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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### ARE WE AT THE MERCY OF THE USELESS PUNKS?

Weidman, like all of Isabella County, is a jungle dominated by gangs of useless punks. They elude the law because, by today's wacky standards, police officers must be furnished eyewitnesses or by one who will appear in criminal court and swear to evidence of the facts.

That leaves the punks free to carry on their nighttime raids of destruction and outrage.

On our personal outrage, the ruination of our front lawn by Weidman's own gang of punks early Thursday morning, we are in possession of the names of all four of the punks, including the driver of the car that wrecked our lawn.

Sheriff's officers say their hands are tied, according to the mandates of law; but Ye Ed wants the punks to know that HER hands are not tied, and there is more than one way to skin a cat--including four polecats, so to speak.

We know the names of all four punks in that car Thursday morning in the wee small hours; and there is nothing to legally keep Ye Ed from divulging those four names to any persons she wishes--and she wishes to divulge it to many, believe us.

The punks are generally well known around Weidman Town. At least two are from church-going families, and we have to ask, Where are the parents of those punks when the offspring are destroying the good things in Weidman? (We're thinking now of the park, which business men and women and the Lions Club have worked long and hard to make a nice place for families and children to spend summer afternoons and evenings.)

But the old gal on the paper feels she can cope with her personal outrage, and she will. She's a little smarter than four hoodlums, and she has her ways. Watch it.

We figure our lawn carnage was the result of our editorial in last week's Messenger, wherein we called the Hallowe'en destroyers "useless punks". We re-

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**MASTER ARCHER GETS HIS DEER**--Bill Louzell, expert on archery, got a seven-point buck Friday morning, Nov. 8, at 9 o'clock in the woods west of Weidman. Bill downed his buck with one shot--an arrow at 60 feet distance from the deer. Messenger photo

Bill's deer ran 1,000 feet after the arrow struck, then fell "dead as a door nail," as Bill put it.

The Louisells will have meat this winter--and that's a sure enough reason for hunting this year.

"I never will give up archery," Bill said in an interview Saturday morning. "Age makes no difference in this sport, if your health is good."

This is Bill's fourth deer trophy with bow and arrow. He goes deer hunting every year, using only his archer's weapons. He says that archery is a great way to study wild nature.

Bill just got through a teaching term at the Spring Lake High School, where he showed the kids safety procedures with bow and arrow, target practice, and hunting large-animal game, like deer.

"In the woods I'm a lone hunter," Bill said. "I like to do my archery hunting alone. It's safer, for one thing. And you can enjoy the woods better when you're alone."

He practices archery the year round, with a target shooting range of 80 feet, at his lovely home here.

Bill has been an archery enthusiast all his life. He got his first bow and arrows when he was 12 years old, at his home in Ellsworth, nine miles south of Char-

levoix.

The bow was made from an old steel wagon's parasol staves, by an Indian, Howard Petoskey, of Mt. Pleasant. Petoskey was a bookkeeper at Bills' father's potato house in Ellsworth, and was an expert artisan in Indian weapons. Bills' arrows, with this first bow, were simply cat-tail

stalks with a nail in the end of each. The arrows had no feathers.

"We made our own sports, that's what we did," Bill said wistfully.

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### FIRE DESTROYS OLD HOMESTEAD HOUSE ON THE BILL WILCOX PLACE

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the nearly century-old pine-plank structured house on the Bill Wilcox place on Battle Road in Coldwater Township at about 5 p. m. Friday.

The family had been away and had just returned when small son Scott ran into the mobile-home section of the place where the Wilcoxs live, and said there was fire "out back".

The old house was situated about five feet distant from the family's living quarters in the mobile home, but the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department men managed to save the mobile home--a miracle in its being so close to the blazing pine timbers of the old house.

The fire apparently started in rafters of the house, possibly in electrical wiring, it was believed, and spread with incredible speed.

