School Millage Election June 13

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Editor's Column

By Connie

THE SCHOOL MILLAGE ELECTION: HOW DOES ONE FIGURE SCHOOL FINANCES?

So there's the regular annual school election next Monday, June 13, and coupled with some Board replacements which we figure fortunate, is a 20-mill proposal for taxpayers to mull over.

According to the Chippewa Hills Courier, a weekly paper partly subsidized by the Board of Education of the Chippewa Hills District, Lavern Alward told all school personnel summoned to hear doomsday predictions, "If you come back in the fall without that millage, there will be chaos like you've never seen!"

(We figure that's the nadir--a good word--look it up in your dictionary -- of top school admin-

istrators' threats.)

In another issue of the Courier, it was stated that the Board decided to borrow \$450,000--nearly half a million dollars--against anticipated state aid monies.

According to the Courier, it was stated that the school had on hand \$730,000, with \$220,-000 coming in, for a total of \$951,000--almost a million dollars.

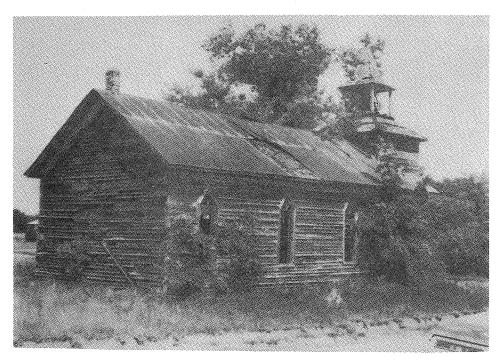
Yet, the administration--meaning the superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, et al, said there will be only \$20,000 for payrolls on July 1.

As we asked candidate Judy

Browning, Why?

Dr. Kowaleski brought Mrs. Browning to the Messenger office last week (along with other calls in Weidman), for us to get acquainted with the Board Member candidate. She is indeed articulate. And yet, the only clear explanation (clear?) of why the school is perennially borrowing and remains in the pauper category, was her remark that "we gave across-the-board raises

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THE SHERMAN CITY UNION CHURCH--As it stands today. A group of interested neighbors and friends in West Sherman Township are working very hard to raise enough money to put on a new roof (preferably shingles), and replace glass in the windows. The church's interior appears to be relatively undamaged by time. Pews have been cleaned and polished by the interested workers, and the interior floor appears to be in fairly good shape. All that's needed to begin non-denominational services at Sherman City is enough money to put on a new roof and buy glass for the windows. A meeting is scheduled for June 15, a Saturday, at 2 p.m., at the church, to organize the church's legal aspects and elect officers.

Elwood and Iola Miller and Gerald and Mabel Dent are leading the crusade to restore the old church, and they have been working very hard to get the project started.

Elwood and Iola have a copy of the original deed to the church, dated 1904, and given by Gil Johnson, a timber tycoon (Sherman City at that time was a booming sawmill town).

Johnson owned a lot of property in and around Sherman City.

Freda Miller was married in the church in 1905. Iola Miller's grandfather attended Grand Army of the Republic meetings there after the Civil War.

Nobody seems to know just how old the church is, despite the deed (which was, of course, just for the land it stands on).

Some say the church was the only building in Sherman City standing intact after the cyclone of 1887. Leaders of the movement to restore would like to know just how old the church is. Anyone having information is urged to call the Elwood Millers or the Gerald Dents.

Ethel Soper of Barryton has pictures showing a repaired roof in 1904。

For the sum of \$1, Gil Johnson deeded the land for the church to the church and its trustees at that time: Louis Mindel, Chester E. Myers, and James McKersie, and/or their successors.

Anna Navarre, Russell Sides' mother, witnessed the deed for the church. David E. Corey also was a witness.

The deed was dated May 17. 1904, but was not recorded at the court house at Mt. Pleasant until

Anyone interested in helping reestablish a non-denominational church in Sherman City is urged to get in touch with the Elwood Millers or the Gerald Dents.

