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Editor's Column

By Connie

THINK YOU'RE OLD? TRY COLLEGE COURSES

Mid-Michigan College at Harrison has a little brochure on the subject of "old dogs learning new tricks".

If you think you're too old to learn something new, think again. Dr. Irma Halfter, a De Paul University psychologist, has proved that older adults do about 10 percent better, in the same circumstances, the same classrooms, than their younger companions.

Her study of learning ability covered virtually every field of activity: Business, communications, education, humanities, modern languages, natural science, mathematics, nursing, professional art, professional music, and social studies.

Sex, she says, makes no difference in learning ability. She says, "Older women gave a superior total performance and a superior performance in each of the fields of study. In particular, the older women earned more A's than the younger women, and had an approximately equal percentage of B's and C's, and a lesser percentage of D's and F's."

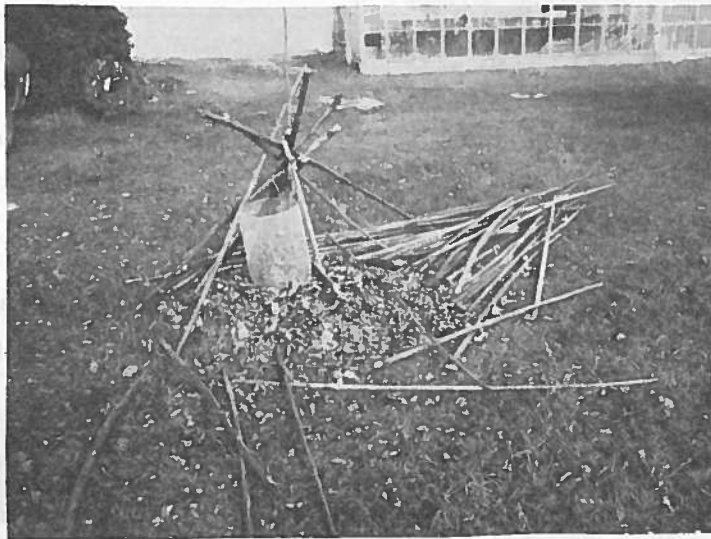
One of Dr. Halfter's pet peeves is the business of college for everybody.

She says, "One of my pet gripes at industry is that they don't need college graduates. They have so routinized industry that the college degree is really foolishness. I think all of society is on the wrong kick on this. College is a way to keep young people out of the labor force, but industry has so routinized jobs that decision making is gone."

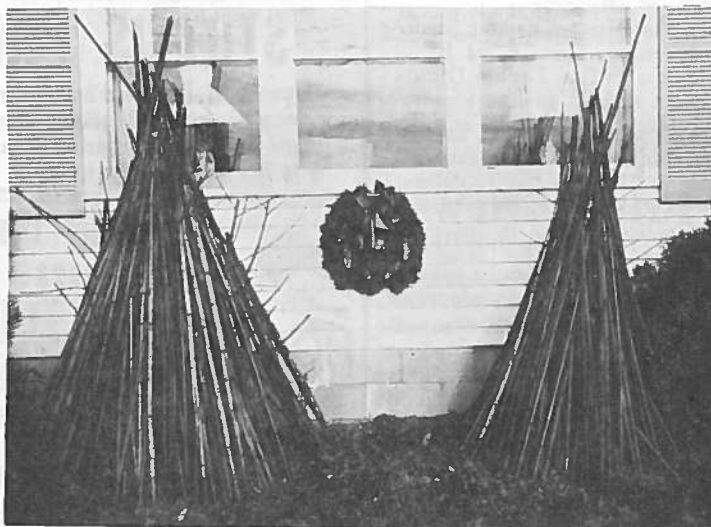
Her important contribution is that our ability to learn is not impaired with advance of years.

We personally have been on this kick for many years; since, in fact, we enrolled as a "special student", without high school experience, in 1932 at Central State Teachers College.

Paul and Constance Roe established and ran a printshop in the Science Building basement for Doc Smith, head of the Rural



THE SENSELESSNESS OF VANDALISM--Above is the wreckage of one of Frances Tranbarger's "tepees" she fashioned around young trees in her dooryard this fall.



