

Editor's Column

By CONNIE

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH BLACKTOP?

As regularly as spring comes round, the blacktop roads go to pieces. Even relatively new roads come up with chuck holes that constitute great danger to any driver of modern cars. (Each time Ye Ed drives to Mt. Pleasant she's glad she's driving an old car, as it's well shaken up by wear, and those roads certainly must shake the gizmo out of the new ones.)

Road crews are out all the time, patching, patching, and patching. Patches last a week or so and the crews go over the same road again, with patches and patches. . . . and patches.

Seems to us that maintenance on blacktop roads, any more, must be about as expensive and unsatisfactory as on gravel. And patched-up blacktop roads are no satisfaction to the driver. . . or the taxpayer.

The Portland Cement Company has been carrying on an advertising campaign against the ever-increasing use of blacktop for primary roads instead of concrete. Sure, the cement companies are hurt in business by the almost universal changeover from cement to blacktop. But when we drive our own roads, the few that have been blacktopped, we wonder what's the matter with the stuff that it doesn't last through a winter.

Cost of building roads is terrific. Cost of maintenance is same. We pay for it, whether it's federal "grants" (our federal tax money) or "county" (Ouch! That we know we pay for!)

We begin to wonder if there is fault in the building of roads before the blacktop is spread, or if the stuff itself just isn't what we supposed it was? In any case, our area is in the midst of the regular annual spring breakup of blacktop roads, particularly those leading to US-27 and south through Beal City to M-20. Once you get on a state or US road, there is no breakup, no chuck holes.

On our county roads, the crews just can't keep up with the patching. . . patching. . . patching.

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ENGAGED



SHARON L. SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Emory T. Smith announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon L., to Frank L. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence King.

No date has been set for the wedding.

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WANT ADS PAY

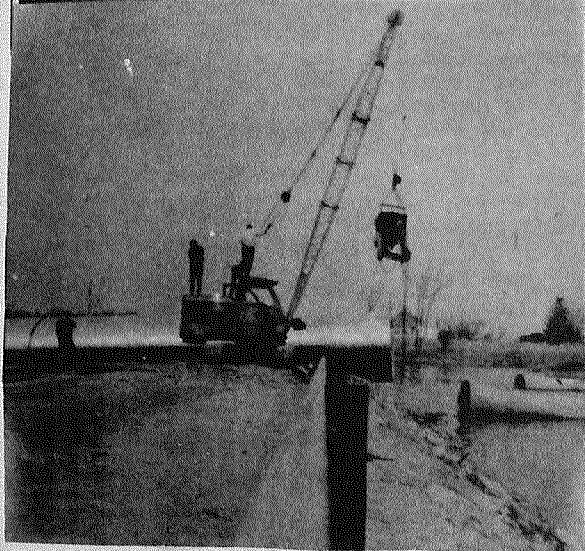
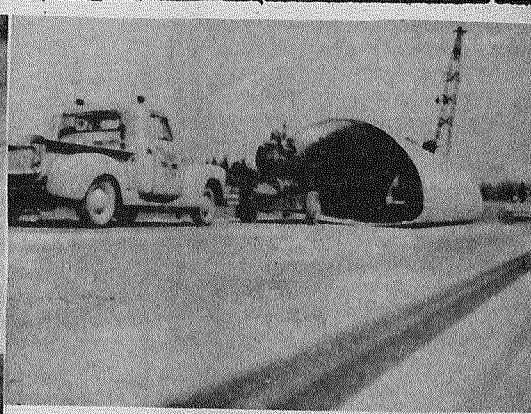
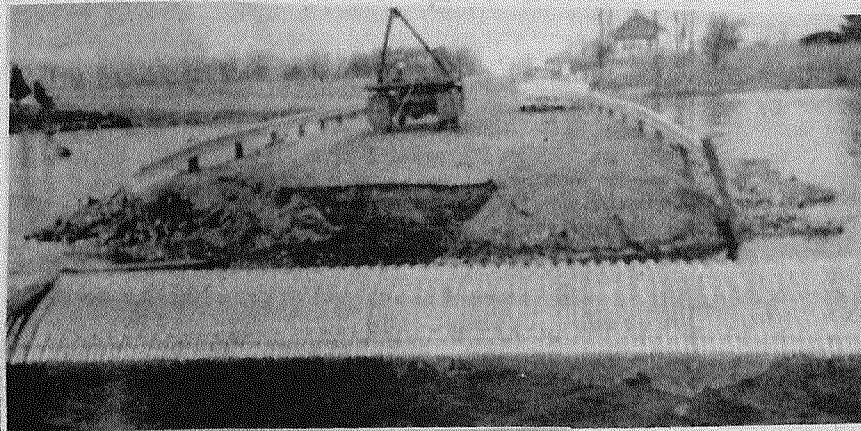
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NORTH ROAD REBUILT AT OLD BRIDGE SITE.--Upper right shows the size of the new steel tube installed last weekend, replacing the small ones which washed out in the recent failure of the road's construction at that point. Lower left shows the crane nudging the steel tube into position. Larger pictures, upper left and lower right, show the depth at which the new tube was installed. Messenger Photos.