They're in the phone book, in the Weidman section.

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CASE SCHOOL REUNION SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 11

The 26th annual reunion of the Case School will be held Saturday, June 11, at the Farwell High School cafeteria in Farwell. Potluck dinner will be at 1 p.m.

Bring the family and friends, and reminisce with former teachers and schoolmates of the old school days.

> Helen (Tanner) Hudson, Sec. Tel. 835-2664

GLAUCOMA TESTING AT GRANGE HALL JUNE 13-17

A free glaucoma screening program for citizens 40 years of age and older will be conducted by the Central Michigan District Health Department during June and July, according to Dr. Richard Nowak, medical direc-

A glaucoma screening clinic will be held at the Grange Hall at M-20 and Coldwater Road from June 13 through June 17. It will be held at other places throughout the county also.

The clinics will be on an appointment only basis. Clinic hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Appointments can be made by calling 561-3093 for the Grange Hall tests, and also at 773-3784 in Mt. Pleasant.

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any warning signs, Dr. Nowak says. It can be treated with good results if detected early.

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WEIDMAN KIDS GRAND CHAMPIONS IN BOOKS

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Weidman's fourth and fifth grades held grand championship awards in the Chippewa Hills elementary schools' "Battle of the Books" for the school year 1976-77.

The fifth grade, under teacher Richard Shanahan, battled with Mecosta May 19 and with Remus May 20. Remus had won over Barryton in the morning.

The fourth grade, under teacher Margaret Gingrich, won the year's champsionship in April.

Four contests among the district's schools were held during the school year, Weidman kids taking top honors in all of them.

On the winning Weidman team

were Doug Riley, captain; John Cotter, Karen Tilmann, Kim Riggle, Randy Jackson, and Jeff Shanteau.

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Local Items

Marie Smith and her guests were Friday afternoon callers of Mrs. Nina Forbes. Mrs. Forbes and Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Brien were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bahr of east Mt. Pleasant.

Tim McArthur spent the weekend at home here, from his work in Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fussman and family were Thursday evening dinner guests of their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur,

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson spent Sunday with Earl and Irene Dutcher at Breckenridge.

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NOTICE OF MEETING FOR ORGANIZATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS, SHERMAN CITY

Notice is Hereby Given, That there will be a meeting at the Sherman City Church Saturday, June 18, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the express purpose of organizing and electing officers, to restore the church and establish services.

Organizing Committee June 2t3

FOR SALE--Bright pink crocheted sleeveless sweater, hand made, \$10. Also 2-piece pink plain and figured jacket-dress, size 18 1/2, \$5.00. Mrs.Helen Smith, tel. 644-3651. June 9t1

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WANTED--A small kitchen oblong table. Marie Smith, tel. 644-3092

June 9t1p

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Anyone wishing to purchase a zoning permit in Shermnn Township during the month of June is asked to contact Keith Loomis, Township Clerk.

After July 5 they can again get the permits from me.

WALTER J. SMITH Sherman Township Zoning Officer June 9t1

JOSEPH C. WILMOT Joseph C. Wilmot of 6330 W. Main Street, Weidman, died June 1 at CMC Hospital. He was 51.

He was born in Mt. Pleasant Oct 20, 1925.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; children Danny Joe of Weidman, Kerry of Beal City, and Linda of Weidman. He was a brother of Mrs. Martha Gruss of Beal City, Mrs. Veryl Elliott of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Hazel Wilmot and a brother, John, both of Mt. Pleasant.

His parents, four brothers and two sisters preceded him in death, as did also one grandchild.

He was a full-time employee of Ferro Manufacturing Company in Mt. Pleasant for 30 years. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Navy from 1942 through 1945.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 4, at 11 a.m. at the Lux-Rush Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with Father Don Dueke officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant.