THE "TEPEES" Frances made from sunflower stalks to protect young trees--not from winter's cold, but to hold them back in the spring. Frances raised a large plot of sunflowers last summer for bird feed; and after she'd harvested the heads, she cut the stalks, carefully trimmed them, and put up five of these "tepees" around her valued young trees. Frances worked hard to do this. One morning last week she discovered one of the "tepees" strewn on the ground, and thought perhaps the wind might have done the work. She put the "tepee" back up. In a couple of days she discovered it again knocked down and demolished. As we said, she worked hard, and these shelters are in her front door yard. Destruction is the word among a certain element these days. Frances has the "tepee" up for the third time. Messenger photos

Education department at the college.

We worked at the printshop till

midnight and had eight-o'clock classes--invariably. We made
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DALLAS McCLAIN TAKES OVER MARSHALL GARAGE

Dallas McClain of Barryton started Monday as proprietor of Marshall's Garage in Weidman. Allan Marshall has leased the garage to him, and is out of the business at present.

Allan said in a telephone interview Monday that his plans are indefinite at this time.

Dallas comes from a good automobile family, George McClain, Sr., having owned McClain's Garage here for years before moving to Barryton to take on the Chevrolet dealership there, George, Sr., has long since retired and George, Jr., has been head of the dealership in Barryton for a number of years.

Dallas is well qualified as an auto mechanic, having attended courses at the General Motors Technical Center at Warren, Mich., and also he has worked as a mechanic at the Barryton Chevrolet garage.

Larry Blodgett will continue as helper in the auto repair work at the garage.

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RABIES CLINIC IN WEIDMAN DEC. 10

The annual clinics for dog rabies inoculations which began in Mt. Pleasant Dec. 4, go on through Shepherd Dec. 6, Winn on Dec. 11, and Weidman Dec. 10, at the Weidman Fire Hall.

The clinics will start at 7 p. m. and continue till 9 p. m.

There is a new tough dog-license ordinance in Isabella County, and dog owners must have licenses for all dogs for the year 1974. Licenses may be purchased at all the rabies clinic in the county, at the time of the inoculation. License fees are \$5.00 for male and female dogs and \$2.00 for unsexed dogs.

Dog owners must show proof of inoculation against rabies within the past three years before being issued licenses for 1974.

This year's clinics will be conducted by veterinarians in Isabella County, with co-operation of the Central Michigan District Health Department and the Isabella County Humane Society. A charge of \$3.00 will be made for each inoculation, with proceeds donated by the veterinarian.
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RABIES CLINIC IN WEIDMAN
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ians to the Humane Society.

The new dog-license law is tough, and will be enforced, for the first time in many years. Dog owners will be listed by Township Supervisors as they go about their property assessment duties, and the list will be turned in to the County Treasurer's office.

The County Treasurer, under the new law, will make lists of licensed and unlicensed dogs in the county, and turn the list of unlicensed dogs over to the Isabella Humane Society March 1, expiration of the license-obtaining period.

The Humane Society personnel have been empowered legally to take the list of unlicensed dogs March 1, write letters of warning to the dog owners not licensed, and, after a specified time limit, go out and pick up any and all unlicensed dogs and take them to the animal shelter in Mt. Pleasant to be killed.

Dog owners who want to keep their animals can get the rabies inoculation shots easily at any of the rabies clinics, or take animals to veterinarians; then they must buy licenses for each dog they own, if they want to keep them.

The law in Isabella County will be enforced during the coming year.

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BUD'S STORE IS DROP-OFF PLACE FOR ZEKE'S GIFTS

Bud's Party Store in Weidman again is designated the drop-off place for Christmas gifts for Zeke Tanner, Weidman's old, old friend.

Zeke perennially protests he doesn't want Christmas gifts from his innumerable friends here, but every Christmas he's so overjoyed any and every effort is worth it.

Zeke likes canned food, although he appreciates small items of clothing such as canvas gloves or everyday socks.

