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JULY 10
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REUNION SUNDAY, JULY 11

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Editor's Column

By Connie

YOUNG ONES PUT ON DISGRACEFUL END TO 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS

Over a hundred young folks put on a day-and-night beer party at the Ed Fox home on Lake Weidman Sunday, according to Isabella County Sheriff's officers. They ran hard rock "music" amplified to the nth degree, outdoors, till about 1 a.m. Monday, scaring elderly people all over town.

Some woke up at midnight and phoned neighbors for help, saying, "They're right here in my yard!" Others called the Sheriff's Department (Ye Ed called twice, Frances Tranbarger called three times), and other routed-out-of-bed home owners also called the Department.

Amplified loudspeakers also were used to direct the crowd there, at one moment the speaker asking, "Do we need more than five dollars?"--loud enough so sleepers in peaceful homes were jerked out of bed. At another point the loud-speaker announced, "All minors must leave! All minors must leave!" This so loud that nobody on the west side of Weidman could get any rest. In fact, so loud it hurt our ears--and Ye Ed only has one good ear.

Neighbors reported that the "party" began in the afternoon Sunday and went on till Sheriff's men called at it three times and finally got the "guests" to go home.

Four "guests" were arrested as minors in possession of alcoholic beverages; four arrests were made for open beer in vehicles; and one arrest for passing in a No Passing road zone.

It was the most disgraceful performance yet by our errant young folks whose parents "can't do a thing with them".

WELCOME TO WEIDMAN DAY

So, after that horrible windup of the Bicentennial Fourth of July, we welcome you to Weidman Day, this Saturday, July 10.

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AMONG THE AREA'S CENTENNIAL FARMS--Is the Martin Boger place on Coldwater Road in Coldwater Township.

The farm was originally homesteaded by Solomon Shilling, Martin's grandfather. Martin and Maggie have lived their entire married life on the place, raising three daughters. Other Centennial farms in the area include the Lucille and Edward Bellinger farm, the Thomas and Alice Judge farm at Wim, Harry and Margaret Norman of rural Remus, Walter and Alice M. Reihl of Nottawa, and among many others, the Hugh Swindlehurst (Marie Smith) farm of rural Mt. Pleasant. There are 37 Centennial farms in Isabella County.

Messenger photo

Other area old-time families, outside the village of Weidman, include: The Alva Cummings family, the Loseys (Charlie Losey and Jessie Rosencrantz), Freda (Wagenman) Miller, with Kate Martin designated the oldest living resident of the township (near Two Rivers).

In Coldwater Township there are the Geaslars, Bowns, the Beers family, with Ethel Beers, widow of Alfred, who worked in the charcoal kilns at Brinton when not in the woods; the Longtons, Huffmans, Conleys, St. Johns, and many others.

Jessie Rosencrantz will be 86 Aug. 26; her brother, Charlie Losey, will be 83 July 31. Alva Cummins is 90, his wife Treva about 80; and the Pennington family have owned property and/or made their home in Sherman Township many years; there are the Oplingers, Loomises, Woods, Gatehouses, Wagenmans, Denslows, Millers, Penningtons, etc.

In Broomfield there are so many old-time families we can-

not possibly name them all; but among them are the Rhodes, the Lueders, the Leinaars, the Cooks.

The Dutchers and Dells are also very old-time families, along with the Beutlers, Woodins, Chaffees, the Embreys, and many others.

And in Nottawa the list is practically endless: Nearly all of our Nottawa neighbors are descendants of pioneers, mainly from St. Johns and Westphalia: The Raus, Smiths, Schmidts, Schaffers, Bierschbachs, Webbers, Pasches, Webbers, Blocks, Cotters, Foxes, etc.

With our lake developments, we're getting in many new families; but the old, old pioneer stock still populate the lands outside lake areas.

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Many old-time residents are planning to come home for Weidman Day; while our good neighbors on our lakes watch to see what we can do.

We can do it, Weidman Day.

WEIDMAN DAY PARADE WILL BE BEAUTIFUL

Preparations for the parade at 9 a.m. this Saturday, Weidman Day, are about completed, with beautiful floats being finished and all plans on Go for the event.

Emma Middlesworth and W.A. (Bill) Appelgreen were designated Senior King and Queen (oldest residents, having lived in Weidman longest), with R. D. and Jennie Sprague selected as married-couple or Junior King and Queen. R. D. was born here, but lacks a few years of Bill Appelgreen's age.

