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Editor's Column

By Connie

SOME BITS AND PIECES
OF INFORMATION ON WATER
AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANTS

We've read several hundred thousand words, official and otherwise, on the subject of water supply and sewage disposal in Isabella County lately.

We've been digesting "A Comprehensive Area Water and Sewer Plan," compiled by Scott Bagby & Associates of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Grand Rapids, Mich., completed in 1966 for the Isabella County Planning Commission under a federal money-grant from the FHA.

The County Planning Commission believed it had to have city planners figure out Isabella County's needs for future development. (Clare County is now going into the same hassle, and the Farwell paper has some pertinent thoughts on city people laying out the future for rural areas on the proposition that local people are too stupid to do any figuring themselves.) Clare County people are objecting to the hiring of city planners for rural areas, but old Isabella County never blinked an eye. We had to have city people come out here in the sticks and tell us what our situation is and what we must plan for.

Ho hum. That was in 1966, and Scott Bagby & Associates made a detailed plan for every village, hamlet and farm, especially on public-water supplies (every village, town and hamlet must have 'em) and sewage-disposal plants for everyone, including Beal City (very high on its priority list), the little town of Winn, Rosebush, Weidman, Vernon City and some lake resort areas.

Thorough-appearing analyses were made of water supplies and sewage disposal plants in Mt. Pleasant and Shepherd.

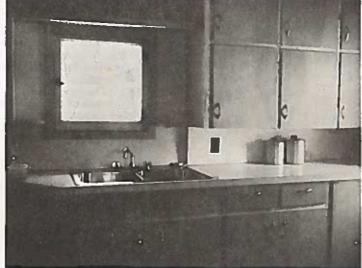
Of the Shepherd public water

Of the Shepherd public water supply, Scott Bagby & Associates had this to say:

"Shepherd's water supply comes from two wells...258 feet apart, drawn from the same vein...The water is hard, with 21 parts of iron per million gallons, but otherwise is very good."

(At the Connie Skinner home

(At the Connie Skinner home and office, where a new well was hooked into, at a depth of 28 feet, a water sample sent to Lansing for chemical analysis brought a report of 1.6 parts per million iron; and that small (Continued on Back Page)



CHESTER VORE DID US PROUD ON OUR KITCHEN--Sorry, we should have got a "before" picture to show the incredible difference an expert craftsman can make in an old beat-up kitchen. Shown above is about one-half of the cabinet and work-space he created, in an old house crooked at its seams as all old houses are. But we're beautiful. Messenger photo

"THINK SNOW" IS THE WORD FOR NEXT SUNDAY AT THE ELWOOD MILLER FARM

Snowmobilers are thinking snow for this coming Sunday for the pig roast dinner and fun at the Elwood Miller farm. The machines can run on little or no snow, but "a couple of feet of it is better," Elwood said Monday.

Plans are being completed under the able leadership of Harry Pung, who has taken most of the burden of preparatory work.

Three pigs have been paid for by the following: Jack Crittenden of Remus, George Daggett of Barryton, and several business people of the village of Weidman.

There will be good eats, lots of fun, wonderful scenery and the "Little Mac" bridge to see and enjoy.

Tickets at \$2 each are on sale in Weidman at Bud's Party Store, Evelyn Hackney's Village Inn, and Mick Schmalbach's barber shop. Any Fireman of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department can also sell you tickets. Tickets can also be purchased at the gate at the Miller place Sunday.

Proceeds from the day are earmarked entirely for the Firemen's fund, which needs a vehicle, we understand, for transporting the resuscitator the Firemen purchased, and

which is an essential piece of equipment here, considering our elderly people and our lake developments. Run out to the Miller farm,

Run out to the Miller farm, four miles west of Weidman on the Airline Road and turn north, taking the west fork of the north-south road and follow your nose to the scene of a great day outdoors.

MILL POND LAND OWNERS ASK PUBLIC NOT TO LITTER WHILE ENJOYING THE AREA

Land owners on the Weidman Mill Pond (Lake Weidman, a private development) have asked the Messenger to point out that the public is welcome to use the Pond for winter fun and summer picnics, but they ask users to please leave sites clean of litter.

