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Editor's Column

By. Connie

THE LEO EMBREYS LIVED IN THE FALING HOUSE 17 YEARS

We had a nice visit with Virginia Embrey of Farwell, here to renew her subscription to the Messenger.

We talked about the old Faling house which burned recently, and Virginia had fond memories of family life there.

Virginia and Leo Embrey lived there for 17 years, moving in in 1942, their first home after they were married.

Three of their children were born there, Virginia said. They bought the house from

Harvey and Eva Carr.

"We had wonderful neighbors," Virginia said. "The Ritchies on the corner (where the Church of the Nazarene parsonage now is), and on the other side of us, Mrs. Aylsworth. They were just wonderful neighbors. Those were good years, for us."

Virginia spoke of the beautiful woodwork inside the house, installed, of course, by Neil Faling; and of the solid craftsmanship apparent throughout the

She remembered that there was a very old-fashioned wood-box on the back of the house (on the outside), with a heavy lid, and that it made a perfect repository for the boys' baseball bats, mitts, the croquet set, anything and everything used by kids in outdoor play.

Leo and Virginia moved to Farwell 20 years ago and bought a hardware store, in which they

have prospered.
"But those were good years

here," Virginia said.

Spring isn't here yet, but we have some of the spring birds arriving. Of late we've heard (and seen) red-winged black-birds and we've heard a song-sparrow, that sweet-voiced darlin' that gives out with the

prettiest bird-song of all.

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THE WINNAHS!--Marlene Davy (left, above) and Connie Bushre present Lou Fiorillo with the trophy the bowling team he sponsored won in the rolloffs March 6 at Riverwood Recreation in Mt. Pleasant. The women's bowling team which Lou sponsored won first in competition with 34 other bowling teams. The trophy was given Lou's team at a presentation dinner. Team members (the champs) include Joan Burden, Caroline Sowels, Wanda Graham, Marlene Davy, and Connie Bushre. The Pharmacy team played all winter at Mt. Pleasant, a new outfit organized last September. This was the first time Lou has sponsored a bowling team--a winner!

McCLAIN RECEPTION IS THIS NEXT SUNDAY

Friends of George and Peggy McClain of Barryton are reminded that their 50th wedding anniversary reception will be held this next Sunday, March 21, 2 to 5 p.m., at the Senior Citizens Hall in Barryton.

Friends and relatives are cordially invited. The family requests no gifts, please.

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WBA TO HAVE BINGO PARTIES VERY SOON.

The Weidman Business Association will be putting on bingo parties in Maeder's Auction Barn a mile south of Weidman on the Coldwater Road, it was announced this week.

The games will be scheduled as soon as the WBA's state license comes through.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey did a baby-sitting job Sunday when the younger Embrey families went on a snowmobiling safari trip up North.

ANNUAL FIREMEN'S AUCTION COMING UP IN EARLY APRIL

The annual Firemen's Auction, sponsored by the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department, will be scheduled in early April, according to word received this week.

Donations are sought—anything and everything, from your attic, garage—look over all parts of your house for items, large and small, that you can donate to this very popular annual event.

For dropoffs or pickups of items call the Spike Bransons, tele-phone 644-3507, or the Richard Touchinskis, telephone 644-3306.

Our Volunteer Firemen—and their wives—go through many hardships annually in protecting us from the devastation of fires. Now is the time to show appreciation by rummaging around and finding something of decent value to donate to their auction.

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Small Terri Touchinski was among pre-schoolers starting out on the big yellow buses Monday.

WEIDMAN DAY MEETING DRAWS SPARSE CROWD

A meeting at the Weidman School to discuss possibilities for putting on a Weidman Day this summer as this area's effort in the Bicentennial Year, was held last Thursday evening with sparse attendance. The meeting had been postponed from the week before on account of weather conditions.

Another meeting has been arranged for Thursday, evening, March 25, at 7 p.m., at the school.

It was decided at this first meeting to schedule Weidman Day for Saturday, July 10. The last Weidman Day was held in 1965.

