# The Weidman Messenger

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Column

## Editor's

By Connie

VOTERS TURN DOWN SCHOOL MILLAGE REQUEST

Voters in the Chippewa Hills School District registered a resounding refusal Saturday to the school's request for 15 mills operating money for next year, in the wake of the winter's worst storm and with side roads blocked and all roads treacherous.

District-wide, the unofficial count was 1,083 No votes to 622 Yes.

At the Weidman School precinct there were 341 No votes to 153 Yes.

At Barryton there were 219 No votes to 151 Yes.

At Mecosta the vote was 232 No. 131 Yes.

At Remus the vote was 291 No to 187 Yes.

This only underscores the tax-payers' predicament and impending revolt against real estate taxes that have become confiscatory. This district is not the only place in Michigan, or in the Nation, that is experiencing taxpayers' end-of-patience voting records. All over the country taxpayers, and especially real estate owners and taxpayers, are rebelling in one way or another.

There will be another millage election, of course; and another and another, until the school either gets what it wants or a reasonable facsimile thereof.

But the taxpayers in this first election have pointed up what is becoming a national as well as state certainty: Schools' money must be got from some other source than real estate taxation.

Gov. Milliken and the State Legislature would do well to heed taxpayers' pre-revolt smoke signals. They would do well to figure out some other source of revenue for schools than real estate taxes.

We have some interesting details and thoughts on taxation in other states, notably Ohio and New York, which we will give you at our earliest opportunity.

Michigan is not the only state (Continued on Back Page)

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## Men in Unitorm

Sgt. Walter Shaner is stationed at Oakland Army Base in California. He recently spent a furlough at his home here, after a stint in Korea. He re-enlisted after getting back to the States.

He was recently married in Seoul, Korea. Congratulations!

Mrs. Bonnie Loucks and daughter have returned from Thailand, where she has been staying with her husband, who is in the Armed Services. She will stay with her folks, the Joe Gostolas, in Mt. Pleasant, until his return to the States.

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Alfred Klumpp left Saturday by plane for Long Beach, Calif, for two weeks of Naval Reserve training.

WE GIVE GARY RECKER BACK TO HIS PARENTS

So we dood it again. Last week we had Gary Recker's parents listed as the Gilbert Reckers, whereas they are his grandparents, and his parents are the Gerald Reckers.

We gotta quit this. Servicemen have enough on their minds without the Messenger taking them away from their parents and giving them to someone else.

We hereby give Gary back to his parents, the Gerald Reckers, with our apologies.

with our apologies.

And our best wishes to you,
Gary.

Local Items

Joe and Lois Clark experienced an unusual situation Saturday evening, when they took their snowmobile behind the Dick Cook farm and ran into the creek unexpectedly. They were still on the machine, but were undurt and managed to get the snowmobile out of the water.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Emily Kirvan. They were snowed in. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent took Mrs. Wood for a sleigh ride behind their snowmobile Sunday. Mrs. Wood said the trip through the woods was beautiful.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER



SPRING IN MICHIGAN, 1971--The flowering crab tree is in bloom--but not with its usual deep-pink blossoms. That's snow on its branches, laid down by the winter's worst and longest-lasting storm which began Thursday night and continued through Saturday.

Messenger photo



AND THAT ISN'T A COTTAGE IN THE MAINE WOODS—It's Frances and Barney Tranbarger's Flower Shop on the Airline Road. Officially spring, but weather—wise the winter's worst blizzard and Michigan's most crippling storm, state—wide. Having got all this out of its system at Spring Time, maybe the weather will give us just a taste of good old awakening of lawns and flowers; after we get rid of all our snow and flood waters as it melts, of course. Mean—time, spring birds are arriving daily, with most of them having showed at our place except the meadow lark, which apparently has sense.

Messenger photo

#### Around Horr Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Good Morning. Yes, we have a telephone today (Monday) and they say it's spring. (I wonder.)

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger got home from Florida Sunday to enjoy our snow banks and the snow plow has just gone by (Monday morning).

Jeame, Susan, Mary Ellen and Dean Wood called on their grandmother, Mrs. Flora Wood, Thursday afternoon.

Sunday dinner guests at the Charlie Losey home were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman, Harold Losey, and Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were afternoon callers.

Mrs. Hattie Losey accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lutz to the Billings Convalescent Home Thursday to call on Mrs. Maycie Cook. They also went to Lakeview.

Clayton Dutcher was a Thursday caller at the Losey home. Hattie reports seeing robins last week (a sign of spring?).

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were Wednesday callers in Lansing and Grand Rapids, and called at the Chuck Wilson home.

The Thompsons spent Sunday with the John Thompson family at Drayton Plains, and were recent callers of the Carroll Thompson family at New Era.

Mrs. Opal Denslow called on her sister, Mrs. Ruby Williams, of Clare, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Buzek of near Remus were recent callers of Mrs. Denslow, and she had a nice visit with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent were Monday supper guests of the Elwood Millers, and called on her mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, Wednesday. The Chuck Roberts family were weekend guests of her folks. The Harold Kruegers, the Lynn Johnsons and Mrs. Wood were Sunday dinner guests. Harry Dent was a late dinner guest. Mabel took her mother home on the snowmobile Sunday night. She said her mother enjoyed the ride. Mabel and Gerald stayed over night Sunday with the Lynn Johnsons so they could get out and go to work.