The family have the deep sympathy of their many friends. ---0---

LINUS COFFELL Linus Coffell of 420 North Lincoln Road died May 31 at his home. He was 63.

He was born June 3, 1913, in Farwell.

He is survived by his mother, Leora Coffell, of Farwell; children Dennis Coffell and Janet Glass, both of Mt. Pleasant; Ron nie Coffell, stationed with the Armed Services in Germany; one grandchild; six brothers, Gerald of Weidman, Gaylord of Farwell, Carl and Bernard, both of Mt.

Pleasant; six sisters, Mrs. Leonard (Fern) Doan of Clare, Mrs. Robert (Norma) Linville of Florida, Mrs. Todd (Audrey) Gaskill of Farwell, Mrs. Howard (Ida) Spooner of Farwell, Mrs. Ray (Lilah) Thornton and Lola Eichhorn, both of Florida.

He was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Moose Lodge. He had retired from service in the City of Mt. Pleasant.

Funeral services were held last Thursday, June 2, at the Lux-Rush Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with Brother Leroy Bruce officiating. Burial was in the Surrey Township Cemetery in Farwell.

The family have the sympathy

Card of Thanks

The families of Loretta Lorenz wish to extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to Fr. Jim Kendziorski and Fr. Edward Neubecker, the Beal City Knights of Columbus, St. Ann's Altar Sodality, the C.M.B. Club, the Clare Hospital, Dr. Shurlow and the nursing staff, during the recent loss of our mother.

We also wish to thank Mom's and our relatives, friends and neighbors for Masses offered, flowers given, cooking the dinner, food donations, the organist, the soloist, and Crittenden Funeral Home.

Your thoughtfulness will be forever appreciated.

The Families of Loretta Lorenz

OOPS

Alvie Cummins is 91 years old, not in his 80s as we reported last week.

He was taken by ambulance to the Lakeview Hospital Sunday night after suffering a back injury at his home.

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Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell attended graduation Open House for Darcel Lofgren at Stockbridge, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague hosted an anniversary supper for Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague and birthday celebration for Pami, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Edna Bowein attended Open House for Karen Straus, daughter of Max and Vera Straus, Sunday afternoon. The Sunday before Mrs. Bowein attended Open House for Theresa Loomis, daughter of Keith and Mary Loomis.

Vera Neubecker spent Sunday after with Elizabeth Neubecker.



HATTIE AND CHARLIE LOSEY -- On the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary Open House Sunday, at their home in Horr. Charlie will be 84 years old July 31. Over a hundred friends and relatives gathered to wish them well.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

CHARLIE AND HATTIE LOSEY OBSERVE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

About a hundred relatives, neighbors and friends of Charlie and Hattie Losey gathered at the Losey home Sunday to celebrate the Losey's 60th wedding anniversary.

Guests were present from Otisville, Mt. Pleasant, Barryton, Remus, Rosebush, and the State of Washington, besides friends and neighbors from around here.

A lovely lunch, with ice cream and cake, was enjoyed by all. Everyone also enjoyed the nice day, and a chance to visit with old friends.

Charlie and Hattie received many lovely gifts, and the best wishes of their myriad friends. ****

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended Open House honoring Brian Denslow on his graduation, Sunday. Later on she called on Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Dent and son were Saturday evening callers at the Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended their card club Saturday evening at the Fred Steffke home.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow at tended the 60th wedding party for the Charlie Loseys Sunday, and later attended Open House

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JESSIE ROSENCRANTZ IS STILL SPRY AND ACTIVE---At age 86--she'll be 87 in August. Her great interest is her flowers, particulary her giant white violets, which she says suffered some from winter-kill.

for Brian Denslow.

Mrs. Opal Denslow attended the Senior graduating class Friday evening at the Chippewa Hills High School, honoring Burdette Reed. Each graduate was presented with a yellow rose bud. It was a very nice party.

