

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### SO WE FINALLY GOT THOSE RAINS

So this area finally got those rains it needed badly after nearly a month of drouth. Over the weekend it's figured we got more than two inches of rain, in a series of several days of intermittent showers. The best kind. No high winds, no damaging thunder storms, just nice rain, rain.

Corn farmers on heavy land welcomed the rains as last-minute relief from total disaster. Cornfields in Nottawa were topping out at less than half their normal height of plant. Now, with the soakeroo the whole county got, corn farmers can expect a reduction of 10 to 20 percent in harvest, instead of disaster. Later corn plantings will do well if moisture continues favorable, County Agent Lyle Thompson said Monday, and could outstrip earlier plantings in ear production. The silage yield for early-planted corn is expected to be low (that's winter feed for stock, to us dabblers in plantings).

Corn fields in Nottawa, Gilmore and Isabella Township vary from farm to farm, according, mainly, to date of planting. Many fields were too wet for early corn planting this spring.

We dabblers in growing, the home-garden nuts, are doing very well, thank you. Those of us who put the sprinkler-hose on our vegetable gardens during the drouth have bumper crops of potatoes, tomatoes, peas, beans, and Ye Ed has an amazing crop of broccoli of giant plant proportions. Frances Tranbarger has had early cabbages bursting their heads since the rains came.

Don Smith reports a prize garden, with no watering help during the drouth. He has brussels sprouts, cabbage, sweet corn, five varieties of tomatoes, and carrots, beets, lettuce, radishes, onions, peppers, and potatoes. He had to replant his string beans but the family has been canning them steadily the past week or so.

Other prize vegetable gardens in Weidman include those of Fred Wilcox (a model of planned planting and absolute freedom from weeds). A pleasure to look  
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**DON'T LOOK NOW--**But this lot, adjacent to Tilmanns' Drive In, will contain a shopping-mall-type supermarket. Keith Baumann has plans drawn up for a huge and most modern shopping center just north of where the old Allen Lumber Company's offices were, extending to the Drive In's lot, on Woodruff Road. This ambitious project extends Weidman's business and shopping area straight north on Third Street, or Woodruff Road, with no inconvenience for local on-foot shoppers. Messenger photo

The lot for the new Baumann's IGA Store and shopping center is a huge one, with 167 feet of frontage on Woodruff, 390 feet to the south, and a back line of 390 feet. It includes a lot formerly occupied by Flossie Davy and her son later, to the east; north behind the Drive-In, and south behind the site of the former Weidman Family Restaurant.

The shopping center will be known as Baumann's IGA Foodliner; and it will contain 10,000 square feet of store space. Its present space inside is 4,000 feet, in the Shook Building.

The new building will be one story, of steel construction with brick veneer on front and trim. Entrance will be on the south side of the building, with plate-glass front on Woodruff Road.

Card Construction Company of Mt. Pleasant is architect and builder for the project. They plan to begin work this month, with completion and opening of the mammoth new facility slated for December at latest.

According to the planners, the coolers will be outside the main building, leaving room inside for a 32-foot fresh meat case, a 12-foot cold-meat case, and 32-foot cases each for produce, dairy and frozen food conveniences. All this adds up to great

enlargement of anything Weidman has ever seen in its boundaries in the way of food-service stores.

There is allowance for four check-out stations on the plans, with an extra one for future use as business grows with the town.

A 14-foot aisle-way on the north side of the building will be devoted to dry goods, self-serve items on hangers, etc.

Weidman sure is growing. And we count ourselves fortunate to keep our major businesses on our main street, to form a solid shopping area extending the present facilities.

### THE OLD MILL POND STILL HAS LUNKER BLUEGILLS

The Weidman Mill Pond (Lake Weidman) still has plenty of lunker bluegills, beautifully marked and fat as pigs, as was attested by a gift of 'em from Charles Fahnestock Monday morning to the Roe girls, Frances Tranbarger and Connie Skinner, for their Monday supper.

The fish are unusually large, and their bright collors attest to plenty of good fish-food on the lake's bottom.

Lake Weidman is still the most popular fishing place around here.  
**BETTER THAN A LETTER**

### WEIDMAN GIRL SCOUTS PLAN SWIM OUTING

A nature hike and swim outing is being planned for the Weidman Girl Scouts for this Saturday, Aug. 10, at 1 p. m.

Place of the hike and swimfest is Lake of the Hills, at Park No. 1, on the northwest side of the lake (up in the woods).

Girls are asked to take along a snack in a paper bag, and wear swim suits under their usual clothes.

Parents are more than welcome to attend, Linda England, leader of the Junior Girl Scouts, said.

The day will end at 3 p. m., when the girls will either be taken home by mothers present, or be picked up by parents at that time.