Connie Skinner called on me Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew called Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peacock were Thursday supper guests of Mrs. Margaret Denslow. Their son, Winton, had brought them here to visit relatives.

Mrs. Denslow called on Mrs. Eva Denslow Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Opal Denslow reports her uncle, John Tice, is a patient in the Clare Hospital, with a broken leg.

Sunday afternoon callers of the Gerald Loseys were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gross and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson and Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. Al Gross and Amy, and Mrs. Geo. Lobsinger, Gary and Steve Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Curtiss.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter
Mrs. Warren Lear was the
honored guest at a pink and blue
shower Sunday, given by Mrs.
Jack Cook and Mrs. Richard
Cook, at the Jack Cook home.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist and Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Borders were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook visited Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Nagy in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ella Cox and Mrs. Leona Courser attended the Coomer Ladies' Aid at the home of Mrs. Gretchen Nicholson in Mt. Pleasant Thursday.

Mrs. Chris Larson took Mrs. Florence Harvey to Mt. Pleasant on business Thursday.

Mrs. Blanche Carr and Mrs. Clyde Beutler visited Mrs. Maycie Cook at the Billings home in Millbrook Thursday, as did Mrs. Hattie Losey and Mrs. Clara Lutz.

Blaine Stansell was a Thursday evening visitor at the Oral Bunting home. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn of Belding were Sunday afternoon guests.

Mrs. Ray Flaugher called on Mrs. Herb Hochrein Wednesday.

Mrs. Mildred Rhode and Karen visited Mrs. Betty Elliott Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Neil Richardson

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Richardson celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, with dimer at the Robert Cook home. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge of Owosso and Roderick Nicholson.

The folks in this area were saddened by the passing of Mrs. John Johnston, an old-time resident of this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa, Mrs. Earl Billsby and Jill White of Shepherd were Sunday dinner guests of Blanche Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Marshall and son, Sean, of Oscoda were Sunday guests of Mrs. Ella Cox.

Mrs. E.R.Rhode visited Mrs. Maycie Cook at the Billings Home one day last week, and she and Mrs. Paul Lueder also visited Mrs. Mary Cook at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Hazel Sellers of Lansing was a guest of her cousin, Mrs. Minnie Hines, and Bob, from Wednesday until Saturday. Paula Hines of Bay City and friend, Bruce Archer, visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines. Roxanne Hines had Sunday supper with Bob and Minnie.

Larry Johnson of Newberry brought his brother, Chris, back to go to Central University this weekend, and is spending a few days at the Fred Swan and Basil Rogers homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caulkins of Alto are visiting her sister and brother, Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar.

Mrs. Choice Foster fell down the basement stairs at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, the Louis Fiorillos, Wednesday evening, breaking her shoulder bone and spraining her wrist. She is in CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Martin and family were Saturday visitors of the Charles Garretts. Mr. and Mrs. Terry Leiter were Sunday guests.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were Sunday morning callers of Mr. and Mrs. Jib Hall of Barryton.

In the Editor's Mail

Comie:

I think that kids should be forbidden to ride their bikes to school in weather such as we have been having.

The bikes are hazardous, as the kids don't ride them where they're supposed to be, and the roads are icy.

We have school buses for transportation of the kids, let the kids use them.

Esther Skinner
--0-NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Linda Krueger and children were Wednesday visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton were Monday callers.

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March 25t1

SMORGASBORD—This Saturday night, March 27, Broomfield Grange Hall, corner M-20 and Coldwater Roads; cancelled last Saturday due to storm. Featuring turkey, salmon casserole, meat noodle casserole, our usual beautiful Salad Bar. Serving from 5 p.m. to about 8.30. Adults \$1.50, children under 12 75¢, pre-schoolers free.

March 25t1

HELP WANTED--Part time and full time. Apply in person. Family Restaurant, Weidman. Mar. 18t2

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Mar. 25t3

FOR SALE--One upright vacuum cleaner with all attachments; one single electric blanket, like new; six-place setting dinnerware, 28 pieces; 26 pieces silverware set; one eight piece snack set. Phone 644-3651.

March 25t1

SPOTS before your eyes—on your new carpet—remove them with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer \$1 at Fox Hardware, Weidman.

March 25t1

FOR SALE--1970 Snow Jet 396 CC in good condition. Also 1969 Trail 90 Honda in good condition. Call 644-2089. March 25t1p

EXPIRATION DATE--Of your Messenger appears each week as part of your address.

FOR SALE--Three long formals, size 10, two green, one blue, \$10 each. Also white rabbit stole, \$10. Barb Whaley, Weidman, ph. 644-2513.

March 25t1

## Card of Thanks

I want to thank everyone who sent cards, food, Masses, phone calls, and who helped with my children during my stay at St. Joseph Hospital at Ann Arbor.

