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JIM PALMER

James Warren Palmer (Jim), a well-known Weidman business man active in civic affairs, died Friday evening, March 16, at Ford Hospital, after a long illness.

He had many friends in the Weidman area.

He is credited with starting the March of Dimes auction sales in Isabella County, having held the first one in his tavern in 1960. Since that year the March of Dimes auctions have become traditional around the county.

He was a member of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department, and had many friends among the Firemen.

A large part of his time and effort was directed to helping the needy in this area, and there are many who will remember him for that.

He and his wife, Betty, came to Weidman in 1959 when they purchased the Idle Hour Bar, and have lived here since.

A complete obituary appears on another page of this issue.

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NELSON JEFFREY DIES IN ACCIDENT AT BADER MILL

Nelson Jeffrey died Thursday afternoon while working in a corn bin at the Bader Mill in Weidman.

State Police said he was sweeping walls of the bin when he apparently sank into the corn and suffocated. He was dead on arrival at CMC Hospital.

Radio reports said he was discovered by co-workers at the mill who realized he had not been seen for some time, and they went looking for him and found him in the corn bin.



MARCH 1, 1971--WE HAD THIS KIND OF SNOWFALL after a mild beginning of the month. It was a quiet precipitation, however, and mainly gave us Christmas scenes such as this above.



MARCH 21, 1971--WE HAD TWO HEAVY SNOWSTORMS in March that year, after March came in like a lamb. Frances Tranbarger, who keeps dates of bad storms on her calendar, said that last week's blizzard was the first real snorter since March 18, 1965.

BLIZZARD ROARS IN FOR TWO-DAY STAY

The only real blizzard of the 1972-73 winter roared into this area--and across the state--Friday night, to the surprise of weather forecasters and the gen-

eral public. Michigan had experienced unusually mild weather up to Friday night.

The storm slammed into this area straight from the north, dumping more than a foot of (Continued on Back Page)

Men in Uniform

Ronald Stanley was hitchhiking from Fort Riley, Kansas, on a weekend pass, and was stalled by the big storm, a worse blizzard there than here. He spent the night at Marshall, Mich., south of Lansing, Friday, in a schoolhouse, with about 2,000 other refugees from the storm.

In St. Johns Sunday morning his aunt, Mrs. Thomas Moore, and her daughter welcomed him and they brought him to Weidman Sunday, where he visited his folks, the Donald Stanleys, and grandparents, the Russell Stanleys.

Several of his Weidman buddies called on him during the short time he was here. They called on the grandparents also.

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AGGIES LOSE IN REGIONALS IN CLIFF-HANGER GAME

The Beal City Aggies lost the game Monday afternoon to Lake City in the regional play at Finch Fieldhouse, CMU, in a cliff-hanger game all the way. Final score was 62-46.

In the first half it was one-for-you-one-for-me, with Lake City leading by one or two points, and in the next seconds Beal City leading by one or two points. Scores at the end of the first half were Lake City 31, Beal City 21.

From that time on it was Lake City all the way, with the Aggies unable to close the score gap.

At the end of the third quarter the score was 48-40, and it was touch and go, with a chance for the Aggies to close in.

The fourth quarter was never out of Lake City's lead, however, although the Aggies put up a great game. Foul calls put the Aggies in difficulty, with Lake City taking many of their points on free throws; and toward the end of the game several Aggie players were benched at five fouls. Lake City also had some men benched on fouls.

The Beal City Aggies have put on a marvelous series of games this winter, taking the District title and going on to the Regionals.

The Aggies had a solid section of home-town and area rooters cheering for them.

At any rate, Beal City put itself on the map in basketball games this year.

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NEWS NOTES

Leon McArthur came home from CMC Hospital Saturday, after a three weeks' stay.

Obituary

JAMES WARREN PALMER
James Warren Palmer died at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit Friday, March 16, at 8.58 p. m., after a long illness. He was 58 years old.

He was born in Elizabethtown, Ill., Feb. 11, 1915, son of William Palmer and Sadie (Mason) Palmer.

He served in the United States Navy in World War II aboard the USS Sarpedon.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Elizabethtown, Ill., Lodge No. 276, F&AM; the Oddfellows Lodge No. 491 of Weidman; VFW Post No. 3033 in Mt. Pleasant; American Legion Post No. 383, Rosebush; the Licensed Beverage Association, the Weidman Business Association, and the Chippewa Hills Development Corporation.