A big steel tube, built on the north road site through last week, was placed in the bed of the deep channel where the old bridge used to be, was completed and placed Friday. Immediately filling was started, with expectations the road would be open in a day.

Weidmanites, looking at the placement of the seven-foot, seven-inch tube, cried out, "It's laid too low--again!" but the county road men, under supervision of Ernest Bruce, who visited the scene Friday afternoon before the tube was covered, said the new tube would handle next spring's water under the north road.

The old four-foot tubes, flung hither and yon in the east side of the pond when the road let go, were not used again here. Workers on the road said they would be salvaged and used elsewhere.

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Calendar of Events

April 23--Thursday, today; well baby clinic, Methodist Church.

April 24--Weidman H. S. Junior-Senior Prom.

April 25--Free Dance, Odd-fellow Hall, Weidman. Family affair, everybody welcome.

April 28--Ladies' card party, IOOF Hall, 2 p. m.

April 30--Horr Missionary Society meets with Mrs. Gordon Smith.

May 14--Merry Go Round Club meets with Mrs. Etta St. John.

BOWLING BANQUET SET FOR MAY 2

The Weidman champion bowling teams will receive their trophies at a banquet at Falsetta's in Mt. Pleasant May 2 at 6.30 p. m.

Weidman is very proud that her teams brought back first-place trophies for men and women, for the first time.

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PTA HEARS SPEECH CORRECTION TEACHER

Marcia Shell of Mt. Pleasant, speech correction teacher with a class in the Weidman School, was the speaker at the regular PTA meeting at the Weidman School Monday evening.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT MAKES SUNDAY RUN

The Weidman Volunteer Fire Department made a run to the Elmer Garrett home south of Coldwater Lake Sunday afternoon at 5.20, when a stove pipe started a floor fire in an upstairs room in the Garrett home.

Damage was estimated between \$200 and \$300.

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MRS. DORA RITCHIE HAS SURGERY

Word from the Ritchies at Shelby, Mich., the last of last week said that Mrs. Dora Ritchie underwent surgery for gall bladder Thursday at the Shelby Hospital.

She was getting along well, it was reported the last of the week. She will be 84 this summer.

Her address is Shelby Hospital, Shelby, Mich.

THREE WIN PRIZES IN SATURDAY DRAWING

Mrs. Virgil Smith of Beal City won first prize of \$20 in Saturday's drawing at Weidman. John N. Faber of Nottawa won the ten dollars, and Esther Stanley of Brinton won third prize of five dollars.

Congratulations! The Saturday afternoon drawings are a feature sponsored by Weidman business places, and are scheduled to continue into the summer.

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WILLING WORKERS CLUB MEETS SATURDAY

Mrs. Leo Neubecker entertained the Willing Workers Club Saturday afternoon at her home.

Cards were played, with prizes going to Cecelia Simmer, first; Mrs. Anna Simmer, second; Coletta Gross, consolation; and pepper, Teresa Bunting.

The hostess served delightful refreshments. The next meeting will be with Gertrude Gross, but no date has been set as yet.

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THANKS, MILLIE!

Our good friend and reporter, Millie Tanner, brought Ruth Momany and Connie Roe each a package of frozen blackberries Saturday.

They are wild berries, and are very delicious. Thanks, Millie! ---0---

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith are adding a large sun porch on the north side of their nice home in Weidman. Clara has many house plants, and this will care for them.

Beal City School Dist. Meeting

All residents of the Beal City School District are invited to attend a special meeting at the school gym Monday evening, April 27, at 8 o'clock.

Discussion will center around plans for the Beal City Public High School and the Public Intermediate School for the near future.

Important decisions must be made within a few months, and the Beal City Board of Education urges all interested people to attend.