Empty bottles and cans, with some of the bottles broken into bits of glass, have been cleaned up by land owners recently.

Owners say outdoors-lovers are welcome to enjoy themselves on the Pond, but they do ask people to clean up camp fires or bonfires, and refrain from leaving debris on the ice and the shores.

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Lewis Bowen was a Monday morning visitor at the home of his niece, Mrs. Richard Touchinski. Mr. and Mrs. Touchinski and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller Thursday evening.

Men in Uniform HERE'S AN INTERESTING

HERE'S AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM GERMANY

Mrs, Minnie Reed recived the following letter from her son, Sp/5 Bruce Reed, in Germany for a 30 to 40-day military exercise.

Bruce is a medic, stationed in Texas, and his outfit, like many others, recently spent some time in Germany. Here's his letter:

"Sure have been a long time getting around to this, but I'll try to get you caught up on what I've been doing. I can do it in about one word: Nothing.

"We have convoyed all over most of Germany, at least it seems like it. Spent most of my time inside a PC, that's a small tank, so I really didn't get to see much.

"All of the small villages have real big churches, and most of the places look real nice. The whole country is really clean, and seems a little old-fashioned.

"I was standing in line to get a haircut and two MP's walked by me. I had my back to them, and after they went by I thought, one of them looked like someone I knew. Sure enough, when they came back by, I grabbed one by the jacket. He had to look at me twice, but it was Bob Sisco. We got to talk for a little while. He is off today, and is supposed to stop by.

"I ran into a guy I was with in Vietnam. He was supposed to stop by again too, but hasn't made it yet. He has my address and is stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas.

"Since the first night here, we have been sleeping in pup tents. We have had snow three times, but it has never stayed very long. There is just a little ice around now. It was trying to snow this morning, but hasn't done a very good job.

"We have just had word on when we will be leaving. Some people are starting back tomorrow (Feb. 3). I won't get started till the 15th or the 17th.

Supposed to take a train ride around the 6th of February. It will be the first time I've ever ridden on a train that I remember. I'll have ridden in a plane, boat, car, truck, bus, street car, tank, and now by train."

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bellinger. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Allen left

Monday for a two weeks' vacation in Florida.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter I received word of the death of my sister-in-law, Neta (Beck) Seidel, who passed away last Tuesday at the hospital in Prescott, Arizona, after a long illness. Mr. and Mrs. John Baker of Grand

Rapids spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and family of Wyoming were Sunday guests.

Carl and Ellen Geasler were in

Clare Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright spent the weekend with their sons, Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Wright, and boys, at Flat Rock.

Emily Geasler of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Teeter and family of Clare called on his mother, Edna Teeter, Sunday. Irene Bowen entered the Mt.

Pleasant Hospital last Wednesday, returning home Friday, aft er treatment.

Mrs. Whaley joined her daughter, Margaret, for a trip to Mt. Pleasant Friday. She also attended church services at Weidman Friday evening.

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North Weidman

The Waters family are on the gain this week. Wilma still has a cough, and Kenny is home from the hospital. His daughter, Kelly, was still in the hospital, but was feeling better.

Nellie Haight entered the Clare Hospital Sunday night.

Laura Latham and her brother, John Sheldon, were among family members helping their sister, Mrs. Bert Chaffee, of Grand Rapids, celebrate her birthday Saturday.

Our new neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Jeffrey, and children, have been having the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger Sunday afternoon, and had supper with them. Mrs. John Wood called last Monday. Mrs. Sidney Wood was a Tuesday visitor. John Wood was expected home Wednesday to take his wife back to South Carolina, where he is stationed.

Albert Gott of Winn had Sunday dinner with us. His wife was at work.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and Judy spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrish and children. Jerry is spending some time with them now.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott and Judy visited Jim Abbott and family of Charlotte Friday, and had dinner with them.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Walker Creek News

Kathy Wilcox spent a week in the Clare Hospital recently, suffering from flu and a respiratory infection. She returned home Monday, Feb. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnston of Rosebush were recent surprise Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sahn.