Among his many other activities and contributions, he sponsored Palmer's Softball Team, in games played in Mitchell Memorial Park.

Surviving are his wife, Rose Betty; one daughter, Mrs. Gary McCallister (Shari); and one grandson, Lee McCallister, of Remus; four sisters, Celia Lackey of Eldorado, Ill., Anna Ralph of Inkster, Evelyn Slater of Clearwater, Florida, and Dora Belt of Belleville, Mich. Also five brothers, Andy of Midland, Roy of Chicago, Bud of Dearborn, Delmar of Clearwater, Florida, and Julian of Garden City, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Masonic memorial services were held at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton Tuesday evening at 8 p. m.

Funeral services were held at Daggett's Wednesday, March 21, at 1 p. m., with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.

The family have the sympathy of the community in their long ordeal and bereavement.

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Obituary

MRS. MABEL WOOD

Mrs. Mabel Wood of Barryton died last Tuesday, March 13, at the Clare Osteopathic Hospital, following a long illness. She was 92.

She was born March 18, 1880, in Ohio, and was the widow of O.S. Wood, who formed the first Barryton bank. Her sons have also made their mark in Barryton business and financial affairs.

Mrs. Wood attended the Unit-

ed Methodist Church and was a member of the Barryton Rebekah Lodge and the Waubenoo Chapter No. 360, order of Eastern Star, in Weidman.

Surviving are five sons, Wayne and Thayer of Barryton, Orville of Ann Arbor, Allen of Mt. Pleasant, and James of Clare; three daughters, Mrs. Mildred Williams of rural Mecosta, Mrs. Margaret Myers of Alexandria, Va., and Mrs. Evelyn Nester of Arlington, Va.; and 15 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday at 11 a. m. from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton with Rev. Isaac Sayers officiating. Burial was in the Flake Cemetery at Barryton.

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Obituary

NELSON E. JEFFREY

Nelson E. Jeffrey was born April 13, 1944, in Mecosta County, and was a resident of that area for 20 years. He was 28 years old at the time of his accidental death last Thursday, March 15.

He was a Vietnam veteran currently employed by Bader Milling Company at the Weidman mill.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jeffrey; four brothers, Victor of Weidman, Kenneth of Winn, Leo of Mt. Pleasant and Elton at home; three sisters, Mrs. Howard Craven (Mary) of Winn, Mrs. Danny Groeneveld (Ruby) of Winn, and Marjorie, at home.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday from the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant with Rev. Athel Lynch officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery at Mt. Pleasant.

The family have the sympathy of all.

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WBA BAKE SALE GOES OVER BIG IN MIDST OF BLIZZARD

A bake sale sponsored by the Weidman Business Association Saturday morning went over big, in the midst of the worst blizzard we have experienced in years.

By Saturday morning the winds were at gale force, blowing snow in such volume that driving was next to impossible.

Yet the supply of baked goods was very good, according to the business men's wives who managed the sale, and over a hundred dollars was realized from the sale.

Lou Fiorillo's Weidman Rexall Pharmacy was the main location of the sale, with Bud's Party Store also making sales.

It was a very good undertaking, in the worst of weather,

and it made out fine.

Mrs. Ina Gillett, who now lives in Comstock Park, sent \$2 to help out on the sale. Many others contributed delectable items from their ovens or cash.

Vada Gatehouse won one of the \$25 decorated cakes, which were sold on 25-cent tickets.

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Mar15t2p

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Notice

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING
Notice is Hereby Given, That
the next Annual Township Meet-
ing of the Electors of the Town-
ship of Coldwater, County of
Isabella, State of Michigan,
will be held at the Coldwater
Township Hall,

Beginning at 1:00 o'clock p.
m., Eastern Standard Time, on
SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1973.

At such time in addition to
other regular business and in ac-
cordance with the law, a budget
covering proposed expenditures
and estimated revenues of the
Township shall be submitted for
consideration.

Signed
NORMAN GEASLER
Township Clerk

Mar 15-22

Card of Thanks

We want to thank friends and
neighbors for deeds of kindness
in our bereavement; ladies who
brought food, and called to help
with the children;

Business men and Weidman
ladies for flowers;

Also the men with the resusci-
tator, Thayne Sides, Ted Smith,
Mick Schmalbach, Dan Wer-
nette, Allen Marshal, and
Louis Fiorillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Jeffrey
And Children

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

LEGAL

Notice

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING
Notice is Hereby Given, That
the next Annual Township Meet-
ing of the Electors of the Town-
ship of Sherman, County of Isa-
bella, State of Michigan, will
be held at the Sherman Town-
ship Hall,

Beginning at 2:00 o'clock p.m.
m., Eastern Standard Time, on
SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1973.

