

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### WE NEED A NIGHT WATCHMAN FOR THIS AREA

Weidman Town and areas in Nottawa and Sherman Townships are badly in need of night policing, as witness speeders, breakins and vandalism at Mitchell Memorial Park.

We probably could get money from Sherman and Nottawa Townships for this, but the people would have to express the desire for such protection.

We'd suggest that a man be hired from 10 p. m. to 4 a. m., or some such hours; to patrol Weidman's main street and the park, and adjacent areas such as east to Maeder's Sawmill and west to the schoolhouse corner (Coldwater Road).

Drivers behind the wheels of powerful autos just can't resist ramming through town at high speeds, though the business section has a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour; and we have an ongoing program of vandalism at Mitchell Park and other places.

If you who read this agree with this thesis, let Weidman business people know, or write or phone the Messenger. We need to know the sentiments of local folks on the subject of night protection for our town and its outlying areas.

Just speak to any business man or write or phone Ye Ed. We'll gather it all up to present to the two township boards for consideration.

(The liquor tax monies in any township are supposed to be used for bar inspections, and law enforcement.)

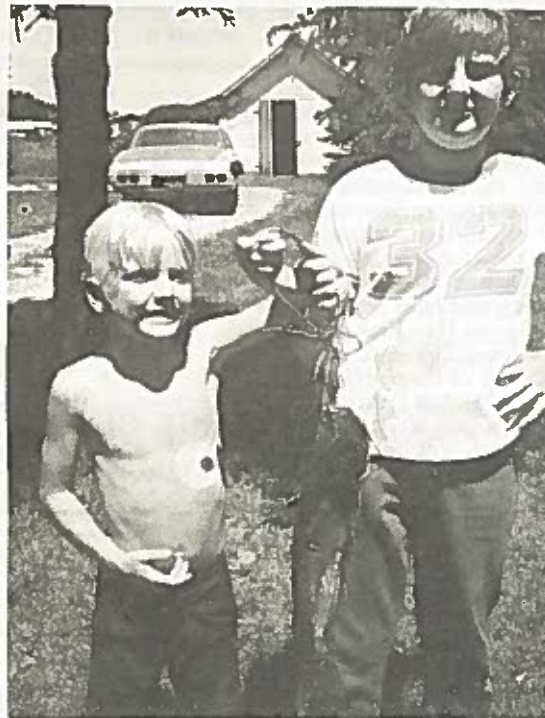
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### SOFTBALL GAME SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT PARK A RIOT

The much-heralded softball game Sunday afternoon between WNEM-TV 5 All Stars and the "Chippewa Hills Maulers" was rated strictly a riot of fun for the more than 300 fans who poured into the park.

Mercifully, the game was limited to four and a half innings, with scores tied at 12-12, to the satisfaction of both teams.

On the local team were John  
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THEIR CHANNEL CATFISH IS A PRIZE CATCH-- Eleven-year-old Wally Joe Smith, son of Walter J. and Jeanne Smith, and Kevin Sides, six years old, son of Thayne and Phyllis Sides, hauled in a 19-inch, two-and-a-half-pound catfish Friday morning out of Lake of the Hills. Messenger photo

The boys were playing on the lake shore in front of the Sides home, with Kevin's fish pole in the boat at water's edge, and the line in the water--with a large bass lure on it.

Apparently the big catfish took the lure and started off--"The line was like this (slack)," Kevin said, "and then all of a sudden it went 'zing!' and we grabbed it."

They hauled it out without a net, with the big hook snagged just barely, on one side of the big mouth of the fish.

The channel catfish is the only fish that can't be taken in cloth nets--their fins are barbed and they catch in the net's webbing and can't be retrieved.

The channel catfish also is the only fish with large and tough enough mouth to gobble up bullheads, of which Lake of the Hills has a plenteous supply.

The catfish were planted in Lake of the Hills about three years ago, a thousand six-inch minnows. The boys' Friday catch evidently was one of the original

planted fish.

Others have caught catfish in Lake of the Hills, of lesser size and varying in size, indicating that the original planting is doing all right and spawning regularly each year, with good survival.

Lake of the Hills, like Lake Weidman (the old Mill Pond) has good feeding bottom for fish of all kinds.

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### FIREMEN'S PICNIC ON A HOT DAY

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Firemen and their Auxiliary enjoyed a pot-luck picnic dinner at the Elwood Miller farm Sunday, at the Little Mac Bridge site.

Main feature of the dinner was a rolled rump roast done over charcoal by Harry Pung, master of charcoal meat roasts.