Arthur Loomis returned last weekend after spending two weeks in California, visiting relatives. He said he liked it very much, but it would have been more enjoyable if he hadn't been alone on the trip. He drove through.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and girls were Tuesday evening guests at the Charles Loomis home, last week.

Small Marcia Loomis observed her third birthday Saturday, with a nice birthday

Ethel Mae Monroe was still in the Medical Care Facility the first of the week. She has been there for some time. ---0---

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Eva Denslow spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Ethel Bywat-

Mrs. Nina Forbes was a caller at the Robert Holt home in Mt. Pleasant afternoon, and was a supper guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knipfer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kniffen and family, all of Lansing, spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Mrs. Joe Stevens was a Monday afternoon caller of Mrs. Ethel Wager.

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. Choir practice 6.30, Thursday.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST Rev. Athel J. Lynch, Pastor Office phone 644-3336, parsonage phone 644-3441.

Church School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11,15 a.m. Choir rehearsal Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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

Local Items

Eleanor and Kathy Esch of Winn were Sunday visitors at the Ruth Momany home, visiting also with the Ross Momany family. Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan of Mt. Pleasant were last Tuesday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and daughters of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Smith of Winn Road spent Sunday with Mrs. Kit Johnson. Mrs. Tom Powell was a Saturday visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family were Sunday dinner guests of the George Getchel family of Gilmore.

Darcy Pitts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, was in CMC Hospital last Thursday and Friday suffering from croup and a virus infection. Darryl Pitts has been out of school a week with a cold and the flu.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:
I wonder if Weidman folks are yet ashamed; not even be able to get a drink of water! Orval Merrihew

Mt. Pleasant or Remus Route

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Feb. 1tf

SMORGASBORD--Benefit March of Dimes, at Broomfield Grange Hall, corner M-20 and Coldwater Roads, March 17, Saturday. Serving 12 noon to 8 p. m. Come and enjoy home made noodles and beef, chicken, ham; salad bar, desserts, coffee, tea.

March 15t1

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Card of Thanks

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With deep appreciation to the
doctors and staff in I.C.U. at
CMC Hospital, Rev. Getchell
for his comforting words, the
pallbearers, the singer and
pianist;

pianist;
Mr. and Mrs. Coker; the ladies of the Gilmore Church of Christ, who furnished the food and served the lovely dinner;

Those who sent cards, flowers and money, or helped us in any way, during the illness and death of our mother;

To all we are deeply grateful. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

Mr.and Mrs. Clarence Shaner And Family Mr.and Mrs. Eldon Love And Family

Obituary

NETA BECK SEIDEL
Neta Pearl Beck, the oldest
daughter of Fred and Minnie Nash
Beck, was born at Brinton, Mich.,
Feb. 11, 1907, and passed away
Tuesday morning, Feb. 6, 1973,
at the Yavapai Community Hospital in Prescott, Arizona, at the
age of 65 years, 11 months and 25
days.

She had resided in Arizona for many years, and had made Prescott her home for the past 30 years, where she married Daniel Seidel. Mr. Seidel passed away in March of 1956.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Carson of Westland, Mich., and Mrs. Don Seymour (Grace) of Gilmore; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Frances Beck, of Brinton; two stepsons and step-children of Arizona; and nieces and nephews. Her parents and four brothers preceded her in death.

Services were held Friday, Feb. 19, at 10 a.m. from Memory

Chapel in Prescott with Rev. Parker officiating. Burial was

in Mountain View Cemetery,



PLANS MAY WEDDING-Mrs. Harold Smith announces the engagement of her daughter, Lois to Russell Browne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Browne of Harrison. Miss Smith is also the daughter of the late Harold Smith. The bride-elect is employed at the Bay County Department of Social Services and her fiance is employed at the Yankee Dept. Store. A May wedding is being planned.



Donated items may be brought to the place of auction, on day of sale.

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Dick Touchinski, Jim Carrick, Dan Huffman and Bob Severson were among Weidman residents who attended the regular meeting of the Isabella County Department of Public Works Monday, Feb. 5.

