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## Editor's Column

By Connie

**HERE'S WHERE WE THINK THE COUNTRY'S GOING: BACK TO 1932, MAN!**

More and more frequently, everyday people are asking this paper and this editor, "Just what do you think America is headed for?"

These are not people with vested interests in politics, big business or educational institutions. They are farmers and the wives of farmers; very-small business men and women; and folks of other walks of life making up the "silent majority" of this country.

In all honesty, we are forced to admit that we can see no happy future for America under our present leadership (or lack of it).

Personally, I wouldn't believe any presently-employed politician on any subject, be he big or little.

These are frightening times, especially for the low-income but not indigent section of the populace who are working and paying taxes to the spenders in Lansing and Washington.

The population has a right to be scared, we maintain. With Michigan leading the nation in unemployment at this moment (Michigan, the auto capital of the world, the arsenal of democracy!), and with inflation running fully out of control, we are not in a happy mind about the immediate future of America.

As we told one worried housewife last week, "But there is just one area where we have complete faith: That is the people of this country."

The people will take just so much of political skullduggery, just so much of taxation without representation, just so much of taking from the earner to give to the reliefer, and then the people will take a hand in their own-affairs now being handled by politicians and super-industries.

The people, we predict, will come awake at the next elections and throw the rascals out. And we predict that even though there may be some rascals among those the people put in



### ISABELLA COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ATTENDED STATE MEET--

Three Isabella County 4-H leaders recently attended the state 4-H Leadermete at MSU. They are, from left to right: Hugh Swindlehurst, Mrs. Hugh Swindlehurst (Marie), both of rural Mt. Pleasant; and Marion Magnus, Council representative, of rural Clare.

power, nationally and locally, those rascals will not be dominated by super-industries.

We predict an era of close watchfulness of politicians, big and little, by the people when the people have cleared out the present regimes from Lansing to Washington.

The people, meantime, had better learn to grow food in back-yard garden plots, and brace for "financial dislocations" that will make the Great Depression seem, in retrospect, no more traumatic than the placid problems of the delightful Walton family on teevee.

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### VOLUNTEER FIREMEN PLAN ANNUAL AUCTION APRIL 20

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department is planning its annual auction sale for Saturday evening, April 20, beginning at 8 p. m. at Weaver's Tavern in Weidman.

Householders in the area are urged to clean out their attics and garages for articles that may be sold at auction for the benefit of the Fire Department.

Donations of every kind, big and little, will be appreciated, a Fire Department spokesman said this week.

Pickup of donated articles

may be accomplished by calling these telephone numbers, all in the 644-exchange:

Thayne Sides, 3595; Ronnie Sprague, 2147; Spike Branson, 3507; and Leon Schafer, 3501.

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### CUB SCOUT SUPPER SLATED FOR MARCH 23

Cub Scouts in the Weidman area are planning a pancake supper for Saturday evening, March 23, at the cafeteria in the Weidman school. The public is cordially invited to enjoy "all you can eat" of pancakes and syrup, sausage, and plenty of butter.

Serving at the pancake supper will be from 5 to 8 p. m., with admission set at \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children under 12.

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### HERE ARE ELECTION RETURNS ON MILLAGE

In last Tuesday's school election in the Chippewa Hills district, the votes went as follows in the various precincts:

Precinct 1 (Barryton): on the 14 mills (two added, 12 renewed), 194 Yes, 150 No, total 344.

Precinct 2 (Mecosta): On the 14 mills package, 184 Yes, 237 No, six spoiled.

Precinct 3 (Remus): On the



### Thomas A. Straus

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Second Lieutenant Thomas A. Straus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen H. Straus of Weidman, has been awarded silver wings upon graduation from U.S. Air Force navigator training at Mather AFB, Calif.

Lieutenant Straus is being assigned to Ubon Royal Thai AFB, Thailand, for flying duty on the AC-130 Hercules aircraft with a unit of the Pacific Air Forces.

The lieutenant graduated from high school in Beal City, and earned a BS degree in mathematics at Central Michigan University.

He was commissioned in 1973 upon graduation from the School of Military Sciences for Officers at Lackland AFB, Tex.

14 mills, 278 Yes, 261 No, six spoiled, total 545.

