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Editor's Column

By Connie THE BLACK SECESSIONIST MOVEMENT

The end of this country as a free nation is indeed near when newspapers such as the Detroit Free Press present, as straight news, stories of the black secessionist movement tagged as "The Republic of New Africa".

This is an organization of negroes dedicated to the overthrow of the government of the United States and the grabbing of five southern States as their "nation" sovereign and alien within the borders of the United States.

If the "movement" were sponsored by a white minority group, say the Mormons or (heaven protect us!) the Amish, there would be a hue and cry against these traitors, and also there would be ridicule.

But this is a negro "movement" Therefore, it is treated with respect while it demands the setting up of an alien country within our borders, and also the confiscation of five States of the Union.

These States are Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Not only do the blacks demand full and unconditional surrender of lands and properties within these States, but they also are demanding "reparations" to the tune of \$10,000 per black person

Like we said, if any other group, like white, put forth such a monstrous demand, that group would be put down with indignation and also ridicule.

The "Republic of New Africa" is the outfit that held a meeting in a Detroit "church" recently, with armed and uniformed blacks in attendance; during the course of which meeting one white Detroit policeman was killed and another seriously wounded.

In Saturday's edition of the Free Press there was a "news" story, laid out straight-face, of "50 to 100 militant black students" at Detroit's Northeastern High school who cut down the American flag Thursday and again on Friday, and then, with the consent of Dr. John Peterson, the schools' prin-cipal, hoisted the flag of the "Republic of Africa" just below the flag of the United States.

The Free Press stated: "The militants' flag was first (Continued on Back Page)



ARTHUR KENT OKAY AFTER SPIDER BITE--As is shown in the photo above, Art Kent is hale and hearty after suffering a bite from the dangerous brown recluse spider at his home in Wyoming Messenger photo

a suburb of Grand Rapids. Art told the Messenger people he treated the spider bite about 10 days, during which time the area on his upper arm looked

like a rampaging carbuncle. He finally went to his neighborhood druggist and asked him if he "had something to take care

of this thing, whatever it is." "I sure have," the druggist told Art. "Advice. You get to the hospital as fast as you can. That's

a spider bite, and obviously a poisonous one." Art took his advice, went to a hospital where he was treated

with serum to combat the poison of the brown recluse spider's bite, and is now recovered and feeling fine.

Mabel Chaffee accompanied Art on his visit to the Messenger office Saturday. Art was spending the weekend with Mabel and Bert at their country home on the Chippewa River.

Art was born on the county line between Isabella and Mecosta, in 1895, son of Fred Kent. There were six children in the family, with only two now alive: Arthur, and Millie Dent, of Grand Rapids.

Art was over 20 years old and married when his father, Fred Kent, ran the Horr Store and wrote the Horr news for Rolla Roe's Weidman Messenger.

Art has lived in Grand Rapids since 1918, and worked for the City Ice and Fuel Company 35 years. He retired in 1949, and now lives in Wyoming. He was 74 last Sept. 4.

We were sure glad to see him

CALL THESE NUMBERS, NOT FIRE DEPARTMENT, FOR BURNING PERMITS

Weidman Volunteer Firemen advise us that people have been calling the fire department or individual firemen to obtain burning permits, and the Firemen do not issue them. There are two Mt. Pleasant telephone numbers (no toll charge from here) to call to obtain burning permits:

Daytimes, 773-9965. Nights, 773-5713.

We suggest you clip these two numbers and paste them in your telephone book.

Burning permits are required only in areas outside of cities or villages. In Weidman village proper, no permit is necessary. Outside of the mile square containing the village, for instance, a permit must be obtained for burning.

Incidentally, it was pointed out to us, the only time when burning permits are not mandatory is when there is snow on the ground.

---0---NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fordyce of rural Mt. Pleasant were callers of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler last Wednesday evening.

Chris, Brian and David Embrey spent Friday night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey. Thursday was Chris' birthday.

safe and sound after his ordeal with the spider bite.

Uniform Men in

Gary Thomas entered a military hospital in Germany April 29, and was to be moved to a larger hospital May 22, to be treated by specialists. The Ted Smiths of Weidman have had word from him, but no details of his ailment.

