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Editor's Column

By Connie

I MISS KATIE SCHAFER

Back in 1915 one graduated from the eighth grade, usually, at age 13; and I remember that ordeal of writing the eighth grade examination (I believe it was a state-wide set of questions) at the old Weidman School east across the Coldwater River.

In 1915, as I remember, pupils from the Beal City Parochial School had to take the eighth grade at a public school, or at least the final exams.

Katie Schafer was my age and in my grade, and she spent at least one year in the Weidman School.

Katie was my rock of strength in arithmetic, and my model of unconscious dignity (though of course I didn't realize the latter at that time).

Katie could show me how to figure wallpaper for the walls of a 12x14 living room (how many rolls of paper 16 inches wide and 24 feet long?) and also the terrifying question of how to figure the ceiling paper.

Katy had a methodical, logical mind and could do arithmetic problems that sent me into fits of black depression.

I was a self-centered 13-year-old, gifted with flash-in-the-pan ability in music, art and writing English essays. An impossible show-off with no stability to back it up.

But Katie Schafer knew the arithmetic answers, and she also got straight As in her other subjects; not with flamboyant shows of flash, but with logical, steady plodding work.

She had a dignity about her, even at that age. She retained that dignity, along with her delightful humor and ability for helping others.

Katie Schafer was my true friend in the eighth grade in school; she has been a true friend to very many during her lifetime.

Her life was somewhat like it was when she was 13 and in the eighth grade: Hard working, sensible, logical, whimsically humorous, and always affectionate without undue show outside her family.

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JOHN FOREST IS AMONG US FRUSTRATED GARDENERS--

Who tended bountifully productive gardens this spring and summer, only to find that canning tops and lids are nowhere to be found.

Messenger photo

John brought the Messenger family a gift of a couple of super-delicious canteloupe from his garden last week. The photo above shows him standing amidst his rather extensive patch of buttercup squash, which will keep through winter without processing.

He also has tomatoes coming on, which he wants to can, but can't. "They'll just go to waste," he said.

There are all kinds of stories and rumors flying around about the absence of canning supplies in any stores.

We heard about the man who brought a semi truckload of lids and tops down from Canada and parked by the roadside and sold out the whole load in 48 hours, at retail prices.

We heard that Kroger Company bought out the Kerr canning jar company (or was it Mason?) and another food chain bought the other canning supplier, and both chains are stashing the canning supplies indefinitely to compel consumers to buy their canned vegetables off their shelves.

We read in the Mt. Pleasant paper about a woman with garden vegetables to can and she couldn't find tops and lids for her cans.

She telephoned Gov. Milliken, who gave her an address in Toronto, Canada, where she could

order canning supplies by mail.

Many are asking, What's the matter with the Governor of Michigan, that he gives out addresses in Canada to housewives wanting canning supplies, instead of a lightning investigation of the situation?

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UNEXPECTED FREEZE GETS VEGETABLE GARDENS

An unexpected hard freeze Saturday night blackened the lush vegetable gardens common in this area.

The freeze was not predicted in early-evening weather forecasts on radio or television.

Tomatoes have been late in ripening this year, and many are left with fruit just beginning to turn, and a great amount of green fruit from the vines.

Tomatoes that are frozen on the vines (frosted) cannot successfully be canned, we've been told, but you can successfully can tomato juice from them.

John Forest called Sunday morning to tell us we were lucky in getting a picture of his squash patch Saturday afternoon. "You should see those vines now," he said. "Just a blackened mess."

Squashes from frosted vines are not harmed by hard frost, and can be stored for winter use.

State wide, early freeze hit on Monday night, according to state newspapers, with home gardens

THREE KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR HERE.

Three people were killed in a three-car accident at 12.30 Saturday morning on the Drew Road three-quarters of a mile west of the Wyman Road.

Dead are Kevin McClain, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. George McClain, Jr., of Weidman; Carolyn Lee Shaw of Remus and Judie Mae Foster of rural Blanchard.

The accident occurred when the Foster car (traveling west) was rammed from behind by a car traveling at very high speed and sent over the center line to meet the oncoming car driven by Kevin McClain, going east.

The driver of the third car left the scene of the accident before police officers arrived. Officers are searching for the hit-run car.

HIT-RUN CAR AND DRIVER FOUND BY SHERIFF'S OFFICERS

Isabella County Sheriff's officers located the hit-and-run car involved in the fatal accident early Saturday morning, in a junk yard at Barryton.

