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Editor's Column

By Connie

DO RACCOONS GET YOUR SWEET CORN?

If your cherished crop of summer sweet corn is destroyed by the rascally raccoons, which appear to be plentiful around here, Earl Clarke of Walker Creek thinks he has the solution to the problem.

Earl lost his entire sweet corn crop last year, he told us, but this year lost only the first few ears heralding the arrival of the raccoons. (They'll strip the husks off an ear, take one or two bites, go on to the next juicy ear, and continue the process until your whole crop is spoiled.)

This year Earl discovered the rascals' work early, and he and his wife took red pepper and sprinkled it on the tops of the ears of corn, before the raccoons touched it.

They reported they had no more trouble from the little rascals after that.

A humane and effective way to get the raccoons out of the corn patch, we'd say.

TIMES DO CHANGE

On Thursday, May 2, 1963, 10 years ago, the Satellite Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant was advertising big hamburgers for 15 cents. A chicken sandwich was 35 cents. A "chuck wagon" sandwich was 30 cents. Onion rings were 20 cents.

'TIS THE FISHING SEASON

Bluegills were hitting fast on Lake of the Hills the first of this week.

At our private on-shore apparatus rigged up of sanded shore, lawn chairs and railing to support cane poles, we've caught small bluegills for the cat and even some big enough for our supper. Yum.

Bass are coming back to shore. Channel catfish, plentiful last spring and early summer, have not showed up yet.

METHODIST MEN'S SOUP SUPPER OCT. 20

The Methodist Men announce their annual Soup Supper for Saturday evening, Oct. 20.

Surprisingly, you can get a satisfying, hearty meal at these suppers, from a dozen or so var-

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GRACEFUL LADY IN A LOVELY GOWN--

Edna Schultz recently observed her 86th birthday, and remains as alert and active as though it were her 30th. She is active in the Waubenoo Chapter of Eastern Stars (the Weidman chapter), the Rebekah Lodge, and the Methodist Church. She had just planted her spring bulbs in a small garden the day we took this picture. Messenger photo

"I bought this dress to wear at the Eastern Stars' reception for Nina Forbes," Edna said. (Nina was honored by the State Chapter on that occasion.)

Edna has a Life Membership in the Stars, and is a lifelong member of the Rebekahs.

She was born Edna Thompson Sept. 22, 1887, in Sheridan Township, Clare County. She was married to Tuff Hampton in 1908, and the couple came to Weidman in 1918 when he built the Ford dealership garage which now houses the Weidman Rexall Pharmacy and Marshall's Garage.

Charles Woolworth had the Ford dealership before Tuff, and Edmund Schultz sold cars for both of them. He sold Clyde Beutler his first Ford tractor, taking a team of horses in trade on the deal.

The Hamptons held the Ford dealership for 16 years. They had two children Gladys, now deceased, and Ike Hampton of Benton Harbor. Tuff died in 1934.

Edna is active in social and lodge and church life in Weidman.

Local Items

Floyd Dutcher returned last Tuesday from a month's visit in Spokane, Washington, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and other places out West, where he thoroughly enjoyed visiting relatives and friends. He fished eight days at Coeur d'Alene. He reports a wonderful plane trip both ways, and said he has a cousin who is a stewardess on United Airlines, but he missed seeing her.

George Wickes of Indiana was a last Wednesday visitor of Jack Houghton. Mr. Wickes is a lay-witness co-ordinator for the United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clarke of Walker Creek left Oct. 9 on their way to their winter home in Zephyrhills, Florida, after spending the summer at their delightful home on Walker. They planned to visit her parents, and will also stop over in Tennessee to visit friends.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

SENIOR CITIZENS CAN GET TAX EXEMPTIONS THIS YEAR

If we understand the situation correctly, Senior Citizens can get tax exemptions on their homes to the full extent offered by the State of Michigan (up to \$500) even though they were registered with their Township Supervisors for the 1973 \$85 limit on tax cuts heretofore in effect.

The \$85 exemption was based on assessed valuation of \$2,500 on homes. Now Senior Citizens can get up to \$500 exemption if their homes are assessed at more than \$2,500 valuation. Those whose homes are \$2,500 or less in assessment need not file for the added state benefit.

Those with homes assessed over \$2,500 may file for the added benefits if their incomes do not exceed \$3,000 per year from all sources.

You must pick up the application forms yourself, at banks or post offices, or write the Michigan Department of the Treasury requesting the forms. The forms will not be sent out as previously announced.

Those home owners who know what their annual income will be for this year may file with the state for the upped exemptions Dec. 1. It is now expected that refunds may be received as early as four to six weeks after receipts of exemption applications.

