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Editor's Column

By Connie

IT'S REALLY SPRING

So, at the last of April, we've been having real spring weather. Flowers are blooming, trees beginning to think about leafing out, weeds are growing in lawns (you should see ours!), gardens are being planted.

It's spring.

The D&R Drive In Restaurant is opening this week, Jack Houghton is back at work on building his marina on Lake Weidman on Woodruff Road.

Television programs are being knocked off the air to make way for Tiger baseball (durn it!).

It's spring.

Fish are grabbing at bait in Lake of the Hills, and we no longer need to buy beef liver for our cat, The Queen, at \$1.09 per pound. For that kind of money, we'll take our fish pole and go out our kitchen door and down to the lake and fish.

This is the time we've been waiting for since last October, and beautiful it is!

We apologize to Ted Smith, whose name was omitted from the list of auctioneers at the annual Firemen's Auction recently.

Actually, Ted has been assisting Bob Myers ever since the first auction for the Firemen was inaugurated, and again he started off the bidding this year.

We didn't mean to, Ted!

What with prices of vegetables at food markets, we went out on our lawn Sunday and gathered up a mess of dandelion greens.

Now, we personally never cared much for dandelion greens, although they're said to surpass spinach and other "greens" in vitamin content.

But, with prices being what they are, we'll also eat dandelion greens. They're not bad, with mayonnaise served while the "greens" are hot.

Try it, you'll like it--they're free!

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael St. Germaine of Cadillac, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Glenn of Westphalia, Miss Gail St. Germaine, and Mrs. Cecelia St. Germaine of Newcastle, Ind., were Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family.



JIM HUGHES

MT. PLEASANT RADIO NEWS DIRECTOR KING OF NATIONAL TROUT FESTIVAL

Radio news director Jim Hughes of Radio Station WCEN at Mt. Pleasant has been chosen the 1973 National Trout King for the 37th annual Trout Festival in Kalkaska this weekend, April 27 through April 29.

Jim Hughes is not a fisherman, but he was chosen for his work and interest in ecology and the maintaining of Michigan's natural resources of all kinds.

The National Trout Queen is 18-year-old Roberta Jean Centilli of Houghton Lake, that area's first such honor.

They will attend an outdoor writers' dinner Friday night at the Hotel Kalkaska, and take part in the Grand Royal Parade Saturday afternoon, after Mr. Hughes receives his crown. Miss Centilli received her crown the night of April seventh, in competition with seven other girls.

The Queen competition went smoothly except for a few times when an overloaded circuit-breaker shut off electricity to the organ and footlights. But the girls kept singing a selection from a Walt Disney production, and the organist continued playing--and when the electricity returned everyone was on key--as though it had been rehearsed.

Saturday and Sunday are big days at the Trout Festival, with a Grand Ole Opry Show Saturday night and a Western-style rodeo Sunday afternoon at the Kalkaska County Show Grounds along M-72, west of Kalkaska.

WISCONSIN BALLOON PUTS DOWN ON OJIBWA AIRSTRIP

Archie Jerore, a resident of the Lake Windoga area of the Ojibwa Recreation area, spotted a small colored balloon on the landing strip for planes at Lake Windoga last Tuesday, April 17, and a note attached to the balloon designated the balloon as being a science experiment by Eugene Modesti, Room 8, West Ridge School, Racine, Wisconsin.

Mr. Jerore discovered the balloon at 4.30 p.m., during heavy southwest winds here which apparently brought the Wisconsin science experiment to Lake Windoga.

There were two balloons fastened together, one yellow and one pink. The yellow balloon was broken, but the pink one was intact. String attached to the balloon and securing a plastic bag containing a return card, was entangled in two-foot weeds on the runway at Windoga.

Mr. Jerore got out his map, and figured the small balloon had traveled 153 miles in probably less than 24 hours.

Mr. Jerore filled in the card and mailed it back to the boy in Racine. "If a kid has gumption enough to send out an experiment like that, I'll do what I can to encourage him to amount to something," Mr. Jerore told the Messenger.

Mr. Jerore is a veteran devotee of lapidary and precious-metal work, having gone through all the stages of the "rock hound" work of gathering semi-precious stones and working them into lovely cut-stone pieces, to the semi-professional status of in-

Men in Uniform

Pvt. Ronald Stanley was here on leave from Fort Riley, Kansas, to attend the funeral of his grandfather, Russell Stanley.

