hearing tapes of their singing. We also enjoyed hearing our pastor and Ken Mc-Connell singing together on the tapes at Sunday's memorial services.

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.

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WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE Rev. William Hurt, Pastor Phone 644-3604. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.

Brinton News Frances Beck, Reporter

Jimmy Baler returned to the Clare Hospital Wednesday of last week, after being home for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler spent the weekend in Detroit, calling on his aunt, who was very ill.

Rozenna Merrihew and daughter, Kelly, of Taylor spent last week with relatives and friends in the neighborhood.

Fern Verette and Echo Godwin were in Big Rapids shopping one afternoon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baker and baby of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spiece and girls of Carson City spent Sunday with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Roberts, and Kevin.

Sunday callers of Dad and me included Don and Grace Seymour and Laura Roberts and Kervin.

Also her sister, Lorna Spiece, and daughters of Carson City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe and Shannon spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. George Beers.

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Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula Cummins visited their eye doctor in Lakeview last Wednesday.



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.

S. W. Sherman Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Clarence Chaffee was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor last Wednesday. He is in the intensive care unit at this

time. He is having tests.
Virgil and Marie Gatehouse of Remus visited Harry and Bea Gatehouse Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children spent Sunday in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald called on Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor of rural Blanchard last Monday. Tuesday they visited the Robert Deckers of Barryton. Saturday they visited an aunt, Mrs. Caroline Mooney, of Grand

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Coboski and family of Blanchard and the Brian Dutcher family were Sunday callers of the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family. Carl Fitzgerald was a

Thursday caller. Kimberly Dutcher celebrated her sixth birthday Saturday. Callers that evening to help her celebrate and enjoy cake and ice cream were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Joyce and Walter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Maeder and sons, and Mrs. Mary Kelsey and Robin, Cindy and Mike.

Our grandson, Douglas Dutcher, called us from California last

Sunday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss of St. Johns were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl

Claribel Beutler was a dinner guest of the Howard Beutlers, and they attended the Wildlife in Ken-Aliance Cook Sunday afternoon. tucky film at the college.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and David and Karen visited the Jim

McDaniels family of Holt Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe spent Sunday with the Jim Dutchers, and helped Jim install a new ceiling.

David Dutcher spent Saturday afternoon with me.

Barbara and Patti Dutcher called on the Theodore Case family Saturday afternoon.

The Garry Dutcher family called on the Ervin Dutchers Saturday evening. Eloise and Beth Hogg were Sunday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and girls called on the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family Tuesday evening Rusty Alwood had lunch with

us Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and Cindy and Susie of Lake Orion spent from Monday till Friday with his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. They stayed a couple of days longer than they intend-ed, due to the bad roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and family of Saginaw spent Sunday afternoon and had supper with the Ervin Dutchers.

--0--Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder returned Tuesday after visiting relatives in Detroit. Mrs. Lovica Krueger was this weekend guest at their home.

Mrs. Edna Toarmina and daughter, Mrs. Joyce Lamberti, and children of Warren, were Tuesday guests of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar. The Paul Lueders were callers. Mr. and Mrs. George Erhardt of Newaygo were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett and daughter, Stacy, are vacationing in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bingham

of Franklin are visiting relatives here, and were Thursday supper guests of the Bob Cooks. James Wiley and daughter, Mary Gregory, were Friday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Pluff and son and Mrs. Ida Pluff of Battle Creek were Saturday evening guests of Mrs. Loena Courser. Mrs. Shirley Weston was a Sunday guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Danol and daughter of Northville were weekend guests of the Carl Cooks. Mrs. E.R.Rhode and Harold were Sunday afternoon

visitors. Mrs. Lorraine Schultz of Lansing spent Saturday with her mo-ther and brother, Mrs. Rhode and Harold.

Mrs. Paul Lueder and son, Ralph, were Sunday guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Dorothy Howell, of Greenville.