To get up to the \$500 exemption, your income must not exceed \$3,000 annually from all sources. If your home is valued so that taxes will be more than \$500, the state will pay the first \$500 and you pay anything over that.

Hope we understand it right.

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NEXT REBEKAH CARD PARTY WILL BE OCTOBER 16

The next Rebekah sponsored card party at the Oddfellows Hall in Weidman will be Oct. 16, Tuesday afternoon.

At last week's party, Eva Phillips won first prize for the ladies, Gertrude Gross won the pepper prize, and Leona Courser the door prize.

Clayton Neal won first for the men, with Herman Cook low.

The committee served refreshments of cookies and jello.

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Mrs. Ruth Blesch and daughter, Jo, and Ethel Soper of Barryton were Friday supper guests of Mrs. Emma Middlesworth.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Harold Rhode and his mother spent Wednesday evening with the Harry Allens.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Neal of Toledo, O., spent last week with Mrs. Leona Courser and the Edwin Coursers.

Mrs. Kate Martin visited her cousin, Mrs. Leah Wright, of Muskegon, from Tuesday till Saturday. Sunday visitors at the Martin home were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sedell of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin and family of Saginaw. Bob Grewett of Mt. Clemens and Woodrow Martin were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson and Ricky, Randy, Shari and Sue of Holt and Mrs. Lorraine Schultz spent Saturday with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder spent Monday evening with Oral Bunting. Saturday visitors of the Lieders were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lueder and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder.

Carl Keanaman and Chris Hendricks of Detroit spent the weekend with the Lieders.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaughner and family stopped on their way home from a trip to Maine and had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner. Mrs. Florence Mason was a Wednesday guest of Mrs. Minnie Flaughner.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold attended a family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gos-tola Sunday, in honor of the first birthday of their son, Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook were Sunday evening guests of Herman Cook and family.

Mrs. Robert Cook visited her sister, Miss Mary Richardson, at the Broomfield Trailer Court Sunday.

Paige Young of Remus spent Monday with her great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines.

Floyd Ferguson of St. Louis called on his cousin, Blanche Carr, and on Mrs. Emily Wood, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook spent Sunday evening with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Helen Alwood called on us Saturday evening. Helen and Cathy attended the Homecoming football game at Chippewa Hills School Saturday night and took some of Cathy's girl friends, Lori England and Rhonda Sides, with them. Debbie Graham and Kelly Aldrich also attended the game and dance. The Homecoming Queen was Beth Ann McClain.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich of Lansing spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich, and Kelly.

Mrs. Laura Latham and Mrs.

Hazel Sperry attended the wedding of Bessie Sexton and Lawrence Friddle at the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. They also attended the reception and dinner at the hall in Weidman. The newlyweds are living in Nashville, Mich., the groom's home town.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott called on Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and family Friday evening.

The James Kennedy family had a pot-luck dinner at the home of Lois Knollenberg at Rosebush Sunday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys, Mrs. Muriel Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chapman and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy of Mt. Pleasant.

Visitors at our home last week included Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Allen from their cabin at Chippewa Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rhynard of Six Lakes, Debbie Graham Thursday night and Friday night, and Albert Gott of Winn on Sunday.

Callers at the Ed Olger home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Olger of Stanwood and Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Van Wormer of Chesaning. Mrs. Sidney Wood and Mrs. Olger went shopping in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams and Zena Olger went to Grand Rapids Monday to get apples.

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Local Items

Lillie Dennis of Mecosta was a Sunday evening guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox. Mrs. Wilcox was in Mecosta shopping Saturday. Ruth Curtiss accompanied her.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knipfer and two daughters of Clear Lake spent Saturday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

The wedding of Miss Pat Burden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden, and Carl Snider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider, will take place Nov. 3 in the First Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant. The date is also the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Snider.

Miss Joyce Smith spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, and family, from her studies at the University of Michigan. She is taking a nursing course.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Oberlin and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kuepfer and family at Traverse City.

Visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood during last week were Floyd Ferguson of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Basner of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fritz of Quincy, and the Darrell Kirvans of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and children, all of Lansing; Laura Latham and Hazel Sperry of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr.

and Mrs. Lawrence Friddle (Bessie Sexton) of Nashville.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey were

in Greenville Sunday, visiting Mrs. Tina Leach.