The Kings and Queens will ride in buggies drawn by horses.

The Senior King and Queen will ride in a fancy buggy drawn by specially-groomed horses, while R. D. and Jennie will ride in a special vehicle.

A vehicle for transporting older folks in the parade will be provided. Any older couple or person who would like to ride in the parade is cordially invited.

The parade will start at the Weidman School and progress to the Airline Road, and thence to the downtown area.

A complete schedule of events is listed in the Weidman Business Association's advertisement on the back page.

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ATTEND BEAUTIFUL WEDDING AT WOLVERINE

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith spent a week at Wolverine and attended a wedding at the home of their son, Wayne Smith, June 26, when their daughter, Susie, became the bride of Kenneth Harhn, in a lawn ceremony.

The Smiths were also invited to the Lions clubhouse at Indian River, where a beautiful supper and reception were held, and a band played for dancing.

Clayton and Clara's children were all present, plus many relatives and friends.

The new couple received many beautiful gifts and \$800 in money.

Congratulations, Susie and Kenneth!

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Frances Tranbarger, Weidman artist, has a show of oil paintings at McPhail Insurance Co. in Mt. Pleasant through July.

PAY FINES IN DISTRICT COURT

The following persons appeared in 76th District Court at Mt. Pleasant during May and paid the following fines and costs:

George L. Loomis, Weidman, drunk and disorderly, pleaded guilty, \$40 fine, four months' probation.

Rolland E. Battleshaw, address Farwell, drunk and disorderly, pleaded guilty, \$40, four months' probation. George H. Battleshaw, Weidman, drunk and disorderly, pleaded guilty, \$40, four months' probation.

Michael D. Stanley, Weidman, drunk and disorderly, pleaded guilty, \$40.

Richard Weber, Weidman, malicious destruction, pleaded guilty, six months' probation, \$105, restitution to be determined.

Jeffery Schafer, Baseline Road, malicious destruction, pleaded guilty, six months' probation, \$105, \$144 restitution.

Shirley A. Abbott, Farwell, drunk and disorderly, pleaded guilty, four months' probation, \$40, attend substance abuse center.

Terrance L. Abbott, Weidman, use of marijuana, pleaded guilty, six months delayed sentence, six months probation, \$75 fee.

Timothy R. Yuncker, Weidman, use of marijuana, pleaded guilty, six months; delayed sen-

tence, six months' probation, \$75.

Cora M. Weber, Weidman, use of marijuana, pleaded guilty, six months delayed sentence, six months' probation, \$75.

Thomas J. Schmidt, 25 North Lincoln, use of marijuana, pleaded guilty, six months' delayed sentence, six months probation, \$75.

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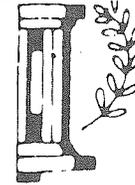
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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls enjoyed supper in Mt. Pleasant last Thursday, celebrating their wedding anniversary. Mrs. Touchinski and Mrs. Edith Touchinski attended a surprise wedding anniversary party for Ronnie and Bonnie Sprague, at the R.D. Sprague home, Sunday afternoon.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our heart-felt appreciation to our relatives, friends and neighbors for their expressions of sympathy in this time of sorrow.

We especially wish to thank the Rev. Luther Albrecht for his comfort and inspiration during the hospitalization and following difficult time.

We would like to acknowledge the fine and considerate care by the staff of Central Michigan Community Hospital and the Stinson Funeral Home.

Our thanks also go to the Lutheran Women's Guild and all others who brought in food for the family and for the dinner following the funeral.

Finally, we wish to thank again those who have given flowers and Memorials to Zion Lutheran Church, the Heart Fund, the Cancer Fund, and the Michigan Lung Association.

The Family of
Joseph G. Stevens

Editor's Column

By Connie
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There will be tight security for all visitors, don't worry.

And there will be plenty going on for everyone, old and young, to enjoy a full day of celebration.

Accent will be on the older generation who built this town, and on the younger business people who are carrying on what we maintained for many years.

There will also be a full program of fun and games for the younger set.

See yuh Weidman Day!
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WEIDMAN BUSINESSES HAVE CHANGED HANDS

The entire business area of Weidman has changed ownership hands since the 1950s, with young owners taking over the stores and offices and also pitching in on Weidman Business Association activities.

