

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### MAYBE THE UNNAMED PICTURE WAS WEIDMAN

We heard from Edith McArthur shortly after the paper was out last week, anent the unnamed picture thought perhaps to be a scene on the Weidman business street in olden times.

For some reason, we looked at the picture as from north, looking south, and for the life of us we couldn't identify those buildings.

Edith suggested it might be looking from south to north, beginning at what is now Clark's store (then the Damon or Middlesworth store), and on up the street north to the Mills & Scott Building, now Abbott's Furniture store.

The more we studied the faded old picture, the more we agreed with Edith.

At lower left, in the photo, say it's the corner of Middlesworth or possibly Damon's store.

Next to it, but not showing in the picture, would be the bank (if indeed the bank was established at the time that photo was taken); then the store with its awning advertising "crockery" would be Mr. Harris'; next to that, a building obviously in the process of being erected, which would have been old Mrs. Schmidt's shoe repair shop and home, now McArthur Insurance Agency and Pitts Realty; next to that, the old postoffice building, and next to that, the barber shop, though it may not have been built for barbering; and then, of course, the Mills & Scott building.

It does fall into place. It's a matter of whether you're looking up or down the street, north or south.

We believe Edith may be right, and that it may be the west side of the Weidman business street in some unnamed era.

We compared it with another old-time photo we have printed, of Weidman's east side of the business street, and the big building at the street's end does not exactly fit the old Drallette store; and also the other old picture showed the same profusion of telephone lines, about which we expressed doubt last week.

So--thanks, Edith. We do believe it is Weidman's west side of the street, looking north.



PAUL F. GROSS

Paul F. Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norm Gross of Beal City, was recently honored at the State FFA 45th annual state convention.

Paul received the state FFA degree for his activity, interest and involvement in agriculture and FFA; a degree bestowed on only two percent of the Michigan membership.

Paul is actively involved in the family farm dairy operation, as well as in many leadership positions of the FFA and the Beal City School. His most recent leadership position was earned at the recent state convention.

He was elected to serve the 9,000-member FFA organization as vice president representing Region VI. He and 13 other young men will serve a one-year term in leading the activities of the Michigan association.

Also active in the convention were Steve Schumacher, Jeff Schafer and Vern Hoag, who acted as official delegates and alternates in handling many issues covered at the convention.

Ag Director Curt Du Vall said he was proud of his boys' recognition at the convention, their responsible behavior, and their achievements.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. John Whaley and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Alwood returned home Monday night after enjoying a week's vacation trip to New York City. They saw all the sights of the big city, and had a wonderful time. They stopped at Niagara Falls on the way home.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT MAKES TWO RUNS LAST WEEK

The Nottawa and Sherman Township Volunteer Fire Department made a couple of runs last week, one to assist the Blanchard Fire Department at the Ed White trailer-home fire Friday at the Broomfield Trailer Park. The trailer was a total loss.

Saturday afternoon the Weidman Firemen were called to the home of George Fussman east of Beal City, where an over-heated vent pipe caused an estimated \$300 damage.

The fire was out when the Firemen arrived.

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### BETTER THAN A LETTER FIREMEN'S ANNUAL AUCTION TENTATIVELY SET FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 14

April 14 has tentatively been set as the date for this year's annual Firemen's Auction, held at Weaver's Tavern in Weidman.

Donations of every sort and size are appreciated.

Money realized from this annual auction goes for needed equipment for the fire fighters of the Nottawa and Sherman Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Look over your attic and garage for items you no longer use or need. The Firemen can use them at their auction.

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### THIS WEEK'S JOKE

Lawyers are the only people in the world who can write a 10,000-word document and call it a brief.

Detroit Free Press

### FIRE DEPARTMENT GIVES ADVICE ON TRASH BURNING

To Nottawa and Sherman Fire Department coverage areas, we now have our dry season coming on. We urge you to be careful with your burn barrels.

Here are a few things you might do to avoid having a grass fire from your burn barrel:

Have some type of cover for the barrel, such as a screen or some type of grating.

Wet down areas around the burn barrel. Keep watch while burning.

Burn only when the wind is down.

For burning off an odd lot, or near buildings, please contact any Fireman and we will set about to assist you with your burning.

The Nottawa and Sherman Fire Department is still having trouble with home owners who don't have the fire call clause in their insurance policies. This is a small charge, and if you don't have this coverage, you will have to pay for the fire call yourself. Since 1972 the fire call has been \$200.

So please check with your insurance agent to make sure you have this coverage.

Thank you, and be careful this spring with your burning.

Nottawa and Sherman  
Township Fire  
Department

P.S.--There is no charge if you ask us to help you with your burning. We have the equipment, and will be glad to put it to your use for your safety.

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### FIRE DISTRICT INCLUDES PARTS OF BROOMFIELD TWP.

The Fire District serviced by the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department again includes parts of Broomfield Township:

The northeast quarter of the township down to M-20.

