

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL DISTRICT RENOVATES ON ONE MILL; WE NEED TWO

We're to be asked to vote an additional two mills for three years, on Monday, Aug. 27, to provide money to renovate four elementary buildings in our school district.

We see by the Mt. Pleasant Times-News that the Mt. Pleasant school district is renovating five elementary schools and the Senior high school, on one mill for three years.

The Mt. Pleasant project includes kitchen renovation at two elementary schools, new ceiling tiles at four elementary schools, electrical repair at four elementary schools, and also the high school; and stack lights at the high school.

The Rosebush Elementary School also will have window replacements in six classrooms.

Maybe we should check with the Mt. Pleasant district and compare projects and projected costs?

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### WE ENTER OUR TENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION

Didja notice that last week's Messenger carried the volume number X, or ten, Number One, on its dateline on the front page?

So we embark on our tenth consecutive year of publication of the modern-day Weidman Messenger, on offset printing done at Buyers Guide in Mt. Pleasant.

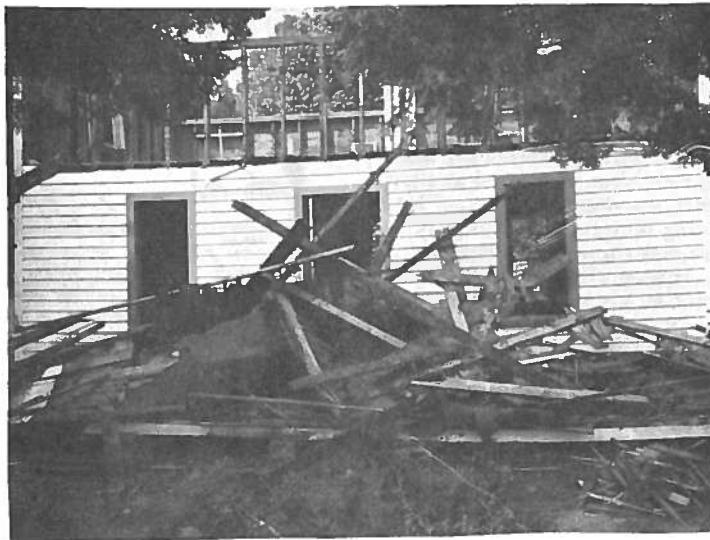
Ye Ed is now 71 years old, and plans to keep the paper going for another decade or so.

Our equipment is elementary, Watson: One drawing board that also serves as desk, bookkeeping facilities, and news note-taking; one IBM typewriter specially equipped for hand-typed copy, with an eight-point type face named Charter, which is a book face; and then a small mailing machine (hand operated) and the mailing list in a stencil-card file.

That's it. But we manage to get out the paper 50 times a year with it, and we enjoy it, and plan on continuing as long as the old carcass endures.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER



LANDMARK COTTAGE COMES DOWN--The Tice cottage on Coldwater Lake was being torn down this week by Eric and Joan, son and daughter-in-law of Ruby (Tice) Preece of Grand Haven. The Tice cottage was the only resort home on the lake for many decades.

Messenger photo

Ruby Preece has sold her home in Grand Haven, to build a permanent home on the historic Tice cottage site. Ruby will make her home there.

A 20x40-foot home will be erected, with fireplace, huge living room and other attractive details.

Two historic cedar trees in the front of the house have been preserved, dating back to 1938 when Eric and his parents dug them up from the north side of the lake.

The cottage was built in 1910 at a total cost of \$136.00. Builder was William Morgan Tice, Mrs. Preece's father.

William Morgan Tice came to Isabella County in the 1880s and homesteaded a large farm which is now owned by Jim Reed.

Mr. Tice arrived in a hay-rack wagon loaded with family, supplies and an American flag flying from the back of the wagon. The family lived in a tent while the cottage on the lake was being built.

Mr. Tice brought livestock from Canada on a raft across Lake St. Clair. He built his barn in 1894.

At the time the Tice cottage was built, Bob Hyslop was going strong in various enterprises at Coldwater Lake.

He ran the large "hotel", now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rupp.

He allowed the Tice family to build their cottage but would not

give them a land deed. Laura Hyslop gave them the deed after the death of her father in 1945.

The Tices entertained extensively at their lake cottage, visitors pitching tents containing as many as 28 people at one time. Relatives flocked in from Chicago, Saginaw and other points, at a time when a lake cottage was a real innovation.

The Tice family was well known in Mt. Pleasant, the Tice Ice Company being one of their businesses, and the Tice Beverage Company another. At one time, Ruby told the Messenger, William Tice collected cream from farmers in Nottawa Township to help out his income. William's brother, Byron Tice, once ran the Dillon Farm in Gilmore.

