

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### A CONTRIBUTION FROM MICHIGANDERS IN FLORIDA

We have received the following piece from Egbert Fordyce, who with his late wife, Lola, spent four winters in Bradenton, Florida.

Mr. Fordyce brought us this piece, a reprint from the Bradenton Herald, which was sent to him by Bernice Cook, who taught in the Weidman School at the time when Lola was a teacher here.

Bernice has a beautiful trailer home at the Kiwanis Trailer Court at Bradenton, and she noted on the margin of the clipping, "Aren't you glad you're not a tourist this winter?"

The piece obviously is from the viewpoint of an irate Floridian anent the "intrusion" of Northern folks flocking down for sunshine in winter months.

Here 'tis:

This is the time of the locusts, swarms of them, the discourteous, aggressive, nasty, pushy, surly, obnoxious and repulsive tourists (ask any waitress or salesperson, they will agree).

The stupid Chamber of Commerce which should be culminated and deleted (as they already have been in some other areas) is beckoning and enticing them to flock down to our state to clog the roads, jam the stores, cram the restaurants, while we have inadequate highways, water systems, sewer systems, the phones lag and the power and light company is bogged down.

And yet they swarm in. How the greedy merchants love it. They should eliminate that welcome station at the Florida line and install a toll gate. Charge them \$100 for a winter vacation permit which would be good for, say, Feb. 28 to March 1.

We should set up a schedule of prices which would be a certain amount for the local people and twice that for the snowbirds.

We poor local yokels who have to jump to an alarm clock and crawl to a job while these folks play shuffleboard with our hard-earned social security dollars.

If they would stay off the crowded roads during the rush periods it would certainly help.

(Signed) A. N.

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THE MERRIMEISTERS--An independent musical-variety group of young men and women from Central Michigan University, entertained a large audience at the Weidman Lions Club's dinner honoring senior citizen men of this area last Wednesday evening, at the local school cafeteria. Messenger photo

The two-year-old, 24-member troupe of singers and dancers earns its own costume and expense money by such personal-appearance programs as that enjoyed here last Wednesday evening.

The group has beautiful girls (talented, too!) and impressive men members, such as the six-foot-plus Ray Wicks, who also plays defense on the Chips' Varsity football team. (He is a dancer in the show).

The troupe is not sponsored by the University or any of its various departments; but it has members from all corners of the campus: majors in sociology, a pre-med student, psychology majors, speech majors, and one member with a music major.

They are delightfully spontaneous and unaffected in conversation (as with Ye Ed), and are a truly remarkable group of young men and women.

The troupe puts on a program of musical variety, featuring skits from Broadway hits, such as Fiddler on the Roof, Hello, Dolly, Cabaret, The Music Man, Pajama Game, and so on.

The evening, beginning with a sumptuous chicken dinner, was greatly enjoyed by the Lions, the entertainer-troupe, and the large attendance of senior men.

After the show, three door prizes were awarded: To Harry Gatehouse, Herb Yuncker and Clarence Lutz.

This is the second year of the Weidman Lions' entertaining

## Men in Uniform

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gary and children from Missouri came Saturday and stayed the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee at their country home here. On his return to base he will be sent to Germany.

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Martin Latham was home for the weekend. He is stationed at Fort Konx, Ky.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Max Stanley of Greenwood Township, Clare County, and Mrs. B.F. Hampton of Clare called on Mrs. Esther Stanley one afternoon last week and took her to the hospital to visit her husband, Russell. They had lunch with Esther on their return home. Russell's brother-in-law, Bernie Hampton, was seriously ill in the Clare Hospital. They visited him en route home.



LIONS CLUB MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS--Greatly enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner and the entertainment by the young members of the Merrimeisters.

### BRIAN DUTCHER COMPLETES ELECTRONICS COURSE FOR GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Brian Dutcher, a switchman for General Telephone Company at Mt. Pleasant, has completed a course in basic electronics at the company's service training school in Owosso.

The course is one of more than 20 offered by General Telephone Company as part of its continuing

their elder brothers and neighbors.

craft employee training program. It provides students with fundamentals of electronic circuits.