We were there as members of a delegation put together at the January "schoolhouse" meeting in Weidman, the occasion when Dr. Nowak and Mr. Simkins of the Central Michigan Public Health District spoke to us. The delegation was asked to attend the February meeting of the DPW so as to clarify issues which remained clouded after this "schoolhouse" meeting. Mr. Simkins, from the Health District, was also in attendance at this February meeting of the DPW.

After our initial inquiries of DPW members, it appeared as though there was much misinformation regarding the role of the Department of Public Works, the Public Health District, and the Weidman community concerning the Weidman water problem. Therefore, we asked Mr. Simkins to reiterate, for us and for the DPW, the problem we faced as seen by the Health District. As a result of his discussion and subsequent questions and answers between the three groups, the following are what we understood to be the facts:

1. As concerns our private homes, neither county nor state governmental units can force us to install and use a municipal water system, nor a municipal anything else. At this point in time, the Health District is warning us that we have a potentially dangerous situation and that the basis of this danger arises from the following facts:

a. Some of us are pouring our sewage into the county drain and this in turn is polluting Coldwater River, hence Coldwater Lake. The Health District could dye test our private facilities in order to find the culprits. Once found, these culprits would have to install their own septic systems. These additional septic systems would raise the level of pollutants in the Weidman soil system, hence the pollution level of water currently drawn from the Weidman soil system.

b. While there are known to be some small clay deposits in random locations in the Weidman area, there is no known clay "overburden" generally covering the Weidman soil system. Therefore, even if there were an area of several hundred feet of clay in a particular part of our area, there are still several more hundred feet around it where there is no clay and where pollutants can drain down into water which is drawn through the clay. Even the logs of oil drillers in the area fail to show a consistent clay base prior to the bedrock which

begins at 400 feet below our

community.

2. While the Health District can't do any more than force us to obey public health laws, their enforcement of these laws can have greater or lesser effects on each of us as private citizens as follows:

a. They can, as mentioned above, dye test our private sewage facilities to determine who's putting their wastes into the county drain and/or polluting their own water supplies.

b. They can also close down those businesses in Weidman (and its environs) where the public comes in and uses the water supply provided by such businesses. This could, of course, mean there would be no food service facilities in Weidman.

3. The options open to the citi zens of the area can be summarized as follows:

a. We can decide to do nothing in hopes that our general underground water supply will not become contaminated, or we can even decide to do nothing and consume polluted water ourselves.

water ourselves.

b. We can put in a municipal water system which would guarantee purity of supply. We could do this in many different ways and to decide upon an appropriate system we would need a "feasibility study".

c. Our merchants could band together and pay for a business district municipal water system which would then have to be administered by a governmental body and would have to be preceded by a "feasibility study".

d. We could install a municipal sewage system by which we could keep contaminants from entering the soil on such a widespread basis and perhaps be able to keep our private wells. This would probably be twice as expensive as a municipal water system. This option was not even suggested by the Health District or the DPW.

4. No governmental unit is going to ask us to authorize a feasibility study. However, if we decide we want a municipal system, we must ask for it from our two township governments. They will then declare us to be a "water district area," for example, and hire an engineering firm to do a feasibility study for us. The cost of such a study will be paid for by a special assessment on everyone within the "district".

5. Once the townships are in possession of a feasibility study, we would be informed of the results and we would then have to decide as a community whether or not we wish to develop that particular municipal system.

6. If we decide to develop a municipal system, we can then

gain the non-financial services of the DPW. That is, only at this point is the DPW authorized to take any action regarding the Weidman water problem. We can ask for their assistance in building systems but we cannot ask for their assistance in determining whether or not to build systems.

There are two ideas which continually arose during the meetings we have attended. Because of the geological facts of life facing us, we may be courting catastrophe if we continue as we have. There are other areas in the region which are polluting the subsurface water supplies which we are probably using. As the Health District points out, present developments and future developments will add to this problem. We cannot stop them from polluting any more than they can stop us. Therefore, it is possible that in the near future some of us could become victims of water pollution-based illness. The Health District, seeing itself as a preventive medicine body, is issuing its warnings on this basis. If we do not decide to have a preventive system, we should be fully aware of the danger we are facing as a result of the rising levels of pollutants being put into the Weidman soil system.