Contents of the living quarters in the mobile home were got out by neighbors and firemen within five minutes, the Wilcox family

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**THE PUNKS LEAVE THEIR MARK**--A gang of four local punks drove a sub-compact car around the Messenger lawn Thursday morning between 1 and 1.30, leaving our front yard a ruined mess, with deep cuts into grass burned by sharp-cutting tires. Messenger photo

# CHIPPEWA HILLS SCHOOLS TO ASK FOR MILLAGE FOR AREA VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Without fanfare or public information on the subject, the Chippewa Hills School Board printed a registration notice to electors of the school district on a proposition to levy .9 of a mill for the purpose of building(s) and program for vocational education programs. The push for additional vocational education is from the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District (whatever that is), and the schools in the intermediate district are to go along with the project.

No explanatory material was offered up to last week, only a legal advertisement in the Chippewa Hills Courier, a newspaper circulated from Big Rapids to Evart to Chippewa Lake to Mecosta to Barryton to Remus to Lakeview, Six Lakes and Edmore.

No information was offered to voters in Isabella County.

Our information comes from a member of the Chippewa Hills school board, whom we called at his home.

Apparently this special election for additional millage is to be slipped over as quietly as possible, according to anything we have been able to learn about it.

A millage proposal for the same purpose was turned down by district taxpayers last year.

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Mrs. Grace Pitts attended the Harvest Dinner at the Gilmore Church of Christ Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston of Rosebush were Sunday afternoon callers of Mrs. Claribel Beutler.

# OPAL DENSLOW REMEMBERS FIRST ARMISTICE DAY

Opal Denslow called the Messenger office Monday morning, Nov. 11, to tell us that she was observing the day, and she remembered the first Armistice Day in 1918, when the report reached this area that an armistice had been accomplished and World War I was over.

"We all rejoiced," Opal said, "and I especially remember the day. I walked down to the O.J. (Kitty) Hess home (she had been teaching me to crochet).

"I took along my crochet hook, and dropped it into four inches of soft, new-fallen snow. I never did find it.

"That was 55 years ago. Now I'm thinking of that day, and how it was then."

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Connie Roe Skinner remembers Armistice Day, too, in Weidman.

The town went wild. We had a batch of home-folks Over There, in France; and when the news came in to the depot, over the telegraph wires. (George Bolinger for many years our depot man, at that time was a doughboy in France).

The town began to settle down to some serious celebrating. The Frantz boys (those who were home) set off dynamite stick on the banks of the mill pond. There was no attempt at carrying on "business as usual" in Weidman.

Most families had sons or relatives Over There.

That was No. 11, not the week before the 11th.

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# Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Gary La Londe and boys, Helen Strang and girls, Buck Sowle and Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe were dinner guests of Eunice and Wayne La Londe.

Helen Strang and girls left on Monday for Kansas, where Larry has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen and I called at the Daggett Funeral Home Friday evening, paying our respects to an old neighbor, Laura Pifer. Funeral services were held Sunday from the Daggett Funeral Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen attended a wedding and reception at Remus Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevens called on her sister, Flossie Forbes, one day during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baler were in Indiana last week. They were called there by the death of his

sister.

Nora Geasler, Carol Cummings, Kay McNeilly and Bonnie Hyder were Grand Rapids shoppers Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Ken Baker spent last week in Grand Rapids, with her son, John, and made the acquaintance of a new grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. John Baker Oct. 31. The baby was named Tobias James.

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# NEWS NOTES

James Kurtz and two daughters of Duluth, Minn., came Friday for a weekend stay with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich. A birthday party was held for him Sunday, and Harry Kurtz and wife of Doster, Patty Egbert, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knepper and two daughters of Big Rapids were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were Friday evening guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes.

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## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our relatives and friends for the cards, calls, flowers, contributions to the Michigan Heart Association, and other kind expressions of sympathy for the recent loss of our dear one.

These were all very much appreciated.

The Family of  
Jesse C. Peacock

## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department for their magnificent effort in saving our mobile home which looked like an impossibility;

To everyone who assisted in getting our clothing, furniture, etc., out of our mobile home, and then helped put everything back after the fire.