His address:

Sp/4 Gary D. Thomas, Ra-16938741, Co. A, 1/509 Inf., APO 09185, New York, N.Y. He would like to hear from his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin held Open House Sunday afternoon for their son, Greg, who was inducted into the Army Tuesday. The Martin family were Wednesday evening dinner guests of the Charles Garners, and were Thursday guests of Mrs. Lena Martin.

Sp/4 Gary McArthur and Mary St. Germaine of Clare were married Saturday afternoon, May 17, in St. Cecilia's Church of Clare, at 1 o'clock. The happy couple went on a short honey moon trip. Gary is scheduled to leave for Germany, with his leave for 5. bride, June 25.

Brian Dutcher of Kingsley Field, Ore., called his parents this week to let them know he had made Sergeant.

Congratulations, Brian!

WANT TO KNOW WHY IT TURNED COLD AND RAINY? Want to know why the weather turned suddenly cold Saturday, with an east rain lasting two davs?

Because the George Skinners took down the last of their storm windows Friday afternoon, that's why. It happens every year.

Wait till we have our dog sheared. There'll be a cold wave in June as soon as Dr. Donaldson gets the job done.

This also happens every year. -0--

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Oberlin of Lansing and Weidman were Saturday evening visitors of Mr, and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell spent Thursday morning with Jennie.

Sunday afternoon guests of Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith were Ruth and Robin Roberts and Clayton Spaulding of Galien, Mich.

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mrs. Ethel McLean was a dinner guest Mother's Day at the home of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Geasler, of Remus. They took her to her son's home, that of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller, of Barryton Sunday evening, where she was an overnight guest, returning home Monday. Mrs. Gary Gatehouse and sons

visited Mrs. McLean Thursday. Rev. Ione Lloyd and Miss Vera Allen of Sears visited Mr. and

Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blaine Tuesday evening. Mrs. Cora Estes and Mrs. Orau-

lea Baker of Brinton called on the Monroes Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Estes and Mrs. Baker also called on Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray. Mrs. Lena St. John and Mrs. Cleo Conley were also Thursday afternoon callers at the Gray home. Colin Lowery of Barryton visited Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Saturday evening. Terri Lynn was a Saturday overnight and Sunday guest of her great-grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Crooked Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dent were Wednesday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ash on the birth of their son, leffrey, on Mother's Day,

son, Jeffrey, on Mother's Day. Mrs. Fred Wilcox and Mrs. Wm. Wilcox and children were Saturday afternoon callers at the Ash home. I also called, to get some rhubarb. Mr. and Mrs. Ash were just leaving for the hospital to get the baby, as he had to remain there a few days. The baby was a complete surprise to me--What a neighbor I am!

Also makes me wonder where all the ole time neighborliness has gone. Forgot to even welcome Mr, and Mrs. Wm. Wilcox and family, who live in a nice trailer on the old homestead. Remember when the folks used to come with filled baskets to welcome new neighbors?

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stebelton (Kay Leiter), who were married May 2.

Ronald Stanley of Weidman spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Elliott of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley took Ron home Sunday night, calling on Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and other of their children.

Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and Debbie and Pam of Lake Thirteen were also callers, and also

called at our home before returning home.

I've got to apologize again, folks! Blame it on weather or demons from outer space. Anyway, it's a loud roar on the telephone, and I can't hear you!

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow were Friday morning callers of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins. Bill Cummins was a Saturday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Swan and Kevin were Sunday dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mrs. Shari Lorenz was a Tuesday caller at the Charlie Losey home. Harry Ryckman was a Saturday afternoon visitor. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Sunday afternoon guests.

Sunday afternoon guests. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Benn were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and children in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Graber and Julie, Christie and Jimmie, were Wednesday evening callers of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Ed Graber was a Saturday morning caller, and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins were callers the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Tiani and family of Dearborn Heights were weekend guests of her par-

ents, the Sterling Oplingers. Mrs. Bobbie Oplinger and her mother, Mrs. Edna McDonald, attended a Mother-Daughter Banquet at the Wigwam Room of the Chieftain Hotel in Mt. Pleasant Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley.

Mrs. Linda Krueger and children were Friday supper guests of her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent were Saturday over night and Sunday guests. Mr. and Mrs. Dent spent Saturday evening with her brother, Darrell Kirvan, at his cottage near Sherman City. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children spent Sunday afternoon with her parents. Gerald Dent spent Saturday in Lansing.