Phyllis Sides is organizer of the Girl Scout section here. Janet Schafer is leader of the Brownie Girl Scouts.

Girl Scout Brownies are included in the plans for the nature hike and swim Saturday.

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### FIREMEN'S BALL SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, AUG. 17

The highly popular Annual Firemen's Ball sponsored by members of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department is scheduled for Saturday evening, Aug. 17, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City.

Admission is \$5 per person, and an evening of enjoyment is promised with Jerry Schafer's Band furnishing music for dancing.

Lunch and refreshment will be available, and are included in the admission price.

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### ANNUAL METHODIST AUCTION SALE IS THIS SATURDAY

The very popular annual auction sale put on by members of the Weidman United Methodist Church will be held this Saturday, Aug. 10, on the church grounds (the large parking lot).

The Methodists' sale is always a crowd-drawing event, with everything imaginable on exhibit and sale all over the large area of the church parking lot.

Noon lunch will be available. This is always a real event.

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### BOY SCOUTS, GIRL SCOUTS ARE STRONG IN WEIDMAN

Both Boy and Girl Scout unites have been organized in Weidman, under able and dedicated leadership.

## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald attended the funeral of Lawrence Stadtfeld of Remus Saturday morning.

Patti Dutcher has been staying with her grandparents, the Theodore Cases. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti and Becky Dutcher came home Tuesday from their camping trip at Mesick. They attended Barryton Day Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Otey and sons of Midland were Saturday evening visitors of the Robert Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen of Midland were Friday morning visitors.

Cindy Gaudard visited Sandy Dutcher and had supper with her Tuesday. Patti Losey was a Sunday visitor.

We enjoyed our rain showers over the weekend. The grass is greening quite fast again.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher had Sunday dinner with us. The Richard Dutchers had evening lunch with us. Ronna Dutcher called on us Sunday afternoon, and brought us some cucumbers and peppers.

Ronna and Steve Dutcher visited the Brian Dutchers Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wernette of Greenville were Sunday visitors. The Brian Dutchers visited his folks Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint came up Friday night and spent over night with us. They attended her uncle's funeral at Remus Saturday, and spent over night with her mother, Alice Simkins. They called on us Sunday afternoon, and had lunch with us.

David Dutcher spent Saturday over night with Rex Dutcher.

Goldie (Mrs. Ervin) Dutcher saw her doctor last Tuesday and he wants her to wear her cast until Sept. 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Yascolt and children of Midland spent Sunday afternoon and were luncheon guests of the Robert Dutchers.

Wayne Mercer and Edna Tucker were Monday callers of Julia Dutcher.

Dawn Dutcher spent Saturday over night with Kaye and Becky Dutcher.

Edna Merrihew and Ruby Kirvan of Barryton called on the Ervin Dutchers Friday afternoon.

Cindy Gaudard of Midland spent from Monday till Friday with her grandparents, and Jack came Friday and got her.

Ronna and Sandy Dutcher were Saturday callers. Eloise and Beth Hogg also called.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family drove to Marion Sunday afternoon to visit the John Downings, but the Downings had gone to a reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Heckert of West Branch were Wednesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carl

Fitzgerald. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hoffman of Grand Rapids one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children and Garry Dutcher and family helped Chris Dutcher of Mt. Pleasant celebrate his ninth birthday Thursday evening, at the Dale Dutchers'.

The Howard Beutlers attended the wedding of Beth Ann McClain and Roger Wernette at Remus Saturday.

Emory Dell celebrated his 80th birthday last Sunday, a week ago. Around 50 people called to wish him Happy Birthday and enjoy cake and ice cream with him.

(Omitted Last Week)

Shelly Dutcher celebrated her fourth birthday last Tuesday. Evening guests for ice cream and cake were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons, Garry Dutcher and children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn, and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad; and Richard and Patti Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Maeder and sons.

Charlie and Hattie Losey and Jessie Rosencrantz called Friday afternoon on us.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and family of Saginaw and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Remington and daughter, Cheryl, camped a couple of days at the Ervin Dutchers', Sr.

Linda and Chad Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman at Coldwater Lake.

Harold Secord and daughter, Carol, of Holt, called Monday, and Percy went home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and daughter, Joyce Yuncker, were in Ann Arbor Wednesday, where Clayton consulted a doctor. We all stayed Tuesday over night with the Larry Dutchers of Flint.

Kathryn Hoffman of California spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald. Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald and their aunt, Kathryn Hoffman, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woodin of Midland. The aunt stayed to visit the Woodins. Mr. and Mrs. Terry Dodge of Holt and Bob Contine and Kathy Clark of Eaton Rapids spent Sunday with the Fitzgeralds.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti and Becky Dutcher went camping at Mesick Saturday.