A cousin of Ruby's, Mamie, was the wife of Charlie Smith, a Mt. Pleasant druggist in the old days.

Bob Hyslop homesteaded extensive acreage on the east side of Coldwater Lake, doing horse trading on the side.

He had his hotel, where he sold pop and chewing gum and the like, and served meals on order. He had bath houses down on the lake shore, and rented bathing suits to anyone wanting them, handing out bath house keys for changing clothes. (Ye Ed was one of the very young Weidman kids who used to walk

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### MEETING ON UNLICENSED DOGS LEAVES ISSUE UP IN THE AIR

A meeting last Wednesday evening to discuss the problem of unlicensed and pack-running dogs in Isabella County left the whole issue of enforcement up in the air.

Some valuable information was brought out, including the fact that Michigan state law decrees that owners of unlicensed dogs or owners of dogs running in packs are liable to a \$100 fine or 90 days in jail. (Robert Kinnett, Isabella County Prosecuting Attorney.)

Present at the meeting were County Commissioners Richard Lichtenfelt, Matt Engler and Ken Helber; Mr. Kinnett; Dr. Joseph M. Donaldson, D.V.M.; Calvin Ohls and Louise Welch from the Isabella County Humane Society; Neil Hopp, editor of the Mt. Pleasant Times-News; Jim Hughes of Radio Station WCEN; and Connie Skinner, editor of the Weidman Messenger, and Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lynch.

Connie asked the Commissioners if the \$100 fine or jail law would be enforced by the county authorities, and was told that enforcement would be too expensive. Her argument that only a few fines/or jailings would be necessary to bring the matter to public attention was rejected.

Dr. Donaldson reminded those present that the ordinance requiring rabies vaccination of each dog licensed is a three-year occurrence, not two years as is presently understood by the public.

Calvin Ohls, for the Humane Society, said that the animal shelter is hopelessly overcrowded with unwanted cats and dogs, mainly animals brought in by owners who no longer want to bother with them.

"No matter how many animals we take in and destroy, the number still increases," Mr. Ohls said. Dr. Donaldson said the number of cats and dogs destroyed at the shelter is "getting more all the time".

The shelter needs more manpower to carry on the work of taking in and putting to death unwanted animals.

The subject of sterilization of both male and female pet animals was discussed, with the

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## UNLICENSED DOGS

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agreement that this is necessary to stem the tide of animals taken to the shelter for destruction or picked up by the dog warden, or running in packs.

Dr. Donaldson said that manufacturers of dog drugs are working on "the pill" for animals, which will be put into animals' feed. He said, however, that this solution is far from becoming a reality, and meantime sterilization of pets is the only answer to over-population of cats and dogs in the county.

It was brought out that Isabella County is by no means alone in its animal problems, other counties and cities have situations as bad or worse than ours.

Our situation, however, is bad enough so that something must be done to curb the number of unlicensed dogs and the dropping off of unwanted dogs and cats by owners in populated areas to run wild and fend for themselves. (This also is against the law, punishable by arrest and fine.)

A publicity-campaign "education of the public" was agreed upon, with, as Connie Skinner insisted, the County Board of Commissioners backing up the campaign with legal action on enforcement of the laws.

It costs to have a cat or dog spayed. But the relief to the animals, their owners, and the public is worth it.

Female dogs in season attract packs of males, and there goes a pack of dogs. Dogs running in packs at night usually are foraging for food, although there are some breeds or cross-breeds that run in packs at night and kill farm livestock or deer for the sake of killing.

Co-operation of the entire public will be necessary if the project is to make any headway. Information on neighbors' dogs, or dogs running loose or unlicensed will have to be forthcoming, and dog owners will have to buy licenses and keep their animals confined to owners' property.

It's a dishearteningly huge problem, but if enough concerned citizens take interest in it, it can do some good in the county.

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## NEWS NOTES

Miss Annette Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith of Wolverine, spent Friday over night with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith. She left for Brunswick, Maine, Saturday morning. She is in the WAVES of the Navy, and was sent on duty for two weeks in Petoskey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany of rural Big Rapids were Sunday visitors of his mother, Mrs. Ruth Momany.

## TICE COTTAGE

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to Coldwater Lake for a swim, renting bathing suits and playing unsupervised in the water, then turning in the bathing suits to the hotel and walking back home. Sometimes the more daring of us might splash up the beach to stare at the only cottage on the lake, the fabulous Tice family place.)

Bob Hyslop, Mrs. Preece told us, kept 104 horses in the barn now on the property of Harry and Florence Rupp, later to become a dance hall (in the 1930s).