Callers last week at the Jack Thompson home were Mack Denslow, Hazen and Ralph Thompson, and Ercil Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and and boys were Sunday dinner guests of the Chuck Wilson family in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Bonnie Thorn and son,

Mark, and sister, Marilyn, were Sunday guests of the Elwood Millers. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Monroe of Coleman have purchased the Cloyce Miller farm. Mrs. Flora Wood spent Thursday afternoon with Miss Ellen Geasler.

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Local Items Mrs. Edna Bowein of Detroit (Edna Kew) was a Saturday caller of Mrs. Edna Schultz. Ruby Douglas of Gilmore was a Thursday afternoon visitor.

Mrs. John Pick of Holt has been spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson of Grand Rapids were Sunday dinner guests of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Tranbarger.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler spent Sunday in East Lansing, guests of the Robert Tibbetts family. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children were also guests. Mrs. George Tibbetts of East Lansing was also a Sunday guest. Carolyn Tibbetts, 11, won a trip to Oakland University for poetry she wrote in a wide competition involving Young Authors' Day at the University. The theme of her poem was a fourverse treatise on the four seasons.

Durwood Granger of rural Harrison was a Monday afternoon caller of the George Skinners. He was on his way to Vestaburg to get Mrs. Pearl Sweet and take her to Harrison for the funeral Tuesday of Sol Huber, who died Saturday in the St. Johns hospital at the age of 91. Durwood is Sol Huber's stepson, his mother having been a daughter of Jim Sweet of the old Brinton days. Pearl Sweet is Sol's sister-in-law.



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May 15tf

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May 15t2

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May1tf

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Card of Thanks

We wish to sincerely thank all who attended, sent cards, flowers and gifts, or helped in any way, to make our Golden Wedding Anniversary such a happy occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lawens.

Card of Thanks

I wish to express my deep appreciation to all those who sent me cards while I was in the hospital, including the Methodist ladies; those who visited me, and all who expressed concern. Earl Blodgett

Card of Thanks

Our sincere thanks to all our relatives, friends and neighbors who came to honor us on our Golden Anniversary, and for the wonderful gifts and cards.

A special thanks to our children and grandchildren; also the ladies of St. Ann's Altar Society, who worked so hard to make this such a happy occasion for us.

We are deeply grateful. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Simmer.

Coldwater Lake Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Mrs. Paul Pyles of Shepherd, a former neighbor, called on Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer Monday evening last week. They had a real nice visit while her son was enjoying a wiener roast at the 4-H Camp.

Mrs. Alfred Klumpp of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Robert Klumpp of of Beal City and Mrs. Edward Schafer and grandsons, Johnny and Ricky, called on Mr. and Mrs. Otto Klumpp at the Ardis Nursing Home Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin

and Mrs. Flo Haupt called at the Peter Lorenz home Wednesday.

Those celebrating birthdays this week were Edward Schafer, his grandson, Ricky, daughterin-law Judy Schafer, son-in-law Wayne Sherlock, Peter Lorenz, and Rosalie Shaner. Happy Birthday, folks!

Mrs. Mary Jacobs of Flint and Mrs. Rose McKeever of Detroit called on Mrs. Matt Pantenburg Thursday, then called on Peter Lorenz to wish him Happy Birthday. Other birthday guests were Mrs. Bob Theisen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lorenz and family of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lorenz and family of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. Max Straus and family of Weidman, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simmer and family. Peter was 71 years old last Thursday. Mrs. Edward Schafer received

Mrs. Edward Schafer received a telephone call from her daughter-in-law, Mrs. John Schafer, of Bay City, Thursday. She had been released from Mercy Hospital there Wednesday afternoon. She was feeling fine, but was unable to have her children home yet, so Johnny and Ricky will stay another week with their grandparents.

It's nice to see many of our summer neighbors here again for their weekends. Welcome back!