Arrested on manslaughter charges was Danny James McConnell, 19, of Barryton. He was arraigned in court Tuesday afternoon.

Kevin had stopped at the Robert Hogg home to drop off two young girls of the family, after the group had attended a football game and dance at the Chipewewa Hills High School. Kevin was traveling at normal speed on Drew Road, on his way home.

His passenger, his cousin Pat Ricky McClain, son of Dallas McClain, was taken to the Big Rapids Hospital with serious injuries.

Two passengers in the Foster car were taken to a Grand Rapids hospital suffering chest and leg injuries.

Marvin Capen of Blanchard was treated at the Big Rapids Hospital and released.

wiped out and the state's fruit crop damaged.

Maybe now the can lids and tops will come back on the store shelves, with home gardens done in and home canning over.

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The Dale Bywater family of Midland spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Ethel Bywater,

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Lou Fiorillo underwent major surgery at CMC Hospital last week. She was reported as coming along fine the first of this week, and expected to be home Tuesday or Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Perszyk and daughter from Maryland, Airman and Mrs. Douglas Kennedy of Homestead, Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kennedy, Jr., and baby and Miss Donna Kennedy are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kennedy, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses and family of Flushing, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kile of Mt. Pleasant, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family.

Mrs. Harold Krueger visited her grandmother, Mrs. Emily Wood, at the Clare Hospital, Thursday.

Mrs. Hilda Machuta and children, Mrs. Betty Moses and Mrs. Lovica Krueger called on the Jack Lieders Sunday.

The Broomfield Zion Lutheran Church and the Remus church held their Mission Festival and dinner at the Broomfield church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Krueger and girls were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Glee Krueger and Miss Alliance Cook.

Mrs. Virginia Lovell called on Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lieder spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold. Mrs. Rhode called on Mrs. John Spade Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Flaughner and family and Mark Flaughner were Sunday supper guests of the Ray Flaughers. Mrs. Rosie Leiter, Mrs. Beverly Flaughner and Mrs. Mabel Chaffee spent Wednesday with Mrs. Minnie Flaughner. Mrs. Betty Worix was a Friday visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett and sons, Mrs. Ruth Keyser and John Keyser attended the 80th birthday party for their uncle, Roy Keyser, of Harrison, Sunday.

Mrs. Vera Wright of Downey, Calif., and Mrs. Maggie Kingman of Shepherd called on Mrs. Ella Cox Saturday.

Blanche Carr called on Miss Mary Richardson at the Medical Facility Wednesday morning, and spent the afternoon with Mrs. Lovica Krueger. She was a Wednesday overnight and Thursday guest of Mrs. Minnie Strauch of Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Connie Foster entered the Lansing Business University Monday for a course of study.

John and Sara Flachs visited the Robert Hines family Saturday.

Mrs. Kate Martin spent Saturday with her daughter and family, the John Schupbachs. Janet Schupbach was a Monday evening guest of her grandmother. Mrs. Martin was a supper guest

of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Breuer and family.

Mrs. Edna Toarmina and Mrs. Sophie Abdoo of Warren have been spending a week with Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar. They took Jay and Nettie to see her new great-grandson at the Larry Toarmina home in Lansing Saturday, and to visit the Clayton Crowleys Saturday evening. Sunday the Leroy Lovells of Mt. Pleasant and Rollin Lovell of Bay City were visitors of Jay and Nettie, and Herman and Milford Lueder, in the evening. Jay and Nettie also called on Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lovell Saturday.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Our road was the scene of a terrible accident early Saturday morning about a half mile west of our home, when a car going at high speed rammed the back of another car going east, and shoved it into a car going east, killing three and injuring four other persons, with the car causing the accident leaving the scene.

Mary Beutler came home from the hospital last Tuesday, feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler had dinner together Sunday, then called at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton to pay respect to Kevin McClain.

Reva Simkins of Detroit called on the Carl Fitzgeralds Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge visited Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Floyd Dutcher called on me Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and children spent Saturday evening with the Harold Kruegers. Mrs. Dolores Gaudard and children of Midland spent Sunday afternoon with Ervin Dutcher.

Eloise Hogg and Barbara were Saturday evening callers. Floyd had lunch with us Friday.