Precinct 4 (Weidman): On the 14 mills, 319 Yes, 293 No, two spoiled, total 614. Note that Weidman racked up the largest number of voters of any town in the far-flung district.

Total vote was 1,929.

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### PINK AND BLUE SHOWER

Mrs. David Flower hosted a baby shower for her daughter, Mrs. Larry Leiter, Saturday afternoon, at her home. About 25 ladies attended, and all enjoyed the party. Jennie received lovely gifts.

## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

### PACK OF DOGS KILLING CATS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD

A pack of six dogs has been roaming this neighborhood nights and several family-pet cats have been mutilated and killed by the pack.

They killed a 14-year-old cat owned by the John Gotts this past week. They have killed and mutilated several other pet cats in the neighborhood. They tore the tail off one cat at one of the neighbor's place.

One of the six dogs roaming at night is a large yellow and white collie, one a small yellow dog, one a white dog, and one a German shepherd. These dogs have been seen but escaped capture.

The pack has been foraging around the Max Aldrich place lately, but has been in most places during the past week or two.

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Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich of Lansing spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich, and Kelley. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Aldrich of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and family Saturday evening.

The James Kennedy family enjoyed pot-luck dinner Sunday at the Lois Knollenberg home. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chapman and family of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy and family and Mrs. Muriel Miller and family.

We called on Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott of Farwell Wednesday afternoon. Albert Gott called on us and took us to see Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family Sunday. We enjoyed dinner and supper at Albert's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott and Casey called on us Friday, then went to the home of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Battleshaw. Becky Graham and Bruce Parks called on us Sunday evening.

Cathy Alwood was the lucky February birthday winner of a \$25 savings bond at the Pixie Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant. She and her mother and Heather Alwood and Rhonda Sides went with her to receive the gift and have her picture taken with Harvey Schafer Friday.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Donny and Cathy called at the Ivan Hines home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood and family enjoyed supper at the Rusty Alwood home last week Monday evening.

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Mrs. Claribel Beutler and Mrs. Leah Scharrer enjoyed Sunday dinner at Kirvan's Restaurant in Barryton.

## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Flora Wood had Sunday dinner with Rev. and Mrs. John Wright in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Wood.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mrs. Mary Strait and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and Jean and Pammy and Dale and B.J. and Donna Kay were Sunday guests of the Mack Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin attended the Cooper-Keck wedding and reception Saturday evening at Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carroll and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fisk and Leo Bahr were Sunday guests at the Joe Martin home.

Mrs. Alma White spent Sunday afternoon with her folks, the Alva Cummins.

Monroe Beckwith was a Sunday morning caller at the Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and family spent Saturday evening with the Allen Marshalls.

Mrs. Leah Scharrer spent Wednesday afternoon with me.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and Bill and Bob spent Wednesday and Thursday with the Stanley Ergo family of Royal Oak. Bill received Third Class radio operator's license in Detroit while they were there. On the way home they called on the John Thompson family at Drayton Plains and on the George Pobocik family of Grand Blanc.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson spent last Friday in Lansing, and also called on her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller called on his mother, Mrs. Ethel McLean, Sunday.

Monroe Beckwith spent Wednesday and Sunday overnight at the Charlie Losey home, and was a Sunday dinner guest. He also called on me.

Beth and Nancy Losey were Sunday dinner guests at the Charlie Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Aldrich and Mrs. Edith DeVary were Sunday guests at the Wilbur Wright home, and their son, Jim, of Clarkston spent the weekend with them.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Claribel Beutler spent last Wednesday in East Lansing at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tibbetts, and family. Mrs. Forrest Johnston and Mrs. Leland Brecht of Mt. Pleasant accompanied her.

Mrs. Ruth Blesch and daughter, Jo, and Ethel Soper of Barryton were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Emma Middlesworth. Fred Cole of Mt. Pleasant was a caller.