Ronald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley of Weidman. He is on a three-year enlistment in the Army.

Lieut. Thomas Straus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Straus, is home on leave, having graduated from Officers' Training School at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He will be stationed in Sacramento, Calif., after his leave.

RM/3 Harold Straus is also home on leave, arriving here from Guam Monday of this week. He will be stationed also in California, at Alameda, near Oakland.

Harold is home for 23 days.

SS/W Lee Flaughter and family of I. K. Sawyer Air Force Base in the Upper Peninsula and Mrs. Audrey Flaughter were Thursday visitors at the Raymond Flaughter home.

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MEETING THURSDAY EVE FOR LITTLE LEAGUE MANAGERS

Walter J. Smith, Secretary-treasurer of the Weidman Little League, announces an organizational meeting this Thursday evening, April 26, for the purpose of securing managers for Little League baseball teams this summer. The meeting will be at the Weidman Fire Hall at 8 p.m.

All adults who have been team managers, or all who would like to manage teams, are urged to attend.

A sign-up session will be held April 30 at the Fire Hall at 8 p.m. for boys who plan to play baseball this season.

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NEWS NOTES

Cheryl Pitts of Lansing spent the weekend at home here.

structor in a stone-cutting and silver work class for the adult education department of the Chippewa Hills Schools a year ago, held at his home.

Since then he has organized a lapidary club of 30 members who meet at the Chippewa Hills High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerore returned last week from a 10-day trip to Memphis, Tenn.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Helen Strang started work at the State Home in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Sympathy goes to the family of Russell Stanley, who passed away last Wednesday evening at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. Funeral services were held from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton Saturday, with burial in the Vernon Cemetery near Clare.

Alfred Bartley visited his doctor in Remus Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Wright and boys spent the weekend with his Dad, Russell Wright, and called on their mother, Violet, who is in CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant. Violet was expected home the first of this week. Their daughter, Evelyn, and family spent the weekend and also called on her mother at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and girls called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Strang, of Mt. Pleasant, Thursday evening.

Emily Geasler of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Geasler of Ames, Iowa, were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler. They attended the wedding of their cousin, Kenneth Graham, in Clare, Saturday evening. Others attending included Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fosberg and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Geasler of Pontiac, and Carl and Ellen Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bailer were smelt fishing one night last week, and returned with a very nice catch.

Margaret Sisco called on her mother, Mrs. Whaley, Friday, and Mrs. Whaley returned home with her for a few days.

The Sunday School from Brinton had early Easter services and then enjoyed a breakfast at the Community Hall afterward.

Ralph Geasler returned home from Ferguson Hospital in Grand Rapids last Tuesday, after a 10-day stay.

Jo Waid of Lake Station took her sister, Lizzie Conley, to the emergency room at CMC Hospital Sunday night for treatment of an infected tooth.

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NEWS NOTES

Ula Cummins and Helen Smith were in Ithaca last Wednesday, where they had dinner with Ula's son, Larry Cummins, and family, and spent the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and family and Mrs. Edith Touchinski were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon of Brinton spent Saturday evening at the Touchinski home.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. John Balent and daughters, Amy and Heather, were supper guests of their grandparents, the Paul Coles, Friday evening.

Tony Masachuk went to Ludington Saturday to visit his father and brother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Balent called on Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon, Friday.

Richard Mahon went to Ohio Friday afternoon to visit his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Lamp, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell and Dicky and Mr. and Mrs. John Mossell, and Mr. and Mrs. John Balent spent the weekend at the Mossells' cabin. They all were Easter Sunday dinner guests of their grandparents, the Paul Coles.

The Coles were Saturday dinner guests of Joe Mossells.

Dan Kripa planted 6,000 evergreen trees, pines and blue spruce, on his Coldwater Township farm this weekend. He gave the Coles five nice blue spruce, and he also planted several pines east of our house, so that we may watch them grow. It is always nice to have friends so thoughtful.

Our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Mary Hanner.

George Cornell of Gladwin helped his brother-in-law, Norman Geasler, plant oats Saturday.

Easter Sunday dinner guests of the Geaslars were her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Cornell, and family, her sister, Mrs. Lois Vander Ried, and family, and her sister, Nancy, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ried, of Gladwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Powell and daughter called on the Norman Geaslars Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth, and family spent from Thursday till Sunday evening in Northern Michigan, camping.

