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### Editor's Column

THE MILLERS

Only in Sherman Township, in Isabella County, in Michigan, will you find a couple anywhere near the generous and peopleloving status of Elwood and Iola

They're retired sheep farmers. They "happen" to own one of the most beautiful scenic landspreads we've ever seen.

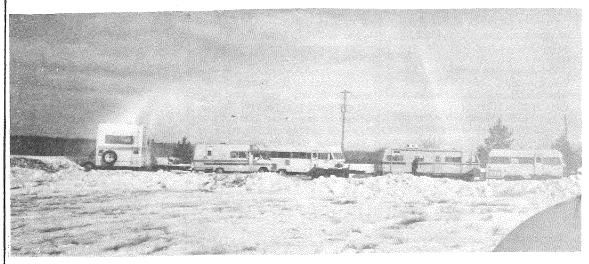
And they open their gates and invite the public of Michigan and surrounding states to come visit, to attend what has become the big winter event in this area, the Lil' Mac Pig Roast and winter sports day.

They don't have to let thousands of people tramp over their lovely hills and into their scenic woodlots. They don't get a cent of recompense for the gift of their beautiful home-fields for the big day.

The only recompense they get is the gratitude, love and admiration of folks who come to enjoy the outdoor sports and feastingfor the financial benefit of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Firemen, the Beal City and the Weidman Business Associations.

Elwood and Iola are always among the crowds, welcoming any and all, visiting with everyone, happy to see others enjoy their beautiful piece of land.

Elwood and Iola have had their lumps, as when Elwood had to have open-heart surgery a fewyears ago (which was NOT what the Lil' Mac Bridge celebration was initiated for, to pay his hospital expenses, as an area newspaper stated). Elwood was well and paying his own way, thank you, and he and Iola have their children, son George (now Dean of Finances at Mid Michigan Community College), and Janice, wife of Dick Touchinski, who have two beautiful daughters, a lovely home (heated with a woodburning standing fireplace Dick installed properly--he's a Fireman), fueled with wood Dick cut and hauled. Dick also is mak-



JUST A FEW OF THE WEEKEND VEHICLES--At the Lil' Mac Pig Roast on the Elwood Miller farm. This year we saw many more weekenders and also more snowmobiles than we've ever seen at the annual affair. Messenger photo

ing a name for himself as an artist in wood-carving.

Those Millers. Just a wonderful family.

No wonder everybody loves 'em

Thanks from everybody for the use of your beautiful hills for the big day in winter here, the Lil' Mac Pig Roast, Sunday. Everything was beautiful.

Especially the Miller farm, and the Millers.

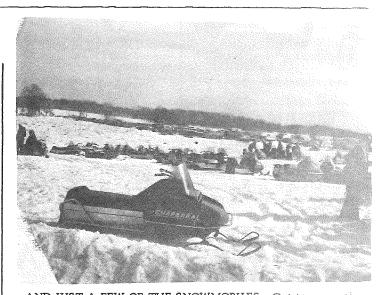
---0---LIL' MAC PIG ROAST

ON TELEVISION

Did you see the Lil' Mac Pig Roast celebration on television Monday evening? It was on the Cadillac station (Channel 9), and they had beautiful shots of the bridge--really scenic and dignified; good shots of the four pigs roasting at one time over charcoal fires; and the general layout of the scene.

It was beautiful, and we're thankful for the good shots of the bridge and the general scenery on the Miller farm.

Good for Channel 9. Good for the Lil' Mac Bridge. Good for the many workers who busted a tug during those weeks of preparation.



AND JUST A FEW OF THE SNOWMOBILES -- Out to enjoy the snowy hills at the Pig Roast. Though a record crowd was present, there were no accidents, nobody got frost-bitten, nobody had trouble of any kind. Mary Ann DeWitt of Lake Isabella, a registered nurse, brought two paramedics along on a volunteer basis -- but nobody needed any help. A Sheriff's car also was present, but there was no trouble of any kind. Just a wonderful day of friendly people getting together for an outdoor spectacle and a great big, homemade meal--and, of course, the charcoal-roasted pigs-eight of them, superbly done under the supervision of Harry Pung, as usual.

FLUORIDE PROGRAM FOR BEAL CITY, WEIDMAN AREA

Parents who wish to have their children enrolled in this summer's topical fluoride program have until March 1 to act, according to Teresa Lorenz, chairman of the Beal City topical fluoride committee.

All three- or four-year-old preschoolers, and second, fifth or eighth graders are eligible for the program, providing they have been registered prior to the deadline, Teresa Lorenz said.