Sincerely Mary Pung.

## Obituary

WALLACE HUBERT FLEMING Wallace Hubert Fleming died March 15 at his home in Inverness, Florida, after a prolonged illness.

He was born Nov. 4, 1908, at the Fleming farm home near Weidman, the youngest child of Arthur and Clara Fleming.

On Sept. 14, 1936, he was married to Fern Cole of Lapeer, Mich., and they made their home there until they purchased a home in Florida in very recent years.

Burial was at Lapeer.
Surviving are his wife, Fern, at the Florida home; stepmother, Edna Fleming, of Chatham, N.J.; two sisters, Bernice L. Vaughn of Westminster, Calif., and Lylah M. Simmers, of Buena Park, Calif.
Preceding him in death were

Preceding him in death were his parents, Arthur and Clara Fleming, a sister, Lucile Merrihew, and a brother, Harris I.

Fleming.

The Fleming family is one of our oldest pioneering and worthy families of the Weidman rea. Our sympathy to those remaining, and their many friends.

Obituary

KRISTINA FABER
Kristina M. Faber died March
15 at the family home in Nottawa. She was born Oct. 29,
1970, in Alma. She was four
months old.

Funeral services were held last Wednesday, March 17, at 2 p. m. from St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City with Father S.A.Bur officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Faber; two brothers, Richard and Robert, at home; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McConnell, of Rosebush; paternal grandfather, William N.

Faber; one brother, Thomas, preceded her in death.

The family have the sympathy of its many friends.

DONALD THIELEN'S GOLDENWAY FARM HERD IS CLASSIFIED

Donald Thielen reports that his registered Holsteins were classified for body conformation March 8. The scoring was done by an official classifier of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, Brattleboro, Vt.

Dairymen enrolled in this herd improvement program receive a numerical score for each animal evaluated. The true-type Holstein represents theoretical perfection and has a value of 100 point on the classification score card. Each animal is scored, receiving a rating of Excellent (90 points or more), Very Good (85 through 89), Good Plus (80 through 84), Good (75 through 79), Fair (65 through 74), or Poor (64 points or under).

Including animals previously scored, the Goldenway herd of Donald Thielen has one Excellent, four Very Goods, and 20

Good Pluses.

To provide a more complete image of each animal, the classifier also uses comparative terms to describe 12 major parts of the animal's physical characteristics. This "word picture" serves as a guide for planning a breeding program to improve the herd.

The information from the classification of the herd will be summarized by the Holstein Association on its high-speed computer. Returned to the breeder, these reports provide useful information for selection in the herd. The data also is published and available as reference for the herd improvement programs of Holstein dairymen everywhere.

Local Items

Mrs. Kit Johnson returned home Sunday, after spending two and a half weeks with the Fey Johnsons at Punta Gorda, Fla. She went with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson of Mt. Pleasant. She reported the Fey Johnson family is doing fine, and likes it in Florida as a permanent home. Kit called on Walter and Marie Smith at Fort Myers while down South. Mrs. Gary Johnson and son, a daughter-in-law of the Gerald Johnsons, was also one of the party trying to escape Michigan's snows. Gerald's family spent some time with her mother at Inverness, Florida, while down there. Carl and Daisy Embrey were visitors at the Fey Johnson home while the party was in Florida. The Johnsons visited Al Woodbury also. who lives at Punta Gorda.

Mrs. Clara Lutz of rural Remus was a Tuesday afternoon caller at the Messenger office. We agreed we were tired of winter.

# Walker Creek News Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and son, Stacey, and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss, attended a Silver Wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bowen, at an Open House at their home. Congratulations!

Stacey Voss was home from school all week. His mother took him to the doctor Wednes-

day.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky attended a bingo party at Remus Thursday evening. Mrs. Ward Loomis visited Mrs. Skalitzky Wednesday afternoon, while Ward went fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy and Dawn Marie of Chippewa Lake were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip attended the anniversary for her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bowen, Sunday afternoon. Later in the evening they paid their respects to their friend, Mrs. Jack Bark, granddaughter of Mrs. Emma Sisco. She left two small children. She passed away at an Ann Arbor hospital Friday night.

Gilbert Schrock returned to his work at Morbark Industries Monday morning, after a five

months' layoff.

Philip Schrock is ill with a virus infection.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and family of rural Remus were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow, honoring Mrs. Denslow's birthday, which was March 21. Happy birthday. Ollie!

Happy birthday, Ollie! Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corwin, Robert, Jr. and Kyle visited friends at Gladwin Sunday.

Mrs. Dale Denslow has been laid off from her work at Evart Products and will be home for a while.

Mrs. Duane Gray of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga and Lee Ann visited them Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray visited Mrs. Isabel Sisco Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Sisco was getting along fine, but was still in bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gray and Christopher of Mt. Pleasant were Wednesday guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray. Mrs. Gray reported that Michael was now teaching in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray visited Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga and family at Lake Isabella Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters.

Mrs. Elwood Miller called on Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John Sunday morning.
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and
Denise were Tuesday supper
guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney, and Scott and Michael. The
occasion honored the birthday
of Scott, who was six years old.

