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Editor's Column

By Connie

WE BEEN COLD, BUT FLARS KEPT COMING ON

In spite of our cold weather the past week or so, spring flowers have been determined to push up through coverings or just plain ground.

Our crocus were up and about to open their blooms when the howling blizzard of March 18 swept through this area. Winds of gale strength, with lots of snow, gave us a 48-hour reminder that winter was not quite done with us. We thought our poor little crocus were frozen.

But they're a hardy bunch. We have never had more beautiful blooms, and we think never so big and beautiful.

Others have other spring flowers in bloom, from snowdrops to the blue frost-flowers to daffodils opening or about to open.

Now, if it would just warm up a little, we'd really feel like spring.

THAT OLD PICTURE IS OF WEIDMAN, AFTER ALL

Since receiving a letter from Grace (Woolworth) Watson of Saginaw anent the old-time photo we've been printing off and on lately, we've been gazing at two old photos we have: The picture we recently ran, and one we ran earlier, both of the business street of Weidman.

On the older one, quite indistinct, is an awning with the word, "Crockery," clearly showing. We checked this against a clearer, sharper picture of the same street (but at a different angle) taken in 1912, and if you put a magnifying glass on it, and study it closely, you can see the word, "Crockery" also in the 1912 photo labeled Weidman Street.

So we gather that the one we are again printing this week, and the one Grace writes about, must have been taken before 1912, as it clearly shows construction work going on at one of the stores, while the 1912 photo does not.

Puzzles, anyone?

WE LOVE OUR LOCAL DOINGS, LIKE SOUP SUPPERS

We do love our local doings such as smorgasbord meals at the Broomfield Grange Hall and

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RON SCHAFER GETS A GREAT BIG RAINBOW TROUT--Out of the Manistee River, early Saturday evening. The huge fish measured 35 1/2 inches long and weighed 15 3/4 pounds. Tim Burke of Farwell, fishing with him in waders, got a 10-pounder. It is the second year of rainbow trout fishing for both young men. Messenger photo

This is the first time either of them got a sizeable rainbow. Ron is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer of Beal City.

It took a good 15 minutes to bring in his fish, Ron said. "He was a fighter, and you have to let them go where they want till they get tired and you can get them in. You can't rush a rainbow," Ron said. "They're too big."

The two were in hip-deep

water, using spawn bags for lures. Both have been fishing for the elusive big fish for the past two years.

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Russell Stanley was still in CMC Hospital the first of this week, for observation and tests. He had fluid removed from his lungs, and we hope he is all better soon. Friends may write him or call on him in Room 205, at the hospital.

Men in Uniform

(AND GALS, TOO!)

S/A FLORENCE FITZGERALD HOME ON LEAVE FROM NAVY
Seaman Apprentice Florence Fitzgerald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald, is home on leave from Navy duty at Bainbridge, Maryland, where she completed a course in radio school.

She is scheduled to be in Hawaii May 6, but does not know yet just when she will have to leave here.

Ronald Stanley was home for the weekend from Fort Riley, Kansas. He visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley, at the home here and at the hospital.

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FIREMEN'S ANNUAL AUCTION SET FOR APRIL 14

The annual public auction of all kinds of things staged by the Nottawa and Sherman Township Fire Department has been set for Saturday evening, April 14, beginning at 8 o'clock in Weaver's Tavern in Weidman.

Articles of every description, large and small (except clothing) are solicited, and will be greatly appreciated by the Firemen.

Those having something to donate may call these numbers for pick-up or instructions:

All on 644 exchange: Nos. 3306, 3595, 2202, or 2035.

The annual Firemen's Auction is an important event, greatly enjoyed by a huge crowd, and the proceeds go to the Firemen for needed equipment.

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FIREMEN HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

The upcoming annual Firemen's Auction Sale was discussed at a special meeting of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department last week.

Also discussed was the annual Firemen's Auxiliary Open House, to be held in May.

The Department has two new Volunteer members: Lou Fiorillo and Allen Marshall.

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Creed and family of Algonac, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus and family of Flushing and Mrs. Lucille Smith and Jim were weekend visitors of Mrs. Leah Scharrer.

Editor's Column

By Connie

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the soup suppers and Lions Club fish fries in Weidman.