Parents who wish to enroll their children but who have not received reigstration cards may contact her at 644-2284.

A fee of \$4.00 to cover costs of operating the clinic must be submitted, along with the registration card.

The procedure consists of four visits to the fluoride clinic, which will be held in the Beal City Public School.

The child's teeth are cleansed on the first visit, and a fluoride solution is applied directly to the

surface of the teeth. The application only is repeated during the three succeeding visits.

This technique has been shown to reduce tooth decay about 40 percent, compared with the 60 to 65 percent reduction obtained with fluoridated water.

In addition to providing protection against cavities, the program offers a valuable dental experience for children, with no discomfort. Dental health education by the clinic personnel, including instruction in the proper method of brushing teeth, also is an important part of the program.

Michigan, which pioneered in the field of topical fluoride application in 1949, leads the nation in the number of community programs in operation, and in children treated.

In addition to the program in Isabella County, more than 40,-000 children will receive applications in more than 200 clinics scattered throughout the state.

The state-wide program is su-

pervised by the dental division of the Michigan Department of Public Health, which assists local groups in the organization stage, recruits and trains dental and dental hygiene students, provides the fluoride solution, and oversees the program operation through periodic visits to various clinics by staff dentists.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR DEBBIE TOUCHINSKI

Her parents hosted a birthday party for Debbie Touchinski Friday, on her fifth anniversary.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and George Miller, Mabel Allen of Lansing, and the family.

Debbie received nice birthday gifts.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 16 TABLES AT PLAY

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 16 tables of pepper at play.

bles of pepper at play.
Ruth Gallagher won first prize
for the ladies, with Nora Gruss
second and Regina Faber low.

Claire McTaggart won first for the men, with Mike Gross second and Wilford Martin low.

Joe Lawens won the pepper prize. Louis Rau won the door prize.

The committee, composed of Rose Grinzinger, Rose Beutler, Agnes Sheahan, Ruth Gallagher, Ernie Gross and Veronica Keiffer, served donuts and coffee.

The next card party at the K.C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, March 3. Everyone is cordially invited.

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Feb. 10t3

WATERFRONT LOT--On Lake Weidman, \$5,500 cash. Two hundred and nine feet on water's edge. PO Box 158, Weidman, Mich. 48893.

Feb. 10t3p

FOR SALE -- Two Ford snow tires, excellent condition. Paul Cole, 5383 W. Coleman Rd., Gilmore Twp., ph. 644-2088. Jan. 20tf

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IF YOU MISSED--Our February Fish Fry at the Weidman School you'll have a chance to catch up on fish-feasting at our Fish Fries set for March 11 and April 15, same place. Weidman Lions Club.

Feb. 17 tlApr 15

FOR SALE--Green three-piece living room set. Sofa, loveseat and chair. One year old. Sacrifice at \$400.00. Reason for selling, changing color scheme. Mrs. Pat Doyle, call 644-2068, or 433-5747 after 5

Feb. 17t2

FOR SALE--Norge washer and dryer, \$75 cash. Harry Herman, Weidman. Call 644-2050 after 5 p.m.

Feb. 17t2

**LEGAL** 

NOTICE OF ALLEY CLOSURE Commissioner House presented the following Resolution and moved its adoption: "WHEREAS, a Petition has been filed with this Board signed by all of the owners and occupants of land abutting on the alley in Block Twenty-two (22) of the plat of the Village of Weidman in Section Thirteen (13), Township Fifteen North (T-15-N), Range Six West (R-6-W), Sherman Township, Isabella County, Aichigan, requesting that said alley be absolutely abandoned and discontinued, and

"WHEREAS, it appears to this Board that it is to the best interest of the public that said alley shall be absolutely abandoned and discontinued,

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED:

1. That it is to the best interests of the public that the above described alley be absolutely abandoned and discontinued.

2. That the alley in Block Twenty-two (22) of the plat of the Village of Weidman, in Section Thirteen (13), Township Fifteen North (T-15-N), Range Six West (R-6-W), Sherman Town-ship, Isabella County, Michigan, be absolutely abandoned and discontinued.

3. That Notice of this action shall be published in the Weidman Messenger, a newspaper printed and circulated in the County, once in each week for three successive weeks.

4. That a copy of this Resolution be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Isabella County in accordance with the provisions of the statute in such case made and provided.

5. That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation in accordance with the provisions of the statute in such case made and provided."

The Motion to adopt the Resolution was supported by Commissioner Morrell.