At such time in addition to
other regular business and in ac-
cordance with the law, a budget
covering proposed expenditures
and estimated revenues of the
Township shall be submitted for
consideration.

Signed
KEITH LOOMIS
Township Clerk

Mar. 15--22

Card of Thanks

Dear Friends:

I'd like to take this opportu-
nity to thank all my friends and
family for everything that was
done for me during my stay in
the hospital and during my con-
valescence at home.

Thanks to the doctors and
nurses at the Davis Clinic; to
the entire hospital staff at
CMCH. The care I received
was excellent.

It would be next to impossible
to name each one.

I'd like to thank all those who
sent me flowers and cards.

A special Thank You to Rev.
and Mrs. Lynch and the Prayer
Circle of our church.

The kindness and concern of
all my friends was gratefully
appreciated.

Nina Carrick

Card of Thanks

I want to thank my neighbors
in Weidman for sending me cards
and thinking of me while I was
in the hospital;

Also all those who visited me
in the hospital. Your concern
is greatly appreciated.

Ida Bazaire

Weidman Messenger

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Card of Thanks

To all our friends--

This is to express our thanks
and appreciation for the many
acts of kindness and sympathy
you showered upon us during
the recent loss of our beloved
Linda;

The flowers and cards re-
ceived, food which was sent,
and the preparation and serv-
ing of dinner helped us through
a trying time.

Your understanding and sup-
port has made our bereave-
ment much easier to bear.
It will always be remembered
--and may God bless you all.

The Family of
Linda Middlesworth

Obituary

CLYDE (DOC) CHAFFEE
Clyde (Doc) Chaffee died at
his home in Harrison March 9.
He was 53.

He was born Aug. 23, 1919,
on the Chaffee homestead in
Southwest Sherman Township.

He was a charter member of
the Harrison American Legion
Post 404, and a World War II
veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Eva;
two daughters, Linda, and Mrs.
Judy Williams; a son, Richard,
of Harrison; a grandchild; and
two brothers, Albert of Grand
Rapids and Clarence of Weid-
man, and two sisters, Mrs. Vada
Gatehouse and Mrs. Beatrice
Gatehouse, both of Lake Isabel-
la; and several nieces and neph-
ews. A brother and sister preced-
ed him in death.

Services were held last week
Monday from the Coker Funeral
Home's Harrison chapel, with
Elder Dale Beavers officiating.
Burial was in Maple Grove
Cemetery.

The Chaffees were one of our
pioneer families in the Sherman
Township area. The family has
the sympathy of all.

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Local Items

Mrs. Elva Parker of near Pi-
nellas Park, Florida, was here
to attend the funeral of her
father, Ernest Emmons, the
weekend. She spent Monday
night with the Lee Parker fam-
ily.

Mrs. Ida Bazaire is staying at
the home of her son-in-law
and daughter, Mr. and Mrs.
Donald Zill, after a stay in
CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



NAME THIS PICTURE--We have been unable to identify the above old photo for certain, and are asking our readers for help. The picture was given Jennie Sprague by Alice (Sprague) Looman of Cedar Springs, for our History of Weidman efforts. It looks like the Drallete Store building, at the end of the street; yet the store featuring crockery escapes our memory; and the welter of telephone wires draped along the street makes us wonder if Weidman, at the obviously early date of the picture, had so many telephone wires. Few people here had telephones in 1912, when the Roe family came to Weidman. We can remember many details dating back to 1912, therefore, but of course not before that year.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

The Wm. Hummel family are living in the Pat Dillenbeck house south of Brinton.

Laura Roberts and son, Kevin, were in Mt. Pleasant Monday, to see their doctor.

Emily Geasler of Grand Rapids spent Friday and Saturday with her parents, Ray and Joyce Geasler, returning home Sunday.

Jack Baker of Berrien Springs was a weekend guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker.

Violet Wright was in Mt. Pleasant Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Haenke and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher spent Sunday with their parents, Lewis and Irene Bowen. Daryl was honored with a birthday dinner.

Walter Tower is working at the Morbark Industries at Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Loraine Conley.

