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Editor's Column

By Connie

YES, WE HAD A WONDERFUL VACATION

So yes, we sure had a wonderful vacation this summer. We got nearly all the projects finished we'd set out for our "relaxation" period.

We got our two gardens, one a small flower bed and the other a rather ambitious vegetable patch, fairly under control, with the help of young Joseph Smith (for the heavy hoeing under blazing sun).

We're reveling in "greens", fresh peas and small new 'taters, creamed (a dish fit for a queen); and our rosetted lettuce which should be small heads but refuses to head up (but it's lettuce, by gum, and it's fresh and free!).

We're trying out a suggestion given us by Gerald Cotter, who called early last week to ask about the pigweed greens ("We have just oodles of pigweed," he said).

Add to lettuce salad, he told us, small bits of the hated "pursley" (purslane) we've hoed and cussed all our lives; also add a few tiny sprigs of common wild yellow mustard plant. We tried it in lettuce salad Saturday evening, at dinner with our sister Frances, and we'll buy that recipe. Amazing.

In another column we hope to give you graphic descriptions of the pigweed used as "greens"; as Frances Tranbarger pointed out, there are half a dozen varieties of pigweed, but only one is edible desirable for humans.

We see by the school's shopper's guide that there will be another millage election shoved at us on Monday, Aug. 27.

We see by the paid notice in the shopper's guide giving the alleged goings-on at the last meeting of the Board of Education that a motion was made (it doesn't say by whom) and carried (it doesn't say who voted how) authorizing Superintendent Alward to begin millage issue (what's that?) of two mills for three years for renovation of elementary buildings, to be voted on August 27, 1973.

How about peeling off a little money from the top, in other words, the administrative gold mine, to fix up those buildings?



JACK HOUGHTON'S MARINA ON LAKE WEIDMAN--
Takes shape. It's a huge building, ultra-modern with ultra-modern material in the construction. We are lucky to have this very ambitious facility located in Weidman.
Messenger photo

Our school is top-heavy with administrative costs. Couldn't we do without some assistant to an assistant, or, in plainer terms, couldn't the Superintendent of schools do his job without an "administrative assistant" costing taxpayers almost as much as the lush salary paid our Superintendent?

And (Oh, heavens, and shudders, shudders!) couldn't we possibly do without a secretary or two and a few other accessories to a complete bureaucracy?

Probably not. The thing is set up on so vast a scale, and in such an intricate manner, that a Philadelphia lawyer couldn't make sense of a program trying to economize on the administrative level.

Anyhow, we vote again on two mills for three years, added to our present school millage, on Monday, August 27.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Gulley and son of Lancaster, Calif., have been spending a few days with the Alton Allens.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower paid respects to Clifford Leiter at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus Friday evening. They attended the wedding reception for Iwalani Anderson and Randy Baker at the Sportsman's Club near Winn Friday evening.

MEETING WEDNESDAY NIGHT ON DOG SITUATION IN ISABELLA COUNTY

A meeting has been set up by County Commissioner Richard Lichtenfelt for Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Court House in Mt. Pleasant to discuss the situation of dogs running in the county and possible means of controlling it.

Scheduled to attend the meeting were Lichtenfelt; Dr. Joseph M. Donaldson, DVM; Steve Vesbitt, County Commissioner; Connie Skinner, editor of the Weidman Messenger; Neil Hopp, editor, Mt. Pleasant Times-News; Jim Hughes, news director, Radio Station WCEN; and if possible, an attorney.

Commissioner Lichtenfelt's concern is to find out how the county can legally go about controlling the county-wide situation of dogs running in packs; the scandalous situation of non-licensed dogs allowed in the county; and possible means of controlling farm-animal losses and better compensation for the farmer suffering losses.

We'll report on the meeting next week.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson, Jr., (Whit) of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with their step-grandmother, Frances Tranbarger. They enjoyed swimming in Lake of the Hills.

COLDWATER LAKE ASSOCIATION TO MEET SATURDAY, JULY 14

The second summer meeting of the Coldwater Lake Association will be held this Saturday, July 14, at 7.30 p. m. at the 4-H Camp.

Some of the items on the agenda include lake-level discussion, road improvement, sewage systems, and a new slate of officers for 1973-74.

Coldwater Lakers are advised to take along their membership cards so they can vote on the up-coming officers.

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FIREWORKS DISPLAY DRAWS HUGE CROWD

A display of fireworks set off over Lake Weidman the night of July Fourth drew records crowds to Weidman, and folks are saying they hope the Business Association will do it each year.

A beautiful afghan donated by Verlia Wilcox was won by Lucille Smith.

Most of the business places here participated in the project, which probably will be repeated next year.

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KING AND QUEEN HAVE TO TURN DOWN TWO PARADES

National Trout King Jim Hughes of Radio Station WCEN and his Queen, Roberta Centilli of Houghton Lake, have had to turn down two requests for appearances in festival parades, one at Blanchard on its centennial celebration and one at Baldwin.