The vote on the Resolution was as follows:

Commissioner McFarlane Yes Commissioner House Commissioner Morrell Yes The Resolution having been

adopted by the unanimous vote of the Commissioners, same was declared carried, by Chairman

McFarlane.

I, Frances Murray, Secretary of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Isabella, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and compared copy of the Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of said Board, held at the Office of the Commission February 3, 1977. Frances Murray Secretary Feb. 10t3

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Card of Thanks

I do want to thank most sincerely all my friends and relatives for the wonderful party for my 80th birthday Sunday;

Especially I want to thank the Steve Pungs, who made the beautiful cake; Father Neubecker for his hospitality; my children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frodl of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rau of Beal City, who hosted the day; and all the wonderful relatives and friends who gave me such a beautiful day.

I love you all. Gertrude Gross

Card of Shanks

We wish to thank our family for giving us such a wonderful party on our anniversary.

We also wish to thank all our relatives and friends who came to help us celebrate; and to the many who sent us cards.

It was truly a wonderful day. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vogel

THANKS TO JIM HUGHES

The community owes an expression of thanks to Jim Hughes, news director of Radio Station WCEN at Mt. Pleasant, for his steady coverage of the Lil' Mac Pig Roast event through the week preceding last Sunday.

Granted, the Pig Roast was legitimate news; but we appreciate WCEN's coverage, just the same.

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EXPIRATION -- Of your subscription date appears each week heside vour address.

### North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

ALWOODS' VALENTINE IS FOURTEEN

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy spent Saturday evening in Mt. Pleasant, shopping, and had dinner out, to celebrate Cathy's 14th birthday.

They also stopped to visit Vannie Dean and her sisters at the trailer park on M-20.

Cathy was born the year the Don Alwoods spent in Seattle, Washington.

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Julie and Connie Latham called on their grandmother, Mrs. Laura Latham, Sunday evening.

Irene Chapman and family and Lois Knollenberg and family, both of Rosebush, had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and family, Sunday after church.

Ben Peacock took us to the doctor in Clare Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen were our visitors one day last week.

Bill Alwood of Saginaw called on his parents, the Don Alwoods, one day last week, after he had a dental appointment in Mt. Pleasant.

Callers at the Don Alwood home last week were Dale Tilmann, George McClain, Jr.,

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Mrs. Dan Kripa and Steve, Mrs. Helen Mahon and girls, and Mrs. Mahon baked a birthday cake for Cathy Alwood, which the Alwood family enjoyed very much.

### Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith were Monday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. John Gould of

Mrs. Hugh Douglas was a Sun-

ACTUAL EXPENDITURES (Include Obligations)

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NATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET certify that I am the Chief Executive Officer and titlement funds reported hereon, I certify that the in violation of either the priority expenditure 103) or the matching funds prohibition (Section

day afternoon caller of Mrs. Claribel Beutler.

Judy Lawrence and daughter, Pamela, of Laingsburg were Sunday afternoon visitors of her mother, Ula Cummins, and grandmother, Helen Smith.

Helen Smith and daughter, Ula Cummins, were guests of Rev. and Mrs. Wright after church Sunday evening.

Sue Griffin of Ionia spent the weekend with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Verlia Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson spent Sunday at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Powers, at Shepherd.

Russell and Diane Holt of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday afternoon and evening with their grandmother, Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on George Looman of rural Remus Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes spent the weekend in Flint.

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FUNDS SHOULD BE SPENT. NOTE: ANY COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION IN THE USE OF THESE FUNDS MAY BE SENT TO THE OFFICE OF
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1. Balance as of June 30, 1976

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8. Total Amount Expended (Sum of line 15, column B and column C) 9. Balance as of December 31, 1976

(F) THE NEWS MEDIA HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION. I HAVE A COPY OF THIS REPORT AND RECORDS DOCUMENTING THE

CONTENTS. THEY ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY AT

# **ISABELLA**

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Bill and Betty Farnum of Flint came up to visit Bill's brother, Bob, and Doris and Julius Guerin, Saturday. These surprise visits mean much to confined people.

Also Saturday, the Guerins went to dinner with Doris' mother, a thankful relief to Doris from cooking.

The Yabs had a pleasnnt surprise Saturday evening when Edna and Dwaine Turner from near Howell dropped in for a visit. They are hoping to retire to their home up here in the next few years. During the visit, we discovered that Sunday was their 32nd wedding anniversary, so after church we decided to take them to dinner at the White Wagon in Rosebush. A most pleasant afternoon together.

