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Editor's Column

By Connie

THE SCHOOL WILL ASK YOU FOR MORE TAX MONEY IN JUNE MILLAGE ELECTION

We see by the Chippewa Hills Schools shopper's guide that the School Board will stage another millage election in June, demanding additional tax money to build a "middle school", repair existing buildings in the small towns and build a swimming pool, the whole ball of wax to cost \$4.2 million dollars.

Whew.

The shopper's guide says that the buildings in Weidman, Remus and Barryton are crumbling, "with falling plaster, leaking roofs," and so on, but claims that good maintenance has been given all buildings.

Whew.

Already a man from the architectural firm of Daverman and Associates, out of Grand Rapids, who "did" our super-duper new high school, is "working with the Board to prepare the pre-qualification papers to submit to the State for approval".

The Board of Education has sent letters to selected individuals in the district who can be trusted to push for the new building. It's called "a citizens' committee".

Taxpayers, especially in Isabella County, will have news for the "citizens' committee" and the Board of Education. They'll say, "No."

It looks to us as though the campaign to get through a millage vote for the bonding issue is starting out rather sub rosa, as this newspaper has not received any notice of the coming election--all we know is what we see in the school shopper's guide. (This paper has long been cut off from any information from the Chippewa Hills Schools since our open opposition to certain conditions and campaigns in days gone by.)

But we predict that the taxpayers of the district will nevertheless learn of the election and will go to the polls in June. We'll try to have the date of the election, gleaned from other publications.

The Board is not considering the present plight of taxpayers (landholders) in the district, es-



PERCH 15 1/2 INCHES LONG--Were taken out of Big Bay de Noc in the Upper Peninsula by Mr. and Mrs. Orval Nicholson, Sr., on a recent fishing trip. The two brought back 100 pounds of fish. That's fishin'!

pecially in Isabella County.

The whole school crowd, from the School Board down through Administration and the swarm of well-paid teachers, appears to have learned nothing of taxpayers' problems or convictions through previous elections.

Never mind the taxpayer; the widow holding on to her home year by year as taxes go up and up. Never mind the wage earner, who pays an income tax besides the federal taxes and the real estate taxes, 65% of which go to the school.

Taxes are just a word to the school planners, especially firms like Daverman's of Grand Rapids pitching for another fat contract for building another super-deluxe school.

Taxes to us the little people are something else. They are a nightmare, to be resolved once a year when we frantically scrape together the real estate taxes (which go up each year in accordance with orders from the State Tax Commission). They are a burden so heavy that there is a limit to our endurance.

We can only wonder at the indifference of the School Board in proposing such a tax increase

THE CURTISS BATTLESHAW FAMILY LOST THEIR HOME

The newly-built home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss Battleshaw (Corky) was burned to the ground early last week, with all its contents destroyed.

Radio appeals for donations of clothing and household items for the family were on the air last week, and word the first of this week was that the response was generous.

The family is living in Hazel Battleshaw's trailer house at this time.

Corky is employed at the Maeder sawmill.

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NEWS NOTES

David Flower returned home Friday morning after spending six days in CMC Hospital. He was feeling good the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany of near Big Rapids spent Sunday afternoon and were luncheon guests of their mother, Mrs. Ruth Momany.

at this time.

We predict they'll be snowed under at election time on the new-school proposition. As for the swimming pool--geewhiz.

FIREMEN'S AUCTION WAS HUGE SUCCESS

The annual Firemen's Auction last Saturday night at Weaver's Tavern was a huge success, according to reports from the Firemen's Auxiliary.

More than \$1,214 was taken in, with expenses not yet tabulated.

A grand assortment of good articles was auctioned off by Bob Myers, Ben Weber and Jim Carrick. Included was everything from lawn and garden equipment to household items, nice antique chairs, and fresh horse radish, baked goods, and an old copper washing machine; and a great number and variety of items.

The Firemen are grateful to all who donated items, and to the auctioneers, and Evelyn Hackney for use of her tavern space for the event.

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BOATING SAFETY CLASSES OFFERED BY MID MICHIGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison is offering a new class this spring in seamanship and boating safety.

