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Editor's Column

By Connie

COMMON BAKING SODA COMES INTO ITS OWN

One of our readers tells us in a letter, "Connie, you'll have all the dentists in the country after you! But it's really surprising what baking soda will do."

"I had just bought a tube of (bleep) brand toothpaste when I read your article, and tried it. "And within a week or so you could see the difference quite plainly."

And Bud Fredrickson called us from his party store here in Weidman to tell us he read the piece about baking soda, and he had just received a shipment of a new toothpaste, "Peak," by Colgate-Palmolive, featuring baking soda as an ingredient.

Bud says he has it on sale now.

AND SPEAKING OF CLEANING TEETH...

We sit and watch tv ads for the various brands of denture cleaners ("It's turning BLUE!") and we laugh all the way to the bathroom, by way of the kitchen.

In the kitchen we take a medium-sized bowl (ceramic, not metal) and proceed to the bathroom, where we grab our trusty bottle of Roman Cleanser (chlorox), pour about half a bowl full, add warm water (not much), take out our plastic teeth and drop 'em in.

In less than half an hour the teeth are sparkly-clean (a million tiny scrub brushes have been working, you see) and the cost is a couple of pennies or less.

Then we thoroughly rinse the plastic teeth under running water, take any old brand of regular toothpaste (just a teeny bit)--it tastes good--and brush 'em off.

They're like the dentist just handed you a new set of teeth.

We've cleaned our plastic set this way for about 20 years, having been informed of it by Virginia Baxter 'way back in the 1950s.

We don't do this every day, by any means. Once a week'll do it, though it could be done oftener without harm.

So we watch the tv ads for special cleaners for plastic teeth, and laugh the old head



THEY'VE OPENED "BILLY JO'S COUNTRY KITCHEN"--On the Airline Road a mile west of Weidman. Bill and Joan Hummel are doing a good business in the fresh-baked bread, donuts and other items of a good bakery. They also serve coffee with their present offerings. Messenger photo

They expect to get their restaurant license the day of deer

season opening, and then plan to serve complete hearty break-

fasts, short-order lunches, and, if they open evenings, specials each day.

The Airline Road is a busy thoroughfare, and their business should prosper. It's in a delightful country setting which is rapidly being built up.

It's on the way to town for residents of the Ojibwa Recreation Area.

This week they plan to have some special diabetic foods to offer those desiring them.

We welcome another ambitious young couple in new business here.

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Don and Pearl Battle are putting up a tri-level modular home on West Airline Road a mile west of Weidman. It's a three-bedroom house with living room, kitchen, huge rec room, basement, and attached garage. Castle Homes of Rockford are the contractors.

This is the Weidman Baptist Church area, and it is becoming quite a settlement.



CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM ENJOY FAMILY PICNIC--The Weidman Bears, of the Little League baseball league, this summer won all of their eight games. Players were Scott Ward, Tom Johnson, Freddy and Pat DeWitt, Leland Shenk, Gary Losey, Donny Alwood, Mark and Mike Krueger, Ricky Stanley, Chris Embrey, Roger Flaughter, Steve Ehl, Kevin and Rodney Cook, Mike Fiorillo, and Tommy Smith.

The players and their families got together for a picnic dinner Sept. 23 at Mitchell Memorial Park in Weidman.

After a delicious meal, the boys played their fathers in an exciting and hilarious game.

The boys' coach was Benn Johnson, with Lou Fiorillo his assistant. Roy Adams was the team's season umpire.

Lou Fiorillo presented each boy with a large color photo of the team. to go with their trophy.

off.

P. S. --Roman Cleanser (chlorox) will clean anything plastic, such as dinnerware, simply with the soak method. We've brightened up our old plastic dinner plates many times this way.)

**YOU CAN
FREEZE TOMATOES**

We read a piece in "Organic Gardening" by Ruth Stout, who claims she maintains fabulous gardens by merely throwing hay on 'em instead of cultivating, hoeing or weeding.

(We said, after trying it, that apparently she never heard of quackgrass, which dearly loves hay mulch.)

Anyhow, in a late issue she was offering further accounts of her experiences, and mentioned in passing that tomatoes, raw, can be tucked in your freezer without any processing whatever.

After our experience with hay mulch and the quackgrass, we said, "We'll see". So we tried one tomato.

