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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### VILLAGE OF FARWELL HAS AN INTERESTING BUDGET

We note in the Farwell paper that the incorporated Village of Farwell offered its budget for 1973-74, and while Farwell is somewhat larger than Weidman, we think its budget is of interest to us.

In its general fund it expects to take in \$93,097.00, of which \$31,000 is property taxes. Its total expected intake of revenues, including state and federal tax returns, is \$69,097.00, and that, with an estimated beginning balance of \$24,000.00, comes to \$93,097.00. That's the town's expected intake of tax monies, local, state and federal. Its expenditures projected for the coming year come to exactly \$93,097.00, leaving nothing in the village till thereafter till further tax collections.

Its budget for its water fund includes a total of \$17,300 take, from \$17,000 in water fees and \$300 in hookups. Its final total is \$20,300.00 in expected revenues.

On expenditures, it lists, among other items, \$3,000 in salaries, \$2,000 in utilities and \$2,000 in insurance; construction and repair, \$2,000; supplies, \$2,000. Its total projected expenditures are \$14,940.00, leaving the fund a balance of \$5,360. That's just for a public water system.

Its sewer fund is more interesting. Its receiving fund (it also has an operating fund) lists a hefty \$53,119.91 in estimated beginning balance. Other revenues are listed, with sewer service at \$14,000, property taxes \$5,000, hook-up fees \$4,100, and hook-up payments \$12,000, for a total expected revenue grand total of \$35,100, which, with its \$53,119.91 estimated beginning balance, gives the sewer fund a grand total of estimated tax-take of \$88,219.91 for the coming year of 1973-74.

On expenditures, it lists: Operation and maintenance, \$18,240.

Other expenditures list interest on bonds, 1973, \$18,240; on bonds 1974, \$18,240; and on principal, 1974, \$25,000. Its total expenditures projected for the coming year appear to be \$63,280, leaving a balance in the sewer fund of \$24,939.91.

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**THE "LITTLE MAC" BRIDGE**--On the Elwood Miller farm is what it was all about Sunday, when the Millers and the very many helping put on a celebration were overwhelmed by the great numbers of snowmobilers and friends who came on the gallop to enjoy the beautiful rolling fields on the Miller farm, perfect for snowmobiling, the Lil' Mac bridge, and the hospitality of the Miller family--and a roast pig dinner. The signs posted at the entrance to the bridge are the pride and joy of George Miller, who collected them over a period of years. One says, "Old 27 County," and the other simply, "1114". The bridge was built for snowmobilers only, the work done by the Millers and their enthusiastic friends and neighbors, over a period of years. It is entirely a private bridge, crossing the Chippewa River on the Miller farm. Messenger photo



**ON LITTLE MAC BRIDGE**--The hand-construction is apparent, but the bridge apparently is safe for snowmobiles. The large sign across the top of the middle is a priceless spoof on the big bridge at the Soo, which was built by a whole pile of taxpayers' dollars. There was no tax money involved in this private bridge, but the sign across the middle says, with tongue in cheek: "Your Tax Dollars at Work. Operated by LITTLE MAC Bridge Authority." Snowmobilers--and writers with humor--love it. Messenger photo

## Men in Uniform

### MARRIED IN GRAND FORKS, N.D.

Miss Ruth Momany, granddaughter of Ruth Momany of Weidman, and Sgt. Andrew Sankenoff were married Feb. 5 at Grand Forks, N.D.

They will live at Griffis Air Force Base at Rome, N.Y., where he is stationed.

They came here last Thursday to visit her parents, the Ross Momanys, and her grandmother.

They and the Ross Momany family were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Esch at Mecosta Lake.

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Ron Losey has been discharged from the Army, and is home for good, having put in his two years of honorable service. He is the son of the Harold Loseys. He will return to his job in Mt. Pleasant. He called on his grandparents, Charlie and Hattie Losey, and also on great-aunt, Jessie Rosencrantz, Monday morning.

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Here's a new address:  
Pvt. Michael Sprague, 372-56-9935, Co. F, 10th Bn., 4th BDE, (M.P.), Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905.

Mike has made it into the Military Police, and is taking training at Fort Gordon in that line.