Happy Birthday, Scott!
Mrs. Warren Leiter has been ill with the flu the past week.
She visited her doctor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Leiter and Melissa and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss visited their parents during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stebelton and Renee were Friday evening

visitors of her folks.

Mrs. Russell Stanley visited her daughter, Mrs. Donald Pung, and children of Beal City Monday, and was a supper guest. In the evening she visited her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley, and children, and tended the children while their parents attended a tour of the new Chippewa Hills school. Ronald and Michael took Mrs. Stanley home.

We received the sad news Friday afternoon that Mr. Stanley's niece, Mrs. Hubert Sills of Elsie, had passed away Friday afternoon at the Ingham County Hospital at Lansing. Rose Marie was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Stanley of Elsie. Rose Marie's mother is a niece of Mrs. Edna Schultz of Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley, and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung, went to Elsie Sunday afternoon to pay their respects to their niece and cousin, at the Carter Funeral Home. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. James Stanley at their home, and other relatives who were there to share the grief in losing their beautiful daughter.

Later they went to St. Johns and were supper guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung, and Susan and Sandra.

Mrs. Thomas Moore, their daughter, came over to the Pungs', and they enjoyed a short visit together.

Mrs. Keith Thompson visited her mother, Mrs. Leona Courser, and they shopped in Mt. Pleasant, Saturday.

Mrs. Thompson reported that they were still going to have a belated Silver Wedding anniversary party, which will be held Saturday evening, April 3, at the Remus Town Hall. All rela-

tives and friends and cordially invited.

#### ---0---NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Clarence Geitman visited her doctor in Ithaca Sunday, and also visited at the home of her son, C.A. Sanders, and she and her husband were dinner guests there.

## West Gilmore

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Douglas called on Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Hart Wednesday evening. Martin Boger called on Mrs. Irene Jones Wednesday.

Wm. Wixson visited his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wm.

Sampson, Thursday.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Miss Ruth Border, returned home from Flint Monday evening after several days spent with Beulah's children and helping care for Beulah's little grandson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wixson.

Paul, Lena and Velma Cole were supper guests Tuesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa. Monday evening the Coles went to the O'Laughlin Funeral Home in Coleman to pay respect to Dale Badgley, who had been a very nice neighbor and friend. The Coles visited their niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee, and her mother, Mrs.

Helen Wardwell, Monday eve-

ning.
Wednesday the Coles visited
their cousins, Mr. and Mrs.
Ralph Bawkey, at Muskegon.

Ralph Bawkey, at Muskegon.
They also called on Mrs. Wm.
Siegel at Grant Hospital Wednesday.

Miss Delores Purdy of Flint spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Irene Jones.

Little Kathy Shaner spent Wednesday and Thursday with her grandmother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart. Roxann Hart spent Friday night with her.

NEWS NOTES

Mary Pung of Beal City is home from the hospital at Ann Arbor, doing fine after heart surgery. She will have to be inactive for a while.

Mrs. Clyde Beutler spent last Wednesday in East Lansing as a guest of her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tibbetts.



#### Beal City Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and family are going to live with Mrs. Irene Smith at Beal City. Larry Egbert, Jr., spent Friday with his father, Larry, Senior,

Vern Hoag spent Friday eve-

ning with Wayne Egbert.
Dolores Garrett spent Tuesday
with Mrs. Ernest Garrett.

Beverly Smith of Pinconning visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith, the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith visited Ed Cook, who is ill in the Lakeview Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Faber are the proud parents of a baby boy, born

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant spent Thursday afterternoon with Louise Smith. Mrs. Walter Rau and Delores and Brian called on her Thursday morning. Mr. and Mrs. John Pung and daughter, Rita, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner of Detroit were Sunday visitors.

Maxine Klumpp, Susan Duffy, Rene Kane and Judy Judge, all of Mt. Pleasant, returned home Sunday, March 21, from a vacation at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Terry Klumpp of Ferris State College was home this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp.

Alfred Klumpp. Mr. and Mrs. John Pung and daughter, Rita, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner of Detroit, Ann Eldred, and Alice Tatro and two children of Winn and Ruth Klumpp and daughter spent Sunday with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mrs. Schafer spent Thursday with Mrs. Oneita Moss at Mt. Pleasant. They also visited Peter Schafer at the Medical Care

Cindy, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenden Cassidy (Gladys Ley) of St. Johns underwent surgery last Monday at the St. Johns hospital for a ruptured appendix. She was in intensive care after the operation, but was reported recovering.

Mrs. Walter Schafer and Mrs. Rosy Moss of Mt. Pleasant visited Mrs. Tony Schafer last Tues-day.