Sunday visitors at the Walter Wischmeyer home were Mr.and Mrs. Fred Graham of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Wischmeyer of St. Louis, and Mr. and Mrs. Rude Nartker of Beal City. Saturday and Sunday visitors

at the Peter Lorenz home were Mrs. Bill Lorenz and David of Mt. Pleasant, Mr.and Mrs.Bill Keller of Cadillac, Mr.and Mrs. Jack Perrin and Marsha Burnell of Saginaw, Mr.and Mrs. Jack Lorenz of Rothbury, Mr.and Mrs. Max Straus of Weidman, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lorenz and family of Beal City, Mr.and Mrs. Paul Simmer and Paulie, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kolarik.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer were very happy Sunday when a very good friend, Ruth Pankhurst, of Mt. Pleasant, dropped in for a visit. Ruth was a former neighbor of the Schafers, and they used to have some very good times together.

Neighbors around the lake donated baked goods Saturday for a bake sale at Ace Hardware in Mf. Pleasant for a pre-school nursery school for mentally retarded children. They made around \$50 on the sale, plus donations of \$15.

The concession stand at Coldwater Lake Park will be run this summer with part of the profits going for the above cause. A cash register was donated to the stand. If anyone has a two-burner gas plate, or an old freezer to donate for the stand, or anything else you think the ladies could use (including money), contact Mrs. Robert West, 1413 E. Maple Street, Mt. Pleasant, tel. 772-1684.

The school children in Mt. Pleasant went around door to door Tuesday evening with a box. The people drew slips from the box and paid whatever was written on the slip, 5 cents, ten, 25, etc. They will give half to the above cause and the rest will go to their class.

The Ferro union donated \$100 toward the project. Mrs. Hubert Collins donated a grill to the concession stand. The Mt.Pleasant VFW donated the use of their hall to the school. Tuesday evening the Coca Cola Company donated cokes for the high school kids after their pickup of the money on their rounds.

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WE DO MAKE MISTAKES We do make mistakes on the Messenger, and it grieves us. We can only offer the feeble alibi that we are getting old, and we are very tired.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. William Lawens, a gracious couple from Mt. Pleasant, paid us a visit, and requested a card of thanks in the Messenger.

We goofed, and it was ol' Connie's fault and no one else's.

Ol' Connie is very sorry.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

WEIDMAN MESSENGER

Teacher Honored By Gamma Zetas



MRS. OBERLIN

Mrs. Etha Oberlin was honored on her retirement from teaching at a luncheon of Gamma Zeta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa sorority recently at the Lamplighter Cafeteria in Fort Myers, Fla.

She was presented with a pin inscribed 6-6-69, and a silver book mark by the sorority.

She taught seven years in Michigan, and has been in Lee County, Florida, schools since 1946. She has been a special education teacher at Fort Myers Junior High School since 1954.

Mrs. Oberlin was born Etha Haskins, and was raised in the

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Brinton area as a child. She is a cousin of Emma Middlesworth.

Etha's parents died when she was in high school, but she persisted in her education efforts, living with the John Otterbine family while attending school here.

From high school she continued her education, earning a BS degree at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, a Master's degree from the University of Florida, and took graduate work at Florida, Colorado State and Stetson University.

She is a member of many university and teacher organizations. Her home is at 1811 Passaic Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida.

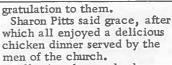
Her hobbies are gardening, with orchid culture her special interest. Emma visits her when she goes to Florida winters.

Central Gilmore

Mary Helen Pitts, Reporter MOTHER-DAUGHTER

BANQUET DRAWS OVER 100 The annual Mother-Daughter Banquet sponsored by the Gilmore Women's Fellowship group was held May 13 in the church dining room with over 100 in attendance.

Mrs. Elwyn Pitts welcomed the group and then everyone joined in singing "Mother". Mrs. Genevieve Luce presented the high school graduates and their mothers with carnation corsages, and spoke a few words of con-



Following the meal, the group went to the auditorium for the program. A toast to the mothers was given by Delores Allen. A toast to the daughters was given by Mrs. Marilyn Pitchford. Mrs. Yvonne Pitts and daughter, Mona, sang a duet.

Mrs. Anna Wood received a gift for being the oldest mother present. Mrs. Kathy Brown was honored as the youngest mother. Mrs. Jane Shilling of Owosso was honored for coming the farthest distance, and Mrs. Esther Allen was the only mother present who had a son serving in the Armed Services.

A film was shown on the life of animals of the weasel family. It was enjoyed by young and old alike.

and old alike. Mrs. Lois Getchel closed the program with a benediction. *****

Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davison. Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts, Marlene Pitts and Elaine Esterline.