He graduated from basic training at Fort Knox Feb. 15, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague, drove down and attended the ceremonies.

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Airman Douglas Kennedy and his recent bride (formerly Miss Connie Bugbee) are on leave, visiting at the home of his folks, the Ernest Kennedys. He is being sent to Guam for a time.

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### TO OBSERVE THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Open House will be held for Roy and Mamie Sisco next Sunday, Feb. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Black Creek Conservation Club, sponsored by their children.

The club is located seven miles east of Mt. Pleasant on M-20 and 12 miles south on the Chippewa Road.

Roy and Mamie are former Brinton residents, and have many friends.

All relatives and friends are cordially invited.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Monday callers at the Gerald Dent home were Mrs. Mabel Sides, Mrs. Cleta Navarre, Elwood Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were Tuesday evening callers at the Dent home. Mrs. Geraldine Johnson and Sandra were Wednesday afternoon guests. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and children spent the weekend with them. Gerald and Mabel were among the many attending the gathering at the Elwood Millers' Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family spent Saturday with the Dents.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow and Mrs. Eva Denslow attended a pink and blue shower for Mrs. Darlene Dargett Sunday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Ollie Denslow.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow returned home Feb. 10 from a two-months' stay with her son, Capt. Gary Denslow, and family, at Laredo Air Force Base, Texas. She also spent two weeks with her daughter and family, the Keith Bakers, in Grand Rapids. Miss Barbara Bugbee of Los Angeles, Calif., is spending two weeks here, enjoying the Michigan weather, and visiting relatives and friends in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and family, Mrs. Eva Denslow and Miss Barbara Bugbee were Thursday dinner guests of Mrs. Margaret Denslow, celebrating Brian's 14th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller spent the weekend at their mobile home here. Sunday callers at the Paul Miller home were Mr. and Mrs. Clenard Starks.

Jim Thompson brought their son, Bill, home from the hospital in Grand Rapids last Saturday. Bill is convalescing at home. Bob Thompson and a group from the Remus Methodist Church went to Sand Lake Sunday evening and took part in a Youth service.

Misses Marlene and Brenda Wager called at the Thompson home Sunday afternoon. Glenn Smith and some friends, school chums of Bill's, called on him Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger were also among the many attending the get-together at the Elwood Millers' Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow, Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Flora Wood attended a Senior Citizens' dinner at Barryton last Thursday. Later they called on Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis at their lovely new mobile home in Barryton.

Jim Wright spent the weekend with his folks, the Wilbur Wrights. The Norman Miller family were also callers at the Wilbur Wright home.

Wilbur Wright was also among

the many at the Elwood Millers' party Sunday afternoon.

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## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sander-son were unable to attend Donald's birthday dinner Sunday, so they spent Monday with the Howard Beutlers.

The Carl Beutlers attended the fish fry Friday evening at the school, then the Frank Grahams of Rosebush visited them later in the evening.

Diane Blubaugh spent Monday over night with Betty Dutcher. The Dale Dutchers were evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad were Tuesday evening visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyke spent Wednesday evening with them. Diane Blubaugh stayed over Thursday night.

Edna Merrihew went with Aletha Chaffee to a stork shower for Nancy Howard, at the Linda Howard home Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint and Mrs. Joyce Yuncker and Tim, Keith, Deanne and Danelle, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls had Sunday supper with us.

Garry Dutcher and children and Dick Dutcher were Saturday callers at our home. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe spent over-night Saturday, and Sunday with the Jim Dutchers.

The Robert Dutchers of Midland had Saturday supper with the Clayton Dutchers, also Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons, Dick Dutcher, and Larry Dutcher.

The Dale Dutchers visited the Garry Dutchers and had lunch with them Saturday. The Robert Dutchers spent Saturday over night and Sunday with them, and attended the big party at "Little Mac Bridge" at the Elwood Millers'.

The Dale Dutchers visited the Richard Dutchers Monday evening. Donna Hines was a Tuesday morning visitor. The Clayton Dutchers spent Tuesday evening with them. Eloise Conley was a Friday morning caller.