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NEWS NOTES
Edna Schultz returned home
Sunday after spending the winter
with her grandson, Richard Wiley, and family, at Brentwood,
near Nashville, Tenn. She said
they had three bad storms there
during the winter. She stopped
off at the home of her son, Ike
Hampton, at Benton Harbor, and
she said the weather there was
beautiful this past week, with
no snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wilbur of Lansing spent the weekend with his brother, Jerry Horstman, and family. Fourth Period Honor Roll Students From Beal City

BEAL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL Honor Roll — 4th Marking Period

7th Grade

B Average
Tom Bechtel, Edward Clevenger, Frank Engler, Bill Funnell,
Gary Gross, Penny Klumpp, Joe
McDonald, Karen Miller, Kathy
Onstott, Mark Rau and Margie

Reihl.

Dennis Schafer, Craig Schumacher, Kathy Schumacher, Wayne Smith, Kathy Steffke, Mary Ann Tilmann, Marilyn Thorn, Julia Ulrich, Jean Vanden Bossche, Tracie Wilson and Cindy Yuncker.

> 8th Grade B Average

Keitha Bierschbach, Marian Clark, Janice Clevenger, Jean Gross, Marlene Gruss, Terri Jones, Dawn Luce, Leo Pasch, Charles Schafer, Stanley Schafer and Michael Schmidt.

Janet Sheahan, Linda Simmer, Ann Smith, Kim Stevens, Cathy Tilmann, Phil Tilmann and Debbie Weber.

> 9th Grade B Average

Joe Andres, Beverly Breuer, Annette Fox, Irene Fox, Ken Gross, Sandy McDonald, Cathy Pung, Tim Pung, Sue Rau, Frank Reihl, Doug Schafer and Jeff Schafer.

Lois Schafer, Lynette Schafer, Steve Schumacher, Glen Smith, Janice Smith, Lynn Starr, Carla Straus, Rhoda Straus, Bob Straus and Steve Schmidt,

10th Grade All A's

Rita Schmidt.

B Average

Margie Andres, Barbara Bierschbach, Mary Clevenger, Anni Engler, Julie Engler, Paul Gross, Sue Gross, Joan Gruss, Roberta Pung, Rhonda Recker and Charlotte Schafer.

Mark Andrew Schafer, Bob Schafer, Ruth Schmidt, Kay Smith, Bill Steffke, Pam Stevens, Jack Woodbury and Denise Yuncker.

11th Grade All A's

Harry Hauck.

Margie Block, Mary Coughlin, Nancy Engler, Mary Lynn Faber, Mary Ann Fox, Ann Gross, Dottie Klumpp, Mary Kolarik, Rick Kruger, Stan Pasch, Dennis Pohl and Chris Pung.

B Average

Ken Pung, Sue Reihl, Fred Schafer, Karen Simmer, Vern Smith, Ken Steffke, Debbie Yuncker, Denise Zeien and Ruth Zuker. 12th Grade B Average

Mary Beth Andres, Christine Block, Ken Block, Marilyn Breuer, Dave Brickner, Diane Clark, Rod Deming, Sue Engler, Kathy Fox, George Fussman, Dave Jackson, Jane Maeder, Sylvia Martin, Rose Neubecker and Robert Pasch.

Marty Quillen, Vera Reihl,
Vicki Schumacher, Joanne
Smith, Mark Stevens, Mike
Straus, George Thielen, Bill
Vogel, Mary Welch and Bob
Zuker.

#### Coldwater Lake Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

Well, I did think spring was just around the corner, but with all this snow I don't know whether it is or not. I think these robins got a surprise also, but they are still staying around.

Jerry and Jane Schafer of Mt. Pleasant were out Wednesday evening. Jerry started working last Monday at CMU.

The Victor Eismanns called

Wednesday evening also, and we had a real nice visit.

Visitors Thursday were Pearl Jack of Howard City, Gladys Brown, Ruth Klumpp, Eula Dunn, and Judy and Josette Schafer.

Virginia Fisher of St. Paul, Minn., came over the weekend to spend a month with her sister, Helen Brewer.

Walt and Dellie Wischmeyer returned to their home Saturday night after spending two weeks in Indiana.

I and little Andy Beck spent Wednesday morning with Grandma Schafer, to tie off a baby quilt.

Don, Judy and Josette Schafer called on us Sunday.

Until next week, Marge.

NEWS NOTES
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Blackmer
and family of Barryton spent Sun-

and family of Barryton spent Sur day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frantz. Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Stevens of

Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Stevens of Sanford spent Thursday with Mrs. Ina Gillett. Mr. and Mrs. Elrude Carlson of Lakeview were Sunday afternoon guests.

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### North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee of Farwell visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Conley of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Maguire attended church at the Gilmore Church of Christ Sunday. They also attended the funeral of Dale Badgley at Coleman last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith of Ypsilanti called at the Don Alwood home Saturday afternoon. They had been to their cabin at Skeels to check up. The snow was so deep it was hard to get close to it. Don Smith called at the Alwoods' and got to see his brother Bob also. Little Donny Alwood spent Friday over night with his cousin, Peter Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of St. Johns called at the Leo Smith and Isadore Schafer homes recently. They had stopped at the Don Alwood home and found nobody home. George has retired from the Olds plant in Lansing and Margaret works part time at the St. Johns hospital.

Sunday dinner guests at the John Gott home were Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy, Debbie Graham and Mrs. Hermione Smith.