Bob Hyslop planted many different varieties of trees on his hotel property on the lake, and we as children marveled at signs tacked on young saplings, "No barking up trees". Apparently there was some vandalism then. Mr. Hyslop allowed families to picnic on his lake property, but we can't remember if he charged a fee for that or not. At any rate, there were strict regulations for behavior on his property.

Ruby Preece said the pre-teenage Tice girls weeded cucumbers for Elmer Garrett in the summer time. ("Mrs. Garrett made fabulous potato salad," Ruby said.)

A dance hall across the lake never prospered much. It was owned by Dr. Getchell and then by Dr. Robinson, who hoped to make a fortune in marketing marl from that side of the lake, but his project did not materialize. The dance hall is now the Coldwater Lake Inn, a popular gourmet eating place.

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## Local Items

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Branson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Curtiss, Mrs. Monica Parker and two children and Cathy Wilcox attended the Lee family reunion at the home of Betty Kellogg (Mrs. Bud) at Sparta Sunday.

Word has been received of the death of Louis Winn of California July 11, after suffering another stroke. He was 62 years old. Both Louis and his wife, Rosalie, have many relatives and friends around here.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower and children of Petersburg and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leiter of Selfridge Field spent the weekend with the David Flowers. They were here to attend the wedding of Terry Lueder and Marilyn Buchholz Saturday, at the Broomfield Lutheran Church. Larry was best man.

Mrs. Nina Forbes spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ron Littell of Ithaca. Others present included Mrs. Robin De Long and three children of Alma, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Brien of Harker Heights, Tex. They were dinner guests. Mrs. Harvey Brien was an afternoon caller.

Mrs. Forbes spent over night with Mrs. Brien, returning home Monday morning.

Callers of Mrs. Wanda Graham Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, Violet Groh, and Becky Graham and Bruce Clark of Mt. Pleasant. Harold Love of Lake Station was also a caller.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kuepfer and family at Traverse City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider attended a concert at Chippewa Recreation in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

day afternoon. Their sons, Paul and Carl, were in the program. The Snider boys leave Thursday for Kincheloe Air Force Base to begin a playing engagement.

Mrs. Burr Abrahamson stayed from Thursday night till Friday with Mrs. Ethel Bywater, who was ill. Friday callers were Rev. and Mrs. Lynch, Marion Beutler, and Mr. and Mrs. Ty Strong and family. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bywater of Midland spent Saturday afternoon with her. Marion Beutler took Mrs. Bywater to her doctor Monday, Wednesday and this week Monday.

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man.

July 12t

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tion of person or persons who  
burned my cottage on Little-  
field Lake late Sunday after-  
noon, June 24. Write Ovid  
Riggs, 35622 Michigan Ave.,  
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June 28t3

### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey were  
in Detroit Sunday, visiting cou-  
sins, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Forman.

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pion motor home, sleeps 6.  
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July 19t1p

## Card of Thanks

May we thank our many  
friends and relatives for their  
many kind thoughts and deeds  
during our recent loss of our  
beloved husband, father and  
brother.

We wish to especially thank  
Rev. Marvin Eldridge, the  
Weidman Oddfellows and the  
Clarabella Encampment for  
their words of comfort.

Mrs. Clifford Leiter  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Leiter  
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jogello  
Mr. and Mrs. Terry Leiter  
Mr. and Mrs. Oren Leiter

## Obituary

### ELMER GARRETT

Elmer Garrett died at the Vet-  
erans' Administration Hospital  
in Saginaw last Tuesday, July  
10, after a long illness. He  
was 81.

He was born Jan. 3, 1892, in  
Dowling, and was a long-time  
resident and farmer in the Two  
Rivers area.

Funeral services were held  
Saturday at 2 p. m. from the  
Crittenden Funeral Home in  
Remus, with burial in the Two  
Rivers Cemetery.

Surviving are four sons, Ernest,  
Edward, Charles and Clayton,  
all of this area. Also surviving  
are a daughter, Mrs. Helen  
Martin, and 28 grandchildren  
and 26 great-grandchildren, and  
a host of friends.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague  
and girls called on Mr. and Mrs.  
Leon Snyder in Ithaca Sunday.

## Obituary

### JOHN HOGG

Five-year-old John Hogg of  
Broomfield Township died un-  
expectedly last Thursday, July  
12, at Tri-County Hospital in  
Edmore.

He was born July 24, 1967, in  
Edmore, and would have been  
a first grade student at the Re-  
mus Elementary School this fall.