The Paul Coles got a report that their grandson, Albert Lague, has his discharge from the service. It appears Uncle Sam doesn't want to support married men with children.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith attended the funeral of Mrs. Edna Hammond at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler was an Easter Sunday dinner guest of the Forrest Johnston family in Rosebush. They attended services at the UME Church there.

REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS NINE TABLES IN PLAY

At the Rebekah sponsored card party last Tuesday, there were nine tables of pepper in play.

Gladys Wilson won high for the ladies, with Jack Cotter winning high for the men.

Pepper prize went to Catherine Schafer. Mrs. Ethel Wager won the consolation prize, with the door prize going to Ida May Dent.

Coffee, tea and cookies were

served as refreshments.

The next meeting for the Rebekah card party in Weidman will be Tuesday afternoon, May 1. Everyone is invited.

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Alton Allen underwent surgery at Ferguson Hospital in Grand Rapids last Wednesday, and is expected home this week. Mrs. Allen spent Friday and Saturday at the home of their son, Rev. Carl Allen, and family, at Midland.



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as lunches.
Apr 19t2

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April 19tf

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thur Library in Weidman Sat-
urday, May 12, 9 a.m. to
noon. Please bring tools, buck-
ets, water. Painting and clean-
ing.
Apr. 19t2

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day through Friday. 3/4 mile
north of Weidman on Wood-
ruff Road, 4th house on left
side of road. All sizes clothes,
misc. items.
Apr. 26t1p

FOR SALE--12x50 House Trail-
er, lived in one year. Like
new. One mile west of Weid-
man on Airline Road, south
side of road. Paul Fahnestock.
Apr 26t2p

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all my
friends, neighbors and rela-
tives for the flowers and cards
I received during my stay in
the hospital, and since I have
been home.

Ralph Geasler

Obituary

RUSSELL STANLEY

This area was saddened by
the death of Russell Stanley
last Wednesday at CMC Hospi-
tal, after a long illness. He
was 72.

Russell and Esther have coun-
less friends throughout this area,
having lived at their farm home
on the Brinton Road for more
than 30 years, before they
moved to Weidman last fall.
They owned and enjoyed the
beautiful farm known to town
people first as Allen's Woods,
and then Stanley's Woods,
where hardwood trees and a
profusion of spring wildflowers
gave delight not only to the
owners, but to every passerby.

Russell was a devoted hus-
band and father, and the fam-
ily have close ties.

Russell Stanley was born Oct.
29, 1900, in Clare County.

He is survived by his wife,
Esther; three sons, Rev. Russell
Stanley of Mt. Morris, Andrew
(Andy) of Barryton, and Donald
of Weidman; three daughters,
Mrs. Thomas Moore (Marion)
and Mrs. Adelbert Pung (Caro-
line), both of St. Johns; and
Mrs. Donald Pung (Diana) of
Beal City; and 29 grandchildren
and 12 great-grandchildren. Also
three brothers, Clair and James,
both of Farwell, and Max, of
Harrison; two sisters, Mrs. Lu-
cinda Hampton of Harrison and
Mrs. Rose Holmes of Lansing.

Funeral services were held
Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock
from the Daggett Funeral Home
in Barryton, with Rev. Athel
Lynch officiating. Interment
was in the Vernon Township
Cemetery.

The family have the sympathy
of their many friends.

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Obituary

EDNA HAMMOND

Mrs. Edna Hammond died Fri-
day, April 20, at CMC Hospital
in Mt. Pleasant after a week's
stay. She died of heart failure
at the age of 81.

She was born Oct. 15, 1891,
in this area, and married Earl
Hammond, who was born and
raised in the Brinton area. The
family lived near Brinton and
then came to Weidman, where
they stayed many years, and
the family of children was
raised in Weidman.

In the autumn of 1965, Edna
Hammond moved to Mt. Pleas-
ant to live with her widowed
daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Thei-
sen. She remained with Doro-
thy until her last illness.

Surviving are three sons, Har-

vey of Harrison, Max of Ubyly,
and Curtis of Bay City; three
daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Thei-
sen and Mrs. Madeline Nagy,
of Mt. Pleasant; and Mrs. Doris
Doonbos of Kalamazoo; also a
sister, Mrs. Clara DeWitt, of
Grand Rapids; and 27 grand-
children, 26 great-grandchil-
dren, and one great-great-grand-
child.