It is a basic course for the recreational boating public, with topics including safe boating, boat handling, legal requirement and rules, aid to navigation, charts and compass, marlinpike seamanship, weather and radio-telephone. Instructors will be from the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Classes will begin April 26 and will meet for 10 Thursday evenings from 7 to 10, on the Mid Michigan Community College campus. Tuition for the course is \$15 for residents of the college district and \$22 for non-residents. Textbooks will be provided by the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

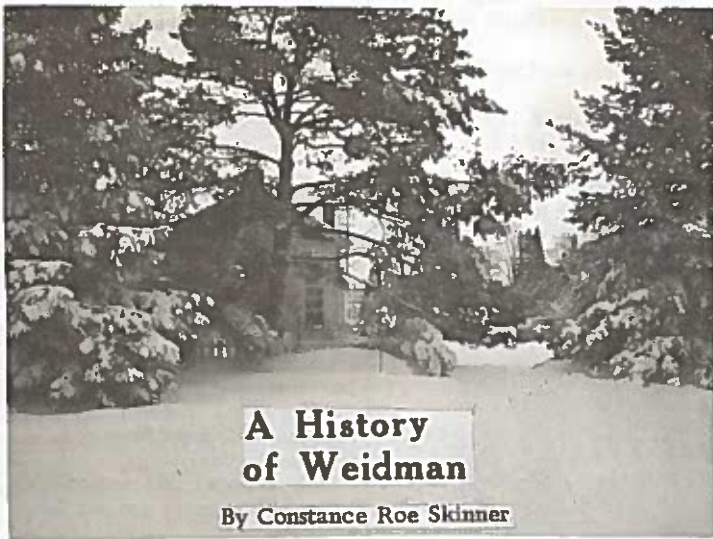
Interested persons may enroll by calling the college offices.

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NEWS NOTES

Clair Stanley of Farwell, Mrs. Rose Holmes of Grand Blanc and Mr. and Mrs. Max Stanley of Harrison visited Russell Stanley at CMC Hospital one day last week, and had lunch with Esther after they drove her home.

Mrs. Tom Flower and two children of Petersburg stayed with Mrs. Helen Flower while David was in the hospital. Tom came up Saturday, and the family returned home Monday.



A History of Weidman

By Constance Roe Skinner

John S. Weidman came here in 1893, but no one now knows what time of year it was: Spring, summer, fall?

We'd guess it must have been spring or summer, as he proceeded at once to build a sawmill, and for the mill he had to have "holding water," the Millpond. He must have begun work immediately on building the dikes necessary for creation of the Millpond, as the work was done by men's hands and horses and wagons hauling in rocks and earth.

In any case, it was a prodigious job: Horse-drawn wagons to bring in the fill; man-hours of hand-labor to put the dikes in place.

Mr. Weidman, though putting in a dam, did not use water power to run his saws. The pond was strictly for the purpose of holding logs in reserve for his mill. The mill used steam power, the boilers fired with heat from burning bark, slab wood and probably some log-ends or log wastes.

The first mill was a regular sawmill only. During the first year of operation, Mr. Weidman ran into financial difficulties, and we're told it was only the loyalty of the men he had hired that saved him. They waited for their pay. Later, when all the timber was cut and Mr. Weidman was closing his mills, he deeded 40-acre tracts to many of his hands, mainly those who stood by him when he needed them.

(Editor's Note: I remember hearing my parents discuss "the financial panic of 1893," which apparently did not reach this locality until after it had swept most of the nation.

(My parents, Rolla and Minnie Roe, told about attending the first World's Fair ever held anywhere, the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. My father was working as a printer, setting up six-point type by hand, in a town in the southern part of Michigan.

(His father, my grandfather, however, lost his business in the panic of 1893, and had to start over.

(Few people today even realize

that the first World's Fair was in Chicago in 1893, and that governments from around the world sent their most precious relics on loan to this country for the event. The Russian Czarina's crown jewels were among the foreign loaned fabulous items. Other countries sent priceless paintings and other works of art. Apparently there was good will toward the United States, in 1893.)

A letter from J. Stanley Weidman (John S. Weidman, Jr.) to Leon McArthur, dated Jan. 6, 1959, mentions this:

"I enjoyed reading that article about my father's statement about McKinley versus Bryan, and it was the election of McKinley that changed the economic picture for the Weidmans, and the entire lumber industry, most favorably."