Surviving are his parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. Robert Hogg; a brother,  
Robert, Jr.; three sisters, Beth,  
Barbara and Nancy, all at home;  
his paternal grandparents, Mr.  
and Mrs. Roland Hogg of rural  
Remus; maternal grandparents,  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines of  
Broomfield.

Services were held Sunday at  
3 p. m. from the Crittenden Fu-  
neral Home in Remus, with  
Rev. James Schoettle officiat-  
ing. Burial was in the Broom-  
field Cemetery.

The family have the deep  
sympathy of their many friends.

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## Obituary

### DAWN MARIE CUMMINS

Dawn Marie, age three, daugh-  
ter of Larry and Cheryl Cum-  
mings of Ithaca, passed away  
July 6 at Gratiot Community Hos-  
pital in Alma, after a lingering  
illness.

She is survived by her parents;  
a brother, Duane, at home; her  
grandparents, Ula Cummins of  
Weidman and William Cummins,  
also of Weidman and Mr. and Mrs.  
Joe Hinch of St. Louis; great-  
grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva  
Cummins of Weidman, Mrs.  
Helen Smith of Weidman, Mr.  
and Mrs. Daniel Best of St. Lou-  
is; and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held Mon-  
day, July 9, at the Barden Fu-  
neral Home in Ithaca at 1 p. m.,  
with burial at Riverside Ceme-  
tery in Alma. Rev. David Nel-  
son officiated at the services.

The family of little Dawn Ma-  
rie have the sympathy of their  
many friends here.

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### TO DAWN

God took the little angel  
He had loaned us for a while;  
But we will miss the little one  
And her bright and happy smile.

The Shepherd takes the little  
lamb

To get the sheep to come;  
And we can follow if we will--  
He bids us come along.

We think of Dawn in Jesus' arms,  
Her pain and sorrow gone;  
Just waiting for a little while  
For us to come on home.  
(Written for Ula and Helen by  
a dear friend.)

## the Churches

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Prayer Meeting (Wednesday),  
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Choir practice (Thursday), 6.30  
p. m.

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sonage 644-3441.

Church School, 9.45 a. m.

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 Thursday,  
3 p. m.

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

Rev. Lynch returned home last  
Thursday from CMC Hospital in  
Mt. Pleasant, where he had un-  
dergone abdominal surgery a  
week earlier. His recovery has  
been satisfactory, and he expects  
to be back in the pulpit next  
Sunday.

In his absence the pulpit was  
filled the past two Sundays by  
Prof. Charles Pfeiffer, professor  
of Near East history and litera-  
ture at CMU. Prof. Pfeiffer, be-  
sides being a Bible scholar and  
accomplished preacher, con-  
ducts tours of the Holy Land.

The annual UMW picnic will  
be held this summer July 26 at  
noon at the home of Mrs. Elsie  
Hall at Lake Isabella.

The annual auction sale, ba-  
zaar and bake sale will be held  
Saturday, Aug. 11.

GARAGE SALE--In Weidman,  
Friday and Saturday, July 20  
and 21. At the Gary Sprague  
home, first house behind the  
Weidman post office.

July 19t1p

### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and  
family and Mr. and Mrs. Howard  
Beutler and family and James  
Beutler and son, Joel enjoyed a  
picnic dinner at the home of  
their mother, Mrs. Claribel  
Beutler, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spike Branson  
and family took Thelma Bran-  
son back to her home in Florida  
last week, returning Friday  
night. Thelma had been visit-  
ing relatives and friends here  
since the funeral of her husband,  
Harold Branson.

Mrs. Ollie Strong called on  
Mrs. Ethel Bywater last Tuesday  
afternoon. Mrs. Athel Lynch  
and Mrs. Eva Denslow were  
callers.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Elmer Garrett passed away last Tuesday at the V.A. Hospital in Saginaw. He was a long-time resident of the Two Rivers area. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

Risa and Mike Fiorillo came home Thursday after a three-weeks' visit with their grandmother, Mrs. Monica Fiorillo, and other relatives in Connecticut and Massachusetts. They visited many points with historical interest, and went to the Atlantic coast. Louis Fiorillo went out Sunday and visited, and brought the children home last Thursday.

Cindy and Beth Krueger went with their grandmother, Mrs. Leila Shook, for a few days' vacation trip.

Frank Gross and Paul Miller of Westphalia were Monday visitors of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray. Mrs. Emma Tilmann was a Wednesday visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Passierillo of Saginaw were weekend guests of the Martins.