The Dutchers visited the Theodore Cases Sunday, and Patti spent the afternoon with them while Dick's family attended the party at the Elwood Millers'.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew enjoyed the Weidman fish fry Friday evening.

Brian and Linda and Chad Dutcher spent Sunday with his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., celebrating Linda's birthday.

Sandra Dutcher and Patti Losey spent Saturday over night with Kay Anderson at Lake Isabella.

Hazel Davis of Pottsville, Pa., came up Wednesday to visit

the Harry and Leo Gatehouses, and to attend the party for the Harry Gatehouses next Sunday. The Bill Maeders were Sunday callers. The Gary Gatehouses spent the weekend at Goose Lake. Two of the grandsons spent the weekend with the Harry Gatehouses, while one visited at the Duane Threns'.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler had a birthday party for Donald last Thursday afternoon, with the children from his nursery school at Weidman attending. Kevin Sides, Jeff Cook, Burke Dosenberry and Scott Donley were among the guests. It was Donald's fifth birthday. Sunday they had birthday dinner with Grandmother Claribel Beutler as a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg and family. The Hineses spent Sunday eve-

ning with the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and family of Saginaw were Sunday afternoon and luncheon guests of the Dutchers.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Merritt of Clare.

Mrs. Dorothy Poet of Clare spent last Tuesday with her aunt, Mrs. Edna Schultz.

Robert Holt and Russell, Diane and Roger of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullet were Friday afternoon callers.

Cheryl Pitts of Lansing spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts.

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Feb. 1tf

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of Dimes, at Broomfield Grange  
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### Card of Thanks

I want to thank all the very  
many relatives, neighbors and  
friends for the anniversary  
cards and gifts.  
Everything was greatly appre-  
ciated.

Also the family for all the  
many things they did for us.  
Loretta Lorenz

### Card of Thanks

We want to personally thank  
Spike and Pauline Branson, and  
their daughter, Brenda, for the  
loan of Brenda's snowmobile suit  
for one of us and a suit of Spike's  
for the other, when we attend-  
ed the breath-taking snowmo-  
bile gathering at the Elwood  
Millers' Sunday.

Also we want to personally  
thank George Miller for his un-  
tiring service in errands for us  
and getting us to and fro at  
the scene of the "Lil Mac

Bridge" celebration.

We had a great day, and were  
warm in the Branson suits and  
the faithful friendly guardian-  
ship of two aging women by  
George.

'Twas wonderful.

Connie Skinner  
Frances Tranbarger

## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Cathy Alwood celebrated her  
10th birthday Valentine's Day.  
Her mother took her and Kim  
Donley and Kelly Schafer to the  
Pixie Restaurant after school so  
Cathy could get her free treat,  
and the girls enjoyed supper with  
her. Grandma Gott made Cathy's  
valentine cake and took her a  
nice gift.

Several of the neighborhood  
Junior High students attended  
their school dance at the Barry-  
ton building last Friday evening.

Helen Alwood heard from her  
aunt, Margaret Smith, of St.  
Johns, last week, saying that  
George is out of the hospital now  
and is in a rest home in St. Johns.  
He wasn't feeling well at this  
writing.

Micky Abbott attended a furni-  
ture show in Grand Rapids Wed-  
nesday.

Mrs. Lois Knollenberg of Rose-  
bush and Mrs. Carol Abbott cal-  
led on Muriel Miller after church  
and had lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Maeder and  
children and Mr. and Mrs. Jack  
Parrish and children of Corunna  
called on their parents, Mr. and  
Mrs. Norman Abbott, Saturday.  
Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ab-

bott and Shawn of Charlotte spent  
the day with his parents.

Mrs. Sidney Wood called on her  
parents, the Ed Olgers, Saturday  
afternoon.

Mrs. Vic Jeffrey and children  
visited her mother, Mrs. Edna  
Wing, in Mt. Pleasant, Monday.

Jeanne Smith took Elvah Gott  
and Edie Purdy to a meeting of  
the Birthday Club Thursday after-  
noon, at the home of Carolyn  
Sowle. A birthday dinner and  
cake were enjoyed.

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## The Churches

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Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.