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 March 21t1

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 March 21t1

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 March 21t1

**FOR SALE--**Pickup Camper, sleeps 4. Jacks, toilet, stove, \$500. 5678 Jordan Road, Coldwater Lake, tel. 644-3967.  
 Mar 21tf

## LEGAL Notice

**ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** That the next Annual Township Meeting of the Electors of the Township of Sherman, County of Isabella, State of Michigan, will be held at  
**SHERMAN TOWNSHIP HALL**  
 Beginning at 2:00 o'clock P. M., Eastern Daylight Time,  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 30th, 1974**  
 Beginning at 2:00 o'clock P. M.  
 At such time in addition to other regular business and in accordance with the law, a budget covering proposed expenditures and estimated revenues of the Township shall be submitted for consideration.  
 Signed:  
**KEITH LOOMIS**  
 Township Clerk  
 Dated March 11, 1974  
 Mar. 14t2

**OLD TIME MT. PLEASANT JEWELER DIES AT AGE 97**  
 Fred Klunzinger, an old-time time jeweler and watch repairer in Mt. Pleasant, died Friday, March 15, in Lansing. He owned a store in Mt. Pleasant around the turn of the century, and will be remembered by old-timers.  
 He is survived by a daughter, Kathlyn (Mrs. Hervey Beutler) of East Lansing, and Leonard Klunzinger of Mt. Pleasant. Funeral services were held Monday, March 18, in Lansing.  
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**HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY**

## the Churches

**WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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 Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, ph. 644-3504.  
 Sunday School, 20 a.m.  
 Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
 Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.  
 Choir Thursday, 6.30 p.m.  
 Three of our ladies went to Ithaca this past week to attend several workshops on ideas to be used in their missionary group.  
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**WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST**  
 Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163 2nd Street, Weidman.  
 Office phone 644-3336, parsonage 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 Thursdays, 3 p.m.  
 Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p.m.  
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**WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 Rev. John A. Wright, Minister  
 Phone 644-3604.  
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
 Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
 Choir practice, 6.30 p.m.  
 Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.  
 Prayer Service Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.  
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**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 Broomfield: Located six miles south of Weidman on Coldwater Road.  
 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.

**FRANK GARNER**  
 Frank Garner of Blanchard died in Grand Rapids Saturday, March 16. He was 80.  
 He was born in Missouri April 17, 1893, and had retired from farming.  
 Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 19, at 2 p.m. from the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with Rev. John Murphy officiating. Burial was at Hillcrest Cemetery at Six Lakes.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; two sons, Charles of Remus, and Fred of Blanchard; one daughter, Mrs. Doris Wernette, of Remus; five brothers, George of Grand Rapids, Arch of Belding, Rollin of Blanchard, Raymond E. of Lansing, and Victor of Burr Oak; one sister, Helen Garner, of Lansing; and 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.  
 The family have the sympathy of all.

## Obituary

**ETTA JANE BELLINGER**  
 Etta Jane Bellinger, 93, of rural Mt. Pleasant (Winn) died March 8 in Foote Hospital in Jackson, Mich.  
 She was born March 25, 1880, in Clinton County to Charles and Martha Carr, and moved to Isabella County at one year of age, and lived here the rest of her life.

In her younger days she was very active in the Coomer Church, of which she was a member for nearly 50 years. She also belonged to the Coomer Ladies' Aid.  
 Funeral services were held March 12 at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, Rev. Athel Lynch officiating. Burial was in the Union Cemetery near Winn.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Fay (Veva) Strong of Owosso and Mrs. Cloyd (Mildred) Walden of Jackson; two sons, Clinton of Winn and Clarence of Lakeview; and 10 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.  
 Her husband and one daughter preceded her in death.  
 Mrs. Bellinger lived with her son, Clinton, for many years, and was active and alert until a short time before her death. She was loved by all who knew her.

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## Obituary

**HELEN HUBER**  
 Mrs. Helen Huber died March 13 at CMC Hospital. She was 69 years old.  
 Mrs. Huber was born in Nottawa Township Nov. 23, 1904, and was a lifelong resident of that area. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church.  
 Funeral services were held Friday, March 15, at 2 p.m. in the Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. Edward Krause officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard John; four children, Duane, Mrs. Vern (Adella) Bergery, Ronald, and Mrs. James (Ruth) Griffin, all of the area; four brothers, Edward, William, Harold and Raymond Block; and 16 grandchildren.  
 Memorials were made to Zion Lutheran Church.  
 The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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**NEWS NOTES**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes planned to leave Wednesday on a 10-day trip to Florida.



**WEIDMAN KIDS START PRACTICE**--On the current Tooth Keeper program now being instituted throughout the school.

### TOOTH KEEPER PROGRAM ON AT WEIDMAN SCHOOL

The Weidman Elementary School of the Chippewa Hills district is beginning a program titled the "tooth keeper", in all rooms of the building.