Mrs. Opal Denslow called several times last week on her daughter, Mrs. Derry Dunn, in the Mt. Pleasant Hospital. She was much better Sunday. Mrs. Denslow reports that Mrs. Ruth Wark of Weidman is very ill also in the Mt. Pleasant Hospi-

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller called on his mother at Big Rapids Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Holmes were Thursday afternoon and supper guests of the Millers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jude Simons and Mike Bowen were Wednesday callers at the Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger went to Dearborn Heights Friday to attend the graduation of their granddaughter, Donna Tiani. They returned home Saturday, and attended the Losey wedding party Sunday.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow was a lay delegate to the West Michigan Conference of the Barrytion Church in Albion, from last Thursday to Saturday. Sunday she attended Open House honoring her grandson, Brian Den-slow, on his graduation from high school.

Mrs. Denslow will entertain the Busy Bees Thursday afternoon. Hope you can all come.

D. J. Whitman spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills, Mi-

chael Wood and Miss Jackie Olger were Sunday guests of the Woods.

---0---NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pierson and Mr. and Mrs. Clive Deller of Pinconning were Saturday dinner guests of Marie Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schoneich, who have been spending a week with Marie, returned with them to spend some time with Mrs. Schoneich's son, Walter, and family, before returning to their home in Fort Myers, Florida.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr.and Mrs. Joseph Hauck of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr.and Mrs. Tony Tilmann Thursday evening.

Mrs. Leo Gruss is staying with her daughter in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen of St. Johns attended the graduation party for Beth Profrock Sunday in Reed City.

Albert Lawens died during the

weekend.

The Beal City K. of C. Hall parking lot has been resurfaced. Mrs. Bea Sheahan and Mrs. June Blasen visited Mrs. Martha

Sheahan Friday.

Mr.and Mrs. Ken Sonell and Mr.and Mrs. Harold McGuirk visited Mr.and Mrs. Bob Blasen Friday evening.

Mrs. Rose Sheahan and Dave called on Mrs. Delores Gould

Wednesday afternoon.

Theresa Smith spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Kay Trowbridge, of Midland.

Mrs. Gail Herdlein and Mrs. Janice Millard called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Walter Rau and Deb, Anne Smith and Dora Smith attended a graduation party for Kevin Massey Sunday afternoon.

Beth Profrock of Reed City, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Profrock, graduated Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau, Anne Smith, Dora Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould attended a party afterward.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reihl gave them a party for their anniversary. Friends and relatives attended and enjoyed it all, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Friday evening.

The Beal City Peewee League played Thursday evening. The Orioles beat the Hornets, 13-10. Howard Schafer spent last week-

Howard Schafer spent last weekend in Battle Creek with his son, Peter, and wife.

Donald Schafer has returned after taking his wife and children to Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer returned home Wednesday after a fishing trip to Northern Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Galgoczi and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred O. Klumpp attended a Legion meeting for the Loyal Order of Moose, at the Saginaw Lodge, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred and Mrs. Pat Moody called on the Alfred Klumpp family Friday.

Matthew Joseph Sisung, son of Joseph and Judie Ann, and Joyce Lorraine Theisen, wife of WII-liam, were baptized at St. Joseph's Church Sunday.

seph's Church Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer and family spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lane of Gary, Ind.

The family of Louise Schafer

celebrated her birthday at Everett Schafer's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keiffer are back from Florida, for the summer.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Will just have to write and tell you how pleased we were to know you won the award on being publisher of the Weidman paper. We always thought Weidman was a great town, and we still do.

Carl and I have both been ill with respiratory infections and bronchitis, but we are both back to recovery again.

Sure hope this all turns out better than the tv program did for you. Hope this will be put on television so we can watch it.

Just wanted to let you know we feel very proud of you, and keep up the good work!

They say the Messenger is bet-

ter than a letter, but I say it's even better!

Sure would miss it if we didn't get it each week.