And it works.

The tomato must be in perfect condition, ripe but not too ripe, not bruised or otherwise marred.

Simply wash it or wipe it with a clean cloth, stash in plastic bag and put in the freezer.

Whee.

We put just one tomato in our freezer Sunday, took it out Sunday evening and thawed it, and Ruth Stout was right about this.

It looked and tasted like fresh tomato. It's late now, but we're tucking in a few for January or February treats.

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**CANADIAN LAKES IS ONE
OF NINE DEVELOPERS
TO MEET STATE CRITERIA**

Don Bollman's Canadian Lakes land development is one of only nine to obtain state approval under a new law requiring extensive reports of land titles, accomplished development and future development plans, according to Tuesday's Detroit Free Press. (Don made the "second front page", Page Three.)

Don Bollman had his application in July 1, under the new law. He has a 5,200-acre development in Mecosta County, southwest of Remus.

"Michigan's Land Sales Act is a difficult law," he said. "A developer has simply got to be legitimate. He has to own the land and be able to prove he owns it. A lot of guys are in this business on a shoestring, you know, and they just plain won't be able to fulfill all those requirements."

The state has approximately 1,400 land developers doing business, and the majority of them cannot legally sell any land until state approval is granted.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Roberts of Toledo, O., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser and family.

Mrs. Don Woodruff was a Friday afternoon visitor of Mrs. Leona Courser.

Mrs. Leona Courser, Mrs. Edwin Courser and Mrs. Marion Johnson attended a dulcimer concert at Ewart Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge of Owosso were Sunday guests of the Robert Cooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnson of Newberry and Mrs. Basil Rogers called on Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray Monday. The Johnsons are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller of Westphalia were Wednesday guests of Kate and Ray.

Connie Foster went to Ann Arbor with the Chippewa Hills Band Saturday, and from there to Detroit to visit her family. She returned Sunday.

Mrs. Leona Courser and Mrs. Ella Cox visited Mrs. Nettie Baker Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Helen Terry of Lansing was a weekend visitor of her sister, Mrs. Eldon Marshall, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson of Holt were Saturday visitors of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones of Sumner, Ill., were Sunday overnight and Monday guests.

Mrs. Rhode and Harold spent Wednesday evening with the Emil Lueders at Coldwater Lake, and Friday evening at the Joe Stevens home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Flaughner and family and the Richard Flaughners were Sunday evening guests of their folks, the Ray Flaughners. Minnie visited her sister, Laura Latham, Friday.

Bob Hines celebrated his 84th birthday Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hines of Barryton, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Henry and Chris Flachs of Remus and Mrs. Bob Hogg were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary Thursday by spending the evening with the Jack Lieders. The Paul Lueders also were guests. Mrs. Lovica Krueger and Arnold and Margie were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Craven of near Winn called on Mrs. Nettie Baker one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa and Mrs. Elizabeth Billsby of Merrill were Saturday afternoon callers of Mrs. Blanche Carr. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder called Monday morning.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell spent last week at Elk Rapids. They attended the wedding of their nephew while there.

Visitors of Mrs. Grace Pitts during last week included Joyce

Crane of Gilmore, and a cousin from Grand Rapids.

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New 2 bedroom home. References required. Security deposit. No pets. Inquire at 5678 W. Jordan Rd., Coldwater Lake. Sept. 27tf

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 of..." should be changed to read "...shall not exceed ten dollars (\$10.00), regardless of cost of..."
2. Article II, Section A, paragraph 3, should be changed as follows:
 - a. The first sentence shall remain as is.
 - b. The remainder of the paragraph shall be deleted.
 - c. The following three sentences shall be added:

It is also prohibited to park or store more than two unlicensed vehicles within 22' 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

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank my friends and relatives for being so kind and thoughtful to me during my stay in the hospital.

A special thanks for gifts and prayers from the Brinton Chapel, Barryton United Methodist Church, and the Merry Go Round Club.

Your cards and acts of kindness will never be forgotten.
Ray Geasler

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,

My check stubs say I sent \$8.50 on 1 Sept., so here is the additional \$2.50, sent most willingly and with the hope you can work out your problems some way. The quality of your little paper is far above the paper I take from an old Iowa home town of 10,000.