The program is designed to teach proper dental health and help form good tooth-care habits. In pilot programs the "tooth keeper" approach has reduced cavities dramatically, it is claimed.

A film is shown demonstrating proper methods of tooth care, with a follow-up of live demonstrations on model teeth. The final step is to provide each pupil with tooth brush, dental floss, mirror and disclosing tablets.

After initial instruction, pupils are asked to put the proper techniques to work. Each student is given time each day to brush his or her teeth.

Parents should begin to see improvement in their children's teeth in about six months, the school said this week.

The Isabella County Commissioners provided the schools of the county with all materials except toothpaste.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Robert Vaness (Marion Johnson) and son, Richard, of Lindsay, Ohio, came last Monday to spend till Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Kit Johnson. They stopped at the Gerald Johnson home in Mt. Pleasant on their way here. Tuesday afternoon they all visited at the Charles Johnson home in Mt. Pleasant, and spent the afternoon and evening. Wednesday afternoon and evening they were guests of the Tom Powell family of rural Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls spent Sunday with Kenneth and Kay Bowen at Brinton. They visited the Jacques Coons Thursday.

### MICHIGAN OUTDOORS DOES US PROUD ON LIL' MAC

Michigan Outdoors television program did us up proud last Thursday evening with its footage of the Second Annual Lil' Mac Bridge pig-roast-day celebration.

We thought they did well, although we've heard some complaints that an aerial long-shot of the entire landscape should have been included.

They did have a good shot of the Lil' Mac Bridge, and attendants checking snowmobilers for admittance buttons; a long shot of the some 500 snowmobiles on the lovely hills of the Miller farm;

A heart-warming closeup of Elwood and Iola Miller as host and hostess; Harry Pung busy on the four-pig roasting spit over the charcoal fires; Evelyn Hackney stirring her delectable bean soup; the meat cutters starting on a roasted while pig; the guests eating at outdoor tables.

If we've missed naming some, Michigan Outdoors didn't seem to. We feel they did us proud.

Next winter's Third Annual Lil' Mack Bridge Celebration will coincide with the Beal City Centennial year-long observance, and it should be a day to remember.

We must be sure to let Michigan Outdoors know in plenty of time. There'll really be things to show on teevee next winter.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips were Saturday evening shoppers in Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Phillips was in Barryton Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips spent Monday afternoon of this week in Harrison, visiting their sister, Etta Bristol.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

### LAWRENCE LEEMASTER IS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Lawrence R. Leemaster of 8945 East Remus Road has been appointed a legislative-membership chairman for National Small Business Association, a Washington-based trade organization representing over 500 different types of industry and commerce across the country.

Mr. Leemaster is area director for General Business Services, a national counseling firm specializing in helping small business and professional people.

Mr. Leemaster's constituency in Isabella, Montcalm and Mecosta Counties is considered an important part of the more than 11 million small businesses in the United States.

Mr. Leemaster has taught principles of management, personnel management, purchasing and principles of marketing at CMU. He and his wife live in Mt. Pleasant.

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### West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Coranna Shaner spent the weekend with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilkie, near Weidman.

Tony Masachuk entertained friends from Mt. Clemens over the weekend.

Violet Wright did some papering and painting for Mrs. Albert Geasler last week.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson spent the weekend at her home, after some time spent in Flint with her family.

The Paul Coles and Velma spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turnbull and boys spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger.

The Brinton Quilting Club met at the Brinton Hall Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon visited the Paul Coles Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cornell and family of Beaverton visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and children, Pam, Lynn and Mike, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Worth, at Williamston, over the weekend.

The Worths looked for some sucker fishing in that vicinity.