It includes classes in electronic emission, semi-conductor and transistor fundamentals, electronic circuit reading, vacuum tube and solid state amplifiers, basic oscillator theory, modulation and demodulation power supplies, and wave theory.

Brian is the son of the Ervin A. Dutchers and lives with his wife, Linda, and son, Chad, on Main Street in Weidman.



**FIREMEN'S AUCTION IS THIS SATURDAY NIGHT**

Don't forget that the annual auction sale and gala night sponsored by the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department is this Saturday night, April 14.

It will be at Weaver's Tavern beginning at 8 p.m., with good auctioneers and (we hope) a wonderful accumulation of just everything to bid on.

And don't forget, donations are needed from just everyone. If you have usable articles of any description, large or small, please do get them out and get them to the firemen.

You may call any of these numbers of pickup: (All on 644 exchange.) 3306, 3595, 2202, 2035.

Let's help make this year's auction better than the fabulous ones of the past.

Proceeds go for needed equipment for the firemen.

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**In the Editor's Mail**

Dear Connie,

As usual, nearly forgot to send money for the Messenger.

Just getting so I can write again after breaking my right wrist in a fall Dec. 31. Can't blame icy streets, either!

I was very pleasantly surprised one Sunday morning recently as I came out of church, to find Glenn and Beulah Scott waiting for me. They had recognized me in the choir.

Still enjoy the Messenger, especially the "Editor's Column". You do a good job, Connie.

Ercel (Bywater) Woodward  
Zephyrhills, Florida

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**Real Estate Transfers**

(Editor's Note: We point out that the following Real Estate Transfers do not necessarily mean recent sales. The Register of Deeds gives out for publication only warranty deeds on record; which can mean a land-contract finally paid up several years after purchase. The Real Estate Transfers are of interest, however, as they are the only source of information on the movement of land ownership in the county.)

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Thelma A. Branson to Sevastian Pfannes and wife, ne nw sec. 24, Coldwater.

Cal O. Radtke and wife to Albert G. Gibbons and wife, pt. n 1/2 ne sec. 17, Gilmore.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Kenneth G. Wood and wife, lot 316, Lake Isabella Plat No. 3, Broomfield.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Charles J. Baker and wife, lot 22, Lake Isabella Golf Estates No. 1, Sherman.

**GRANDMA AND THE RAIN**

I hear the raindrops on my roof  
A soft, and drumming sound.  
They make me think of all the things  
That on this earth abound.

There are giraffes and elephants  
And birds of every kind;  
And other things both large and small  
That quickly come to mind.

But what I think of, most of all,  
As I listen to the rain,  
Are little folks, all far away,  
Whom I long to hug again.

I see their faces, one by one,  
All cheerful and carefree,  
And deep within my heart I know  
That God's been good to me.

---Daisy Embrey  
Written in Florida  
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**Local Items**

Janet and Cheryl Pitts of Lansing were home over the weekend.

Leon McArthur was admitted to CMC Hospital Sunday for tests.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Jib Hall at Barryton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton and family of Ashley were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and family.

Mrs. Dale Bywater of Midland was a Friday caller of Mrs. Ethel Bywater.

Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula Cummins were in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday morning. Florence Mull of Saginaw and Mrs. Vera Carpenter of Seattle, Wash., were afternoon guests at their home. The ladies spent a couple of days visiting friends in the Mecosta County line area.

Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula Cummins had Sunday dinner in Mecosta.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hall of Dearborn spent Thursday over night and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany and family have moved to their beautiful new home near Big Rapids, which they purchased this winter. Ross has a position with Ferris State College.

**Weidman Messenger**

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Apr. 5 t2

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Apr 12t1

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Apr12t2

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Apr12t2p

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561-7515.

Apr12t2

FISH SUPPER--April 13, at the  
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pre-schoolers free. All you can  
eat. Serving from 5 to 8.30 p.  
m. Sponsored by Beal City Band  
Parents.