The Firemen and their wives enjoyed an afternoon of cards and horseshoe pitching.

Although local thermometers registered up to 93 degrees Sunday, the shade and hillsides of

### WEIDMAN CITIZENS HOLD BREAKIN MEN FOR SHERIFF

About 15 Weidman citizens participated in chasing a trio of breakin men last Thursday afternoon just before six p. m., holding them in the field on the south side of Weidman Road across the Coldwater River.

Townpeople rounded them up and meantime the Sheriff's office had been called and Sheriff's men came and took the three into custody at the Mt. Pleasant jail.

The three, aged 17, 18 and 19, were charged with breaking and entering and larceny of coin boxes at the Weidman automatic car wash. They were released on bail to the custody of their parents in Saginaw, and Tuesday morning were given very light sentences in District Court in Mt. Pleasant.

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### BRIDGE ON AIRLINE ROAD WAITS, HALF COMPLETED

The bridge on the Airline Road at the Thompson farm three miles west of Weidman has been standing at halfway construction for more than a week, with various governmental departments in the process of deciding what is to be done with it.

The bridge is on the list of replacements after a millage passage by county voters a couple of years ago.

The bridge, with its span less than half way across the Chippewa River, blocks traffic on the Airline Road at about three miles west of Weidman. Local people can travel the Airline for only the three miles to the Thompson farm.

Meanwhile, trucks servicing local stores, and through traffic on the Airline to M-66, are forced to drive four and a half miles north on Woodruff Road or two miles south on Coldwater Road in order to get to M-66.

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Rev. E.F. Neubecker returned home Friday after visiting with the James Neubecker family in Lansing, then accompanied James to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neubecker and family in New York City, after which they spent a few days in Washington, D.C., returning to Lansing Thursday.

the Miller farm made the day a perfect one for the party.

## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder were Thursday evening guests of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and Paul of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg and Nancy were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines and Roderick Nicholson were Friday evening visitors. Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry of Remus and Christine Flachs were callers.

Mrs. Ardith Thompson and Mrs. Leona Courser attended the Courser reunion in Edmore Sunday.

Mrs. Ranada Johnson and Mrs. Leona Courser called on Mrs. Courser's brother, Fred Woodruff, at the Billings Rest Home Saturday. Mrs. Courser, Mrs. Ella Cox and Mrs. Lola Reed attended the Coomer Ladies' Aid at the home of Mrs. Geraldine McLaughlin Wednesday.

Mrs. Ray Flaughner attended the funeral of a cousin, Forrest Kent, in Grand Rapids one day last week.

Mrs. Audrey Flaughner spent Thursday evening with the Ray Flaughers. The Russell Flaughers of Midland were Wednesday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibbons and grandson, Billy Gibbons, of Sheridan, were Friday afternoon visitors of Blanche Carr. I was a Thursday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer and family. Mrs. Ruth Simmer took me to Alma in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook hosted a going-away party for Jose Martiores, an exchange student from Mexico who has been staying at their home and attending Chippewa Hills High School.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold visited her grandchildren, the Jerry Loucks of Grand Ledge and Fred Thompsons of Holt, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fiorillo and family took Risa to camp at Lake Louise for the week. They spent the day at the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and family, in honor of their granddaughter Brenda's 12th birthday.

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Jim Alwood attended a cook-out Friday evening at the Dennis Hayes home on Lake of the Hills. Other friends and neighbors were present, to enjoy the fellowship and meal.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilmore of Houghton Lake spent Thursday with Edna Schultz. Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Letzinger of Decatur, Ga., spent two days with her great-grandmother, Edna Schultz, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower returned home Monday morning, after enjoying a week's vacation, camping, at Tubbs Lake.

## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Ptak and baby of Royal Oak spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak. Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Hunt and son, also of Royal Oak, were Tuesday visitors.

Joe Ptak entered CMC Hospital Friday, and has been in the intensive care unit several days.

Wanda Graham and Debbie called on us Saturday. Dick Gott of Farwell called Monday and Tuesday, and took us to the doctor in Clare.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy and Joyce and Mary Smith spent Wednesday and Thursday at Ypsilanti with the Bob Smith family. Helen had an appointment with a liver specialist at the Ann Arbor Hospital, for examination after hepatitis illness. She was at the liver clinic five hours.

Visitors at the Don Alwood home were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alwood and Troy and Jean Brown and son, Billy, of Hemlock, Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Eldred of Leslie, Doug Smith of Chippewa Lake, and Mrs. Helen Smith. A Girl Scout picnic at Mitchell Memorial Park in Weidman last Wednesday evening was well attended.