Will say So Long. Sincerely, Carl and Clara Grewett Mt. Pleasant

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. George Clare of Mt. Pleasant were Friday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fahnestock. The Clares lived for years on the Airline Road west of Weidman. Mr. Clare had spent most of the winter in the hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur and family were Mrs. Virgil McArthur of Vassar and Mrs. Lillian McArthur and her sister, Marie, of Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur and family visited Doug's grandmother, Rose Showalter, in Mt. Pleasant, Sunday. They enjoyed a dinner of barbecued chicken, and the afternoon.

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Catherine C. McDaniel will become the bride of Roy J. Adams of Weidman June 12, at 2.30 p.m., in the Weidman Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Richard Wadsworth performing the ceremony. Rae Van Nocker, the bride's sister, will be matron of honor, with James Griffin best man. A reception will be held at Lake Isabella Loung from 6 to 12 p.m. Family and friends are welcome to attend. The couple will reside at 8250 West Airline Road, Weidman.

Coldwater Lake

Beryl Beck, Reporter Mr. and Mrs. George Scott, who have been visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck, left Monday morning for their home in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sandel of Elwell spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eilertson are spending some time at their cottage here.

David Schneider returned last week from a very enjoyable fishing trip to the U.P.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garber of Shepherd spent the Memorial Day weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ludwig.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shelpp and son, Dave, and family of Lansing also spent the weekend

at their cottage here.

Recent callers of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck were the Dale Sandels and boys, the Carl Sandels and family, the Larry Allens and boys, Mike and Sherry Powell, sall of Mt. Pleasant, and the Gerry Becks of Lansing, Lynn Baird and Don and Kathy Thering and children of Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Armstrong were at their cottage for Memorial Day weekend. Roy has been ill the past winter, but is on the mend now.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider had an Open House in honor of their son David's graduation from high school Sunday, May

Bud Tomlinson came up from Rochester to spend Memorial Day with Gwen and Kay. Their son, Mark, and family from Livonia also spent that weekend here.

Gwen Tomlinson and Kay spent a few days this week with Bud in Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman have returned from Florida, and are busy at their cottage.

The Bob Bamfords from Haslett and the Bill Clarks from Shepherd were at their cottage the past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rankin of Dearborn spent the weekend with with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Galgoczi. Sunday they drove to Mancelona for the dedication of a new Moose Lodge there.

COLDWATER LAKERS ENJOY POT LUCK DINNER, MEETING

A Coldwater Lake Association pot-luck dinner Thursday, June 2, at the 4-H Camp was well attended, and all enjoyed the delicious dinner.

A business meeting followed, and plans were made to once more hold a fishing contest, to run till Labor Day. Prizes and trophies for the longest pike and bass will be awarded at that time.

The fish will be measured by Andy or Jerome Beck, Gerry Mitchell, Buck Nolte, and Joe Marchiando.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Louisell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., at Grand Haven. The occasion celebrated Patrick Louisell's graduation from high school there.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter
Our sympathy to the Joe Wilmot family.

Mrs. Ella Adams called on Zena Olger and had lunch with her Wednesday. Zena went home with her sister, Mrs. Sim Riggs, of Farwell, Friday, to stay until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott took Mrs. Helen Alwood out for lunch on her birthday last week, at Barryton. They did some shopping before returning home. Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and children called at the Alwood home with a lovely birthday cake and ice cream for Helen and her family. Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and Mrs. Linda England joined them. Helen received many nice gifts and cards.

Jim Alwood spent Sunday at Traverse City with friends.

Mrs. Joan Charnes called on Helen Alwood last week, to remind her that they both had a birthday on the 2nd and 3rd of this month. K.C. Charnes' birthday is the same day as his mother's.