During the past 15 years, here is a partial list of businesses that have changed hands:

Ed and Agnes Fox were in the hardware-store business 15 years. They started out in the pioneer building now occupied by Wernette's Variety Store, then bought and remodeled the present building where Fox Hardware is run and owned by Jim Damitio of Lake Isabella.

Pat and Harriet Dillenbeck took over the "drug store" from Pat's father, Ray Dillenbeck, who

ran the store many years. The store was in the Dillenbeck family's hands for 50 years. It is now Bud's Party Store, owned and operated by Bud Fredrickson.

Ray and Leila Shook bought the Drallette store from Miles Drallette and owned and operated it 23 years, until Ray's illness and death. The store building was erected by George and Miles Drallette after the disastrous fire that took the east side of the business street in the 1940s. After Ray's death, Keith Baumann of Rosebush rented the building from Leila until he built his new IGA Store on North Woodruff Street. The building is now owned and operated by the Whitey McCreights and Benn Johnsons as Western Auto.

The Leonard gas station, in the middle of town, was owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sides and son, Thayne. It is now the Mobil station, run by the Jack Theisens.

Leon McArthur renovated and rebuilt the old postoffice building and created Laundryland, Weidman's coin-operated laundromat. Thayne and Phyllis Sides bought the business in October of 1973, and are running it successfully. The laundromat is an important adjunct to Weidman's facilities.

Bill Louisell bought the barber shop from Joe Kaliski in February of 1931. Joe lived on the old Smith farm south of Weidman. Bill says that during the 36 1/2 years he had the shop, at least 20 barbers worked with him ("They come and go, you know,") and Bill rebuilt the little building, making it a pleasant place. The barber shop is now owned by Mick Schmalbach.

Middlesworth's General Store was founded by George Middlesworth, Sr., who came here from Brinton in the 1890s. After the old couple retired, their sons Fey and Gerald took over management and ownership of the store. Jerry and Eva have spent winters in Florida several years, but now have purchased the home occupied by the Dick Donleys on South Woodruff Street. The store now is owned and operated by the Jim Clarks.

Leon McArthur established the McArthur Insurance Co., back when Auto Owners was being organized itself. Leon had the business many years, turning it over to his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, who have offices in the remodeled Dr. Going place.

The Weidman garage building was built by Tough Hampton of Clare, who came here in the 1920s and established a Ford car dealership and repair garage. In the 1930s, George McClain, Sr., took over the building and had McClain's Garage and a sub-dealership from Barryton for Chevrolet cars. After George,

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencranz, Reporter

Mrs. Marie McDonald and her daughter, Agnes, were early Sunday evening guests at the Earl Oplinger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence was a Sunday caller at the Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins were Sunday supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Phillips, of Lake Isabella and Pontiac, were Sunday visitors at the Paul Miller home.

The Gerald Wrights, who have a summer home here, and their daughter, Gerry Ann, and Elizabeth Graham, of Washington State are here visiting their folks, the Gerald Wrights.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and three grandchildren were Sunday dinner guests of the Mack Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Louisell, Jr., at Crooked Lake. They had Saturday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kir-

van of Barryton. The Kirvans' son and family of Boston were home for the holiday.

Robert Fahnestock and son of Plymouth spent last week with their folks, the Charles Fahnestocks. They returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinsky and daughters, Mrs. Edith Touchinsky and Mabel Bingham were Sunday dinner guests of the Elwood Millers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bains were Sunday supper guests of the Millers.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller called on the Jude Simon family Friday.

Callers at the Charlie Losey home during last week were Floyd Dutcher, on Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Don Merrihew and son, Greg, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey were Saturday callers. Nancy Losey was a Sunday dinner guest of her grandparents. Gary Losey was a Sunday evening caller of his grandparents.

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WANT ADS

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Just to tell you that I am in Michigan and will be in Weidman the 10th of July, with Marie, as plans are now. Had planned to write before, but couldn't be sure about when I could get up this way.

Will be in Six Lakes for their three-day celebration and dedication of their Depot Museum on Sunday, the Fourth.

The Smith reunion will be at Big Rapids the 18th, at Una's daughter's home.

Quite a busy month for me. Will try and see you after the rush so we can visit.