Mrs. Laura Latham attended the wedding of Danny Wilmot and Becky Leiter last Friday evening at the Weidman Baptist Church. Her sister, Mrs. Alma Samaworth, is flying here July 23, landing at Tri-Cities Airport.

Mrs. Judy Jeffrey came home from CMC Hospital Monday of this week, and was doing well. Vic's niece cared for the children during her stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Elvah Gott, Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy attended the very pretty wedding of Danny Wilmot and Becky Leiter at the Weidman Baptist Church Friday evening.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy and Mrs. Elvah Gott and Heather Alwood were in Remus Friday. They called on Mrs. Claribel Beutler in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Olger called on Zena Olger one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams and two grandchildren from Florida called also. Mrs. Beth Osborn and children of Sanford were Sunday visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson of Mt. Pleasant called Sunday and took Zena home with them. She saw her doctor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rhynard of Six Lakes called on his sister, Mrs. John Gott, Sunday. Albert Gott of Winn also called.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCain of Lennon visited her brother and family, the Don Alwoods, Sunday afternoon. They called at the Dan Kripa home in Mt. Pleasant before returning home. BETTER THAN A LETTER

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family were Sunday picnic

dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Claribel Beutler.

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## Obituary

### FORREST KENT

Forrest Kent passed away July 6  
in Grand Rapids after suffering a  
heart attack. He was 59.

Surviving are his wife, Doro-  
thy (Geasler); two daughters and  
one son; his father, Art Kent;  
one brother, Ronald, and a sis-  
ter, Mrs. Victor Lane (Iris); and  
nine grandchildren, all of Grand  
Rapids.

Funeral services were held  
July 9 at Kuiper Funeral Home  
in Grand Rapids, with Rev.  
Boekhoven officiating.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee, Mr.  
and Mrs. John Sheldon, Jr.,  
Minnie Flaughter, Rosie Leiter,  
Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and  
Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Miller and  
the Geasler families attended  
the funeral from here.

Art Kent's wife (and Forrest's  
mother) was Blanche Miller of  
near Weidman. She passed away  
when Forrest was very small.  
Forrest later married Dorothy  
Geasler of Brinton.

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### NEWS NOTES

Irene Suman took Edna Schultz  
to CMC Hospital Sunday for  
treatment of nausea and other  
symptoms. Edna expected to  
spend a few days there. Her  
niece, Faye Stephenson, of  
Clare, and Irene Suman visited  
her Monday. Edna has had a  
good number of other visitors  
also.

## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

There will be a service at the  
Brinton Chapel Sunday evening,  
July 21, at 7.30 o'clock. Fea-  
tured will be a family on vaca-  
tion from Okinawa Christian  
School, where the Norman  
Brines family teach.

The man is a cook at the  
school, his wife is a nurse. Both  
are musicians, and the service  
will be featured by their music.

All are cordially invited to  
attend and learn about the  
school, and enjoy the music.  
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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright  
arrived home from a week's vaca-  
tion at Hessel, Mich.

Connie Fletcher was a supper  
guest of her parents, Lewis and  
Irene Bowen, Tuesday, cele-  
brating her birthday. Mr. and  
Mrs. John Lutz of Titus were  
Sunday evening guests.

The Merry Go Round Club met  
with Nora Geasler Thursday of  
last week, with 18 members  
present. The August meeting  
will be with Verna Seymour  
Aug. 8.

Fay Forbes is a patient in  
CMC Hospital at this time. He  
was some better at this writing.

Jane Fields had her granddaugh-  
ter, Micky, and husband, of  
Grand Rapids, visiting her last  
week.

Helen Strang and girls and her  
mother, Eunice La Londe, at-  
tended the parade at Traverse  
City Friday.

Weekend guests of Flossie  
Forbes were her sisters, Caroline  
Alston and Maude Winchell, of  
Clare. Mabel Allen was also a  
caller during the weekend.

A wedding reception was held  
at the hall in Brinton for Mr. and  
Mrs. Blane Monroe, nee Eva  
Groh. Congratulations to the  
young couple.

Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore  
and family spent from Tuesday  
to Thursday at Munising, where  
he attended an uncle's funeral.

Hazel Carson of Westland was  
an overnight guest of mine  
Tuesday.

Fern Verette and daughter,  
Echo Godwin, and boys were at  
a lake near Cadillac from last  
Thursday to Saturday.

Iva Blodgett called on Mr.  
and Mrs. Lews Bowen Thursday  
evening.