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Ladies' Missionary meeting  
Thursday, 1.30 p. m., at Mer-  
cel Graham's. The project: Pack-  
ing things for missionaries.

Choir practice Thursday, 6.30  
p. m.

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

Church School, 10 a. m.

Worship, 11.15 a. m.

Choir rehearsal Wednesday, 7  
p. m.

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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.

### IN MEMORY OF WASHINGTON:

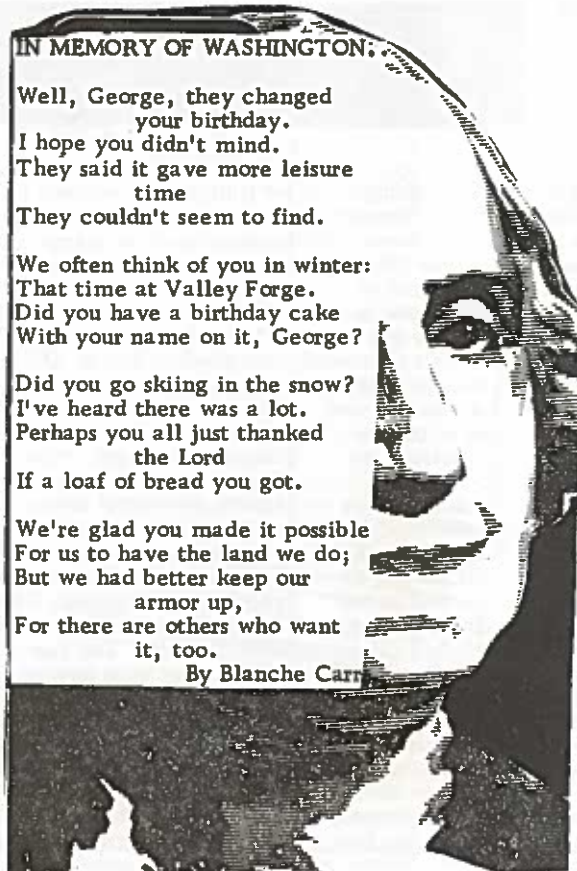
Well, George, they changed  
your birthday.  
I hope you didn't mind.  
They said it gave more leisure  
time  
They couldn't seem to find.

We often think of you in winter:  
That time at Valley Forge.  
Did you have a birthday cake  
With your name on it, George?

Did you go skiing in the snow?  
I've heard there was a lot.  
Perhaps you all just thanked  
the Lord  
If a loaf of bread you got.

We're glad you made it possible  
For us to have the land we do;  
But we had better keep our  
armor up,  
For there are others who want  
it, too.

By Blanche Carr







MR. AND MRS. K. C. CHARNES

Jeannie K. Stenger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward C. Stenger of Coleman, and K. C. Charnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes of Weidman, were united in marriage at the First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant Feb. 3.

Rev. Malcolm Brown officiated at the afternoon double-ring ceremony, before an altar graced with arrangements of orange-tinted mums, carnations and daisies.

Organist Mary Lou Robinson played the processional, "St. Anthony's Chorale". Pre-nuptial music also was played by Mrs. Robinson, as well as the recessional, "Rigavdon".

The bride approached the altar on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage.

She wore an A-line, lace and seed-pearl-trimmed satin gown, fashioned with an Edwardian collar, full Bishop sleeves with French cuffs, and complemented by a chapel-length train. Her lace-trimmed chapel-length veil

of illusion was secured by a Camelot headpiece. She carried an arrangement of orange roses and carnations, daisies and baby's breath on a Bible.

Sharon Stenger, sister of the bride, from San Diego, Calif., was maid of honor. Other attendants were Jo Foldesi, Sandy Maxon, Martha Jones and Debbie Hubbs. The attendants' gowns were floor-length, styled with Empire bodices of apricot chiffon and brown velvet skirts. The cuffs of the long sleeves and the waistlines of the gowns were embroidered with flowers to complement their gowns. They wore headpieces of orange roses and baby's breath, and carried an orange rose with streamers.

Jennifer Stenger, sister of the bride, was flower girl. Her dress was similar to the bridal attendants', and she carried a basket of orange roses, mums, daisies, and baby's breath.