The Robert Dutchers called on the Jim Dutchers Thursday evening. Linda Sisco and children were also callers.

Ronna Jean Dutcher and I called at the Daggett Funeral Home Sunday afternoon to pay respect to Kevin McClain. The family has our deepest sympathy.

Harold Secord and daughter, Mary, called on us and Percy Secord Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gatehouse called at the Daggett Funeral Home Sunday evening to pay respect to Kevin McClain.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn spent Saturday over night with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen, and Terri.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee of Sears called on Mrs. Ethel Bywater last Wednesday. Ethel

Clouse and Beatrice Kelly of Remus were Thursday afternoon guests.

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Sept. 26th

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower vis-
ited the Daggett Funeral Home
in Barryton Sunday evening to
pay respects to Kevin McClain.
Many others from here also called
at the Daggett Funeral home.

Word comes from Mrs. Lyle
Wolfe in Sepulveda, Calif.,
that Olydene (Wolfe) Watson
has been in a hospital since
Aug. 28.

Obituary

KEVIN LEE McCLAIN

This area was deeply sadden-
ed by the sudden passing of Kevin
Lee McClain, who died in a
traffic accident early Saturday
morning on the way home from
a football game and dance at
the Chippewa Hills High School.
He was 16 years old.

He was born April 17, 1958,
in CMC Hospital, and spent his
short life at the family home
here in Weidman.

He was very active in school
sports and music, and was a de-
voted worker in the Weidman
United Methodist Church. He
was beginning his Junior year at
school.

He is survived by his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. George McClain,
Jr.; his twin brother, Kerry; two
sisters, Melanie of Mt. Pleasant
and Beth Ann Wernette of Barry-
ton; his grandparents, Mr. and
Mrs. George McClain, Sr., of
Barryton; and a host of other
relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held
Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock
in the Weidman United Metho-
dist Church, with Rev. Arlo
Vandlen of Lakeview and Rev.
Athel Lynch of the local church
officiating. Interment was in
Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.
The family have the deepest
sympathy of their many friends.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson,
Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullet and
Mrs. Nina Forbes visited their
sister, Bertha Summers, at her
new Sherwood Forest Apartment
home near Lansing Sunday, and
spent the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell
spent last Wednesday and Thurs-
day with their sons, Bill, Jr.,
and Dick, and their families at
Grand Haven and Spring Lake.
Bill, Sr., gave an archery demon-
stration at the Spring Lake
High School.

Mr. and Mrs. James Neubecker
and sons, Stephen and Chris,
and daughter, Elizabeth Ann, of
Lansing, were Saturday guests
of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth
Neubecker.

Obituary

MAE WOLFE COTES

Mae Wolfe Cotes passed away
Aug. 30 at Granada Hills,
Calif., and was buried Sept.
6 with services at the Church
of Jesus Christ of Latter-day
Saints, Sylmar Ward. Inter-
ment was in Revelation Sec-
tion, Forest Lawn-Hollywood
Hills Cemetery in Los Angeles.

She was born Mae O. Waight
Sept. 1, 1887, in Sherman
Township, where she spent her
life until the past years when
she lived in California.

Many here remember her as
school teacher in country
schools around here, and as
postmaster of Weidman in the
late 1920s.

She was married to Allen D.
Wolfe Nov. 30, 1910. To this
marriage were born three chil-
dren: Robert (Lyle) Wolfe, of
Sepulveda, Calif., Olydene
Watson of Panorama City, Col-
orado, and Bea Showalter of
Vancouver, Wash.

On Dec. 31, 1948, she was
married to Ben A. Cotes of
East Moline, Ill., who had
three children.

They moved to California in
1954. Ben preceded Mae in
death Oct. 16, 1969.

They had 32 grandchildren,
35 great-grandchildren, and
three great-great-grandchil-
dren.

Old friends have mourned the
passing of Mae Wolfe Cotes.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Merrihew of
Clio were Thursday afternoon
and evening guests of the Rich-
ard Touchinski family. Mr. and
Mrs. Elwood Miller were Sunday
evening guests.

Mrs. Emily Wood entered the
Clare Hospital last Thursday.

Rodney Holt and girl friend of
Mt. Pleasant were Saturday sup-
per guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Ockert of
Lake were Saturday visitors of Mr.
and Mrs. Fred Wilcox. Mr. and
Mrs. Doug Jackson of Mt. Pleas-
ant were Sunday guests.