Bud's Store will take your Christmas gift for Zeke and give him the bag of goodies on Christmas Eve.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts and Greg of Big Rapids were callers of Mrs. Grace Pitts during last week.

Mrs. Emily Wood's children were all visitors at her home during last week. Mrs. Wood was ill last week, but was feeling better Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan of Remus spent Friday night and Saturday with his mother, Mrs. Emily Wood.

Mrs. Grace Pitts spent the weekend with her daughter, Elaine Esterline, in Farwell.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

CUB SCOUTS ARE WELL ORGANIZED HERE

A Cub Scout group has been organized in Weidman, and is doing very well under leadership of Cubmaster Raymond Freeze and a full slate of committee, den leaders and den mothers.

Den I includes Davy McArthur, John Swanson, Jody Blubaugh, David Bywater, all Bobcats; and Jeff Wernette.

Den II is composed of Arnold Ehl and Jeff Loomis.

Den II includes Sid Seymour and Mike Hartzler, Bobcats; and Dale Denslow, "B.J." Denslow, Dean Gatehouse, Keith Reynolds, Reiner Waidler and Robert Abbott.

Den IV is composed of members Mark Flaughner, Victor Edgar, Eddy McDaniels, Racey Freeze and Billy Beutler, all Bobcats.

The Webelos are David Davy, David Blackmer and Dion Ward.

Cubmaster Raymond Freeze's committee is composed of Karyl Hartzler, chairman, and Roger Lintemuth, treasurer.

Den mother for Den I is Jackie Swanson, with Marlene Davy her assistant. Den II's den mother is Zada Ehl. Den III has two den mothers, Violet Seymour and Bonnie Blackmer.

Den IV has Carolyn Kay Edgar as its den mother.

Den leader for the Webelos is Dick Swanson, with Paul Blubaugh his assistant.

The Webelos will meet Saturday morning, Dec. 8, at 10 o'clock with Den Leader Dick Swanson at 5972 Bridge Street, in Weidman. His phone number is 644-3458.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Dicky and Eric Haenke spent Saturday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen, while their parents were in Grand Rapids.

Bud Longton called on his doctor in Remus Tuesday.

Caroline Alston of Clare called on her sister, Flossie Forbes, Friday.

Nora Geasler and I were in Clare Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen and I called at the Daggett Funeral Home Tuesday evening, paying our respects to Almon Spencer, who passed away after a long illness, at the Lakeview Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday from the Daggett Funeral Home, with burial in the North Brinton Cemetery.

Connie Fletcher and Irene Bowen called on Debbie Fullerton in Gilmore Sunday.

Weekend callers of the Lewis Bowens included Mr. and Mrs. Loraine Conley, Friday evening, and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Bowen Saturday evening.

The Merry Go Round Club

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Dec. 62

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Dec. 6tf

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all my friends, neighbors and relatives for the cards, flowers, plants, and prayers, during my stay at the hospital.

I also want to thank Fathers Dueweke, Bur and Thome, and St. Anne's Altar Society.

God bless you all.

Coletta Gross

Obituary

EDWARD M. WILMOT

Edward M. Wilmot of Mt. Pleasant died last Wednesday, Nov. 28, at CMC Hospital. He was 46 years old.

He was born Aug. 12, 1927, in Mt. Pleasant, and was raised on the family farm east of that city.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 1, at the J.J. Rush Funeral Home Chapel in Mt. Pleasant, with Father John Thome officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant.

He is survived by five sisters, Miss Hazel Wilmot of Buffalo, N.Y., Mrs. Helen Sheldon of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Veryl Elliott and Mrs. Carolyn Atkins of Hobbs, New Mexico; and Mrs. Martha Gruss of rural Mt. Pleasant; three brothers, Donald and Harold John of Mt. Pleasant, and Joseph of Weidman.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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Obituary

JAMES N. BOLLMAN

James N. Bollman died Dec. 2 following an automobile accident. He was 28.