Floyd Dutcher was a Monday caller. Ivan Dutcher called Monday afternoon. Other callers during the week were Ervin Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons, Jim Dutcher, Garry Dutcher and children, and the Richard Dutchers. The Richard Yunckers were recent visitors of ours.

The Jim Dutchers and the Robert Dutchers spent Sunday afternoon with the Dale Dutchers of Mr. Pleasant, and had supper with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sanderson of St. Charles were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests of their

daughter and family, the Howard Beutlers. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston of Rosebush were afternoon callers.

Laurel and Diane Beutler returned home Sunday after spending the week at the Methodist Camp at Pentwater.

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Aug. 8t1

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for everything they did during the illness and death of our father.

The Herman Cook Family

### Obituary

LAWRENCE STADTFELD Lawrence Stadtfeld of Remus died last Wednesday at Tri-County Hospital in Edmore. He was 70.

He was born April 7, 1904, in Remus, and was a retired farmer.

Surviving are his wife, Gladys; three sons, Ralph of Indiana, Robert of Remus and Curtis of Ypsilanti; a son-in-law, Wayne Pitts, of Remus; three daughters, Rosemary Poma of Warren, Elaine Ernst of Virginia, Kathleen Lundquist of Georgia; five sisters: Alice Simkins, Helen Stamper and Mary Wernette, all of Remus; Elinore Wernette of Davison and Caroline Mooney of Grand Rapids; and 25 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Church in Remus with Father Louis Anderson officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

### Obituary

JOHN BADER

John Bader of Rosebush died July 31 at CMC Hospital. He was 66.

He was born Dec. 25, 1907, in Mt. Pleasant.

Surviving are a brother, George, of Mt. Pleasant, and a sister, Elsie Methner, of Clare.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of the J. J. Rush Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with burial in the Delwin Cemetery.

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### Obituary

CHARLES KENT

Charles L. Kent of Gilmore died July 31 at his home. He was 71.

He was born April 12, 1903, in Lansing, and had retired from the Mt. Pleasant State Home and Training School.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 3, at 1 p.m. from the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell with Rev. Mark Mitchell officiating. Burial was in the Gilmore Cemetery.

Surviving are four sons, Marvin of Michigan Center, Ernest of Clio, Bruce of Mt. Pleasant, and Gary of Middleton. Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Luana Gene Stewart of Clio, Mrs. Donna Melinowski of Stanton and Mrs. Joyce Meyers of Weidman; and 17 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife.

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Arthur and Dee Taylor of Bentley spent last Wednesday with their sister, Mrs. Leila Shook.

Mrs. Janice Touchinski and girls, Mrs. Edith Touchinski and Mrs. Mabel Bingham went to Muskegon Saturday, stopping off at Grant.

### Obituary

STEPHEN MARTIN

Stephen Martin died July 29 at his home here. He was 23.

He was born Aug. 18, 1950, in Mt. Pleasant. He was employed as an oil driller. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Beal City.

Funeral services were held last Thursday, Aug. 1, at 11 a.m. in St. Cecelia's Catholic Church in Clare with Fr. John Hoogterp officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Anna Marie; four children, Michael David, Stephen and Amy, all at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin, of Farwell; two brothers, John and Patrick also of Farwell; a sister, Mrs. Dora Recker, of Mt. Pleasant; and his maternal grandfather, Chas. Fitzpatrick, of Clare.

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BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS CARD PARTY HAS 13 TABLES

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 13 tables of pepper in play.

Eva Phillips won high-score prize for the ladies, with Catherine Schafer second; Mabel Bingham won low.

Joe Keiffer won first prize for the men, with Henry Schafer second and Wilbur Reiner low.

Ed Faber won the pepper prize. Tony Tilmann drew the door prize.

Cupcakes, ice cream and coffee were served as refreshments.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Aug. 15. Everyone is invited.

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Mrs. Grace Pitts was a Thursday supper guest at the Bernard Pitts home.

Richard Shook of Bay City spent the first of the week with his mother, Mrs. Leila Shook.

### Weidman United Methodist Church

ANNUAL AUCTION SALE AND BAKE SALE

Saturday, August 10th

Beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch at 12 Noon on the grounds.

We invite our friends and neighbors to join church members in contributing any saleable articles - dishes, tools, furniture, implements, that are useable - anything but junk.

We would like to have all articles brought to the church during the week of the sale - not later than Thursday, August 8. If you have large articles that you cannot bring in, you may call any of the parties listed below; and we will arrange to pick them up at your home.

Tom Herman, 644-2328, Harry Herman, 644-2050, Rev. Athel J. Lynch, 644-3441.