Little Troy Alwood, ninemonths-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alwood, spent Thursday night till Sunday in CMC Hospital with a virus infection.

Eileen Abbott entered CMC Hospital last Friday and has been in traction. Little Scottie Jewell,





her grandson, is also in the hospital with a virus infection.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott called on Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott of Farwell Thursday.

Albert Gott stopped in and had lunch with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, Saturday. Ward Dell was a Sunday caller

Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood called at the Doherty Funeral Home in Clare Thursday evening to pay respects to Ken Thibaut, age 58, who died suddenly after suffering a stroke a week ago at his work in Clare. Ken and his wife, Helen, have been friends of the Bill and Leo Smith families for 25 years or more. He will be greatly missed by all his friends in this area. ---0---

#### PIONEER FARM BUREAU MEETS MARCH 15

The Pioneer Farm Bureau of Gilmore Township met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newman March 15, with 14 members present.

A short business meeting was conducted by Chairman Wm. Phillips. Discussion was led by Mrs. Olive Irwin on the topic, "Chemical Use and Control." She also read an article on "Taxes, Top List of Farm Gripes," and gave a humorous reading, "Who Ran Off With My---?"

The hostess served a delicious roast beef and pork dinner, plus pot-luck, prior to the meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. George Pitts in Rosebush April 12. Mrs. Wm. L. Phillips

Farm Bureau News Reporter ---0---

## Editor's Mail

To Whom It May Concern: Why should the teachers and all be so upset when the millage was turned down in Saturday's election?

People are fed up on high taxes.

Teachers having to have another person to watch over the kids during recess. Helping correct papers (when teachers don't read the answers and kids change papers in back or across). Teachers used to do this work, but not now.

Office practice should be used to help teachers where needed, instead of hiring other outside help. This is giving the student experience, along with school credit, without having to pay someone else.

Pretty good, when starting as low as fourth grades having more than one teacher to teach classes, where one teacher has always done the work except music, it now takes two others.

I think the school system itself could be better organized to help the taxpayers without seeing where it can spend more money.

They don't have much respect

for the taxpayer, as they could learn to cut corners and spend money more wisely.

Isabella County Taxpayer.

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#### W. Sherman Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher visited the Robert Hineses Sunday evening. They stopped in at the Clayton Dutchers'.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Schumacher and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and family, snowmobiling. Goldie Dutcher was an afternoon caller. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger spent Friday evening with them.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew visited Mr. and Mrs. Chris Comstock of rural Blanchard Tuesday. Chris was feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children attended a Fellowship dinner after church Sunday.

Mrs. Clyde Beutler was a Sunday dinner guest of the Carl Beutlers.

Choice Foster fell down a flight of stairs Thursday evening and broke her right shoulder and right wrist. She is in CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons of east Mt. Pleasant visited his mother, and Dale called at the Garry Dutchers' Sunday afternoon and evening.

Russell Merrihew and girls of Pontiac visited his father, Orrie, Saturday afternoon till Sunday afternoon. Orrie took them to the Weidman restaurant for Sunday dinner. Orval visited while they were there.

Louann and Mark Maeder were Saturday callers of her folks, the Harry Gatehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Decker of Barryton visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald Thursday afternoon

Debbie Yuncker and Ann Gross were Monday evening callers of the Clayton and Richard Dutch-

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and two other couples attended a Farm Bureau membership dinner at Reed City Saturday.

Well, here it is still snowing Tuesday morning. Maybe we'll have a white winter yet. And, if it keeps up, a white summer

## the Churches

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. This will be a film at Lake Baptist Church. Everyone invited. Roller skating March 29, 7.00

> \*\*\* BETTER THAN A LETTER

SAFETY COUNCIL SPONSORS SAFETY PICTURE CONTEST

For the 11th consecutive year, the Isabella County Safety Council is sponsoring a Safety Picture contest, open to all elementary school age boys and girls, kindergarten through sixth grades.

Letters have been sent to all elementary school teachers in Isabella County, asking their co-operation in the project. In last year's contest, there were over 800 entries.

Rules of the contest are as folflows:

Contest opens immediately, and closes April 15.

It is open to all elementary school age boys and girls, kindergarten through sixth grade, in all schools in Isabella County.

Safety pictures in any size, but not to exceed 12x18 inches, may be done with water color, crayon, ink, pencil ets.

Each picture must have an appropriate safety rule or slogan.

Each picture must contain the following information in the lower right hand corner of the front of the picture: Name, address, age, school, grade. Neatness will count.

Pictures may be left or sent to the State Police Post on North Mission, Sheriff's Department, or the Mt. Pleasant City Police Department, all in Mt. Pleasant.

A committee of judges from CMU Safety classes, under direction of Jerry Braza, will do the judging and select the winning pictures.

Winners will be notified by

Prizes will be awarded at the Tuesday evening, May 4, meeting of the Safety Council, at 8 o'clock in the County Court

Seventy-five winning pictures will be selected. All entries for judging will be divided into two groups: K through 3rd grade, and 4th through 6th grade.