After reading your editorial I did a bit of computing and the cost of my room and board has increased 57% since the first of January, so you aren't telling anyone something they don't know about the increase in the cost of living.

Chances are I'll be resting in Fairview before next September, but if I'm still out here you will get a check for whatever amount you ask.

So there!
Most sincerely
Lylah Simmers
California

(Editor's Note: Now you quit that stuff about Fairview, Lylah! We hope you're still pegging along with your wonderful memories and equally wonderful philosophy of life--which we admire as much as your generosity manifested in note above. (So there!))

Dear Connie:

Would you please renew our Messenger subscription?

We are enclosing \$8.00 for your new rate, and do thank you for continuing to send the paper although we were very delinquent with a renewal.

Thanks again.
Raymond Jennings
Mt. Pleasant

Card of Thanks

I cannot find words to rightly express my gratitude, affection and appreciation to all you wonderful people who have given me assurance, with "extra money" for paid-up subscriptions especially, and others who have expressed concern and confidence at the same time, that I can and will continue publishing the Messenger.

Thank you one and all; and a special Thank You to all you many folks who have voluntarily offered the extra dollars for subscriptions.

We'll give it everything we've got in a good old-fashioned effort to keep 'er coming.

Constance Skinner
Editor, Messenger

Mrs. Claribel Beutler was a Sunday guest at the home of her son, Howard, and family.

WEIDMAN SCHOOL TO HAVE OPEN HOUSE OCT. 8

Parents and other interested persons are invited to visit the Weidman Elementary School any time during the day or between the times of 7 p. m. and 8.30 p. m. next Monday, Oct. 8.

Paperback books will be on sale and exhibit in the gym.

Presentation and discussion sessions by teachers in their respective rooms will be attractions on the evening schedule.

Refreshments will be furnished by the Weidman Mothers' Club. The principal will be available to those wishing to talk with him.

A Mothers' Club information booth also will be a featured attraction.

Community support for these annual activities has been very good, Principal Harry Howard said this week. He said that expectations are for this year's Open House to be unusually successful.

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MARCH OF DIMES HOLDS KICKOFF PARTY

A kickoff luncheon party was held at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Pleasant Friday noon for the upcoming March of Dimes campaign.

Plans were made for a walkathon Saturday, Oct. 27, a 14-mile affair, which will be open to all Isabella County teenagers and adults.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dave Garrett and daughter were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Kit Johnson. Sherry Bunting and friend, Tom Pierce, of Lansing, were also visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pierce of Pontiac were evening guests.

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CONSTANCE SKINNER
Editor and Publisher.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

HATTIE LOSEY HAS A BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Leah Scharrer, Mrs. Lela Whearett and I spent Wednesday afternoon with Hattie Losey on her birthday, enjoying cards. She served a nice lunch.

Other callers were Mrs. Louise Allen, Mrs. Susie Chapman and Chad, and Mrs. Marilyn Losey and Beth, who took her a nice gift.

She also received nice cards from relatives and friends.

Mrs. Violet Oplinger was a Thursday afternoon caller. Harold Losey was a Sunday dinner guest.

Mrs. Opal Denslow called at the Stinson Funeral Home Sunday to pay respects to her son-in-law's uncle, Merl Dunn.

Charlie Losey was a Wednesday afternoon guest at the Alva Cummins home. Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow were evening callers. Mrs. Cummins says it's nice to have the neighbors call.

Sunday callers at the Gerald Losey home were Mrs. Pat Klumpp and Paula, Mrs. Sandra Strazanac and Kelly, Mrs. Bea Gross, Mrs. Leila Shook, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Curtiss. Patti Losey attended the football game at Ann Arbor Saturday, with the Chippewa Hills Band.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow will be hostess to the Busy Bees Wednesday, Oct. 10 (notice change in days). Everyone welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich were Sunday guests at the Wilbur Wright home. Jim Wright of Clarkston spent the weekend with them. Mrs. Katie Smith and George Miller were also Sunday guests. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright were Friday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Denslow took his mother to the restaurant in Mecosta for Sunday dinner.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and children spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow.

Mrs. Betty Ryal and son of Mason spent Wednesday with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright and Mrs. Flora Wood had supper Thursday evening at the Family Restaurant in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were Tuesday evening callers.