Mrs. Ruth Keysor of Saginaw spent the weekend with her daughter and family, the Charles Garretts. Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan MacGregor of Milford are visiting a few days.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Neal of Toledo, O., were Saturday guests of Mrs. Leona Courser.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family visited the Singleton Moses family, where they are vacationing at Hannah Lake, Saturday. They attended the Dent reunion Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder

were Friday supper guests of the Jack Lieders.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses at Coldwater Lake. Saturday visitors of the Lieders were Mrs. Lovica Krueger and Arnold.

Mrs. Minnie Strauch of Mt. Pleasant was a Friday dinner guest of Blanche Carr. I was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Aungst and family of Williamston, and visited Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Davis of Lansing.

Miss Marilyn Buchholz and Terry Lueder were married Saturday at the Broomfield Lutheran Church, with a reception in the Winn Hall.

Mrs. Hazel Sellers, Dorothy Crytis and Miss Gladys Fritz were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines, and attended the funeral of John Hogg, the Hineses' grandson.

Mrs. Kate Gillie, Mrs. Sophia Cutler and Miss Mildred Benson and Mr. and Mrs. Don Urie were Friday visitors of Mrs. Nettie Baker.

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## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Elmer Garrett, who died this past week.

Thursday morning Ed and I called at the home of our son, Jerry, near Rosebush.

Flo Haupt entered CMC Hospital this Monday morning.

Friday evening Jerry and Jane Schafer took Ed and me out to dinner in Mt. Pleasant.

Lynn Schafer's mother, Dorothy Maxon, returned home early Wednesday morning, after spending three weeks with her family in England.

Kate and Ray Martin called at the Lorenz home one evening last week. Loretta spent Sunday with Leona Perrin.

Ed and I called on Emil and Edith Lueder Sunday. The John Pung family were also guests.

Leo Schafer brought his two grandsons, Gary and Michael Hauck, over here fishing Sunday morning.

The Coldwater Lake Association held its meeting Saturday night at the 4-H Camp.

Our guests Sunday were Don Schafer and daughter Heather, Mrs. Dan McGarry and Mr. and Mrs. Don Grien and sons of Detroit, Al and Ruth Klumpp and daughters, Donna and Cindy. Russ and Pauline Klumpp of Remus and Russ and Marge Giesken of Lansing stopped in Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sil Wischmeyer of Swartz Creek and Emma Wischmeyer of St. Louis called on Walt and Della Wischmeyer this weekend.

Lynn Schafer was in first place Sunday on the point system at the Chippewa Wranglers Club.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,

As usual, I'm late sending you the check for my subscription to the Weidman Messenger. I'm sorry to have been so careless.

I'm hoping to be able to send you a check for my subscription for many years yet. I hate to think of the careless blindness which will overtake most of us if the time comes when you are no longer physically able to act as outpost and guard of our liberties. It's sad to visualize the sudden and unpleasant awakening in store for us when you are not busy cutting through the "progressive" platitudes with the sickening truth hiding beneath.

So, "Hang in there!"

Sincerely  
Florence Rupp  
Coldwater Lake

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## Local Items

Mrs. Esther Stanley has been spending the past several weeks with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung, and family, in St. Johns. She returned to St. Johns the first of this week.

Mildred Garner of Vassar has been spending this week with her sisters, Frances Tranbarger and Connie Skinner. Mildred's son, Rex Garner, brought her here

Friday evening, stayed over night and went on to spend the week in a state park, camping, near Kalkaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, Jr., and family of Shepherd, and Mrs. Mary Clark of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday supper guests of the Dennis Embrey family. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Clark of Mt. Pleasant were evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Stout in Flora, Ind.

The Jerry Horstman family spent the weekend camping.

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## LOCAL STUDENTS IN TRACTOR DRIVING CONTEST

Four FFA member of the Beal City Chapter recently competed in the Mecosta County Fair's tractor driving safety contest in Big Rapids.

Stan Schafer, Mike Bechtel, Tom Bechtel and Ken Zuker each drove in the contest. Stan Schafer finished third in the contest.

The idea behind such a contest is to display the safety practices as well as the skills necessary to be a safe tractor operator. The contest involved a timed event in which the student must back, turn, and maneuver the tractor and wagon through a course similar to backing into a shed, along feed bunks, and turning in the field.