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### Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

NEW BANK TO BE BUILT IN BEAL CITY

The American Security Bank of Mt. Pleasant has plans for a new bank building in Beal City with construction to begin soon.

The new bank will offer all the usual facilities, including a drive-in window.

The new bank will be located on the south edge of Beal City, within walking distance of local residents.

BIG PARTY FOR GERTRUDE GROSS ON HER 80TH BIG DAY

Her children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frodl of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rau, hosted a queen-size birthday party for Gertrude Gross' 80th anniversary Sunday.

The party began with breakfast at Father Neubecker's home, then on to the Chris Fussmans' for luncheon, and a big party later at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Relatives were present from many Michigan towns and cities, as well as from the Beal City area.

Clara Fox was among the many guests at the K.C. Hall party. Many, many more relatives and friends gathered to wish Gertrude Happy Birthday and many more.

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Herman Kremsreiter returned home from CMC Hospital the last of last week. Glad to see you back, Herman!

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hauck and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Schumacher returned Friday from Kentucky, where they spent three days at a large farm implement and machinery show.

Mrs. Vera Kavanaugh called on Mrs. Loretta Lorenz Friday after-

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell called on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau

Thursday evening.

Mrs. June Blasen and Theresa visited Mrs. Delores Gould Thursday afternoon.

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

Herman Kremsreiter is home from CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Stu Rau are the proud parents of a baby girl.

The Ted Voisins of Detroit spent the weekend with the Steve Straus family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould attended a surprise birthday party for Joe Falsetta Saturday evening.

Heather Rau visited her cousin, Don Gould, Wednesday, to play,

all day.

The Beal City Varsity team played Pine River Friday night, and Beal lost, 59-61. Beal JVs won, 51-53. They are Highland Conference Champs, Congratulations!

The Bill Stewart family gave Dora Smith a beautiful hanging planter for her house.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Grace Sunday evening.

Bob Block went fishing at the bay in Bay City over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Gould Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Stu Rau and Marie visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Monday. Mrs. Delores Gould and Anne Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Schafer visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Sunday afternoon.

Elaine Simmer of Reed City called on Anne Smith Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith were guests of Mrs. Irene Smith the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer spent the weekend at the home of their son in Battle Creek.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Jerry Schafer home in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schafer and Kim and Melissa of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Schafer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Malish of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

A number from here attended the funeral of Donald Mead in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

### Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Earl and Bobbie Oplinger both worked at the Lil' Mac Pig Roast at the Elwood Miller farm Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam had Sunday dinner with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Randy Miller of Clarkston and Carl and Ellen Geasler were Sunday visitors at the Paul Miller home.

Lois Krchmar , who suffered a severe heart attack last fall but is recovering nicely and expects to be able to go back to work soon, spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Opal Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Jones and two children of Stanton were Tuesday callers at the Alva Cummins home. The Garth Lawrence family were Sunday callMr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson

were callers in Lansing Saturday, and also called on her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills and Mike Wood, Jackie Olger and Jack Lynch were Sunday guests at the Pete Wood home. Their grandson, D.J. Whitman, spent the weekend with them.

Theron and Ardis Merrihew attended the Lil' Mac Pig Roast Sunday, and then visited their folks, the Charlie Loseys, in the afternoon. Marilyn Losey and Susie Chapman called in the evening.

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### the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH (1 Mile West of Weidman) Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday Services Sunday School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship Service, 11

Jr. Church in Basement, 11 a.m.

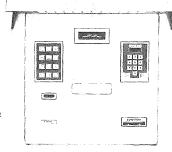
Evening Service, 7 p.m. BETTER THAN A LETTER

George Washington chose to carry a small pocket sundial in preference to a watch.



### and Did You Know.

Time is money. When all the banks in the area were closed Monday, Feb. 21, one bank provided its customers with access to therir accounts on that traditional bank holiday. Perma-Teller was available, another service to the customers of Isabella Bank and Trust.