Funeral services were held at
11 a.m. Monday from the Crit-
tenden Funeral Home in Remus,
with Rev. Athel Lynch officiat-
ing. Burial was in Fairview
Cemetery at Weidman.

Edna Hammond had very many
friends here, who will be sad-
dened by her passing.

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The Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
(1 mile west of Weidman)
Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, ph.
644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.,
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
Choir practice Thursday, 6.30
p.m.

We had a very nice attend-
ance for the Easter service
Sunday. There were 22 in
the adult Sunday School Class,
and many visitors to the
church for Easter.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Athel J. Lynch, Pastor
Office phone 644-3336, par-
sonage 644-3441.

Church School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 11.15 a.m.
Sharing and Bible Study on
Thursday, 7.30 p.m.
U.M.W. meetings first and
third Thursday, 3 p.m.
Methodist Men meetings
fourth Saturday, 6.30 p.m.

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Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Choir practice 6.30 p.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
Prayer Service, Wednesday,
7.30 p.m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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south of Weidman on Coldwater
Road.

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

Weidman Messenger

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Some buy it. A gratifying
number subscribe to it. Some
borrow it. Some loan it out to
relatives, neighbors, friends.
We don't mind a bit, because
EVERYBODY READS IT!

LAKE ISABELLA

Lester B. Hall, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Frieling spent several days last week shopping and visiting friends in Grand Rapids. They were met on their return by other Grand Rapids friends, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Boyer, who spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Mrs. Dorothy Rubino and four children, Steven, Marie, Frankie and Karen, came Monday to spend a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McNicol. Mr. Rubino and son, Christopher, are expected to arrive Friday to spend the rest of the vacation here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hall and son, Christopher, of Alma, were Easter guests of their parents and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hall and Mrs. Besie Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Klenk of Detroit were Easter weekend guests of Mrs. Klenk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Beattie. The Beatties accompanied the Klenks to Detroit to attend a family gathering Sunday evening, and remained several days.

Albert Stimetz and son, Billie, of Birmingham were guests for several days during their Easter vacation with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leppan.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Dan Olger of Lansing called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger Saturday. Wednesday visitors were Mrs. Myrtle Decker and Mr. and Mrs. Van Warner of Chesaning. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee of Farwell were Saturday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Olger enjoyed Easter dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee of Grand Rapids called on Laura Latham Friday evening. Mrs. Latham and Al Woodbury called on his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Riggles, Sunday.

Visitors at the John Gott home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Allen, Wednesday; Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott and Ruthie and son, Randy, Dennis Huber, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen, as Friday was John's birthday. Donnie and the two Fiorillo boys took him some candy. Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott

and children came and had dinner, and all had ice cream and cake. John received nice gifts and money. Cathy Alwood came Sunday with a birthday card and money gift. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott and son, Casey Allen, were among the visitors.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. John Gott had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and family, after which they called on their son, John, Jr., and family of Elwell. Monday their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scott, of Lansing, brought their camper, to spend a couple of days with the Gotts.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent took their mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, a beautiful Easter flower plant, and her great-grandchildren from Grand Rapids gave her a lovely cut-flower arrangement.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug McArthur and son were Easter Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Garrett. Later in the afternoon they visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls enjoyed Easter dinner with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague.

Dick Clouse of Lansing visited his aunt, Mrs. Emily Wood, Friday, and brought her an Easter lily.

Miss Colleen Zuke of Big Rapids spent the Easter weekend with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider, and boys.

Gary Sprague was reported as recovering nicely in CMC Hospital, after suffering a heart attack.

Mrs. Ethel Wager enjoyed Easter dinner with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur spent the weekend camping at Shepherd, enjoying the maple syrup celebration preparations there for this coming weekend.

Mrs. Glee Clark of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Jean Brew and children of Comstock Park were Easter Sunday guests of Mrs. Lela Whearett and Don Clark. The party enjoyed dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn, and dessert at the Clark home.

Weidman

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THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 27

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Anna Eldred and Mrs. Bob Tatro and children spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pung and family of Hemlock spent the weekend with the Ed Schafer and Steve Pung families.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer and Sheila and Kimberly of Winn called on Mrs. Tony Schafer Saturday.

