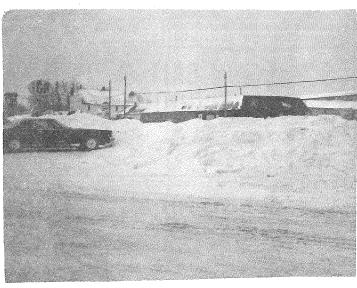
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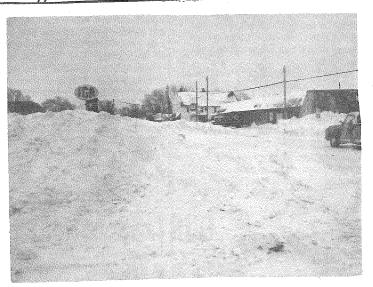
A VIEW FROM BAUMANN'S IGA STORE--Townard downtown Weidman the first week of February, right after that killer blizzard the last days of January. Never had we seen such snow, piled high everywhere.



HERE'S WHAT WE LOOKED LIKE AFTER THAT STORM--ID late January. Same place -- Baumann's IGA parking lot; but snow banks have gone down noticeably; roads have been clear and, mainly, dry--a real blessing; and slowly the snow goes down (which is what we prayed for, as a warm rain, for instance, would have given us a mess of floods). Messenger photos

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simmer, Jr., were Sunday dinner guests of her folks, the Ronnie Spragues.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lewis of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson.



AND TODAY--Or at least Saturday--Here's the same view, also from Baumann's Store. A lot of snow has melted, thank goodness, and slowly, also thank goodness. One day we'll see the very last of it (we hope) for the season. This winter really has been stormier and harder for most people than last year, which was termed the worst winter in our nation's history. We think we beat the record this year.



SPRING COMES SLOWLY TO ISABELLA COUNTY--And also to the Weidman area. Although officially, Monday of this week was the first day of spring; and although, unofficially, the spring birds are back in protesting flocks, we still have a lot of snow to get rid of since that devastating blizzard of January 27 and for a few days thereafter. Above photo shows what we looked like Saturday morning on Weidman's street, across from the Weidman Pharmacy from the IGA Store.

WEIDMAN STUDENTS DONATE \$650.00 TO LOCAL LIBRARY

Students at the Weidman Elementary School donated \$650.00 March 17 to the Weidman Library. Michelle Brewer, student council president, presented the check on behalf of the student body, to Diane Benn, Treasurer of Friends of the Gladys McArthur Memorial Library.

The money was earned by elementary students participating in a read-a-thon March 1.

Students gathered pledges for hours of reading, from area residents. From pledges collected, they generously gave \$450 to the Muscular Dystrophy Fund and \$650 to the local library. The money will be used to provide more books for elementary-age readers.

Friends of the Library are proud and happy in view of the support from the students. Local parents, and the community at large are fortunate to have such promising young folks.

The Weidman Library will be open daily, afternoons till 5, except Sunday, thanks to new vol-unteer librarians Mary Jones, Rev.

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Richard Wadsworth and Judy Bouch.

At present the Weidman Library has available two of the famous James Herriot books about a country veterinarian's life among rural tlefield. English folks. The third book is expected to be on the shelves very soon. The Herriot books are hilarious, heart-warming, heartwrenching--and irresistible. ---0---

DETROIT WEEKENDERS HAVE NOISY TIME IN WOODS SAT-URDAY AS POLICE RING AREA

Seven Detroit youths ranging in age from 15 to 19 years, had a briefly merry time Saturday afternoon shooting indiscriminately in woods on the Bill Wilcox place on Battle Road north of Weidman.

Bill Wilcox and his young son, Alan, were back in the woods on their farm, cutting firewood, when suddenly shots rained all around them, some frightening-

ly close, Bill said.
"We thought they were shooting at us," Bill told the Messenger reporter, "but they were just city guys out for a 'good

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time' in the country, I guess."