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### REBEKAH CARD PARTY

The Rebekah-sponsored card  
party at the hall in Weidman  
July 9 had four and a half tables  
of pepper in play.

Ruth Gallagher won first prize  
for the ladies, with Arza Mullet  
winning high prize for the men.

John Cotter won the pepper  
prize. Earl Blodgett won the  
low prize. Ruby Douglas drew  
the door prize.

The next party at the Rebekah  
Hall in Weidman will be July 23.  
All are welcome to attend.

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Bessie Latham, Mrs. Arlene Leiter and Mrs. Hattie Losey spent Friday afternoon with me.

Beth Losey is spending a few days with her uncle and aunt, the John Strazanacs, at Grand Haven.

Mrs. Carol Thomas and son, Chris, of Pennsylvania, and Charlene Gross and Robbie were Thursday callers at the Gerald Losey home.

Mrs. Susie Chapman took her husband, Bruce, to the airport at Lansing Wednesday, to return to his Navy duties at Norfolk, Va. He will be on the water during the next two months and will go to the Mediterranean Sea, to Greece, France, and several other places. He will complete his Navy duties this October.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and daughter, Pam, were Saturday overnight guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White were Sunday callers, and the men fixed a roof for Nettie.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and son came Saturday and took his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins, home with them to stay over night. They brought them home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Kenny and Ed attended a farewell party at the home of Mrs. Marie McDonald Sunday for Mrs. Edna McDonald, who returned to Florida Sunday afternoon. Later the Oplingers attended the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department's picnic at the Little Mac Bridge on the Elwood Miller farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright came from Florida Wednesday to their mobile home here, for the summer.

The Norman Millers spent a week's vacation at their mobile home here.

Mrs. Catharine Aldrich and Mrs. Linda Brown and baby were Wednesday callers at the Paul Miller home. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Claud Covert.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fletcher and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow. Othel Denslow was an afternoon caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and children and some 4-H children spent Sunday at the sand dunes at Silver Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wallach were Sunday callers at the Gerald Dent home. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and Tommy and Judy were weekend guests. The Lynn Johnson family and the Harold Krueger family were Sunday dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were evening guests. Mabel and Evelyn called on Mabel's mother, Emily Wood, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad were Monday callers at the Charlie Losey home. Harold and Ron Losey were Tuesday callers. Ivan Dutcher, Mrs. Minnie Strauch and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Loomis were Wednesday callers. They had not seen Edgar Loomis for over 60 years. Monroe Beckwith was a Friday supper guest. Floyd Dutcher and Monroe Beckwith were Saturday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher took Mrs. Hattie Losey to the Dutcher reunion at Mt. Pleasant Sunday. About 70 family members attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright and Mrs. Flora Wood enjoyed dinner at Mecosta Sunday, and a drive around several places, including Chippewa Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cummings of Rodney were Saturday evening callers at the Elwood Miller home.

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## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Enclosed kindly find eleven dollars (\$11.00) for my renewal of the Messenger.

My dear husband went to be united with the Lord last week (June 15). He suffered a long time with cancer of the bowels. He was a fine Christian man.

Do keep on with your good work.

Respectfully  
Maggie (Kent) Exevea  
(Editor's Note: Because many will remember Maggie Kent, we will supply her Chicago address to any who wish to write her.) Just call the Messenger and we will have her address.)

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The Weidman Messenger  
Weidman, Mich.

Please correct my address label, from Mrs. Greg Himebaugh to Mrs. Gary Himebaugh.

My first copy came through correctly as Gary, but has been printed as Greg ever since--which sounds unimportant, except that there is a Greg Himebaugh also on Route 1, Remus.

Enjoy your paper very much. Nice to read about "down-home-type people", as I grew up in Weidman area as a kid.

Sincerely  
Mrs. Gary Himebaugh  
Remus Route 1.

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Dear Connie:

Enclosed \$11.00 for one year's subscription to the Weidman Messenger.

We still enjoy it. We are gone from home most of the time, but it eventually catches up to us, with the rest of our mail.

Thank you.  
Harold and Helen Cotter  
Lansing

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Dear Connie:

Sure was nice to see and visit with you. Daughter and I arriv-

ed back fine, by train. Really enjoyed the trip.

Really miss all my relatives back there, but I like the warmer weather here. 80 to 90 degrees here.

So take care and keep happy. Love, Rosalie (Kaninsky) Winn  
California

## the Churches

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Choir Wednesday, 8.30 p.m.

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Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
Sharing and prayer Thursday, 7.30 p.m.  
Pot luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p.m.  
U. M. W., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p.m.  
Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p.m.