In answer to my query as to his mention of a shipment of horses and a cow, J. Stanley Weidman wrote back, in 1969:

"For years I operated the Weidman Lumber Company at Trout Creek of Upper Michigan in days prior to mechanization in the woods operations and horses were used in the woods and sawmill activities.

"Father shipped large Percheron and Clydesdale horses by carloads from the stockyards in Chicago for this work.

"It was the fashion then to have your own cow in the country, and I recollect he included a cow in a car of horses (shipped to me). The horses were similar in size to the Annheuser Busch Brewery horses.

"Those were the golden days of the good living and lumbering in the north woods."

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullet spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

Mrs. Fred Wilcox and Ruth Curtiss called on Mrs. Wilcox's sister, Sadie Zorn, at Cold-

water Lake, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powell of rural Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Mrs. Kit Johnson. They enjoyed a ride around the lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and daughter, Susan, of St. Johns visited her father, Russell Stanley, at the hospital, and Mrs. Stanley at home here, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley were visitors.

Mrs. Esther Stanley spent last Thursday night with Mr. and

Mrs. Ray Elliott in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Jennie Daggett of Barryton and Mrs. Eva Borst and Miss Jean Borst of Cedar Springs spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ethel Wager and were luncheon guests.

Mrs. Martin Boger, Mrs. Clayton Smith and Mrs. Nina Forbes attended the funeral of Mrs. Queen E. Taylor Tuesday afternoon last week, at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant.



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dan Road, Weidman, Mich.
Land contract. tf

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dren. Ham, meat loaf, sal-
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April 19t1

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Apr12t2

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Apr19t2

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Apr. 19t2p

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April 19tf

WORK BEE--At Gladys McAr-
thur Library in Weidman Sat-
urday, May 12, 9 a.m. to
noon. Please bring tools, buck-
ets, water. Painting and clean-
ing.
Apr. 19t2

LEGAL Notice

Sherman Township will use its
1972 revenue sharing funds of
\$3,900.00 for operational ex-
penses and road contract com-
mitments.

Signed
Sherman Township
Board.

the Churches

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age phone 644-3441.
Church School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 11.15 a.m.
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p.m.

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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.
Good Friday service Friday,
1 p.m., at Weidman Nazarene
Church.

A good attendance was noted
at a family pot-luck banquet
last Wednesday evening at the
Weidman school cafeteria, spon-
sored by church members. A
very nice supper was enjoyed,
with recreation in the gym fol-
lowing.

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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.

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.

Local Items

Mrs. Carl Nass of Ashley was
a Saturday caller of the Ron-
nie Sprague family. Mr. and
Mrs. Merle Mercer were Sunday
dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. George Looman
were Friday supper guests of
Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague.
They all went to CMC Hospital
to visit Gary Sprague, who
suffered a heart attack recently.
Gary was reported as better this
week.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Hinton
of rural Remus were Saturday
evening callers at the R. D.
Sprague home.

Dennis Pung spent Sunday night
with his cousin at the home of
his grandmother, Mrs. Esther
Stanley. Donna Pung spent Fri-
day night with her. Rev. and
Mrs. Russell Stanley, Jr.,
spent Monday with her.

Young Philip Schrock cele-
brated his birthday last week,
at the home of his parents.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

**BUSY BEES 4-H CLUB
TO HOLD ACHIEVEMENT DAY**
Saturday, May 5, the Brinton
Busy Bees 4-H Club will hold
a local Achievement Day exhibit
at the Brinton Community Hall
from 2 to 4 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come
and see our completed projects.
Our regular meeting was held
at the Brinton Hall Saturday,
April 14, with six members and
two leaders present.

The Merry Go Round Club met
last Thursday at the hall in Brin-
ton, and tied a quilt. There
were 10 members present. The
May meeting will be with Mag-
gie Boger Thursday, May 10.

George Beers is working for
Charlie Scott, remodeling their
house, which is known as the
former Cottingham house north
of Brinton.

Violet Wright entered CMC
Hospital at Mt. Pleasant Mon-
day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Chase of
Evert and his mother, Lillie
Donald, of Greenville called on
Alfred Bartley and Jane Fields
Sunday.