Apr12t1

GARAGE SALE--As we are mov-  
ing away, into a smaller house,  
we want to sell some things  
that will be unnecessary in our  
new home. We will sell Friday  
and Saturday, at our place:  
Odds and ends of furniture; and  
lamps, dishes, etc. One-half  
mile east of Weidman, on  
Weidman Road.

Apr12t1

## Local Items

Mrs. Thomas Moore of St.  
Johns called Mrs. Esther Stan-  
ley to tell her her husband was  
back in the hospital. He is a  
Marine veteran.

David Flower entered CMC Hos-  
pital Sunday, suffering from  
bronchitis and complications.

Mrs. Pauline Wager of rural Re-  
mus spent Saturday with Mrs.  
Ethel Wager. She had just re-  
turned from Florida. The ladies  
enjoyed lunch together.

Mrs. Andy Stanley of Barry-  
ton took her mother-in-law to  
the hospital one day last week.

## Obituary

### JOHN J. SHELDON

John J. Sheldon, a long-time  
resident of Weidman, died last  
Tuesday, April 3, at his home  
here. He was 90 years old.

He was born Dec. 6, 1882, in  
the Upper Peninsula, and had  
lived in this area the past 62  
years. He was a retired railroad  
worker.

Surviving are two sons, John  
of Mt. Pleasant and Oren of Roy-  
al Oak; seven daughters, Mrs.  
Laura Latham of Weidman, Mrs.  
Bert Chaffee (Mabel) of Grand  
Rapids, Rosena Leiter of Weid-  
man, Mrs. Raymond Flaughner  
(Minnie) of Two Rivers, Ruby  
Farnsworth of Arizona, Mrs.  
Charles Voss (Millie) of rural  
Weidman, and Mrs. Joseph Wil-  
mot (Doris) of Weidman; also 31  
grandchildren, 57 great-grand-  
children and four great-great-  
grandchildren.

Funeral services were held last  
Thursday, April 5, from the  
Daggett Funeral Home in Barry-  
ton, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge  
officiating. Burial was in the  
Forest Hill Cemetery at Horr.

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## Card of Thanks

We would like to express our  
thanks and deep gratitude to all  
those who helped us after the  
death of our father, John Shel-  
don;

The ladies who furnished food,  
and served the dinner; those who  
sent flowers and cards;

George Daggett and the pall-  
bearers; Rev. Eldridge for his  
comforting words; and all who  
helped in any way.

Laura Latham  
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee  
Rosie Leiter

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flaugh-  
ner

Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon, Jr.  
Alma Farnsworth

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss  
Oren Sheldon

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot

## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung  
of St. Johns spent the weekend  
with their mother and father  
at the hospital, Mr. and Mrs.  
Russell Stanley. Mr. and Mrs.  
David Moore and family of  
Lake Thirteen and the Donald  
Stanley children had Sunday  
dinner with Mrs. Esther Stan-  
ley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bushree  
returned from wintering in Tex-  
as April 5. They live in the  
former Ralph Turnbull house  
in Weidman.

## 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.

Our church had its 15th birth-  
day April 8.

We sang old songs, talked  
about old times, and had many  
old friends back with us again.

There were 160 in attendance,  
from Weidman and its area,  
Detroit, Corunna, Mt. Pleas-  
ant, Stanton, and other places.

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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  
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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.

### NEWS NOTES

Sheryl and Sheila Stanley and  
Doris Pung helped their grand-  
mother, Mrs. Esther Stanley, at  
her home Saturday.

EXPIRATION DATE--Of your  
subscription appears each week  
on your address line.

## Local Items

Mrs. Russell Stanley went to  
the hospital in Mt. Pleasant  
Sunday evening with Mr. and  
Mrs. Adelbert Pung, and Mr.  
and Mrs. Donald Stanley brought  
her home.

Michael Stanley spent nights  
with his grandmother while  
his grandfather, Russell Stan-  
ley, was in the hospital. Mr.  
Stanley remained in the hos-  
pital for further tests.

Elmer Garrett was transferred  
from the Veterans Hospital in  
Saginaw to the Veterans Hospi-  
tal in Ann Arbor this week, for  
treatment of a diabetic condi-  
tion.