Mrs. Joe Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer spent last Monday visiting relatives in Portland and Charlotte.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with the Bob Schafer family.

Mrs. Leo Gross spent a few days in Lansing with Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Dickson and family.

Mike Gross spent Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gross.

Dora Smith was home Saturday, and spent some time with the Mary Pung family.

Mrs. Earl Smalley of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Smith last Tuesday and got her rug that Ann Smith made for her. Mrs. Walter Rau also was a caller. Mrs. Tony Schafer called Wednesday.

Matie Pung went to Portland Wednesday to visit some sick people.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Van Camp of St. Johns stopped and visited their grandmother, Louise Smith, Easter Sunday.

Our sympathy to the family of Russell Stanley.

Mrs. Fred Gould took her grandmother, Louise Smith, to Pleasant Manor Thursday to meet Grandma Bert, who is 90, and is staying there. They had a real nice visit. They also saw Harry Hauck, Mrs. Grisdale, Mrs. Rose Esch, and Bill McGrogan. They all looked good.

Mrs. Walter Rau and Louise Smith visited Joe and Ella Tilmann Wednesday, on their way home from Mt. Pleasant. Joe was sitting on the porch in the sun. Ella was in the house, looking fairly good but thin.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Simmer and Elaine of Reed City spent Easter Sunday with Louise and Ann Smith. They also called on the Walter Raus.

Father Bur is at his new parish. His address: 5083 Park Avenue, Kinde, Mich. 48445.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirvan took his mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, out to Easter dinner at Kirvan's Restaurant in Barryton. Then they went to Remus to the Crittenden Funeral Home to pay respects to Edna Hammond.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Well, a lovely day today (Monday).

Easter Sunday it was raining here. We went to Traverse City and spent the day with our daughter, Ruth Ann Sherlock, and family. When we got to Manton the sun was out and it was partly cloudy, but at Traverse City it was a lovely spring day.

Easter guests at the Joe Marchiando home were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Horan and family of Rosebush, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block and daughter, Marge, and son, Bob, Harvey Schafer, Shirley Anderson of Beal City; Mr. and Mrs. Brad Horan and baby, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Breuer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lichtenfelt spent Easter with their son-in-law and daughter, Tom and Trudy Orr, of Paw Paw.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Frear entertained Mr. and Mrs. David Kerr of Mt. Pleasant Easter day.

Little Heather Schafer, daughter of Don and Judy Schafer, was admitted to CMC Hospital Thursday, suffering from croup. She was put in an oxygen tent, but was fine Sunday evening, so she was able to return home.

Don and Judy Schafer and daughter, Josette, had Easter dinner with her mother, Mrs. Mildred Haynes.

Bill and Lynn Schafer spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Duffy of Shepherd. They had Easter dinner with Lynn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norval Maxon, of Mt. Pleasant.

Elmer Garrett had a leg amputated recently. I'm sure he would enjoy cards and letters from his many friends and neighbors. His address: V. A. Hospital Room 223, Bed 16, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48100. Best Wishes for a quick recovery, Elmer!

The Scott Frears and the Richard Lichtenfelts entertained Joe and Carol Marchiando on their tenth wedding anniversary, at the Lichtenfelt home Friday evening, with a pot-luck supper and evening of pepper.

Coldwater Lake Association's Board meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Nolte residence.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ward were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bunting of Lansing and Robert Johnson of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Courser and children and Mrs. Leona Courser were Easter dinner guests of the Edwin Coursers.

The Broomfield Lutheran Church had Easter sunrise services and breakfast Sunday at the church.

The pastor brought the message and the Youth Group furnished a beautiful musical program.

Mrs. Kate Martin and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Meade. They attended the graduation of Edward Martin, Jr., from Saginaw Valley College Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Bierschbach of Curtis were recent visitors of Kate and Raymond Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder had Easter dinner with the Arnold Krueger family.

Mrs. Cleo Wiley and Roderick Nicholson and Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner were at the Richard Flaughners' for Easter. Mrs. Florence Maxon spent Wednesday afternoon with Minnie Flaughner.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett had their children and their families home for a pre-Easter dinner Saturday.

The Garretts called on Elmer Garrett at the V.A. Hospital in Ann Arbor and were Wednesday overnight guests of the Lachlan MacGregors. Debbie and Raymond Keyser were weekend guests at the Garrett home.