A special Thank You to our friends and relatives who brought in food and prepared meals, and all the offers of help.

A special Thank You to Ronnie Sprague, for all his help the ensuing two days after the fire.

Thank you all.

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## Obituary

### DONNA KIRKWOOD

Donna Kirkwood of Remus died Nov. 7 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw. She was 46.

She was born in the Remus area Feb. 7, 1928, and had been employed at the Isabella Bank and Trust for the past 10 years.

Funeral services were held at 2.30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Remus with Rev. Edwin Schmelzer officiating. Burial was in the Broomfield Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Ronald; her mother, Mrs. Dora Karcher of Remus; two sons, Denny and Gary Howard of Remus; four brothers, Robert and Richard Karcher of Barryton and Barry and Larry Karcher of Remus; six sisters, Darlene Howard and Norma Meeker of Remus, Carol Cox and Bernice Snider of Millbrook, Sharon Karcher of Remus and Sharlene Hurdle of Niles.

Arrangements were by the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith spent last Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and family in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family were Sunday dinner guests of their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Glenn, of Lapeer.

## Obituary

### LAURA PIFER

Laura Pifer of Coldwater Township died Nov. 7 at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility. She was 74.

She was born April 27, 1900, in Coldwater Township, where she was a lifelong resident.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in the North Brinton Cemetery.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Walter (Opal) Tower, of Brinton; three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one brother, Maynard Powell, of Bridgeport; and four sisters, Mrs. Norma Hunt of Barryton, Mrs. Mina Beatty of Brighton, Mrs. Tessie Sowle of New Boston, and Mrs. Birdie Abbott of Weidman. The family have the sympathy of all.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur attended a party for Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Darnell at the Black Creek Conservation Club Saturday evening, for Mr. Darnell's retirement. Many friends and neighbors gathered to honor him and his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts are building a garage and breezeway on their home on Lake of the Hills.

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended their card club at the Francis Engler home near Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Martin and Kelli spent the weekend at their cabin at Copemish.

Mrs. Lena Martin and Brenda and Mrs. Carol Miller and Laurie were Saturday evening guests at the Joe Martin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam and Mrs. Larry Cummins and son, Duane, were Sunday afternoon callers of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mrs. Lawrence attended the 60th wedding anniversary party for her brother and wife, the Ed Grabers of Farwell, a week ago Sunday, and she also called on her sister, Mrs. Myrl Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist were Friday supper guests of her mother, Mrs. Flora Wood. The Wood families attended the Vickie Yunker-Jeff Wood wedding Saturday evening at Beal City, and also the reception.

Mrs. Opal Denslow attended the funeral of Mrs. Laura Pifer (the former Laura Powell) at the Barryton funeral home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson attended a barbershop quartet program at the Midland Arts Building Saturday evening.

Mrs. Betty Thompson entertained the Remus UMW last Wednesday, with 16 ladies attending.

Callers at the Thompson home during the week were Tim Workman, Jim Strong, Jack Wood, and Miss Brenda Wager. Doug Thompson was a Saturday lunch guest of Bill Thompson.

Mrs. Betty Thompson called on the Gary Fuller family Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark were Sunday callers at the Alva Cummins home.

Mrs. Larry Cummins and Duane and Pam Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White were Sunday dinner guests at the Cummins home. Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence were afternoon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Denslow and Angela were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey, Mrs. Shari Lorenz and Dannie and Traci were Wednesday supper guests at the Charlie Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow attended the retirement party for Stanley Darnell Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent visited her mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, in the hospital several times during the week. They were Wednesday supper guests at the Darrell Kirvan home. They attended the wedding and reception for Carlene Keiser and Paul Dean Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family were Sunday callers. Mr. and Mrs. John Adams were Sunday evening callers.

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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lague and children, Audrey and Andy, of Owendale, were dinner guests of their grandparents, the Paul Coles, Sunday.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Ruth Border, were Monday visitors of the Coles.

Mrs. Dora Weidman and Mr. and Mrs. Sim Riggs and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee all helped their sister, Mrs. Zena Olger, celebrate her 82nd birthday Nov. 8.