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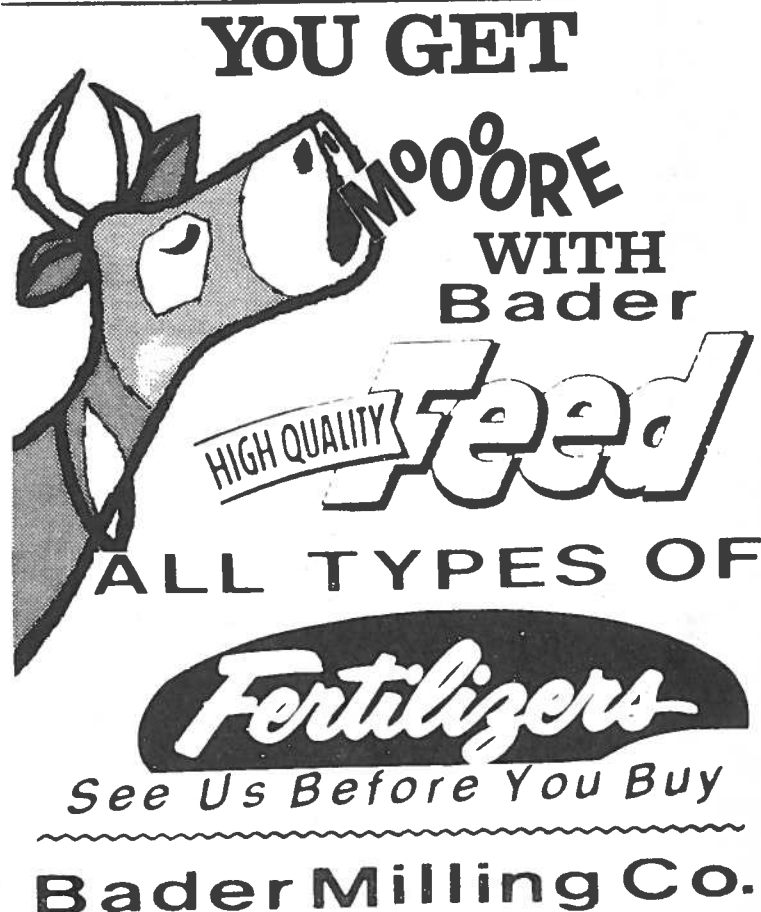
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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

A number of Senior Citizens from here enjoyed a picnic dinner hosted by the Rosebush Senior Citizens Thursday at their hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gross and family are making preparations to move to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neubecker and son of Milwaukee, Wisc., spent the past week with his mother, Mrs. Leo Neubecker.

Mrs. Coletta Gross spent last Thursday with the Bernard Gross family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Zuker and children of Ithaca were Sunday visitors of the former's parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zuker. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gross are the proud parents of a new baby girl.

Mrs. Margaret Judge of Winn spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Clara Fox.

Gertrude Gross entertained relatives from Battle Creek over the weekend.

Mrs. Monica Grinzinger spent Sunday with Mrs. Isabel Martin.

Leona Faber called on Mrs. Tony Schafer Tuesday. Mrs. Albina Rau and Mrs. Louise Schafer called Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Robert Klumpp was a Friday visitor.

A large number from here attended the funeral of Elmer Gar-

rett Saturday afternoon at Two Rivers.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pantenburg and family spent the past week with relatives in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp and family attended the Klumpp reunion Sunday at Island Park.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pung and Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer of Weidman and Matie Pung visited the Gerald Pungs at Edmore on their way back from Stanton Sunday. While in Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens came to see Viola and Walter, and some people from Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zeien and family spent Sunday afternoon and enjoyed turkey supper at the Fred Zeien home.

A nice farewell party was held for Agnes Thelen at the State Home, a retirement party.

John Smith and family and the Francis Schafer family went to Muskegon Sunday to visit their daughters, who are studying music there.

Dora Smith and Ginger Rau were home over the weekend.

Elmer Garrett was buried Saturday at Two Rivers.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pung and family, Mr. and Mrs. John

Schafer of Weidman and Matie Pung motored to Stanton Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson. They had a nice visit, and found them pretty well. Mrs. Nelson has been sick a lot.

Alfred and Dorothy Wacker of St. Johns were here Monday afternoon to visit folks around Beal City. They called on their aunt, Louise Smith, and Ann, and on Bernie and Virgil Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dole of Florida visited Louise Smith and Tony Tilmann Tuesday evening. Mrs. Dole's sister was with them.

Mr. and Mrs. William Martin picked up Matie Pung and Effie Schafer Saturday afternoon and took them to Tillie Starr's in Mt. Pleasant for supper.


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### NEWS NOTES

Alton Allen was reported as not feeling as well the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orla Allen and grandson of Saginaw, Alton Allen, Jr., of St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Al Allen and son and grandson of St. Louis were Sunday visitors at the Alton Allen home here. Ivan Allen was an afternoon caller.

Monda (Pitts) Wood of Lansing spent from Thursday last week till Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, and family.