Gerald and Mabel called on her mother Sunday, and spent Friday evening with her brother, Walter Kirvan, and wife, at Barryton. Steve, Sherry and

Sandra Johnson spent Saturday over night with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson entertained 20 people from Morbark Industries, where Mr. Johnson is foreman, at a cookout Saturday evening at the Dent picnic grounds by the river.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mrs. Whaley spent a few days this week with her granddaughter at Beaverton.

Mrs. Augustine of Gray Lake called on me Sunday, and attended church services at Brinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Haenke and boys spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and girls spent the weekend at Charlevoix, visiting friends.

Irene Bowen attended a bridal shower for Debbie Fletcher at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher, Sr., in Farwell, last week Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker of Berrien Springs spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker.

Violet Wright was in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Janet Beers attended and participated in Chippewa Hills Band activities at Ann Arbor Friday.

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WEIDMAN KIDS COLLECT CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

Students in the Weidman Elementary School are in the midst of a collection drive aimed at obtaining greatly needed audio-visual equipment, Harry Howard, Principal of the Weidman School, said this week.

The program, "Labels for Education," is sponsored by the Campbell Soup Company and is offered to public and private elementary schools.

"Between now and Dec. 8, we hope to collect enough Campbell's soup labels to earn a Language Master and other needed equipment," Mr. Howard said.

Students are saving Campbell's soup labels, and would appreciate it if friends of the school would do the same. Any Campbell's soup can label counts in the drive. The company is offering over 70 audio-visual equipment items.

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NEWS NOTES

Paul and Carl Snider played for the Homecoming dance at the Shepherd High School Saturday. Allen Snider played at a mixer at the St. Louis High School that night. He played at the Beal City High School mixer the week before. He plays with Tim Pung and Tim Garrett.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Melody Vander Reid and sister, Miss Nancy Cornell, and Fred Solone of Gladwin spent Saturday with the ladies' sister, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler. Mr. Solone helped Norman combine clover seed.

Mr. and Mrs. Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth Sunday. They helped Bobbie celebrate her birthday. Bobbie and Darrell Worth spent the weekend at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Doan of Honor visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler Sunday. Earl Place called earlier in the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky joined the Senior Citizens' group on a trip to the Canadian Rockies a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler of near Barryton visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, last week, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler.

Mrs. Otto Skalitzky has been having the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Paul Cole went to Houghton Lake Monday to get the Mahons' boat in for the winter.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Men in Uniform

Sp/4 Michael Sprague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague, drove his car back to base at Fort Riley, Kansas, after spending a leave here. He would like to hear from his friends. Here's his address:

Sp/4 Michael A. Sprague, 372-56-99-35, USARB Hq. Sec., Fort Riley, Kansas 66442.

Mike is in the Military Police work, and likes it.

Soon after he returned to base, his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant, stopped to visit him, on their way home from Texas.

The Harlan Spragues cut their visit short, however, on account of tornadoes in that part of the country at that time (22 sighted in the area). They took refuge in a Holiday Inn basement during one of the twisters.

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NEWS NOTES

Robbee Kniffen and Sherry Eberbach of Lansing spent Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich. The Goodriches' daughter-in-law, Mrs. Shirley Kurtz, and three children of Duluth, Minn., left Monday after a 10-day visit.

Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker has purchased the Lucille Smith home in Weidman. She spends winters of Florida. Welcome back home. Elizabeth!

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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker is going back to Weidman. She has purchased the Lucille Smith home there, but will not move in, probably, until spring. She leaves for Florida for the winter about the first of November. We wish you all happiness, Elizabeth!

Miss Dora Smith visited Mrs. Joe Shepard Saturday.

Mrs. Shirley Block visited Mrs. Jack Theisen Wednesday evening.

Beal City won their first football game, 14-6, against Pine River.

The Weidman Softball League had its annual party at the K. C. Hall Saturday evening. The Town and Country Bar team was winner of the trophy.

Mrs. Coletta Gross and Mike Gross called on Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pohl Saturday evening.