Saturday evening we thoroughly enjoyed the Methodist Men's soup supper at the church, along with about 120 others served. They had a real good turnout, the best soup supper they've ever had, as to attendance.

The Methodist Men cleared around \$190.00, for projects the Methodist Men carry on.

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WCEN'S JIM HUGHES IS TROUT KING

Jim Hughes, news director of radio station WCEN at Mt. Pleasant, has been named as National Trout King for 1973, and will receive his crown April 28 at the National Trout Festival at Kalkaska.

He will crown the National Trout Queen Saturday evening, April 7, in Kalkaska.

Jim is active in many civic and humanitarian projects in this area, and is known through his daily newscasts over the local radio.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger called on the Dick Dutchers Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wood of Bay City and Mrs. Emily Wood were Wednesday callers of Mrs. Flora Wood. Mrs. Harold Weeks of Washington was a Friday caller. Harold and Jesse Weeks were up at their farm a few days. Jennie Metcalf and Dean Wood were Friday evening guests. Mrs. Pete Wood and Beth Lynn were Sunday afternoon callers. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist were Sunday supper guests.

Mrs. Minnie Strauch spent Tuesday over night with her sister, Mrs. Hattie Losey. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Sunday afternoon callers.

Karen and Betty Brownell spent Saturday with their grandmother, Mrs. Opal Denslow. Mrs. Ruby Williams was an afternoon caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fletcher and family were Saturday guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and boys attended a high school orchestra spring concert Friday evening. Bill took part in the exercises. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson called on Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Denslow later in the evening. Mrs. Betty Thompson and Mrs. Carol Johnson attended a party Monday evening at Mrs. Marion Beutler's.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent at-

tended Harry's graduation Monday evening. He is now a Fireman. They were also supper guests at their home.

Gerald and Mabel spent Wednesday evening with the Lynn Johnson family. Little Mike Dent spent Thursday and Friday with his grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and children were weekend guests. Gerald and Mabel called on the Harold Kruegers Thursday afternoon.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mrs. Grace Fitzgerald visited Doris Taylor of south Mecosta Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew visited their doctor in Lakeview Monday, and called on Chris and Lena Comstock on their way home. They also called on the Clarence Chaffees. The Russell Stanleys, Jr., were visiting there also. They had come up to visit Russell's father at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

Harry Gatehouse spent from March 20 to March 26 in CMC Hospital, suffering from blood clots in his legs.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines spent Sunday evening with Harry and Beatrice. The Dale Gatehouses called Sunday morning.

The Howard Beutlers and the Carl Beutlers attended the soup supper at the Weidman church Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and Kevin and Karen spent Saturday over night and had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. They all visited the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons visited us Tuesday evening. The Robert Dutchers of Midland were Sunday afternoon callers. Richard, Jim and Garry were callers during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyke and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher had supper out Thursday evening, celebrating Betty's birthday.

Brian Dutcher visited the Ed Wernettes of Greenville Friday evening, and brought Linda and Chad home. They had lunch with the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Saturday.

Steve Dutcher visited the Brian Dutchers Sunday.

The Richard Dutchers called on the Theodore Cases Saturday afternoon.

The George Merrihews called on the Dewey Kirvans of Barryton Thursday.

Betty Dutcher called on the Merrihews Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and Kevin and Karen of Clarkston and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton had Saturday supper with George and Edna. The Monroe Dutchers called Sunday on their way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler

and family called on the Forrest Johnstons and the Jim Beutlers Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beutler were Sunday dinner guests of the Carl Beutlers.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jackson of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Curtiss and family were Sunday visitors at the Fred Wilcox home.

The Momany family spent Sunday afternoon and evening with

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Corser and family at Houghton Lake.

Jerry Horstman went to Argrave over the weekend with a fishing party, and got a good catch of smelt.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides are building a new home on Lot 77, Plat No. 1, Lake of the Hills. The home will be on a bi-level plan, with attached garage. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hayes of Mt. Pleasant bought the Sides' other home on the lake.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

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dan Road, Weidman, Mich.
Apr. 5tf

Card of Thanks

Dear relatives, friends and
neighbors:

It's hard to find the right words
to express my thanks for all the
prayers, cards, letters, flowers,
plants and gifts I received dur-
ing my stay in the hospital and
when I returned home.