Lewis Bowen, a director of the Federal Land Bank at Clare, and others from that bank, left Thursday by plane for St. Paul, Minn., for a conference with the new president of the Federal Land Bank. They were to return Friday afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon of Brinton spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and family.

Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family were Mr. and Mrs. Charles J.

Clark and family of Shepherd. Mrs. Minnie Rhode was a Monday caller of Mrs. Ethel Wager.

Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Mrs. Lavina Elias and Mrs. Matie Pung were dinner guests of Sonny and Noreen Thelen last Wednesday for grilled chicken with all the fixin's. Both ladies greatly enjoyed the dinner, and the day.

Marian Fussman and sons, Doug and Dan, were Saturday visitors of the Thelens. Marian was painting ceramics. Sonny Thelen is a real artist in that line, and has a good ceramics clientele in private classes.

Well, it's a beautiful Monday, after the weekend storm.

Bill and Lynn Schafer and son, Brian, visited the John Schafer family in Bay City Saturday.

Don and Judy Schafer and daughters called Saturday afternoon.

Bill and Lynn Schafer and son, Brian, spent Sunday afternoon with us and had supper.

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NEWS NOTES

B.F. Hampton, a brother-in-law of Russell Stanley, was reported quite ill after suffering a stroke. He is a brother of "Tuff" Hampton, an early business man of Weidman, building the garage now occupied by Marshall Sales and Service and the Weidman Rexall Pharmacy, and owned a Ford car dealership here in the early 1920s.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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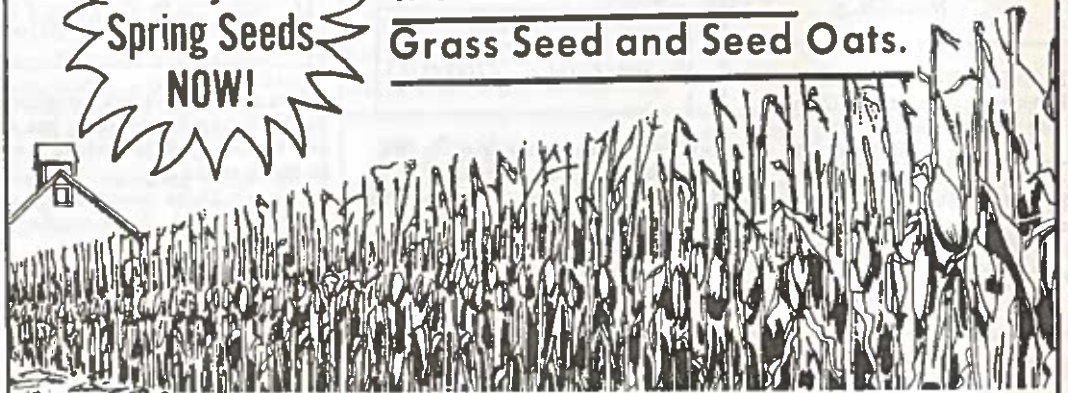
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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Elmer Garrett was admitted to the Saginaw Veterans Hospital March 19 for observation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Zeien are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Ed Schafer painted Louise Smith's living room March 12.

Mrs. Jim Smith of Mt. Pleasant came to Grandma Smith's and got her mother's quilt which Mrs. Smith had quilted for her, Tuesday afternoon. Theresa Smith and Doll Rau and Rose Fox of Rosebush also called.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung March 14, a baby girl. Mother and baby came home from the hospital Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Finnerty and Mrs. Tony Schafer and Ruth Klumpp spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pung.

MAN WHO WENT BERSERK IN BEAL CITY TAVERN TO BE EXAMINED APRIL 3

John D. Earegood, 31, of Alma apparently went berserk in the Town and Country Tavern at Beal City last Thursday at 9 p. m. and was arrested and is charged with three counts, assaulting a police officer, breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony, and malicious destruction, a felony due to the amount of the destruction, according to District Court at Mt. Pleasant Tuesday of this week.

Earegood struck two persons at the bar in the tavern, according to Sheriff's Deputies Barry DeLau and Robert Hooker. Earegood used a pool-cue stick in the initial assault, according to officers. He was ordered to leave the bar, but broke two windows and a chair before leaving.

He was not through, however. Next he allegedly entered an

apartment above the bar and began destroying contents of the apartment, according to Sheriff's deputies.