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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.

## Local Items

Mrs. Sarah Paulsen of Midland and Mrs. Clara Smith called on Mrs. Wesley Cole in the Big Rapids Hospital Saturday afternoon.

Ted Smith of Mt. Pleasant and two grandsons, Mike and Kevin, called on Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson of Lake were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips one evening last week. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips enjoyed home made ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family enjoyed the ball game at Mitchell Memorial Park Sunday. Their son, Brian, was pitcher for one of the Little League All-Star teams. They enjoyed lunch for Little League players and their families. It was a pot-luck affair, much enjoyed by all.

Jim Cole and son-in-law, Bob, of Midland called on Jim's aunt, Mrs. Emma Middlesworth, Saturday.

Michael and Kevin Smith of Flint were callers of their grandmother, Mrs. Lucille Smith, Saturday.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

LOUISE SMITH  
IS NINETY-TWO

Sunday the children of Louise Smith celebrated her 92nd birthday, with cake and ice cream, punch, candy, peanuts and potato chips for refreshments and a get-together to observe this occasion of Mrs. Smith's birthday.

Fifty-seven relatives and friends visited Louise during the day, and Nora and Elaine Simmer of Reed City stayed until Tuesday.

Relatives and friends were present from Fenton, St. Johns, Cadillac, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, and Oscoda, as well as her Beal City people.

Everyone had a wonderful time, and Louise thoroughly enjoyed the day. She received many gifts and money and birthday cards.

Congratulations, Louise! You are doing okay!

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Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach entertained all their family Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Sylvester Schumacher and son, Harold, entertained guests Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Will Martin in Beal City Sunday afternoon. Dora Smith was also a caller.

Pattie, Des and Kevin Schafer of Chicago have been spending a few days with relatives and friends in Beal City.

Jack and Kate Cotter spent Wednesday evening with Henry and Rose Schafer.

The Schafer reunion was held Sunday at the K. C. Hall in Beal City.

The Clare reunion was held at Island Park in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Miss Dora Smith spent Saturday evening with Henry and Rose Schafer.

Bernard and Irene Smith visited their aunt, Louise Smith, Wednesday morning. Ida Tilmann spent the afternoon with her. Bernard Smith spent Saturday morning with her.

Vera Kavanaugh took Louise Smith, Nora Simmer and Tillie Starr to the Mary Rolph Martin home in Mt. Pleasant to spend the day. They had a wonderful time.

Vada Block called on Louise Smith Monday and took her some radishes from her garden. They were delicious.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger entertained their club Sunday evening.

Francis Schafer and family attended the Cherry Festival at Traverse City Friday.

Mrs. Al Klumpp was hostess at a bridal shower for Sheila Schafer Sunday afternoon. Sheila and Dennis Davis will be married Saturday, July 20, at St. Leo's Church in Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tilmann and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann have been vacationing in the Upper Peninsula.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp attended the Showboat at Chesaning last Tuesday evening.

The Beal City High School Band went to Traverse City last Thursday to be in the parade at the Cherry Festival.

Bob Schafer and family spent the weekend in northern Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith and family of Lansing spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Smith. Billy Trowbridge of Midland spent the entire week with his grandparents.

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## Card of Thanks

I want to thank all my children, grandchildren and relatives and friends, who put on my birthday party Sunday, July 7.

I was 92.

Many thanks to everyone. Fifty-seven were here, and all had a lovely time.

I received 84 cards.

Louise Smith

## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Earl O'Dell of California spent from Monday till last Thursday with Mrs. Leah Scharrer. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Creed and son Thomas of Algonac spent from Wednesday till Thursday with her. Mrs. Scharrer spent from Friday till Sunday afternoon at Arbutus Lake at Traverse City with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neubecker and family returned from a 10-day vacation in Canada and spent a week with Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker. While here, Edward entertained with a barbecue, his wife, Pat, sons John and Joey, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Neubecker, and four children. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neubecker started back to their home in Milwaukee, spending the weekend with his brother, James Neubecker, and family, in Lansing.

The Jerry Horstman family of Barryton visited Ruth Momany Sunday afternoon. Two of the Horstman boys were playing on Little League teams at Mitchell Memorial Park.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague spent last Monday night with Mrs. Doris Sprague in Lansing. They spent from Tuesday till Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Beutler at Utica. Friday they attended the parade at the Cherry Festival at Traverse City, accompanied by their granddaughter, Pami. They were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie

Gross, near Tippi Dam.