He was born Aug. 1, 1945, in Mt. Pleasant. He was employed by Essex International of Clare.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church with Father John J. Thome officiating. Burial was in the Two Rivers Cemetery.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bollman; one brother, David, of Shepherd; two sisters, Nancy and Nanette, both at home; maternal grandfather, Oral Bunting of Two Rivers, and paternal grandfather, Joseph Bollman, of rural Mt. Pleasant.

The family have the sympathy of all.

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in loving memory

In memory of Lola Holmes Fordyce, who passed away Dec. 12, 1972:

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Her Family

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all the good friends who sent cards, brought in food and flowers, and those who made it possible for Helen to see me in the afternoons and evenings while I was in the Central Michigan Community Hospital at Mt. Pleasant. Also the hospital staff, I couldn't begin to name them all. I am very grateful to all. May God bless you.

J.S. Hudson
Midland, R 5
Mich. 48640

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank everyone who sent cards and gifts and who came to visit me;

Also for all the prayers and good wishes for me while I was in Ann Arbor and since I have come home.

I do appreciate it all so much. R. D. Sprague

the Churches

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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p.m.

Choir Thursday, 6.30 p.m., at the parsonage.

Central Michigan Association meeting Friday, 7 p.m., at First Baptist Church, Ithaca.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163 2nd Street, Weidman.

Office phone 644-3336, parsonage 644-3441.

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Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Sharing and Prayer, Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

Pot luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p.m.

U.M.W., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p.m.

Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p.m.

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Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor.
Sunday School, 9.15 a.m.
Worship Service, 10.45 a.m.
Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Pamela Pung stayed with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder, while her mother, Mrs. Jack Pung, was shopping. Mr. and Mrs. Lueder spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bridget. Mrs. Dale Bridget and baby were callers.

Mrs. Ella Cox was a Sunday guest of Mrs. Leona Courser. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kolassa were callers.

Kenneth Bollman, Jr., grandson of Oral Bunting, was killed in an auto accident early Sunday morning. Our sympathy to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gross of Westphalia spent Sunday with Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray.

Mrs. Richard Flaughter was released from CMC Hospital Saturday, after major surgery.

Ray Flaughter had a checkup at Ford Hospital Tuesday, with a good report from his doctors.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Nagy of Mt. Pleasant. They were Sunday dinner guests of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook, and were evening callers at the Carl Cooks'.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder spent Tuesday afternoon and evening with Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar. Mrs. Helen Lueder was a Sunday caller. Jay and Nettie visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lovell Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Flachs and family of

Remus.

Mrs. Charles Garrett took her mother, Mrs. Ruth Keysor, home to Midland after she had visited several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson and Ricky, Randy, Shari and Steven, of Holt, spent Saturday at the home of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mrs. Marty Kelsey took me to Alma Tuesday and I called on Mrs. Elsie Aungst at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder visited Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and Dixie and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gostola and baby Paul were Sunday visitors of the Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa and Mrs. Earl Billsby of Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Carr of Saginaw were Saturday supper guests of Mrs. Blanche Carr.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Emory Dell came home from the Edmore Hospital Saturday, feeling some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Steve were in Saginaw Wednesday. Steve went in for a checkup. They called at the Bill Remington home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardenburgh and family of Pierson, Bill Hardenburgh of Muskegon and Butch and Nancy Hardenburgh visited the Harry Hardenburghs and Emory Dell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., had Sunday dinner with

the Robert Hogg family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons of Mt. Pleasant were Friday evening visitors of ours. Richard, Robert, Garry and Jim Dutcher were callers during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Hogg were afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hogg and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls were Thursday supper guests of the Dale Dutchers of Mt. Pleasant. Jim's visited the Walter Howe family Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse and Vadah Gatehouse visited the Bert Chaffees Sunday.

Betty Dutcher and girls called on me Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti called on the Theodore Cases Wednesday evening.

Beth Hogg was a Thursday visitor at the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and family of Midland were Sunday afternoon visitors. The Brian Dutchers called Sunday evening. Linda Sisco and Linda

Dutcher were afternoon callers.