In an ensuing melee, Sheriff's Deputy Hooker was hit with a brass pitcher and was kicked and struck by Earegood. Deputy DeLau was hit in the neck with a broken beer glass, and fell down a flight of stairs, according to deputies.

Earegood finally was apprehended on the roof of the building, where he was apparently trying to break off or climb up a television antenna.

The deputies were assisted by troopers from the State Police post at Mt. Pleasant.

Earegood was taken to CMC Hospital for treatment of a head injury sustained when he jumped through a window. He was released from the hospital and arraigned Monday on the three felony counts.

He was released on his own recognizance and \$1,000 bond, with an examination hearing set for the April 3 date.

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Local Items

Jessie Rosencrantz was a Monday afternoon caller of Connie Skinner. Mr. and Mrs. William F. Martin of Beal City were Tuesday morning callers.

SENIOR CITIZENS REALLY TURN OUT FOR CARD PARTY

After a rather rough winter as to colds and flu illnesses, and quite often as to bad roads, the Beal City Senior Citizens' card party had a real turnout last Thursday afternoon, with 17 tables of pepper in play.

Eva Anstey won high-score prize for the ladies, with Martha Sheahan winning second.

Will Lawens won first for the men, with Earl Blodgett second.

Jerome Young won the pepper prize, John Schumacher the door prize.

A lunch of assorted cookies and coffee was enjoyed. The next meeting at the Beal City Knights of Columbus Hall for Senior Citizens card-playing will be Thursday, March 29.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur spent Saturday evening at the Mitchell McArthur home. Mitch and Jean were scheduled to leave for a southern vacation the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Middlesworth left Monday for their home in Laurel, Md., after a 10-day stay here, visiting relatives and staying with their aunt, Mrs. Joan Charnes.



MRS. TILLIE SCHAFER

A birthday party was held last Wednesday evening for Tillie Schafer of Beal City. Those attending were Milo and Ann Eldred of Blanchard, Ed and Marge Schafer of Coldwater Lake, Oscar and Eileen Schafer of Winn, Walter and Wanda Schafer of Mt. Pleasant, Ruth Klumpp of Mt. Pleasant, Bob and Joyce Schafer of Beal City, and Jerry and Bethal Schafer of Mt. Pleasant. The evening was spent playing euchre.

Happy Birthday, Mother Schafer!

Local Items

Mrs. Ruth Momany was hospitalized early Sunday morning, suffering from diverticulitis, an intestinal ailment. She was expected home the first of the week.

Russell Stanley went to Lansing

Monday for a checkup. His son, Donald, took him down.

Mrs. Bessie Teall of Mt. Pleasant spent Wednesday morning with her daughter, Jennie Sprague, and had lunch with her.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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Marvin Loomis and Bonnie Craven were married March 10 at the Weidman Baptist Church. They are at home at 6082 Airline Road, Weidman.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter
Mrs. Judy Lawrence had lunch with Mrs. Nettie Lawrence last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Blodgett were Sunday guests at the Benn Johnson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood and Beth Lynn and a friend, and Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Whitman and baby were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Flora Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and Mary Ellen, Gale and Dean were this week Monday supper guests.

Two stranded motorists came to Mrs. Wood's house to use the telephone during the storm, to get help. They were stranded on

the Airline Road west of the Sherman Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow and children were Sunday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Opal Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright spent from Wednesday through Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller.

Callers during the week at Mrs. Margaret Denslow's were Mrs. Eva Denslow, Mrs. Lois Strong, Mrs. Emma Middlesworth, and Mrs. Celia Backus.

Mrs. Denslow entertained at supper Friday evening, celebrating her granddaughter Holly's fourth birthday.

Jim Wright spent the weekend with his folks, the Gerald Wrights. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller were Sunday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Monroe were Sunday afternoon guests at the Elwood Miller home. Mrs. Monroe had just returned from a two weeks' vacation in Florida.

Ivan Dutcher was a Wednesday caller at the Charlie Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow were Friday supper guests at the Jay Darnell home.

Elwood and George Miller and Raymond Kirvan were Friday supper guests at the Gerald Dent home. Sunday guests, to help Gerald celebrate his birthday, were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children. Ice cream was served.

Mrs. Leo Bahr and Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Bahr were Thursday and Friday guests at the Joe Martin home. Mrs. Alma Byron spent the weekend with them.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended Busy Bees at the home of Mrs. Margie Denslow. There

were 11 ladies present. The Bees will meet April 12 with Mrs. Florence Hoffman.