We received word Friday that my nephew, Dennis Wardwell, had a battery explode in his face, with serious eye injuries. Also their little daughter is in the hospital with pneumonia.

Baby Jennie Lynn, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Pfarnes, who has been so ill in an Ann Arbor hospital, is expected to go home this week.

James Sheahan and son, David, of Littlefield Lake called on the Paul Coles Sunday.

Richard Mahon and Steve Kripa were Sunday breakfast guests of the Coles.

Peggy McCabe was honored guest, with her name in lights at Valley View Sunday, where her cousin, Steve Kripa, manager, and several of her relatives gathered and had dinner to help her celebrate her 17th birthday.

Mrs. Hazel Rogers was also an honored guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler were Evert shoppers last week. On their way home they stopped at Merrill Lake, where their grandson, Darryl Worth, is manager. Darryl was busy putting up snowmobile signs, getting

ready for the big snow.

George Cornell and son, Jimmy, and Frank Cornell called on their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler, Sunday.

Mrs. Janice Jarman and son, Robert, of Sunfield, called at the Elam Seymour home Saturday afternoon. They spent the night with Owen and Flossie Jarman at Rosebush.

Last Friday was the 61st wedding anniversary for Elam and Verna Seymour. Congratulations to good neighbors and friends!

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## Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and family were her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Papesch, from Tekonsha.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter were Saturday evening guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stebelton, in Mt. Pleasant, to help their daughter, Kay, celebrate her birthday. Sunday dinner guests at the Leiter home were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and family and Dan Stebelton and daughter, Renee. Other callers during the weekend were Tom Loomis and Connie Lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens were callers of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and family during the weekend. Mrs. Lorna Won-

sey of Winn was also a caller during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Middlesworth were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Showers were afternoon callers. Mrs. Ruby Douglas was a visitor at the Skalitzky home last Thursday.

Dad and Mother Loomis called on us Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Loomis were Sunday evening visitors.

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## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider and family attended the wedding of their cousin, Carlene Keiser, in Mt. Pleasant Saturday. The Sniders' son, Alan, and his musical group furnished entertainment after the wedding.

Carline Bywater of Midland and her sister, Edwardine Curtis, from New York, were Monday visitors of Mrs. Ethel Bywater.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

### YUNCKER-WOOD MARRIAGE NOV. 9

Victoria Ann Yuncker and Jeffrey Howard Wood spoke their marriage vows in St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City Saturday, Nov. 9, at 6 p. m.

The bride's attendants were Barb Hauck, Cindy Yuncker, Bev Lentz, Jean Yuncker, and Vickie LaBregue, with Amy Yuncker as flower girl.

The groom's attendants were Rick and Tim Wood, Kurt Cotter, Rick Yuncker and Brian Houghton, with Mike Lynn as ring bearer.

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Lisa Riggle celebrated her ninth birthday Sunday afternoon with 19 girls as guests. Ice cream and cake were served. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Straus and family of Missouri spent the weekend at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pung of St. Johns spent the weekend with Matie Pung.

A Mexican lady and her husband from Saginaw, who used to live here, came Sunday afternoon to visit Louise Smith. They come every year.

Dale Rau from near Detroit spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp and girls spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer near Winn.

Mrs. Paul Esch and Mrs. Helene Bywater of Mt. Pleasant spent Thursday afternoon in Beal City.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and Brian of Mt. Pleasant brought their new baby boy for Grandma Smith to see Saturday. Mrs. Arnold Simmer and daughter, Elaine, of Reed City are staying with Louise Smith a few days.

Rose and Herman Grinzinger attended her granddaughter's wedding Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips were last Tuesday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Straus and family of Missouri are visiting relatives here.

Gertrude Gross and Viola Engler were Wednesday callers of Elizabeth Neubecker in Weidman.

Ray Smith of Bad Axe spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and her mother were Sunday dinner guests of the Larry Rau family, after the baby was baptized, Sunday.