Mr.and Mrs. Bernard Pitts were Thursday supper guests of the Frank Grahams. Saturday Thursday, May 22, 1969 the Grahams were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox and family of Shepherd. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lansing

and family of Shepherd. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lansing of Clare were dinner guests of Frank and Carol.

Mrs. Bernice Cook spent Wednesday with Mr.and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce.

bert Fordyce. Mrs. Elsie Wood is staying with her son, Kendall, in Clare this week while Alvin still remains in the hospital.

PIONEER FARM BUREAU MEETS WITH THE COOKS Mrs. Wm. L. Phillips

Reporter The Pioneer Farm Bureau of Gilmore met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook May 12.

Seventeen members were present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr.and Mrs. Wm. L. Phillips June 9. Laura Cook gave a good report

on the district Farm Bureau Women's activity meeting at Auburn.

The discussion topic, "Farm Labor Problems," was conducted by Olive Irwin, assisted by Egbert Fordyce.

Grace Pitts won a pair of lovely wall plaques in a drawing. The hostess served a tasty meat loaf and pot-luck dinner prior to the meeting.

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Beal City Dora Smith, Reporter

ENTERTAIN THEIR CLUB Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart entertained their club last Wednesday evening.

Arlene Cotter and Richard Stevens won prizes for high scores, with Gerry Schumacher and Max Straus low. The pepper prize went to Jerry Straus. The hostess served a delightful lunch to her guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pung spent Sunday evening with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Pung.

Mrs. Wm. Pung spent the weekend with her sisters, Mrs. Emma O'Connor and Mrs. Rose Keiffer and family, of Carson City.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer spent Mother's Day with her son-inlaw and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gesselman, and family, and her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Schafer, and fam-

ily, of Lansing. Mr.and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer and Mrs. Charles Winland of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mrs. Ruth Klumpp of Mt. Pleasant spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mrs. Louis Rau and Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. Wm. Pung.

Sister Marie Alexander returned to Albuquerque, N. M., last Wednesday, after spending the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schafer.

The Senior Class of Beal City High School had breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer last Wednesday morning, May 14, and then all went on their trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Pung and Mrs. Joe Keiffer called on Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Barz and family of Shepherd spent SunWEIDMAN MESSENGER

day with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barz and family. Ida Tilmann has been ill with

a bad cold. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau called on Louise Smith Sunday af-

ternoon. Ginger Rau of Bay City was home over the weekend, with

four of her girl friends. --0--

MITCHELL MEMORIAL PARK SPORTS A NEW LOOK

By Commissioner John Forest Visitors to Mitchell Memorial Park during the coming softball season will notice that "something new has been added."

It is a 10-foot-high fence enclosing the outfield of the softball diamond. It replaces an old fence constructed at the park's beginning, and so often repaired and patched up that it was deemed no longer usable.

The new fence was a joint project of the Weidman Lions Club, which put up \$120 cash, the Weidman Softball League, which kicked in \$80, and Tilmann's Hardware at Beal City, which gave the league the fence at cost, and absorbed the sales tax. Poles were donated by General Telephone Company. Ball players from the league provided the actual labor.

A very well-attended work bee with 50 men present Tuesday evening, May 13, succeeded in putting up the fence in one evening.

Also to be added is a brandnew scoreboard, donated by the Coca Cola Bottling Company. The sign had not yet

arrived as we go to press. Regular softball play begins Monday, May 26, with games at 8 and 9.15 each night, Monday through Thursday. --0--

LINE OFFICERS OF OES MET HERE WEDNESDAY EVE The Line Officers of the Isa-

bella-Gratiot Association, Order of Eastern Stars, met here Wednesday evening, May 28, at 6.30 p.m., instead of on the 26th, as stated in last week's paper.



CASE SCHOOL REUNION

SET FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 8 More and more of the former pupils and teachers of the Case School are passing on, and an urgent request has been sent out for all old pupils, teachers and friends of the school to attend this year's reunion, which will be held at the Farwell City Park at 12 noon Sunday, June 8. Pot-luck dinner is always enjoyed here.

Coffee and ice cream will be furnished, and visitors are advised they may bring anything they wish for the pot-luck dinner

There will be a business meeting, possibly a short period of entertainment, and the afternoon will be spent visiting old friends and perhaps making new ones.