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FOR SALE--Rabbits, live or dressed. Chester Vore, Weidman, phone 644-3467. Oct. 11t1p

LEGAL

Notice

The Sherman Township Zoning Board met Wednesday, September 19, 1973. In the course of that meeting it was decided to recommend the following:

1. Article VIII, Administration, paragraph 3, which now reads "...shall not exceed five dollars (\$5.00), regardless of cost..." should be changed to read "...shall not exceed ten dollars (\$10.00), regardless of cost..."

2. Article II, Section A, paragraph 3, should be changed as follows:

- The first sentence shall remain as is.
- The remainder of the paragraph shall be deleted.
- The following three sentences shall be added:

It is also prohibited to park or store more than two unlicensed vehicles within 200' of any roadway or property line in the township. Furthermore, if exception be made to the above restrictions, it shall be required that such exceptions be surrounded by a 6' high solid fence. Any exceptions to these restrictions must have the approval of the Township Zoning Board of Appeals.

3. After having a lengthy discussion on the subject of mobile homes and travel trailers, we were unable to agree on any changes to be made in our ordinance.

Thayne Sides
Zoning Board
Chairman
Sept. 4t2

ANNUAL FALL METHODIST MEN SOUP SUPPER--Will be served Saturday, Oct. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Weidman United Methodist Church. Tickets may be purchased from any of the men, or at the door. Adults \$1.75, children under 12 \$1, pre-school children free. All you can eat.

Oct. 11t2

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Obituary

VERA MAE SMITH

Vera Mae Smith of Remus passed away last Wednesday, Oct. 3, at Kelsey Memorial Hospital in Lakeview. She was 51.

She was born Jan. 8, 1922, near Remus, where she spent most of her childhood, attending the Titus School and the Decker School.

She was converted at an early age, and was a member of the Forest Hill Church of God.

At the age of 18, due to much ill health, she spent several years in and out of hospitals and convalescent homes. Sept. 24 she was taken by ambulance to Kelsey Hospital, suffering from pneumonia. She passed away at the hospital 10 days later.

She is survived by her mother, Helen Smith, and sister, Ula Cummins, both of Weidman; a nephew, Larry Cummins of Ithaca, a niece, Judy Lawrence of Laingsburg; two aunts, several cousins, and a host of friends.

Services were held Friday, Oct. 5, at 1 p.m. at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with Rev. John Wright officiating. Burial was in the Forest Hill Cemetery.

The family have the deep sympathy of their many friends.

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Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many relatives, friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during the passing of our daughter, sister and aunt, Vera Smith.

We thank you for the beautiful floral pieces, the many beautiful cards and words of comfort, and the gifts of money.

We especially thank Verna Cornell for the song she sang; Rev. Wright for his comforting words; and the pallbearers.

We thank all the neighbors and friends for the food they prepared and served at the parsonage;

And we would not forget to thank General Telephone Company for changing our telephone over so quickly after our moving, in case of emergency.

May God bless each and every one.

Helen Smith
Ula Cummins
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins
And Son
Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence
And Daughter

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Real Estate Transfers

(Editor's Note: We point out that the following Real Estate Transfers do not necessarily mean recent sales. The Register of Deeds gives out for publication only warranty deeds on record; which can mean a land-contract finally paid up several years after purchase. The Real Estate Transfers are of interest, however, as they are the only source of information on the movement of land ownership in the county.)

Fred A. Caldwell and wife to William G. Taggart and wife, Lot 56, Supervisors Plat of Ashbrook Shores, Gilmore.

Lawrence Lowell and wife to Willard H. Thelen and wife, Lots 1, 2, Two Rivers Ranch Estates, Deerfield.

Jerry E. Degner and wife to Duane M. Jarvis and wife, Lot Lots 22, 23, 26, 27, Schueller-Bierschbach Plat, Nottawa.

Jeanne A. Brew et al to William J. Siler and wife, pt e 1/2 se 1/4 Sec. 30, Nottawa.

Paul G. Sturgis and wife to Raymond B. Kebler and wife, Lot 41, Schueller-Bierschbach Plat, Nottawa.

Roger N. Galer and wife to Marvin R. Hutson and wife, pt. sw nw sec. 26, Broomfield.

Ernest D. Egbert and wife to Margaret Hamilton, pt. w 1/2 sw 14 sec/ 35, Coldwater.

Kenneth Paul Fahnestock and wife to Donald Kissick and wife, ne ne sec. 8, Sherman.

Leo M. Reihl and wife to Raymond J. Reihl and wife, nw sw sec. 35, Nottawa.

Lloyd A. Berry and wife to John F. MacDonald and wife, se ne ne sec. 2, Nottawa.

Carl H. Smith and wife to Thomas J. Murphy and Donna R., se se sec. 25, Deerfield.

