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PART OF THE CROWD OF 90 PEOPLE—Attending the third annual reunion of the Forest Hill (Tinker) School, held Sunday at Mitchell Park in Weidman. Everyone gorged on potluck, home-made delectable dishes brought by women of the group. Dining was in the pavilion at the park, and the outlay of foods was so varied and appetizing it was downright bewildering.

Messenger photos



EVALENA HIBBERD--At the table, after walking there unaided, and taking her difficult seat--getting feet over the bench attached to the picnic table. She did just fine--and gracefully, too.

AN APOLOGY

Our attention has been called to the fact that the Messenger made no mention of the Chippewa Hills High School Band leading the Weidman Day parade. It's our omission, for which we apologize. The band did a bangup job, and added a great deal to the parade.



POR TRAIT OF A LADY--Evalena Hibberd, age 99, was in attendance Sunday, along with her two daughters and their husbands. Mrs. Hibberd is very independent, and insisted on walking practically unaided to the long table, climbing over the bench seat to sit down, and proceeded to enjoy her meal. Mrs. Hibberd says she's planning a trip to South America on her 100th birthday. She spends summers with her daughter, Imogene, and husband, then goes to winter in Las Vegas with daughter Ruth (Mrs. Nelson Smith), and family. The Nelson Smiths are planning a summer home a half mile west of the old Hibberd place in Southwest Sherman, and will spend next summer here.

FIRE FIGHTERS KEPT BUSY ON GRASS FIRES LAST WEEK

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was kept quite busy this past week, with three grass fires up to Monday night. That evening a Fireman working at the Fire Hall (they all work there, no pay) touched a button on new wiring on the siren, which had to sound for 45 seconds before Firemen pulled the main switch to shut the thing off. The siren has a new wiring setup, which the men will get used to soon.

SOME OF THE HORSES WERE SHOD FOR THE PARADE

We are corrected in our statement last week that none of the beautiful horses in the Weidman Day was wearing shoes.

Wnitey McCreight informs us that his family has two horses, both shod.

Sorry, Whitey. And hats off to your family for consideration of the feet of those horses walking the mile and more that day in the parade, on paved roads.

#### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls returned Saturday evening after vacationing at Marquette and the Big Bay area, U. P. They enjoyed sailing on Little Traverse Bay, at Traverse City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts spent the weekend camping at the Rock Lake Christian Assembly at Vestaburg.

#### Editor's Column

By Connie

THE AUGUST PRIMARIES ARE COMING RIGHT UP

So the August primary elections are coming right at us, and various political candidates are trying for your vote.

All the candidates running in the 10th District was marching along in the Weidman Day parade, I noticed.

All but Elford Cederberg.

I was standing out at the front of my lawn as the parade passed here, and every one fell out of line to rush over, shake my hand and shove a sheaf of printed material at me.

First one was John Engler, who is trying for Jack Toepp's seat in the State Senate. I said, "Hello, Johnny," and he hastily got back in the marching line

Toepp stopped off to shake my hand and give me some brochures big chicken dinner! She could as did various others.

Only one to come back out and visit my office was Don Albosta, who's running in the primaries against Elford Cederberg, and has my hearty endorsement on that count alone.

But I found, in gabbing with him, as with all other candidates, that the question of welfare waste is a giant understatement with 'em.

Albosta is for revamping the welfare program, "And give only to those who really need it. And make every able-bodied welfare recipient go to work."

I mentioned that I'd recently observed a young woman, say about twenty-two or twenty-three, in Baumann's Store that week, filling her store cart with luxuries that were far beyoned my pocketbook.

"She chose a \$3.99 carton of frozen chicken," I told Albosta, "ready fried, just heat it in the

oven and presto! You've got a have got a chicken for \$1.79 and cooked it herself, but she's just too blasted lazy," I told Albosta, and she paid a \$41.98 grocery bill with food stamps!"

"She didn't know any better," Albosta said. And there followed a friendly argument as to whether the reliefers really don't know one blasted thing, and if they don't, let 'em eat corn mush and milk while they learn to cook and bake (they could learn by asking any self-supporting neighbor woman).