The Detroit seven shot everything from deer rifles to shotguns, and Bill said those woods on his place sounded like a bat-

Bill and Alan finally made it to their house and called Wayne Sisco, who alerted County Sheriff's officers, State Police, and the Conservation Department office in Mt. Pleasant.

Eventually, there were two State Police cars, two Sheriff's Department cars, two Conservation Department cars, and Bud Klink's car from Lake Isabella, to round up the seven Detroiters out on a country spree.

Wayne Sisco said it was nothing more than that, just ignorant city youngsters letting go in the wild

open spaces.

Seems the group owns a 40-acre piece near or adjacaent to the Wilcox place, and "those city guys don't know anything about where their forty acres begins or ends, or anything about country land boundaries," Wayen Sisco said. They have a shack on the old Joe Coolick place, which the group, or someone in or near it, purchased; and periodically some of them come up to let off steam in the "wilderness".

No charges were made against any of the seven, who promised to return pronto to Detroit, and to behave themselves next time, if they come again.

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ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING Take Notice, That the Annual Township Meeting for the Township of Nottawa, Isabella County, Michigan, will take place on Saturday, April 1, at Nottawa Township Hall, beginning at 1 p.m.

> BERNARD RAU Nottawa Townsip Clerk Mar.26t2

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

Next Sunday, March 26, Jim Carr will be the special speaker at our church.

Obituary

FORREST JOHNSTON Forrest Johnson of Rosebush died Friday, March 17, at CMC Hospital, after a lengthy illness. He was 55.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. from the Stinson-Helms Funeral Home in Mt.Pleasant with Rev. Fred Fisher of the Rosebush United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Memorial Gardens in Mt. Pleas-

He was born Feb. 7, 1923, and was a lifelong resident of the Rosebush area. He was a member of the Rosebush United Methodist Church, and was a sales as-sociate with the Murray-Gorthy real estate firm in Mt. Pleasant.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette; three sons, Ronald of Melbourne, Australia, Mark G. of Franklin, O., and Grant G. of Rosebush; and a daughter, Mrs. Leland (Nancy) Brecht, of Rosebush.

He is also survived by a brother Athold Johnston, of Lansing, and a sister, Mrs. Walter (Anna Lee) Todd of Flushing; and one granddaughter. He was a son-in-law of Mrs. Claribel Beutler of Weid-

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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Obituary

LEONA QUINLAN Leona Quinlan of Mt. Pleasant died early last Wednesday at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was 65.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish in Mt. Pleasant. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery. , She was born in Detroit Dec. 16, 1912. She moved to Mt. Pleasant in 1935, and was an active member of the Sacred Heart Parish. He husband, John, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her mother, Dorothy Breuer, of Winn; three sons, Harry of Hunstville, Ala., Patrick of Alexandria, Va., and William of Paducah, Ky; and 14 grandchildren. Also surviving are three sisters, Renada Zupan of San Louis Obespo, Calif. Helen Galloway of Mt. Pleasant, and Phyllis Morey; and a brother, Thurmand Barrett, of Shepherd.

The family have many friends in this area.

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Ten years ago today, the temperature was in the low 20s. We had five inches of new snow, and strong winds.

Obituary

BRUCE E. JACKSON Bruce E. Jackson of Mt. Pleasant died last week Tuesday at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility after a two-year illness. He was 20 years old.

Funeral services were held last Thursday at 11 a.m. from Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mt. Pleasant. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery there.

Bruce was born Sept. 3, 1957, in Mt. Pleasant, the son of Howard and Virginia Jackson. He was a 1975 graduate of the Beal City High School, and later a student at CMU.

He is survived by his parents, Howard and Virginia Jackson; fvie brother,

five brothers, Michael, James, Steve, David, and Tim, all of Mt. Pleasant; two sisters, Mrs. Ted (Barbara) Stegman of Traverse City, and Lynnette Jackson of Mt. Pleasant; and a grandfather, Charles Gross, of Weidman.