Ginger Rau and Dora Smith were in Weidman Saturday, and were also visitors of the Larry

Raus.

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### BEAL CITY SENIORS' CARD PARTY HAS 17 1/2 TABLES

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 17 1/2 tables of pepper in play.

May Clark won first prize for the ladies, with Mary Clark second. Matie Pung won low.

Isadore Schafer won first for the men, with William Lawens second and Carl Lueder low.

Monica Grinzinger won the pepper prize, Leona Faber the door prize.

The committee served donuts and coffee.

The next card party at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Nov. 21. Everyone is invited.

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### Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

I spent last Monday at the Sherlock home, taking care of my grandson, Eddie, who was sick with the flu.

Tuesday evening Ed and I called on Milo and Ann Eldred near Blanchard. We enjoyed a few games of cards, and had a nice visit. Milo was in an auto accident later in the week, near Winn, and spent a few days at CMC Hospital.

Thursday Wayne and Ruth Ann Sherlock and Ed and I called on Jerry and Jane Schafer of Rosebush.

Friday evening Bob and Nellie Klumpp called on us, and enjoyed the evening playing cards.

Friday afternoon we enjoyed a visit with an old friend, DeWayne Wing, who made a surprise visit.

Wayne and Ruth Ann Sherlock went to Kalkaska to see Wayne's uncle, who is in the hospital there.

We had a nice visit Saturday evening with an old friend, Opal Smith, whom we haven't seen for some time.

Billy and Kelli Schafer of Rosebush spent Saturday with Grandpa and Grandma Schafer.

Bill Schafer and son, Brian, called here Friday evening.

Bob Schafer and Sharon McCoy attended the Cotter-Conley wedding Friday evening, and the Yuncker-Wood wedding Saturday evening.

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### Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines are nicely settled in their new home on the Ivan Hines place. Their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Flachs, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hogg and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines, remodeled a garage on Ivan's place, and the parents are enjoying a cozy winter in a beautifully-decorated new home. Some of the grand-

children also helped in the rebuilding of the home.

Mrs. Neva Robinson Bowen and daughter, Ardis, of Ithaca, and Mrs. Maybee of Rosebush were Friday callers of Mrs. E. R. Rhode. They are old schoolmates in a one-room country school.

Mrs. Rhode and Harold enjoyed a pre-Thanksgiving dinner at the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Lorraine Schultz, and family, in Lansing Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder of Coldwater Lake were Sunday evening visitors at the Rhode home.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Donnavere Hall of Barryton was a Friday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. John Beutler of Utica and Mrs. Pearl Loomis of Mt. Pleasant, George Miller of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Davis of Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott and the Ronnie Sprague family. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sprague were callers during the week. Mrs. Theo Dent of Farwell was also a visitor. Doris Sprague of Lansing was a Monday morning caller.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Merrihew of Clio were Sunday evening guests of the Richard Touchinski family. George Miller of Mt. Pleasant was a Saturday visitor.

Mrs. Evalena Hibberd and her daughter, Imogene, of Detroit, were Saturday morning callers of Mrs. Helen Smith. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Judy of Laingsburg and Cheryl Cummins and Duane.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany and son, Kenneth, of Big Rapids spent Sunday afternoon with their mother, Mrs. Ruth Momany. Ann took her to the Davis Clinic Wednesday afternoon for a check-up.

Mr. and Mrs. William Knudson of Livonia spent the weekend with their mother and uncle, Mrs. Lela Whearett and Don Clark.

Rex Garner of Vassar came Sunday for his mother, Mrs. Mildred Garner, who had spent the week at the home of her sister, Frances Tranbarger, and

visiting with her and her other sister here, Connie Skimmer.

Mrs. Nina Forbes called at the Robert Holt residence in Mt. Pleasant Friday afternoon.

## The Churches

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

Choir Thursday 6.30 p. m., at the parsonage.

A good attendance from our church enjoyed the film, "Flame in the Wind," at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant last Saturday evening.