People living in that area are advised to call the Weidman fire number for fire-fighter help.

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### TWIN GIRLS FOR THE GARY McCALLISTERS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary McCallister (Shari Palmer), Sunday, March 25, twin girls, at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. The little girls weighed six pounds, nine ounces, and five pounds, two ounces, and have been named Jamie Jo and Jennie Lynn. Mother and babies were doing fine.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and family were Sunday guests at the Mack Denslow home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were business callers in Grand Rapids Wednesday. Bill Thompson attended a forensics meeting at Petoskey Saturday. He was one of the finalists on radio broadcasting.

Tim and Lance Workman were Saturday evening callers at the Thompson home.

Mrs. Flora Wood attended a retirement dinner honoring Mrs. Dorothea Bergquist, at CMU Thursday. She had worked 10 1/2 years in business administration at the university.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Wood. Mrs. Miller has just celebrated her 84th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Patti, Jeff Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Don Merrihew and Brenda and I were Sunday dinner guests at the Charlie Losey home.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence spent Wednesday with her sister and husband, the Myrl Scotts. Sunday afternoon she called on her brother and wife, the Ed Grabers, at Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Swan and Kevin were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mrs. Opal Denslow, Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Flora Wood called on Mrs. Ethel McLean at the Greenridge Rest Home at Big Rapids Wednesday. She was feeling real good. She said she enjoys the Messenger, it's just like a letter from home.

Gerald Dent went to Alma Friday to see his doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bahr and daughter were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Martin.

Mrs. Earl Oplinger went to Alma Thursday morning. Her brother, Ed McDonald, underwent surgery. In the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Oplinger attended an FFA banquet in Lansing, then they went back Friday. The FFA members honored their parents.

Jeff Cook spent the weekend with Gary and Beth Losey, while his parents and Nancy Losey were in Norfolk, Va., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Gross and Amy and Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran were Sunday visitors at the Gerald Losey home.

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### NEWS NOTES

Ruth Blesch of Barryton returned home Saturday afternoon, after an 11-week stay in CMC Hospital and the Medical Care Facility at Mt. Pleasant, after suffering a broken hip.

## DR. RONDOT WILL BE 103 YEARS OLD APRIL 7

We had word from Mrs. Roy Johnson about Dr. Rondot, and are passing it along, as many have been wondering about the good doctor.

Mrs. Johnson said she called the doctor's nephew, Alphonse Rondot, at Stony Point, Ont., and Alphonse said his uncle will be 103 April 7. He was still at Villa Maria in Windsor, but will soon be moved to a nursing home, as he is bedfast and does not recognize most visitors except his relatives, and those he knows only occasionally.

He does not suffer any pain, the nephew said, but definitely is failing.

The nephew said Dr. Rondot would not be able to appreciate cards which might be sent by old friends from here.

Many have wondered if Dr. Rondot were still alive, as this area has not heard from him or been in touch with him for some time.

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## Local Items

Mrs. Russell Stanley spent Thursday afternoon baby-sitting for her daughter, Mrs. Diana Pung, at Beal City.

Mrs. Dorothy Rhode spent last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Ethel Wager. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick and Mrs. Wager had dinner Sunday evening with the Jim Carrick family, honoring Jan Carrick's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Handy of Harrison.

Wm. Appelgreen and sister-in-law, Mrs. Bertha Smith, were callers at the Russell Stanley home one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family spent Sunday at the home of their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Glenn, of Westphalia.

Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula Cummins were in Barryton, Ewart, Remus, Edmore and Blanchard Wednesday.

Verlia Wilcox and Flora Wood were visitors of Mrs. Helen Smith one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Herron of Oil City were Monday morning callers of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Looman in Cedar Springs Sunday afternoon.

Russell Stanley entered CMC Hospital Friday morning, and was taken to the emergency ward. He stayed a few days for observation and tests. Mrs. Stanley had x-rays the same day. Several children and grandchildren have been visiting them during the past week.

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Mar. 29tf

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gravel and topsoil. Crane  
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der & Reihl, ph. 644-2540 or  
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Dec. 21tf

SMORGASBORD--March 31,  
this Saturday, at Broomfield  
Grange Hall, corner M-20 and  
Coldwater Road. March of  
Dimes Benefit, postponed be-  
cause of bad weather. This  
week, weather permitting, we  
will offer meat loaf, home  
made noodles and beef, and  
ham, with usual salad bar and  
home made desserts. Serving  
12 noon to 7 p.m. Adults  
\$2.50, children under 12 \$1,  
under five, free. Come eat a  
home-cooked banquet with us!  
Mar. 29t1

FOUND--Pair of eyeglasses with  
plastic frame, on Weidman  
street. Owner can have same  
by identifying and paying 50¢  
for this ad. Call 644-2000.  
Mar29t1

PASTURE FOR RENT--With  
water supply. M. Denslow,  
call 644-3457, after 6 p.m.  
or on Saturday.  
March 22t2

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3507.  
Mar22ttf

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## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank everyone who  
was so kind to us in our bereave-  
ment;

Friends and neighbors, for  
bringing in food to the house, and  
especially the Weidman Rebek-  
ahs and Eastern Stars for putting  
on the dinner for family and  
friends;

An especial appreciation to  
Rev. Marvin Eldridge for his  
comforting words;

Those who sent sympathy cards;  
and those who attended the fu-  
neral, including bar owners from  
other towns and cities;

And all who helped us in any  
way.