Leaders Spike Branson and Dick Touchinski urged everybody to get involved with plans for the big day, and to help in the work of arrangements. Anyone with an idea for the day is urged to be at the next meeting.

Residents of the Ojibwa Recreation Area, Iake Isabella and Coldwater Iake are especially invited to participate in planning.

Among possible entertainment specials for Weidman Day (at this point there are no plans for trying to get a carnival) are Bingo, a Tug o' War, possibly a dunking machine, always a star attraction; kids' races of all kinds, Little and Pewee baseball games, a hog-calling contest, a husbandcalling contest, jam sessions for area non-professional bands, a special invitation to old-time dance bands now inactive, a chicken barbecue, fiddle players, and on and on. We have talent galore hereabouts, and it should be used, especially in such an event as a Bicentennial Weidman Day.

Organizations that might take part in the day's programs and activities include the FFA and FHA of the Chippewa Hills Schools, Lions Club, churches, Mothers Club, and any other fraternal or service organizations.

The Weidman Business Association, in other years, put on the Weidman Days, and will be asked to assist in this year's effort.

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Mrs. Emma Middlesworth spent last week with Mrs. Mary McCarthy in Lansing. MESC TO OPEN OFFICE IN CLARE

The Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC) has opened a job service office in Clare March 15, according to the director.

The office, located at 508 E. Fifth Street, will provide employment services such as job placement, testing and interviewing, in addition to the job bank, a computerized listing of jobs currently available through MESC offices across the state.

In addition, the office will distribute unemployment insurance benefits. Office hours are from 8.15 to 4.30, Monday

through Friday.

The Clare office will serve those living in Clare and Isabella Counties. It will replace the Clare itinerant office in the Clare City Hall, the Isabella itinerant office at 423 Broadway in Mt. Pleasant, and the rural employment service office in the Clare County court house in Harrison.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Smith and son, Wally, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and children attended a pizza party Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reynolds in Weidman.

Coldwater Lake

Gladys Brown, Reporter

al weeks' vacation in California, and to help Andy and Beryl drive

the pleasure of a few days' visit from their grandson, Robert.

Pat and Dick Harris came to spend the weekend with her paralso was home for term break. While here, they all went to Mt. Pleasant to do some shopping.

a granddaughter come to stay a few days with them last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Nolte are leaving this week for several weeks' vacation in the Sunny

Glenn and Gladys Brown drove to Big Rapids Saturday to take a birthday gift to their grandson, Steve. Several grandchildren are visiting them this week, as this is spring break in several area schools.

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Sunday visitors of Mrs. Edna Bowein were Mrs. Loretta Lorenz and daughter, Mary Lou Theisen, of Mt. Pleasant, and her daughters.

Daryl Pitts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, is attending the Great Lakes Bible College in Lansing. Daryl completed high school studies at Chippewa Hills Schools in January, and will come home to attend graduation in June.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

LEGAL

Notice

SETTLEMENT DAY NOTICE Tuesday, March 23, 1976 (second Tuesday Preceding Annual Township Meeting).

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KEITH LOOMIS Township Clerk Mar. 18t1

A History of Weidman

(Editor's Note: The first celebration day in Weidman was not designated as "Weidman Day," but a "field day," called by John S. Weidman in the heyday of his lumbering successes here.

(Herewith is an account of that first day, reprinted from an old Messenger copy.)

THE FIRST WEIDMAN DAY
By Rolla E. Roe

The last Saturday in August, the 24th, 1897, broke warm and clear. People from far and near hustled for town, for there was to be a celebration in Weidman, and the bills advertised an exhibition of a horseless carriage.

Folks had been hearing about those new contraptions that were supposed to run by electricity or gasoline or steam or suthin! or other; but no one hereabouts had seen one. Probably Mr. Weidman had bought one and would show it off on that day.

The business street was lined with booths. The various business places at that time (1897) were:

Ad. Scott, general merchandise.

John Damon, dry goods, groceries and drugs.