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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 Thurs-
days, 3 p.m.

Methodist Men, 4th Saturday,
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Methodist Men's Soup Supper
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church dining room. Serving
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Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
Prayer Service Wednesday,
7.30 p.m.

FUNNY WORLD

If the good Lord had intended
for us to live in a permissive so-
ciety, wouldn't the Ten Com-
mandments have been the Ten
Suggestions?

Detroit Free Press

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S

FALL

Soup Supper

Saturday, SEPT. 28

5.30 to 7 p.m., at Weidman United Methodist Church
Many kinds of home-made soups, tossed salad, warm
rolls, relishes, pies and beverages. All you can eat.

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on sale.



THE WAIGHT SCHOOL, ABOUT 1928: Left to right, first row (seated): Stanley Darnell, Rollo Sickles, Raymond Gross. Second row: Daisy Darnell, Eunice Darnell, Florence Darnell, Rozena Sheldon, Ada Gross (seated). Back row (standing): Clayton Dutcher, Mabel Sheldon, Una Smith, teacher Miss Allen, Wilbur Sheldon, Gilbert Losey, Don Sickles. Missing from the photo were Minnie Sheldon and John Sheldon, Jr. Old photo loaned the Messenger by Mabel (Sheldon) Chaffee. •

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur visited Mrs. Kit Johnson at CMC Hospital Friday evening. Kit appeared to be doing well. She was scheduled to enter the Medical Facility this week.

HUNTING, FISHING FESTIVAL AT MMCC THIS WEEKEND

The Mid Michigan Hunting and Fishing Festival scheduled for this weekend, Sept. 27, 28 and 29, will start Friday afternoon on the campus of Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison.

The festival, a first for the mid-Michigan area, starts Friday evening with the self-contained trailer registration on campus and will conclude late Sunday afternoon.

Events include skills in game calls, archery, casting, fly tying, shooting demonstrations, dog training, camping, outdoor photography and art, outdoor safety, taxidermy, waterfowl decoys, hunting, fishing, fur-taking, and many other interests.

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NEWS NOTES

Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch took Mrs. Ethel Bywater to dinner at Coldwater Lake Inn a week ago Sunday. They all went to Alma and called at the Jesse Bunting home. Rev. Lynch visited John J. Middlesworth at the hospital there. They then went to Shepherd and visited the Jess Bunting farm, and visited Mrs. White.

Mrs. White is the former Minnie Curtiss, in Winn. They called

on Mrs. Nettie Baker at Two Rivers.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt attended a Moose dinner in Mt. Pleasant recently.

Mrs. Gertrude Gross and Mrs. Viola Engler were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker in Weidman.

The neighbors celebrated Mrs. Hulda Steven's birthday last Tuesday evening.

Rita Ann Schmidt, who is attending Central University at Mt. Pleasant, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt.

Ginger and Debbie Rau and Ann Smith went to Lansing Sunday to shop.

Walt and Doll Rau went with Bob and June Blasen to Lansing and Westphalia Sunday afternoon.

Louise Schafer spent Wednesday at the Ken Schafer home in Mt. Pleasant.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Oscar Schafer home in Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Pung attended the funeral of John Pung in Detroit Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bergey and family of Mt. Pleasant and John Sheppard and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Mrs. Anna Eldred and Mrs. Bob Tatro of Winn called on Mrs. Tony Schafer Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh attended the funeral of John Pung in Detroit Thursday.

John Lyon, Mike Kavanaugh and Tom Tilmann went bear hunting last week.

The wedding of Jack Rau and Sue Engler was well attended Friday evening.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. Joe Keiffer and sister-in-law Saturday afternoon.

Wednesday noon Ben and Mary Platte of Portland came to visit Louise and Ann Smith for about two hours. They had been to visit other relatives around here also. Wednesday evening Sheila and Doll Ray spent the evening with Louise, tying a comforter for Sheila.