### COLDWATER LAKE LADIES INVITED TO MEET WITH MRS. EMIL LUEDER

Ladies with homes in the Coldwater Lake area are invited to meet with Mrs. Emil Lueder at her lake home next Wednesday, April 18, at 1.30 p.m.

Get-together meetings at the lake have been quite successful in getting Coldwater Lake residents acquainted with one another. From 12 to 15 ladies have attended other afternoon parties in the recent past.

Object of the meetings is to afford a get-acquainted time for lake residents, in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

All ladies around Coldwater Lake are invited to Mrs. Lueder's home next Wednesday.

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### REBEKAH CARD PARTY

At the Rebekah sponsored card party here last Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Albina Rau won first prize for the ladies, with Monica Grinzinger winning pepper prize, Gladys Wilson the door prize, and Ruby Douglas low.

Henry Schafer won first for the men.

The next Rebekah card party will be Tuesday afternoon, April 17, at the Odd-fellow Hall in Weidman.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and girl of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. Kit Johnson.

## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. John Flachs of Remus spent Tuesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines. Mrs. Eugene Flachs and daughter, Mrs. Margie Henry, visited the Hineses Tuesday evening. Mrs. Bob Hogg and children visited Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were Friday evening guests.

Mrs. Thelma Pyrette of rural Weidman spent Monday with her aunt, Mrs. Nettie Baker.

Miss Connie Foster went with the youth group to a Methodist youth camp at Clear Lake over the weekend. About 90 youth from around the state were present.

Mrs. Doyle Plank and sons, Harrison and Douglas, of rural Wheeler were dinner guests of Blanche Carr Thursday. They also visited Mrs. Steve Simmer.

Clarence Lorenz was a Wednesday evening guest of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray. Mrs. Rosemary Walker and daughter, Paula, of Lakeview visited her grandmother Martin Sunday.

Mrs. Randy DuBois and baby of Tuscola were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gilbert of Kent City were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Einar Sandelius.

Mrs. Ray Flaughter and Mrs. Joe Wilmot spent Friday afternoon with their sister, Mrs. Laura Latham. Mr. and Mrs. Rus-

sell Flaughter called on Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter Thursday.

Clayton Garrett helped his brother, Charles, panel his dining room Thursday. Mrs. Kenneth Martin and Mrs. Charles Garrett visited Elmer Garrett at the Veterans Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold. The Rhodes were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola. They called at the Robert Bollman home to see their son, Dan Bollman, who was much improved after a recent illness.

Pennie Plank of Ferris State College spent Sunday evening with me, her grandmother.

Don Swan of Mt. Pleasant called on Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar Monday evening.

Mrs. Robert Cook visited her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge, of Owosso, Tuesday.

Mrs. Ella Swan is spending some time with her son, Russell, and family of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and daughters, in honor of Dorothy's birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family, Mrs. Lovica Krueger and Arnold Krueger went to Lansing Sunday to visit Bill Krueger, who has been in the hospital, and Mrs. Viola Nelson, who just had surgery in Sparrow Hospital, Lansing. They were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts while in Lansing.

## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen called at the Coker Funeral Home Saturday evening paying respects to George Snider.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright spent the weekend with their son, Veryl Wright, and family, at Flat Rock, and attended the wedding of their nephew, Mike Merrihew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Merrihew of Taylor.

Ralph Geasler entered Ferguson Hospital in Grand Rapids Sunday.

I joined Mr. and Mrs. Donald Seymour Sunday and spent the day with our niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Karthus, at Wixom. Mrs. Karthus' mother, Hazel Carson of Westland, was also a guest for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Metzger of Bailey called on us Saturday. They were here to attend the auction sale held by their sister-in-law, Juanita Spence, north of Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted attended the wedding of their nephew, Mike Merrihew, at Taylor.

Lillie Maddox of Saginaw spent Sunday night with me, and she attended the funeral of Edith Saddler at the Coker Funeral Home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker spent Friday night with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, of Grand Rapids, and Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker of Berrien Springs.