Carl and Ellen Geasler called
on their brother, Ralph, at the
Ferguson Hospital in Grand
Rapids last Wednesday, where
Ralph underwent surgery last
Tuesday.

Mrs. Whaley attended church
at Weidman Sunday, and spent
the afternoon with her daughter,
Margaret Sisco, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Teeter
and family of Clare spent Sun-
day with their mother, Edna
Teeter.

Eunice La Londe and daughter,
Helen Strang, and girls were
in Big Rapids Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker
attended the wedding of their
niece, Cathy Cheadle, Satur-
day, at Lansing. Cathy is the
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd
Cheadle.
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Local Items

Mrs. Harvey Brien of Ithaca
visited Mrs. Nina Forbes Sun-
day afternoon, and was a sup-
per guest. In the evening
they attended a cantata at
the Presbyterian Church in
Rosebush, put on by the Chip-
pewa United Methodists and
Church of the Brethren. The
cantata was directed by Mrs.
Charles Huffman, granddaugh-
ter of Mrs. Forbes, with Mrs.
Charles Brien of Mt. Pleasant
at the piano. It was a beauti-
ful presentation. It will be
repeated Easter Sunday at the
Chippewa Church again.

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

Leon McArthur was still in
CMC Hospital the first of the
week.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

Brian Courser celebrated his birthday Sunday evening, with his great-grandmothers, Mrs. Matilda Starr of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Leona Courser, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser and Mr. and Mrs. Russell McDonald and Janet and Maria McDonald, Chris and Katie Courser and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Garrett and children, as guests.

Mrs. Lovica Krueger and Jeff and Margie were weekend guests of the Harold Kruegers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett visited Elmer Garrett Wednesday at the V.A. Hospital in Ann Arbor. They were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lachlin MacGregor of Milford. Elmer was scheduled for surgery, amputation of his foot, the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa and Mrs. Earl Billsby of Merrill were Sunday dinner guests of Blanche Carr.

Mrs. Glee Krueger underwent surgery for appendicitis at CMC Hospital last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Einar Sandelius and Ron and Miss Millie West visited Mrs. Sandelius' mother, Mrs. Howard Oligney, at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Cox was released from CMC Hospital Friday, and is at the home of her son and family, the Eldon Marshalls.

Mrs. Leona Courser attended the Coomer Aid at the home of Mrs. Gretchen Nicholson of Mt. Pleasant Wednesday, and the CMB Club at Mrs. Flo Haupt's home Thursday. There were 14 ladies present.

The family of Mrs. Isal Johnson had a pot-luck dinner Sunday at the Masonic Hall in Winn in honor of Mrs. Johnson's 95th birthday anniversary. There was a large crowd of relatives and friends to wish her well and congratulate her.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Irvin of Flint were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist and Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Nagy were Sunday evening visitors.

Diane Flaughter was confirmed in the Broomfield Lutheran Church Sunday. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Flaughter, entertained about 40 relatives and friends at a dinner in her honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook had a family dinner Sunday in honor of Beth Krueger and Richard Allen Cook, on their confirmation.

Mrs. Ray Flaughter is caring for her little grandson, Brian, while his mother, Mrs. Ralph Flaughter, is with her son, Sean, for ear surgery in the Saginaw Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kennedy visited their daughter, Donna, at Ferris State College in Big Rapids Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines were Sunday dinner guests of the Eugene Flachs family at Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen were in Lansing on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook visited Mrs. Frances Handy at the hospital in Reed City, where she is a patient after suffering a stroke.

Mrs. Helen Hartman called on Mrs. E. R. Rhode Friday.

Mrs. Vida Lueder called on Mrs. Nettie Crowley Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder returned Sunday night from a two months' stay with their daughter and family, the Melvin Finkelsteins, of California.

Mrs. Ray Flaughter visited Mrs. Basil Rogers Sunday. Ray was able to return to work Monday after being ill for some time.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran and Micky were Sunday dinner guests of the Gerald Loseys. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad of Norfolk, Va., came early Saturday morning to the Losey home. They will be spending a 10-day vacation with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence spent Sunday with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Graber were also guests.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Kent and three children of Grand Rapids were Saturday guests at the Mack Denslow home.