I would especially like to
thank the faculty and school
children of St. Joseph's School
for their daily prayers and love-
ly cards. (The roses were beau-
tiful.)

Again, many, many thanks
and God bless you all.

Christina Bierschbach

Card of Thanks

Dear Connie,

We would like to extend a word
of thanks to you for the fine cov-
erage you did for our basketball
team this year.

We would also like to thank
many of the fine merchants in
the Weidman area for supporting
us by sponsoring the radio broad-
casts and articles in the paper.

Thank you again.

Yours truly,
Ron Schafer,
Athletic Director,
Beal City Public Schools

JOHN SHELDON DIES IN HIS SLEEP AT HOME

John Sheldon, a long-time res-
ident of this area, died peace-
fully in his sleep at his home
here Monday night.

Funeral services were being
planned for 2 p.m. Thursday of
this week at the Daggett Funeral
Home in Barryton, with burial
in the Forest Hill Cemetery.

We will have a complete obit-
uary in next week's paper.

the Churches

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Athel J. Lynch, Pastor
Office phone 644-3336, parson-
age phone 644-3441.
Church School, 10 a.m.
Worship, 11.15 a.m.
Choir rehearsal Wednesday, 7
p.m.



Rev. Javan
R. Corl

Weidman United Methodist
Women will host a Lenten lun-
cheon at the church at 11 a.m.
April 12, with Rev. Javan R.
Corl, United Methodist mission-
ary to Japan, as speaker.

Ladies of local churches are
invited, including those in
Farwell, Rosebush, Winn, Coo-
mer, Barryton, Remus, and
the Weidman Nazarene and
Baptist 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.

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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.

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.

NEWS NOTES

Sheryl and Sheila Stanley and
Doris Pung helped their grand-
mother, Mrs. Esther Stanley, at
her home Saturday.

EXPIRATION DATE--Of your
subscription appears each week
on your address line.

Local Items

Mrs. Mabel Sides visited the
Max Aldrich family Friday
afternoon.

Ed and Agnes Fox have pur-
chased the Alpine Restaurant at
Marion, according to the Mt.
Pleasant paper. He has resigned
his position on the Isabella Co.
Board of Commissioners.

Mrs. Eva Denslow was a Monday
visitor of Mrs. Ethel Bywater.
She also called on Mrs. Emily
Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. John Green of
Wheeler were Saturday supper
guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Al-
len. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Vogel
were Sunday visitors.

Blanche Carr spent Friday af-
ternoon with Ethel Bywater.

Joan Charnes was hostess at an
Open House party honoring her
mother, Mrs. Emma Middles-
worth, on her birthday. About
35 friends and relatives visited
during the party hours Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth spent
Tuesday with Mrs. Ruth Blesch
at Barryton. Ruth was doing fine,
getting around the house and do-
ing household chores, with the
aid of a walker.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower
spent last weekend with their
son and family, the Tom Flow-
ers, at Petersburg, Mich. Larry
and Jennie Leiter also spent Sun-
day with the family there, hon-
oring Tom's birthday.

Mrs. Glenn Frantz was admitted
to Clare Hospital last Wednes-
day night, suffering from respira-
tory infections.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knifer
and children of Clear Lake, near
Big Rapids, spent the weekend
with their grandparents, Mr.
and Mrs. Frank Goodrich. Mr.
and Mrs. Jack Goodrich and
daughter of White Cloud were
Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen and
family of Grand Ledge were
Saturday overnight guests of
their aunt, Mrs. Wanda Graham,
and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. William Batchel-
der of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and
Mrs. Evan Batchelder and son
of Elwell were Wednesday guests
of Mrs. Ethel Wager.

Mrs. Jim Millis and son, Greg,
of Grand Rapids and Mrs. David
Garrett and daughter, Tammy
Jo, of Lake Isabella, and little
Missy Powell of Mt. Pleasant
spent last Thursday with Mrs.
Kit Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McAr-
thur returned last Wednesday
from a 10-day vacation trip to
Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker and
family spent Sunday evening
with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parker
in Broomfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McAr-
thur of Wixsom spent Saturday
with his father, Leon McArthur.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

LAKE ISABELLA

Lester B. Hall, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leppan returned last Thursday from Florida after spending a month visiting relatives and taking in the sights in the Tampa, Clearwater and Disneyland areas. They visited with two sisters of Mrs. Leppan, and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Galler of Dunedin and Mr. and Mrs. Al Junko of Spring Hill.