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**DON WALKER, DUANE FINNERTY EXAMINE SEED CORN--**The Beal City High School Ag Class enjoyed a visit and lecture by Don Walker, Isabella County 4-H Agent, to discuss a crop show set up for Gratiot and Isabella Counties Ag Departments, to supplement crop science classes being offered.

The show will be held during late April, at Breckenridge. Entries will include samples of corn, wheat, oats, navy beans, soy beans, and color beans. Mr. Walker spoke to the class on proper methods of seed selection and sample preparations, then worked with Mr. DuVall, vocational ag instructor at Beal City, to help individual students with their samples.

## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

### ATTEND HOLSTEIN SALE, VISIT AMISH FARMS

Norman Gross, Bill Stewart, Francis Engler, Ed Schafer, Don Cotter and Richard Stevens attended the Michigan Holstein cattle sale at Allegan April 7.

Bill and Paul Gross, Karl Gruss and Terry Pung also visited with Amish farm folk in Indiana after the cattle sale.

"We helped team up the horses to the grain drill and they gave us a ride in their horse carriage.

"The land is a lot drier down there, as they were planting oats on April 7," they reported. "Our thanks to the Amish folk, as they truly live a useful life in Indiana."

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Ginger Rau of Midland took Ann Smith to Mt. Pleasant Friday evening to get Brian Gould to spend the weekend with Grandma and Grandpa Rau.

We have our new priest in Beal City now, Father Dueweke. He is from Kinde. He seems very nice.

Larry and Ginger Rau called on Grandma Smith Sunday. Delores and Brian Gould were Tuesday visitors. Gerald and Loretta Smith of Mt. Pleasant called Wednesday afternoon. They had just got back from their trip to Florida, Kentucky and Alabama. They were gone a month. They visited their daughter, Jeanette, and family in Florida. Mrs. Larry Rau was

a Tuesday evening caller of Mrs. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau enjoyed a drive Sunday afternoon.

Doll Rau took Louise Smith and Tillie Schafer to see their brother, Will Pung, Monday afternoon. He was in bed, but was in no pain. He is nearly blind, at 89 years of age. His wife Florence was some better.

Mark Burger, who used to live here, died last week in Portland.

The banns of matrimony were announced for the first time between John A. Bland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bland, and Bernadette Pung, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pung.

Pauline Boge of Mt. Pleasant is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmidt and family.

Rev. Father Neubecker returned to Lake Leelanau after spending some time here. We will surely miss him.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tilmann flew to Tucson, Ariz., to attend the wedding of William Tilmann, Saturday.

We extend a warm welcome to Father Dueweke, the new pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Church.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer, east of Mt. Pleasant.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullet and Mrs. Nina Forbes spent Sunday with Mrs. Arlin Summers near Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Linabough of Pontiac were also guests.

## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Minnie Flaughter and Doris Wilmot spent Saturday with Laura Latham. Jo Latham spent the weekend with Laura.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Blodgett and family of Flint spent the weekend with his father, Earl Blodgett, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parish and children of Corunna attended the Weidman Baptist Church's 15th anniversary Sunday, and had dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and Judy and Jerry. All attended the church service.

The family of James Kennedy met at the Lois Knollenberg home in Rosebush Sunday, and enjoyed pot-luck dinner after church at the Weidman Baptist, at its 15th anniversary.

Guests at the John Gott home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGillis of Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott of Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood of Gilmore and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams, also of Gilmore, called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger Saturday.

Mrs. Zena Olger visited her doctor in Remus last Thursday.

Mrs. Ella Adams of Lake visited Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, then called in Weidman on bus-

iness, then called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger, Thursday.

Donny Alwood was ill with pneumonia nine days. He went to the doctor last Monday and Wednesday. He hoped to return to school this Monday.

Last Tuesday visitors at the Don Alwood home were Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Nichols of DeWitt. They had come to the Alma Hospital to visit their son, Mike, who has been there since Jan. 8 after a car accident near Alma. Mrs. Ella Adams was also a caller. She returned home from Florida March 30, and is at home in her new trailer house near Lake.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Mrs. Leah Scharrer enjoyed lunch at the Family Restaurant last Friday. In the morning Helen and Mrs. Elvah Gott were at the Barryton school to pick up Donny's books.