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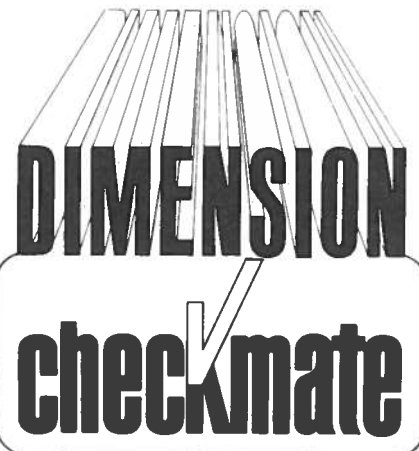
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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler Sunday.

George Cornell called on the Norman Geaslars Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hummel visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler Sunday.

Paul Cole was admitted to CMC Hospital Sunday.

The Ewing reunion was held Sunday at Littlefield Lake, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Allen. There were about 50 in attendance.

Our nephew, Clarence Albert Wardwell, was killed Monday night near Flint on a motorcycle. Clarence was a graduate of the Weidman High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wardwell and grandson visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole, Friday evening.

Mrs. Gwen Dean and Mrs. Ernestine Straus and children visited their cousins, the Paul Coles, Saturday evening.

The Merry Go Round Club met with Verna Seymour Thursday. There were 32 present, including six little folks. The next meeting will be with Etta Skalitzy Aug. 9 for a picnic dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Tex Alexander of Lake called at the Elam Seymour home Saturday a few minutes.

Mrs. Grace Monthei and daughter, Shirley Peterson, and son of near Mt. Pleasant called at the Elam Seymour home Sunday.

Mrs. Verna Seymour and Leona Buchel attended the wedding of Larry Renner and Janice Scott at the Gilmore Church Saturday evening.

Mrs. Leona Buchel had a house-

ware party Friday evening. Dianne Hamilton of Mt. Pleasant was demonstrator.

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Ruby Williams of Clare spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Opal Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright arrived here Wednesday to spend the summer at their mobile home. They have a home in Florida, where they spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson went on a trip North Sunday, across the bridge. They called on the Pobick family near Grayling, and also called on Roy Reed at Hessel.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on her brother-in-law at the Cadillac hospital Sunday, and also called on Mr. and Mrs. Dale Graber, on her way home. Her brother-in-law is in intensive care at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger entertained their granddaughter, Mrs. Vera Rimbald, and daughter, of Ypsilanti, over the weekend. John Carr of Lansing was a Saturday evening guest.

Mrs. Grace Fitzgerald called on Mrs. Hattie Losey and me Wednesday morning. She brought her cactus that was in bloom, so we could see it. It was beautiful.

The Dent family reunion was held at the Gerald Dent home, down by the river, Sunday. There were 113 present to enjoy the day, the picnic dinner, and visiting with old friends and relatives. The Kirvan reunion will be held in the same place Sunday, July 29. Everyone in the neighborhood is welcome to attend.

Bob Kirvan and Elwood Miller were Thursday callers at the Dent home. Raymond and Bob Kirvan were Saturday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and family called on his grandparents, the Alva Cumminses, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and some friends called at the Charlie Losey home Wednesday evening. Floyd Dutcher and Minnie Strauch called Thursday afternoon. Ervin and Jack Dutcher called Friday. Patti, Gary and Beth Losey were Sunday dinner guests.

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess and family are now living in their home in Brinton.

Ray Geasler came home from the hospital Thursday.

Nora and Ellen Geasler, Flossie Forbes and I and Lillie Maddox attended Merry Go Round Club at Verna Seymour's last Thursday. The August meeting will be with Etta Skalitzy Aug. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright were in Grand Rapids Wednesday when they took their granddaughter, Micky, home after a two weeks' stay with her grandparents.

A very nice crowd met at the hall in Brinton Saturday evening in a going-away party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brines and family, who are leaving in August for Okinawa, where they will be teaching. They were presented a money tree. A very nice pot-luck supper with ice cream, cake, punch and coffee was enjoyed.

Lillie Maddox of Saginaw spent last week with me. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Moore of Bat-

tle Creek called on me Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wallace and son, Jim, of near Winn called on Dad and me Friday evening. They also called on her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

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## Local Items

Mrs. Helen Smith expects to enter St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids next Monday, July 23, for surgery.

Richard Vaness and Lou Thorbelan of Lindsay, O., visited Richard's grandmother, Mrs. Kit Johnson, last Monday night and left Tuesday on a trip to the Upper Peninsula and Canada. They returned here Wednesday and stayed over night and left Thursday for their homes in Ohio.