The other idea is that we are all generally angered at having big government tell us what to do. In the present case, our community has the authority and will decide its own destiny. While we are not perfectly free to do as we wish (when were we ever?) we do have the freedom to act or remain inactive.

What is it you want to do?
Your comments and criticisms
will be good naturedly accepted
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WATER AND WEIDMAN: REPORT OF COMMITTEE (Continued from Page 4)

and we four, accompanied by the rest of the delegation, stand ready to meet with you and further discuss these matters. We invite you, the interested citizens of the Weidman area, to attend a meeting in the cafeteria of the Weidman School building at 7.30 Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Dick Touchinski Jim Carrick Dan Huffman Bob Severson

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Beal City Dora Smith, Reporter

The banns of matrimony were amounced for the first time Sunday in St. Joseph the Worker's Church for John C. Schlegel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schlegel, and Yvonne Block, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Block.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gesselman of Hubbardston visited her mother, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer.

Mrs. Emma O'Connor and Mrs. Rose Keiffer of Carson City visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer recently.

Mrs. Luella Snider of Remus visited Mr. and Mrs. Keiffer one day last week.

Connie Skinner enjoyed a brief visit with Louise Smith late Monday afternoon, and admired Louise's quilt work very much. (Connie had told Dora there'd be no mail Monday of this week, and she was wrong, so she zipped over there and picked it up personally. There will be no mail service next

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pung spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pung near Edmore.

Deanna Pung returned home from the hospital Thursday.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday at the Oscar Schafer home near Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pung, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Breuer and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer returned home from their trip to Las Vegas, Nevada. They had a wonderful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bowen of Grand Ledge, Mrs. Nora and Elaine Simmer of Reed City, Gerald and Loretta Smith of Mt. Pleasant and Virginia and Debbie Rau and Brian Gould spent Sunday afternoon with Loretta Smith. They brought Ann home from the hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pung of Portland and Jack and Minnie Schafer spent Tuesday with Mrs. Joe Pung, also Viola Morris and Martha Gross.

Mrs. Walter Elias, Lavina Elias and Helen Simmer spent Monday afternoon with Louise Smith.

Debbie Rau stayed all night with her grandmother Monday while her folks went to a euchre game.

Rose Grinzinger and Tillie Schafer had dinner with Louise Smith Tuesday noon last week. Then they all went to Tillie Schafer's to spend the afternoon. Herman Grinzinger came and they all had supper with Tillie Schafer, then Rose and Herman went to spend the evening with the Will Pungs.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter The C.M.B. Club met Thursday with Mrs. Leona Courser, with 14 ladies in attendance.

Mrs. Lovica Krueger and Arnold Krueger were Sunday guests of the Jack Lieders. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder spent Sunday evening with them. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartholomew were Wednesday guests.

Lawrence Lovell was a Saturday visitor of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar. Mrs. Paul Esch and daughter of Winn were Sunday callers.

The Broomfield Lutheran Youth Group went roller skating Sunday at the Lake roller rink. Twenty-four young people attended.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon, Jr., and daughter, Mrs. Lois Chapman, Mrs. Laura Latham, Mrs. Joe Wilmot and Mrs. Ray Flaugher went to Grand Rapids Saturday to help their sister,

Mrs. Mabel Chaffee, celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaugher had as visitors during the weekend the Ralph, Richard, Ronald and Russell Flaughers.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Swan of Drayton Plains were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan.

Mrs. Chris Larson attended a birthday party for Mrs. Florence Harvey Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Welch in Mt. Pleasant.

Elmer Garrett spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett. They took him to Saginaw Monday for a physical checkup.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines and family were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines, to celebrate Donna's birthday.

Beth, Barbara and Johnnie Hogg spent Sunday afternoon with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler and Mrs. Eva Denslow were Tuesday luncheon guests of Blanche Carr.

Mrs. E.R.Rhode and Harold called on Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder Wednesday, and at the Joe Gostola home in Mt. Pleasant Sunday. Callers during the week at the Rhode home were Mrs. Paul Lueder, Mrs. Bea Adams, Mrs. Jean Smith, Miss Marilyn Buchholtz and Terry Lueder.

Roderick Nicholson entertained the Farm Bureau Monday

evening.