Nearly always someone shows up who has never attended before. It is expected there will be surprise visitors again this year.

Families and friends are always welcome, says the Case School Committee.

Bernadine Bowen is Secretary of the committee.

Mrs. Pat Hathaway of Rosebush and daughter, Mary Wejiowski, and four children of Grayling visited Mrs. Nina Forbes Saturday evening.

VEHICLE SAFETY CHECKS SCHEDULED FOR THIS AREA

The Isabella County Safety Council again is sponsoring vehicle safety checks throughout Isabella County, with the fol-lowing dates for this area:

Beal City: Thursday night, May 22, 7 to 9 o'clock. Saturday, May 24, 10 a.m. to 5

p.m. Weidman: Friday, May 23, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In Mt. Pleasant, check lanes will be in operation every day during Michigan Week. Anyone can have his vehicle checked in the Mt. Pleasant check lane, which will be as usual on North Main Street in front of the Court House.

Motorcycles will be safety checked in all outlying areas during the hours of 9 to 11 a. m. when check lanes are in operation. In Mt. Pleasant, motorcycles will be checked Satur-

day, May 24, from 1 to 5 p.m. Don Woodruff is general chairman for the safety check campaign this year, with Don Scha-fer chairman for Beal City and Helen Adams chairman for the village of Weidman and its surrounding area.

Jessie Rosencrantz and Hattie Losey were Saturday afternoon visitors of Connie Skinner.



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Riley and family.

chicken on a grill.

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NOTICE

N.Broomfield Maycie Cook, Reporter

ENTERTAINS ON BIRTHDAY Mrs. Ethel Wager entertained the following ladies last Thursday afternoon, in honor of her birthday:

Mrs. Minnie Rhode, Mary and Maycie Cook, Helen Lueder, Frances Handy, Evelyn Engler, and Hulda Stevens.

Cards and visiting were enjoyed, and the hostess served ice cream and cake. The ladies spent an enjoyable afternoon. ******

Mrs.Frances Handy of Evart is spending several days with her sister, Maycie Cook, and other relatives and friends.

Mr.and Mrs. Alvah Delo of Blanchard spent Friday evening with the Herman Cook family. Mr.and Mrs. Emil Lueder were

Sunday evening guests of Mrs.E. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. James Bergquist, and with Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson Borders of Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook Friday evening, and they all attended a band concert at the Blanchard school, in which Jackie Cook took part.

Miss Karen Rhode went last Tuesday for an interview at the Buena Vista School system near Saginaw, where she will teach Third Grade beginning next fall.

Mrs. Eda Van Zandt and Gordon Schlagel were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder.

Mrs. Glee Krueger and Keith, Kathy and Terry, and Herman



and Aliance Cook were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr.and Mrs. Gale Krueger and children. Mrs. Richard Cook entertained

Mrs. Richard Cook entertained the Lutheran Ladies' Aid at her home last Wednesday evening, with about 12 members present. Sunday morning a Baccalaureate sermon for the graduates of the two congregations was given by Rev. Schmelzer, at Remus and Broomfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caulkin of Alto spent Monday with Mrs. Nettie Crowley and brother, Jay Leinaar.

Roderick Nicholson, Maycie Cook and Mrs. Frances Handy attended the Farm Bureau meeting Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Maud Johnson.

of Mrs. Maud Johnson. Mrs. Richard Lueder called on Mrs. Allison Strong one afternoon during the week.

Roxann Hines helped her grandmother, Mrs. Bob Hines, do some papering Saturday.

Mrs. Rudolf Lueder entertained the Edmore Hospital Guild No. 9 Tuesday evening.

West Gilmore

Mrs. Dale Badgley called on Mrs. Paul Cole and Vilma Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole and Vilma were dinner guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan. Paul tilled the Swans' garden.

tilled the Swans' garden. We are happy to hear that Don Alwood got home from the hospital, feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony David of Canada came for the funeral of her uncle, Garnet Ferguson, last Thursday. They called on her cousin, Lena Cole.

Mrs. Donna Dominick of South Bend spent the weekend at her cabin.

Tony Maunaskak of Hamtramck spent the weekend at his farm.

Others spending the weekend at their cabin were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mosell and boys, and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ganser, and children, all of South Bend.