Helen Alwood and Cathy called at the Daggett Funeral Home last Wednesday afternoon to pay respects to John Sheldon. Helen remembers John as one of the old railroad workers in our area. ---0---

### NEWS NOTES

K. C. Charnes spent three days in Washington, D. C., last week, attending a conference of National Association of Counties. He is employed by Six-Cap, working in Midland County.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter  
ENJOY FLORIDA TRIP

Mrs. Margaret Denslow and sister, Mrs. Celia Backus, went by plane to Tampa, Florida, March 19. They spent two weeks vacationing in the Tampa and St. Petersburg area of Florida, and enjoyed a trip to the Citrus Tower at Clermont, which is the center of Florida's citrus-producing area.

Temperatures in Florida were from 75 to 85 degrees, and the trees were fresh and green with new leaves. Azaleas and bugainvillea were in full bloom, as were many other spring flowers.

They enjoyed the three-day trip back to Michigan with a friend who had spent the winter in Florida. The route home through the scenic mountains of Tennessee and Kentucky was very enjoyable. The dogwood trees were in full bloom along the route.

They arrived home April 5, during a snow storm.

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Merlin Bahr was a Monday guest at the Joe Martin home. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fisk and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cole and family were Wednesday evening guests.

Mrs. Betty Martin and Mrs. Irene Keck attended a party Friday evening at the Greg Martin home. Mrs. Keck was a Friday overnight guest at the Joe Martin home. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carroll and Mrs. Lena Martin and Brenda were Sunday guests.

Mrs. Darrell Platek and daughters were Sunday dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Opal Denslow.

Paul Miller suffered a stroke a week ago Sunday. He is at

home, but the doctor says no visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Denslow and children and Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and grandchildren were Sunday visitors of their parents, the Mack Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and family spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Denslow.

Mrs. Flora Wood was a Sunday dinner guest at the home of her son, Vance, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood spent last week in Wheelerburg, with the John Lynns, taking care of the children while their daughter, Mrs. Lynn, was in the hospital with a new daughter. She has been named Mary Elizabeth.

Mrs. Betty Thompson called on Mr. and Mrs. Milford Denslow Tuesday evening. Wednesday she attended a luncheon at the Mecosta United Methodist Church.

Bill Thompson attended a District Forensic meet at Big Rapids Saturday. He received second place in radio broadcasting. Mrs. Thompson called at the Paul Miller home Sunday.

Mrs. Linda Krueger and Mrs. Mabel Sides were Wednesday supper guests at the Gerald Dent home. Harry Dent and son, Mike, were Wednesday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan of Flint were Saturday evening callers. George Loomis of New Era was a Saturday overnight guest. Mr. and Mrs. Dent and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller went to the Singing Bridge Sunday to see the damage done by the high water.

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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bearse are the proud grandparents of a little granddaughter, born March 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dumont of Harrison were Wednesday dinner guests of their uncle and aunt, the Paul Coles.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Ferguson have a new baby grandson.

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

Monday visitors of the Paul Coles were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Swan of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Miss Ruth Border, were Monday supper guests of the Coles.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and children, Melissa and Ronnie, and Barbara Kripa and Dan Kripa helped Orma Kripa celebrate her birthday Friday evening, at the Paul Coles'. Ice cream and cake were enjoyed.

Raymond Geasler has been spending a few days at his cabin.

Our sympathy to the family of Queenie Taylor of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler

and brother, Raymond Geasler, visited their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and Mike and Pam took a trip around Omar Sunday.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and daughter, Mrs. Arvilla Hanner, called on Beulah's sister-in-law, Mrs. Helen Allbee, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hanner spent the weekend at their trailer home.

George Cornell and Russell Smith of Gladwin visited the Norman Geaslars Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler called on Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler and sister, Mrs. Martin Boger, visited their sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Kent, and their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Geasler, in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Local Items

Several of her children visited Mrs. Emily Wood during the past week. She has been ill.