The Family of James Palmer

## Card of Thanks

I want to take this opportunity  
to express my appreciation for  
cards and visits while I was in  
the hospital.

They were much appreciated.  
Clayton Smith

## Card of Thanks

I would like to take this oppor-  
tunity to thank all my friends  
and neighbors for their cards,  
gifts, visits and prayers while  
I was in CMC Hospital and the  
Medical Care Facility at Mt.  
Pleasant;

Also thanks to the entire  
CMCH staff for excellent care.  
Everyone's many acts of kind-  
ness were greatly appreciated,  
and will long be remembered.  
Ruth Blesch

### LEGAL

## Notice

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

March 29t1

### 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

WANTED--Someone to haul  
away brush. Call 644-2544.  
Mar. 29tf

BETTER THAN A LETTER

### LEGAL

## 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

## the Churches

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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WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
(1 mile west of Weidman)  
Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, ph.  
644-3504.  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.  
Choir practice Thursday, 6.30  
p.m.

A group from our church at-  
tended a Hymn Sing Sunday eve-  
ning at the Brinton Chapel, with  
a good turnout. Fellowship was  
enjoyed afterward, with refresh-  
ments of coffee and cookies.

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WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE  
NAZARENE  
Rev. John A. Wright, Minister  
Phone 644-3604  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
Choir practice 6.30 p.m.  
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.  
Prayer Service, Wednesday,  
7.30 p.m.

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ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Broomfield: Located six miles  
south of Weidman on Coldwater  
Road.  
Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor.  
Sunday School, 9.15 a.m.  
Worship Service, 10.45 a.m.  
Ladies' Aid meets on second  
Wednesday of each month.

Mrs. Ida Bazaire was admitted  
to CMC Hospital Saturday.  
Wanda and Debbie Graham  
visited Becky Graham at her  
home in Mt. Pleasant. Wanda  
and Becky were in Midland last  
Thursday on business, and had  
dinner together.





A GERANIUM SIX FEET, SIX INCHES HIGH--Was raised by very young Danny Forbes, son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Forbes of Brinton. The charming young lady with Danny is his sister, Becky.

Danny brought the geranium home from his first encounter with school, and it was a tiny little plant about three inches high.

His father says that Danny has had the entire care of the now-giant house plant, and has done all the watering and caring for it. Danny is five years old.

The plant blooms once a year showing bright red flowers.

That white line in the photo is a metal tape, showing the exact height of the geranium, 6', 6".

We foresee a growing future for Danny.

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker included their sons and wives, Mr. and Mrs. John Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and family, all of Grand Rapids; and her brother, Boyd Cheadle, of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler and Eunice La Londe arrived home Saturday from a two weeks' vacation in Florida.

Lewis Bowen joined a group of members of the Federal Land Bank when they went by plane to St. Paul, Minn., to a meeting, returning Friday.

Callers at the Ray Geasler home last week included Payton Geasler, Martin Bogger, Chet Henderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis. Ray hasn't been feeling so well lately.

Carl and Ellen Geasler were

in Coleman Thursday.

Those from here attending the wedding of Marjorie Sherman at the Barryton Church of God Saturday evening included Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen. Marjorie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sherman.

Mrs. Whaley's nephew spent Wednesday night with her, and they called on her daughter, Margaret Sisco, and family.

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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and Mike spent the weekend near Manistee, fishing. They got 20 nice suckers.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Vander Reed and children and Nancy Cornell of Gladwin were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler joined them all Sunday evening for ice cream and cake.

Payton Geasler called on his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Wednesday.

Raymond and John Geasler spent the weekend at their cabins.

Paul Cole went to South Bend, Ind., Friday.

Tuesday visitors of the Coles were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan and Mrs. Bernice Dennis, and Barbara Kripa.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Ronnie were supper guests

of the Coles.

Mrs. Hilda Sampson and brother, Chester Wixson, spent Saturday night and Sunday with their sister, Lena Cole, and Velma.

Mrs. Bernice Dennis and Barbara Kripa went to work at the factory in Clare last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung of St. Johns visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley, Saturday, and they all called on Russell at the hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

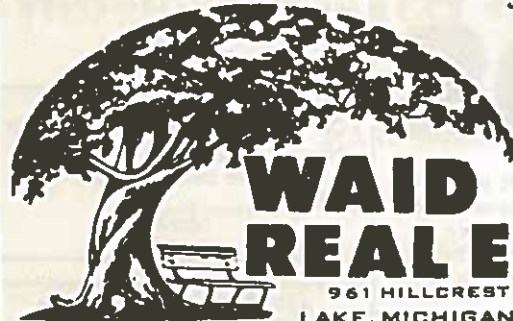
## NEWS NOTES

Word has been received of the sudden death of N. S. Woodward, husband of Erce Bywater Woodward, at their home in Zephyrhills, Florida, Friday evening, March 23.