Mrs. Fred Wilcox visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cook, of Mecosta, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family spent the weekend at her mother's cottage at New Era. They enjoyed swimming in Lake Michigan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Knudson of Trenton, Mich., were Fourth of July Week guests of their mother, Mrs. Lela Whearett, and uncle, Don Clark.

Mrs. Betty Latham of Remus and her daughter, Eleanor, of Florida, were last Wednesday af-

ternoon visitors of Mrs. Ethel Bywater. They knew Emily Wood as an old neighbor, so they all called on her. Mrs. Dale Bywater of Houghton Lake was a Friday afternoon guest of Mrs. Bywater.

Edith Smith of Mt. Pleasant and Lucille Smith called on Mrs. Wesly Cole at the Big Rapids Hospital Sunday. While they were there a tornado alert was sounded, and all hospital patients were wheeled into hallways. No twisters touched down, however.

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## What A 4TH

Didn't it seem good to have an old fashioned 4th of July celebration again? A great big "Congratulations" to the Weidman Business Association for sponsoring the grand fireworks display, and to individuals for their help. Let's have more community "fun" events.

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I'm just as healthy as I can be.  
I have arthritis in both my knees.  
And when I talk I speak with a wheeze.  
My pulse is weak, my blood is thin---  
But I'm awfully well, for the shape I'm in!

I think my liver is out of whack  
And I have a terrible pain in my back.  
My hearing is poor, and my sight is dim--  
Most everything seems to be out of trim.  
The way I stagger sure is a crime--  
I'm likely to fall at any time.  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in!

I have arch supports for both my feet  
Or I wouldn't be able to walk down the street.  
My complexion is bad, due to bad skin;  
All things considered, I'm fine for the shape I'm in.

Dentures drive me crazy, I'm restless at night,  
And in the morning I sure am a sight.  
My memory's failing, my head's in a spin--  
But I'm awfully well, for the shape I'm in!  
But the moral is, as this tale I unfold,

That for you and me who are growing old,  
It's better to say, "I'm fine!" with a grin,  
Than to tell everyone of the shape we are in.  
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**S. W. Sherman**

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. James Dutcher and children and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti attended the 26th Dutcher reunion at Island Park Sunday. Special visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Loomis of Montana, cousins of the Dutchers. Edgar's folks moved to Montana when he was a couple of years old, and he had never been back to Michigan until last week.

The Don Harshmans and the Brian Dutchers visited the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., during the week. The Jack Gaudards were Sunday evening callers. Steve says, "Hi, Lois Ann."

Edgar Loomis of Montana, Monroe Beckwith of Otisville and Floyd Dutcher were Saturday callers of the Clayton Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Essenberg called, and Edgar went with them. Floyd and Monroe had lunch with us.

The Robert and Garry Dutcher families were camping at Fife Lake the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited Mr. and Mrs. John Warner Monday evening. Tuesday Mrs. Walter Graham and Barbara, Diane and Patrick, and Grace Fitzgerald were visiting relatives in Traverse City.

Mrs. Clayton Stevens of Lakeview and Grace Fitzgerald were

in Grand Rapids on business. On Thursday, Julia Bowen of Mecosta and Kathryn Doerr of Remus visited Grace.

Percy Secord came home from CMC Hospital Friday morning, and is spending some time with us. The Dale Dutchers spent Thursday with us. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Secord and Donna Howe called on us Tuesday, and we all went to the hospital to visit Percy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and girls and the Monroe Dutchers spent the weekend with the Ervin Dutchers, St. They all attended the Dutcher reunion Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Sandra spent the afternoon at the reunion.

Monroe Beckwith, Edgar Loomis and Floyd Dutcher called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Saturday morning.

Ivan Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey and Minnie Strauch and Floyd Dutcher spent Friday evening with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and family of Midland spent Sunday evening with them. Monroe Beckwith was a caller, and Beth Hogg called Sunday.

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Mrs. Helen Smith returned home Saturday, after spending three weeks at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, where she had surgery for a new hip joint. She was reported as doing well. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and son, Duane, of St. Louis, were visitors and had dinner with Helen and daughter Ula Saturday. Weekend visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam of Lainsburg. Eva Denslow was a Monday caller.

**PROUD GRANDPARENTS**

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Seymour are the proud parents of a baby boy, born July 10 at the Midland Hospital.

Kevin Lee weighed seven pounds, four ounces. He has a big brother, Christopher, at home, with proud grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Don Seymour.