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CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sebenick and son, Kenny, took a nice birthday cake and ice cream to Broomfield Hospital where her mother and father are both patients. It was Mrs. Miskowski's 88th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Miskowski and the nurses at Broomfield as well as the Sebenicks had an enjoyable little party.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

So glad you stuck to it! Weidman needs you much more than you need Weidman. Enclosed is five dollars (\$5) for a ONE YEAR subscription. It is worth much more than that to all who receive it.

Mrs. Alfred Exevea (Maggie Kent) Chicago

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Want Ads

WANT AD RATES: Local rate three cents per word, minimum 40 cents one time. Same ad run twice, 70 cents. National Rate: Ten cents per word.

USED CARS

1957 Ford Custom 300 4-Dr. V-8. Radio. Sharp.
1957 Chev. Bel Air 4-Dr. V-8 with radio, power glide. Very sharp.
1955 Olds 88 4-Dr. Hydramatic.
1953 Olds 88 Holiday Coupe.
NAVARRE MOTOR SALES
Barryton Apr. 23t1

FOR SALE--House in Harrison. One story, log finish outside, completely modern inside, very attractive. Three bedrooms, garage attached. A wonderful year-round home. Mary Roe, Harrison. April 16tfp

SEE ME--Or call me for high yielding Pioneer seed Corn and A/T quality alfalfa seed. Wide choice of Pioneer seed corn varieties. A/T Vernal, A/T Ranger or A/T Atlantic--(IVP) inspected varietal purity. Clarence Schueller & Sons, phone MI-4-2415, Weidman. Apr2tf

FOR SALE--Leghorn Hens, 50 cents each. Victor Pohl, W. Baseline Rd., 2 miles south, 1 1/4 east of Beal City. Ph. MI4-2924. Apr23t1

TO GIVE AWAY--37 Player Piano Rolls. Joyce McClain, Weidman. Apr23t1

RAWLEIGH PRODUCTS--and MEAT PROCESSING. Asa S. Andrews, Phone GE3-5655, Rosebush. tf

WE'RE CLOSED THURSDAYS! The Messenger takes one day off a week, Thursdays. The office is closed all day. We are open all other weekdays, 8 to 5. Jan. 22tf

PAPER HANGING & PAINTING, Inside or outside. Lifetime experience. Vern Schaffer, Beal City, ph. MI4-2263. April 16-May21 p

WANTED--Baby sitting jobs. Dora Smith, Beal City, ph. MI4-2336. Mar. 12tfp

OPEN SUNDAY--Beginning April 5, from 11 a. m. to 7 p. m. Featuring Southern Fried Chicken. Other complete menus, home cooking. Weidman Restaurant. Mar. 26tf

WANTED--News writers: One for North Nottawa, from Beal City corners to the Gilmore line, approximately; and one for East Nottawa, the area east of Beal City, or east of the Beal City north and south road. Please call the Messenger, MI4-2711, for information on this.

WANTED--Odd jobs by 15-year-old boy. Ph. MI4-2561. Apr. 23t2

FOR SALE--Cooking and eating apples, while they last, 75 cents bu. George Skinner. Apr. 23t2p

FOR SALE--Nine Cubic foot refrigerator, \$40. Phone MI4-2938. Apr23t2

FOR SALE--The Mary S. Nutt Estate Farm, 87 acres in Section 19 of Sherman Township. Submit bids to Stephen W. Fox, Attorney for Administrator, 102 Hersee Bldg., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, before May 5, 1959. Apr23t2

FOR SALE--June Clover Seed. Joe Martin, 5 miles west on Airline Road, 1 1/2 miles south. Ph. MI4-2937. Apr23t1

FOR SALE--Large baby bed and bassinet. Boy Scout shirt, size 14, with tie and tie slide, and hat. Also two rolls imitation red brick siding. Ph. MI4-2561. Apr23t2

BEEN THINKING ABOUT--Evergreen trees for your yard or cemetery lot? Now's the time to move them. We have them, all kinds, fancy, beautiful, reasonable. The Flower Shop, Weidman. April 9 t4p

FOR SALE--Pure white wheat straw, square bales, \$12.50 per ton. C. J. Schueller, Weidman, phone MI4-2415. April 9 tf

FOR SALE--Old screen door, fair condition, \$1.00. Tel. MI4-2711 or 2721.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends of Weidman for the thoughtfulness shown us at the death of our baby; the beautiful flowers from our friends and neighbors and the WBA were very much appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Allen.