Best regards,
Maude Smith Robinson

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Morning Service, 11 a. m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.
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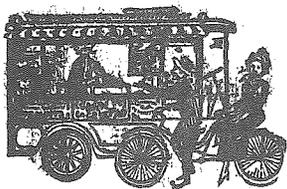
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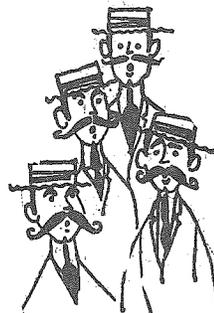
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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer and Rosalene, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schafer, Ida Fussman and Sister John Baptist returned last week Tuesday from a Western trip that took them through Colorado, Arizona, the Rocky Mountains, and took in the place where four states adjoin. They visited the Frank Schafers' daughter in New Mexico, and were gone 13 days. They traveled with a van, staying at motels along the way. All report a wonderful trip.

Marge Wirt of Royal Oak spent the weekend with Mary Yeary on the Coldwater River. Jim McAllesse, also from Royal Oak, was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer made a trip to Owosso to visit their grandson, Bob Schafer. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burns of Hubbardston, and on the way home they visited their nephew, Bob McMillen. He is retired from a job at the Ionia Prison. They had a party for him.

Delores Gould visited Mrs. John Smith this week.

Mrs. Betsy Rau visited Mrs. Fred Gould. Vada Tilmann was a Monday evening guest.

Kitty Gross and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith called on Dora Smith Sunday afternoon.

A surprise party was given for the Beal City band teacher, Mr. O'Neil, Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and family returned home from a vacation at Cedar Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Klumpp, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Larry and Mr. and Mrs. Fran Schafer hosted a

surprise house-warming for their new neighbors, Myron and Judy Esch. Mr. and Mrs. Esch and five children moved in the Earl Straus house recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schafer and Jeanette and David of Shepherd called on Louise Schafer Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer, Milo and Ann Eldred and Mrs. Hackett called on Tillie Schafer Sunday. Sr. John the Baptist was a Thursday afternoon visitor.

John Schafer came home from the hospital Thursday.

Ed Zeien came home Wednesday, and Helen Simmer came home Tuesday.

Anne Gross and Stanley Pasch were married Friday evening in St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City. It was a very beautiful wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goffnet and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell went to Detroit Sunday and Monday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith were home for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Yuncker entertained company Sunday evening.

Mrs. Marie Rahl entertained company Sunday evening.

The Beal City Old Car Club drove to Westphalia Sunday to take part in their parade there. The club was in the Rosebush parade Monday.

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 HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
 HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY
 BETTER THAN A LETTER

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower spent the holiday weekend at their cottage at Houghton Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Moon and son, David, of Battle Creek spent the weekend at their trailer here.

Jessie and Andy Fields of

Grand Rapids are spending some time with their grandmother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Tony Bartley.

Graveside services were held last Friday at the North Brinton Cemetery for Robert Sisco of Flint, who passed away after a lingering illness. He will be remembered as one of our Brinton boys, son of the late Robert and Orrie Sisco.

A number from here attended fireworks at Farwell Sunday evening.

A very nice crowd attended the community picnic at the Coldwater Township Park Sunday.

Edna Teeter arrived home from the Clare Hospital Friday, feeling much better after her surgery.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore included her sister and husband, and her father. They also attended the church picnic at Lake Sunday School Sunday.

Martin Boger was taken to CMC Hospital Wednesday, June 30, and was scheduled for surgery Tuesday or Wednesday. He was reported feeling better the first of the week.

WEIDMAN DAY
July 10th

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Sr., bought the dealership in Barryton and moved there, George, Jr., took over the garage here, also selling used cars. In 1960 Russell and Mabel Sides bought the building and ran the garage as an auto repair place. Russ also had the Allis-Chalmers dealership here. He sold the building to Alan Marshall, who ran a repair garage for a time, then remodeled the front, or show room section, and rented it to Lou Fiorillo, who is our registered pharmacist and who has Weidman Rexall Pharmacy and a full inventory of drug-store extras for sale. Dallas McClain is doing well with his repair garage and used-car sales place in the back part of the big building.

Our two taverns, Weaver's, and the Idle Hour Bar, have been in the same buildings many years. Evelyn Hackney runs Weaver's, and is active in all civic affairs here.

A new post office building appeared in Weidman several years ago, with Harry Herman as postmaster, after the death of Leo Neubecker. Leo ran the post office many years in the old wood-frame building now occupied by the laundromat, and he was outstanding as a civic worker for the town.