Mrs. Choice Foster had a telephone call announcing the arrival of a new great-granddaugh-ter, Sheri Ann, born to Sgt. and Mrs. James Foster of San Pedro, Calif.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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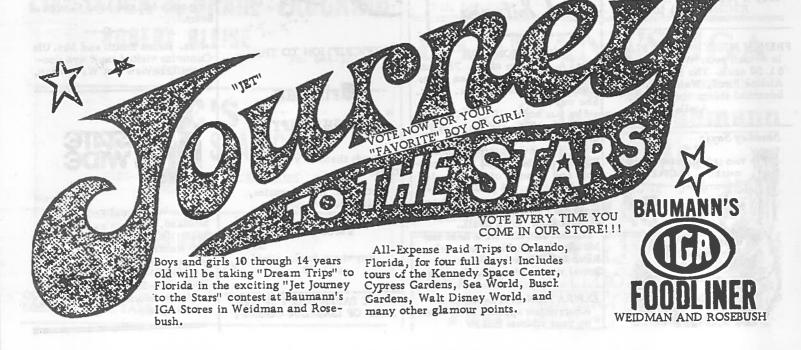
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ALSO LOTS--On lake of the Hills in Weidman.



Beal City Dora Smith, Reporter

VARIETY SHOW AT HIGH SCHOOL

An Old Folks' Variety Show was presented Sunday, April 6, at the Beal City High School at 2 p.m. till 4.

The program featured band parents and local talent, with comedy acts, country and western music, and pantomimes. A good turnout of local people enjoyed the show.

Gary Joseph Tilmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tilmann, is in critical condition at St. Mary's hospital in Saginaw, for treatment of injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith of Mt. Pleasant, Jerry Smith of St. Johns and Jan Simmons of Grand Rapids called on Grandma Smith and Anna and Dora Thursday. Mrs. Ed Schafer visited Louise after the funeral, and gave her a flowering plant, Thursday.

Dale Rau was home for a few days last week, visiting his par-

ents and sister.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tilmann of Arizona called on Louise Smith Saturday afternoon, and took her a nice yellow rose from that state.

Pat Schafer and brother of Chicago came for the wedding of Mary Smith and Harry Millard. Mrs. Ella Tilmann is home

from the hospital. Mrs. Doris Tilmann of Reed City is taking care of her.

Mrs. Vera Kavanaugh and grandson called on Mrs. Louise Smith last Monday afternoon.

Dora Smith baby-sat for Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Monica Grinzinger, Mike Gross and Mrs. Leo Gross spent Monday with Mrs. Gertrude Gros Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Sunday.

Gerald and Loretta Smith of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. Louise Smith. They had just returned from Florida, visiting their daughter, Janette, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith entertained company Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer enjoyed Easter dinner with her son, Tom Schafer, and family, of Pewamo.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer spent Sunday with Tillie Scha-

Marie and Keith Rahl returned from their trip to Washington.

Bertha Cotter is in the hospital. Leona Riley also is in the hospital.

Milo and Ann Eldred called on Tillie Schafer Saturday.

Tillie Schafer was surprised to get a call from her son, Walter, from Florida, Sunday. He said the weather was nice and they were having a good time.

The family of Ida Tilmann have the sympathy of all her neighbors who were unable to at-tend her funeral on account of the weather.

Gerald Pung and girls called on Matie Pung Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Vogel were also visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pung spent the weekend with his mo-

Mr. and Mrs. Claude LaFray of Saginaw spent the past weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Ed Kavanaugh.

A lovely Wedding Mass was solemnized at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City Saturday,

April 5, when Harry Millard and Mary Janice Smith were united in holy matrimony. Many relatives and friends attended the reception following at the K. of C. Hall. Best wishes to the happy couple!

Frank Bierschbach underwent a hip operation in Burgess Hospital in Kalamazoo the first of the week. Cards will be appreciated, as he will also undergo another operation before his release.