Mrs. Linda Krueger and children were Wednesday supper guests of her folks, the Gerald Dents. Gerald and Mabel called on the Lynn Johnsons Thursday, and called on her mother Saturday. Mrs. Mabel Sides was a Friday evening caller of Mrs. Dent.

Sunday callers at the Charlie Losey home were Harold Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher and Mrs. Ruth Randall and daughter of Farwell.

Joe Martin entered Ferguson Hospital Sunday, and was scheduled for surgery Tuesday. His address: Ferguson Hospital, 72 Sheldon, SE, Grand Rapids.

Charles Bahr was a Sunday guest at the Joe Martin home.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow, Mrs. Eva Denslow, Mrs. Margie Denslow and Mrs. Flora Wood attended a missionary meeting and luncheon at the Weidman Methodist Church Thursday.

Paul Miller is getting better, but is still confined to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger returned home Saturday from Florida, where they spent the winter.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended an Easter luncheon at the Remus Methodist Church Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Blackmer were Friday evening guests at the Elwood Miller home. Mrs. Janice Touchinski and girls were Thursday dinner guests.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Visitors at the Laura Latham home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham of Blanchard and Bessie Latham of Remus. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham of Mt. Pleasant and Rose Leiter called Saturday. Jo Latham spent the weekend with her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr.

and Mrs. Ed Olger Sunday.

We called on our niece, Ruth Riegle, and baby, Monday, and also on our doctor in Clare.

A friend, Hazel Densmore, and her son, Harold, spent Sunday with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott and Casey of Winn called on her sister and family, the Curtiss Battleshaws, and also on his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, Saturday evening.

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NEWS NOTES

Alton Allen entered Ferguson Hospital in Grand Rapids Monday afternoon, for observation and tests.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler and Annette and Joel and Mrs. Claribel Beutler spent Sunday afternoon in Ludington, where they visited Mrs. Jane Mengot. They all enjoyed a sightseeing drive and dinner at the Gibbs Restaurant there.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

The banns of matrimony were announced for the first time for Kenneth Vogel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vogel, and Emilene Barker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barker. The wedding is planned for May 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hoffman purchased the Wm. Pung cottage at Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pung of St. Johns spent the weekend with Mrs. Joe Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard and Mrs. Jerry Schafer and Sheila called on Mrs. Tony Schafer Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Art Funnell returned home last Tuesday from their trip to Nevada and California, having had a very nice trip.

Charles Gross, Sr., is ill at this writing.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with the Al Klumpp family. They all called on Wm. Pung at CMC Hospital.

Mrs. Kitty Gross spent Friday afternoon with Louise Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Trude of Lake City called on Rose Grinzinger Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger called on Wm. Pung at the hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger met his daughter and baby from New York at the airport at Tri-Cities Sunday evening. They are spending the week here.

Rose Grinzinger brought her grandson, Carl Jump, and his wife, from New York to visit relatives around Beal City last Wednesday.

The ambulance took Will Pung to the hospital at Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer spent Thursday evening with Louise Smith. Mrs. John Smith and children were Wednesday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pung of Hemlock are the proud parents of a baby girl.

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BEAL CITY CARD PARTY HAS 16 TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular card party of the Senior Citizens at the Beal City Knights of Columbus Hall last Thursday afternoon, there were 16 tables of pepper in play.

Nora Gruss won first prize for the ladies, with second to Kitty Gross.

Joe Bollman won first for the men, with second to Louie Rau.

Julius Schumacher won the pepper prize. Mae Fussman won the door prize. Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Young won consolation prizes.

A lunch of assorted cookies and coffee was enjoyed.

The next card party at the Beal City Knights of Columbus Hall will be Thursday afternoon, Ap-

ril 26. Everyone everywhere is invited.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Monday, April 9:

Well, looks like winter has returned, with its snow and colder weather. The purple martins returned about a week ago (earlier this year) and were busy last week building their nests.

There were quite a few suckers taken from the river here last week, some fishermen getting out as early as five a.m.

Bill and Lynn Schafer and son, Brian, spent Sunday with the Norval Maxons of Mt. Pleasant.