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox visited her sister, Lily Dennis, at Mecosta, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sanders report the birth of a new granddaughter, Candice Jean, born to Mr. and Mrs. Brad Marsino (Cindy Sanders) of Oxford. Cindy is a former Weidman resident. Candice Jean weighed in at eight pounds, 10 ounces.

Alton Allen will enter St. Luke's Hospital at Saginaw this Sunday, for observation and tests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and children spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Darrell near Mt. Pleasant.

The Harry Hermans ran cement Saturday for their two-car garage and storage place they built last fall.

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Shirley Brooks  
Clyde Peterson  
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Chon Bunting  
Willis Bennett  
Howard Nestell  
Della McGilhon  
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Gid Peterson  
Mertie Tanner  
Maud Brooks  
Nettie Richardson  
Carrie Ziegenfuss  
Ollie Davis  
Louisa Bowen  
Maud Peterson  
Maud Nichols  
Cora Bennett  
Annie Bunting  
Elmer Nestell  
Leah Hazelton  
Thomas Edmunds  
George Shaver  
Mary Shaver  
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Elmer Hedley  
Elsie Hedley

(This priceless memento loaned the Messenger by  
Mrs. Ernest Courser.)

We continue with Mrs. Kate Martin's account of early days in Two Rivers, discussing the early schools of the area:

In the year of 1882 or 1883, people of the south half of Sec. 31 and 32, Nottawa, got up a petition and the children moved to the Two Rivers School.

The early school of 1860 was held in a log building on the banks of the Coldwater River, by Coldwater Lake.

The James Bennett children attended, Mr. Bennett coming to Sherman in the early 1860s.

Silas Prothero came in 1872, three girls attending the school; and the John Hyslop children.

Two of the teachers, Carrie Adkins of Shepherd and Clarinda Fordyce of Gilmore, taught about that time.

The school was moved to Sec. 31, 1 3/4 mile north of Two Rivers, Eva Lowe teaching.

Some of the children attending school there were Harriet Eldred, Cora Bennett, Laura Hyslop, and the Lorenz children. That school building, McGilhon, was moved 1 1/4 mile west of Beal City. Floyd Rays taught there and lived 1 mile east and 3/4 mile north of Two Rivers on what is now the Frank Haupt farm.

George Waight came to Sherman Township about 1874, John Hines about 1879. Some honorable mention of early settlers around Two Rivers would include Henry Bacon, Jacob Nixon, W. Flaughter, Henry James.

C. W. Richardson came to this county in 1870 and settled on a farm near Dushville. He had interest in a dry goods and grocery store at Dushville, and a half interest in a grocery store at Two Rivers. Mr. Briggs and Mr. Frantz both had blacksmith shops in Two Rivers.

The Two Rivers brick school, Fr. No. 5 Deerfield, was started in 1896. School here began in the late 1870s or early 1880s.

A list of teachers of that school:

Floyd Raye, Charles Reen, Millie Campbell, Florence Dougherty, Jennie S. Kiser, May Kane, Myrtle Lewis, Nellie Campbell, Walter Keen, Madge Davis, Warren Shorts, Effie Bozer, Mary Rush, Miss Brown, Walter Keen, Fred M. Morgan, Miss Preece, Lavina Bengal, Gretchen Harrison, Lillian Gannon, Lucille Fleming, Allen Wolfe, Frank Sheahan, Estella Reed, Margaret Boettner, Lulu Boyer, Dora Beutler, Miss Haley, Hazel Smiley, Miss Reed, Hugo Martin, Miss Craven, Oraulea Cheadle. Lucille Fleming Merrihew taught longest of any of the teachers at the Two Rivers School.

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## Real Estate Transfers

John H. Goodrow and wife to Jerry D. McWilliams and wife, pt. w 1/2 ne sec. 36, Sherman.

James H. Doyle and wife to Benjamin Blackmer and Bonnie, pt. Outlot B, Village of Weidman.