Mother and baby Kevin went home Sunday.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Rex Garner and grandson, Dwane Rata, of Vassar, called at the home of Frances Tranbarger Sunday afternoon to take Rex's mother, Mildred Garner, back to her home in Vassar. Mildred had spent two weeks visiting her sisters, Frances and Connie, in Weidman. Rex and Dwane had spent a week in woods and waters of northeast Michigan, cooking over campfires and sleeping in Rex's pickup truck. They reported fishing on the South Branch River good but not spectacular in fish sizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur hosted a Showalter family get-together last Wednesday at a pot-luck supper, at their home. Thirty-one family members and their spouses were present for the occasion, which was the presence of Bob Showalter and his family, from Martinsville, Va. They all enjoyed supper in the new family room at the McArthur home.

Rev. and Mrs. A.J. Lynch were Sunday callers of Mrs. Besie Teall, and took her a nice bouquet of flowers. Tammi Sprague and Roxanne Flaughter were Saturday visitors.

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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

The next meeting of the Senior Citizens will be at the Brinton Hall Aug. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth, and children, Lynn and Mike, spent the weekend at Wolverine, fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Place and Dennis and Nancy spent Saturday evening with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cornell spent Sunday with the Norman Geaslers.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Pfarness and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa called on the Paul Coles Tuesday evening.

Connie Jean Ewing returned home Sunday after a week spent with her grandparents, the Paul Coles.

Tony Masachuk went to Detroit Thursday. He entertained his father and other relatives from Ludington over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee, Thursday.

Mrs. Louella Allbee was admitted to CMC Hospital with blood clots, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell and grandchildren, Jackie and Mary, and Jennifer Ganser and Heather and Amy Balint, all of South Bend, Ind., spent Friday night and Saturday with the Mossells' parents, the Paul Coles. They had brought Mrs. Mossell's sister, Mrs. Amanda Merchant, to her home in Harrison. She had spent the weekend with them. Mrs. Merchant also called on the Paul Coles Friday.

The Ewing reunion was held at the Littlefield Lake home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Allen Sunday. Mrs. Norman Ewing was the oldest member present, and little William LaGue was the youngest.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert LaGue spent the weekend with their grandparents, the Paul Coles.

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### OUR TRIP THROUGH SEVERAL STATES

We left home June 23, at 8 in the morning, on a two weeks' tour of the Mid-Atlantic states and Alabama, as guests of our son and daughter, the Joe Mossells, of South Bend, Ind.

We stayed Sunday night in South Bend, leaving Monday morning for Fort Knox, Ky., where we spent the night with our grandson, Chuck Mossell, who is in the service and stationed there.

Tuesday morning we left for the Cherokee Caverns, which run a quarter of a mile in the hills, 200 feet underground. We spent the night at Pidgeon Forge. Then on to Gatlinburg, where we toured an historic mill and watched them grind corn meal, powered by a huge water

wheel.

We spent the day in the Smoky Mountains, indescribably grand and with great natural beauty. We visited the Christmas Gardens and Chimney Peaks, elevation 4,720 feet. We spent the night near Black Mountain in North Carolina.

Thursday we started for Norfolk, Va., and ran into a rain storm and flash-flood warnings at the Virginia state line. Tobacco and cotton were in blossom. Corn was shoulder high and all tasseled out.

Having a grandson (Jerry Reed) in the Navy as radar man, we were allowed to tour the huge Norfolk Navy Base and saw carriers, gunboats, troop carriers and many other ships.

Paul was in a Navy helicopter, and his greatest thrill was a tour by the family of the carrier Guadalcanal, which picked up the Apollo and Gemini astronauts. Their escort showed them where and how they stowed the planes. The carrier Guam was docked at the stern of the Guadalcanal.

We left Norfolk June 29 and toured Virginia Beach and waded in the ocean. We picked many a quart of nice ripe blackberries along the road. We headed for Camp LeJeune, N. C., where we visited Joe's nephew.

In Louisville, Ga., 30 miles southwest of Augusta, we visited an old slave market and took pictures. It was interesting and tragic.

We visited many interesting places along the way through Birmingham to Carbon Hill, Alabama, where we spent two delightful days with friends. People were very friendly wherever we went. Mrs. Cole and Connie did a lot of shopping and Paul took a lot of pictures.

We arrived home in Gilmore Friday night.

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### FARM TOUR WELL ATTENDED

Over 65 people attended the recent Farm Bureau farm tour of three scheduled stops.

The next regular meeting of the Farm Bureau Women's committee will be Tuesday, July 23, at the Rosebush Community Park with pot-luck dinner at noon. In case of rain it will be moved to the Rosebush Presbyterian Church.