Bader Milling Company bought the Holmes Milling Company gristmill, and in later years closed out their Mt. Pleasant business and moved headquarters here. Ed Ley is manager, and the mill has been rebuilt and additions have been made so that it is a huge layout today.

Vada Conley established a beauty shop on south Woodruff Road, and the business is being carried on by her younger relatives. Gladys Navarre built a beauty shop at the corner of Airline and Coldwater Roads on the west side of town, and has run a successful beauty-shop operation many years.

Vic Jeffrey's Gulf Service Station at the north side of the street is an old institution, having been built by William Schauppner for his son-in-law, Dutch Brant. The station went through various owners and operators till Vic Jeffrey took it over, and now is a busy and thriving business.

The D&R Drive In Restaurant was established and built by the Tilmann brothers, Dale being designated as owner. It is now being run very successfully by Bud and Gwen Tomlinson of Coldwater Lake (they're good cooks, by the way).

Allen Lumber came here with Alton Allen taking a job with Bernard Woodruff in the old lumber yard on Bridge Street, and

soon his son, Ivan, came here with his family, and the Allens soon bought the business from Bernie and proceeded to build a small office building across the street from the yard. A few years ago they built the present Allen Lumber Company building, an impressive addition to the town. Ivan and Alton also were developers of Lake of the Hills.

Jack Houghton built a big and beautiful building at the north edge of town, on Lake Weidman, for a marina, but closed it up.

Bid Rapids Realty Company recently located here, occupying the small building on South Woodruff Street formerly housing a steel-safe company. Many think the building is the old "little school" before kindergarten came along. The Little School stood at the corner of Main and Second Street, in the old days.

Isabella Bank and Trust built a whopping new bank building next to Baumann's IGA Store on North Woodruff Street, and the new bank is the pride and joy of the area. Mitch McArthur is a vice-president of Isabella Bank and Trust, with Gary, his son, as assistant cashier and manager of the Weidman Branch.

Donald Abbott came here from a job at Elmore's in Mt. Pleasant, having had furniture-store experience before that. Abbott's Furniture Store opened in the old Scott Building at the north end of the business street, vacated by Fox Hardware. For several years Don and his son, Mick, ran the store there, then recently they built a brand-new building adjacent, and the Abbott Furniture Store is a proud addition to the business street.

Gary and Carol Wernette and family worked all winter to renovate and remodel the old building vacated by Abbott's Furniture, and now have a very nice variety store for Weidman.

Fairly recently opened is the Maeder Discount Furniture Store just south of town on the Coldwater Road. Bill Maeder and his wife, Lou Ann (Gatehouse) ran the store a year or so, then branched out into warehouse auction sales in an adjacent building. The WBA Bingo games are held in the auction barn each week.

Weidman has a modern car-wash station, self-operated, owned by Richard Curtiss, who also sells fuel oil.

The Flower Shop on West Airline Road has been in business 23 years, and is run by Frances Tranbarger alone since the death of her husband.

The Weidman Messenger is entering its 13th year with this week's issue. It was started in 1964, with George and Connie Skinner as publishers, George

helping out on folding and mailing the papers.

Ray Battleshaw took the old gas station at the corner of Weidman and Woodruff Roads, remodeled it, modernized it, and vastly improved our appearance as the traveler enters town from the east. Ray also sells used cars.

The Schafer Bait and Sporting Goods Sop is one of our newest businesses, run by the family of Leon and Carol Schafer in a shop built onto their home, on South Woodruff Road just south of the old Embrey gas station. This is a good addition to the business area, as many fishermen and hunters need immediate supplies, such as live bait, tackle, and other sportsmen's equipment.

ALSO WE'VE GOT A
REAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

We organized the Weidman Business Association in 1949, and its first project was to procure fire protection for Weidman, Beal City and this area.

Today we have an outstanding Fire Department, thanks to hard work by Firemen and their wives in staging the annual Firemen's Auction and the Pig Roast on the Elwood Miller farm in win-

ter.

Ed Fox was Fire Chief for 20 years, resigning to be replaced by Spike Branson, who has been a hard-working and effective Chief.

The Fire Department now has a resuscitator, two fire trucks, one quite new; a new truck for the auxiliary water tank; and brush-fire-fighting equipment, including a jeep, and individual backpacked Firemen's hand-held fire extinguisher equipment.