Mrs. Hilda Wixson and Chester Wixson were dinner guests of their brother-in-law and sister, the Paul Coles, and Velma, last Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bart Helmer of near Remus were last week Monday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

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# Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Paul Smith of Fenton called on Irene Smith Thursday.  
 Dora Smith called on Mrs. Leo Gross and Mike Gross Thursday evening.  
 Miss Gertrude Grodski of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Louise Smith and Ann and Dora Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Kitty Gross spent Friday afternoon at the Smith home.  
 Mrs. Marguerite Noble of Winn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau, Friday.  
 Mrs. Monica Grinzinger spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Leo Gross, and Mike Gross.  
 Peter Schafer of Battle Creek spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer and family.  
 Oscar Fedewa spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa. Bob took Mr. Fedewa to Ann Arbor for a checkup and June stayed in Lansing with her son, Ronnie Smith, and family.  
 Mrs. Paul Smith and children spent the weekend with Mrs. Irene Smith.  
 June Blasen and Theresa Smith went to Midland last weekend to help Mrs. Bill Trowbridge with the family while Bill was in the hospital.  
 Mrs. Tony Tilmann spent Tuesday with Mrs. Joe Streng, quilting.  
 Mrs. Joseph Marchiando called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block Wednesday.  
 Mrs. Fred Gould and son of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and family and had dinner with them Thursday. They called on Louise Smith and Ann and Dora.  
 Mrs. Helen Huber died Wednesday, March 13. She was a sister of Harold Block.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Streng entertained company over the weekend.  
 Ginger Rau called on Mrs. Louise Smith and Ann and Dora Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Mary Pung was a Saturday visitor.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pung and family of Midland spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and family.  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and family entertained company

Sunday.  
 Mrs. Harry Pung called on Mrs. Joe Tilmann Sunday afternoon.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with Louise Smith.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau spent Sunday in Reed City visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Simmer and family.  
 Edna Theisen spent Sunday with Effie Schafer.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh are in Detroit this week.  
 Ruth Klumpp took Terry to Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids Wednesday.  
 Tillie Schafer spent Sunday with Ruth Klumpp.  
 Ida Tilmann spent the weekend at the Albert Tilmann home.  
 Louise Schafer spent Sunday at the John Sheahan home.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schafer spent Monday with Louise Schafer.  
 Regina Faber entered CMC Hospital last week.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh called on Tillie Schafer Saturday evening.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Straus.  
 Mrs. Clara Fox had surgery at CMC Hospital Friday.

## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter  
**BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR TILLIE SCHAFER**  
 A birthday party was held last Wednesday evening, honoring Tillie Schafer on her 84th birthday, at her home in Beal City.  
 Those attending included Milo and Ann Eldred of Blanchard, Ed and Marge Schafer of Coldwater Lake, Oscar and Eileen Schafer of Winn, Bob and Joyce Schafer of Beal City, Jerry and Bethal Schafer of Mt. Pleasant, Ruth Klumpp of Mt. Pleasant, and Louise Schafer of Beal City.  
 Cards were enjoyed, with the men's first prize going to Bob Schafer and second to Ed Schafer; women's first prize went to Eileen Schafer and second to Marge Schafer.  
 A delicious lunch was served, and all enjoyed the party.  
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 Well, we were treated to another snow storm this past week, but spring can't be too far away as the robins are around again.  
 Lynn Schafer and son, Brian,

and Judy Schafer called on Ruth Sherlock Wednesday afternoon.  
 Florence Rupp was a Friday afternoon visitor of Connie Skinner in Weidman.  
 We (Ed, Bob and I) enjoyed supper Tuesday evening with the Wayne Sherlock family, and Wednesday evening Ed and I had supper with the Don Schafer family.  
 Thelma Kolarik and daughter, Mary Jane, took Bob to his plane at the Tri City Airport Saturday afternoon, where he took off for West Virginia and then on to Spain. Loretta Lorenz went along to Tri Cities.  
 Wayne and Ruth Ann Sherlock and family had supper with Jerry and Jane Schafer and family of Rosebush Saturday evening. Other guests for the evening were Don and Judy Schafer and girls, Bill and Lynn Schafer and son, Linda Kandaris and children, Bob Schafer and Sharon McCoy of Alma.  
 Guests here Sunday were Wayne and Ruth Ann Sherlock and children and Jerry and Jane Schafer and children, and their nephew, Chad Kandaris, and their cousin, Sandy Pingatore, all of Rosebush.  
 Jimmy and Michael Straus had dinner Sunday with their grandmother, Loretta Lorenz.  
 Rosie and Lori Simmer called at the Lorenz home Sunday afternoon. Max and Vera Straus