The Jacksons were Weidman people, and have many friends here. ---0---

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe were supper guests of George and Cora Beers, in honor of Cora's birthday. Their granddaughter, Janet Beers, spent Sunday with them.

I accompanied Helen Strang to Jackson Thursday, where she called on her brother-in-law's family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Strang. Their daughter, Becky, returned home with us, where she spent some time with the Larry Strang family and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Strang, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fields spent the weekend with their uncle, Alfred Bartley.

Fay Forbes is a patient in CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, where he was taken Sunday morning.

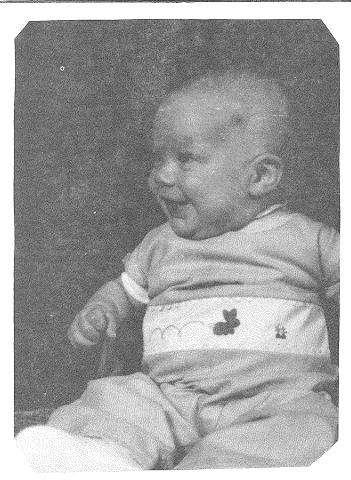
Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Forbes returned home Saturday from Flórida, where they spent a couple of weeks.

Elizabeth Conley, who has been staying with her sister, Jo Waid, at Lake, has gone to visit Gladys Brink, at Fennville, near Grand Rapids.

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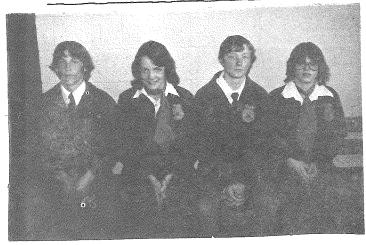
One year ago today, the high temperature was 30 and the low, 10. All the spring birds were back. Two years ago today, the high

temperature was 52 and the low, 40. Next day the temperature went up to 70.



HE'S SURE ALERT--AND HAPPY. Mahlon Gordon Fredrickson III (Little Bud) had his picture taken recently, after spending about a week in CMC Hospital for treatment of penumonia (there's a lot of that going around among babies in this area). Young Bud is indubitably alert, happy, and responsive. and it's needless to say he's the pride and joy of Medium-Young Bud II and his mother, Virginia (not to mention a beautiful little sister and brother!) Little Bud is so natural and at ease before a camera, we'll bet he'll have his own television show at, say, age 18. Meantime, he's growing and crowing in his home at Coldwater Lake.

Del's photo



TERRY STARR, JEAN ENGLER, GREG COSTON, DARLENE PUN Are attending a state FFA convention along with Farmers' Week at MSU, on the campus. Local FFA members Mark Pasch, Marty Yuncker and Rod Schumacher will be among the group also.

Mrs. Chester Vore (Jean) had major surgery Monday in CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant. Terri and Debbie Touchinski spent Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller.



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#### Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Emily Goffnett and family and a friend called on Mrs. Delores Gould Thursday.

Walter Faber returned from Washington, D.C., Friday.

Denise Steffke, Janice Hoffmar and Sherry Reihl are winners in the Voice of Democracy contest. Congratulations!

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Block and Danny and Lori Delores Egbert went to Washington, D.C., for a few days.

Mrs. Tillie Starr called on Bill Martin Sunday afternoon. Brian Gould spent Thursday

night with Rob and Pat Birgy at the Joe Sheppard home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeien and family, Dale Rau and Louis Rau helped Fred Gould celebrate his birthday Sunday.

Deb Rau, Annette Schafer, Sandy Klumpp and Bev Schafer returned from Florida Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goffnett and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Rau Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith and family of Lansing visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Larry entertained their club Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schafer entertained their club Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moss of Mt. Pleasant spent Wednesday evening with Tillie Schafer.