He admitted he hadn't really dug too deep into the welfare mess--and I've found that true of all politicians. I think they're slightly afraid of the welfare vote -- after all, welfare supervisors CAN tell recipients, "Now you get out there and vote, you hear?"

And the welfare population is roughly one-third of us all. If

all the reliefers voted, they could swing any election.

Oh, yes: I'll vote for Albosta. He's the best of a doubtful lot.

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#### Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neubecker and family of Milwaukee, Wisc., were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Neubecker and family. They left Friday for home, after spending two weeks with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Denike of Fort Myers, Fla., spent two days with Mrs. Marie Smith, the past week.

Sunday evening callers of Mrs. Marie Smithe were Mrs. Albert Neff and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Larrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes spent the weekend in Gaylord, taking their travel-trailer.

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Card of Thanks

Connie (Roe) Skinner and Frances (Roe) Tranbarger want to personally thank Wayne and Lylah Sisco for inviting us to attend the third annual reunion of old students of the Forest Hill School

Sunday, at Mitchell Park here. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, what with meeting old school-days friends again and seeing Evalena Hibberd at age 99 so independent and so pleased at being able to be there.

Not least, we enjoyed the delectable home-cooked and baked smorgasbord dinner.

Thanks, Lylah and Wayne, and all alumni of the Forest Hill School, for your generosity and friendliness.

The Roe Girls

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RASH OF THEFTS IN THE WEIDMAN AREA

There has been a rash of serious thefts from summer homes in the Weidman area during the past week or so.

County Sheriff's officers report the summer home of Richard De-Young, in the 7,000 block on Drew Road, suffered extensive losses while the family apparently was in Saginaw, or at least away from home here.

The thefts occurred between July 12 and July 14, according to Sheriff's reports.

Taken from the DeYoung house were a 19-inch color television set valued at \$300; furniture, including a table and chest of drawers, two bedside stands, dressing table, four straight-backed chairs, these valued at \$1,650.

Also taken was a Weber gas grill valued at \$85.

At the Terry Klumpp home at 1234 Johnson Road, taken was a Sansui speaker, or set of speakers, and equipment; and a turn-table valued at \$80.

Also taken was a Glenburn turn-table valued at \$80; a tape deck, \$450; amplifiers, \$225; television antenna rotor, \$25; a Coleman camp stove, \$25; tool box and tools, \$150; Panasonic cassette tape recorder, \$90; a movie camera, \$250; and a target bow valued at \$125.

These thefst occurred July 17, between the hours of 9.25 and 5 o'clock the next morning.

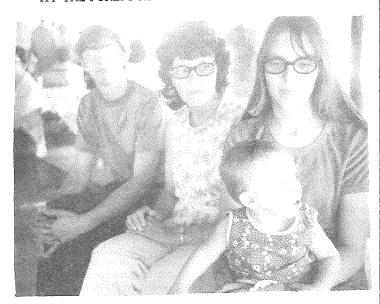
---0---CARL FOSBURG GOES TO TOKYO

Carl Fosburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fosburg (Marilyn Geasler), is completing plans to go to Japan in the next few days.

He is an ardent worker in youth clubs in his area.



AT THE FOREST HILL SCHOOL REUNION SUNDAY.....



YOUNGEST RELATIVE AT THE REUNION PARTY--Was Jennifer Kyser, gtranddaughter of Carl and Clara Grewett of Mt. Pleasant, former Sherman Township residents both. Holding little Jennifer is Maxine Kyser, Carl and Clara's daughter and Jennifer's mother. Other relatives are with them.

#### West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes attended the Pfannes reunion at Snowsnake Mountain Sunday.

Mrs. Orma Kripa and sister, Mary, called on Mr. and Mrs. Bess

Pfannes Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ewing and Becky and Sara called on their Grandma and Aunt Velma Cole

Friday.

The Schemanskys are spending a few days at their cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole returned home Wednesday, after several days spent at their farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell and Mr. and Mrs. John Mossell of South Bend, Ind., spent the weekend with their mother and sister, Lena Cole, and Velma. They were called here due to the very severe heart attack of their father, Paul Cole. Paul was gaining at this time. So please forgive your reporter, as it has been a very busy time around here. Paul will be in the hospital another week or more.

## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place announce the arrival of a new granddaughter, Theresa Helen, born to Mr. and Mrs. James Weber.