and girls called in the evening.  
 Eula Dunn was back in the hospital recently, but is home again now.  
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**BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 16 TABLES IN PLAY**  
 At the regular Thursday afternoon (every other week) card party at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City last week, there were 16 tables of pepper in play.  
 Mrs. Otto Skalitzky won high-score prize for the ladies, with Ida Mae Dent second. Ruby Douglas won low.  
 For the men, Julius Biserchbach won first prize, with Louis Rau second. Jack Cotter won low.  
 Mrs. Sheahan won the pepper prize. Eva Phillips won the door prize.  
 The next card party at the Beal City Knights of Columbus Hall will be Thursday afternoon, March 28. Everyone everywhere is cordially invited to attend.  
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**NEWS NOTES**  
 Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Claribel Beutler.  
 Mrs. Alton Allen and Mrs. Ivan Allen returned last Thursday from a two weeks' visit in California. They attended the wedding of their niece while there.  
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## Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Friday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, to celebrate Thelma's birthday, were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leiter and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stebelton and daughter of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and family. Barbara Loomis was a Thursday overnight guest.

Tuesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons were Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent, Ed Pike, and Clyde Monroe. Wayne Fifield also called several times during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Savage of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck. The Dillenbecks were Tuesday evening visitors of the Austin Dents. Friday evening they called on Mr. and Mrs. Lee Frantz at Mecosta.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzy. Ar-dith Thompson was a Sunday afternoon caller.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wilcox attended baptismal services for their grandson, Jason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wilcox, at Mt. Pleasant Sunday. Mrs. Wilcox and sister-in-law attended the bingo party at Sacred Heart Thursday evening.

Clyde Dosenberry called on his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock, Sunday. Philip Schrock spent Saturday with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hartzler called on the Schrocks during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Smith were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray and family. Bonnie Forbes and children and Lester and Mary Terwilliger were Saturday evening visitors.

Barb Gray, Mary Terwilliger, Bonnie Forbes and Carol Gross were among those who enjoyed colored movies at the Mick Schmalbach home Friday evening, of the recent Vern and Cheryl Smith wedding.

Denise Denslow, who is attending CMU, spent last week with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow. Sunday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald DeVries and family of Big Rapids, Mabel Cummins, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cornell and daughter, Tina. Scott and Michael Finney spent the weekend with their grandparents.

We visited Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family Sunday evening. We also called on Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and

Dad and Mother Loomis during the week.

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## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. James Dutcher are the proud parents of a baby son, Michael James, born last Thursday morning at Kelsey Hospital at Lakeview. He weighed eight pounds and 10 ounces. His two older sisters think he's just O. K. Betty and new baby came home Saturday, doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn and I visited the Jim Dutchers Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis of New Era were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen had lunch with their daughter, Julia Dutcher, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons spent Saturday with the Robert Dutchers. Barbara and Patti Dutcher visited the Theodore Cases Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler visited the Bernard Wilsons of Shepherd Thursday evening. Laurel and Donald spent over night with Diane and Billy Beutler. Howard's attended Fellowship dinner after church Sunday, then visited the Dean Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatehouse and family were Friday evening guests of the Harry Gatehouses, helping Harry celebrate his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Garner of Remus and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barkyoub of Lansing were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sisco and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti visited the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Saturday evening. Monroe Beckwith of Otisville visited them Friday and Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher had lunch with the Brian Dutchers Friday evening.

Monroe Beckwith of Otisville spent Wednesday and Saturday over night with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. He spent Friday over night and till after lunch Saturday with us. Kim and Shelly Dutcher spent a few days with me while their mother, Betty, was in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad visited his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday.

Beth Hogg, Nancy Losey and Tim Jackson were callers at the Ervin Dutchers', Jr., home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher

and sons of east Mt. Pleasant called on us Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Perry of Remus Monday evening. They went to Grand Rapids Wednesday. Fern Verette went with them, and they called on an aunt, Carrie Mooney, while there.

Clayton Dutcher called on his brother, Ervin, one day last week.

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## CHATS WITH A COUPLE OF OLD-TIME AREA FOLKS

We had delightful chats with two old-time area residents, Pat Bunting, and Dewey Kirvan of Barryton. Pat is an old-time Two Rivers resident and Weidman School student.