Any gift will be appreciated.

AUCTION SALE COMMITTEE

## Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and family were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy and children of rural Big Rapids. Sunday evening they called on Mr. and Mrs. Don Zill, who were camping at Tubbs Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Reed enjoyed camping on the Manistee River for a few days last week. Sunday dinner guests at the Reed home were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zimmerman, of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Adra Reed. Other callers were Mr. and Mrs. James Ross of Grass Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Loomis and Angela. Mrs. Irene Lynch of Mt. Pleasant spent Wednesday with Mrs. Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley. Evelyn attended the Barryton School alumni picnic Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leiter, of Mt. Pleasant. Their daughter, Mrs. Dan Stebelton, and Renee called on them during the week, and Renee stayed over night with her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and children were also callers through the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot of Weidman were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Lansing spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis and family.

Bruce Reed is spending some time with his mother, Mrs. Minnie Reed, after his discharge from the Army in Texas. Bruce will take schooling and drive heavy trucks for a company in Texas when he returns there.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clarke last week were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Arnold and daughters, Susan and Janet, of Pontiac. Their daughter, Miss Jane Arnold, of East Lansing, spent the weekend with them. Their visitors this week were Mrs. Floyd Harp from Zephyrhills, Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harp from Oxford, Mich.

They were last Thursday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Sullivan of Hersey, and they all called on friends, Mr. and Mrs. George Landis, at Pelston.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis were Saturday visitors of Bessie Loomis and sister, Hazel. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons. Sunday they enjoyed a northern drive around the Traverse City area.

Ethel Mae Monroe spent Sunday at home, from the Medical Care Facility, but was not improving very well.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

The family of the late Charles and Mary Cook had a gathering at Evert Sunday. The hosts were the Eugene Lathams and Mr. and Mrs. Paige. Due to the rain it was held at the J. C. Hall.

Mrs. Alma Richmond and sister, Edna, and Mrs. Laura Fritz, all of Mt. Pleasant, spent Sunday with Mrs. E. R. Rhode.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook and two granddaughters enjoyed a week's camping vacation in the Upper Peninsula.

Mr. and Mrs. James Grewett and family of Wayne, Marion Grewett and Stanley Grewett and granddaughter, Sheryl Vandebrook of Roseville, were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray.

Mrs. Flossie Sellers was a Friday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Armour of Traverse City were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Miller of Barryton were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen and Tim Jackson took the Allens' horses and attended the Ingham County Fair at Mason. They also took in the steam-power show last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson of Clifford Lake called on Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar Sunday. The Paul Lueders called in the afternoon.

Mrs. Robert David was admitted to CMC Hospital July 31 for treatment of blood clots in her limbs.

Mrs. Catherine Gillie and Mrs. Sophia Cotter of Mt. Pleasant called on Mrs. Nettie Baker last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge of Owosso and Miss Mary Richardson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook and family.

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

Blanche Carr's family celebrated her birthday Sunday with a turkey barbecue and picnic dinner at her home. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and two sons of Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa of Merrill, Mrs. Janet Clare and Jennifer and Jeanie of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer and Elton, Pamela and a girl friend and Rodney. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kamp of Greenville were afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Taylor and daughter, Shirley, of Detroit were Monday visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder.

Mrs. Marty Kelsey and children brought a beautiful birthday cake Saturday evening to help celebrate my birthday.

Mrs. Opal Smith of Florida and Mrs. Dorothy Breuer of Winn were Sunday guests of Mrs. Leo-

na Courser. Mrs. Courser and Mrs. Ella Cox visited Fred Woodruff at the Billings Rest Home.

Mrs. Ray Flaughner hosted a dinner for her family, the Sheldons, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Alma Farnsworth, who returned last week to her home in Phoenix, Ariz. Mrs. Lillian Hatt of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Sylvia Fisher of Illinois, Mrs. Carl Embrey and Mrs. Eunice Blackmer were also guests. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Flaughner and family of Mt. Pleasant were Thursday supper guests. The Russell Flaughners had supper with them Wednesday evening.

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## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Zena Olger's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Conley, left Saturday, after spending a week with her.

Laura Latham stayed over night with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham of Mt. Pleasant visited Laura one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott visited us Wednesday of last week. Wanda, Debbie and Becky Graham called on us the weekend.

Mrs. Elvah Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood and children attended the very beautiful wedding of Beth Ann McClain and Roger Wernette Saturday afternoon at St. Michael's Church in Remus. Later in the day, Jack and Elvah Gott and Helen Alwood and Cathy attended a retirement party for Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hart at the home of their daughter and family, the Walter J. Smiths.