Charles Guerriero and wife to Larry Stuart Schaftenaar and wife, Lots 5, 6, Fowler Park, Broomfield.

Raymond E. Bissett and wife to Ernest J. Frezee and Catherine, Lot 31, Schueller-Bierschbach Plat, Nottawa.

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In the Editor's Mail

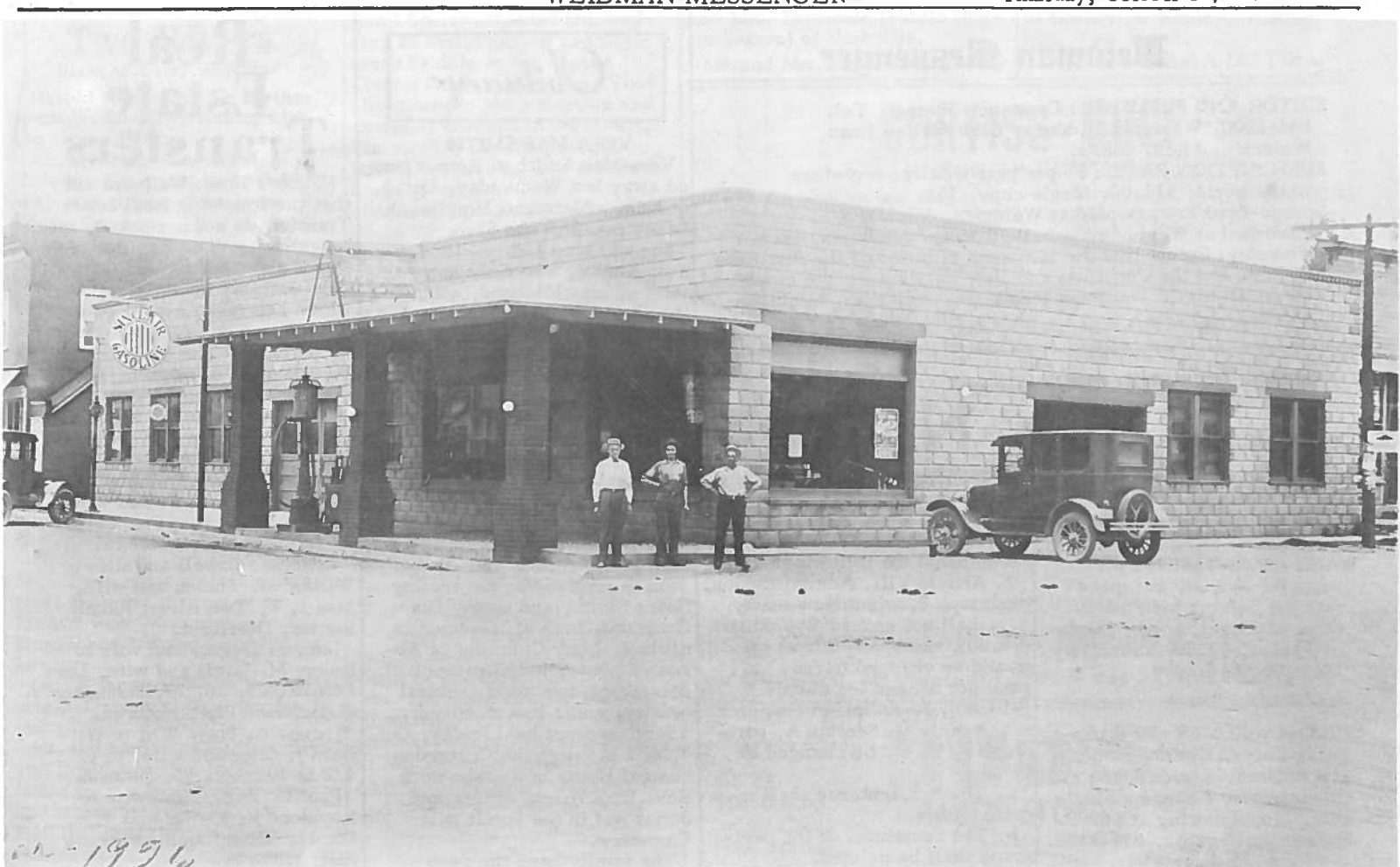
Dear Connie:

Thank you many times for the Messenger.

Erma Elliott
Rosebush

Weidman Messenger

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



THE HAMPTON GARAGE AND FORD DEALERSHIP SHOW ROOMS--Built by Tuff Hampton in 1918. The building is still solid and serviceable, attesting to the kind of workmanship carpenters and bricklayers did back in the old days. The building was one of the first cement-block erections the area had seen. Shown in the old photo are (left to right) Tuff Hampton, John Decatur, and Edmund Schultz. Photo loaned the Messenger by Edna Schultz.