He said that with the passing of Blanche Cliff, the last of his age group in the old Weidman High School had gone. Pat was in high school here (10 grades) in 1905. He was acquainted with Pearl Kew, and with Lila Harrington, whose father had a livery barn approximately where Dr. Gillett built his stone-pillared-porch home on Main Street just west of the old railroad tracks. Lila's father died, Pat said, and Lila lived with Blanche Cliff until she finished high school in Weidman. Mr. Harrington, incidentally, was a member of the school board, the school district being a Not-tawa-Sherman fractional district.

Pat said he thinks he knows more people in four counties than any other living citizen. Pat is 83, and hale and very much alert and hearty. His wife, Tressie, wrote the Two Rivers news for the old Messenger, for years.

Pat is a brother of Jesse Bunting, whom Ye Ed remembers as "one of the big boys" at the time she was a lower-grade pupil in the Weidman School east of town, across the Coldwater River. (We all walked to school, even us west-side town kids, and then we walked home for dinner at noon, back to school, and back home again. We never dreamed we were "underprivileged".)

Jesse Bunting played on the first baseball team in Weidman, composed of anyone who could and would play baseball. There were no high school teams in those days.

Jesse Bunting was the first volunteer from Isabella County in World War I. He was teaching school near Clare at the time.

Then, shortly, Dewey Kirvan of Barryton dropped in, and we reminisced about the old days.

Dewey said his richest time of life, financially speaking, was when he was 18 years old and got a job on the building of the Airline Road in the Horr district (gravel, of course). He said he worked 60 hours a week and got \$12 for his week's la-

bors.

"That was a lot of money in those days," Dewey said. "I was literally rich."

He said the contract for building that section of the Airline Road was let to a man who had a big farm near Mt. Pleasant, and the contractor-farmer ran smack into muck bottom under the road from the Thompson place across the Chippewa River to the corner west. He said nobody thought of core drilling, in those days, to find out what might be under a roadbed, and the farmer-contractor lost his mortgaged farm in the disaster of learning that the road at that point had no bottom.

Dewey's grandfather, Samuel Kirvan, came here in 1879 from Canada, when Dewey was seven years old. They took up land on what is now the Bunk Wood place and part of the Mack Denslow place. He said the house which is now the beautiful modernized home of the Bunk Woods was built with a cut-face stone wall, of lumber costing \$2.50 per thousand feet.

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## Local Items

Frank Poet of Clare was a Saturday morning caller of Edna Schultz, and took her to Clare to attend the funeral of William Stephenson. Floyd Thompson of Alpena brought her back home in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Darnell and family of Stanton and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey and family and Mary Clark of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth and her grandson, K. C. Charnes of Mt. Pleasant, planned to visit Jesse Haskins at Bellaire, who was 100 years old Tuesday, March 19.

Mrs. Tom Flower and new baby were guests of the David Flowers last week. Tom came the weekend and took them home to Petersburg, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goodrich and daughter of White Cloud spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur and son.

Mrs. Tracy Bywater and daughter called on Mrs. Ethel Bywater Wednesday afternoon.

Pami Sprague spent Saturday night with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague.

EXPIRATION DATE--Of your subscription appears each week beside your name, address.

## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Herman Lueder was hostess to the Broomfield Lutheran Church Aid last Wednesday evening, in the church parlors.

Mrs. Vern Bergey's mother, Mrs. Helen Huber, was buried Friday from the Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Bergey's son, Philip Dent, who is stationed in Colorado, is spending his two-week furlough with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines were Sunday dinner guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Flachs, of Remus. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were Saturday evening guests at the Hines home.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook had supper out Friday, and spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner were Sunday dinner guests of the Ralph Flaughers. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot were Saturday evening guests of the Ray Flaughers. Mike Flaughner had Tuesday supper with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kennedy spent a week visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Perezzyk, of Laurel, Maryland.

Mrs. Leona Courser and Mrs. Dorothy Breuer called on Mrs. Nettie Baker Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Orville Reed visited Nettie Saturday.

Dwight Aungst of Williamston called on Edwin Courser Sunday.

Mrs. Renada Johnson and Mrs. Janet McCreight spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Leona Courser. Mrs. Courser visited the Stinson Funeral Home to pay respects to Mrs. Etta Bellinger.

Mrs. Doyle Plank was a Tuesday dinner guest of her mother, Blanche Carr. They attended the funeral of Mrs. Etta Bellinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Meade visited at the Herman Cook home Saturday. Mrs. Terry Krueger and baby and Kathy Krueger were Sunday visitors.

Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar spent Tuesday afternoon with the Paul Lueders. Mrs. Robert Cook called at the Crowley and Leinaar home Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Joan Smith and Mrs. E. R. Rhode called on Mrs. John Spayd Tuesday. Mrs. Joe Gostola was a Sunday visitor of Mrs. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen took Mr. and Mrs. Donald Edgars of Lakeview and went to Grand Rapids Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family were Thursday supper guests of the Allens. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bush of Tubbs Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burkett of Dowagiac and Mr. and Mrs. Allen called on Mr. and Mrs. Ward O'Boyle of St. Louis Sun-

day.

Roderick Nicholson and Blaine Sellers toured Texas and Old Mexico the past week, and saw much that was of interest, especially the Copper Canyon in Mexico, which far surpasses in size the Grand Canyon.

Mrs. Kate Martin was hostess to the CMC Club Thursday, with 12 members and two visitors present.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan and granddaughter, Brenda, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Swan and family of Drayton Plains Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Marshall and Emerson Marshall and friend were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Marshall.

Mrs. Eldon Marshall spent a few days last week with Mrs. Leo Leach of Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan MacGregor and children spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen were Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson and family in Mt. Pleasant.

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Edna Teeter has been in Grand Rapids this week, visiting her son, Harold, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geasler were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Cummings and family of Barryton.

Connie Fletcher and her mother, Irene Bowen, and I were in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Don Scott has been ill with flu the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Wright and boys of Flat Rock spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

Lewis Bowen took a bus load of students to Standish Saturday on a debating team trip. Janet Beers participated in the activities from here.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lofgren called at the Lewis Bowen home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher and Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Haenke and boys also spent the day with them.

Jane Fields and I were in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday. Dad and I were in Evart Saturday.

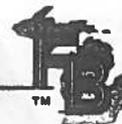
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## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and Grant of Rosebush were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Claribel Beutler. They were making a tape to send to their son, Ron, in Australia. All the family had talked on the tape.

Bonnie Sprague, Jennie Sprague, Bessie Teall and Theo Dent were callers of Mrs. Lillie Suylandt at the Frances Hartgrave home near Loomis Wednesday morning.

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**ROYAL CANDIDATES FOR WEIDMAN SCHOOL CARNIVAL--**  
A boy and a girl from each elementary grade in the Weidman school have been selected as candidates for King, Queen, Prince and Princess at the annual Weidman School Carnival scheduled for Saturday evening, April 6, from 6 to 8.30 p. m., sponsored by the Weidman Mothers Club.

Shown above are candidates for King and Queen, left to right: David Embrey, Bland Schafer, Pam Sprague and Maureen Riley. They are in the Fourth and Fifth Grades.

**IN THE PHOTO AT RIGHT....**

**OTHER PRINCE AND PRINCESS CANDIDATES--**Are, left to right, Raymond Shafe, Denise Schafer, Linda Maxon, Tim Gray, and Jill Cook. They range from Kindergarten through the Third Grade. Scott Wilcox, another candidate for Prince, was missing when the photo was taken.

Final selections will be made by parents and friends by a method using canisters placed in the school and the Weidman Rexall Pharmacy. Voting may be made by dropping pennies into canisters with the donor's choice shown by pictures and names atop the canisters. Each penny collected will count as one vote. Other coin or bill denominations will be counted according to number of potential pennies in them.

The Weidman Mothers Club is a very active organization, devoted to obtaining needed teaching and recreational materials for the Weidman school.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mrs. Leah Scharrer and Mrs. Clarible Beutler called on Mrs. Bessie Teall Sunday afternoon.

Alan Snider and his band group played at Union City, near the state south line, Saturday night at a high school dance. He plays with Tim Pung and Tim Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts had all their children home Friday and Saturday, celebrating the birthday of Mona Wood. Present were Mona and David Wood and baby, Ron and Janet Apple, and Cheryl Pitts, all of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker and family. Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott were Sunday evening visitors.



**FOR THE THIRD GRADE--**Were chosen Rochelle Hines and Mike Hartzler as Princess and Prince candidates.



Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Flower. Mr. Showalter was especially pleased with the new baby, who was named for him.

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