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REBEKAH CARD PARTY

At the Rebekah sponsored card party last Tuesday afternoon, Margaret Lawens won first prize for the ladies, with Clifton Amstey winning first for the men. Bill Lawens won low. Tillie Starr won the pepper prize, Ruth Gallagher the door prize.

The committee served sandwiches, cake, pickles and coffee for refreshments.

A pot-luck dinner will be held Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 11, at noon, at the Oddfellow Hall in Weidman, with the Rebekahs as hostesses. Table service will be furnished by the committee.

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NEWS NOTES

Local temperatures in Weidman Monday, Dec. 3, registered 50 degrees and up.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider and girls attended the wedding of their cousins' son at Owosso Saturday, with a reception at a hall in Ovid.

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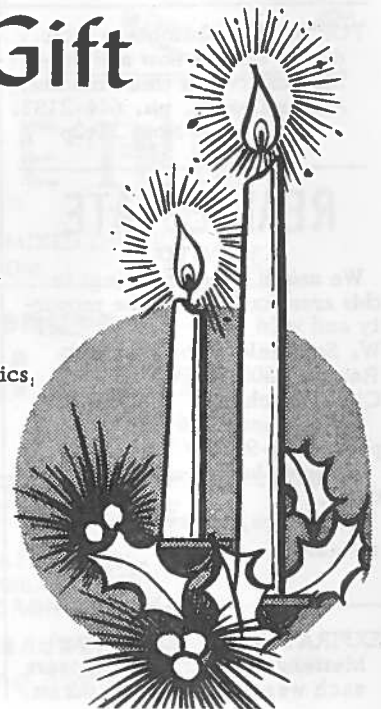
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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

John and Mart Latham were home over the Thanksgiving holiday. Steve Parker was also home then.

Miss Louise Block entertained 10 young ladies at a birthday party Tuesday evening. Everyone enjoyed a nice time, and Louise received lots of nice gifts.

Mrs. Fred Gould and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau called on Mrs. Louise Smith Sunday afternoon. Dora called on Kitty Gross.

Mrs. Leo Gross is home from the hospital.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. Louise Schafer Saturday. She called on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Smith Sunday morning.

Mrs. Fred Zeien called on Louise Smith Monday. Walter Rau insulated her attic Monday evening. Regina Faber and Doll Rau called Tuesday. Walter Smith spent Friday morning with his aunt. Bob Schafer and wife, Joyce, spent Friday with their aunt.

Louise Smith has been on the sick list for several days.

The Beal City Varsity team played basketball at Baldwin Friday night. Baldwin won.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mike McLeary at Alma.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday at the Oscar Schafer home.

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Bertha Zuke and son, Leroy, of Big Rapids, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider and family.

R.D. Sprague returned home Friday after spending 17 days at an eye clinic hospital in Ann Arbor, where he underwent surgery for a detached retina. He was reported as doing fine.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Ed and I have been having the flu this past week.

Edith Lueder called Monday evening. Virginia Eismann stopped in Tuesday morning and had coffee with me.

Tuesday afternoon I had a party. Guests were Alice Doerr, Josephine Allen and her mother, Mrs. Brazier; Pearl Jack, Judy and Lynn Schafer. I served coffee cake, rolls and coffee. I got acquainted with another neighbor, Mrs. Brazier. It's nice to know your neighbors.

Walter and Johanna Smith entertained friends Sunday at a dinner. Leo and Lucille Schafer and Ed and Irene Fedewa of Mt. Pleasant attended, but Ed and I were unable to go.

Bill and Lynn Schafer went on a hay ride Saturday evening with Jerry and Jane Schafer and friends from Rosebush.

Lynn Schafer and her mother, Dorothy Maxon, of Mt. Pleasant, shopped in Lansing Saturday.

Alice Doerr's brother is in St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR TERRI TOUCHINSKI

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski hosted a family birthday dinner honoring their daughter, Terri, on her third birthday.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller, George Miller, and Mabel Allen.

All enjoyed the dinner, complete with birthday cake, and the little girl's opening of her presents.