Two first-place winners, a boy and a girl, will be selected from each group, and their awards will be bicycles.

Four second-place winners will be selected in the same manner, and each will received badminton sets. The 67 other winners will receive flashlights as their prizes.

Boys and girls may enter the Safety Picture contest through their schools, or they may enter the contest directly from their homes.

The contest is on now and ends April 15. \_\_\_0\_\_

## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and daughter, Dawn Marie, were recent visitors of his mother, Mrs. Ula Cummins, and grandmother, Mrs. Helen Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were also callers.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

#### in the Editor's Mail

To Supt. James Jorgensen And Board Members:

Has it occurred to you that there must have been a valid reason why voters in our school district snowed under your request for 15 mills?

You must know by now that it was the 50% of "true cash value" set by Gem Survey in Isabella County (required by law passed by our Legislature) and the certainty that eventually Mecosta County will get the same rough treatment.

Real estate owners simply will not vote extra millage while valuation is so high.

Instead of crying and threaten-ing to terminate 102 teachers' contracts, why don't you do something constructive?

A good start might be to send home to parents of the children a readable mimeo letter asking them to write their legislators in Lansing to rescind their Act that put our valuation-assessment so high and pass another Act designating a much, much lower percentage of "true cash value" to be assessed for taxation on real estate.

Presently the law states the assessment of real estate property SHALL BE 50% of "true cash value". Change it to read MAY BE, and you just might get four extra mills in the June school election which, after all, is what you really need, added to the eight you already have, to get full state aid.

A Tired Senior Citizen Real Estate Owner. ---0---

Connie:

Enjoyed so much your Editor's Column about surviving the old country school, and there was so much truth to it.

Mrs. Paul (Joyce) Crane Lake, Mich.

Dear Connie:

Nearly forgot to send subscription! Guess you're had a lot of snow up there, by your writeup and pictures.

It is 72 degrees here this noon, a little cooler than it has been

the past few days.
Will send you a "wee bit of sunshine" on this St. Patrick's Day!

Sincerely Ercel Woodward Zephyrhills, Florida ---0---

Mrs. Clyde Beutler was a Sunday overnight guest at the Forrest Johnston home near Rosebush. They all attended Lenten services at the Rosebush Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Father Freto of St. Henry's Catholic Church of Rosebush as guest speaker. The congregation was composed of St. Charles and St. Henry's and the Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Dick Geasler called on Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Graham Thursday.

The weekend of the 13th, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright spent the days with their daughter, Evelyn, and family, in Grand Rapids. They had a birthday din-

ner for Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Wright entertained friends from Clare Wednesday evening.

Fay Forbes is a patient at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. Virgilene called on him Sunday afternoon. He was feeling better, but he remained for observation and more tests.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hyder and family of near Rockford spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fosburg returned home Sunday from New York, where they had been visiting relatives.

Joyce Geasler called on her doctor at Big Rapids Monday afternoon.

LaVerne Forbes is home from his work for two weeks, due to road restrictions. He works on oil wells, and the weight restrictions on roads made his layoff a temporary necessity.

Carl Geasler called on his doctor at the Davis Clinic Tuesday afternoon.

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(Delayed Last Week) Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fosburg left Saturday for a vacation in New York, where they will visit his grandmother and other relatives.

Sympathy goes out to Florence Badgley and family of Littlefield Lake in the death of her husband, Dale, who passed away suddenly Saturday night, March 13. Funeral services were held at Coleman Tuesday.

Connie Bowen left Sunday for Flint, where she has employ-

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geasler and Carl and Ellen Geasler attended the fish supper at Weidman Friday night, put on by the Weidman Lions Club.

Laura Roberts and son, Kevin, have been on the sick list and were in Mt. Pleasant to see their doctor Friday and Saturday.

It really looks like spring was in the air, for our sunshine on Sunday afternoon that took some of the ice from the side roads and left them a little muddy. It was a grand afternoon for snowmobiling.

Irene Bowen and Connie and Wanda Haenke and kiddies were in Barryton Saturday.

Mrs. Bowen and Wanda and children and Frances Beck were in Edmore Monday. ---0--

Mavis Querbach of Allegan spent from Thursday till Monday with her mother, Mrs. Vera Hagerman.

EAST Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and children were Sunday dinner guests of her sister and family, the Kenneth Routheauxes. of St. Louis.

Once again we were hit with another storm, this time coming Thursday evening and lasting through Saturday. Still many roads were blocked until Saturday afternoon, when most people got out.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turnbull and boys of Lansing spent the weekend at their home on Lake of the Hills. They came Friday, and said weather was good in Lansing when they left, but it started getting bad when they got to St. Johns.

Mrs. Charles Murray and son of Remus called on her daughter and family, the Dale Olgers, Monday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood
and boys called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger Sunday afternoon. Ted and Steve Letson of Mt. Pleasant were also callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turnbull and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Estes, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Herman had birthday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman Sunday, honoring the birthdays of Kristy and Ruth.