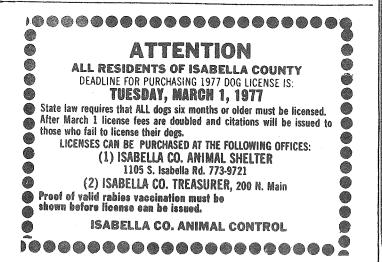
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### Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter

Our sympathy to the family of Emmet Hopkins, who passed away Feb. 15 at the Midland Hospital, after a short illness caused by cancer. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Mt.Plea-

Jake McKenzie and sons, Mark and Dan, of Grand Ledge, spent the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mc-Kenzie. They visited and did some ice fishing before returning

home Sunday. Glad to report that Walt Wischmeyer came home from the hospital Friday. He had heart trouble and was in CMC Hospital a week, three days in intensive care, and then was taken to Flint for surgery. After remaining there for another week, they brought him home last Friday. We wish you a speedy recovery,

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor of Paris, Mich., spent Sunday afternoon visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown. Also home to visit were Mr.and Mrs. Mike Brown and family of Big Rapids, and Bill and Sharon from Weidman. Don Brown and friend of Mt. Pleasant stopped

by, and their neighbor, Russell Lafrenier, was also there. They enjoyed dinner together, and visited. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schnei-

der and sons, Don and Dave, attended the Little Mac Pig Roast Sunday. As usual, it was a marvelous meal, and they thoroughly

enjoyed it.

Don Atherton spent this weekend in Lansing at the Michigan National Guard Armory. He returned home Sunday afternoon.

Jo Allen, along with her nephews, Bob Smith of Saginaw and Gary Smith of Mt. Pleasant, attended the Little Mac Pig Roast

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Harter flew to Columbus, O., Friday, to attend an evening out with a regional group from United Parcel Service. They were the only couple from Michigan, to see a play at the Country Dinner Playhouse, starring Richard Egan in "Hanky Panky". They said it was a wonderful trip. Saturday evening, along with Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Strong, they had dinner at the Kaliki Room, where Polynesian food was served. After attending an antique show in the Mall, they flew back home Sunday.

As usual, the Little Mac Pig Roast was a huge success, and, being there myself and enjoying it as we always do, we had visits with all our friends also. Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck were there, the Jerry Mitchells and

boys, Bob and Vivian Shelpp from Lansing, JoAnn Atherton, Carol Marchiando and family, Jo Allen and friends. It was a nice day, and the snowmobilers really enjoyed themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. David Murray of Toledo, O., spent the weekend with Frank Huguelet. They went to the Moose Lodge for dinner, and enjoyed a pleasant time together before returning home to Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ewing and children spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mitchell and fam-

ily. Sorry to report that Clarence Ritter is in the hospital in Ann Arbor. He had surgery last Thursday for a ruptured main artery. He was coming along pretty good and hoped to come home soon. Those wishing to send cards, which I'm sure he'll appreciate, may send them to him at St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Hurry and get well, Clarence!

In the

# Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

I enclose a check for the paper for one more year.

I am out here north of Pontiac on Lake Oakland, which is froen over.

My son, Larry, built a room on his home here for me, and I will stay for the winter only.

I have to have someone stay with me when I go home to Royal Oak, to please the family. I live all alone. My daughter

is down in Florida. Clara M. Crowley

Royal Oak ---0---

Dear Connie,

Birthday time again, and as usual I'm slow but I'm doing pretty good. It won't be so far afterward, as today (Feb. 3) is

This has been one winter I'm sure we all will remember. As everyone says, Never saw it stay

so cold for so long.

I don't go out much. Didn't have the car for nearly three weeks. I went once a week to town with a friend.

I for one will be happy to see

Not doing much, just trying to keep warm. I don't use the fireplace now, too hard to get the temperature up. So I closed it off and keep heat in the other part. Put fire in the cook stove often, also have lowered the thermostat and wear a coat most of the time. A sweater isn't heavy enough. Have to keep enough heat to keep pipes from freezing.

Mailman probably has gone, so this will go out tomorrow. Minnie-Pearl (the cat) is pestering me, says it's doughnut time. She

has a piece of doughnut every day. Špoiled brat cat. Ha. Best Wishes from Helen Hudson Midland

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Dear Connie:

It's time again to send you our subscription money.

We certainly do enjoy the paper, but realize how things are for the small-paper business.

With our weather and the gas shortage, our schools have been closed. Out of the 10 schools in the Fremont District, only two opened today.

Howard has been busy working at the schools, with so many frozen pipes, etc,. plus most of them changing over to oil.

Do hope you and Frances are

getting along all right, and keep ing warm..

We have had a Franklin stove for seven years, and it sure has been a great help. Of course, we don't have the wood supply like you do up there. We are lucky, though, we have a friend who has a large woods, and a lot of fallen trees, and we are welcome to it.

Certainly hope our cold weather and snow let up before too long.