They will be in Charlevoix on that date, July 28, for that city's Venetian Festival.

They will appear in parades in Gaylord Saturday, July 21, in Traverse City for the National Cherry Festival July 13, and on Labor Day they will appear in a parade in Manton.

This is the first year the Trout King has ridden with the Queen in parades around the state.

It's also the first year in eight that Jim Hughes will not join the famed walk across the Mackinaw Bridge on Labor Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fordyce and Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Downing and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Cole of Venice, Florida, were recent supper guests of Mrs. Claribel Betueler, their sister. The Cs were on their way to a trip to the Canadian Rockies, to Florida by way of Ca.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Opal Denslow and her sister, Mrs. Ruby Williams, drove to a little town northeast of Clare Sunday, which they are trying to get back on the map, an old lumbering town. Mrs. Denslow attended the wedding of her grandson, Robert Dunn, and Miss Patricia George at Owosso June 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow attended a family get-together at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Joyce Chaffee, in Mt. Pleasant Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family spent Sunday evening with her folks, the Gerald Dents. Mrs. Shirley Crawford was a Wednesday morning caller. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent called Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent took her mother to Goose Lake Sunday.

Raymond Kirvan called at the Dent home Sunday. Elwood Miller was a Saturday caller. Mrs. Harry Dent and boys spent the week here. Harry was a weekend guest. The Larry Rescoe family came Saturday for a picnic dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent from Sunday till Wednesday at the Soo, due to the death of their son-in-law's mother, Mrs. Roberts.

Callers during the week at the Charlie Losey home were Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Tiedeman and girls, Dick Dutcher and Patti, Floyd Dutcher, Monroe Beckwith, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Ron, Mrs. Shari Lorenz and Danny, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey. The Harold Loseys, Mrs. Shari Lorenz and baby, Ron Losey, the Chuck Tiedemans and Monroe Beckwith also called on me.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence, a week ago.

Carl and Ellen Geasler, Mrs. Verlia Wilcox and Mrs. Flora Wood called on Mr. and Mrs. Herman Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Griffin and George Eddy at Ionia Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and children spent Wednesday and Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Denslow, and then went to Charlevoix to spend a few days with his folks, the Ken Bakers, who are camping there.

The Dent reunion will be held Sunday, July 15, at the Gerald Dent home. Everyone welcome.

Mrs. Marguerite Rice and daughter were Sunday afternoon callers at the Earl Oplinger home.

Mrs. Yvonne Koos of near Lansing was a Tuesday caller of the Sterling Oplingers.

Mrs. Celia Backus and daughter, Linda, and Mrs. Mabel Backus and Mrs. Brenda Backus

of Oklahoma were Saturday callers of Mrs. Margaret Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Busten and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Portiga were callers last week at the Wilbur Wright home. Their son, Jim, will be spending this week with them. Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich were Sunday callers.

Mrs. Arlene Leiter and her family called on me Saturday evening.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Darrel Tower of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday with his parents, and helped Walter on their house in Brinton, which is coming along very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore entertained relatives from Wisconsin and Munising over the Fourth of July holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Crook of Ohio were Saturday overnight guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe. They were en route to Canada on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes spent last week Tuesday with their nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Irish, at Lake Thirteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen had a family dinner Sunday in honor of their daughter Connie's birthday.

Open House is being held at the hall in Brinton Saturday, July 14, for Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brines, who are leaving for Okinawa for teaching duties. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a pot-luck supper, bring a dish to pass, and table service.

Roscoe Wright of Greenville and boys Todd and Troy spent one day last week at their trailer here.

Dad and I spent last week Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Metzger of Bailey.

Bud Longtin was in Remus Monday and called on his doctor.

Ray Geasler is a patient at CMC Hospital, where he was admitted last Tuesday, undergoing treatment on his foot. Their daughter, Emily, of Grand Rapids, spent the weekend with them.

Lewis Bowen attended a Federal Land Bank meeting in Clare last Tuesday.

George Holland, Jr., of Grand Rapids is helping his uncle, Tony Bartley, in hay harvest. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fields and family of Florida and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fields of Grand Rapids spent the Fourth of July holiday with their mother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Tony Bartley.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Minnie Rhode was a Monday caller of Mrs. Ethel Wager. Mr. and Mrs. Max Furney are building a home at Lake Isabella, and spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Wager. Mrs. Robert Car-

rick of Lakeview spent Monday with Mrs. Wager and the Dan Carricks.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith spent the weekend of the Fourth at Tubbs Lake, camping.

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 June 28 t3p

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 June 28t3

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 June 28t2p

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 July 12tf

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 July 12t1

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 July 12t1

SMORGASBORD--And flea market Saturday, July 21, at Broomfield Grange Hall, corner Coldwater Rd. and M-20. Adults \$2.50, children under 12 \$1, children under five, free. Come and enjoy home-cooked vittles deluxe.
 July 12t1

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bowman of Glennie spent the Fourth week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips.