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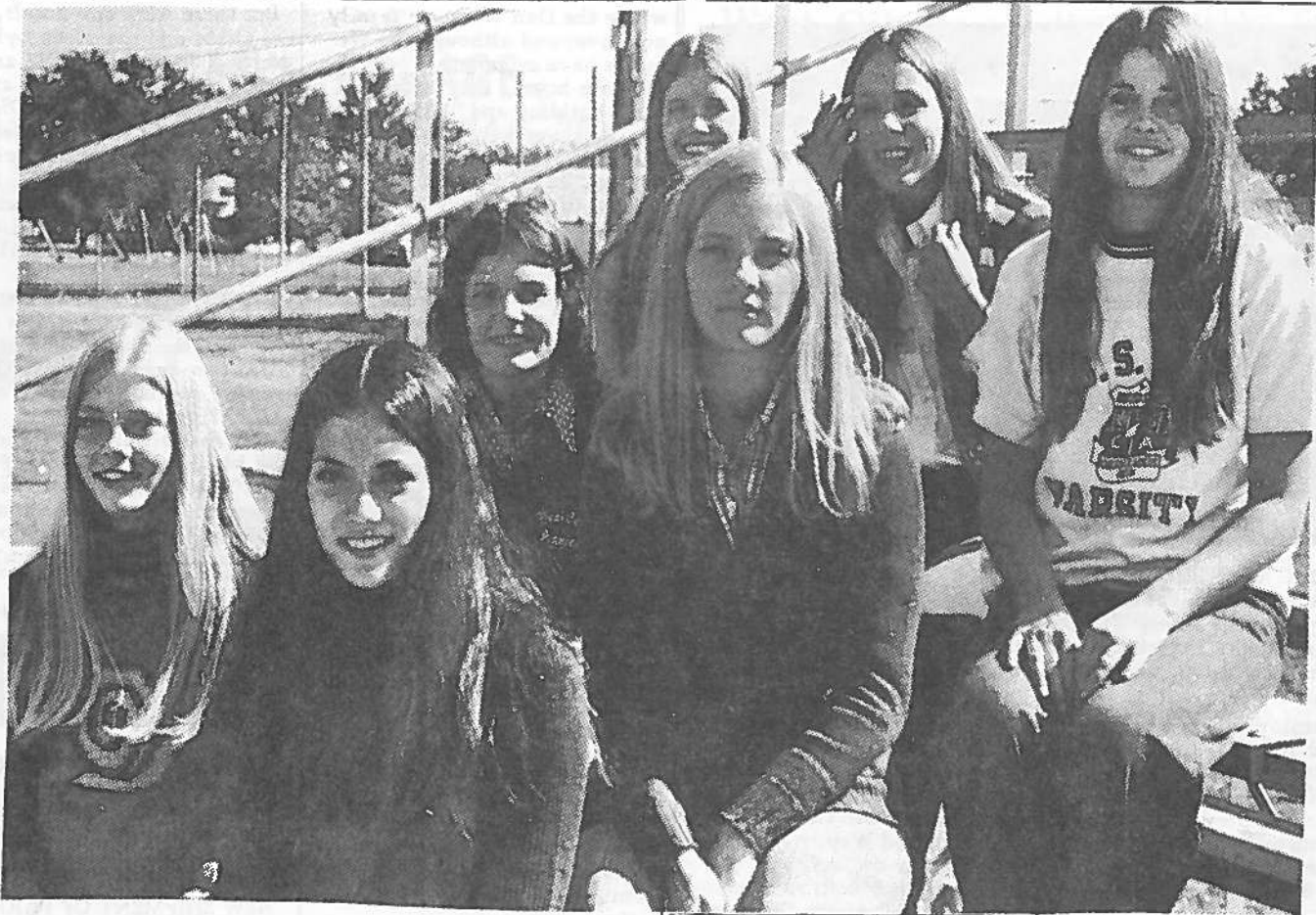
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HOMECOMING QUEEN AND HER COURT--Vicki Tilmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tilmann, was chosen Homecoming Queen at the Beal City festivals last Friday and Saturday. The girls are (in the front row, left to right): Bev Breuer, Chari Gruss, Queen Vicki Tilmann; back row, from the left: Mary Tilmann, Sue Rau (Miss Congeniality), Julie Neubecker and Kay Brickmer. The Times-News photo was taken last week, before the Homecoming festivities. In the football game, Beal City lost to McBain, 8-0.