Miss Doris Ellis is staying with
Miss Mary Richardson at the
Broomfield Trailer Court.

Coldwater Lake Marge Schafer, Reporter

Ed and I enjoyed fish dinner at the Town & Country Friday evening. Then we called on Jerry and Jane Schafer at their new home. Granddaughter Kelli was released from the hospital Thursday.

Rick and Pam Klumpp and son, Robbie, were also guests at the Jerry Schafer home. Don and Judy Schafer and

Don and Judy Schafer and daughters visited here Tuesday afternoon.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Flossie Hemminger, who died the

past week.

"Happy Birthday" goes out to
those celebrating last week:
Leo Schafer, Will Pung, Russ
and Al Klumpp, to name a
few.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

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CLOSED--Monday, Feb. 19 Washington's Birthday



WEIDMAN BRANCH



Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter **EVA DENSLOW CELEBRATES** HER 75TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Othel Denslow took their mother, Eva Denslow, to Midland Sunday to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Swan, where they had planned a birthday celebration for Eva, who was 75 Monday, Feb. 12.

There were 41 present for

the occasion.

All the children were present, and all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren except three families who were unable to go because of the flu.

The house was beautifully decorated in red and white, with a white-covered table centered with a large threetiered cake done in red and white, with a large "75" on top.

Wilma Swan is a professional cake decorator, with her own shop, so, needless to say Mother had a very special

cake. A lovely cut-crystal punch bowl with matching cups and a bouquet of red roses were at either end of the stretchedout table, making a very attractive setting.

A full-course dinner was served the guests, after which they enjoyed cake and ice

cream.

Eva received many lovely gifts, and they all wished her many more birthdays.

Those present were from Lansing, Grand Rapids, Mt. Pleasant, Weidman, St. Clair and Midland.

Happy Birthday, Grandma Denslow!

Mrs. Mabel Dent spent from Saturday till Tuesday in the Alma Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Wednesday callers at the Dent home. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck were also Wednesday callers. Ray Kirvan was a Thursday caller. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and children spent the weekend with them. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan were Sunday guests.

Sunday dinner guests at the Mack Denslow home were their children and grandchildren, and Mr. and Mrs. George Darnell and three boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended a DPW meeting in Mt. Pleasant last Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin attended the funeral of her cousin Saturday at Bear Lake. Mrs. Lorretta Lorenz and son were Monday evening callers at the Martin home. Jeff Martin and Steve Johnson left last Wednesday for a vacation in Florida.

Sunday callers at the Paul Miller home were Mr. and Mrs.

Claude Covert and Mrs. Flora Wood.

Mrs. Betty Thompson spent last Tuesday and Wednesday in Grand Rapids, to visit her son, who is in the hospital there. She went again on Friday. Bob Thompson Brenda Wager and Shirley Fox went to Grand Rapids to visit Bill Sunday. On the way home they called on Rev. Perpening at Sand Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow were Tuesday callers at the Charlie Losey home. Clayton Dutcher was a Monday visitor. He took Charlie, Hattie and Jessie Rosencranz out for a ride.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buzek were Wednesday dinner guests at the Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Saturday evening callers.

Mack and Margie Denlsow and Evabelle Buzek and Goldie Dutcher called on me.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller called on the Miles Millers last Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and children were also visitors. ---0--

S. W. Sherman Goldic Dutcher, Reporter

Barbara Dutcher returned home from CMC Hospital last Wednesday. Patti visited her grandparents, the Theodore Cases, a few days, then spent the rest of the time with us, while her mother was in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad and Mrs. Ronna Dutcher and Sandra visited the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Bush of Mecosta Sunday afternoon.

Clayton Wernette and John Parker of Flint were Friday evening visitors of the Fitzgeralds.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxon were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew.

George and Edna Merrihew went with Clarence and Aletha Chaffee to Lansing and visited Mr. and Mrs. George Bolinger and Mrs. Herman Koos and Bonnie at Grand Ledge Wednesday. Callers of the Richard Dutch-

ers were Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case on Wednesday, Bobbie Oplinger on Friday, Ronna Dut-cher Saturday, and the Robert Dutchers Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham of Rosebush Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and Claribel Beutler visited the Howard and Carl Beutler families Sunday afternoon.