Miss Jacqueline McNicol and William Morris of Detroit stopped for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McNicol, last Monday. They were on their way to a bank meeting in Traverse City. They brought Mrs. McNicol's mother, Mrs.

Conley, of Alma, who remained here until Wednesday, when Miss McNicol and Mr. Morris returned. Mrs. McNicol served supper to the travelers before they resumed their journey to Alma and Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Frieling returned Saturday after two months of traveling over much of the western part of Canada and the United States. They first went to Playa del Rey, California, to stay with their grandson, Billy, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frieling, were on a trip to Hong Kong and Tokyo, Japan. During this period Mrs. Frieling was called back to Michigan by the serious illness and successful brain surgery of her sister, Mrs. John S. Cook, of Detroit. Mr. Frieling joined her there later, and their vacation was resumed, this

time taking them through western Canada to Vancouver and south to Seattle and other points on the way back to Playa del Rey for a short visit before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beattie returned last week after spending three weeks with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Klenk, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hall and son, Chris, of Alma were Monday afternoon visitors in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hall, and honored the 89th birthday anniversary of their grandmother and great-grandmother, Mrs. Bessie Ellis, which occurred on Saturday.

Your reporter is laying claim to a dubious honor--the first peas planted in the area, March 31st. If you hear nothing more about the results you may

assume the early planting was successful. I promise to report a failure.

This reporter would appreciate all the help he can get in reporting news from this area. If you know any news of local interest, the number to call is 644-2448, and ask for Les.

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Local Items

Mrs. Faye Stephenson and Mrs. Dorothy Poet of Clare spent Monday with their aunt, Edna Schultz. They recently returned from Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Grice and daughter of Sanford spent Sunday with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. Frank Durham of Bay City was a visitor the last of the week.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Valley Welcomes You
view

DINING ROOM HOURS: SUNDAY: 12 Noon to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday thru Saturday 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

SUNDAY: Sunday 12 Noon to 4 p.m. Chicken \$3.50

Children under 12 \$2.00

MONDAY: Dining Room Closed

TUESDAY: Full Menu

WEDNESDAY: Smorgasbord \$4.50 Children Under 12 \$3.00

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Dora Smith visited Mrs. Joe Keiffer Saturday afternoon.

Joe Keiffer visited Bill Pung that afternoon.

Mrs. Shirley Anderson spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. Art Yunker.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell had supper with the Walter Rau family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tilmann and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann returned Sunday from a vacation trip to Spain.

The Ollie Schumachers entertained their club Saturday evening.

Father Neubecker called on Louise Smith and the Will Pungs Thursday morning.

Mrs. Walter Rau called on the Pungs recently, and found them pretty good.

Vera Kavanaugh called on her aunt, Louise Smith, Tuesday morning, before going to her teaching job at school.

Deana Trowbridge of Midland stayed all night with Ann Smith Thursday. June Blasen is taking care of the triplets and the other Trowbridge children this week.

Mrs. Tony Schafer called on Mrs. Mary Pantenburg at the Medical Care Facility Sunday.

Mrs. Beth Schafer is in CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

Bethel Schafer and Ruth Klumpp visited Mrs. Tony Schafer Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schafer took their son, Douglas, to Ann Arbor Friday for checkup.

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

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Well, Monday was a very dreary day.

This past weekend was a busy and noisy one. Early Friday morning (2.30) Wayne and Ruth Sherlock of Traverse City came and left their three children with Grandpa and Grandma, while they went to Kentucky after their truck and belongings. Jerry and Jane Schafer took them, so they left their two children with us also.

Other visitors over the weekend were Don and Judy Schafer and two daughters, Bill and Lynn Schafer and son, Brian, John and Sharon Schafer and three children of Bay City.

Last week Sunday dinner guests of Sonny and Noreen Thelen were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Elias of Pontiac, Mrs. Thelen's brother and wife; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fussman and Doug of Beal City, Margaret Smith of Burr Oak, and Gertrude Gross of Beal City.