The Coles and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mahon were guests at a birthday party at the Mossell cabin Saturday, honoring Joe Mosell, Mrs. Joe Ganser, and Miss Vilma Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Myers and children spent the weekend at their trailer house.

---0----NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler attended a Rosebush Elementary School program for grandparents Monday afternoon. The Beutlers have three grandchildren in that school.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Papesh of Saginaw, a daughter, Saturday, May 17. Mrs. Papesh is a sister of Mrs. Garold St. John. The little Miss weighed six pounds, 12 ounces, and has been named Shari Lynn.

Thursday, May 22, 1969

NEWS NOTES Mr.and Mrs. Junior Bakos and children of Ashley were Saturday night and Sunday guests at the Ronnie Sprague home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday evening with his mother, Mrs. Kit Johnson. Mrs. Tom Powell was a Monday guest of her mother.

S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children drove to Riverdale Sunday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Clark Schnepp, and Marion's former roommate, Mrs. Earl Costley, and her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler of Rosebush were Saturday afternoon callers of the Howard Beutlers.

Linda Hardenburgh and Billy and Timmy Ransom of Flint have been spending the week with the Harry Hardenburghs.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardenburgh and family of Pierson were Saturday callers of Emory Dell and the Harry Hardenburghs.

Mr.and Mrs. George Merrihew called on Mr.and Mrs. Chris Comstock of rural Blanchard Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called on Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dutcher of St. Louis Monday afternoon. They spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Betty and Kim Howe.

Jim Dutcher called on his mother Sunday afternoon.

Mr.and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher called on the Robert Hines Friday evening. They called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday morning.

morning. Mr.and Mrs. Carl Beutler and Diane and Billy visited Mr.and Mrs. Robert Tibbetts and family of East Lansing Sunday.

Mr.and Mrs. Forrest Johnston called on the Carl Beutlers Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss of St. Johns were Mother's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and family.

Mr.and Mrs. Carl Beutler and Orval Merrihew attended Farm Bureau at the Benn Johnson home Tuesday evening. Mr.and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse

Mr.and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse and children and Mr.and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse took Hazel Davis to Sunfield Sunday, where Hazel will spend some time with Mr.and Mrs. Ben Trobasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Delano of Grand Rapids visited the Gatehouses Friday afternoon. She was a sister of Dorothy Chaffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Frazer of Flint spent Saturday afternoon with the Leo Gatehouses.

Beatrice Gatehouse and Hazel Davis were in Midland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Billsby of Shepherd spent Saturday evening with the Bill Maeders.

Mrs. Bill Remington and sons, Troy and Dean, of Saginaw, came Sunday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and children of Belleville and Miss Anna Chaffee of Detroit spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee, and Nancy. Mrs. Ronna Dutcher and Sandra attended a bridal shower for Miss Linda Wernette, at the Keith Schuberg home in rural Rodney, Sunday afternoon, given by Linda's friend, Miss Mary Burrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Culp of Blanchard called on the George Merrihews Thursday. Mrs. Culp brought Edna some pictures that were Herbert Lawrence's.

Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and granddaughter, Kaye, called on Mrs. Ronna Dutcher Monday.

Karen Dutcher spent Saturday over night and Sunday with Joann McDaniel.

David Dutcher spent Saturday over night with Grandma and Grandpa Dutcher.

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NorthWeidman Elvah Gott, Reporter

Dinner guests at the Gerald Latham home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chaffee and Art Kent of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams were weekend guests at the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Adams, of Traverse City.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy and family of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys Sunday. Albert Gott and Mrs. Flossie

Albert Gott and Mrs. Flossie Allen of Winn called on Mr.and Mrs. John Gott Sunday, and had lunch with them. Mr.and Mrs. Richard Gott and Ruthie were evening callers. They also called on Wanda Graham and girls.

Don Alwood came home from the Saginaw hospital last Thursday, and is doing fine. He wears a cast after spinal surgery, but can get around real well. It probably will be some time before he can go back to work. Rusty Alwood was home from



WEIDMAN MESSENGER ncy. his work on the pipeline, for the weekend.

Local Items

Gerald Grewett is home from a stay last week in CMC Hospital.