Sadie Zorn and Mrs. Verlia Wilcox visited their sister, Mrs. Lillie Dennis, of Mecosta, in the Big Rapids Hospital last Thursday.

Doug and Nancy Jackson of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox.

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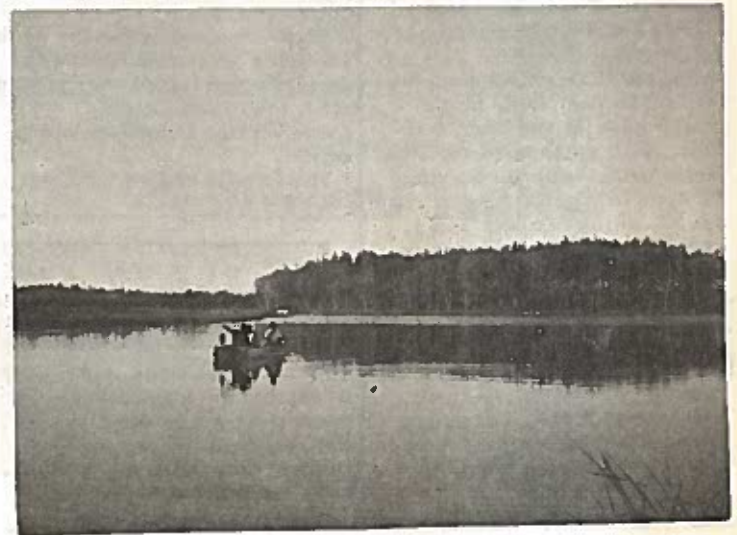
40 ACRES just outside Brinton.  
Fruit trees, a lovely layout.

40 ACRES, 80 ACRES, 120 ACRES, 160 ACRES. On Grass Lake Road out of Brinton. Buy separate parcels or all as one. Good snowmobiling area. TERMS.

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OTHER LISTINGS--In Coldwater, Sherman, Broomfield, Nottawa, Gilmore Townships, Isabella County. Others in other counties. We have everything to offer, big or little.

LAKE OF THE HILLS, Weidman. Roe's Acres. Five very large lots, waterfront. Two are zoned for business, on Airline Road. Terms.





## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Gary, Bob and Jack Rau, Steve Fox, Randy Schafer and Tom Gross attended the semi-final basketball games in Lansing Saturday.

The George Fussmans had a fire in their home Saturday afternoon. It did a lot of damage.

Ginger and Debbie Rau and Brian Gould and Ann Smith went to Midland Sunday afternoon.

Walt and Doll Rau called on Paul Esch Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould called on Grandma Smith Saturday evening. They live in Mt. Pleasant. Delores and Brian also called Wednesday morning.

Anna and Dora Smith went with June Blasen Wednesday to spend the day with June's daughter, Kathy, and family at Midland.

Mrs. Walter Rau had a quilting bee Tuesday afternoon, to work on a quilt she made to be raffled for the church this summer.

Mrs. Larry Rau and baby, Renee, called on Grandma Smith Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Marguerite Smith brought Mrs. Gertrude Gross home to stay.

Pat Schafer and boys of Chicago spent the weekend in Beal City. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dean were also here.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family entertained company Sunday at supper.

Mrs. Doris Sprague spent the weekend with her mother, Clara Fox. Loretta Fox came Sunday to visit her mother, returning Monday to Rochester.

Margaret Judge, Doris Sprague and Loretta and Clara Fox were Sunday dinner guests of the Herman Kramsreiners.

Mrs. Bill Richmond and Tanya, Stephanie and Jennifer spent

Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Clara Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schafer left Monday on a two weeks' tour in California and Nevada, sight-seeing.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcy Fedewa and Mrs. Martha Gross of Portland, Leo Smith, Matie Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gross.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tilmann left Monday by plane on a tour through Spain.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Joe Schafer on Crawford Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Art Funnell drove to California, starting Monday, on a two weeks' scenic trip.

Alfred Klumpp returned home Sunday after a two weeks' stint in the Navy.

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## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

Another lovely day Monday, and a nice wash day!

Tuesday afternoon Jane Schafer and children spent with me. Jerry Schafer rode out from work with Emil Lueder and the family had supper with us.

Wednesday Ed and I made a trip to Sheridan, after more building supplies.

Ed has been working in Lawrence (Bud) Lee's cottage on the south shore. The cottage was water-damaged this winter, with a water pipe freezing and bursting.