Visitors at the Joe Ptak home during the weekend were his brother, Zygmund Ptak, Mr. and Mrs. Magyari and friends of Tay-

lor, Mrs. Viola Ingalls of Evert, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid and children of Garden City.

We ate dinner Sunday with Wanda and Debbie Graham. Debbie came home and stayed with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown took Kelly Aldrich, her sister, to the Ionia Fair Saturday.

Helen Alwood took Mr. and Mrs. John Gott to the doctor's in Clare last Friday. Cathy and Heather Alwood went along. They all called at the Dick Gott home near Farwell on the way home.

Helen Alwood and Cathy spent Monday in Mt. Pleasant. They also called on Hermione Smith at Pleasant Manor.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Monday morning Sister Samuel (Marguerite Schafer) called on Louise Smith. Ann Eldred called in the afternoon.

Mildred Schafer entertained several ladies from Beal City at her new home, for a coffee break, to introduce the new lady who bought their farm in Beal City. It was very nice of her to do that.

Saturday afternoon June Blasen and daughter Theresa and daughter Kay Trowbridge and five children, including the triplets boys, spent the time with Grandma Smith.

The Andres family had their reunion at the K. of C. Hall Sunday.

Dora Smith took care of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Krensreiter's children Sunday afternoon.

Ann Schafer and Theresa McConnell visited their brother, Marcellus Thielen, at Lake City.

Bernice Grinzinger of Saginaw spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and family of Fenton spent the weekend with Mrs. Irene Smith here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and family of Lansing spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith.

Mrs. Theresa McConnell of Detroit is visiting relatives here.

Maxine Klumpp, Susan Duffy and members of the Explorers Club enjoyed a weekend camp-out at Coldwater Lake.

Alfred and Ruth Klumpp attended a Moose Legion picnic at Skidway Lake Sunday.

Sister Margaret and Sister John the Baptist went to West Branch Thursday. Jean Marie Foster and Marie Rahl took them.

Bob Bartlett and children of Chicago called on Louise Schafer Wednesday. Betty Sunderman and girls were Tuesday callers.

Mrs. Ann Hudson and daughter of Harrison called on Mrs. Tony Schafer Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer spent last week in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer and Mike Gross and Mrs. Ernest Gross attended the funeral of Mrs. Pung at Portland Wednesday.

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

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague attended the wedding of Larry Reynolds in Lansing Saturday evening. Larry is the grandson of Catherine (Sprague) Schumacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kniffen and family of Lansing spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kniffen and girls of Big Rapids were Sunday guests.

## AND MORE ABOUT HOME GARDENS

Frances Tranbarger, who has had huge early cabbages threatening to burst open, called Loretta Lorenz and asked if she could use a couple.

She said she sure could, and appeared at The Flower Shop with two quarts of home-grown blueberries in exchange for the cabbages.

Frances and Connie got the big end of that deal, we feel.

Thanks, Loretta!

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## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Don and Judy Schafer and daughters returned home Wednesday after a two and a half weeks' vacation. They visited Judy's sisters at Shannon, Miss., and Crystal River, Fla. They also saw Disney World and other points of interest in Florida. Judy's mother, Mildred Haynes, and a niece went with them.

Ruth Ann Sherlock and Sandy Matthews visited me Wednesday.

Tuesday evening the annual pot-luck supper of St. Ann's Altar Society of St. Joseph the Worker's Church at Beal City was held. Forty-one members were present. After supper a meeting was held, and then members enjoyed pepper.

Brian Schafer spent Monday morning with Grandma Schafer.

Billy and Kelli Schafer of Rosebush spent Saturday with Grandma and Grandpa Schafer while their parents, Jerry and Jane Schafer, attended the funeral of their uncle, John Bader, at Delwin.

Bob Schafer, Sharon McCoy, Mark Schafer and Debbie McCoy attended the Ionia Fair Friday evening.

We visited Jay and Shirley McCoy at their new mobile home on the Muskegon River Sunday. Leo and Lucille Schafer went with us.

Don and Judy Schafer and girls visited the Wayne Sherlocks Sunday evening.

Wayne and Ruth Ann Sherlock and children spent the weekend in Traverse City.

Bill and Lynn Schafer and son, Brian, attended the Wranglers Club horse show Sunday.

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### NEWS NOTES

Agnes Fox, Bea Gross and Leila Shook spent the weekend at the Fox cottage on Lake Michigan, at Leelanau.

Ross Eugene Momany and Deanne Momany Foust of Big Rapids spent Tuesday afternoon with their grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Momany. Their parents, Ross and Ann Momany, and Kenneth, of Big Rapids were spending some time in Omaha, Neb., where Ross, Sr., was taking care of some business for Ferris State College.