Mrs. John Schafer and her sister-in-law, Philomena, of Chicago called on Louise Smith Monday afternoon. They had a nice visit, though short. Gerald and Loretta Smith of Mt. Pleasant spent Thursday afternoon with his mother. They had just returned from a trip to Canada. Mrs. Ethel Homerick and Mrs. Laura Wolf of Grand Rapids are visiting Monica Grinzinger a few days. They plan to return home Friday. They were in the group on a European tour several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gross and Matie Pung attended the 25th wedding anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Esch at Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and family attended a show in Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon.

Bill Barz was taken sick Friday and is in CMC Hospital.

Mrs. Ruth Klumpp returned home from the Midland Hospital Wednesday.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday at the Milo Eldred home near Blanchard.

The Senior Citizens enjoyed a trip through the Upper Peninsula Sept. 27, 28 and 29. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Streng, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zuker, Mrs. Frank Engler, Mrs. Joe Gruss and Mrs. Louise Schafer were among those enjoying the trip.

Terry Klumpp went to the Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids Monday to have the cast removed from his leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer and Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp.

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NEWS NOTES

Ralph Hildebrandt of Florida and his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hildebrandt, and sister, Mrs. Stuart Ellis of Flint, were surprise visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague last Monday evening.

BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 13 TABLES IN PLAY

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon at the K. C. Hall in Beal City, the Senior Citizens group had 13 tables of pepper in play.

The Beal City Senior Citizens' card parties are entering their 10th year of unorganized get-togethers.

Minnie Schafer won high-score prize for the ladies, with Gertrude Gross winning second. Claribel Beutler won low.

Jack Cotter won first for the men, with Stub Beutler second. Isadore Schafer won low.

Mae Fussman won the pepper prize. Clara Taylor won the door prize.

Refreshments of cake and jello were enjoyed.

Many of the regular players were absent, on a Senior Citizens' train trip.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Oct. 11. Everyone everywhere is invited.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

(Omitted Last Week)

Our daughter, Ruth Ann Sherlock, and family spent Thursday night with us, returning to their home Friday morning at Morristown, Tenn.

Emil and Edith Lueder spent the weekend with their son, Leonard, and family at their cottage on Burgess Lake, near Greenville.

Connie Skinner and Frances Tranbarger of Weidman enjoyed Sunday dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn.

Edith Lueder and daughter, Carlene Pung, hosted a stork shower for Mrs. Dale Bridget of the Broomfield area Friday evening, at the Lueder home. Twenty-six ladies attended. Mrs. Bridget received many lovely gifts.

Lynn Schafer, Virginia Beck, Virginia Eismann and I attended a party given by Judy Schafer Wednesday evening.

Loretta Lorenz and son, Clarence, spent a week ago Sunday evening with Kate Martin and son, Ray. They enjoyed the evening playing cards.

Harry and Arlene Smith attended the wedding of their nephew, Mark Stahl, in Lansing a week ago. This last weekend they attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker, also in Lansing.

Loretta Lorenz and son, Clarence, attended the wedding of Mary Jane Kolarik Friday evening.

Edwin Bierschbach and friend of Detroit attended the wedding, and called at the Lorenz home Saturday.

Loretta and Clarence Lorenz had dinner with Rose Simmer and family Saturday. Sunday Le-

ona Perrin and Loretta called on Flo Haupt and the Kolarik family.

Bill Schafer painted Dorothy Maxon's kitchen Sunday. She is his mother-in-law.

Ed and I had dinner Sunday with Jerry and Jane Schafer and children in Rosebush.

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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.

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 Thurs-

days, 3 p. m.
Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p. m.

WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur were Sunday visitors at the Gary McArthur home. Mr. and Mrs. Doug McArthur and Eric and Linda and Brice Wilcox were also callers.

Mrs. Kate Martin and son, Raymond, were Thursday evenings callers of Connie Skinner.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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Local Items

Mrs. Arlen Summers of Lansing spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bolinger of Florida were callers in Weidman one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Cronkright of Rochester, Mich., spent the weekend with Lela Whearett and Donald Clark.

Mrs. Wanda Graham and Debbie attended the 35th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen in Farwell Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and Rusty and Julie of Stanton were Saturday evening guests at the Graham home. Mrs. Laura Craiger of Coleman was also a visitor.

Workmen are completing a breezeway and root cellar at the home of Frances Tranbarger this week. Included in the floor plans is a laundry corner. The construction is mainly of fiberglass, walls and roof.