John Schafer and sons, Johnny

and Ricky, fished here one day last week. They caught some panfish.

There haven't been too many suckers caught out here so far this year.

I visited by phone Monday morning with Ed's mother, Tillie Schafer, in Beal City. She said her son, Oscar, had a pretty good crowd at his auction last Friday.

I also talked with Clarence Lorenz by phone. He said his mother, Loretta, was enjoying herself in Florida, and expected to stay until the end of April.

Sister Ermina of Beal City was a guest of her brother and wife, Sonny and Noreen Thelen, last Monday evening, at a birthday supper for Sister Ermina.

Sonny and Noreen are sporting a new car.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Gale Krueger went to Saginaw Thursday to get Cindy, as Cindy was ill with a strep infection. She attends school at the Michigan Lutheran Seminary.

Mrs. Ernest Kennedy visited Mrs. Nettie Baker Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Larson of Birch Run were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson.

Kathy Emery is spending some time with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Sisco.

Ray Flaughter came home Monday from Ford Hospital. He was feeling much better. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaughter and family were Thursday evening visitors. The Ralph Flaughters visited Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ella Cox is a patient in CMC Hospital again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines. Mr. and Mrs. Leeland Hines and family of Barryton and Roderick Nicholson were Saturday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Diehl are the parents of a new baby girl.

Mrs. Lorraine Schultz of Lansing visited her mother and brother, Mrs. E. R. Rhode, and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Klumpp were Sunday dinner guests at the Herman Cook home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett and sons went to Saginaw to see Elmer Garrett in the Veterans Hospital. He will have to stay for some time yet. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keysor also.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Toarmina of Warren were Saturday guests of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder were Saturday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook spent Sunday evening at the Herman Cook home.

The Youth Group of the Coomer United Methodist Church met

with Mrs. Leona Courser for choir practice Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Slack of Shepherd and family were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Johnston.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold spent Sunday evening with their nephew and niece and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook.

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BILL AND AYNNE BARZ WIN TRIP TO DISNEY WORLD

Bill Barz, Farm Bureau Insurance Group agent in Beal City, has earned the firm's top sales designation of All American, and will be awarded an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World in Florida.

Bill gained a berth on the All American team by combining high production in total new premiums for 1972 and excellent policy-holder service.

A Farm Bureau Insurance Group agent for seven years, Bill and his wife, Aynne, and their six children live in Beal City.

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Local Items

Mrs. Russell Stanley went with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore to Lake Thirteen Sunday, and they and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Battle and son, Tommy, of Grand Rapids were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and family. They all visited Russell Stanley in CMC Hospital.

SENIOR CITIZENS CARD PARTY HAS 16 TABLES

At the regular Senior Citizens' card party in the KC Hall in Beal City last week, there were 16 tables of pepper in play.

Katherine Schafer won first prize for the ladies, with Veronica Tilmann winning second.

Jack Schumacher won first for the men, with Isadore Schafer second.

Coletta Gross won the pepper prize, Mae Fussman the door prize.

A lunch of assorted donuts and coffee was served.

The next card party at Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, April 12. All Senior Citizens are cordially invited.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pamela of Laingsburg were Sunday evening callers of Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchsinki and family were Sunday guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller, celebrating George Miller's birthday. George returned from a two weeks' vacation in Florida.