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Mrs. Donald Britton and five daughters of Marquette were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and daughters. Janice Touchinski and the girls visited Mabel Allen Saturday afternoon.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

NOVEMBER MEETING OF FARM BUREAU WOMEN

By Mary Beutler, Sec'y

The November meeting of the Isabella County Farm Bureau Women's Committee was attended by 35 ladies and children.

Everyone enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Sandra Parks of Blanchard. Our regional representative, Bernard Bishop, was present, and he explained the events of the Tuesday evening Ray Price Show during the state annual meeting Dec. 11. Tickets are still available through him or they may be purchased at the door of the Civic Center in Grand Rapids. The evening also will give recognition to the county Farm Bureaus that have earned special awards.

Ron Nelson, Michigan Farm Bureau marketing specialist, was pleased to learn of the women's plans to hold a county farm tour in June, and also promote dairy products at our annual Michigan Week smorgasbord in May.

Car pools are being formed for members to attend the women's meeting and luncheon Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the state convention. Anyone wishing a ride should contact the County Farm Bureau office in Mt. Pleasant or Mrs. Carl Beutler, Weidman. The noon luncheon is complimentary by the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Diana Hutchins of rural Mt. Pleasant will represent Isa-

bella County in the state Queen contest. A discussion meet will find Mrs. Sue Walton of Rosebush representing our county, and the final meet will be held the afternoon of Dec. 12.

The Farmers Petroleum and Farm Bureau Services displays will be open for all to enjoy, as well as the various marketing divisions having information booths at the Civic Center in Grand Rapids.

Following the business meeting, everyone enjoyed taking part in the Christmas workshop under the guidance of Mrs. Parks. Many beautiful and useful Christmas gifts and decorations were made. The hospitality of Mrs. Parks was appreciated by all. Light refreshments were served following the workshop.

Mrs. Verna Walkington of Blanchard invited the women's committee to her home for the Dec. 18 meeting. Items will be taken to this meeting for Christmas gifts for the Center for Human Development. Pot-luck dinner at noon will also include items for a "tasting bee" type of dinner.

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Mrs. Dale Bywater of Midland was a last Tuesday afternoon caller of Mrs. Ethel Bywater. Mrs. Sylvia Curtiss and Walter Taylor of Rosebush were also callers.

Mrs. Nina Forbes and Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullett called on his son, Bill, and wife, near Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon.

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

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Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Art Schneider of Grand Rapids and Al Woodbury had dinner with Laura Latham Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee visited Laura Sunday.

Miss Debbie Clark of Rosebush spent Friday night and Saturday with Miss Kelley Aldrich.

Max Aldrich got his buck last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich of Lansing spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown and baby were Sunday visitors.

Jerry Abbott had minor surgery one day last week, and has to go back for more some time this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott called on Flossie Scott and son, Don, Friday evening. We also called at the Dick Gott home. We called on Wanda and Debbie Graham Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ella Adams of Lake called on us Sunday afternoon.

Ed Olger was transferred Wednesday to the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys, Muriel Miller and family, Lois Knollenberg and family of Rosebush, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy and family and Duane Chapman, the latter all from Mt. Pleasant, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Dean Chapman and family of Rosebush.

Mrs. Elvah Gott, Mrs. Helen Alwood and Mrs. Orma Kripa enjoyed lunch in Mt. Pleasant Monday. Elvah did some shopping while Helen went to the Davis Clinic.

Donny Alwood, Craig and Scott Battle and Johnny Davy attended a supper at the high school Friday evening, and later attended the first basketball game, with Reed City. Chippewa Hills lost both games.

Thursday luncheon guests of Mrs. Helen Alwood were Mrs. Leah Scharrer and Mrs. Fonda Alwood and Heather Lynn. Other visitors through the week were Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bellden of Chippewa Lake. Mrs. Clara Smith called, and took the family one of her delicious pumpkin pies.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and Heather Lynn called at the Don Alwood home Sunday evening to show them the beautiful baby quilt, bibs and doll their Aunt Helen Smith (Leo's wife) had made for the baby. This has been a traditional thing with Aunt Helen, making a new baby its first quilt. Rusty and family had visited relatives in Rosebush, and the Leo Smiths, during the day.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

CAREER EDUCATION PROGRAM AT CHIP HILLS

Tom Herman, Louise McCracken and Harry Howard will be co-ordinators at an "insertive day" at the Chippewa Hills School during the afternoon of Dec. 14, according to a news release from the school.