Lynn Schafer's father, Norval Maxon, was taken to Emergency at the Alma Hospital Thursday. They thought he had had a heart attack, but doctors found he didn't. They are now making tests to find out what was wrong.

Sunday morning we took Tillie Schafer to church and then to Jerry and Jane Schafer's for dinner. Other guests were George and Virginia Bader, Craig and Linda Kandar and children of Auburn; Basil and Neva Darling and daughter, Julie, of Edmore; Dottie and Pam Klumpp and Paul and Doris Lang.

Wendell Lee of Mt. Pleasant stopped in for coffee with Ed this morning (Monday). Don Schafer and daughter, Josette, were also callers.

I had a visit on the phone last week with Kate Martin. I tried to call Loretta Lorenz a couple of times, but Kate said Loretta was visiting in Florida.

I visited (also by phone) with Helen Graham last week. She and her husband, Fred, had just recently returned to their home in Mt. Pleasant, from Florida.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter  
George Woodin was a Friday evening caller of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and children of Saginaw were Saturday evening visitors.

Patti Losey spent Friday night with Sandra Dutcher.

Barbara and Patti Dutcher called on the Theodore Cases Saturday afternoon.

Callers of the Clayton Dutchers during the week were the Jim Dutcher family, the Richard Dutchers, and Garry Dutcher and children. The Robert Dutchers spent Saturday night with us, and the Dale Dutchers had Sunday dinner with us.

Linda and Chad Dutcher are spending the week with her folks, the Ed Wernettes, of Greenville, while Brian is attending schooling in Owosso.

Marion and Mary Beutler attended a reception Thursday evening in Bay City for Dorothy Kelly, Grand Marshall of the Eastern Star Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hardenburgh had Sunday supper with the Jim Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyke were Thursday evening visitors of the Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Modred Methner and Brenda were Sunday

afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. William Remington and family of Saginaw spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton and Theron Merrihew were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were Friday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and family were shopping in Lansing Saturday, and visited her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss, of St. Johns, in the evening. They visited Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler and family Sunday evening.

Mary Beutler, Nina Forbes and Emma Middlesworth attended Friends Night of the Eastern Star at Ithaca Tuesday evening.

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## Local Items

Rev. and Mrs. Carl Allen of Midland and Rev. and Mrs. Snow of Grand Rapids were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler was a Monday supper guest of the Forrest Johnstons of Rosebush, and with them attended the Detroit Symphony Orchestra concert at CMU in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur called on Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Frantz of Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

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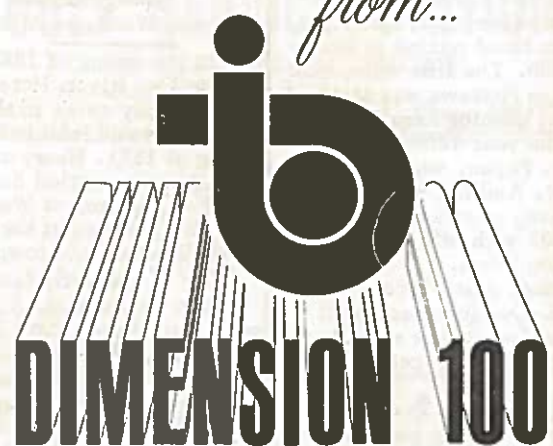
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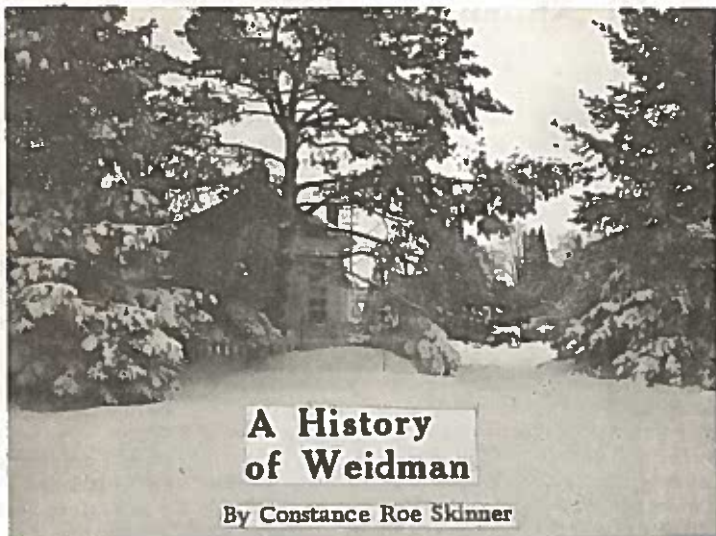
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## A History of Weidman

By Constance Roe Skinner

### JOHN S. WEIDMAN CAME AND BUILT A SAWMILL; THERE WERE TOWNS BEFORE HIM

When John S. Weidman established his sawmill here in 1893 and started a town that was to live and grow, there were other towns around that were either declining or about to decline, due to nearby timber's giving out.