## LAKE ISABELLA

Lester B. Hall, Reporter

### VANDER SCHUUR PRESIDENT OF LAKE CORPORATION

At a recent meeting of the Lake Isabella Corporation Board of Directors, Kenneth VanderSchoor was elected president. He also has accepted the responsibility of general manager. Earlier, Mr. VanderSchoor had purchased the stock of Golden Grigg, thus becoming the major stock holder.

The new president has lived in Michigan all his life, and brings with him a successful background in the building industry, residential development, and in recent years his efforts have been devoted to recreational development.

Lot owners and friends are invited to attend an Open House to

meet the VanderSchoors Aug. 10, from 3 p. m. to 5 p. m., in the old office building at the lake.

Recent improvements at the lake are the opening of the new swimming pool and tennis courts to members and friends. One of the first central water systems to be built from scratch in a Michigan recreational community has been completed in Forest Plat No. 1. Many people in this plat have already been hooked up. The new water supply also supplies added fire protection.

The weed control program at the lake this summer has been very effective, improving the swimming while still allowing for sufficient fish cover.

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Callers of Mrs. Grace Pitts during last were Mr. and Mrs. John Ireland and Elaine and Sue Esterline, of Farwell.



## Right Or Wrong

History is being made in Washington D C With full TV coverage it should prove of interest to everyone to follow the parliamentary procedures, the legal ramifications and the inner workings of our political system. Students of Civics and History should be especially interested in these proceedings.

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Lena Cole, Reporter

Our sympathy to the family of Charles Kent, our neighbor and friend.

The Paul Coles went to South Bend, Ind., last Monday to be with their granddaughter, Connie Jo Balent, who had surgery Tuesday for removal of her gall bladder.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa went to South Bend Tuesday, as guests of the Joe Gansers and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell.

Tony Masachuk entertained company Wednesday.

Yours Truly was also a caller at Tony's Wednesday.

Congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Robert Latham.

Our sympathy to the families of Steve Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole returned to their home in Detroit, after several days spent at their farm here.

Roy Donnally was at his farm Saturday.

We hear that Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Hart have painted their barn, and it looks very nice.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cornell and children spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler.

Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler called on Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler Sunday.

The Merry Go Round Club will meet with Mrs. Verna Seymour this Thursday.

Mrs. Dorothy Kent and son and friend visited her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth took their trailer to Tubbs Lake Sunday. They plan to spend some time there.

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**Brinton News**

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mike and Bill Livermore are spending this week at Camp near Gladwin, with the Lake church group.

Verl Wright and boys returned home Sunday to Flat Rock after spending the week camping at Rose Lake and spending the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

Dad and I called on Irene Gilbert in Farwell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe returned here Tuesday from Colorado, where they have been employed since February.

Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker were their son, Keith, and family of Grand Rapids. Scott and Kerri are remaining this week, and will spend some time at their trailer at Charlevoix. They plan to visit the Soo Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen attended the funeral of Steve Martin at Clare Thursday.

Carl and Ellen Geasler called at the Coker Funeral Home Friday in respect to Charlie Kent. Lewis Bowen also called.

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**S. W. Sherman**

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman and their daughter and her husband were Saturday evening visitors of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Patti Losey was a Sunday visitor of Sandy Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher attended the funeral of Julia's cousin in Midland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children and Claribel Beutler attended a Farm Bureau picnic at the Rosebush Park Sunday.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Downing of Marion spent Sunday with Mrs. Claribel Beutler.

Dale Tilmann is building a new house on the property he purchased on the Clark family place in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes spent from Thursday till Sunday in Marquette, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Apple of Lansing spent the weekend with their folks, the Bernard Pitts family.

**the Churches****WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

(1 mile west of Weidman)

Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone

644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a. m.

Morning Service, 11 a. m.

Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.

Prayer Meeting (Wednesday),

7.30 p. m.

Choir practice Thursday, 7 p.

m., at the parsonage.

We had a nice Sunday School picnic. There were 60 in attendance. The food was delicious. We played volley ball and tennis after the meal.

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**WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST**

Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163

2nd Street, Weidman.

Office phone 644-3336, parson-

age 644-3441.

Church School, 9.45 a. m.

Worship Service, 11 a. m.

Sharing and Prayer, Thursday,

7.30 p. m.

Pot luck dinner third Sunday,

1 p. m.

U. M. W., 1st and 3rd Thurs-

days, 3 p. m.

Methodist Men, 4th Saturday,

6.30 p. m.

**VISITORS HONOR SUNDAY****OBSERVED AT OUR CHURCH**

Weidman United Methodist

Church observed Visitors Honor

Sunday at their regular Sunday

morning service Aug. 4. Special

invitations had been sent out to

former visitors at the church ser-

vices and a large number attend-

ed from many areas of the state, as well as from Ohio, Illinois, and Arizona.