The program is "Hobby Day," and those attending are asked to take their favorite hobby, craft, or pastime to share with others. There will be no contest this year.

Topic of the month is "Christmas in July," and items suitable for children's scrapbooks should be taken to this meeting.

All members and their friends are welcome.

Mary Beutler  
Secretary

Mrs. Ruth Momany reports the birth of a new great-grandson, a boy born to Dan and

Pamela Schneitzer of Colorado. The baby is named David Clay. **BETTER THAN A LETTER**

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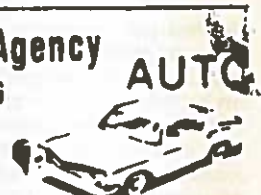
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Haupt, Russ Maeder, Bruce Johnson, Jerry McWilliams, Mick Schmalbach, Pat Leiter, Bud Fredrickson, Jim Carrick, Joe Fate, Jim Rogers, Wayne Taylor, Dallas McClain, Dave Randall, and Jack Burden.

Umpires were Esther Haupt, Jennie Beck and "Shorty" Myshock. (Mrs. Fountain was umpire at home plate, and was rewarded for her efforts with a pail of water over her head, a favorite act of the afternoon. John Haupt also was caught by a 10-quart pail of water, and lost his pants during one inning of hectic high-jinks.)

Our home team entered the park on a manure spreader, making a circle of the playing field and dropping off at the home dugout.

Starting off at bat in the first inning, the Bay City All Stars tossed a pineapple at the batter, which he hit. Other oddball objects were used as the softball.

The home team, with the Bay City All Stars at bat, tossed a water balloon at the batter, and the batter hit it for an unidentified gain.

Three home runs were scored, one by the Maulers when Mick Schmalbach hit the ball to the left field, and our third-base coach, Jerry McWilliams, picked it up and threw it out of the park for a home run.

Base runners dashed here and there, going both ways between bases and across the field from first base to third with umpires calling decisions backward.

Asked if the Chippewa Hills Maulers put up pretty good antics, the WNEM-TV5 All Stars admitted they thought our team put on a better show than theirs.

Taken in at the gate was \$354, with outstanding tickets not accounted for Monday morning on pre-game sales by Weidman business men and ball teams.

Little Leaguers were presented an award for selling the most advance tickets. Wally Smith won the \$20 first prize, Tim Davy won the \$10 second prize, and Dave Krueger won third prize of \$5.

In its game the Little League B Division won with a 2-1 score.

Pot-luck lunch and refreshments were enjoyed by players, including Little Leaguers and the two star cut-up teams. Little League mothers supplied the pot-luck eats, with Palmer's Idle Hour Bar also furnishing refreshments.

It was an exhibition game thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd in attendance.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur and Bryce Wilcox spent the weekend camping at School Section Lake.

**Walker Creek  
News**

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson enjoyed a fish supper with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley Saturday evening. Sunday the Denslows visited her mother, Mrs. Mabel Cummings, at Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wiggins of Farwell were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilcox and family. Their son Bob has been discharged from the Armed Services and is now at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clarke spent last week in Wixom, to attend the wedding of their granddaughter. Their granddaughters from St. Albans, Vermont, are here to spend the next two weeks with them.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sherman and family of Belding were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis. Other callers during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Loomis and family of Barryton, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Loomis of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Loomis and Angela and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky. Sue Denslow was an afternoon visitor. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were Thursday supper guests, the occasion being Vada's birthday. Happy Birthday, Vada!

Gloria Miller was a Friday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family returned last Wednesday from a vacation trip to Macki-

nac Island and the Upper Peninsula. Their Sunday evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leiter and son of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and children.

Mrs. Gary Portenga attended Duane and Natalie Gray's Open House at Household Appliance store in Mt. Pleasant last Thursday. Gary's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Portenga, of Conklin, were visitors during the weekend. Their niece from Grand Rapids is here to spend the next three weeks with them.

Gary Portenga has taken over the bulldozing business from Miles Miller, and expects to keep busy in that line.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss attended the wedding of their nephew, Danny Wilmot, at

Weidman, Saturday evening. Sunday they called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot and family and Al Woodbury, in Weidman. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaughter and boys of Two Rivers were Monday visitors at the Voss home.

Mrs. Orval Reed spent two days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Le Roy McGuire, at Big Rapids.

Several from this community attended the 20th annual Loomis reunion held at Mitchell Memorial Park in Weidman, Sunday.

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Kit Johnson has been released from CMC Hospital and has been staying at the home of her son, Charles, in Mt. Pleasant.

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