Mrs. George Keiffer and Mrs. Joe Keiffer spent Saturday afternoon with Louise Smith, and got a quilt Louise had quilted for her.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts attended the wedding of their niece and cousin, Nancy McArthur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McArthur, in Detroit Saturday afternoon. The Stuart McArthurs of Virginia were also present.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



WEIDMAN'S WEST MAIN STREET, 1910--The G. C. Fisher house, then one of the best in Weidman, has since been torn down and a smaller house built from the materials. Jim Bell's house, marked on the old photo, now is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes. The indistinct house marked with a small cross, then owned by the Linc Smith family, now is the very nice home of the Robert Suman family. Old photo loaned the Messenger by Marie (Smith) Swindlehurst. The photo is on a postcard (with a one-cent stamp!) mailed to Mrs. Una Graham in Chicago, written by Mrs. Leona Smith, who said, "A glimpse of West Main. Smith's marked with cross. How do you like the looks in winter. It is snowing today. The roads are almost impassable now. Am longing for spring."

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. John Carr of Lansing were Saturday evening callers at the Earl and Sterling Oplinger homes. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Pohl were Sunday evening callers at the Earl Oplinger home.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence and Mrs. Ula Cummins were Sunday afternoon callers at the Alva Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Denslow of St. Clair were Sunday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mrs. Flora Wood spent last Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist in Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Gloria Antcliff and sons, Brad and Chris, were Saturday evening guests of Mrs. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fahnestock and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rescoe went to the Barryton funeral home Sunday to pay respects to Kevin McClain.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tiprick were Sunday callers of the Charles Fahnestocks.

Monday callers at the Charlie Losey home were Mrs. Flora Wood, Mrs. Margie Denslow, Mrs. Ardis Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Patti and Beth, and Mrs. Susie Chapman and Chad. Harold and Ron Losey were Wednesday visitors. Ira Leiter called Friday.

Mrs. Lois Losey, Mrs. Shari Lorenz and children and Mrs. Bessie Price and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cornell were callers Saturday at the Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher were Sunday supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wilson and family were Sunday guests at the Jim Thompson home. Gary and Jason Fuller were also guests. Rev. Mike Nicherson and Brenda Wager were Tuesday evening callers.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended Mary Martha Circle at the home of Violet Billings Monday evening.



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Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the "Michigan Election Law," I, the undersigned Clerk, will upon any day except Sunday and a legal holiday, the day of any regular or special election or primary election, receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said Township, City or Village not already registered who may APPLY TO ME PERSONALLY for such registration.

Notice is hereby given that I will be at my home at 6465 W. River Road on Monday, October 7 - Last Day from 8 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

For the purpose of reviewing the registration and registering such of the qualified electors in said Township as shall properly apply therefor
GALE KRUEGER, Twp. Clerk

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SHERMAN, ISABELLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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Notice is hereby given that I will be at my home on North Rolland Road on Monday, October 7--
LAST DAY, from 8 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

For the purpose of reviewing the registration and registering such of the qualified electors in said Township as shall properly apply therefor.
KEITH LOOMIS, Twp. Clerk

Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Bob and Doris Koelsch and son Brent of Broomfield Trailer Court were guests here Tuesday evening. Lynn Schafer and son, Brian, called here Friday. Bill Schafer and Ruth Sherlock were Saturday guests.

Don Schafer took Ed and me to Marlette for our truck Wednesday.

Edith Lueder called here Wednesday evening.

Pauline Schafer and Dorothy Tilman were guests of Edith Lueder Wednesday morning.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NOTTAWA, ISABELLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the "Michigan Election Law," I, the undersigned Clerk, will upon any day except Sunday and a legal holiday, the day of any regular or special election or primary election, receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said Township, City or Village not already registered who may APPLY TO ME PERSONALLY for such registration.

Notice is hereby given that I will be at my home at 3886 N. Nottawa Road, on Monday, October 7--
LAST DAY, from 8 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

For the purpose of reviewing the registration and registering such of the qualified electors in said Township as shall properly apply therefor.
BERNARD RAU, Twp. Clerk

In the Editor's Mail

SHE HAS THE NAME OF THE LITTLE GIRL IN THE DARK DRESS IN PHOTO

Petoskey, Mich.
Sept. 17

Dear Jack (Bellows):

Was glad to hear from you, but was surprised. Jack, thanks a lot for sending me that school picture. I know Nile and Gale would sure like one of those, too. You said if you knew their address you would send them one. I will give you their addresses, so if you want to send them one, I will pay you what it costs to send them. If you could pick up four more of those pictures, I would like to get one for each of my kids, Floyd, LaVonna, Georgia Lee and Darlene. If you can get that many more, write and tell me and maybe one of these days soon we could stop and see you and pick them up and pay you for them.