Doug Middlesworth of Holt, cousin of the groom, served as

best man. The groom's other attendants were Tom Herman, Mike McHugh, Alan Wood and Dan Suman.

Serving as ushers to seat the 250 guests were Dale Sprague and Gary Greenan.

A reception in the church parlors was held immediately following the ceremony.

The bride's mother greeted the guests wearing a floor-length A-line styled lavender and silver brocade gown. The groom's mother chose a floor-length full-skirted gown in gold brocade. Both mothers wore corsages of gardenias and orange blossoms.

The wedding cake was served by the bride's aunts, Mrs. Dorothy Miller and Mrs. Kathryn Erhardt. The punch bowl was attended by Mrs. Hazel Miller, the bride's cousin. Mrs. Karen Stenger, the bride's sister-in-law, poured coffee. Miss Jenine Cornell, friend of the bride, presided at the guest book. Mr. and Mrs. John Rug-

gles served as host and hostess.

Honored guests at the wedding were Mrs. Grace Phinney, grandmother of the bride, and Mrs. Emma Middlesworth, grandmother of the groom.

Other guests attended the ceremony from Florida, Maryland, California, Indiana, Saginaw, Midland, Flint, Battle Creek, Holt, Lansing, Zeeland, Traverse City, Edmore, Clare, Rosebush, Barryton, Coleman, Mt. Pleasant, Remus, Farwell, Reed City, and Weidman.

For traveling on a wedding trip to Canada, including Niagara Falls and New York, the bride selected a costume of brown velvet palazzo pants with a beige satin ruffled blouse.

The newlywed couple are now at home at 304 Wood Street in Mt. Pleasant.

The bride, a 1970 graduate of Coleman High School, is employed at the State Home in Mt. Pleasant. The groom graduated in 1966 from Weidman High School, has attended Ferris, Mid-Michigan and Alma Colleges, and is now employed as a special projects director with SixCap, Inc., of Barryton.

A pre-nuptial shower was given for the bride by Mrs. Karen Donley and Mrs. Barbara McHugh. The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner on the eve of the wedding, at The Embers in Mt. Pleasant.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls were last week Tuesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Spragues. R.D. and Jennie were supper guests of Ronnie's family Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur and son, and Mrs. Arlene Wilcox and family were Sunday afternoon guests at the Mitchell McArthur home, celebrating young Bryce Wilcox's second birthday.

Sunday was Debbie Touchinski's first birthday, and her parents took her to the Elwood Miller home to the snowmobile gathering to celebrate the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague plan to fly to Santa Ana, Cal., to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Jerry Bazaire. Jerry is a fireman in that city.

Mrs. Olive Irwin of Stevenson Lake was a Sunday caller at the Russell Stanley home. Friends and relatives called during the weekend.

## Weidman Messenger

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Martin have been very ill with flu, but were reported as recovering the first of the week. Mrs. Leroy Ley and baby of Concord and Ed Fedewa were Saturday callers of the Martins.

Mrs. Tony Schafer and Connie Skinner called on Louise Smith Monday. Connie brought her a nice bouquet of pussy willows. Leona Faber was a Tuesday afternoon caller. Lisa Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Beal City, took Mrs. Smith a nice hand-painted picture on black velvet. She did it herself. She is 13 years old. Mrs. Smith is her great-grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Klumpp of Mt. Pleasant took Mr. and Mrs. Julius Schumacher out to supper, celebrating Mrs. Schumacher's birthday Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Zeien are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Feb. 14, Valentine's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pung and family of Hemlock spent the weekend with the Steve Pungs and the Ed Schafers.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp and girls attended a birthday party for Mrs. Mabel Klumpp at the Ardis Rest Home in Farwell Sunday.

Matie Pung has been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Debbie had supper with the Fred Goulds in Mt. Pleasant Sunday evening, and then attended a show.

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Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vogel observed their 61st wedding anniversary Tuesday, Feb. 13. They were honored at a family dinner Sunday, Feb. 18.

Seventy family members were present to help them celebrate the happy occasion.