Sorry about forgetting your birthday, Laura Hyslop, last month. Happy Belated Birthday! Hope you have many more.

Monday evening Jerry and Jane Schafer and children of Rosebush had supper with us.

Tuesday noon John and Sharon Schafer and children of Bay City had lunch with us.

April 16:

The weather is warmer this Monday, with 60 degrees, but it is beginning to rain, and some fishermen are fishing in the rain.

Leo Schafer came over Sunday morning to fish, and went home with a couple of nice ones.

Visitors here Friday were Judy Schafer and daughters, Josette and Heather, Lynn Schafer and son, Brian, and Jane Schafer and son, Billy, and daughter, Kelli, of Rosebush, and her niece, Jenny Kandar, of Auburn. Jane has been caring for Jenny while her sister, Linda, was in the Ann Arbor hospital for tests.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

The Battleshaws lost their home and contents by fire last Monday, a week ago.

The next meeting of the Merry Go Round Club will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger May 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler called on Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler Thursday evening.

Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and boys called on Mrs. Lois Vandere Saturday evening. Albert and Norman and several of Norman's in-laws went on up north of Gladwin, smelt fishing that day. Mrs. Geasler stayed with her sister, Lois.

Archie Powell was a recent visitor of the Norman Geaslars. Mrs. Geasler's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schard, of near Gladwin, were also recent visitors.

Velma Cole visited her doctor at Midland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell and sons, Tom and Dick, and Mr. and Mrs. John Mossell and Mrs.



THIS IS WHAT MARGE SCHAFFER REFERRED TO--In her news letter starting with date April 9. This photo was made the morning of April 10, when we experienced one of the worst blizzards of the winter, preceded by vicious winds for three days and nights, out of the northeast.

Mary Reed and baby Jay, of South Bend spent the weekend at the Mossell cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mossell and Tom and Dick and Jay-jay were dinner guests of their grandparents, the Paul Coles, Sunday.

Raymond Geasler met his sister, Miss Joan Geasler, and his

brother, John Geasler, in Mt. Pleasant Saturday, and all went to Drummond Island for a week's fishing.

Roy Donnelly spent the weekend at his farm.

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Mrs. Cheryl Atkinson of Lansing spent Saturday night with the Gene McArthur family.

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ANOTHER VIEW OF WEIDMAN STREET--This one, we think, showing most clearly of all the stores on the east side of the street, beginning with Woolworth's Harness Shop. Next, tucked in, is Dawson's Shoe Repair Shop; and a dry-goods and shoe store run by a man named Miller; Rau's Hardware next, (Steve Rau, that is); next is Erie Thompson's Drug Store, and then the Drallette Store. Beyond Drallette's, note the small frame building where the Weidman Rexall Pharmacy and Marshall's Garage now stand (the cement-block building put up in the late Teens or early Twenties by "Tuff" Hampton, for his Ford car dealership.) Note also the bandstand smack in the middle of the intersection of Third and Main Streets, or Woodruff and Main as we know it. Photo is on a post card sent to Miss Blanche Cliff by Miss Lylah Fleming, dated Sept. 18, 1913.

remember about our farm home. I told the nephew these things, and also enclosed the following "pome" with some of my childhood memories.

I also took the liberty of sending your name and address, in case he didn't have it, and asked that he notify you when "Doc" passes, so you could let the old friends know.

MEMORIES OF "DOC"
I'm 75, and near the end of my road,
but my memories of Doc are sharp and clear:

Of his small office in Sherman City,
plus a pantry of potions and pills
from which he mixed and molded
whatever was needed to cure our ills.

Of his house with its wide veranda
where he briefly chatted with Dad and me
while I eyed the wheelchair of his housekeeper--
the first wheelchair I ever did see!

Of the months in bed from injuries
when a runaway team threw me out
and Doc carefully treated me until I knew
I could later bear children, without a doubt.
(Continued on Next Page)

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,
I read the article about Dr. Rondot, but since my card was

already addressed, I sent it anyway, marking the envelope that it was for his family.