Special music was provided by Steve and Nancy Starks and Vern Alward. The Starks are frequent visitors, who have usually come prepared to sing. Mr. Alward, besides singing previously, has occupied the pulpit in the absence of the pastor.

The sermon, on the subject, "It Makes a Difference," by the pastor, Rev. Athel J. Lynch, was based on the Scripture, Phillippians 1:20-26. Mrs. Jack Houghton, general chairman for the occasion, welcomed the visitors, and invited them to remain after the service for a get-acquainted hour in the church dining room, where punch and cookies were supplied.

Friends and neighbors are reminded of the annual auction sale to be held in the church parking lot this Saturday, Aug. 10.

This year the sale will begin at

11 a. m., with lunch served on the grounds at noon.

Baked goods will also be on sale.

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### Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Floyd Dutcher was a Sunday dinner guest at the Charlie Losey home.

John and Lori Thompson were Saturday guests at the Jim Thompson home. They came after Randy, who had spent some time there. Doug Thompson of Mt. Pleasant was a Tuesday guest. Don Snyder of Winn was a Wednesday overnight guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and Mrs. Flora Wood enjoyed the barbecue supper at Barryton Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and Tom and Judy were weekend guests at the Gerald Dent home. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and sons spent from Tuesday till Friday with them. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children were Friday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent attended Gerald's alumni meeting at the Chippewa Hills High School. Gerald saw people he hadn't seen for 40 years. Later in the day they called on Mr. and Mrs. Theo Roe at Mecosta. Saturday they attended Charlie Kent's funeral at Farwell.

Mrs. Ida Bazaire went home with Mrs. Opal Denslow from church. Later they called on Mrs. Lizzie Conley at Brinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Denslow of Lakeview, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Taylor of Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Brownell and son of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mrs. Mary Strait and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Denslow and son, Don, and Mrs. Barbara North and Larry and Sheri were Sunday dinner guests at the Mack Denslow home. Mr.

and Mrs. Cy Ryan of Marion were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Cummins and son of Lansing and Mrs. Nettie Lawrence were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Myrl Scott, near Evart. Several other relatives were also present, and enjoyed a picnic dinner.

Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar were my Friday afternoon callers. Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called early Sunday evening.

Mrs. Eva Denslow spent last week in Lansing and Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Tiani and two children were Thursday overnight guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger, on their way up north for a vacation.

Mrs. Violet Oplinger, Mrs. Leah Scharer and I spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Hattie Losey, playing pepper. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Ron, Mrs. Shari Lorenz and Danny, Mrs. Bessie Price, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Patti, Gary and Beth, Mrs. Susie Chapman and Chad, and a Thomas boy and I were Wednesday supper guests at the Losey home, celebrating the birthdays of Charlie and me.

Ray and Opal Fahnestock of Taylor were weekend guests of his parents, the Charles Fahnestocks. Bob and Lola Fahnestock of Plymouth were also weekend guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller spent several days last week in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow entertained with a buffet dinner outdoors last Sunday, honoring her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Peacock, of La Puente,

Cal. They spent 10 days in Michigan, visiting relatives and friends. They returned to California Wednesday.

Scott and Kerri Baker are spending this week with their grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Denslow, and their other grandparents, the Kenneth Bakers.

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### COMMISSION ON AGING SAYS IGNORE CLAIM FORMS.

According to the Isabella County Commission on Aging, credit-claim forms recently sent out to Senior Citizens are to be ignored except in cities or towns where municipal taxes are collected in the summer time.

In Isabella County, that means citizens in Rosebush, Mt. Pleasant and Shepherd only (those being our incorporated towns and city).

If you received the state form and do not live in any of those incorporated places, forget the form, the Commission on Aging advises.

### In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Please extend my Weidman Messenger for another year. I have sure enjoyed every issue, but please ease off on your and Frances' fishing, because it's bringing back my childhood fishing days in the fisherman's paradise, the old Weidman Mill Pond.

I have been retired three years come Sept. 1. We live in a very quiet neighborhood, with wonderful people for neighbors.

The wife is much involved in charity and church work, so we are very contented in our home, but if we were to move, one guess where we'd head for.

Keep up the good work and still give those heck that have it coming.

From a satisfied subscriber,  
Lee A. Parks  
Lansing

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

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at. We're told that Walt Smith also has a model garden, on muck land east of his house.

Yeah, we welcomed those rainy days!

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### JOHN FOREST ENJOYS SMALL TOWN HOSPITALITY ON TOUR

John Forest, who annually takes an extensive swing by car through our great country, returned Sunday from an eight-day tour of the northwest plains states, visiting North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan, as well as Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario in Canada, a journey of some 2,785 miles.