Do you ever see Marvel and Les? A few months ago we were down to Marvel's for two or three days, had a nice time. We played cards. Les is feeling pretty good, but can't do much work any more. A year ago this June he had a hard heart attack and in December of 1973 he had another one. He takes about 24 pills three times every day.

David, Georgia Lee's boy, is here tonight, spending the night with us. He is nine years old, and is in the fourth grade.

Nile isn't very good. He is retiring the last of this month.

Georgia Lee's birthday is today --she is 29 years old. LaVonna and Bill are fine, and Darlene is in Nevada. Floyd has retired, too, on account of his health. He lives in Plainwell.

Bye-bye- now,

Bertha and Leo

P. S. --In that school picture the little girl in the front row with a dark dress on is Vera Allen, Imogene Allen's little sister. If you ever see Margaret Denslow you can tell her who it is, or tell the Weidman Messenger.

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Hello,

Just in case you have doubts about this check, my name used to be Mary Smith. Minnie Reed is my sister. She sent me one of your papers, and I enjoyed the news, although there are many names I don't recognize. It's been years since I left up there.

Yours truly,
Mary Bates
Saginaw

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NEWS NOTES

R.D. Sprague was reported this week as suffering complications, in the hospital at Ann Arbor, after surgery for an aneurism. His family have been with him there.

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Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Goodstell, who have been spending their honeymoon in this area, were callers at the Clyde Emmons home during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman at Crooked Lake. Sunday evening they were callers of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitky.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter were Friday evening visitors of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Terri Leiter, and son, of Mt. Pleasant. Their Saturday supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stebelton and daughter Renee.

Tony Davis of Lansing spent Saturday over night with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. James Theisen.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry attended the wedding of Douglas Rosser and Tomma Lou Lowery Saturday evening at Ewart. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dosenberry were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Harry Dosenberry home.

Ernest Spann of Dalton, Georgia, spent last week at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck spent the weekend in Grand Haven and Spring Lake with their children, the Bill Louisell, Jr., family, and the Richard Louisells.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock hosted a birthday dinner for their son, Paul, on his first birthday, Sunday, Sept. 15. Dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon, Mr. and Mrs. Art Schrock, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens, and Mrs. Darlene Tetzlaff and Brian and Brenda. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Teeter and baby were afternoon visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith were Sunday overnight guests.

Mrs. James Bauman of Big Rapids spent Friday with Mrs. Schrock, Sherman Smith and Art Schrock were supper guests one night during the week.

Dick Tilmann and son, Doug, of Lake Windoga, leave this Thursday for Idaho for their annual hunting vacation. They go to the same ranch each year, and this time they will pack 20 miles into the wilderness from the ranch and stay for five days and nights, with only their horses for transportation. They expect to return about Oct. 5.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fields and family of Grand Rapids spent Saturday night and Sunday with his mother, Jane Fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe attended a euchre party at the Berl Denslow home Friday evening.

Richard Irish spent the weekend with his parents at St. Charles. His grandmother, Lillie Maddox, returned to her home in Saginaw, after spending two weeks with me and her sister-in-law, Velma Amy, of

Gilmore.

The Brinton Busy Bees will hold their October meeting on the 8th, at the Brinton Hall at 4 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore and family attended the shop picnic at Clare Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang were in Detroit Thursday, where he picked up a truck to use in his work. He is working out of Petoskey at this time.

Lillie Maddox joined Dad and me on a trip to Ludington last Wednesday, where we enjoyed a picnic dinner and sightseeing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen called at the Daggett Funeral Home Sunday evening, paying their respects to Kevin McClain, who lost his life in an accident early Saturday morning. The McClain family have the sympathy of the entire community.

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Local Items

Mrs. Leila Shook and her sister attended the funeral of an uncle in Fort Wayne, Ind., staying with relatives from Sunday till Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Brien of Har-ker Heights, Texas, spent Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning with Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Mrs. Sherry Eberbach of Lansing spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

John J. Middlesworth was reported as improving the first of the week, in the Alma Hospital. He was still in the intensive care unit, but was able to walk around.

The Clark family held a get-together Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark in Mt. Pleasant. About 25 family members enjoyed the day, honoring September birthdays in the family.

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Editor's Column

By Connie
(Continued from Page 1)

I do miss Katie Schafer.