Diane Beutler spent Saturday over night with Laurel Beutler.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and Gena and Toni of Flint spent th e weekend with the

Clayton Dutchers. Jim Dutcher visited Saturday and Sunday. The Dale Dutchers spent Saturday evening with us, also Garry Dutcher and children.

Mr. and Mrs. David Roseberry and children of Sanford were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Clayton Dutchers'. They came up to visit the Robert Dutchers.

Dick Dutcher has been having a flu virus since Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Street at Snover last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad visited Linda's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wernette, of Greenville, Saturday. Debbie Dennis spent Friday over night and Saturday with Sandra Dutcher.

The Brian Dutchers visited his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald were evening visitors.

(Omitted Last Week) Callers of the Clayton Dutchers during the week were the Dale Dutchers, Garry Dutcher and children, the Walter Howes, Jim Dutcher, Richard Dutcher, and Douglas and Patti. Patti has spent since Thursday evening with me while Barbara is

in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Patti visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton were Sunday afternoon visitors of George and Edna Merrihew.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

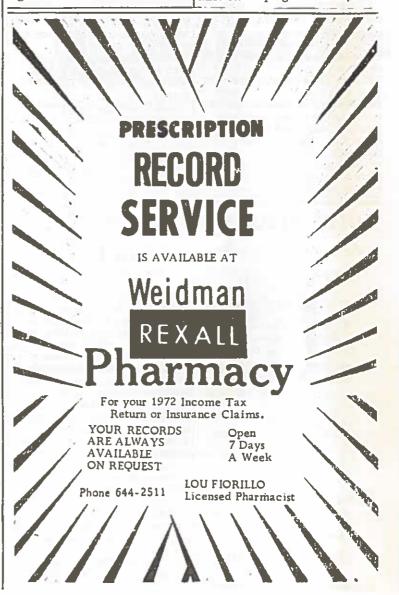
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald had supper and spent Thursday evening with Julia Hadder of Mecosta.

Marion O'Brien of Lansing spent from Friday till Sunday with the Fitzgeralds. Susie Garner and Bill Barkyoumb of Lansing spent Sunday with them.

--0--**NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grantham of Bay City spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Emily Wood, and took her to church. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan of Barryton were evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs were dinner and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague Saturday.



ENGAGED



Announcement was made this week of the engagement of Carol Luella Groh, daughter of Mrs. Violet Groh and the late Delford Groh, to Robert Gene Craven of Blanchard, son of Ralph Craven and Mrs. Iva Johnson.

Miss Groh will be a 1973 graduate of Chippewa Hills High School. Her fiancee is a 1971 graduate of that school, and is employed on a farm near Blanchard.

A March wedding is being planned. ---0---

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Doris Sprague of Lansing was a Monday caller of Mrs. Jennie Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Blodgett called on Mrs. Helen Smith last Friday evening. Last Wednesday Mrs. Smith and daughter, Ula Cummins, were shopping in Lakeivew. They had dinner

in Weidman, at the restaurant.
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cole of
Barryton spent Sunday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

Central Gilmore

Verna Seymour, Reporter Mrs. Grace Seymour and sister, Hazel Carson, of Detroit, came home last Friday from Prescott, Arizona, and

on Tuesday she received word that their sister had passed away.

We extend our sympathy to the the families of Meryl Blodgett and Mattie Wood Maguire, and also Grace Seymour in the loss of her sister.

Arlie Renner and Stuart Graham called at the Elam Seymour home Sunday.

Charlie Kent is on the gain. Several of his children and their families were up for the weekend.

Norm and Darlene Buchel were on the sick list last week.

Sandy Seymour and little son, Donnie, visited her parents in Detroit recently. Her mother, Mrs. Cross, brought her home last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Farwell visited her sister, Lucia McDonald, at Lake Isabella Tuesday.

Kathy and Debbie Shaner stayed with the Buchel family from Friday night till Sunday, while their parents, Linda and Alan Shaner, went to the Soo. ---0---

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams and family of Midland were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips, celebrating Emil's birthday. She brought a lovely birthday cake. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Valentine and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Grice of Sanford were also dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole of Mt. Pleasant came and got Mrs. Emma Middlesworth Sunday and took her to dinner at Wyman.