Paul Simmer and Clarence Lorenz have done most of the work, with Lee Parker doing wiring and Elmer Flaughner water pipes and heating.

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THIS WEEK'S JOKE

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Theisen of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. John Gott took Mrs. Olger to her doctor at Remus Friday morning.

Visitors at the Laura Latham home Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Art Schneider of Grand Rapids and Al Woodbury. In the evening Laura, Al, and Mr. and Mrs. Schneider called on Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee.

Mrs. Laura Latham spent Sat-

urday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham in Mt. Pleasant. They attended services at the new Nazarene Church building on the west edge of the city. In the evening Al Woodbury called on Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Riggle of Winn.

The Norman Abbotts helped the Jack Parrish family move into the Momany house last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott and Casey of Winn visited at our home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott of Winn called, and took us to the home of our daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen of Farwell, for their 35th wedding anniversary party. Several from this area also attended: Helen Alwood and Cathy, Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Eldridge, Rose and John Warner and Gerry, Lynn Ann and daughter and her grandmother, Mrs. Bush, of Blanchard.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Donny and Cathy attended the Pass, Punt and Kick contests at the Chippewa Hills School Saturday, sponsored by Navarre Ford Sales of Barryton. Richard Lackie in the 13-year-old division, Dennis Darmody in the 12-year-olds, won trophies.

Mrs. Elvah Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood spent last Tuesday in Mt. Pleasant on business. They visited Mrs. Hermione Smith and other ladies at Pleasant Manor Nursing Home. Hermione has been feeling good, and seems contented with other people her age.

Mrs. Helen Alwood enjoyed last week on vacation from her work in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Alwood and children, Lori and Becky England, and Mrs. Elvah Gott attended the movie, "Worlds Apart," at the Weidman Baptist Church Sunday evening. The Brinton Chapel people also attended.

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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and children of Saginaw and Jackie, Cindy, Nancy and Donna Gaudard of Midland spent Friday over night and Saturday with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., helping Goldie celebrate her birthday.

Ervin and Goldie had birthday supper with the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and family. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher and Patti and Garry Dutcher and children and Clayton Dutcher were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen and Terri of rural Merrill Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and children visited Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis of New Era, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Dobson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hisson and family of Montague, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Pettigrew and family of Muskegon.

Mrs. Eloise Hogg and Beth and Nancy visited the Ervin Dutchers Saturday afternoon.

Patti Dutcher visited Kim and Shelly Dutcher Saturday.

Jackie, Cindy, Nancy and Donna Gaudard called on the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family Saturday evening.

Deana St. John spent Saturday over night with Laurel Beutler.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children drove to Lake Sunday afternoon and visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mort.

Marion attended a district WSCS meeting at Belding last Thursday. Claribel Beutler had Sunday dinner with the Howard Beutlers.

I talked with Beatrice Gatehouse Monday morning. Bea says she's better, but still has to stay off her feet as much as possible.

Linda Hardenburgh of Flint spent the weekend with her folks, the Harry Hardenburghs. Ernie Dell of Yankee Springs spent Sunday with his father, Emory Dell.

Bill Hardenburgh of Muskegon spent Sunday and Monday with his folks.

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(Omitted Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wernette and Cindy and a friend, Chris, were Sunday visitors of Brian and Linda and Chad Dutcher. Cindy and Chris stayed with Chad while her folks and Brian and Linda visited the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Owen spent Monday and Tuesday with the Robert Dutchers. Betty Dutcher

was ill several days this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald spent Friday evening with the Eldon Thompsons of Mecosta.

Garry Dutcher and children and the Robert Dutchers were Sunday visitors of ours.

Callers at the Harry Gatehouse home during last week were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee, Vadah Gatehouse, the Gary and Dale Gatehouses, and the Bill Maeders.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman of Lansing had dinner with the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Saturday. Brian, Linda and Chad were visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald had dinner and spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Decker of Barryton, Wednesday. Grace visited Verba Minkel in Mecosta Thursday afternoon.

Chris Bruce visited Sandra Dutcher Thursday after school, and they attended the school football game.

Mr. and Mrs. David Roseberry and family of Beaverton visited the Bob Dutchers Wednesday evening.