Several years ago he typed a long letter to me, telling me of his life at the Manor, and that he could still "trip the light fan-

tastic" and swing the ladies with the best of them.
He also told me what he could

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In the Editor's Mail

(Continued from Page 6)

Of the long night he sat by the bed
'til my fiance's last breath,
for a ruptured appendix meant
not even Doc
could postpone or prevent his
death.

Of the sweetest memory of all
in 1908
when a babe in our house was
to be born
and Doc sat on the edge of the
kitchen "woodbox"
and talked with Dad until early
morn.

Then the midwife called him
and he helped my mother de-
liver a boy--
the last of her children, and
he's waiting now
to escort Doc into Heaven with
joy.

Just in case you may remember
her, the midwife was Mrs.
Sickles. I don't recall her
given name, but I think her
deceased husband was named
George.

I read Maude Robinson's
"Pome" to my daughter-in-law
and she laughed all the way
because it was practically a
photograph of me. Seriously,
though, I have been and am still
still seriously sick from a viru-
lent anemia and am finding
recovery very slow. Am writing
a note to Maude today.

Best wishes to you, and to
your "History of Weidman."
Very sincerely,
Lylah M. Simmers
California

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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 af-
ter purchase. The Real Estate
Transfers are of interest, how-
ever, as they are the only source
of information on the movement
of land ownership in the county.)

Hazel L. Fountain to Glenna L.
Hooker, ent. nw sec. 31, Broom-
field.

Donald Alwood and Helen to
Richard England and Linda, pt.
sw sw sec. 7, Nottawa.

John W. Maeder and Mollie
to Ronald John Huber and Bette
Marie, n 1/2 se sec. 36, Not-

tawa.

James W. Bissett and Barbara
M. to Thomas F. Fussman, pt.
Lot 31, Schueller-Bierschbach,
Nottawa.

George W. McClain, Jr., and
wife to Leon G. McArthur, Lot
59, pt. Lot 58, Lake Weidman
No. 1, Nottawa.

Russell D. Robinson and wife
to Terry M. Jones and wife, pt.
s 1/2 se sec. 10, Gilmore.

Ojibwa Developemtn Corp. to
Truman A. Hinton and wife,
Lot 412, Ojibwa Recreation
Area No. 6, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to William
R. Clary, Sr., and wife, Lot 1,
Lake Isabella Plat No. 1, Sher-
man.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Dale L.
Joslin and wife, Lot 337, Lake
Isabella Golf Ests. No. 2, Broom-
field.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Kenneth
Howk and wife, Lot 17, Lake Is-
abella Woods No. 1, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Hugo A.
Stoltenberg and wife, Lot 24,
Lake Isabella Plat No. 1, Sher-
man.

Paul R. Martin and wife to Ger-
ald L. Asmus and wife, pt. se se
sec. 17, Gilmore.

Mary Barber to Elizabeth M.
VanOver, pt. sw sw sec. 29, Not-
tawa.

Richard M. Kruger and wife to
Walter T. Faber and wife, pt.
ne ne sec. 30, Nottawa.

Frank Zuker and wife to Paul
Zuker and wife, s 1/2 s 1/2 ne
sec. 32, Nottawa.

Ivan D. Allen and wife to Gary
L. McArthur and wife, pt. se sw
sec. 13, Sherman.

Russell Sides and wife to Thayne
Sides and wife, Lot 77, Lake of
the Hills Sub. No. 1, Sherman.

Miles Loomis and wife to Leon
H. Bowerman, Sr., and wife, pt.
sw nw sec. 36, Sherman.

Garnet B. Ferguson and wife to
Clarence Stanten and wife, e
1/2 ne sec. 23, Gilmore.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Lenora
A. Garside and James R., Lot
399, Lake Isabella Golf Ests. No.
2, Broomfield.

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NEWS NOTES

All of her children visited
Mrs. Emily Wood during last
week. Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Buzek of Remus were Monday
morning callers. Sunday guests
were Mildren Kirvan of Big
Rapids and Mrs. Almeda Mc-
Combs of Barryton, who took
Mrs. Wood for a ride.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick and
Mrs. Ethel Wager were Sunday
supper guests of the Jim Car-
rick family.

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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THEODORE CASE

A birthday party was held Sunday at the Richard Dutcher home honoring Theodore Case.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Case and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Case and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cole and girls and the Terry Cases, and Burgess Case all spent the afternoon and enjoyed cake and ice cream and visiting.