Frank Schafer is in CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant. Our sincere good wishes for his speedy

recovery are sent to him. ---0---

Local Items

Mrs. Mary Clark of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Dennis Embrey, and family, while Dennis attended a bowling tournament at Allen Park, near Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey and family were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. David McArthur and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lar-ry Spence and family were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur, and family, for fish supper. Their boys got the fish out of the Mill Pond, and say they're running pretty good, now.

Mrs. Grace Pitts attended services at the Gilmore Chirch of Christ Sunday morning, and went with her daughter, Elaine Esterline, to Elaine's home in Farwell for dinner and the afternoon.

Mrs. Gladys Gillespie and daughter, Joy, of Bay City spent the weekend with their sister and aunt, Mrs. Leila Shook.

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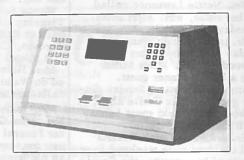
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PLEDGING MORE THAN \$13,000 to the Central Michigan Community Hospital expansion fund drive are members of the Isabella County Beverage Association. Here, (from the left) association president Bud Fredrickson, secretary-

treasurer Bill Arends and vice-president Tom McEvoy discuss the progress of the \$1 million drive with section chairman James Fabiano.

Times-News Photo

Around Horr Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran and Mr. and Mrs. Al Gross and Amy were Sunday guests of the Gerald Loseys.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lovell, Mrs. Halla Lovell and Mrs. Mary Strait, all of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mrs. Barbara North and two children of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests of the Mack Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Miss Debbie Slider enjoyed Sunday dinner at Coldwater Lake, celebrating Bobbie's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and children were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins.

Mrs. Alma Byron and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Byron were Sunday guests of the Joe Martin family.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on her sister, Mrs. Myrl Scott,

Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Owens were Friday afternoon callers of the Elwood Millers. Miles Miller was a Friday dinner guest. George Miller was a Sunday dinner guest. Misses Carrie and Debbie Touchinski spent Sunday with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and children were weekend guests of her parents, the Gerald Dents. Gerald and Mabel called on her mother Sunday. They were Sunday dinner guests at the Lynn Johnson home, helping Steve celebrate his 10th birthday. They called Sunday even-ing at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant to pay respects to Mrs. Isal Johnson, and went to the Alma Hospital Monday to visit Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended UMW meeting at Mrs. Jones' in Remus Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Eva Denslow had the mis-

fortune to break her hip last Wednesday. She is in the Mt. Pleasant hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Sunday evening callers of her folks, the Charlie Loseys. ---0---

North Weidman Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and Judy visited Paula Maeder at the hospital in Midland. She was much better, and cheerful.

Larry Blodgett of Flint visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry, the weekend. Lloy is doing well, after his surgery. Their children call on him during the week. Visitors of Zena Olger through

the week were Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy, Mrs. Jerry Olger, Joyce Connors and children and Mrs. John Gott.

Wanda Graham was home from Thursday till Sunday. Debbie's band at Fulton School toured to Toronto, Canada, for a concert at a school there.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and I called on Wanda Saturday. Albert called on us Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Gott and Mr. and Mrs. John Gott called at the Coker Funeral Home Monday to pay our respects to John Laverty, an old friend. We came home with Mary and spent the day

with the family.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak called
on their aunt, Mrs. Viola Ingalls, at Evart, Saturday. Mrs. Carol Abbott and Robert

called on Lois Knollenberg and boys at Rosebush Sunday after-

Mrs. Max Aldrich called on her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, Monday. Kay and Kelly Aldrich called on Mr. and Mrs. Art Yuncker of Rosebush.

Mrs. Elvah Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood visited Fannie Hunt,

Ray Jennings and Jim Brand at CMC Hospital last Tuesday afternoon. Helen and Cathy called on Hermione Smith at Pleasant Manor recently, and took her an Easter plant. Hermione seemed well and happy.