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## NEWS ITEMS FROM LAKE ISABELLA

Lester B. Hall, Reporter

### THIRD ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL WAS SUCCESS IN TWO-DAY CELEBRATION

The third annual Lake Property Owners' "Wondrously Wild Winter Weekend Carnival", postponed earlier for lack of snow, was celebrated this past weekend under the most favorable weather conditions.

Festivities began Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock with a snowmobile safari, which toured ranch and ski areas around the lake. Over 30 snowmobiles finished the course. A pot-luck supper, held in the club house, was enjoyed by about 100 members and guests at 6 p. m. Saturday.

The big event Sunday was the snowmobile time trials, in which about 50 machines were matched in different classes, trophies being given in each, with emphasis being placed on fun and safety.

In the Junior Class, Steve Baker was first, with the fastest time over the course; Ralph Kooi and Tim Simonelli were tied for second and third. Betty Perry won in the Powder Puff class, with Nancy Bodell second and Kathy Bushre third.

In the Class A (0-299 c.c.), Leon Peake was first and Carl Alexander second. In Class B (300-399 c.c.), Dale Murray led the field, with Jack Bushra second and Bob Allen third. Several people moved up a class and some also placed in more than one class, so it was decided to award only one trophy per person, thus spreading out the awards.

Dick Clouse was winner in Class C (400-440 c.c.), Gary Garrod came in second, and Dick Perry third. Class D (441 and up) winners were Jim Ward first, Larry Bodell second, and Bob Bourr third.

The fishing contest, carried on throughout the weekend, turned out to be a shoo-in for the Hines family, with Marty catching the biggest, 33 inches, Brad second and third with fish 31 1/2 and 29 3/4 inches long, all Northern pike. The three fish weighed a total of nearly 30 pounds.

Property owners and their guests came from all over the state to enjoy an almost per-

fect weekend for outdoor activities, both as participants and observers. Some hardy souls

even shoveled snow for ice skating.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



THEY STILL KEPT COMING--To the party that started as a private invitational affair and exploded in a wingding for benefit of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department at the Elwood Miller farm Sunday. After three pigs had been roasted over open fires and eaten up, and most of other available food was gone--and 1,000 tickets sold at \$2 each, we're told--folks still gathered round tables in the barbecue area. "We told them we were out of food, but they paid \$2 anyway," a spokesman said Monday. Guestimates set attendance somewhere between 1,000 and 1,500 people come to enjoy the day. Messenger photo

it's the  
growing  
season

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## MARRIED FIFTY YEARS



MR. AND MRS. CARL GREWETT

Carl and Clara Grewett of Mt. Pleasant were honored at a surprise Open House in honor of their Golden Wedding anniversary Feb. 4.

Fifty friends and relatives gathered to offer congratulations. Carl is a retired employee of the Mt. Pleasant Home and Training School.

Both Carl and Clara were born and raised in this area, and have many friends here.

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## Local Items

Callers of Leon McArthur Sunday were Choice Foster, and Fred and Catherine Rescoe. Kevin Adams and Connie Foster were also callers.

Bryce Wilcox, grandson of the Mitchell McArthurs and the Fred Wilcoxes, celebrated his second birthday Saturday at the McArthur home. All the goodies of a birthday dinner were enjoyed, including a birthday cake. Linda's husband, Bob Wilcox, called her from Korea Sunday. He said he was doing fine.

Paul and Carl Snider are playing a two weeks' engagement at Sault Ste. Marie, at a night club.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mellis and son, Greg, of Grand Rapids were overnight guests Saturday of their grandmother, Mrs. Kit Johnson.

## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Haenke and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher were supper guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen, one evening last week.

Friends from Petoskey called on Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang Saturday.

Lewis Bowen attended a Federal Land Bank meeting at Clare Wednesday. Irene spent the day with her daughter, Connie Fletcher, at Clare.

Helen Strang and Wayne La Londe were at Petoskey Wednesday, where they finished getting their furniture from their house there.

Elizabeth Conley's sister, Minnie, of Lake, spent Sunday with her.

Lillie Maddox and daughter, Irene Amy, called on me Saturday. Arwilda Reed and Rose Mary and Rita Harringer and son, Terry, of Greenville, also called on me. They were also callers of their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright. They were enroute home from the Clare Hospital, where they called on their sister, Edna Wallace, who is a patient there at this time.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch called on Mrs. Nettie Baker last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert David have purchased the house west of the Larson home, which formerly belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson.