"Notions" about the relative values of vocational education versus college preparation curricula will be discussed.

The program will be an attempt to dispel misconceptions about career education, and to point out how it might fit into the present program at Chippewa Hills.

It will feature several speakers from areas of career education, including a representative from the State Department of Education, local practitioners, district co-ordinators, and college instructors.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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In the Editor's Mail

1973

Dear Editor:

May I express my opinion? I would like to write a scenario and title it, "The Greatest Farce of the Century". And it would be about the HIP pocket judges and VEST pocket lawyers.

The subject, the Senate hearings on Watergate and the trials and sentencing of, among others, Agnew, and Donald Segretti, and other wrist-slapping sentencing. In my opinion there never was such lying, and so many "I can't remember," and "I can't recall," and so much rhetoric without saying anything as I heard at the Senate hearings.

In my opinion, Rose Mary

Woods' excuses were about as believable as Nixon's fairy tales about the missing tapes, and his lack of knowledge of anything that went on in his re-election campaign.

I believe Hitler has been quoted as saying, "If you tell the people a big enough lie and tell it often enough, they will eventually believe it."

Maybe if he had spent more time in Washington, D.C., as he was paid to do, instead of in San Clemente and Key Biscayne improving his real estate at the taxpayers' expense, and not to mention the tax dollars spent on

his daughter's residence, he would have known what was going on.

In my opinion, there have been too many lawyers on the White House staff and not enough honest men with common sense and a reasonable amount of good judgment.

Paul Cole
Lake, Mich., Route 1.

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Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips were in Midland Saturday, visiting their nephew. Sunday two of their nieces and nephews sponsored a surprise party for them, with a carry-in dinner.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Myrl Scott, Mrs. Don Schut and Steven Schut of Cadillac were Saturday afternoon guests of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger spent Saturday over night with their cousins at Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and family, Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mrs. Mary Strait were Sunday guests at the Mack Denslow home. Mack Kent of Grand Rapids was a Wednesday overnight guest. Roy Silvernail was a Friday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatehouse and three sons were Sunday dinner guests of the Berl Denslow family.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were Monday evening guests at the Gerald Dent home. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Wednesday supper guests. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children were Sunday supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were Thursday shoppers in Lansing, and also called on her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Swan and Kevin were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mrs. Flora Wood spent from Sunday through Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist, and while there had dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich of Lansing called during the weekend on his grandparents, the Wilbur Wrights.

My callers during last week were Mrs. Nettie Lawrence, Mrs. Eva Denslow and Monroe Beckwith.

Monroe Beckwith was a Tuesday overnight guest at the Charlie Losey home. Cecil Darnell was a Tuesday morning caller. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey, Mrs. Susie Chapman and Chad and Harold Losey were Sunday dinner guests.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and family were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler. They were helping little Gary Geasler celebrate his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler of Barryton called on his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, and his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, Sunday.

George Cornell and children, Jim and Debbie, of Beaverton visited his brother-in-law and sister, the Norman Geaslers, Saturday.

Merry Go Round Club will have its Christmas party Dec. 13 at the home of Mrs. Wanda Graham in Weidman.

The Brinton Chapel's Christ-

mas program will be Dec. 23, at 10 a.m.

Bobbie Worth and friend, Wanda Shooter, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth.

We are happy to report Mrs. Beulah Wixson has been discharged from CMC Hospital. Mrs. Jack Allbee is also home from the hospital.

Mrs. Julius Allbee and Mrs. Hilda Sampson were dinner guests of their sister and family, the Paul Coles, and Velma, last Thursday.