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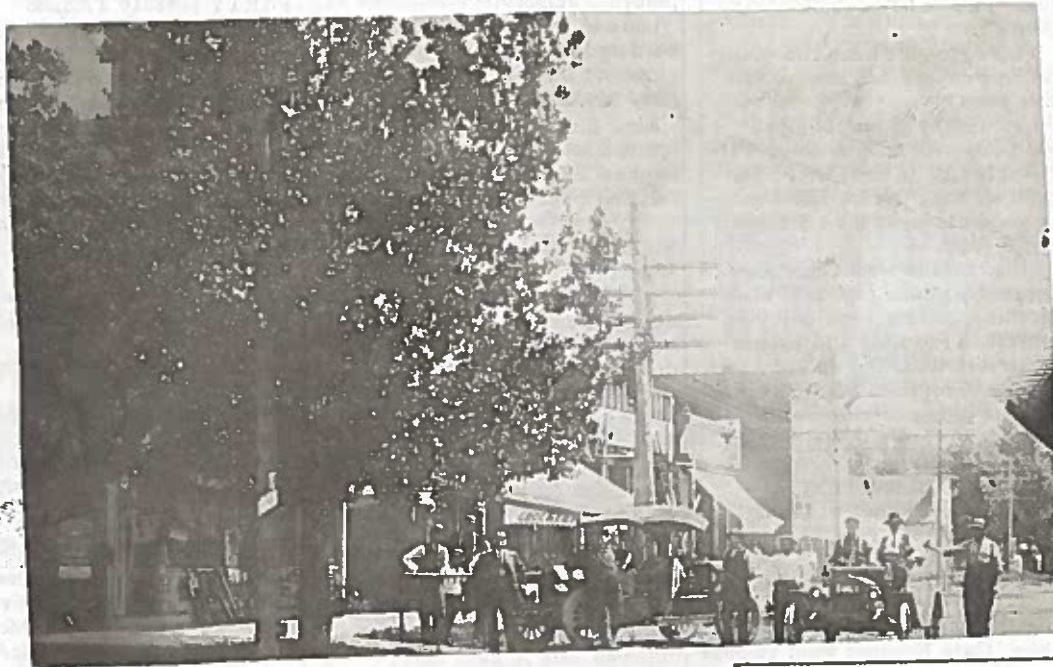
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HERE'S ANOTHER ANALYSIS OF THE OLD PICTURE--Mrs. Cleo Watson (Grace Woolworth) of Saginaw sent us a nice long letter giving her explanation of the street, and the people in the picture. Here's her letter:

Dear Connie;

The Weidman Messenger came today (Thursday), just noticed it is dated March 29, and it arrived this noon so that is good service.

I wanted to get a letter off to you in regard to the picture and its identity.

The picture is in front of Dad's Implement Store; my father is the first man at the left with a sailor straw hat, and the man next to him is Gene Davis, a salesman who worked for Dad.

The man leaning on the car is Bill Rickett, a harness maker, who also worked for Dad. The next man may be Tom Hauck, he took care of our horses and helped with the farm implements.

The man in the white shirt, I believe, is Uncle Fred Woolworth, Dad's brother. My mother is at the wheel of the car (although she did not drive), and next to her is Grandpa Bryant. Grandpa Bryant is standing next to her.

There are a few hand implements in front of the store. I think they are potato planters.

Mr. Dawson had a shoe repair shop, and sometimes sold homemade ice cream (a real treat). The store with the Crockery sign is probably Rau's Hardware Store. They had the telephone office, too. Erie Thompson's Drug Store must be next, and then Drallette's Store.

I have many pictures, but am not sure about this one.

(Editor's Note: When the Roe family came to Weidman in December of 1912, there were, next to Woolworth's, the Dawson shoe repair shop, John Otterbine's barber shop, and a shop that at one time was run by a man named Miller, who sold shoes.

(We believe that those old stores were narrow, small buildings, and after the fire that swept the east side of the business street, wider stores were built probably where one-and-a-half or two of the small old stores stood.)

Back to Grace's letter:

Nov. 16, 1972, you printed a picture of a car. I could tell that the car was in our yard. Later a porch was added at the side. The edge of the lawn swing is showing. Someone later identified the man as Mr. La Pearl. I remembered Nora Coffin, and hear from Florence Dawson LaZelle at Christmas.

We look forward each week to the Messenger, and really enjoy the history that you are giving.

My husband zeroxed a copy of the paper telling of my father's spring display of farm implements, to which farmers and families were invited. I have the original paper that carried this report. It is in the attic, and this spring I will get it out. It is yellowed with age and fragile.

I have a number of old pictures, but when I talked with you on the phone, you said you had many ahead.

My father was a harness maker, learning it from his father. When he started out on his own, he had heard of Mr. Weidman and the need for a harness shop. Mr. Weidman encouraged him to come to Weidman and he did, then gradually went into implements for farms, and as cars began to take the place of

horses and buggies and wagons, he began to sell cars.

In reading this letter over, I should add that Mr. Dawson's store was between ours and Rau's. I also should have said that a porch was added to the side of our house. The picture was taken before Mother and Dad did some remodeling.