Diana Pung and son, Dennis, took her mother home from St. Johns Friday night, and Darlene Pung spent Friday night and Saturday with her. Mrs. Stanley spent Saturday night and Sunday with her grandson and wife, David Moore, at Lake Thirteen. Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung of St. Johns were Sunday dinner guests at the Moore home. Laurie Bancroft of St. Johns and Sandy Pung spent Sunday night with Sandy's grandmother.

Mrs. Emily Wood spent from Thursday till Monday morning with Mrs. Irene Calkins of Rosebush, and attended Holiness Camp Meeting at Mt. Pleasant.

Ruth Ann Gatehouse and Verlia Wilcox called on Bessie Myers in Ionia last Tuesday.

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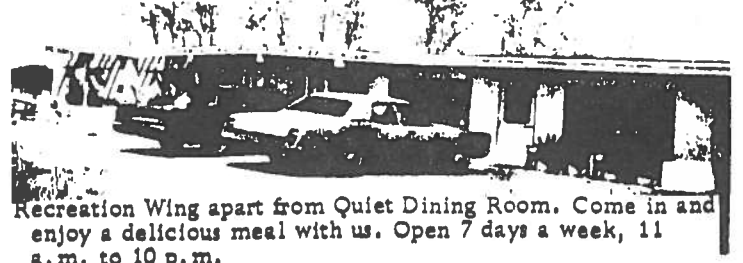
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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Our community was saddened by the sudden death of Johnny Hogg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hogg of West Drew Road. Johnny had a tonsillectomy last Thursday morning, and passed away that evening. His funeral was Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with burial in the Broomfield Cemetery. He would have been six years old this month. The community extends sympathy to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan camped at the Harry Gatehouse place last week. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe of Florida and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Howe and children were callers.

Mercel Graham and Barbara and Pat Graham, Beulah Perry and Grace Fitzgerald spent last Tuesday with Carol Miller of Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and Cindy and Susie and Debbie of Lake Orion came Wednesday and stayed till Friday afternoon with the Ervin Dutchers. They had taken their daughter, Debbie, to Ferris State College for orientation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and boys had supper with the Robert Dutchers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chum Methner and Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood had dinner with the Jim Dutchers Saturday. Jim's visited the Dale Dutchers Sunday afternoon and were supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad moved into their new home on Jordan Road Saturday. There are still a few things to be finished up on the house.

Linda Sisco and Linda Dutcher called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., visited the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Thursday evening. Then the Jack Dutchers stopped in Friday to get their daughter, Debbie.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and family of Midland called on the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls and Floyd Dutcher had Sunday dinner with us.

Edna Merrihew was a Saturday caller of the Ervin and Clayton Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and girls visited the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hare of Northville came Sunday to spend a few days with her mother, Edna Merrihew.

Mrs. George Bolinger and Mrs. Herman Koos of Grand Ledge were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Merrihew. Edna visited her daughters and families, the Monroe Dutchers, the James Hares and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fish and girls, last week.

Callers of the Clayton Dut-

ers Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and boys of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn, Richard Dutcher and Patti and Garry Dutcher and Becky and Kaye and their cousin, Diane Pettigrew, of Muskegon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and family of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint called on me Sunday afternoon, on their way home from camping.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and family of Saginaw spent from Sunday night till Wednesday afternoon with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Mrs. Lulu Allish and daughter and Mrs. Joyce Eddy and Kathy of Shields, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilkie and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark had Sunday supper with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse. Vada took Lulu and Beatrice to the cemetery, and they called on the Clarence and Bert Chaffees.

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## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Visitors at the Joe Ptak home over the weekend were their daughter, Mrs. Debra Atyeo, Denise Ptak, and Mr. and Mrs. Barry Ptak, all from Detroit. They have been enjoying new peas, beans and lettuce from Joe's vegetable garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham of Blanchard visited Mrs. Laura Latham Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott and daughter of Charlotte spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and Judy and Jerry. They all went to the Paris Fish Hatchery Sunday, and enjoyed a picnic lunch.

Visitors at the Ed Olger home Sunday were Mrs. Helen Letson and daughter, Pam, and daughter-in-law Kathy, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Abbott and family called on Carol's father, James Kennedy, after church Sunday. The family enjoyed pot-luck dinner at the Lois Knollenberg home in Rosebush.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Linebaugh visited us last Tuesday. Both had campers, and stayed a night and day. Mrs. Bessie Allen called Tuesday evening to get Sherry Allen, who had stayed a week with us and a couple of days with her aunt, Wanda Graham, and Debbie. Dick Gott called Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott called Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott and Casey and Mrs. Flossie Allen of Winn called Sunday and were dinner guests. We and Mr. and Mrs. John Gott called

on Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott of Farwell Sunday evening. Cathy Alwood had dinner with us Sunday.

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