Jim Strong and Tim Workman were Thursday supper guests at the Jim Thompson home.

Bob Thompson spent Friday over night in Holland, visiting his cousin, Nancy Thompson, who is attending college there.

George Miller left Wednesday for a two weeks' vacation with friends in Florida. George is director of financial affairs at Mid-Michigan College at Harrison.

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.

The church youngsters (grades 2 to 5) enjoyed a night at the roller rink. What a ball. They spent much of the time falling down and getting up, but they can't wait to go back.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Dorothy Breuer of Winn visited her sister, Mrs. Leona Courser, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Marion Johnson was a Thursday dinner guest. Mrs. Leila Shook was a Thursday caller.

Mrs. Ella Cox was discharged from the hospital last Thursday.

Ronald Sandelius is home after completing his four years of study at Ferris State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Flaughner and family and the Richard Flaughners brought dinner Sunday and helped their parents celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary, which fell on Thursday. Congratulations, Minnie and Ray!

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss visited at the Ray Flaughner home. Basil Rogers and Fred Swan were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg and Beth and Johnnie called on Mrs. Minnie Hines last week. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Youngs and children of Remus visited her Wednesday evening. Other callers were Mrs. Eugene Flachs and Bud Hines.

Mrs. Paul Lueder was hostess to the Broomfield Ladies' Aid last Wednesday evening, in the church fellowship rooms.

Lenten services will be held each Thursday evening in the Broomfield Lutheran Church, until Easter.

Mrs. Robert Cook called on Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar Wednesday evening. Nettie and Jay called on Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett will take his father, Elmer Garrett, to the V.A. Hospital in Saginaw for an infection on his foot.

Mrs. Leona Francis called on Mrs. Mildred Rhode and Karen recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear and family of Mt. Pleasant.

Roderick Nicholson and Blaine Sellers returned home last Wednesday after an interesting trip through the West. They visited New Mexico and Arizona, and went into Mexico.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee visited the George Merrihews Monday evening.

George and Edna attended the Lions Club fish fry Friday evening at Weidman. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton also attended the supper, then visited George and Edna later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and children spent Saturday evening with the Jim Dutchers.

Mrs. Sally Howe, Mrs. Sharon Garland and Mrs. Diane

Simons and Dawn visited me Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Jon were Wednesday callers at our home. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris and Jon spent Saturday and stayed over night with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls had Sunday dinner with us. Dick and Patti and Garry and David were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Nile Perry of Remus. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stadtfeld Sunday evening.

Beth Hogg was a Thursday caller of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher and Patti visited Tuesday night. The Brian Dutchers were Sunday visitors. Barbara and Patti Dutcher visited the Theodore Cases Thursday morning.

Harry Gatehouse is suffering from inflammation of the veins in one leg.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Ernestine Straus and sister, Mrs. Gwen Dean and Jeanette called on their cousins, Paul Cole and Velma, last Wednesday.

Mrs. Patty Lague and baby, Audrey, flew to Kentucky last Friday to spend a family weekend with husband and father, Albert, who is in the Armed Services.

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Eldridge visited Lena Cole and Velma Thursday.

John Hauck and son, Fred, of Galien spent the weekend at their cabin. They found their doors and windows broken in, and their television set stolen, also some cedar posts.

Our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Velva Cornell. They buried their father three weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler attended the funeral Sunday of their daughter-in-law's mother, Mrs. Cornell, at Gladwin.

Joe Mossell and son and Mr. and Mrs. John Mossell spent the weekend at their cabin. The Mossells spent Friday night with their parents, the Paul Coles, returning to their home in South Bend Sunday evening.

Walter Ewing and Mrs. Ewing were in this vicinity making plans to move back soon, on his retirement from the service.

Our sympathy to the Vic Warners in the loss of their little son.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Our sympathy to the Vic Jeffrey family in the death of

his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and Judy and Jerry visited their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott and Shawn, Tuesday and Wednesday. They also called on her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Meirndorp, Wednesday afternoon at Danville.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Mrs.

Elvah Gott were in Mt. Pleasant last Friday on business.

Mrs. Kay Aldrich attended a baby shower for Marianne Diehl at the home of Marjorie Hyder of Remus, Thursday morning.

Phyllis Sides and son and Kay Aldrich called on Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown and baby Thursday afternoon, at their home north of Brinton.