Mrs. Leona Courser and Mrs. Lola Reed attended sunrise Easter services and breakfast at the Coomer Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder and Ralph called on Mr. and Mrs. George Greenwood, Jr., of Vestaburg Saturday, in honor of Robin Greenwood's second birthday. She is the Lueders' great-granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen attended the birthday observance for their grandchild in Holt Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola of Mt. Pleasant called on her mother, Mrs. E.R. Rhode, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Cleo Wiley of Pontiac spent some time with her brother, Roderick Nicholson.

Mrs. E.R. Rhode and Harold called on the Joe Gostolas in Mt. Pleasant Easter Day. Their families were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bugbee entertained a group of people from the Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant at dinner Sunday. Mrs. Nettie Baker was among the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines had as Easter dinner guests their children, the Bud and Ivan Hines families, and Mrs. Bob Hogg and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Campbell of Shepherd had supper Saturday with me and took me to their home for Saturday and Sunday over night, and to the DeWitt Church of God for Sunday services.

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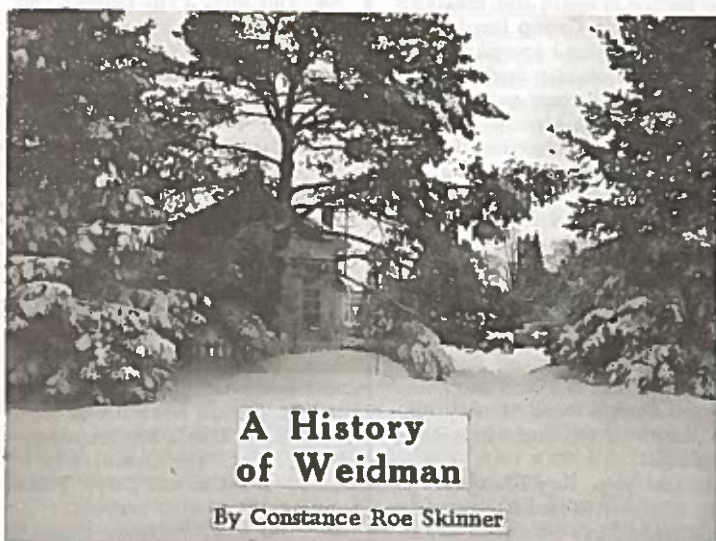


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A History of Weidman

By Constance Roe Skinner

SOME MEMORIES, AND A FEW MEMENTOS

This week we are privileged to print a recent letter from Grace (Woolworth) Watson of Saginaw, who has given us other priceless information of the days she can recall, and the days before that, which she had heard about.

We had written Grace, questioning the appearance of two old-time autos, at least one showing definitely a right-hand drive, or controls. Grace answered our letter, her answer dated April 16, 1973:

Dear Connie;

We have been away again, visited our daughter and her family in Evanston, Illinois, and on to St. Louis, Mo., for the NRTA-AARP Conference. We got home last Friday evening and your letter was with our mail.

Our first automobile (the Charles Woolworth family's) was a Brush or Maxwell, and I think it was a Brush. One seat and a

right-hand drive. My husband says that a few were made that way earlier. I believe the gear shift was also on the right side. I may be challenged on this.

Dad didn't keep that automobile long because it gave so much trouble. It was called a runabout then. The other car in the picture could be the one he bought next. I wish that I knew. I am sure about my Dad, Gene Davis, Bill Rickett and Grandpa Bryant (in the old street photo we printed), also feel reasonably sure that my mother and grandmother are in the small car.

My Dad opened a Harness Shop in Weidman July 15, 1897, and my mother and he were married in Morley Oct. 19, 1897. Nelson, my brother, died in infancy, and my twin brother, Glen, died when we were eight months old.

The Harness Shop burned when we were a few weeks old, and my folks were so grateful to Mrs. John Weidman for her help. You see we lived above the Harness Shop at the time. I believe we lived in what was the Boyer house, and then Dad bought the little house (I believe it is still there) on Main Street, and from there we moved to the house now owned by Leon McArthur.

Mr. Bengal did most of the remodeling for us. I have a small wooden hammer and hatchet that he carved for me at the time.

My folks admired Mr. and Mrs. Weidman very much, and in a business way his advice was always considered. I do not know about financial help. When the Bank was opened, most merchants who were dealing expensive items as implements and automobiles had to have financial backing.