Saturday Debbie Graham and John and I took in sales at Weidman. We called on my brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Rhynard and Bessie and Marvin Allen, then to Clare, where we called on Mr. and Mrs. D. Gott on our way home. My brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rhynard, called on us Sunday afternoon, and had coffee with

Mr. and Mrs. Normnn Abbott

and Judy, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrish of Mt. Pleasant visited a cousin and wife, Mr. nnd Mrs. Wilbur Stetler, of Mason, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hamilton and family of Shepherd visited the Norman Abbotts Sunday.

Wanda Graham and Debbie and I visited Becky Sowle Wednesday. I went to Mt. Pleasant Wednesday on business, and stopped at the Holiday Inn' to see Julia Gott, who is working there.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Emily Livermore attended a personal shower honoring Tammy De Geer of Lake, at the home of Dorothy Redburn on Maple Grove Road, Sunday afternoon. Miss De Geer will be the bride of Donald Livermore, Jr., June 18.

Amy Strang spent the weekend with a school friend at Chippewa Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright attended a wedding shower for their two nephews, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Goodwill at Carson City Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Livermore of near Shingleton, Mich., called on his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore, Saturday.

urday.

Mrs. Teeter is spending some time with her son, Herman, and family, near Alma.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Local Items

Mrs. Rowena Allen and son, Greg, left last Thursday morning for Niagara Falls, where they visited in the Niagara School of Horticulture. They found that one has to be a Canadian citizen to be admitted. The school is located on the Canadian side of the Falls, just a few miles from the beautiful spectacle. They visited greenhouses all the way along in Canada, where people had private greenhouse and perfectly kept lawns.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Apple of Lansing spent Friday and Saturday with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts. Paul and Cheryl Barbour of Grand Ledge spent the weekend with the home folks.

Darryl Pitts is at Lake James, Ind., this week, preparing for a summer concert tour of the Great Lakes Bible College singers. They will work in various Christian camps this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vincent of Edenville were last Monday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. Minnie Hill and Erma Shepherd, cousins of Mrs. Phillips, were Wednesday guests. Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Phillips visited her sister in the nursing home at Clare. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bigelow of Winn.

Greg Allen and Joe Smith were among a bus load of students from the Chippewa Hills High School to depart from Remus early Tuesday morning to go to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, sponsored by the National Honor Society.

Ina Gillett has been moved to Provincial House, in C. Wing, in Midland. She would like to hear from her friends here.

Ruth Ouderkirk was taken to the Alma Hospital Sunday night. She was reported in serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Middlesworth and family of Fowlerville spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth. K.C. Charnes and Norma Middlesworth were also Sunday dinner guests.

LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Bud Klenk and Helen joined the Weidman Lions Club Sunday for an Open House tour of the training center for Leader Dogs for the Blind at Rochester, Mich.

A group of 12 from Weidman and Lake Isabella went together in Alan Marshall's motor home.

Lions Club members from the lake and Weidman included Ben Johnson and Carol (Ben is president of the local Lions Club); Dick and Karen Donley, Pat and Alan Marshall, Larry and Jeannette Rescoe, and Jack and Jean Houghton, besides the Klenks from Lake Isabella.

The home where the dogs are trained is a beautiful place, they reported.

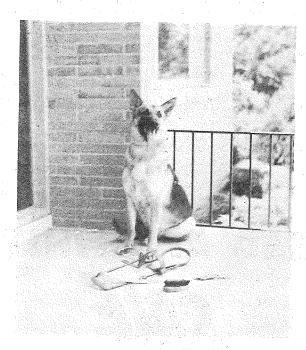
Helen said there were about 200 beautiful German shepherds, Labrador and golden retrievers there.

There are lovely dormitories where the blind students live while taking the two months' training course with the dogs.

Our Weidman area Lions Club contributes to this work.

Recent visitors of the Bud Klenks and Jim Beatties were the Beatties' granddaughter, Karen Wandre and children Jessica and Jackie, and granddaughter Kathy and husband, Tim Veltheysen.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Kate Martin and her guest, Horr.
Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith Mrs. Leah Wright, of Muskegon, spent Thursday evening with Mrs. Claribel Beutler.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey attended the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey Sunday, at their home in

called on their granddaughter, Sara Paulson, at Midland, Sunday. Sara had just got out of the hospital.