Mrs. Philip Kalif is home from the hospital after undergoing surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder were Tuesday evening guests of the Bob Cooks. Mr. and Mrs. Cook were in Owosso Friday, visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder and Mrs. Helen Hartman and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder were recent guests of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines.

Mrs. Ray Flaughner and Mrs. Lydia Martin visited Mrs. Virginia Leonard in the Gratiot County Medical Care Facility Tuesday. Mrs. Flaughner entered CMC Hospital for surgery Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner were dinner guests of the Russell Flaughers of Midland, and called on Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Flaughner of Mt. Pleasant, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Oligny of Cadillac spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. Einar Sandelius recently, on their way home from a trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatehouse spent the weekend snowmobiling

at Goose Lake. Mrs. Lovica Krueger took care of the grandchildren while the folks were gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg and family. They also called on the Ervin Dutchers. Mrs. Flossie Flachs and Mrs. Maggie Henry of Remus visited the Hineses Wednesday. Miss Roxanne Hines was a Saturday visitor.

Miss Karen Rhode visited Mrs. Larry Ringle of Mt. Pleasant Friday evening, and the Joe Stevenses Saturday. She and her mother, Mrs. Mildred Rhode, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Betty Elliott of Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Flossie Hagerman and sister, Jean, called on Mrs. Ella Cox Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Martin is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin in Saginaw.

Miss Donna Kennedy was home over the weekend from Ferris State College.

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## Local Items

Leon McArthur received a valentine Sunday from three girls from the sixth-grade Sunday School class of the Weidman United Methodist Church. The valentine was signed, Greg Coston, Danny Carrick, and Kevin Horstman. The valentine, from the whole class, said, "God loves you, and so do I. I hope you get well fast. God is on your side."

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley spent the weekend at their home here, returning to St. Johns on Monday, as Russell will have one more treatment at Sparrow Hospital, and then they hope to come home to stay. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley brought them home Friday.

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**THE BEAN POT**--Evelyn Hackney took a bushel of beans and this huge vat and made some of the best thick bean soup we've ever tasted. We hear her work day Sunday started at 5 a. m. to get the bean soup ready for noon serving.



**A FEW OF THE HUNDREDS OF SNOWMOBILES**--At the Elwood Miller farm Sunday. A guest book was signed by 650 persons, but the actual number present was much more. They came from (are you ready?) Horr, Titus, Brinton, Blanchard, Sherman City, Beal City, Weidman, Fenton, Leaton, Lansing, Mt. Pleasant, Ewart, Stanton, Belding, Alma, Bellevue, Charlotte, Detroit, Walled Lake, Davisburg, Saginaw, Dearborn Heights, Lincoln Park, Flint, Stockbridge, Swartz Creek, Clare, Auburn, Farwell, Marshall, Morgan Lake, Coleman, Mt. Clemens, Sherwood, Midland, Chippewa Vista, Lake Isabella, Holland, Shepherd, Grand Ledge, Oak Park, Portland, Munger, Deckerville, South Rockford, Eaton Rapids, Clio, Mulliken, Sunfield, Lake Odessa, Rosebush, Blanchard, McBride, Vermontville, Greenville, Barryton, Rochester, Remus, Eight Point Lake, Lake, Winn, Garden City, Bath, Milford, Freeland, West Covina, Calif., Chicago, and Ohio.

Harry Pung and his assistants at the roasting pits did a hard day's work but everything came out fine. Many Firemen did a day's work on the scene, and also before and after, getting ready and cleaning up. They had two tents, one a good warming place with a priceless antique camp stove that really put out warmth; and there were innumerable chores to be done all day, and everything was done beautifully and adequately. Elwood Miller called us Monday evening and said a pair of dark-framed glasses had been found on the snowmobile runs. They were not damaged, he said, and the owner may pick them up at his place. Messenger photos

**Weidman  
Messenger**

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## Local Items

Lela Whearett entertained Edna Schultz, Claribel Beutler, Leah Scharrer and Emma Middlesworth at a card party Saturday evening. Sgt. and Mrs. Andrew Sajenkoff of Griffiths Air Force Base and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany and family were Thursday evening guests of her sister and

husband, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Esch, of Mecosta Lake.