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rau are enjoying a trip to Las Vegas, Nevada. Louis Martin was taken to CMC Hospital Sunday by ambulance.

Quite a few from here went to Portland Sunday for a church dinner there.

Charlotte Schafer was home over the weekend from her school studies.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Might of St. Johns visited Matie Pung over the weekend.

Mrs. Jerry Schafer, Mrs. Ed Schafer and Mrs. Tony Schafer attended a stork party for Cheryl MacGregor Sunday afternoon at Mt. Pleasant.

A large number from here enjoyed the Homecoming parade and beautiful floats through Beal City Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Matt Pantenberg suffered a stroke last week, and was reported very ill, at the Medical Facility at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Flo Haupt and Loretta Lorenz spent Thursday afternoon with Matie Pung.

Vern Crittenden of Remus called on Louise Smith Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Ruth Klumpp took her mother, Louise Schafer, and Louise Smith to enjoy the parade in Beal City Friday afternoon. It was very enjoyable, and the floats were very pretty.

Allen Tilman was taken sick Friday morning and was taken to CMC Hospital. He was still there Monday, for tests.

Jinny and Debbie Rau and Ann Smith went to Frankenmuth Sunday afternoon.

Walt and Dolly Rau and Louise Smith drove to Reed City Sunday afternoon. Fall colors were wonderful. They visited Arnold Simmer, who had surgery recently; The party came home through Mecosta, and had supper there.

Dale Rau and Dora Smith were home over Saturday.

Rose and Herman Grinzinger enjoyed the church dinner at Portland Sunday.

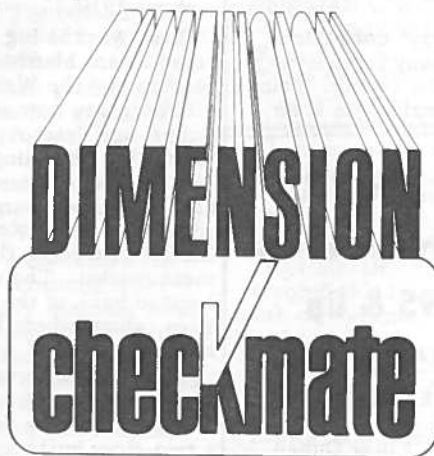
Mrs. Kitty Yuncker is in Gratiot Community Hospital in Alma. Her address is Room 257.

Mrs. Jennifer White and family visited Mrs. Shirley Block Thursday evening.

Mrs. Delores Egbert visited Mrs. Bob Block Wednesday evening.

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UNITED WAY FUND RAISERS GET SET--At a training session. Shown above: Marion Beutler, Sherman Township, Phyllis Sides, Village of Weidman, Charles Fahnestock, Sherman Township, Lois Hartzler, Coldwater Township, and Dean Denslow, Quadrant Chairman.

Dean Denslow says: "Getting the United Way drive under way means getting workers together."

Oct. 2 Kenneth Saunders, Isabella County United Way Out-county chairman, provided a training program for township chairmen and workers for Nottawa, Sherman, Gilmore and Coldwater Townships.

Collection visits will begin Oct. 8 and continue through Nov. 1.

The drive officially gets under way on "volunteer power". Volunteer workers who call door to door are out to gather collections.

The United Way collections go to support many service organizations in the county. Your United Way contribution is an

investment in humanity. Support the United Way collection in your community. It's the United Way to meeting human problems head on. Give your best the United Way.

Thank you.
Dean Denslow
Northwest Quadrant Chairman.
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A History of Weidman

(In the interim between John S. Weidman's building of his sawmills in 1893 and about 1910.)

There was the big hotel, located where Marshall Sales & Service and the Weidman Rexall Pharmacy now are housed. Robert and Peter Aylsworth built a big building there, including a saloon and livery stable. The livery barn was located between the hotel and Max Girards or George Drallette's meat market. The saloon was located back of the livery barn, about where Palmer's Bar now operates.

Where the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Firemen's barn now stands, there was built a two-story building to house the town's first furniture and undertaking business, owned by Lawrence Shephard, father of Allie Shephard.

Most business places, on first establishment, had second-story living quarters for the owners' families. These were mainly destroyed in the town's first fire, in 1897. Everyone rebuilt, although as we understand it, there was no such thing as fire insurance at that time.

Houses for families became a necessity soon in the town's beginning growth. John Rufner, father of Oscar Rufner, built the first residence after the Weidman home. The house is located

where the Dan Wernette family now live; and although the Wernettes have completely remodeled the house, they kept the basic building and "built around it", thus preserving an historic landmark. The house was built in May, 1894. John Rufner worked in Weidman's sawmill. The sawmill and planing mill were John S. Weidman's first establishment here. Mr. Rufner was assisted in the building of the town's first residence by Mr. Meeker. Later Mr. Meeker put up a home back of Leon McArthur's garage as it stands today.