Lori Strang attended a rodeo at Wyoming, Mich., Saturday, with a friend from Remus. Pat Crook and daughter, Pam,

Pat Crook and daughter, Pam, of Grandville, O., were here last week, bringing her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe, home



WE CAUGHT A GLIMPSE--Of Earl Oplinger and Ralph Bergquist, husband of Dorothea (Wood), and son-in-law of Flora Wood, outside the pavilion, after the sumptuous dinner was enjoyed. We met folks we hadn't seen for 40 years, including Alice Terry, Sue Raub, Lylah Sisco (we've talked with her over the phone, but seldom have had a chance to really visit with her), and many others. Most of them we remembered from the dim days of school years here in Weidman, after the Forest Hill School was closed. It was voted by all present to hold the reunion next year same place, but a week after Weidman Day (the Sunday after, that is). Folks were here from near and far, and the day was thoroughly enjoyed.

after a two weeks' visit with her and her family.

Ruth Teeter and family called on her mother, Edna Teeter, Friday.

Russell Slupe of Grand Rapids has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright, a few days last week.

The Merry Go Round Club met with me last Thursday, with 14 members present, and Mrs. Teeter, Irene Bowen, and Joyce Cook as guests. Joyce joined the club. The August meeting will be with Maggie Boger Aug. 10.

be with Maggie Boger Aug. 10. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields of Grand Rapids spent Friday and Saturday with Tony Bartley. They were in Mt. Pleasant Friday.

#### Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey were among the many attending the Forest Hill School reunion and picnic and Mitchell Park here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. Norman Abbott.

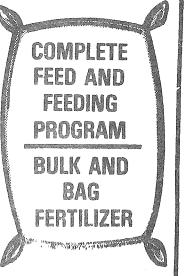
Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur spent the weekend camping at School Section Lake.





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Dora Smith, Reporter

The Harry Smith family of Beal City spent the Fourth of July at Cedar Point in Ohio.

The Beal City Knights of Columbus celebrated their 25th anniversary Saturday and Sunday. Saturday a dance was enjoyed, and on Sunday a sit-down dinner was served in the K. of C. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moeggenberg and family of Shepherd called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Sunday. Baptism congratulations: Stacey

Marie, daughter of Joe and

Elaine Endres.

Paul and Sandy Smith painted Mrs. Irene Smith's living room last weekend, as a birthday present for Irene.

The Class of 1963 held its 15year reunion Saturday.

Bob Zeien spent Tuesday with Brian Gould.

The Beal City Band attended the Traverse City Cherry Festival where they were invited to play in all the parades.

Rosalyn Schafer returned from CMC Hospital Thursday.

A large number of families from here attended the Cherry Festival, to see Bob Hope, and the parade.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goffnett and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie McIsaac and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie McIsaac spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block.

Cheryl McCreey and children, Chris and Carla, of Alma and Mrs Alfred Klumpp called on Tillie Schafer Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. George McGuire of Orlando, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer of Mt. Pleasant spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Schafer. Sr. Herman Joseph and Sr. Marie Alexander of Grand Rapids were Tuesday call-

ers. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer spent last week at School Section Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schafer and

Kim and Melissa of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Schafer Saturday.

The Bob Schafer family spent Sunday at Jenson Lake, to attend the Funnell reunion.

Tillie and Louise Schafer spent Sunday at the Oscar Schafers' at Dream Lake.

## S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Mrs. Ron Kniffen of Lansing spent the weekend with her mother, Pat Kurtz.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher. Sr., enjoyed the Tinker School picnic at Mitchell Park in Weidman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sanderson of St. Charles and Alice McKeller and son, Chris, of Midland spent Sunday with the Howard Beutler family. A cookout was enjoyed in the pines, along with visiting and swimming. The occasion honored the 46th wedding

A United Methodist Women's pot-luck lunch will be held at 12.30 at Maggie Boger's Thursday.

anniversary of the Sandersons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Steve visited the Jack Dutchers at Lake Orion Saturday, then drove to Detroit for Steve's therapy session.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., and the Don Harshmans of Coldwater Lake were Sunday evening guests of the Dutchers.