George Middlesworth, general

George Fisher, hardware.

George Drallette, meat market. Charles Woolworth, harness

Peter Aylsworth, hotel and livery.

William Dawson, shoe repairing.

Royal Gibbs, hotel. Gene Burdick, furniture. William Beebe, blacksmith

Horace Parsons, postmaster. By 11 o'clock the streets were filled with merry-makers, and there were horse races and various games to attract attention, besides a big midway.

The ball games, which were also to be played at later celebrations, were played in the old

mill yard.

Among the minor attractions was Okemos, the Indian, who had a flute, and would play doleful tunes, afterward passing the hat. Folks would pay him to have him move on to some other place.

At last it came time for the big event--the exhibition of the horseless carriage. Didn't seem

possible one of them there things could run without horses, but we'll wait and see, anyhow.

At last down the street came John Beutler, walking beside a vehicle in which rode Mr. Weidman. It looked like a surrey. It WAS a surrey, and it was propelled not by electricity, or steam, not by gasoline, but by a yoke of oxen.

The marshal of the day, Andrew Cameron of Millbrook, did his best to keep order, but there was considerable tumult as the vehicle passed by.

"Just what I expected," said one individual, disgustedly; but the rest took the hoax goodnaturedly, and went on with the celebration wholeheartedly.

So that was the first Weidman Day--1897--called a field day, and sponsored by John S. Weidman.

Weidman Day celebrations went on for many years, sponsored variously by the Masonic Lodge, and later the Weidman

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LAKE ISABELLA Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Your reporter and her husband were called away to Lansing again this past week, where they helped in the care of their brother-in-law, who has been very ill. They expected to be back some time Monday, and their friends here at the lake were hoping for good news of a speedy recovery, when they returned.

Well, the ice storm of the season seems to be over, but it won't be soon forgotten, especially by those who took falls on the slippery stuff. Ted Krauss, who has been recuperating from illness, took a bad fall and broke his shoulder. He has been in CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant since March 6, and at the moment doesn't know when they will release him.

A gal over on Crown Point Drive is sporting a beautiful black eye, also due to a fall on the ice.

Here's hoping that all the ice and snow melt quickly so we won't have any more casualties.

Steve and Emily Stevens couldn't wait for spring to take delivery of a beautiful new Aspen station wagon. They picked it up last Wednesday, and by Thursday morning they were itching to get on the road. So

they picked up Mildred and Jim Beattie and took off for Saginaw and a day of shopping at Fashion Square Mall, followed by dinner at the Sweden House.

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Around Horr Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Betty Martin spent the weekend at Copemish visiting her father, who is in the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bainss of Port Huron, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright were Saturday guests at the Elwood Miller home. Their son, George, was home Sunday, and they called on their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski, and girls, in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Denslow and family and Mrs. Joyce Chaffee were Sunday callers at the Mack Denslow home.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended a concert by the Maranatha Singers, a group from CMU, at the Remus Methodist Church, Friday evening. Betty assisted other ladies with lunch after the concert.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and Bob and Miss Shirley Fox were in Lansing Sunday, and called on Betty's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Denslow of Lakeview were Sunday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Opal

Denslow. The Berl Denslows were afternoon callers.

Mike Wood called on his folks, the Pete Woods, Sunday. Their grandson, B.J. Whitman, is spending a few days this week with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Sunday evening callers at the Charlie Losey home.

Brinton News Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Godwin and Nick and Andy of Farwell called on her mother, Fern Verette, and Grandma Beers Sunday evening.

Connie Fletcher and Irene Bowen were in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Graham and family of Coleman were supper guests of Carl and Ellen Geasler Wednesday evening.

Eunice La Londe and Irma Bazaire were supper guests of the Wayne La Londes and family. in honor of Linda La Londe's birthday.

The Merry Go Round Club met with Sandra Cline last Thursday with 13 members in attendance. The April meeting will be with Wanda Graham in Weidman on Thursday, April 8.