We just returned from a trip to California and Hawaii. We drove to Los Angeles, as my husband had been invited to attend the dedication of the Dr. Ethel Pecky Andrus Building at the University of California. It is a building for research on gerontology.

The Messenger is most interesting and is a fine service to the community.

Best regards,
Grace Watson
Saginaw

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NEWS NOTES

Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley of Mt. Morris were last Monday visitors of his mother, Mrs. Esther Stanley, and took her to visit Russell at the Mt. Pleasant Hospital. Mrs. Andy Stanley of Barryton called at the hospital, and Esther returned home with her. Diana Pung took her mother to Mt. Pleasant Tuesday for her checkup. Mrs. Stanley visited at the Walter Faber home and Ilene brought her home for her to attend TOPS Club meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore of St. Johns spent the weekend at the Russell Stanley home, and visited him in the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung of St. Johns were weekend guests of his mother, Mrs. Matie Pung, and visited her mother, Esther Stanley, and her father, Russell, in the hospital.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Nora and Ellen Geasler attended a bridal shower at Clare Saturday evening for Julie Mester of Clare.

Eunice LaLonde spent Sunday with her son, Gary, and family near Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Wright and his mother called on their sister and aunt, Isabel Tupper, in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Wright and boys of Flat Rock spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright. They also called at the Arthur and Gilbert Schrock homes during the weekend.

Roscoe Wright and boys of Greenville spent Saturday at their trailer in Brinton.

Leonard Durkee and family of Beaverton spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Whaley, at Brinton.

Merry Go Round Club will meet at the Brinton Hall Thursday, April 12, where they plan to tie a quilt.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and girls were in Mt. Pleasant Saturday afternoon and evening.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Hilda Sampson and brothers, Chester and William Wixson, visited their sister and family, the Paul Coles, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mossell of South Bend, Ind., spent the weekend with their grandmother, Lena Cole, and Velma. The Mossells visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charlers Merchant, of Harrison, Saturday.

Other visitors of Yours Truly and Velma Saturday were Mrs. Coranna Shaner and daughters, Collette and Colleen, and a friend, of Rosebush.

Paul Cole and Richard Mahon did some fishing near Omar last Wednesday and Thursday. They got some nice suckers.

Saturday dinner guests of Lena Cole and Velma were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing and girls, Connie and Carol and Mavis, of Vassar.

Tony Masachuk spent several days at his farm.

Tom Cole of Detroit came Wednesday to call on the Board of Review, hoping some way, somehow, to convince them that his stony acres here, with only a shack, shouldn't be valued as high as his modern property in Detroit. Tom reports his father, George, is failing at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and Mike, camped over the weekend near Temple, and did some sucker fishing.

George Cornell of Gladwin helped his brother-in-law, Norman Geasler, Saturday, on the

farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, Monday morning of this week. They also visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Zygmund Ptak of Detroit called on his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak, and Brian. Mrs. Debra Atyeo of Lansing and son, Danny, spent Sunday and Monday with her parents.

Kerry McClain and Greg Parker helped Brian Ptak celebrate his birthday, Sunday, with ice cream and cake.

Helen Alwood called on us Sunday evening. Wanda Graham also called, and took Debbie home with her.

Mrs. Ed Olger visited her doctor Wednesday morning in Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson of Mt. Pleasant were Wednesday afternoon callers of the Olgers. Lucy Raglin called Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott were in Saginaw Wednesday. He visited his doctor. They came home by way of their daughter Carolyn's, and brought Penny home with them. The Jim Abbotts spent the weekend with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrish and boys of Corunna called on the Norman Abbotts Sunday and took Penny and Scott home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Muriel Miller and family. Mrs. Lois Knollenberg was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott and boys called on Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chapman and family of Mt. Pleasant Tuesday.

Sunday guests at the Vic Jeffrey home were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Craven and family of Winn and Mrs. Agnes Wing and daughter, Penny, of Mt. Pleasant.

Albert Gott of Winn called on his parents Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott and son, Casey, of Winn called on his grandparents, the John Gotts, Saturday evening.

The Merry Go Round Club will meet at the Brinton Community Hall April 12. They plan to tie off a quilt.