To Thank You

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors who were so thoughtful during our recent bereavement; those who sent flowers and Mass cards, and all the many who helped the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Banninger, And Family.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all my friends and relatives for their many cards, letters and visits during my stay in the hospital in January and during my convalescence at home; the Russell Sides family, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Anstey, the Alfred Navarre family, Mrs. Bessie Loomis, and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Schultz, for the beautiful plants, fruit and candy.

I would especially like to thank Mrs. Wanda Blodgett, Mrs. R. G. Fountain and Mrs. Cleda Navarre for their kind assistance when I was stricken; also the Weidman Rebekahs and Oddfellows for the use of the hospital bed.

I am able to get around with help, and hope to be walking alone again soon. Again, many thanks. It

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was all greatly appreciated. Myrtle Dent.

Green View

Mrs. Wm. Tanner, Reporter

Mrs. Hubert Phipps was a cancer drive worker in our area. Farm Bureau met with Mr. and Mrs. John Laverty Monday evening, with 10 families present. After discussion, a lovely lunch. The May meeting will be at the Tanner home.

A surprise birthday party was held Monday evening for Chas. Kent. He was really surprised, and a nice evening was enjoyed. Games were played, and Mrs. Kent had prepared a wonderful lunch, complete with birthday cake. He received nice gifts.

At dartball Thursday evening Elmer Kidder led devotions. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bunker served refreshments.

Don Seymour was sick last week with flu, but is better. The Jarmans, Mr. and Mrs. Ray and Owen, took Millie Tanner to her doctor Monday.

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N.W. Sherman

Mrs. Frances Shook, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Gray and Vernon and Melody of Midland spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray and children.

Claude Loomis of Lakeview spent Monday with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis attended the supper given by the WSCS in the basement of the Methodist Church. They called on his sister, Mrs. Elton Darnell, near Cherry Hill, Sunday. Mrs. Loomis recently called on Mrs. George Skinner. So glad to hear she is able to get around. One feels almost well when one can navigate on her own power.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and Dennis spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Archie McLean. They and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and children and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loomis and Barbara spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis and sons, it being Mrs. Loomis' birthday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Shook, a daughter, Sally Irene, April 15 at the Lakeview Hospital. They came home Saturday. Dalton's mother, Mrs. Frances Shook, helped out till Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Shook of Sanford were Sunday supper guests of their mother, Mrs. Frances Shook.

Dalton Shook and children and Mrs. Glenn Myers had dinner Wednesday with Frances Shook. Mrs. Miles Miller and Mrs. Shook were Tuesday callers in Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and children had supper Saturday with his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller. Mrs. Elwood Miller and Janice attended the F-HA convention in Grand Rapids from Wednesday till Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis and Cathie of New Era spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and children.

Mrs. Effie Shook and William and George of Barryton spent Sunday evening with

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Lowery, Sr., and Gary spent Sunday with their daughter and family, the Wayne Smiths, of Clio.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Navarre, who are now living in a very nice large trailer house in the yard at his parents', the Alfred Navarres.

Earl Lee of Leaton spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Clarabel Lee, and children. Miss Wanda Gardner of Evart also spent Sunday at the Lee home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr. of Armada spent the weekend at the Louisell and Dillenbeck homes. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck spent Sunday evening with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Savage, and children, of Mt. Pleasant.

Johnnie Loomis, nine-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis, had to have an abscess by his ear lanced twice last week. He is much better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McLean spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Myrtle Heckethorn, of near Temple. She is 86 years old, and in the last six weeks has made four quilts and tied and bound them. She is piecing two more now. Pretty good for a young lady like her. The McLeans spent Saturday with Archie's sister, Mrs. Nancy Buckley, of Mt. Pleasant. She

is much better than last fall. We are so glad.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Loomis and children of Jackson spent the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis, and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Gray and children spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray, and grandfather, Ernest Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith of Beal City called Sunday on Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray, and that evening at the Clossen home near Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Gray and children and Mrs. Lou Gray called Saturday on his grandmother and the latter's mother, Mrs. Helena Huff, in Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry and sons called on her mother, Mrs. Nina Rosser, in Sears, on their way to Evart.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis and sons were Mr. and Mrs. Willard Denslow and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis and children, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Loomis and children of Jackson, and Arthur's father, Claude Loomis, of Lakeview. Afternoon callers were Mrs. Warren Leiter and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard ("Red") Denslow and Jerry are staying with her parents till they find a house to move into, as Red has been called back to work at Dow's.

Dr. George L. Brown

Optometrist

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