Linda La Londe, Shannon and Dewayne spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Bazaire at

Irene Bowen entertained a

group of ladies Saturday evening with a party at her home. ---0---

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fussman are the parents of a baby boy, born March 11 at CMC Hospital. He has been named Andrew Joseph. Proud grandparents are Ida Fussman and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur.



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Dora Smith, Reporter

Donna and Cindy Klumpp are spending the week in Ann Arbor with Maxine Klumpp.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer celebrated Tillie Schafer's birthday Saturday evening.

Fred Sheahan is in the hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer and girls spent Sunday with Tillie Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lyon and family of Mt. Pleasant spent last Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schafer, Mrs. Henry Grinzinger, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fox of Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wawersik, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schumacher and family were

Mrs. Henry Grinzinger called on Mr. and Mrs. Bierschbach last Tuesday morning, and in the afternoon called on Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau.

Monday callers.

Mrs. Henry Grinzinger called

on Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Grinzinger in Mt. Pleasant Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fussman are the proud parents of a baby boy.
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau are the proud parents of a baby boy also.

West Gilmore

Mr. and Mrs. Masiwchuck spent the weekend in Grand Rppids with her brother, who is reported

with her brother, who is reported quite ill. Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes

and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa spent Saturday afternoon and evening with the Paul Coles.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfannes attended a birthday party for his sister, Mrs. August Hoskey, near Harrison, Thursday.

Yours Truly visited a specialist, Dr. Redfield, Saturday in Mt. Pleasant, and his report is a lack of blood in arteries to the brain. He recommends Dr. Fields of Saginaw as soon as possible.

Tony Masiwchuck called on the Paul Coles Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler called on his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, and his brother and sister-in-law,

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, last week.

George Cornell visited Mr. and Mrs. Normnn Geasler Saturday. Miss Bobbie Worth and Miss

Lynn Worth visited their parents over the weekend. Bobbie called on her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler.

We realize we are a little late in getting to it, due to our illness, but our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Worth in the loss of their baby.

Local Items

Wally Joe Smith was among the Chippewa Hills Band members who went to Ludington in district competition, coming home with a One. Six band and orchestra groups from the school went, and came back with five Ones and one Two. They will continue on to the

state finals.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler spent Tuesday of this week in East Lansing, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Tiubbetts, and family.

Mary Lou Bennett and Chris and Ryan of Lake Isabella, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and George Miller of Mt. Pleasant and Harrison were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls. Saturday evening the Touchinski family visited the Bob Baines home on Lake of the Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Wood and Mrs. Flora Wood were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lee of Sparta were Saturday guests.

Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula Cummins were in Ithaca and Lakeview last Wednesday.

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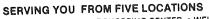
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Business Association, Weidman Day celebrations were abandoned in the 1950s, when carnivals became reluctant to set down in small towns, demanding a three-day stand and dragging out the celebration too long.

Finally, with changing of ownership of business places into younger hands, and the work of organizing Weidman Day celebrations seeming not worth while to younger store owners, Weidman Day was officially aban-

Weidman Days were more than carnival days and nights. They brought folks back home to Weidman from all over Michigan, and beyond. Our streets were filled with "old-timers" come back to visit with other "old-timers".

Yes, they spent money in Weidman. The carnival rides brought in some revenue, but we had eat-stands and other booth-attractions set up all over town, manned by various groups, including the school's FFA and FHA. They got the profits.

The Weidman Business Association usually made a little money, but not a great deal. Its main satisfaction was the recognition of the village of Weidman once a year.

A place to come back to. ---0---

Smokey Says:



In the

Ernie gets more news and en-

Thank you for a good paper. Yours truly Mrs. Ernie De Hart

Well, the time is close for us to return back to our Lansing ad-

this part of Texas, but awful

much. Sorry the pig roast had to come on a day that was muddy.

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NEW REAL ESTATE OFFICE

The Weidman-Big Rapids Realty Company will open offices in Weidman April 1, according to word received this

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Editor's Mail

Weidman Messenger Dear Mrs. Skinner:

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North Weidman Elvah Gott, Reporter

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott and children stayed last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott, as they had no lights or water.