Royal Gibbs built a huge hotel and livery barn where an abandoned gas station now stoned, on the corner of Main and Third Streets. The hotel prospered for many years, well into the Twentieth Century, or about 1908 or 1909.

Every family--and presently there were many families living in the town of Weidman--kept a cow, for milk, cream and butter, the businessman going home at night to milk the cow, and doing the same chore before opening his store in the morning.

Cows roamed the streets of Weidman, and every house had to have a fence, with a gate, to keep neighbors' cows off the premises. (Nobody had lawns, in those days.)

Brinton, Sherman City, Drew and Beal City all were established villages when John S. Weidman came to the wilderness which was the Weidman area at that time.

We have some notes written by Vina (Flower) Bailey in 1972, "The First I Remember of Weidman":

The David Flower family came in January of 1895. He was the first section foreman. The mills were running at that time, a sawmill and planing mill, but I don't think the shingle mill was running yet.

But there were two hotels, one the Gibbs and the other Aylsworth's, and Scott's store and Damon's. The meat market at that time was owned by Max Girard.

The postoffice was located across the alley from the old Messenger printshop on Main Street. The first postmaster was Mr. Parsons, and he lived in the house now owned by Al Woodbury.

Furniture and undertaking was where the Fire Hall is now or closer to the corner. It was a large two-story building, the owner Lawrence Shephard and son, Allie.

The first big fire occurred in the block where Abbott's Furniture is now, then it was Scott's. Everything burned from that building south (but the Scott store building did not burn).

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Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Henry La Grand of Petoskey called on their cousins, the Paul Coles, the latter part of the week, while they were gone. They visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jakeway, of Gray Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geasler of Haslett spent the weekend at their cabin. They visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and sons spent Saturday evening in Beaverton with Mrs. Geasler's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Cornell.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma left Thursday morning for a color tour of Northern Michigan. They visited Porcupine Mountains, Lake of the Clouds, Iron Mountain, and on to Wisconsin, and many other points of beauty, for which the Coles will ever be grateful to the Kripas. Colors were at their peak in the north.

Dyral Worth spent the weekend at home from his studies at CMU.

The Roy Donleys spent the weekend at their farm.

Our very nice friends, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mahon, cared for our dogs, cats, and chickens while we were gone on our trip. It is wonderful to have such good friends.

The Merry Go Round Club will meet with Mrs. Albert Geasler this week Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell and Dick of South Bend, Ind., spent the weekend at their cabin.

They visited their parents, the Paul Coles, Sunday afternoon.

We are sorry to hear that Elizabeth Merchant is quite ill in the Saginaw hospital.

We received word Monday evening that Lynn Wardwell was in a motorcycle-car accident in Flint. He was returning from work in the early morning hours. He is a great-nephew of the Paul Coles. His father, Clarence Wardwell, was killed in a motorcycle accident in July of this year. Lynn was in the hospital in Flint.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower and family of Petersburg, Mich., spent from Tuesday till the end of the week at the family's Foxy Inn at Kalkaska, and at the David Flower home.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were Saturday evening guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chamberlain and family of Lansing spent the weekend with the Bernard Pitts family. Mr. and Mrs. Junior McArthur and family of Brighton were Saturday dinner

guests. Mr. and Mrs. George Getchel and family of Gilmore were Sunday dinner guests.

Mrs. Pauline Wager of rural Remus spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Ethel Wager. Mr. and Mrs. David Reister of Ionia were Sunday afternoon visitors.

The Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
(1 mile west of Weidman)
Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504:

Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Service, 11 a. m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p. m.
Choir practice (Thursday), 6.30 p. m.

Our church is in a contest with the Brinton Chapel through the month of October. The losers will put on a lunch for the winners.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163
2nd Street, Weidman.
Office phone 644-3336, parsonage 644-3441.

Church School, 9.45 a. m.
Worship Service, 11 a. m.
Sharing and prayer Thursday, 7.30 p. m.
Pot luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p. m.
U. M. W., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p. m.
Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p. m.

WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE
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Rev. John A. Wright, Minister
Phone 644-3604.
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
Choir practice, 6.30 p. m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.
Prayer Service Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Broomfield: Located six miles south of Weidman on Coldwater Road.

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor.
Sunday School, 9.15 a. m.
Worship Service, 10.45 a. m.
Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,
Enclosed find check for \$2.00 which will cover our subscription until April.