Becky England, daughter of Rick and Linda England, has been ill with chicken pox the past week.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and family of St. Louis spent Sunday afternoon and were dinner guests of Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula Cummins. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burden

and Mrs. Ada Wood and Edie Burden were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Smith and Wally Joe. The Burdens and the Thayne Sides family were Friday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Touchinski and family of Big Bay, U.P., spent the weekend with his brother, Richard, and family, on their way to Louisiana'. They all visited their aunt in Manistee on Sunday.

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Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and family were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Miller of Big Rapids were callers of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis one day last week. Bessie Loomis was a Wednesday guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga and family were Friday supper guests of Bonnie and La Vern Forbes at Brinton. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Naylor of Southgate were Saturday afternoon visitors at the Portenga home.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley, granddaughter Terri Brown, and Roger Maeder enjoyed dinner Friday evening at the Coldwat-

er Lake Inn.

Saturday afternoon, Vada, Mrs. Otto Skalitzky, Evelyn Denslow and Mrs. Mabel Cummings visited Kate Darnell at Kelsey Hospital in Lakeview. On the way home they called on Mr. and Mrs. Mick Dargitz at Remus, to get acquainted with the new baby. The Conleys were Sunday morning visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow. Their Sunday afternoon and evening guests were Mildred and Eddie Rodman of Crooked Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hayes of Lake of the Hills were Monday afternoon luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot in Weidman.

Mrs. Lois Hartzler, Mrs. Sue Denslow and Kathy and Jill Dargitz were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky.

Harriet Dillenbeck has been spending a few days in the Gratiot Community Hospital at Alman for yarray and tasks

ma, for x-rays and tests.
Pat Dillenbeck reports that
the spotted adder snakes that
abound in the lowlands around
his farm come up the hill and
sun themselves on warm days.
Last Thursday he saw a threefoot-long adder on his lawn.
The snakes have brown diamond
markings on their backs and are
sometimes mistaken for rattlers;
but they are harmless to humans.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany and son-in-law and daughter, Roger and Deanne Foust, of Big Rapids, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ruth Momany. The Fousts' baby, Adam Prescott, is Ruth's sixth great-grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Lillian Johnston of Mt. Pleasant. Her brother, Gene Vincent, was also a guest.

Men In Uniform

(Editor's Note: With the national economy in a state of flux and the job market for young men highly questionable for the foreseeable future, more and more of our young men are enlisting in the Armed Services.

(The pay is good, and educational possibilities are highly varied.)

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Marine PFC Douglas D. Dutcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher of southwest Sherman, participated in cold-weather training exercises at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center at Bridgeport, Calif.

He received instruction in the use of skis and snowshoes, and in tactics employed by infantry units in arctic climates.

Douglas serves with the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, at the Marine Corps Base at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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West Gilmore Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma went to Vassar Sunday to visit their son-in-law and daughter,

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing, and family.
Mrs. Beulah Wixson is in a Flint hospital. Hurry home. Beulah.

hospital. Hurry home, Beulah. Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes visited the Paul Coles Friday evening. The Paul Coles are driving a

new Hornet these days.
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus and
Frances and Larry visited the Pau

Frances and Larry visited the Paul Coles Saturday evening.
Jenny Lynn Yambrick, infant granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Bess Pfannes, is home from an Ann Arbor hospital at this time, but little Jenny goes back for open heart surgery in three weeks.

Lena Cole called on Mrs. Anna Hanner at Pleasant Manor and found her much weaker.

Our sympathy to the family of John Laverty, our old friend. The Paul Coles called on their

The Paul Coles called on their sister, Mrs. Hilda Sampson, and brother, William Wixson, Monday, and I also had to see my eye doctor Monday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth took

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth took their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, to Grand Rapids Thursday, where Albert entered Ferguson Hospital for surgery April 10. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler took their mother to Grand Rapids Sunday, where she is staying with the Raymond Geaslers to be near Albert. Raymond Geasler is in Butterworth Hospital there.