Maggie Boger, Lena St. John, Queen Taylor, Nina Forbes, Margaret Hathaway and Gladys Wilson had birthday dinner with Verna Johnson at Marion Thurs-

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#### Editor's Column

By Connie

(Continued from Page 1)

in tax trouble. That is to say, in trouble with the poor sap who is supposed to pay his taxes and keep his trap shut, no matter how high the taxes climb or for what purpose they are expended.

Other people in other states are also rebelling against taxation at the point where it approaches confiscation.

CONTINENTAL LEAGUE March 17

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Beal City Tavern	15	
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DOLLIE BOWER WRITES OF HER EARTHQUAKE ORDEAL

R. D. and Jennie Sprague received a letter from R.D.'s sister, Dollie Bower, at San Fernando, worst hit by the recent earthquake in California. Her letter is dated March 3, and was received last week.

The Weidman Spragues tried unsuccessfully to reach Dollie by telephone after the quake, but lines were down all over that area and they had no word until Dollie wrote a short note saying she was alive.

Here is her letter of March 3: Dear Jennie and R.D.:

Had your last letter today, so will write a more detailed account of the quake and its effects.

People are really nerved up. Some have moved away. But where can one go? It's floods, tornadoes, etc.

I am okay now. Did have a crack on the head, so I was out until the worst rumble was over.

I was sitting at the table, had just finished my breakfast and was reading, as my dining area is off the living room and extension of the kitchen.

I was thrown into the living room through the arch doorway. I had a plate hanging on the wall. It flew off and struck me on the head.

After I came to I crawled

(lights all out) to the outside door and got outside.

By that time, things had quit rocking, and people were in the streets, screaming, and some just standing around, dumfound-

I have a lot of cracks in the plaster and lost most of my dishes and glasses, and a large mirror and the glass globe on my floor

Bob's had dish breakage and Bob's back rock wall has to be rebuilt, but Oh, Jennie, are we ever thankful none of us was hurt. It sure has played the dickens with the nerves.

I have been having a lot of troutrouble with my right shoulder. I don't know if it's arthritis or if I got it in the fall. No bones broken, but it sures slows me up.

I had to go to the doctor yesterday. He has his office in San Fernando. San Fernando sure got it! Penny's Store has broken windows and other damage. They opened their store only through the back door Monday.

All along the street for two blocks, stores lost their walls and roofs. In that mess were several hotels above the stores, and they were hit hard. One small boy was killed there.

In Sylmar Square, just two blocks from my apartment, the big market was badly damaged. Woolworth's, next to it, not so bad--dishes, no fire. Grant's, Owl Drug Store, two shoe stores and a children's dress shop were all damaged, but are back in business, and the bank in the same group of stores in back on the ground level were damaged.

There are several stores and shops below these, as the stores, drug store, etc., are built on a grade. The stores below had severe damage. A flower shop, tv repair, a lunch room, a vacant store used for rummage sales, etc.; a large cry cleaner's. I think they had a bit of fire. A big shopping center close to Bob's was gutted by fire. In that group was a large market, bowling alley, fish and chips stre, lunch room, a gift store, ...d hardware. These stores were all gutted by fire.

Churches suffered, too. Pentecostal Presbyterian, Santa Rosa Mexican and St. Ferdinand's Catholic; the Adventist, which is the other way (toward Newhall); V.A. Hospital a total loss except the chapel.

Juvenile Hall; Olive View's new 23-million-dollar Doctors Hospital, dedicated in January; Pacarima Lutheran, about four miles from here, damaged, hospital proper closed. Holy Cross Catholic, about seven years old, beautiful building; just built, a new four-five-story Medical Center. All that is left is a small Medical Building in back they are using for a clinic.

So many houses are complete losses. You wonder when you see them how the people got out

alive. Sixty-some people killed, 1,000 injured. I have some pictures to send you. I had a lot more but they got lost in the shuffle. I will get a larger envelope to mail them in.

So please take care, call Con-nie and thank her for being con-

We still have rumbles. Oh yes, I read Mae Cotes' writeup in the paper. Their trailers were hit hard. I went up there to see my girl friend. Their trailers were thrown about, hung on wheels, they shuffled about a lot.

My friend didn't lose much besides the damage to the trailer. She said they had quake insurance. Their trailer went back five feet, and three feet to the side. They lost their patio (aluminum) and the skirts around the bottom, also damage to the Extend, and they have to have new carpets.

Well, it's time to get going. Love to all my family Dollie Bower ---0---

BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY HAS 17 TABLES

At the regular Senior Citizens' card party last Thursday afternoon in Beal City, there were 17 tables of pepper in play.

Kate Schumacher won first prize for the ladies, with second prize going to Gertrude Gross.

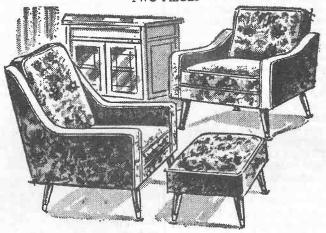
Mike Gross won first for the men, with second to Isadore Schafer.

Helen Schumacher won the pepper prize, and Leona Faber the door prize.

The next Senior Citizens party at Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, April 1, at the K.C. Hall.

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