Pat Kurtz and Mabel Chaffee spent Wednesday in Big Rapids, visiting Pat's son and daughterin-law, the Mike Knipfers.

The Busy Bees met at the home of Alma Dosenberry last Thursday After the business meeting, a lovely luncheon was enjoyed. The August meeting will be at Marge Denslow's.

The Jim Dutchers enjoyed Sunday with the Clayton Dutchers. The Dick and Bob Dutcher families had lunch at the Dutchers'

during the week.

Mabel Chaffee enjoyed Sunday afternoon at the Tinker School reunion, seeing the dear, familiar faces of long ago: The Fergussons, Denslows, Putmans, Loseys, Terrys, Kirvans, and Risdons, and the precious Evalena Hibberd,

who attended with her two daughters, Imogene and Ruth. Evalena had recently celebrated her 99th birthday and looked great, alert

and very happy.
Allen Sheldon of Cheboygan left for his home Sunday, after spending a month with his father,

Ören Sheldon.

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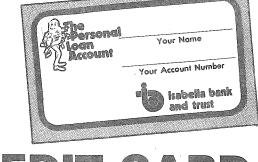
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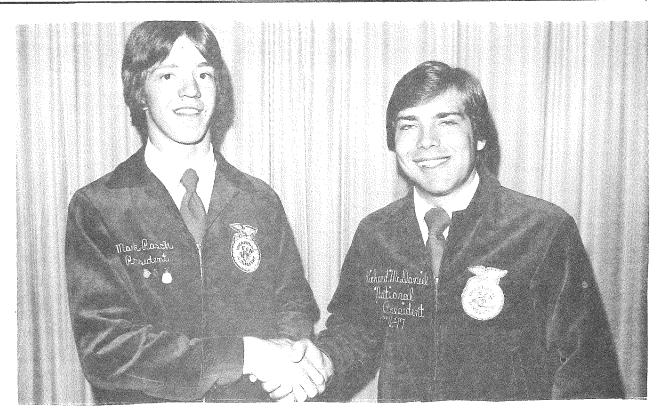
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MARK PASCH, PRESIDENT OF THE BEAL CITY FFA LAST YEAR shakes hands with the national president of the organization at a national gathering recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Yabs of

Lake Isabella were in Lansing

last Thursday, where they attended family reunion of 15 cousins on her father's side of the family. They also visited other

friends in Lansing. Their son, Edwin, and family of DeWitt were visited by them. They returned Saturday morning.

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# Weidman Dessenger



PRESIDENT OF BEAL CITY CHAPTER FFA-Goes to Washington. In fact, she went during the period of June 26-July 1. Purpose of her visit was to attend the 1978 Washington Conference program for FFA leaders. Function of the program is to further develop leader confidence and skills. The Washington program has become a part of the Beal City FFA chapter's program of activities for each of its newly-elected presidents each summer. Jean attended sessions with hundreds of FFA leaders from across the nation, and Puerto Rico.

# Poet's Corner

SUMMER BLESSINGS
The summer sky,
The birds on high,
The grass in meadow, gold;
The deep, deep green
Of pine tree screen,
All beautiful and bold.

The swallows fly,
The young ones try,
Meadowlarks sing their song;
And deep content
To us is sent,

As the summer moves along.

The seedlings grow,
The soft winds blow,
The rain is cool, refreshing.
I lift my heart
To God, apart,
For the joy of summer blessings.

By John A. Wright, Weidman

#### Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended the Tinker School reunion Sunday at Weidman.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended Busy Bees Thursday at the home of Mrs. Alma Dosenberry. Mrs. Melanie Mayer and her mother were Thursday callers

at the Jim Thompson home.

Bill Thompson and Mike Patten

were Friday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson attended a graduation Open House at the Chuck Wilson home in Grand Rapids Saturday, honoring their daughter's graduating from high school, and their son's graduation from Eastern Michigan University. There were several other family members present, including Mrs. Judy Gudelsky of Dallas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Óplinger were Sunday supper guests at the Richard Most home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright are here to spend the summer, from Florida.

Mrs. Opal Denslow attended the Tinker School reunion Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bingham were weekend guests at the Pete Wood home. Mr. and Mrs. David Hines are spending a few days with them.