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**WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST**  
Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163 2nd Street, Weidman.  
Office phone 644-3336, parsonage 644-3441.  
Church School, 9.45 a. m.

Worship Service, 11 a. m.  
Sharing and prayer Thursday, 7.30 p. m.  
Pot-luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p. m.  
U. M. W., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p. m.  
Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 5.30 p. m.

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

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor.  
Sunday School, 9.15 a. m.  
Worship Service, 10.45 a. m.  
Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

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**WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

Rev. John A. Wright, Minister.  
Phone 644-3604.  
Sunday School, 10 a. m.  
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.  
Choir practice, 6.30 p. m.  
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## 4-H honors three

THREE SPECIAL awards for service to 4-H were presented Thursday evening at the 4-H Youth-Leaders recognition banquet. Awards for meritorious service were given to (from the left) Betty Clark for the eight years she has worked with the 4-H sewing

program. Paul Hubscher was honored for his annual support of the livestock auction at the county fair since 1955. Also given special recognition was Marie Swindlehurst for being a 4-H leader for 35 years. Marie (Smith) was raised in the Weidman area.

Times News Photo

## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Laura Latham called on Blanche Carr one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chapman of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott recently.

We visited Debbie Graham Sunday evening. She expected to come home this Monday evening, after having tests in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scott of Lansing came Friday and spent the night with us. Another cousin came Saturday, and went home with them. Mrs. Martha Isenhower of Owosso and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott called Sunday.

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

Mrs. Elvah Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy attended the pretty wedding of Jo Ellyn Jennings and Mark Simon at the St. Michael's Church in Remus Saturday afternoon. In the evening they attended the film, "Flame in the Wind," at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant. It was a gripping drama of heroic Christian faith against the terror of the Spanish Inquisition. Many others from the Weidman Baptist Church attended, as well as those from other area churches.

Little Heather Alwood celebrated her first birthday Sunday by going to the Pixie restaurant in Mt. Pleasant with Grandma Alwood and Donny and Cathy and Rhonda Sides. Later in the day, Rusty and Fonda served birthday cake and ice cream to the Alwood family and Mr. and Mrs. Chum Methner and girls. Rusty and Fonda were also celebrating their second wedding anniversary.

Rhonda Sides spent Sunday afternoon with Cathy Alwood while her parents went to Alma to visit Russell Sides in the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and Heather, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden and Edie, Mrs. Ada Wood and Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy called at the Walter J. Smith home Friday evening to wish Walt a Happy 49th birthday. Jeanne served birthday cake and ice cream. Nov. 8 was also the birthday of Walt's father, Bill Smith, who would have been 76 and has been gone 12 years. Old farmers remember Bill at the Weidman mill, where he spent most of his working days.

Carl Grewett has been very ill since Oct. 17, and is in the Mt. Pleasant hospital. He was unable to attend the wedding of his granddaughter, Carlene Kyser, and Paul Dean in Shepherd Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak and Donny Alwood attended the last football game of the season at the high school Friday evening, with Belding. The Warriors won, 26-12. The boys will be going in for

basketball and wrestling now.

Bob Fox of Marion was visiting in the Weidman area Sunday. He called at the Don Alwood home. He will leave next weekend for Virginia, having finished basic training in the Coast Guard. He says he likes it real well. He is signed up for four years, and, he says, maybe longer if things go well for him.

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## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mrs. Evalina Hibberd and Imogene Forbes of Detroit called on Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and me Saturday. It was good to see an old neighbor and see her in such good health at the age of 95 years young.

Hazel Sellers of Lansing is spending the week with the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher visited the Stinson Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon to pay respect to a cousin, Alice (Kobel) Strong and attended her funeral Wednesday. They also called on Percy Secord at CMC Hospital Tuesday, where he has been having tests and x-rays.

Eddie Oplinger and Rick Johnson were recent callers of Steve Dutcher.

The Jack Gaudard family of Midland were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests, and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Goodenough of Manacelona were afternoon callers. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and children of Saginaw were afternoon and supper guests.

Pat Roomsburg and Glenda Fyke were Sunday afternoon visitors of the Jim Dutchers.