Glad to pay for the increase, as you do a tremendous service to our area.

Keep up the good work.
Your friends,
Hulda and Joe Stevens

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Editor's Column

By Connie

(Continued from Page 1)

eties of home made soup.

Actually, the Methodist Men's wives make the soups, from their most treasured recipes.

The men do the serving, with a specially gracious flair.

Here's another recipe for plastic-teeth cleaning, given by a Weidman woman who said her dentist gave it to her when she got her new teeth:

One tablespoon Roman Cleanser (chlorox) and one tablespoon Calgon in one cup water. She uses no toothpaste for taste effect, says the method doesn't need it.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Leah Scharrer, Mrs. Hatie Losey and I spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Violet Oplinger. We played cards, and she served a nice lunch.

Weekend guests at the Paul Miller home were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Miller and two girls, and Randy Miller and girl friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller spent from Friday till Sunday at their mobile home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent had all their children home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan spent Sunday at the Dent home. Raymond Kirvan was a Saturday evening guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood, and Bunk Wood were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Flora Wood.

Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Verlia Wilcox called at the Barryton funeral home Thursday afternoon to pay respects to Vera Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Friday afternoon callers of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and Lori and Randy of Drayton Plains, Nancy Thompson of Holland, and Judy Thompson of Niles, and friend, Gary, were weekend guests at the Jim Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Clark of Grand Ledge and Mrs. Myrl Stoll were Sunday afternoon and supper guests at the Thompson home.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended a UMW meeting at the home of Mrs. Violet Billings in Remus Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey and I called on the Gerald Loseys Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller returned home a week ago Monday from a 12-day vacation in

British Columbia. Her uncle, Roy Huffman, spent Monday with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher and Dick Krauss were at the Coldwater Lake Inn Sunday evening. Lorenzo and Oscar were the entertainers. Bobbie said they were hilarious.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended the wedding of their cousin, Bonnie Koos, at Grand Ledge Saturday afternoon.

Floyd Dutcher and Monroe Beck with were Sunday afternoon callers at the Alva Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Monday supper guests last week at the Charlie Losey home.

Susie Chapman and Chad were Saturday guests of the Loseys. Floyd Dutcher and Monroe Beck with were Sunday dinner guests.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Weekend guests and Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker included his sister, Lorena Wize, of Grand Rapids and their son, Keith, and family, also of Grand Rapids.

Friday evening the Bakers called on Mr. and Mrs. Mel Ockert near Farwell. The Ockerts planned to leave soon for their home in Florida where they spend the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Haenke and boys attended the wedding of Deborah Fletcher and Harold Fullerton at the Nazarene Church in Clare Saturday evening. They also attended the 25th anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Helmer at Mecosta the same evening.

Lewis Bazaire is a patient in the Clare Hospital, where he plans to have surgery in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reynolds and daughter of Pontiac spent the weekend with Bill Lowery.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Moon of Battle Creek called on me Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Charley Metzger of Bailey called on us Sunday.

Madelyn and Eunice La Londe were in Mt. Pleasant Monday, where Madelyn visited her eye doctor.

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Local Items

Joan Hummel (Billy Jo's Country Kitchen) is in St. Mary's Hospital at Saginaw for surgery for a ruptured spinal disc. Her room number is 548. She expects to be there eight to 10 days. The bakery and eat shop in the old Walt Davy building on the Airline Road a mile west of Weidman is carrying on business as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherm Switzer of Rockford were Monday callers at the R. D. Sprague home. Mr.

and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell were also callers.

Mrs. Burr Abrahamson of Mt. Pleasant took Mrs. Ethel Bywater to Mt. Pleasant Monday for an appointment with her eye doctor. She enjoyed supper at the Abrahamson home, and then they brought her home.

Mrs. Gladys Campbell of Albion, Ind., spent last week with her nephew and niece, Bill and Joan Hummel, and family. Mrs. Campbell comes up frequently, saying she likes this country.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur and Eric spent the weekend camping at Kalkaska.

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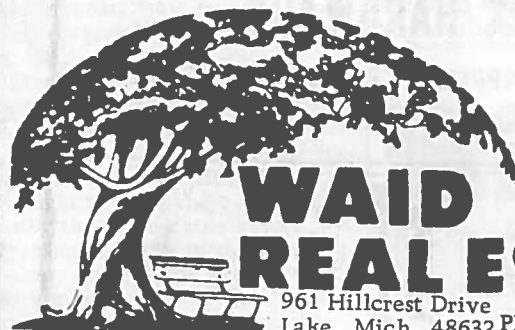
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