Mrs. Susie Chapman and Chad and Jason, Miss Dee Ann Dutcher and Miss Dawn Yuncker were Tuesday callers of Mrs. Hattie Losey. Mrs. Violet Oplinger, Mrs. Leah Scharrer and I spent Wednesday afternoon with Hattie.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow and Hattie went to Traverse City with the Senior Citizens, to the Cherry Festival, Friday. Harold Losey was a Saturday caller of his mother. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher took Hattie to the Tinker reunion Sunday.

My Sunday afternoon callers were Mrs. Nellie Patterson of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Margaret Babcock and a lady friend from Conway, Mrs. Evalena Hibberd, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Smith, and Mrs. Imogene Forbes. Monday morning, Roy Terry, one of my old schoolmates, called on me.

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth is

home after re-entry into CMC Hospital last week.

Minnie Carpenter is home after a three weeks' stay at CMC Hospital for further hip surgery.

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GERALD J. COTTER

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For 50 years Gerald Cotter was the county's senior practicing lawyer, and he was everybody's friend. His integrity, and his compassion, were known by his countless clients and his friends and many relatives. He was related to the Nottawa Township Cotters, and he was invariably outgoing and giving of himself.

He was born to John and Mary Ellen (McCarthy) Cotter in Mt. Pleasant Dec. 12, 1903.

He graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1922, then from Central Michigan University, and the University of Detroit Law School.

He practiced law in Mt. Pleasant for many years. He was a State Senator for one term, 1935-36.

He was also attorney for the City of Mt. Pleasant, before his retirement; prosecuting attorney for Isabella County; a member of the Board of Directors of Isabella Bank & Trust, chairman of the Michigan State Board of Tax Appeals, a trustee of Central Michigan Community Hospital, and the Sacred Heart Academy Foundation.

He was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club, Knights of Columbus, and many other civic, professional and fraternal organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Alta; a son, Jerry, of Tawas City; and five daughters, Joyce Wallace of Valdosta, Ga., Ruth Lannen of Jackson, Mary Ellen Goodwin of Livonia, Carol Cross of Ypsilanti, and Lisa Cotter-Hamerski, of Bath, Mich. A son, Thomas, preceded him in death.

He also leaves a sister, Agnes Kipfmueller; three brothers,

Tim, Dave, and Paul; and 17 grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Gerald J. Cotter were held at Sacred Heart Church at 11 a.m. Monday, July 17, with a Scripture service Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Lux-Rush Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant.

The family requested that contributions be made to the Sacred Heart Foundation, Inc., or other charities.

HARRISON COLLEGE OFFERS RADIOLOGY TECHNOLOGY

Mid Michigan Communtiy College at Harrison, Department of Radiologic Technology, is still accepting applications for the fall semester which begins Aug. 28. Candidates for admisssion must be graduates of accredited high schools or hold equivalency certificates. Completion of one year in biology and algebra are required.

Radiologic Technology is one

profession, the college says.

Some of the duties include positioning patients for films, setting exposure factors on the x-ray generator unit, exposing the films and developing them manually or automatically. The technologist, then, submits the films for interpretation and analysis by a radiologist. There are a great many more specialized areas in which the technologist can be trained. including radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, computerized scanning, and a new specialty: ultrasound.

Graduate technologists have a wide choice of places to work. These include private, public and government hospitals; physicians' offices or clinics, public health facilities, commercial manufacturers, and educational institutions with radiology technology programs.

Those interested may call or write Lynn C. Witmer, program co-ordinator, Department of Ra-

of the most useful and interesting diology Technology, Mid Michicareers for those in the medical gan Community Collete, 1375 S. Clare Ave., Harrison, Mich. 48625, phone 517-386-7792. ---0---

#### Local Items

Hazel Spooner entered St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing Saturday. She had been ill since her return from wintering in Arizo-

Mrs. Clara Smith accompanied her granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Block, to Ohio for a few days last week. They visited Sea World while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and family of near Barryton spent Sunday evening with Roger's grandmother, Mrs. Clara Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kline of Ionia attended the Tinker School reunion at the park in Weidman Sunday. They stopped off and visited their aunt, Mrs. Clara Smith, before returning home. Drouth conditions continued here,

with rain "promised" Tuesday.



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