Ragolt Hauck is in the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tubbs of Mt. Pleasant spent Thursday evening with Tillie Schafer. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer were Saturday callers. Mrs. Beatrice Sheahan is in

CMC Hospital.
Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at

the Jerry Schafer home in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Dan Grace Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Evans' new trailer house arrived last Tuesday. They've been setting it on the foundation where the house stood. The house burned out this winter.

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RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Michigan Right to Life will be Tuesday, March 28, at 8 p.m., in Room 153 of the Isabella County Building in Mt. Pleasant.

The meeting will include the annual election of officers.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### LAKE ISABELLA

Helen Klenk, Reporter

Usually, the news consists of new residents moving into the

lake area, but this past week the process was reversed. Emily and Steve Stevens, who built one of the first homes in the mobile home section 11 years ago, have moved into an apartment on Oxford Row in Mt. Pleasant.

Steve is presently serving as treasurer of the Lake Isabella

Property Owners Association, as well as plat representative for Woods No. 1 section.

Steve and Emily are both Gold Key volunteers, and are very active in the Senior Citizens group in Weidman, sponsored by the Commission on Aging. Steve is also serving his second term as president of the "Food

with Friends Project Council".

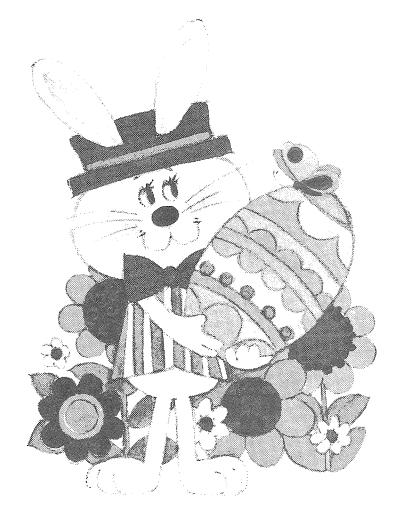
A farewell party is scheduled in their honor at the Weidman

in their honor at the Weidman site of "Food with Friends" this Thursday, March 23. We shall all miss the Stevenses

We shall all miss the Stevenses but hope they will be very happy in their new apartment home.

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#### West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Our sympathy to the J.M. Grim family of Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes visited the Coles last Thursday.

Mrs. Gladys Swan is very ill in CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleas-

The Coles spent the weekend in South Bend, Ind., where they talked with their grandson, Sp/4 Tom Mossell, from Korea.

Joe Ganser returned Friday from the hospital, feeling much better.

Steve Kripa kept the home fires burning while the Coles were in South Bend.

Russell Ewing will be married March 29. We haven't heard,

as yet, who the lucky gal is.
We hope he doesn't show his authority over her as he takes over his duties as a policeman in Unionville March 20. \_--0---

#### North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Dinner guests at the Lloy Sperry home Sunday were Mrs. Mary Cocklin and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hanes and children and Mrs. Sandy McQueen and girls.

Mrs. Bessie Allen called on Zena Olger Monday morning. My daughter Bessie and I visited her daughter, Vivian Bush, last Monday. Thursday we shopped in Mt. Pleasant, then had lunch and shopped in Clare and called on her daughter, Joyce Aldrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Mick Abbott and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wernette attended a wedding in Lansing Saturday evening.

Visitors at my home Saturday and Sunday were Carl Gott and family, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gott, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert

# Poet's Corner

By Clarissa Loeding I hear our tied-up dog a-barking, Then I go and let him free; Frisking, romping, twisting,
larking,
Running forth, then back to me.

Now he stops to lick my hands, Then he bounds from tree to tree. Åll at once he comes and stands Waiting for a word from me.

"Good dog," I say, and he goes

Just those words are all he hears. But it looks as though he smiled When I stroked his silky ears.

He never misses any sound. His bark is fierce, but he's really mild.

He greets each caller with a bound.

He may bark at the milkman, but never a child.