Mrs. Jerry Loucks and little Kathy of Grand Ledge were Tuesday dinner guests of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

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## WED FORTY YEARS



MR. AND MRS. HARRY GATEHOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse of rural Weidman will be honored on their 40th wedding anniversary at an Open House to be held Sunday, Feb. 25, from 1 to 4 p. m., in the Weidman Elementary School cafeteria.

The event will be hosted by their children, LouAnn Maeder and Dale and Gary Gatehouse, and families.

A buffet luncheon will be served during the afternoon.

Friends, relatives and neighbors are invited. The families request no gifts, please.

The Gatehouses are one of our oldest families around here, and have many friends. The Leo Gatehouses live in the home-stand house built by their parents. The Harry Gatehouses live across the road in the house that Harry built after his marriage.

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

(Continued from Page 1)

As we said, Farwell is some bigger than Weidman, but you can get an idea of what water and sewer lines cost taxpayers.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung of Beal City and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley spent last week Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pung in St. Johns. The occasion was the 49th wedding anniversary of Russell and Esther. The Thomases Moores were also guests.

## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,

Must get our subscription paid or we will be missing our paper.

We have had a nice winter here, only have about two inches of snow, which is way below normal; however, we have had two cold spells, which didn't bother too much as we don't get much wind here. Sure is easy on the elk and deer.

Like the picture of you in a recent Messenger. Don't tell people how old you are, for you sure don't look it.

Best wishes and love,  
Annetta Bellows  
Calder, Idaho

(Editor's Note: Aw, shucks, Annetta! People just don't look close enough at my age. I'm beginning to feel it!)

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### WEIDMAN FIREMEN ANSWER CALLS DURING LAST WEEK

Volunteer Firemen of the Notatawa and Sherman Fire Department answered a varied assortment of fire calls last week, the first at about 6.30 a. m. last Wednesday to put out a car fire located on West Beal City Road. The run was made in the usual record time.

Apparently, Firemen said, Philip Kitson was warming up his car and it caught fire. The car suffered extensive damage, according to Firemen.

A resuscitator call was answered for Mrs. Herman Hemminger, who passed away at CMC Hospital later. She lived

on Jordan Road.

At 2.30 Thursday the Firemen were called to a large older farm house occupied by Charlotte Czwinski, on the Fordyce Road in Gilmore Township. The house was a total loss.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen had supper at the Ponderosa at Midland Saturday evening. The occasion honored the first wedding anniversary of Charles and Phyllis Allen. Charles is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Carl Allen of Midland. It also celebrated the 47th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen.

Mrs. Ethel Wager entertained Mrs. Joe Stevens, Mrs. Vida Lueder and Mrs. Minnie Rhode last Thursday afternoon, with cards and refreshments.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

### BEAL CITY CARD PARTY HAS TEN TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular Senior Citizens card party at Beal City last Thursday, there were 10 tables of pepper in play. Many players were missing, reported ill with flu.

Helen Schumacher won first prize for the ladies, with Veronica Tilmann second.

Earl Blodgett won first for the men, with Ragolt Hauck second.

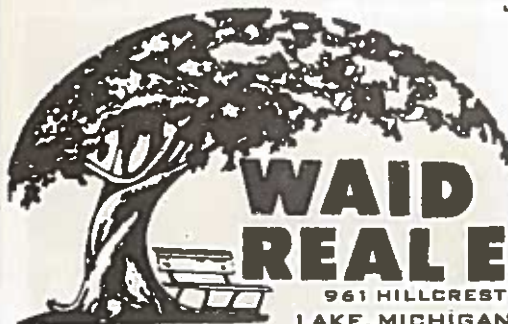
Ed Faber won the pepper prize. Julius Bierschbach won the door prize.

An assortment of donuts and coffee were served.

The next card party at the K.C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, March 1.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes were dinner guests of Mrs. Emma Middlesworth Tuesday evening.

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