I feel sure that Mr. Weidman must have helped many people in Weidman. I think my Grandfather Woolworth helped Dad, and then my Dad had worked before he left Morley, for Grandpa and Nelson Higbee, his uncle, so he had enough to get started in business.

Dad had two fires, the last

burned the store completely. Then the Mt. Pleasant store burned while he was in Florida. He rebuilt that one.

Florence Decker was a bookkeeper for Dad for many years. She and her father lived on a farm on the Coldwater Lake Road.

There are so many things that I wish I had written down, and all of my family is gone, so there is no one to ask.

Hope this information helps some.

Grace (Woolworth) Watson
Saginaw

Then we came across a letter dated July 16, 1956, from Mrs. Della Eddy. The Eddys were major lumbermen in this area, apparently before John S. Weidman came along for the pine leavings, the cedar, and the hardwood. Here's Mrs. Eddy's letter:

Dear Miss Roe:

Please find enclosed check for Weidman Messenger for coming year.

This is Mrs. Thomas Eddy, but Mr. Eddy passed away, so I am sending you the check in my name, which is O.K.

I enjoy the pictures of old times around Weidman. I can remember well when the town was started.

So many ask me when the old Fisher building was built, and I said about 63 years ago, I thought (1893).

Many thanks.
Mrs. Della Eddy,
Saranac, Route 1

Then an undated, un-postmarked post card, from Mrs. Seward Schultz (Inger Carpenter):

Dear Connie: Just want you to know how much I enjoyed the Museum (on Weidman Day one year). The pictures of the early days in Weidman, those reminders of the pioneers who built the town.

There was Mrs. Middlesworth's old (wedding) shawl. What a saint of God she was.

The little dress of Winnie Barker's. My brother Maurice worked in the Scott Store for some time.

Those old Indian relics. There were so many Indians around there. How I loved their handiwork, baskets, etc.

Still remember their costumes and drums on the first Weidman Day.

My father, Dan Carpenter, came there with Mr. Weidman as the blacksmith, and worked for him until the lumbering days were over.

It was good to meet old friends again.

Mrs. Seward Schultz
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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family enjoyed Easter dinner with the Charles J. Clark family of Shepherd. The Clark family gathered for a holiday get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert and John Pick of Lake of the Hills and Mrs. Sherry Eberbach of Lansing spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Mrs. Ollie Strong and Mrs. Hazel Adams called on Mrs. Ethel Bywater Friday. Friday afternoon the Dale Bywater family of Midland were callers. Mrs. Burr Abrahamson of Mt. Pleasant came and took Mrs. Bywater to her home in Mt. Pleasant for Easter dinner.

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth spent a couple of days last week visiting Anna Williams in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes and Mrs. Emma Middlesworth enjoyed Easter dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes and Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Charnes spent Friday and Saturday in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Nina Forbes spent the weekend in Ithaca with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harvey Brien. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brien and daughter, Lisa, of Breckenridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brien of Mt. Pleasant were guests at Mrs. Harvey Briens' home Saturday evening. They attended sunrise services at the Methodist church, and later church services. In the afternoon Mrs. Forbes called at the home of her grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lyttell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kushion and daughter, Kimberly, of

Waterford were Saturday visitors of their grandmother, Mrs. Kit Johnson. Mrs. Johnson spent Easter Sunday with the Tom Powell family of rural Mt. Pleasant. The Powells' daughters, Linda Millis, and husband and son, Greg, of Grand Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Powell and little Missy of Mt. Pleasant and Nancy, Dave and Tammy of Lake Isabella were also guests of the Tom Powells. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and girls were afternoon callers. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Powell and children were also callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips were in Bay City Wednesday, to spend the day with her brother, Frank Durham. They spent Easter Sunday in Midland, at the home of their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent Monday with the Chuck Roberts family in Lansing. They were Tuesday supper guests at the Harold Krueger home, helping Bryan celebrate his fourth birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent and two grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children, Betty Moses, and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan and family were Friday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent called at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus Saturday to pay respects to Mrs. Edna Hammond, and were Sunday dinner guests of the Lynn Johnson family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Ron, Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran and Micky, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad, and I were Sunday dinner guests at the Gerald Losey home. Mrs. Bea Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gross, Mrs. Ronna Dutcher and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad were afternoon callers.