Sunday was Linda Brown's birthday, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright and Mrs. Kate Smith helped her celebrate at the Max Aldrich home. Mr. and Mrs. Jay Aldrich of Mt. Pleasant were also guests. A dinner of barbecued chicken was enjoyed.

Steve Aldrich and Debbie Bedenbender spent Sunday at the Max Aldrich home.

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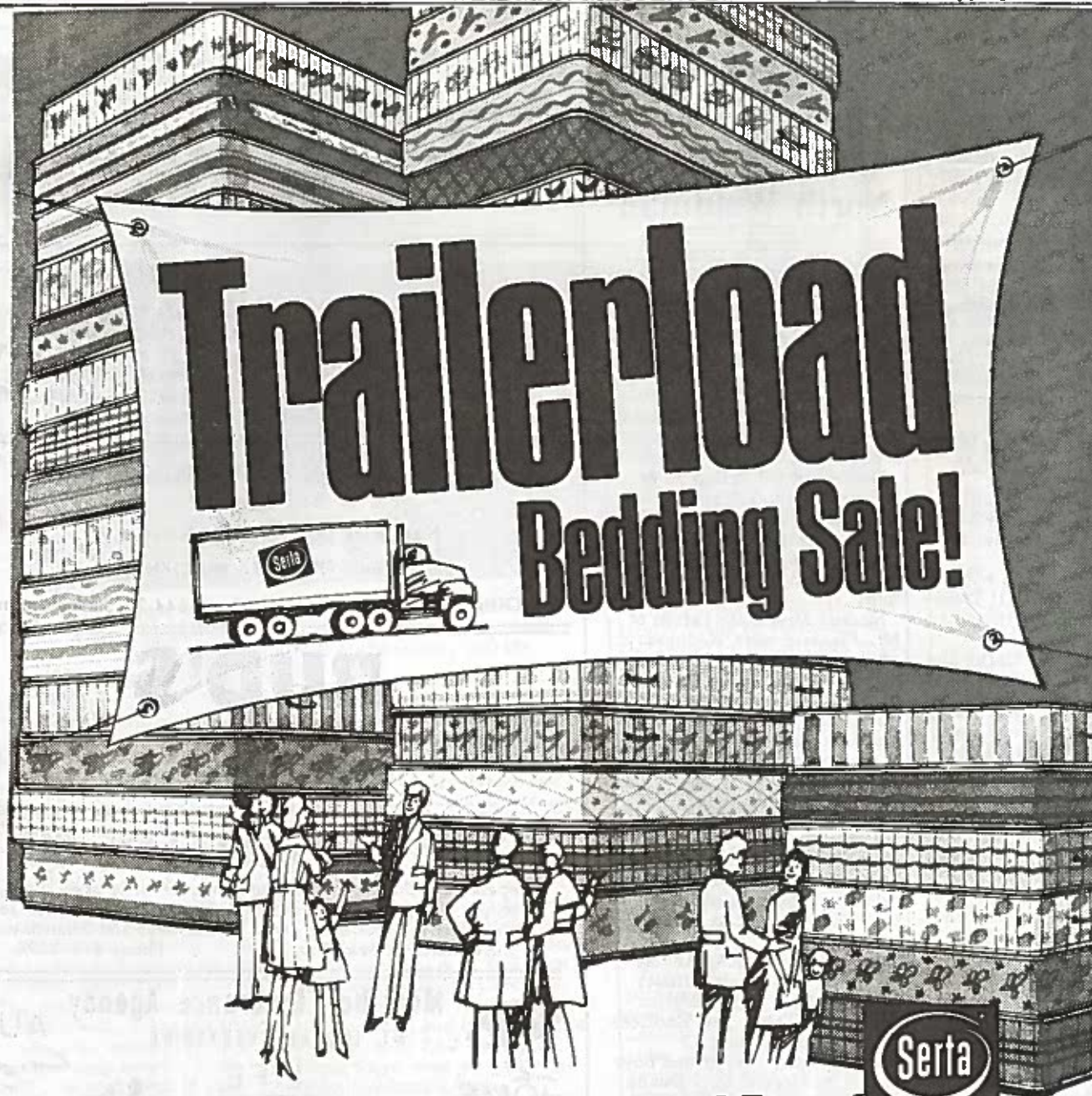


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