The Dale Dutcher family and the Jim Dutcher family were Thursday evening visitors of the Bob Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad were Sunday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and girls picked up their daughter, Debbie, at Ferris State College Friday night, then came down to Jack's folks, the Ervin Dutchers', and spent over night, going home Saturday, and bringing Debbie back. They had dinner with the Ervin Dutchers Sunday. Beth Hogg was a Saturday evening visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher spent Friday in Holt and Dimondale. We had dinner with my brother, Harold Secord, and family, and supper with a sister-in-law, Dorothy Secord.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and boys were callers of ours one evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and Gena and Toni of Flint came up Saturday and spent over night with her mother, Alice Simkins, of rural Remus, and Sunday with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn and David Dutcher had dinner with us Saturday. Callers were Richard and Douglas Dutcher. Jim called Sunday.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow enjoyed Saturday afternoon and evening at a dulcimer club meeting at Evart. A pot-luck dinner at 5.30 was followed by an evening of dulcimer music from 8 to 11 o'clock. Players were present from all over, including one from Ithaca, N. Y.,

and a lady and her son from Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany and boys of rural Big Rapids

spent Sunday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. Ruth Momany. The boys cleaned off the small island on Ruth's property.

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MR. AND MRS. DONALD CARL JOHANSEN

Miss Diane Marie Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood of Weidman, and Donald Carl Johansen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johansen of Rodney, were united in marriage Friday evening, Sept. 7, at 7.30 o'clock at St. Paul's Chapel at Ferris State College, with Father John Wisneski officiating.

Mrs. Thomas Chulski, organist, greeted the guests with theme songs and played "One Hand, One Heart," as the bride and groom lit the unity candle.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, approached the altar in a gown of silk satin with embroidered lace accenting the bodice and cuffs. Appliques of lily of the valley highlighted the skirt. A ruffle at the floor flowed gradually into a train. The bride wore a picture hat with matching embroidered lace trim. She carried a single long-stemmed pink rose.

Matron of honor for her sister's wedding, Jeanne Metcalf, wore a rose-pink chiffon empire-waist gown with white lace accenting the bodice, puff sleeves and cuffs. On her head she wore a white picture hat with a rose-pink ribbon. She carried a basket of pink asters and white pompoms and baby's breath.

Bridesmaids Linda Johansen, sister-in-law of the groom, and Mary Ellen Wood, sister of the

bride, wore gowns and hats identical to those of the matron of honor, and also carried matching baskets.

Debbie Maneke, cousin of the groom, dressed in a white floor-length gown with a rose-pink ribbon, carried a miniature basket of flowers matching those of the bridesmaids, and served as flower girl.

Steven Johansen assisted as his brother's best man, while Larry and Duane Johansen, also brothers of the groom, acted as groomsmen. Paul Johansen was ring bearer in his brother's wedding ceremony. All were attired in black double-breasted tuxedos with rose-pink shirts.

Gale Wood, brother of the bride, and Curt Johansen, cousin of the groom, were ushers.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Wood wore a long aqua gown with silver trim, and matching accessories. Mrs. Johansen wore a long gown with beige bodice and sleeves and a multi-colored floral skirt. A sleeveless full-length coat of matching print was worn over the gown, with beige accessories. Both mothers wore corsages of pink tea-garden roses and pompoms.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Appelgreen, uncle and aunt of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Larson, uncle and aunt of the groom, served

as hosts and hostesses at their godchildren's wedding reception.

A lovely luncheon was served by Mrs. Elaine Baumunk of Big Rapids.

After a honeymoon in Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Johansen are making their home at 523 1/2 North Michigan, Big Rapids.

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SENIOR CITIZENS MAY LEARN ABOUT HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS AT MEETING

Senior Citizens of Isabella County will have an opportunity to learn about the upcoming forms for real estate "homestead" tax exemptions at a meeting this Thursday after-

noon at 2 o'clock in Room 221 at the County Building in Mt. Pleasant.

Fritz Gould will be speaker, and answer questions.

Senior Citizens planning to apply for homestead exemptions on their real estate taxes for 1973 are urged to attend. Bobbie Oplinger says she will also attend, for information to give taxpayers of Sherman Township.

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Mrs. Roy Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grantham of Bay City were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent were also callers.

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