He romps and runs from morn till night,

Making his own kind of fun; And then, after supper when the moon is bright,

I tie him up, and his play is done. \*\*\*\*

Framed by my window I can see A winter-naked poplar tree. Alone and gaunt, forlorn it

stands;

Held by firm and icy hands. Yet in the Spring, I know 'twill

A haven of shade, my poplar tree.

MY WINTER GARDEN My winter garden is so white, Yet to me a beautiful sight.

Branches laden with fallen snow, Drifting down when wild winds blow.

Flower beds so deep in sleep; Waiting their springtime date to keep.

A symphony in gray and white, My winter garden lies tonight.



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#### S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., visited the Gerald Losey family and Hattie Losey Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Henkel of Mecosta enjoyed Thursday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald. Mr. and Mrs. Don Carr of Amble and Nora Stephens of Lakeview were Tuesday guests of the Fitzger-

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Knipfer and two daughters of Big Rapids spent Sunday afternoon and evening with their mother, Pat Egbert. They and their guest, Mabel Chaffee, enjoyed dinner at Maxfield's at Lake Isabella.

Pat Egbert and Mabel Chaffee visited Rosie Leiter at the Riverview Apartments in Mt. Pleasant Monday, and were in Barryton Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and children spent Sunday afternoon with the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Saturday evening visitors were the Eddie Oplingers. Carl Fitzgerald spent Thursday evening with the Dutchers.

Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey called on Pat Egbert and Mabel Chaffee Wednesday afternoon.

The Howard and Carl Beutler families have been spending some time at the Forrest Johnston home in Rosebush the past week, helping care for Forrest, who, with all his bravery, now lies in peaceful sleep at last. The funeral was held Monday in Mt. Pleasant. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Beutler family, Jeanette and the children.

Thirty-five ladies attended the Lenten luncheon at the Methodist Church in Weidman Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatehouse and sons, Mrs. Verlia Wilcox and Bea Gatehouse enjoyed dinner at the Bonanza Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant Saunday afternoon.

The Dale Gatehouse family are enjoying their new car.

Mrs. Hazel (Gatehouse) Beecher of Pennsylvania plans to be spending a few weeks with the Harry and Leo Gatehouses, arriving this week Thursday.

#### In uniform

Pfc Gregg Parker arrived from Germany to spend three weeks at the home of his parents.

The Lee Parker family and Miss Robin Johansen spent the weekend in Ann Arbor at the Gary Parker home. Sunday they took Gregg to Metro Airport where he was to board a plane for Germany for another 17 months.

He's stationed in a camp outside the little town of Mueoster.

#### Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Elwood and Iola Miller called on his mother at Big Rapids last Thursday. Sunday afternoon they called on the Ed Owenses.

Mrs. Bobbie Oplinger attended a baby shower honoring her niece, Theresa Hanson, Sunday afternoon at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Oplinger and Sandy attended the Home Show at the University in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson attended the annual Remus Creamery oyster dinner at St. Michael's Saturday noon.

Bill Thomspon spent from Thursday through Saturday with Mike Patton at Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wilson were Sunday callers at the Jim Thompson home. Later they all went to the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant to pay respects to Forrest Johnston.

Lela Whearett and Don Clark called on me Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Violet Carr spent several days last week with Opal Denslow.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow and Mrs. Opal Denslow attended a pre-Easter noonday luncheon Saturday, at the Weidman Methodist Church dining room, Several ladies were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills and Carrie spent Sunday with her folks, the Pete Woods.

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WINNING PIONEERS 4-H CLUB TO SHOW WORK

The Winning Pioneers 4-H Club is busy completing winter projects for the club's Spring Achievement showing, to be held Tuesday, April 18 at the Weidman Elementary School, with pot-luck supper at 6.30 p. m. for members and guests.

Displays of all projects will be in the gym, and will be open to the public, which the 4 H-ers welcome.