One such town was Two Rivers, and we herewith offer an original writing by Katherine Martin of Two Rivers, who is an authority on history of that area and who has a valuable historical collection of photos and data. Here is her piece of writing, which she once presented at one of the annual gatherings of the Two Rivers School Reunion:

Early settlers of Two Rivers were Mr. Davis, W. Reardon, Jess Courser, Herb Nicholson, Mr. Hagerman, John Bunting, in the year 1887;

Dan Nichols, Zeke Ballard in the early 1880s; Fred Ballard came in the spring of 1897.

William Head settled in Nottawa in 1896. The first white man to settle in Nottawa was Michael McGihon, coming here from Detroit in the year 1869.

And Dr. Payne, who located at Beal City. And the well-known Dr. McRae, coming to Two Rivers in 1905 with offices in the Richardson Hotel.

The county post office was at the hotel. Our first rural mail carrier in Two Rivers was Charley Coddington, in the spring of 1902.

Oh, yes; more of Two Rivers: Among our pioneers were Mr. Mead, Tommy Drake, Mr. Brower, Mr. Stahlman, Abe Eldred, Samuel Johnston, Mr. Lynn, Lee Merrill and George Secord.

The State Road from Big Rapids over Bundy Hills through Two Rivers, to go to Dog Town (north Mt. Pleasant), north to Houghton Lake. Dell and Sherwood Bennett and Dave Prothero worked on it to Dog Town. James Bennett and son, Bill, built the bridge across the Chippewa River.

The early settlers of Isabella County organized in 1859 and

established a legal county, composed of Coe, Chippewa and Isabella Townships.

The first white man to settle in Isabella County appeared in 1854. Deerfield was the principal place of starting the county-seat sites, (but was rather quickly moved to Mt. Pleasant).

The first schoolhouse in Two Rivers was built in the early 1870s. The present brick building was built in 1886.

In 1875 Samuel Craft settled at Two Rivers, John Drew in 1879, James Caldwell in 1879,



Clayton Ward and Allen Wolfe and in the spring of 1882 started the Two Rivers Hotel.

Mr. Smiley came in the 1870s, Mr. Moses and John Lyons in the spring of 1881. Henry and Jerome Rearden settled here, Mr. Ward on the present Ward farm and Mr. Rearden at the hotel on the west side of town.

A few of the early teachers: Maude Richardson, A. G. Stansell, Kate Kyser, Miss Lewis, Miss Brown, Warren Shorts, Walter Kane, Margaret Davis, Mary Rush, Mabel Murtha, Lavina Bengal (1906 to 1909); Lillian Gannon, 1909; Allen Wolfe 1910 and 1911; Frank Sheahan, Miss Boyer, Edith Seymour, Miss Reed, Miss Cheadle, Hugo Martin, and Lucille Fleming.

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### In the Editor's Mail

Connie:

Keep up the good work. Your little paper means so much to so many people. It's like a letter away from your home site, as lots of us are getting older

every year.

I also have the Lakeview Enterprise, with Montcalm and central Michigan news.

I'm sending along my new address so I will get the paper after the first of April.

Maude Robinson  
7159 42nd Terr. N., Lot 182,  
Riviera Beach, Florida 33404  
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(Editor's Note: Maude also sent along a sketch, with a note: "So you had a birthday. You know that's not the end of the world."

"This little sketch was written by a 75 1/2 year old young lady to Peter J. Steincrohn, M.D., in Miami."

There's nothing whatever the matter with me.

I'm just as healthy as I can be.

I wear arch supporters on both feet,  
Otherwise I wouldn't be able to make the street.

I have arthritis in my knees,  
And when I walk, I wheeze.  
I think my liver is out of whack,  
And I've always got a pain in my back.

I chew my food with china clip-pers.

I'm mighty fond of my felt slip-pers.

My pulse is weak, and blood is thin,  
But I'm awfully well  
For the shape I'm in.

My hearing is poor, my eye-sight dim,  
Most everything seems out of trim.

I hide my blue veins with elastic socks,  
And take tranquilizers to ease my shocks.

The way I stagger is a crime.  
I'm likely to drop most any time.

My memory's failing,  
My head's in a spin--  
But I'm awfully well  
For the shape I'm in.

### MORAL:

For you and me and others who are growing old,  
Learn to say, "I'm fine!"  
With a grin.  
It will surely help,  
For the shape you are in.

Shades of Longfellow, Byron, Shelley (rest easy!),  
The woman who wrote this  
Realizes she is no Grandma Moses.

But her jingles would help jangle the spirits of us  
That think we are through  
When we reach the seventies.

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### EDS MAIL---

Dear Connie,

Well, it is time for renewal for my Messenger. I just can't get along without it, and look forward every Thursday to it.

Would like to say Hello to all my friends everywhere through the Messenger. It is just like a letter. Hello!

Minnie Strauch  
Mt. Pleasant

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### Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Paygle of St. Johns were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wood of Bay City were visitors, and took Mrs. Wood for an extensive ride, visiting relatives and friends, and giving Mrs. Wood her first sight of the Mill Pond with water in it.