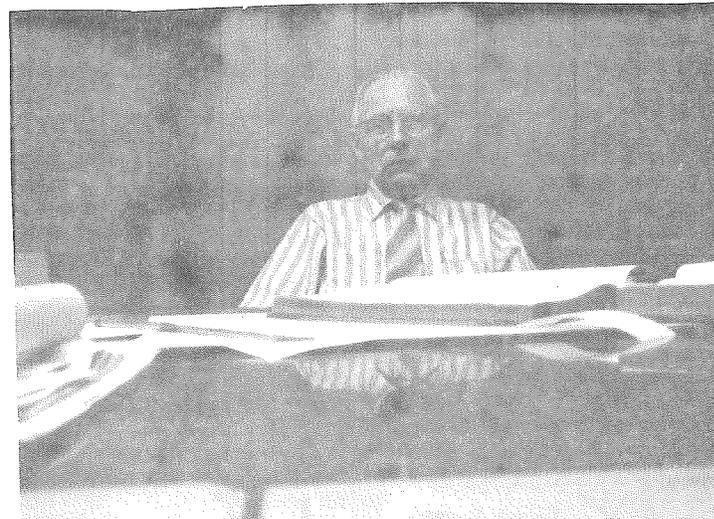
On the purchase of the new fire truck, Volunteer Firemen built a very large addition to the fire hall to house the huge machine.

The Fire Department is the Nottawa and Sherman Township Volunteer Fire Department, and is funded officially by both townships. The Firemen put on their earning events to buy equipment they need and can't get from the townships, or for equipment that is needed but not necessarily considered essential by the township boards.

We have an outstanding Volunteer Fire Department here.

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Ruth Yabs, Reporter

A MOST BEAUTIFUL WEEKEND TO CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S 200TH BIRTHDAY!

Seems M A N Y took advantage of the long weekend to celebrate at beautiful Lake Isabella. Most folks who have homes here were up for the weekend and the Trailer Park was FULL, everyone enjoying what they most wanted to do, it seems.

Speaking of birthdays, this reporter celebrated hers (the 5th) beginning Friday, when our son Edwin, wife Myrna and children Ethan and Rachel, stopped in to leave a gift for GRANDMA and visit awhile. They were on their way to Traverse City for a camping trip. Saturday morning, Otto and I joined the WWI Barracks of Mt. Pleasant to participate in the Mt. Pleasant parade, then enjoyed with them the ox roast at the park. In the evening, Leola and Rudy Kwast of Lansing arrived for the weekend. Then Sunday, afternoon, a lifelong friend of Ruth's arrived with her husband, and we all enjoyed the sky divers at the Lake Isabella golf course. Then we came back to the house and devoured the cake brought by the Kwasts, who own a bakery in Lansing. After a birthday dinner at the Tomlinson's Restaurant in Weidman, I call it a very Happy Birthday.

Visitors at Minnie Carpenter's home last weekend were her son, Amos, and wife, Ethel, from Flint. They were on their way to Harrison to visit an aunt. Saturday morning Mrs. Carpenter and daughter Mary and son Jamie went to Harrison to visit Mrs. Carpenter's daughters, Jean Oakley and Margaret Parks, and their husbands.

We were pleased to have our neighbor east of us up with their son Chuckie, and his wife and son. They spent most of the weekend working on and improving the lots of the property, taking a little time to enjoy the facilities of the area.

Visitors at the George Klenk and Beattie home this weekend were the Beatties' son, Robert Hosier, with his wife.

Visiting the Julius Guerin family June 26 were Bill and Betty Farnum of Flint.

Many others had visitors this weekend, but it is impossible for me to get to see everybody. HELP by reporting your news, I would appreciate it.

Sunday afternoon Walter Duke put on a small parade with his "pirate" boat. He drove around the shore line, with a small cannon mounted on it, and shot out golf balls.

A small boat, owner unknown, put on a good show with water skiers Sunday afternoon.