Take care, Connie! Howard and Olive Johnson

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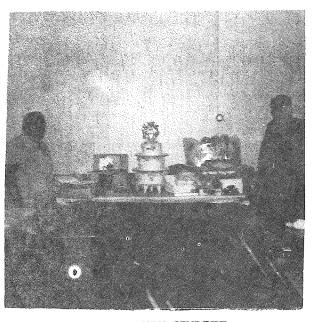
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HARRY AND RUTH GEHRETT

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bailer and son, Robert, attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Bailer's father and mother, Harry and Ruth Gehrett, at Gladwin, Saturday, Feb. 5. This is a correction from last week's paper.

### S. W. Sherman

Coldie Dutcher, Reporter

Lois Cain and Les Rhodes and daughter, Julie, of Grand Rapids, and Floyd Dutcher had Sunday dinner with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and children of Saginaw spent Sunday afternoon with the Dutchers, and all were supper guests.

Eddie Oplinger and Sandra Dutcher were Sunday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., called on Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Woodin Saturday evening. In the afternoon they visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sisco in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Forr and two children spent Saturday over night and attended the Lil' Mac Pig Roast with the Gary Dutchers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., attended a birthday party for Eloise Hogg at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Howard visited the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., one evening last week.

Lois Cain and Les Rhodes and daughter, Julie, visited them Sunday evening.

Diane Hardenburgh was a Monday caller. She and Butch have moved into Weidman.

Bob Hogg visited Steve Dutcher one day last week.

Roma Dutcher called on us Tuesday evening. Bob and Gary Dutcher had lunch with us that day. Our other callers during the week were Richard, Patti and Douglas Dutcher, Bob, Rex and Dawn Dutcher, and Jim Dut-

cher.

The Richard Dutchers, Gary Dutchers, Robert Dutchers, and Clayton Dutcher all attended the Lil' Mac Pig Roast Sunday.

### **Brinton News**

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Mickie Merrihew and friends spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wright. They attended the Lil' Mac Pig Roast on the Miller farm Sunday.

Irene Bowen was in Clare with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Haenke and boys were also callers there.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lewis spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sowle. They spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Forbes.

Mike Livermore returned to Great Lake Naval Training Station Monday, after spending the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spiece and Tammy of Carson City spent Sunday with her sister, Laura Roberts, and family. They called on their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hunt, near Barryton.

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### Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Helmer and daughter, Barbie, of near Remus came Thursday evening and took ice cream and cake for Clayton

Smith's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell and family of Grand Ledge spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Sr. They all went ice fishing on the Mill Pond.

Mrs. Avis Satterly and Mr. and Mrs. Gale Satterly and daugh-

ter, Rachel, of Belding were Saturday afternoon luncheon guests of their aunt and sister, Mrs. Helen Smith.

Mrs. Wayne Smith of Wolverine spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith. She attended church with Mrs. Smith.

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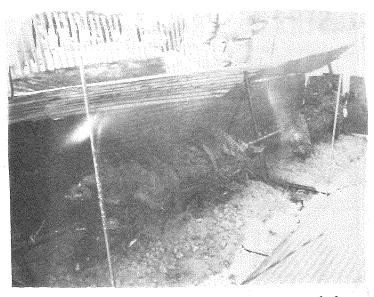
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HARRY PUNG SUPERVISED THE PIG-ROASTING JOB-As usual, with his usual expert judgment. Harry also supervises—and works—on other details of the Lil' Mac Pig Roast celebration, such as obtaining and "picking"—cleaning and sorting—300 pounds of beans, the job always done on an old-fashioned foot-treadletype bean-picker.



A COUPLE OF THE PIGS ON ROASTING SPITS--Just before they were lifted off the coals and trimmed, ready for carving. Eight pigs were roasted--and consumed by visitors--this year. The Lil' Mac Day started with just one pig, then two, then three, and so on, year by year seeing the necessity for adding more meat for visitors.

Better than 1,500 meals were served, and the day was a huge success. There was a good turnout of snowmobilers and diners.

In the various drawings, Arnold Wonsey of Winn won a television set, O. Brown of Lansing won a cb radio set, and Brad Bush of Blanchard won a crock-pot.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

SENIOR CITIZENS HONOR CLAYTON SMITH

Clayton Smith was honored at the Senior Citizens' food with friends dinner Friday, when the diners sang "Happy Birthday," and Clayton was presented with a beautiful birthday cake made by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ray Smith.

Happy Birthday, Clayt!



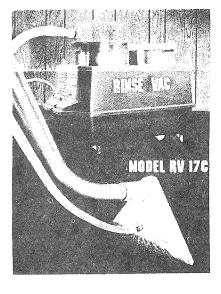
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