Callers at our home were Bessie Allen, Dick Gott, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott of Winn. Brad Mandoka took Debbie Graham and me to church Sunday, and they came home with me and had dinner with us. Then they called on Mr. and Mrs. Gail Sowle of Clare (her sister Becky).

Donny Alwood spent the weekend at the Kowaleski home in Remus. Saturday the boys spent the day at Ludington with the Chippewa Hills bands, playing for the districts and competing with many other bands. Mr. Yarrick and his students were very happy, coming home with mainly all Ones in their ratings.

Cathy Alwood and her mother were delivering Girl Scout cookies over the weekend. Saturday they called at the Albert and Norman Geasler homes, and also at the Joe Wilmot home. Sunday Helen and Cathy and Alice and Angela Smith visited at the Dan Kripa home near Mt.

Pleasant.

Heather and Todd Alwood spent Saturday morning at the Don Alwood home, while their mother worked at the Weidman Beauty Shop.

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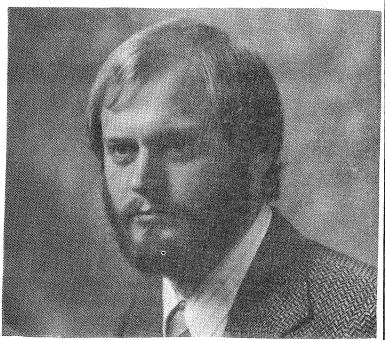
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CRAIG THOMPSON, D.V.M.--Dr. Craig Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson, graduated last Saturday from Michigan State University as a veterinarian. He will go into practice with Dr. Gilbert in Big Rapids.

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Craig is 26 years old, and has a fine future ahead of him as an animal doctor (they're as busy as the people doctors, these days).

He graduated from the Barryton High School in 1967, earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy at Ferris State College in 1972, and now, after graduation from Michigan State, is a full-fledged veterinarian.

During his years at Michigan State, he worked in the pharmacy at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.

He is married to the former Janice Williams, daughter of Mrand Mrs. Ercil Williams, of Barryton. The couple have a young son, Barry, four.

Congratulations, Dr. Thompson!

SQUARE DANCERS SPONSOR BENEFIT DANCE FOR EASTER SEALS SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Square dancers from the Mt. Pleasant Belles and Beaus and the Shepherd Whirlwinns are sponsoring a benefit dance for Easter Seals Sunday afternoon, March 28, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Mt. Pleasant High School Cafetorium.

Admission is a \$3.00 donation per couple. Callers are Jim Peet and Duvall First.

All square dancers in the area are invited.

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BABY SHOWER FOR PATTY RILEY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Eileen Krueger hosted a baby shower honoring Mrs. Patty (Joe) Riley Sunday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Louise Riley in Weidman.

About 15 ladies were in attendance, and Patty received beautiful gifts.

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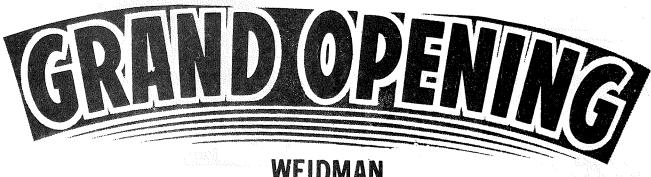
MID MICHIGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DIRECTORS APPROVE HIGH SCHOOL GRADS AWARDS

At their last regular meeting, the Board of Trustees of Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison approved an amount of \$8,500 for initial awards to area high school graduates this year, and an amount of \$2,500 for renewal awards to students starting their second year at the college. Students must have a 2.60 or better grade point average to qualify for the awards, which apply toward tuition costs, fees, and books.

Bids were opened for a new automotive technology center and classroom, but no decision was made at the meeting.

An additional grant, to supplement the basic grant from the Office of Education for the center, was received from the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission in the amount of \$21,396.

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