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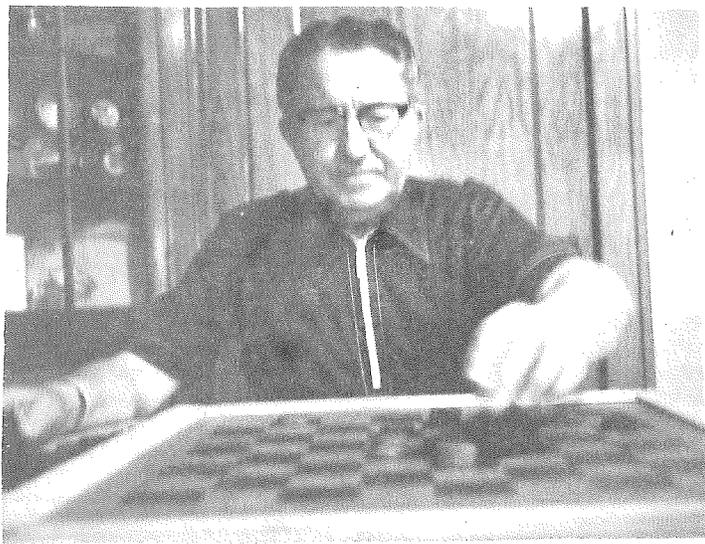
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HE BRINGS HONORS TO WEIDMAN--Bill Louisell, three-time Checker Champion of Isabella County; retired barber and Weidman business man; devoted family man; expert bow and arrow hunter; he and wife Vada have lived in Weidman many years. Their children were born here, raised here, and all are credits to the community. Bill and Vada were eligible for King and Queen status in the Weidman Day parade, but begged off for family reasons. Bill and Vada are two of our best-loved citizens. Messenger photo

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Harley Latham called on Laura Latham Friday afternoon.

Jeanette Hard and boys and Mrs. Nancy Troop of Saginaw were Saturday visitors.

Our children nearly all called on us through the weekend. We



MARTIN AND MAGGIE BOGER ON THEIR 50th WEDDING Anniversary--Aug. 29, 1974.

had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott for our own 58th anniversary Tuesday evening at the Clock Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant. Debbie took us for a ride. We called on Emory Deil at the Harry Hardenburgh home Saturday afternoon.

Visitors at the Zena Olger home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Elton Wilcox of Midland, Mrs. Sharon Clark and daughters of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. David

Raglin and boys of Weidman, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Theisen of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Olger of Lansing, and Mrs. Franklin Olger of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott are the proud parents of a baby boy, JimmyDean, born July 1, at CMC Hospital.

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Program

8.30 a.m.--Arts and Crafts displayers will set up their areas.

9 a.m.--Parade starts promptly, from the Weidman School.

10 a.m.--Beer tent opens.

10 a.m.--The beautiful antique show at the old bank building will open. Be sure and see this.

10 a.m.--A German band from the Edelweiss Inn will start an all-day concert of appropriate music for a German band.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.--Chicken barbecue served on the main street, easily accessible from all parts of town.

1 P.M. to 10 P.M.--Bingo games.

3 p.m.--Talent Show.

8 p.m.--50-50 drawing.

10 p.m.--Special fireworks, most elaborate in the county.

A street dance will follow the fireworks' show. Diversified music will be furnished for this dancing.

Old-timer bands and individual old-time musicians will be playing all day on the street.

Among the old-time bands so far signed up are the Forbeses, the Chaffees, George Beers with his inimitable fiddle, Glenn Frantz, and others.

WELCOME

TO OUR

OLD FASHIONED WEIDMAN DAY

THIS SATURDAY, JULY 10



WEIDMAN
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

WEIDMAN DAY PROGRAM

The big parade will start promptly at 9 a.m., from the Weidman School. It will include musicians, bands, floats, including one carrying the King and Queen for the day, elder citizens of Weidman. It will also have many other features. The parade will move to the Airline Road and proceed thence to the business district, which will be blocked off from traffic for the day.

Right after the parade is over, children's games will begin, scheduled for about 11 a.m. Frank Benn, Carol Miller, Pat and Alan Marshall, and Carol Benn, chairman of the committee, will be in charge of the children's games.

Games will include a penny scramble, a foot race, sack race, wheelbarrow race with regular wheelbarrow, and a peanut on a spoon race.

A Tug of War will start with 8 and 9 years as one group, followed by 10-11 year olds, 12-13 year olds, 14-15, 16 through 19 age group, and lastly a group of husky 19 through 21 year olds.

A final game in the tug of war will involve first winners of each of the other tug of war games.

COME BACK HOME AND HAVE YOURSELF
A DAY!

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DON'T MISS OUR SUPER FIREWORKS
AT NIGHT