Displays will open at 7.30, with a brief program, including a style review, clowning acts, and a slide presentation of the club's newest exciting project, dog care and training,

Leaders, members and friends are invited to attend. Sign-up for summer projects of the club will take place.

The County Spring Achievement Day will be Saturday, April 22, at the West Intermediate School on South Bradley in Mt. Pleasant. Completed projects will be taken for evaluation between 10 a. m. and 1 p.m. The clothing style review and achievement award reognition will be that evening. Members, parents and interested friends are welcome.

The Winning Pioneers 4-H Club has 40 active members. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact Denise Bellinger or Mary Beutler for further in-

formation.

Members are between the ages of nine and 19, and the club offers a wide variety of projects to interest members. Several special activities have been planned for the summer months.

Interested persons should sign up soon.

Frances Tranbarger observed the first day of spring by hanging her laundry on the outside line. It dried quickly and beautifully, and she says it has that well-advertised April-fresh smell. Crocus are pushing brash heads up through leaf-mulch, appearing in gardens as soon as snowdrifts melt and the good earth is visible.

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#### Editor's Column

By Connie

SPRING REALLY WILL COME...
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Sooner or later, Spring will bust through, the snow will disappear, and we'll be planting gardens and fussing about cleaning up flower beds.

Seems unbelievable, after what we've gone through this winter--and are still in the middle of, apparently, no matter what the calendar says.

Spring officially arrived Monday, March 20. We have some bare patches of ground on lawns, our roads have been clear and dry (thank goodness!), and bit by bit that old late-January blizzard stuff is going.

Frances Tranbarger has spring bulbs sending up green shoots in

her small garden at the south end of her house. 'Course, it's protected on three sides: By the house to the north, the greenhouse east, and dense shrubbery to the west. Only that old south sun reaches that flower bed, and that old south sun is taking on more push every day.

Yeah, it's getting warmer, believe it or not. Sure, we'll probably have an April blizzard or two if not a late March storm; but what the heck--spring is just around the corner!

In this area, we don't go by the calendar to tell us when it's spring. We go by what Old Man Weather dishes out.

Sooner or later, though.....

So we get out next week's paper and--whee!--we take our regular 10-day break, which occurs each three months of the year.

March has been a long month for Ye Ed, besides everybody's legitimate gripe about weather.

I sit here and look at my calendar posted above my typewriter,, and look at those blasted five Thursdays--count 'em, five!--in March, and think, "Oh, lawsy, March would have five danged issues! Just before vacation time when we always sag a little!"

Oh, we'll get out next week's paper somehow, and then --oh, gee, oh, gosh, we'll take a break!

Our faithful news writers also get a break, coming back for the April 13 issue.

Seems like a long time away, but it isn't. Those 10 days of vacation whiz past and everything is right back as it was before; except that we're all a little rested, on the paper, and more or less ready to give 'er another whirl.

So--news writers, send your news in next week, and then skip one, tra la! CPR INSTRUCTION AT MMCC FRIDAY, MARCH 31

A seminar for CPR instructors will be held Friday, March 31, at Pierce Hall, Room 123B on the campus of CMU at Mt.Pleasant, sponsored by the Bay City region of the Michigan Heart Association in co-operation with Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison. Registration will be at 8.45 a.m. and will last till about 4 p.m.

Prerequisites for the seminar are age of not less than 18 years, proof of successful completion of either American Heart (Michigan Heart) or Red Cross CPR courses within the previous 12 months, or current instructors cards that need to be renewed.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith of Wolverine called on their father, Clayton, at the Medical Care Facility, Saturday.

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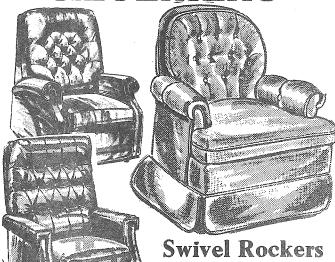
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