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NEWS ITEMS FROM

Lester B. Hall, Reporter Weekend guests in the James Beattie home were their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Klenk, Mrs. Wilma McLeod and Guy Hendesbaugh, of Detroit and Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hall and son, Chris, of Alma, were Sunday guests of his par-

ents and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hall and Mrs. Bessie Ellis.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James McNicol from Saturday till Monday were her mother, Mrs. Bertha Conley of Alma, and their daughter, Miss Jacqueline

McNicol, of Detroit.
Cottage owners from many southern Michigan cities took advantage of the first white weekend in a long time to enjoy snowmobiling, fishing, and other winter sports.

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Editor's Column

By Connic (Continued from Page 1) proportion stains the lavatory and other water receptacles at our place.)

How would you like to have 21 parts per million of iron in your

home water supply?

If we put in a public water system for Weidman and/or its two adjacent lakes, every home will have to buy water-softener services, that's for sure. Nobody could live with 21 parts per milkion of iron in the home water supply. We're certain of that, considering what 1.6 per million of iron does to the water drawn up from our well.

And another thought:

Do you think the Health Department is going to foster putting in a municipal water system for the residents of Weidmand (to be paid for by the residents, of course) to provide
"pure" drinking water here, and
yet allow the dumping of sewage into the Coldwater River, polluting, the report of a "cit-izens' committee" says, "the Coldwater River and hence Coldwater Lake"?

We don't think so. First step is a panic campaign to get the village incorporated for the ostensible purpose of putting in a municipal water system (less expensive by far than a public sewage disposal system); then, a straight order, from the DNR or the Health Department, for installation of sewage disposal

facilities.

Some are panicked already. Maybe they will incorporate Weidman, and get in a municipal water system. Then--a matter of time, and not much time--the order for a sewage disposal system.

We are to be urbanized, whether we're urban or not. We must have the "conveniences" of city folks, at any cost.

And the cost will be plenty. And another thought: If, as the Health Department decrees (see report of "committee" on Water and Weidman on another page); if, then, additional septic tanks to correct present pollution of the Coldwater River would "raise the level of pollutants....hence the pollution level of water currently drawn from the Weidman soil system," if, then, a private septic-tank system is a pollutant, why does not the Health Department bann all septic tanks everywhere?

If septic tank systems in Weidman are pollutants, then septic tank systems everywhere

are pollutants.

'Scuse us, but we're trying to make sense of all this, and having difficulty.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

NO POSTAL SERVICE NEXT MONDAY

The Weidman post office will be closed next Monday, Feb. 19, observing the national holiday of Washington's birthday, which is Feb. 22.

There will be no rural route service either.

The Weidman Branch of the Isabella County State Bank will also be closed that day.

Sunday guests of Mrs. Claribel Beutler were Mrs. Forrest Johnston of Rosebush and Nancy and Mark, and Miss Jane Clark of Eaton Rapids. Evening visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Siegfreid Mengot of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler and Joel.

HOUSE ON LA PEARL ROAD BURNS TO THE GROUND

A house owned by Jim Simpson, located on the La Pearl Road a mile and a half west of Beal City, near the Nottawa Dump, burned early last Wednesday morning. It was unoccu-

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department answered a fire call a 3.55 a.m., but the house was too far gone.

It was formerly the Joe Ockert farm and residence.

---0-Fred Wilcox, who has been suffering from a severe case of flu the past two weeks, was reported as much better the first of this week.

BAKE SALE PLANNED FOR MARCH OF DIMES

Agnes Fox has been named chairman for the Weidman area in the upcoming March of Dimes drive, with Bea Gross as aide.

They are planning a bake sale for Saturday, Feb. 24, at Fox Hardware beginning at 10 a.m.

Everyone is asked to donate to the bake sale, with one's choice of baked product left open. Donors are asked to take baked

goods contributions to Fox Hardware before the 10 a.m. start of the sale.

Anything and everything in the way of baked goods is sought.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