Martin Boger was released from CMC Hospital Saturday, after a week's stay for tests and x-rays. Wayne Smith of Wolverine spent from Wednesday till Friday with his persent. Mr. and Mr. Cluston

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith. Wayne and Clayt enjoyed fishing.

fishing. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan of Flint and Linda Krueger and children, Geraline Johnson and children, Flora Wood, and Mrs. Irene Caulkins of Rosebush were visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood during the past week. BETTER THAN A LETTER

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keiser of Belding.

Mrs. Ronnie Sprague took Earnest Gross back to CMC Hospital Saturday morning, suffering from a heart condition.

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JUDY PHILLIPS GRADUATES FROM TOPS TO KOPS--Mrs. Laura Cook presents Mrs. Phillips with her graduation cap,

certificate, and a yellow rose. Friday evening the Gilmore TOPS Club met at the home of Mrs. Gloria Beavers for a graduation ceremony honoring Mrs. Judy Phillips.

Mrs. Phillips was escorted into the lovely candle-lit living room for her graduation from TOPS to KOPS.

Mrs. Laura Cook presented her with a white satin graduation cap with gold tassel, a yellow rose, and her certificate stating she had graduated from TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) to

KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly, Mrs. Joyce Crane read a brief history of Judy's life since joining Jesus' care. Two of her favorite hymns were sung by Mrs. Gloria Beavers and Mrs. Lois Graham.

Mrs. Cook presented Judy with gifts from the group, and a poem written especially in her honor.

After a few remarks of appreciation and inspiration from Mrs. Phillips, the group was served coffee and tea to conclude a delightful evening.

Mrs. Phillips is the first in the club to reach her goal.

Special guest for the evening was Mrs. Betty Mullet of Mt. Pleasant. EAST Coldwater Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Voss were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Latham were afternoon visitors.

Martin Jones called on Raymond and Dick Skinner Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morrow of

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morrow of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and family Sunday evening.

Sunday evening. Esther Skinner called on Mrs. Ida Coomer at CMC Hospital last Monday. Ida was Dist. 11 president when Esther was president of VFW Auxiliary 3033 of Mt. Pleasant.

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Ruth Blesch and daughter, Jo, and Mrs. Ethel Soper of Barryton, and Joan Charnes were Thursday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Emma Middlesworth and Mrs. Vada Carroll. Mrs. Nina Forbes attended a

Mrs. Nina Forbes attended a band concert in Ithaca Sunday, in which her grandson, Michael Brien, was a featured soloist. We'll print Michael's picture next week.



MRS. DANIEL LEE STEBELTON In a lovely ceremony at the Gospel Tabernacle in Mt. Pleasant, Kay Anne Leiter became the bride of Daniel Lee Stebelton May 2, at 7.30 p.m. The Rev. G. Edgar Schade

The Rev. G. Edgar Schade performed the double-ring ceremony in the presence of the couple's parents. Mr.and Mrs. Warren Leiter of

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter of rural Lake are the parents of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smoder of Mt. Pleasant are parents of the groom. About 30 close friends and relatives also attended.

Best men were Gregory Leiter, brother of the bride, and Bill Griffin, friend of the groom, on leave from the Navy.

Bridesmaids were Cheryl Leiter, sister of the bride, and Carol Stebelton, sister of the groom.

Thursday, May 22, 1969

A reception is being held for the newlyweds at the Brinton Hall in Brinton May 24, at 8.30 in the evening. Friends and relatives are cordially invited. Kay graduated from Chippewa Hills High School in 1968, and

First School in 1908, and is employed in the office at Ferro's in Mt. Pleasant. Daniel graduated from the Mt. Pleasant High School, also in 1968, and also is employed at Ferro's.

The young couple are at home at 915 West Broadway in Mt. Pleasant.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

(Continued from Page 1) recognized when the black separatist leader Marcus Garvey proclaimed himself president of the Republic of Africa in 1921."

On Monday, the Free Press reported, the black secessionists' flag replaced the flag of the United States entirely, the black "separatists" flag flying at the top of the flagpole and the American flag gone.

And did you know that the United Nations is empowered to send foreign troops into the United States, if it chooses, to "protect" such groups as the "Republic of New Africa"? Sleep tight.

---0---WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor May 26, roller skating. May 28, teachers and officers meeting, 9.30 a.m., at the parsonage.