Steve Kripa is working at a gas station.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and Mrs. Claribel Beutler were Easter Sunday dinner guests of the James Beutler family at Rosebush. Mrs. Geneva Willey was also a guest.

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A "coffee break" get-together, complete with an auction sale of donated articles and baked goods, will be held at Davy's Market on the east edge of Weidman, on the Weidman Road, from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 13.

The afternoon of fun and profit (of obtaining maybe rare or wanted items, plus some delicious home-baked things) is sponsored by the Isabella County Pork Chop Memorial committee of the local REACT group, citizens-band radio operators and owners dedicated to working with police and medical units in cases of accidents and other catastrophes.

Eddie Norman, age 18, is paralyzed from the neck down, following a shooting accident last year. He was a student at Chippewa Hills High School.

The project was begun by Steve Dutcher and Richard Hole of Coldwater Lake, Steve being himself paralyzed following a mo torcycle-truck accident a couple of years ago. He's doing fine now, and felt urged to help a fellow-sufferer in his circumstance. Steve has a Citizens' Band radio now, and is very active in the REACT organization.

The coffee break and auction sale at Davy's has become a state-wide project at this time

thanks to owners of citizens' band adios in the REACT organization. IS NOW UNDER WAY

Weidman stores have donated generously, Ernest Davy said this week, as have also Mecosta County and Big Rapids stores.

Baked goods may be left at the Davy place any time during the week, and will be auctioned off by two professional auctioneers who have donated their services.

Members of REACT, the citizens radio band, work with the county Sheriff's people and State Police in reporting accidents or difficulties of people traveling the country areas.

They monitor Channel 9 on radio, an exclusive wave length set up by the fedrral government for their purposes. It is used for emergency reporting and communications only.

Eddie Norman has received a new am-fm radio donated to the REACT group by a Big Rapids man, as the citizens-band radio folks took it out to him.

He will receive a new citizensband radio outfit, installed by the REACT group. .__0__

Mrs. Virgil McArthur returned to her home in Vassar, after spending two weeks at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur, and family.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

IGA WONDER TRIP CONTEST

The annual "dream trip" sponsored by IGA stores throughout the nation is now under way, with folks "voting" for their favored friends or relatives in the young set as they shop at IGA stores.

Keith Baumann's two stores, in Weidman and Rosebush, are spon soring one kid's trip to Florida for four days of wonder-filled

sight-seeing.
One "votes" any number of times, at either or both stores, as one does one's grocery and home shopping.

---0-MUSHROOM FESTIVAL AT MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE SET FOR MAY 16-18

The annual Mid-Michigan Mushroom Festival at Mid Michigan College at Harrison is set for the weekend of May 16, with activities planned for the threeday period, Friday through Sunday

Self-contained camper units are welcome on the campus for this event, and camping and motel listings in the area are available.

For further information, calls at the college will be answered. ---D---

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

ONLY TWO TAXPAYERS ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING OF TOWNSHIP BOARD

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Only two interested taxpayers attended the annual meeting of the Sherman Township Board Keith Loomis, Township Clerk, said this week.

"We wish the people of Sherman Township would come to our meetings--any and all of them," Keith said. "It gets kind of lonesome out there with nobody telling us how we're doing."

No salary changes were voted at Saturday's meeting, for members of the board.

It was voted, however, to change the monthly meeting date of the board from Saturday afternoons to the third Monday of each month, at 8 p.m., at the Sherman Township Hall; except the March meeting next year, which has a meeting-date set up by state mandate.

At the Gilmore Township annual meeting, about a hundred citizens showed up, mainly, according to news reports, to protest road conditions in that township.

The county road engineer was also present, to try to field questions from the floor. ---0---

Dianne Benn and two children spent last Wednesday afternoon with Ruth Momany.

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