Claribel, Marion and Mary Beutler attended Friends Night of the Eastern Stars at Big Rapids Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher and Patti and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., were Friday evening visitors of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Lois Cain was a dinner guest.

Florence Fitzgerald spent Wednesday in Kalkaska, South Boardman and Traverse City, visiting old schoolmates.

The Howard Beutlers called on the Jim Beutlers of Rosebush Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald called on the Ralph Woodins of Midland last Saturday, after they took Florence to her plane.

The Robert Dutchers are spending this week camping and working on their new home here. They called on us and the Garry Dutchers.

Jill McLane spent Saturday over night with Laurel Beutler.

Don Houghton, Dave and Shari Riefel of Mt. Pleasant and Beth Hogg and Nancy Newman and David Dutcher visited Steve Dutcher Saturday afternoon and evening. Butch Hardenburgh and Larry Leiter were also Sunday visitors, as

were the Brian Dutchers. Lois Cain spent Sunday over night with them.

The Jim Dutchers are having the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher attended the wedding of Karla Dutcher and Dennis Potulski of Clarkston Saturday evening, and a reception after the ceremony.

Lois Cain called on me Sunday. She came Friday to visit her folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., and to attend the wedding of her niece in Clarkston.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge called on the Ervin Dutchers Sunday afternoon.

The Ervin Dutchers called on the Earl Dutchers Wednesday afternoon.

Grace and Florence Fitzgerald called on Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor of rural Blanchard and Alice Simkin of Remus. Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stadtfeld of Remus were afternoon and evening guests. Saturday morning Carl and Grace took Florence to Tri Cities Airport, on her way to Treasure Island, and then on to Hawaii.

(Omitted Last Week)

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald and Florence were Susan Garner, Marion O'Brien, Terry Dodge, and Bill Barkyoumb, all of Lansing; and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Garner of Blanchard, Kathryn Doerr of Remus and Julia Bowen of Mecosta.

Marion Beutler attended WSCS spiritual retreat at Camp Kitt Saturday and Sunday.

Grace and Florence Fitzgerald were in Midland Friday. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woodin and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Opey.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald and Florence were Thursday dinner and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Decker of Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee attended the wedding of Michael Merrihew and Melody Kersey Saturday afternoon at Taylor. They spent over night with the Roland Merrihews, returning Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad and Linda's sister, Cindy Wernette, were Sunday dinner guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., called at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton to pay respects to John Sheldon Wednesday evening, then the Clayton Dutchers stopped at the Ervin Dutchers' for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis of New Era visited the Garry Dutchers Sunday.

Kimberly Dutcher celebrated her fourth birthday Thursday. Her folks had guests in for ice cream and cake. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyke, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hardenburgh, Diane Blubaugh, Eric Heckerd, and me.

Betty Dutcher and girls visited her folks, the Stan Roomsburgs, Friday, and the girls spent the afternoon with their grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and family of Midland were dinner and afternoon guests of her folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Beth Hogg was a caller during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and family had Sunday lunch

with the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee of Grand Rapids came up Wednesday after receiving word of her father's death. They spent the rest of the week here at their place.

The Busy Bees will meet with Florence Hoffman Wednesday, April 11.

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NEWS NOTES

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler, Mrs. Clyde Beutler, Mrs. Nina Forbes and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler attended a fun night at the sister OES Chapter at Farwell.

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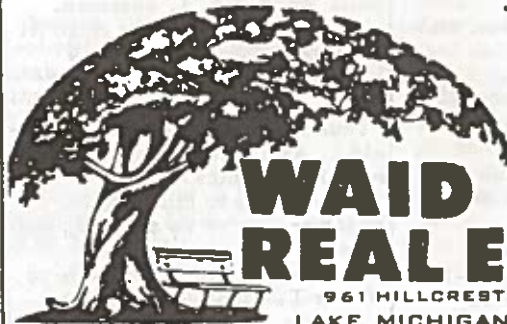
Helen Smith and Ula Cummins visited Vera Smith at the Billings Convalescent Home in Millbrook. They also visited Rose Courser at the Home.

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