Debbie Graham visited her doctor Friday, and will be home for a while, entertaining monoculars.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Gott of Winn stopped in to visit Wanda Graham and Deb Sunday evening.

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## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Sharon Kay Conley and children called on her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger, one day last week. Mrs. Sidney Wood visited her parents also.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott called on their daughter, Carolyn Parrish, and family, and brought their grandson, Scotty, home with them, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott called on Mr. and Mrs. John Gott Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott of Farwell called one evening. Ruth and Dennis Huber of Farwell called Monday. Wanda and Debbie Graham had supper with us Saturday evening.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Elvah Gott called at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton to pay respects to Jim Palmer, last Tuesday.

Helen Alwood and Elvah Gott called on Mrs. Nellie Wiley of Mecosta last Tuesday.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Burley and children, Kathy and David, of Hazel Park, their daughter, Mrs. Deborah Atyeo and son, Danny, of Lansing. Saturday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ingalls of Ewart and Mr. and Mrs. Burt Waite, also of Ewart.

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### BETTER THAN A LETTER 200 ATTEND LOOMIS WEDDING RECEPTION

About 200 guests attended a wedding reception at the Drew Hall for the recent wedding reception of Marvin Loomis and Bonnie Craven.

On the groom's side of the family, an aunt and uncle from Alma and St. Louis attended. On the bride's side, a great-uncle and great-aunt from Lakeview came. Marvin's grandmother, Otha Hunt, of Blanchard, was an honored guest.

The bride's grandmother, Bessie Sexton Turner, was here from Florida. Others were present from immediate families of each, plus many friends.

Glenn Darryl and Fern Frantz made the wedding cake. The Leiter, Branson and Frantz boys furnished music for dancing.

The newlyweds are living in his grandmother Loomis' house at the corner of Airline Road and Woodruff Road. He is employed at the Ferro Stamping plant at Mt. Pleasant.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan of Mt. Pleasant were guests at the Momany home here Sunday.

Paul and Carl Snider played at CMU Friday night, at a private party. They played at the Valley View Golf Club at Shepherd Saturday night, at a frat party. Tuesday they left for the Soo again for two weeks.

## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Kent Myers and son, Kent, Jr., of Houghton Lake were Wednesday guests of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caukins of Alto, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caukins of Second Lake and Marvin Armock of Grand Rapids were guests Thursday, to celebrate Jay's 84th birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook and Stuart and Sandra were Saturday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser and family. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and Doug and Harrison of Wheeler were weekend guests of Blanche Carr. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa of Merrill were Sunday visitors. Mrs. Ruth Simmer and Pamela and little Jennifer Clare called on me Monday. Ruth took me to Alma for a checkup Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bridget Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and girls were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan.

Ray Flaughter went to Ford Hospital Monday for further treatment. Visitors at the Flaughter home last week were the Ralph, Ronald, Richard and Ralph Flaughers, Bill Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot, Mrs. Fred Swan, and Joan Cole. Rev. Schmeltzer also called.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Myers of Mt. Pleasant called on Mrs. Choice Foster Sunday. Connie Foster spent the weekend in Pontiac, on the Lay Witness Mission of the United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Maeder attended Farmers' Week in Lansing Tuesday.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines were Mr. and Mrs. Roberts of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Flachs and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry of Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keysor of Saginaw.

Mrs. Leona Courser attended the Coomer Aid at the home of Mrs. Ethel Vroman of Mt. Pleasant Wednesday.

Mrs. Leona Courser called on her brother, Fred Woodruff, Sunday.

Mrs. Dorothea Lande and Mrs. Jo Allen of Billings, Montana, have been visiting Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray. Mr. and Mrs. John Schubach were Sunday evening visitors.

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Tom Chamberlain of Lansing and his son, Jimmy, were Sunday guests of the Bernard Pitts family. He is a missionary recruit, planning to spend the summer in Mexico.

## Local Items

Cheryl Pitts of Lansing spent the weekend at her home here.

Mrs. Leila Shook entertained at dinner Sunday honoring the 15th birthday of her granddaughter, Cindy Krueger. Guests were the Gale Krueger family and Dick Shook of Bay City.

Mrs. Kit Johnson spent a few days last with the Charles Johnsons and the Tom Powells of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips were in Omar with the Lloy Sperrys, Saturday. They went on to Pinconning and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine of Midland were Sunday guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips.

Patricia and Micky Straus spent Saturday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague. Katherine Schumacher of Lansing was a Sunday visitor. They took her to dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn.



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**KIDS CLEAN UP ROADSIDES**--A bunch of unorganized young folks took it upon themselves, unaided, to do cleanup work on the roadsides in part of the Weidman area Saturday afternoon. They started in their own neighborhood, they said (around Maeder's Mill corners) and came toward town on Weidman Road, turned north at the cemetery and took the mill road past Baeder's. "We just wanted to do it," they said simply.