She became Kate Cotter and raised a beautiful family of boys and girls, and had grandchildren and great-grandchildren; but to me she was Katie Schafer, the girl in the eighth grade who showed me (without scorn or airs, too!) how to figure wallpaper for a goi-durned room in which I had no interest and absolutely no idea of its figuring.

Thank you, Katie, for your friendship through the years.

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TWO CARS IN DITCH AT THOMPSON BRIDGE

Two cars went into the ditch early Saturday morning about at the Thompson bridge on the Airline Road when Danny James McConnell, 19, of Barryton, said he swerved to avoid hitting a cow in the road, an unsubstantiated circumstance.

His car allegedly skidded on wet clay in the road and slid into the ditch. He flagged down an oncoming car, and that driver put on his brakes and also went into the ditch.

McConnell apparently was fleeing the scene of the fatal accident earlier on the Drew Road.

Sheriff's officers found his car Tuesday at a junk yard in Barryton, the car being stripped and made ready for burning.

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OLD FRIENDS MEET AT EASTERN STARS' FRIENDS NIGHT IN ITHACA

Some old friends met after a long time, at the Eastern Stars' Friends Night last Monday in Ithaca.

Claribel Beutler, Nina Forbes, Emma Middlesworth and Alma Dosenberry attended from here, and visited with Ida (Snyder) Sweet of Carson City.

Ida Snyder grew up in Weidman, attending the old school across the Coldwater River. Her family lived approximately on the place where the Spike Branson home now is.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey attended the funeral of a cousin's husband, George Troyk, at Man-celona, Friday.

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TOWNSHIPS ADOPT ALTERNATE BUILDING CODE

Townships in this area adopted an alternate building code in lieu of the rigid State Building Code, in various Township Board meetings during the past week.

Broomfield Township Board adopted the Uniform Building Code at its meeting last Tuesday evening. Sherman Township took it on at its regular meeting Saturday afternoon.

Other townships accepting or expecting to accept the alternate code include Gilmore, Coldwater and possibly Deerfield. Nottawa Township's attitude was undetermined the first of the week.

At a public meeting Friday evening at the Weidman School, the Boards of five townships were present, along with a sparse crowd of citizens.

Ernest Schmidt, Supervisor of Nottawa Township, was unable to attend Friday night's meeting, due to injuries suffered when a bull on his farm mauled him Friday morning. He was taken to CMC Hospital Saturday morning, suffering bruises and lacerations, but was expected to return home the first of this week.

Coldwater Township was expected to adopt the Uniform Code soon. Jesse Brasington, Gilmore Township Supervisor, told the Messenger Tuesday morning that his township was expected to adopt it, but had been holding off official action until after a Sept. 28 meeting at the college in Mt. Pleasant, at which much information on the whole situation had been promised.

However, Gilmore's two representatives were notified Monday that their reservations had been cancelled due to an overflow of applications for attendance.

Victor Hayward, county zoning officer, and Claire Spence for the county zoning board, also were present, and Hayward offered an invitation to township boards to send at least two members to a workshop on the subject to be held at the University at Mt. Pleasant Sept. 28. Two speakers will be presenting information at all times during the session, Hayward said.

The Uniform Building code, as well as the State Code, deals only with structural aspects of building, with electrical and plumbing codes to come, it was pointed out.

Inspection fees in the City of Mt. Pleasant run \$4 per \$1,000 value of the building, up to \$10,000; \$3 per \$1,000 valuation up to \$50,000 valuation; and \$1 per \$1,000 valuation beyond \$50,000.

The apparent sentiment of the majority of people attending Friday night's meeting was resistance to all restrictive laws as to building in this area. This is an impossibility, as the State

Building Code law was passed by the legislature in 1972 and became an active law last spring.

The only apparent relief for outstate rural areas in these city-planned codes (laws) is to get the legislature to amend the laws to consider outstate sparsely populated areas.

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REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS EIGHT TABLES IN PLAY

At the Rebekah sponsored card party last week Tuesday, There were eight tables of pepper in play.

Margaret Lawens won high-score prize for the ladies, with Henry Schafer winning high for the men.

Emma Tilmann won the pepper prize. Mary Larson won low. Gladys Wilson drew the door prize.

Claribel Beutler and Leah Scharrer, committee, served donuts and coffee for refreshments.

The next card party at the Weidman Rebekah Hall will be Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 1. All are invited to attend.

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