The Coles received word that their granddaughter, Mrs. Pattie Lague, was quite ill and was ordered to stay in bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and girls planned to leave this Thursday on a trip to Nebraska, to visit the Kripas' daughter, Diane, and family.

We are hoping to hear soon that Ed Olger will be home.

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In the Editor's Mail

Nov. 29, 1973

Dear Mrs. Skinner:

Enclosed is a check for next year's subscription, plus a little extra to cover any increase up to now.

You most likely do not know me personally. I am the oldest son of the late Joseph Schueller.

We left the Beal City area in June, 1963. We are now in Traverse City. Before moving to Traverse City we were in Cadillac for three years.

Your paper keeps us in touch with the events of Beal City, Weidman and Barryton areas. I was acquainted with a great many people there, both from living there and from being a substitute rural mail carrier for a few years.

Keep the paper coming!

Clarence J. Schueller

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler, Mrs. Marian Beutler, Mrs. Claribel Beutler, Mrs. Emma Middlesworth, Mrs. Nina Forbes, Mrs. Alma Dosenberry and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler were among 700 guests attending a reception Saturday evening at the University Center in Mt. Pleasant honoring Robert Marple, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, Order of Eastern Star. Edgar A. Guest, Jr., in his speech, was the highlight of the evening, delighting everyone with his wit and humor.

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox and Ruth Ann Gatehouse and Monica Parker visited relatives in Ionia last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler and Annette and Joel were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Claribel

Beutler.

Mrs. Ethel Wager was a Wed-

nesday supper guest of the Wilbur Denslow family near Remus.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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A's and B's throughout the time we were there. I was 30. Paul was 26.

And then, in 1963 when I decided to start up the Messenger again with only an IBM typewriter and a drawing board, I knew I'd have to become a fast typist. I'd spent 50 years on the hunt-'n-peck method of typing.

With Joan Charnes' help, I sat down and learned the scientific fingering necessary for fast

typing, from an old textbook discarded by the school.

"I really can't teach you anything much," Joan said frankly. "It's only a matter of practice, on the fingering and exercises contained in the book."

So--at age 61 I waded through that book and learned the typing taught in high schools.

I bragged for years that I was prouder of that than of anything I had ever accomplished.

Now, with the good psychologist's findings, I guess I can't brag, after all.

You really can learn any old thing you want to, in your sun-

set years.

Good for Mid-Michigan College. It's promoting learning classes for the elderly who want to acquire new skills. Anyone can do it--if you're between the ages of 30 and 85.

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WBA MEETING HAS SMALL BUT WORKING MEMBERSHIP

At last week's Weidman Business Association's meeting, a small but hard-working segment of Weidman businesses was represented.

A decision was made to go ahead with cement-block laying at the rest-rooms in the park, working with the Weidman Lions Club. Carl Straus will lay the difficult blocks, with the WBA and Lions sharing cost. A row of blocks eight-blocks-high has already been completed.

A note of appreciation was sent to Jack and Scott Houghton for their volunteer work on the block-laying.

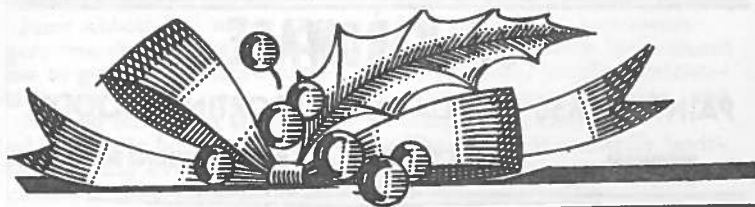
A motion to change the meeting night was adopted, with decision resting on a consensus of WBA members' preferences. Mick Abbott was assigned the task of collecting 1974 dues of \$20 per year from businesses, with good results.

A 50-50 club has been organized, and was waiting on tickets being prepared by Jeanne Smith.

A note of appreciation was sent to Mabel Allen, who donated a beautiful spruce tree for Weidman's Christmas decorations on the street.

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Callers of the R.D. Spragues over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague, the Ronnie Sprague family, Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gross. Janice Touchinski and girls were Monday callers. Denise Bellinger was also a caller.



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