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Editor's Column

By Connie (Continued from Page 1)

when we didn't have the money.' What kind of management do we have in the administration of the Chippewa Hills Schools? Any businessman will tell you it's impossible to stay in business if your business runs perennially in the red and on a crisis basis.

The Chippewa Hills School District has been on such an operation since the day the doors opened on the new consolidation.

(Remember Ralph Turnbull, Superintendent of the Weidman High School at the time of the far-flung consolidation? "Your taxes will go down--we'll have a much wider tax base to draw from--just look at the area involved!"

Our taxes have not gone down. They have risen each year. And the school goes deeper into debt each year.

Why?

That's a question we've not been able to get a coherent an-

It's true that the teachers' union has the schools--all schools -- by the throat. Yet taxpayers

act the power of the union if 'they'd turn their minds and hearts

(As Joe Grim, in his Farwell News and Review, has remarked, "A teacher needing tenure does not belong in the classroom."

We totally agree with Joe Grim Sorry, teachers, but your union has gone too far. We taxpayers are the "dumb farmers" and the "dumb people living in little towns", but we're digging deeper and deeper each year into our earnings and/or incomes to pay those taxes that keep teachers' salaries in the wild blue yonder and an attempt to maintain the schools in the manner to which they have become accus-

How's the election gunna come out?

We dunno.

THE REEDS GET GOV. MILLIKEN'S ANSWER TO THE SCHOOL MILLAGE PROBLEM

Some weeks ago Mrs. Burdette Reed sent us a letter she and her husband received from Gov. Milliken in answer to the Reeds' ques- parade a prize-winner! tions about school millages.

I found Gov. Milliken's letter on the condescending side, quite the usual scolding of us taxpayers in the Chippewa Hills District because "our millage rate of 22

and administrations could counter mills is one of the lowest millages in the state..."

He didn't say anything about the soaring land and home valuations for taxation purposes.

Gov. Milliken's letter assumes that property taxes will continue to be sole support of the schools, and it offers no alternative to the property taxation for schools.

This paper feels it's time for politicans, state and local, to get off their duffs and off that notion and find a better way to finance the schools.

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WEIDMAN DAY PARADE PLANS BEING FORMULATED

Plans are going forward for a big and beautiful Weidman Day parade (July 9), according to committee chairpersons.

Individuals and organizations are invited to enter floats, bicycles trimmed up, small cars, and costumed individuals.

There will be two classes of competition for prizes for bicycles and costumes, three for cars, and one class for floats.

Let's make this Weidman Day ---0---

WEIDMAN DAY KING AND QUEEN SOUGHT FOR PARADE

Phyllis Sides is beginning organization for a search for Weidman Day's King and Queen for the big parade. Last year's very appropriate King and Queen were Bill Appelgreen and Emma Middlesworth, with R.D. and Jennie Sprague representing older true Weidmanite couples.

Phyllis would like to have folks give her a call at 644-3595, for information on the subject.

She hopes to have as good a showing in the King and Queen part of the parade as we had last year.

She says she hopes Bessie Teall will be able to participate.

TRAILER BURNS IN EARLY MORNING FIRE

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was called out at 5 a.m. Monday to a fire at a trailer owned by Roy Adams and rented by Jerry Abbott, son of Norman Abbott.

The trailer was gutted by the blaze. The cause was not determined.

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NEW HOMES GO UP ON LAKE OF THE HILLS

Ron Barney of near Lansing is building a new home on the east shore of Lake of the Hills. Lee Parker recently did the wiring for the home.

Another house adjacent is being built by Tilmann Builders. ---0---

June 1 was the 42nd wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fahnestock of Airline Road.

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