Mrs. Alice Simkins and Florence Fitzgerald spent the weekend with Reva Simkins in Detroit.

Carl and Sophie Baumann of Big Rapids, Angus and Mildred McDonald of Grand Rapids and Dorothy Minkle of Mecosta were Saturday afternoon and dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald.

Harry Hardenburgh and grandson, Mark, were afternoon callers of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., recently. Linda and Ronna Dutcher called on the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and boys Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sanderson of St. Charles were Sunday dinner guests of the Howard Beutler family.

Ervin and Floyd Dutcher called at the Stinson Funeral Home last Tuesday evening to pay respect to Alice Strong.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Secord of Holt attended the funeral of a cousin, Alice Strong, of Mt. Pleasant, Wednesday, and called on Percy Secord at CMC Hospital. They called on me also.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Bob Louisell and son, Robert, of Mt. Pleasant, were Friday

visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell.

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**GLASS FOR THE STORE FRONT--**For the big and beautiful Baumann IGA new building arrived Saturday. The exterior of the building is nearly completed, and a parking area in front has been paved. Baumann's expect to move into the new quarters in the near future. (But can they keep the plate-glass front from demolition by our gangs of punks?) Messenger photo



**JEAN AND MITCHELL McARTHUR**

An Open House honoring Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur's 30th wedding anniversary will be hosted by their children on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 24, at the Weidman Masonic Hall, from 3 to 5 p.m. Relatives and neighbors are cordially invited to attend. A request for no gifts has been expressed.

Mitch and Jean have very many friends in this area, and indeed through all of Isabella County.

"We missed out on their 25th anniversary," their son Gary told the Messenger this week, "so we thought we'd catch it up on their 30th." (Gary and Doug were in military service during the Vietnam war.)

Congratulations on your upcoming anniversary, Mitch and Jean!

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#### NEWS NOTES

Mary and Claribel Beutler attended an Eastern Star installation at Big Rapids Saturday evening. Mary Helen Pitts was installed as Worthy Matron. Her father, Egbert Fordyce, was also among the very large attendance.

#### SCHOOL'S OUT FRIDAY FOR OPENING DAY OF DEER SEASON

Area schools will not be in session this Friday, Nov. 15, in observance of the opening of deer hunting with guns.

Chippewa Hills and Beal City schools both will be closed.

In Weidman, the drive-in eating place will be open for deer-hunters' breakfasts and other meals.

Frank Durham of Bay City spent from Thursday till Sunday with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. They all attended a fish supper in Clare at the Oddfellows Hall Saturday evening.

## Editor's Column

By Connie

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peat that description. They are punks, and they are not only useless, they are senseless destroyers.

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#### AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILM NEXT SHOWING IS SUNDAY

The second program in the Isabella County Chapter of the Audubon Society's showing of wildlife films is scheduled for this coming Sunday, Nov. 17. It is "Palm Springs to Lake Louise," showing five months of spring in the western United States and the Canadian Rockies.

Included are the southern California desert, the Sierras, northern California, the Cascade Range, Crater Lake in southern Oregon, Grand Teton National Park, the Snake River, Yellowstone, Glacier National Park, and Lake Louise in Canada.

Tickets are available at the door, \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for children.

#### FIRE DESTROYS OLD HOUSE ON WILCOX PLACE

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said, and nothing was damaged or broken.

Lost in the old house were 500 cans of home-put-up fruits and vegetables, a freezer filled with meat and vegetables, and treasured articles of more than 25 years of a family's life, including heirlooms from both sides of the family. Also lost were uncounted other items, including snowmobile suits, children's summer clothing, and many other valuable but possibly uninsured necessities.

"But those firemen were wonderful," Bill Wilcox told the Messenger.

"You just couldn't believe how fast they worked, and so careful of all our things, and yet saved our trailer, so close to the old house," Arlene said.

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#### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Donald Green underwent surgery last week in a Saginaw hospital. She and her husband have a lot on Lake of the Hills, next to the White home.

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