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**BLIZZARD ROARS IN
FOR TWO DAY STAY**

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snow (if it could have been measured accurately) through central Michigan, with more than that reported in down-state areas.

Winds gusting up to shrieking blasts threw snow in all directions, and there were plenty of good-sized whirlwinds here.

Saturday morning Weidman woke to two feet of snow on level deposits with drifts up to four feet and more in places.

Rural church services were canceled in many places throughout Isabella County. Countless other events scheduled for Saturday night or Sunday were canceled. The big game at Finch Fieldhouse for championship of Class D high school basketball, scheduled for 2 Saturday afternoon, and was postponed to Monday afternoon.

County road men worked overtime on clearing roads even while the wind roared on all day Saturday and into the night. Charlie Fox, road-truck foreman, said most of the county truck drivers worked overtime Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. Gene McArthur and Ronnie Sprague worked overtime Saturday night as well.

Blacktops were generally being cleared by Sunday night, but the gravel roads, Fox said, were a mess, with mud and slush under heavy snow, making clearing by the county trucks nearly impossible.

Schools in central Michigan were closed Monday, with uncertainty as to when they could open. These included local schools, Beal City and the Chippewa Hills Schools complex.

Down state the storm was much worse than here, with interstate highways closed in some places and travelers stranded at points from Alma to Detroit.

Locally, it was an unheard-of sort of storm, with blizzard winds pelting the heavy snow in all directions.

(We took off a storm window last Thursday and we said then it would turn cold; but honest, we never thought it would bring on a thing like that.)

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**LAURA HYSLOP TO OBSERVE
HER 91ST BIRTHDAY MAR. 21**

Laura Hyslop, a former resident of Coldwater Lake and a member of one of our oldest pioneer families, will observe her 91st birthday at her home in Comstock Park March 21.

In a letter to Mrs. Kate Martin Laura said she would be glad when the snow goes so she can get outdoors.

Her address is 1900 Eleven-Mile Road, Comstock Park, Mich.

She would be happy to hear from her friends.

**Editor's
Column**

By Connie

**WILL MAIL ORDER LICENSE
PLATES RETURN TAX MONEY
TO ISABELLA COUNTY?**

We were questioned last week about whether buyers of auto license plates through the mail, direct to the Secretary of State at Lansing, might be sending license-tax monies out of Isabella County (which needs as much such tax money as it can get, for its roads).

We called the license-plate office in Mt. Pleasant (Secretary of State Branch Office) and were advised by the manager there that surely the State of Michigan would return all license-plate tax monies to the counties from which buyers of plates ordered by mail direct to Lansing.

The Mt. Pleasant man wasn't sure about it; he said the question had not come up before, in his office.

We bought our 1973 license plates last October, shortly after we received application forms all made out and we had only to sign on the dotted line, write a check and return the forms and check to Lansing and presto! within three weeks we had our 1973 plates. No trips to county seats or other towns. It was beautifully easy.

We were reminded by a telephone caller after the paper was out last week that many people here had been buying auto and truck license plates in Barryton, and were much annoyed when the office there closed.

Our caller pointed out that anyone buying license plates in Barryton (Mecosta County) or any town outside Isabella County, is contributing to the road-tax monies of some county other than Isabella.

So we're very interested in learning just how and where the state-sold license plate money is allocated. When we hear from the Secretary of State's office, we'll let you know.

If Isabella County license-plate buyers' money comes back to Isabella County, fine. If it goes into some state fund, not fine.

Ordering plates by mail is the easiest way to renew auto licenses. We do hope the State of Michigan figures a way to send proper monies back to counties from whence folks buy their plates.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Esther Stanley spent Monday with her daughter, Dianna Pung, in Beal City, and made the acquaintance of her new granddaughter, Dorothy Lynn.

BETTER THAN A LETTER**Local Items**

James Noe, who was recently discharged from CMC Hospital where he was treated for an ulcer, has been staying at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mona Richardson, in Jackson. Mrs. Noe was reported as doing very well at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Noe received three pints of blood while in the hospital, which must be replaced. Anyone wishing to donate may call the hospital for an appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley were Sunday callers of the Russell Stanleys. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stanley of Barryton were afternoon visitors. Donald Pung and Debbie, Darlene and Donna were also afternoon callers. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phoenix were callers during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wood of Lansing spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, and family. Janet Pitts and Ron Apple also spent the weekend at the Pitts home.

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