Thunder Bay in Michigan, he reports, in the terminus port for wheat shipped there by rail from the Canadian provinces and the wheat states of this country.

He says it was very dry throughout the area he traveled. In the Canadian provinces, somewhat north of our latitude, he saw oats just about a foot high and green.

He found gasoline at Manitoba much less expensive than that in this country.

At Erskine, Minnesota, John stopped over night after finding "No Vacancy" signs along the road for several hours.

Erskine, John says, is a town about the size and "feel" of Weidman, its only standout feature a huge grain elevator.

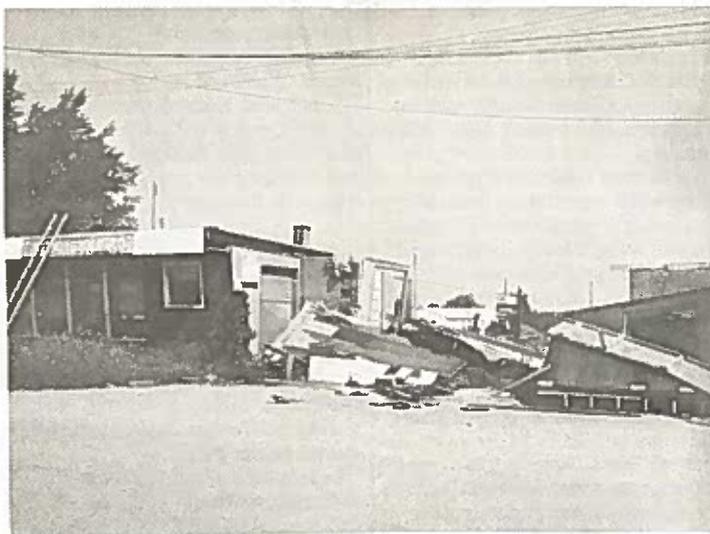
He found a small tourist stop-over consisting of a box-top gas station and "motel" accommodations consisting of mobile homes, some divided into two suites, as John found his.

His room was so small there was no place to hang towels above his small wash stand. It was a smothering hot night, and John had to go "into town" to get supper. He wanted to leave doors and window(s) open to cool his sleeping quarters, and the owner told him, "Don't worry, leave everything open. We don't have any funny business here." John found this to be true. (Wish we could do that in Weidman, Mich.!)

John had a big roast chicken dinner with generous bowl of bean soup at the only restaurant in town; cost, \$2.40. His breakfast, at the same place, \$1.15.

"I felt just like I was at home there," John said, "people were so friendly, just like here. It's real nice to find a place like that when you're traveling."

John found his vegetable garden thriving, on his arrival home. He showed us three huge early-cabbage heads, hard as rocks, and green as grass, Yum. Like most of us, John is raising vegetables at his home place this year.



**DOWN COME OLD LUMBER COMPANY OFFICES**--Workmen were completing the tearing down of the former Allen Lumber Company office building at the corner of Bridge and Woodruff Roads in Weidman the middle of this week. This was a real improvement when it was built in February, 1960, after Alton and Ivan Allen bought the Weidman Lumber Yard from Bernard Woodruff and put up new offices on this corner. Today Allen Lumber has extensive new offices and show rooms across the street from the old building, and the corner of Bridge Street and Woodruff Road is being cleared for new building projects at that site.

Messenger photo

### WEIDMAN FOLKS WIN IN MICHIGAN LOTTERY

Don Smith won \$25 in the state lottery a week ago, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Irma Kische, won last week with a \$50 ticket. Both purchased lottery tickets

at a local store.

Asked what she'll do with her \$50 Mrs. Kische said, "I'll get my glasses fixed."

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### HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

### COLDWATER LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING

The annual business meeting of the Coldwater Lake Association will be held this Saturday, Aug. 10, at 7.45 p. m. at the 4-H Camp.

New directories will be distributed to members, and there will be election of officers.

All members and prospective members are urged to attend.

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### MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE REVISES ITS CARPENTRY PROGRAM TO ON-THE-JOB

Mid Michigan Community College believes that the number of carpenters needed through the 1970s is expected to increase rapidly.

Accordingly, the college has revised its two-year construction technology program to provide more shop time and actual on-the-job experience during an eight-week summer session.

The carpentry instructor at Mid Michigan indicates that any student successfully completing the revised 40-week program will have in his possession all of the basic knowledge and skills to enter the world of work as a carpenter.

Persons interested in enrolling in the carpentry program at Mid Michigan College or in receiving additional information are urged to call the college at 386-7792.

Fall semester classes begin the week of Aug. 26.

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