The kids said they have been doing this for the past three years, and that Maeder Bros. Sawmill loans them a truck for the purpose.

In the photo above, left to right, are:

Danny Forbes, John Maeder, Patty Gross, Richard Gross, Betty Gross, Debbie Smith, Becky Forbes, Tom Maeder, Karen Gross, Shirley Maeder, Russell Gross, Eddie Gross, Jim Gross.

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#### WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE PROGRAM AVAILABLE

"Lady Beware", a program about common-sense self-defense methods for women, is now available to women's groups and organizations from General Telephone's speakers bureau, according to Judd Perkins, public affairs director of the company.

"This program features an excellent 16-minute color film as well as discussion about how women can avoid an encounter with an attacker or what a woman can do when an encounter cannot be avoided," Perkins said.

Speakers for the program are women members of the company's state headquarters staff at Norton Shores, near Muskegon. The program can be scheduled by calling any General Telephone business office.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley paid respects to James Palmer last Tuesday, at the Daggett Funeral Home at Barryton. They called on the Edward Marshalls on their way home. Later in the evening Mrs. Andy Stanley took Mrs. Stanley to Farwell to pay respects to her aunt, Minnie Irwin, whose funeral was Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullet were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes. Mrs. Ron Littell and children, Julie and Jeff, of Ithaca, and Robert Holt and Russell, Diane and Roger of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon and supper guests.

#### WEIDMAN NOW HAS A FULL TIME ELECTRICIAN

Lee Parker has announced that he has quit his job at Dow Chemical Company at Midland, and will conduct his own electrical contracting and local service business from his shop on the Airline Road on the north side of Weidman.

Lee worked 15 years for Dow's as an electrician. We welcome this new business and service to the town of Weidman.

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#### PROPERTY VALUATION, TAX ASSESSMENT COURSES AT MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE

Mid Michigan College at Harrison has scheduled the following courses as part of its Property Valuation and Tax Assessment program for this spring and summer. Scheduled at Mid Michigan Community College campus are:

Section No. 7180: RET 061-- Fundamentals of appraisal and assessment; four credit hours (60 hours of instruction). Class meets from 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. on the following dates:

April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23, 25; July 7, 14. All dates are Saturdays except June 25.

Tuition for the course is \$40 for college district residents and \$60 for non-residents.

Section No. 7182: RET 063: Commercial, industrial and personal property assessment; two credit hours (30 hours of

instruction). Class will meet from 7.45 a.m. to 12 noon on the following Saturdays: May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23; July 7, 14. Tuition for the course is \$20 for district residents, \$30 for non-residents.

Also scheduled are classes in commercial, industrial and personal property assessment, with two credit hours, at the Ewart High School.

Further information may be had by calling the college, (517) 386-7792, extension 34, or write to Tom Nyquist, Mid Michigan Community College, Harrison 48625.

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#### WEIDMAN REBEKAHS TO START CARD PARTIES AGAIN

Regular every-other-week card parties will start again at the Oddfellows Hall in Weidman, sponsored by the Weidman Rebekahs, on Tuesday afternoon, April 3, according to present plans.

The playing will begin at 2 o'clock p.m.

This will be the first card party at the Weidman hall since December, when the parties were suspended for the winter.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and family of Wolverine called on their parents, the Clayton Smiths, Sunday afternoon. On their way home they dropped off their son, David, at Ferris State College. David is in his third year there.

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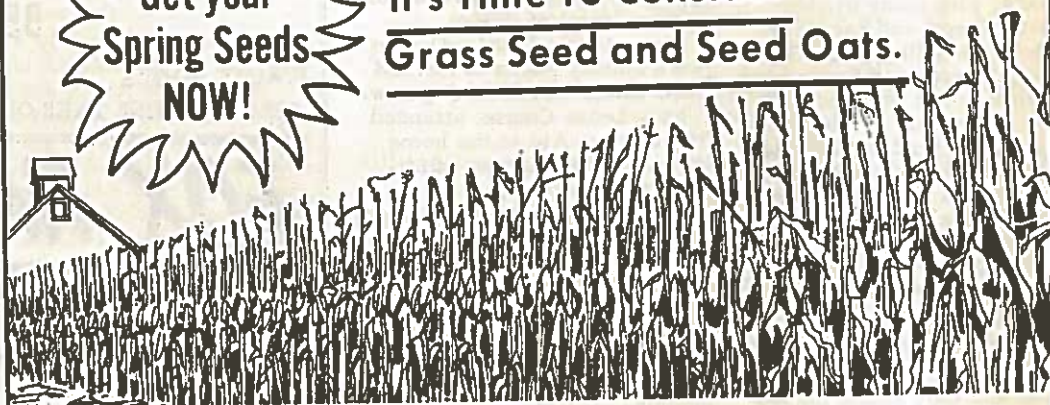
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