Edwin Vanden Bossche and wife

to Donald Battle et al, pt. nw sw sec. 14, Sherman.

Elizabeth M. Neubecker to Ernest R. Davy and wife, pt. s 1/2 sw sw sec. 18, Nottawa.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Frank D. Johnson and M. Virgean, Lot 143, Lake Isabella Golf Estd. No. 1, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Howard G. Grider and wife, Lot 211, Lake Isabella Plat No. 3, Sherman.

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

(Continued from Page 1)

And the editor remarked, "Why not try a couple aspirins, and if you don't feel better in a day or so, see a doctor. We realized things were tough all over, but we never suspected they were that bad."

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Michiganders in Florida evidently got a big bang out of that letter to that editor down South.

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### WINTER BLIZZARD HITS THIS AREA THIS WEEK

A real winter blizzard hit Michigan Monday and continued through Tuesday, with almost unprecedented force and low temperatures.

We'd had a cold wind from the northeast for three days and nights before the real storm hit, and with high winds and lots of snow Monday, temperatures dropped well below freezing points.

Warm spells in March started growing things sprouting up, and there's no telling just how much damage the April 9 and 10 storm did.

Spring flowers, standing up heroically through driving snow Monday were frozen stiff. Whether the freeze will damage home-plantings and farmers' crops will remain to be seen.

Monday afternoon, with snow in swirling blasts, Radio WCEN at Mt. Pleasant played a nice rendition of "Walking in the Winter Wonderland". It was appropriate for the day.

The county extension agent said Tuesday that spring wheat plantings would be unharmed.

The weekend storm was termed

the worst April blizzard in history by radio accounts.

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### THE ED FOX FAMILY MOVING TO MARION

Ed and Agnes Fox and sons, Bill and Bob, are leaving Weidman after 26 years, to live in Marion, where they have purchased the Alpine Drive In Restaurant.

They plan to move there the weekend of April 21.

For 25 years they owned and operated the Fox Hardware, selling the store last year to Jim Damitio.

Ed and Agnes were very active in civic affairs here, Ed having been the first Fire Chief for the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department, a charter member of the Weidman Business Association, and member of the Lions Club and the Beal City Knights of Columbus.

The family have the sincere best wishes of their many friends in their new business venture and new home.

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### AREA STUDENTS TO ATTEND FARM BUREAU SEMINAR

Four area students have been selected to attend the annual Farm Bureau Student Citizenship Seminar June 18-22 on the campus of Ferris State College in Big Rapids, along with two alternates.

Students representing Isabella County will be Sandy Cook, daughter of the Richard Cooks, who attends school at Chipewa Hills; Ann McDonald, daughter of the John McDonalds, who attends school at Sacred Heart Academy in Mt. Pleasant; Gail Spencer, daughter of the Roy Spencers of Shepherd, who attends school in that village; Dennis Strong, son of the Maynard Strongs of Remus, who attends school in Saginaw at the Michigan Lu-

theran Seminary; and alternates Connie Murphy of Mt. Pleasant and Jan Wezensky, also of Mt. Pleasant.

This will be the 10th annual seminar for high school students. Purpose is to work with students for five days with emphasis on four points: The American way of life; people and governments around the world; the main keys in the American private enterprise system, and our American political system and its function as the basis for our American system of government, society and enterprise.

The objective of the seminar is to assist students in becoming better citizens, somewhat better informed and more cognizant of their duties and responsibilities as good citizens.

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Mrs. Queen Taylor of rural Mt. Pleasant passed away Sunday. She had many friends in this area.

### AUTO REPAIR CLASSES AT MID MICHIGAN MAY 2

Area residents can learn to do general maintenance on their automobiles by attending a series of free classes in auto repair offered by Mid Michigan Community College, sponsored by RITE and REACH.

The classes will be free of charge and will be offered at the Township Hall in Lake George starting Wednesday, May 2. Class will meet every Monday and Wednesday from 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. for three weeks.

The seminar is for anyone over age 16 desiring basic information on car maintenance. The repair program is designed for the non-mechanic members of the community.

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