Mrs. Nina Green and Terry of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Denslow and daughter were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Dianne Martin, Lena Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Miller and Mrs. Betty Jo Martin went to Grand Rapids several times last week to visit Joe Martin. Mrs. Alma Byron and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner called on him Saturday. Greg, Jeff and Brad Martin called on him Sunday. He expected to be home soon.

Mrs. Cora Shippee and Jane were Sunday dinner guests at the Joe Martin home. Mrs. Alma Byron spent the weekend. Joe Carroll was a Sunday caller.

Brad and Woodrow Martin went to Copemish Saturday evening to see Leo Bahr and family. Charles Bahr was a Thursday evening caller at the Joe Martin home.

Monroe Beckwith was a Tuesday overnight guest at the Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad, Harold Losey and Gary and Beth Losey were Friday dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Tiedeman came and took Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey and me to the Theron Merrihew home for a pre-Easter dinner, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Don Merrihew and children were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and girls, Mrs. Edith Touchinski and George Miller were Sunday dinner guests at the Elwood Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were business callers in Chicago Wednesday, and called on Judy Thompson at Kalamazoo College on the way.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wilson and family and a friend and the

John Thompson family were Easter dinner guests of the Jim Thompsons. The John Thompsons were Saturday overnight guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Eddie and Kenny Oplinger and a friend were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger.

Mrs. Flora Wood was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow and their children and grandchildren and Mrs. Mary Strait enjoyed a picnic dinner at the park in Mt. Pleasant Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Root and Mrs. Edna Root were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and family and Mrs. Margaret Denslow were Saturday dinner guests at the Keith Baker home in Grand Rapids, celebrating a pre-Easter and birthday dinner for Dean and Kerri Baker.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter
Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and Karen and Kevin of Clarkston spent the weekend here camping. They had supper with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Saturday, and were Easter dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Edna Merrihew, and George.

Monroe Beckwith of Otisville was visiting here last week. He spent Monday over night with the Ervin Dutchers, and over night Wednesday with the Clayton Dutchers. He was a Wednesday afternoon and supper guest of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee called at the Daggett Funeral Home Friday evening to pay respects to Russell Stanley.

Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley, Jr., and Paul and Joyce of Mt. Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Nation and girls of Salline called at the George Merrihews' while here to attend Mr. Stanley's funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton were Easter dinner guests of the George Merrihews.

Keith Dutcher visited his grandparents, the George Merrihews, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls had Easter dinner with her folks, the Stan Roomsburgs, of Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., called on Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint spent Saturday afternoon and over night with the Clayton Dutchers.

Bertha Minkel, Margaret Orlivein, Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell and Andrew and Dorothy Minkel had Easter dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitz-

gerald.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad had Easter dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman were Saturday callers of the Dutchers, along with Mr. and Mrs. Alan Blodgett. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and grandson, Chad, were Friday evening callers. Beth and Gary were fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher and Patti, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and family and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons of Mt. Pleasant all enjoyed Easter dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yunker and family of Beal City.

Ronna and Linda Dutcher and Chad called on the Harry Hardenburghs and the Gerald Loseys Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher

and Kevin and Karen were Saturday evening callers of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Keith Dutcher had lunch with Steve Saturday.

Bill Hardenburgh of Muskegon was a Tuesday caller of the Dutchers. Clayton Dutcher was a Friday morning caller.

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Local Items

Sunday callers of Connie Skinner were Donald Felisky and daughter of near Flint, and Jim Hughes, news director of Radio Station WCEN at Mt. Pleasant.

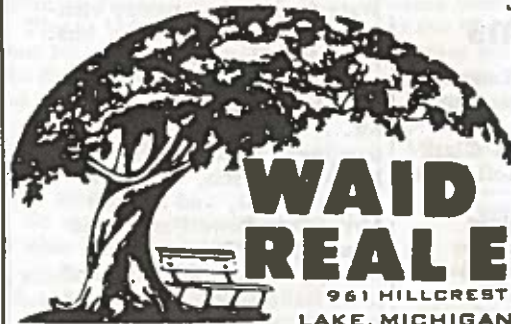
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family of Stanton were Saturday and Sunday callers of his sister, Mrs. Wanda Graham. Wanda and Debbie visited Wanda's, brother, Al Gott, and family at Winn Sunday, and stopped to see Becky Graham in Mt. Pleasant.

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