Obituary

MARGARET VERWEY
 Margaret G. Verwey of Mt. Pleasant died Friday, July 6, at her home. She was 79.
 She was born July 3, 1894, in Beal City, and attended schools there.
 She was a member of the Sacred Heart Altar Society and the Catholic Daughters of America. She also had been active as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, and the Women of the Moose.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 9, at 11 a. m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mt. Pleasant, with Father John J. Thome officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Verwey is survived by her husband, Andrew; a daughter, Mrs. Robert (Dorothea) Fitzpatrick of Sierra Vista, Arizona; three sons, John Verwey of Mt. Pleasant, Marinus of Rosebush and Joseph of Chelsea.

Also surviving are three brothers, Anthony Marhofer of Belding, William Marhofer of Pinckney, and Julius of Lakeland, Florida; four sisters, Philomena Lueder of Farmington, Dorothea Frazer of Detroit, Donna Mason of Wyandotte, and Freda Marhofer of Detroit; and 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Marhofers are an old Notawata family, and have many friends here.

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Obituary

FRANK C. CROWLEY
 Frank C. Crowley of the Winchester Dam community near Barryton, passed away June 23 at Mt. Pleasant Community Hospital. He died suddenly, early Saturday morning. He was 87.

He was born June 4, 1886, in Mt. Pleasant, and spent most of his life in this and the Barryton areas, as a painter and interior decorator. He had many friends here.

Surviving are three sons, Roy of Coleman, Walter of Seattle, Wash., and Larry of Pontiac; one daughter, Mrs. Josephine Weitz, of Utica; and eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 26, from the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell with George Getchell officiating. Burial was in the Gilmore Cemetery.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank Dr. Veldhuis, the nurses and staff of the third floor at the hospital, my friends and relatives, for the flowers, cards, and gifts during my stay at the Mt. Pleasant Hospital.

Violet Wright

Card of Thanks

A big Thanks to these business people who put forth an effort to make the Fourth of July fireworks project a success.

We would also like to thank Gene McArthur for his time with bringing down the fire truck, and Mick Bowerman for coming in and helping get set up for it.

We thank:
 Palmer's Idle Hour Bar, Baumann's IGA, Bud's Party Store, Fox Hardware, D&R Drive In, Bader Milling, Vic's Gulf Service, Abbott Furniture, Weidman Laundryland, McArthur Insurance, Isabella Bank & Trust, Dick Curtis, Weaver's Tavern, Mick's Barber Shop, Walt's Bait Shop, Birch Hills Ass'n., Lake of the Hills Ass'n.

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 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.

We will be having three children and two young people going to our camp this year. Our camp is the Gilman Springs Baptist Camp. It is located north and east of Gladwin.

NEWS NOTES

We had to leave out some features this week--too much news copy, and news comes first in the Messenger.

Mr. and Mrs. David McArthur are spending this week camping at Gorrell Lake, north of Barryton, near Merrill Lake. Gorrell is a very popular lake for campers, people coming from all over, Bay City and other cities, to spend entire summers there. The Gene McArthurs spent the Fourth week at the lake, camping. Among others enjoying the lake were the Donald Starrs, the Karl Kinsmans, and other local folks.

LAKE ISABELLA

Lester B. Hall, Reporter

BOAT PARADE WAS BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED

The first annual Venetian Nights boat parade was held on Lake Isabella Saturday night, with 24 boats taking part in a well-organized and beautifully decorated parade.

Six trophies were offered, and three awarded to boats in the pontoon class and three to all others. The names of winners announced are those making the entries, but they each acknowledge much help from their families, which showed up in humor and originality displayed in the parade.

In the pontoon class, Roy Leppan with his "River Boat" won a trophy for originality. Kay Serum's boat, "There Is a Bella Ringin' for Liberty", was considered most outstanding, and was also awarded a trophy. A humorous entry by Mr. Duke, "Raft", also earned a trophy.

The most original craft in the boat class was entered by Dr. Irwin Madison, "Tahitian Hut"; the most outstanding, "Snoopy," by Susan Grider; and the most humorous, "Modern Clothes Dryer", by John Swanson, each receiving trophies.

Jim Wood was judge, along with his crew on the judges' boat. Trophies were furnished by the Lake Isabella Corporation. Mt. Pleasant Marine donated 12 door prizes awarded at a drawing by all contestants in the parade.

Winners of coolers were Glenn Hunt, Reber Pummill, Roy Leppan, and Robert Otting.

Winners of grills were Robert Moon, Kay Serum and Norman

Paddock.

Life-savers were won by Keith Kaufman and Lawrence Tice, and all-purpose scoops were prizes won by Jack Bushre, Duane Page and Dr. Trumble.

The big task of planning and organizing this first effort in a boat parade was handled very efficiently by a committee of permanent residents at the lake, with Ted Frieling serving as general chairman. Bud Klenk, as parade marshal, performed the difficult task of herding the boats into formation and directing traffic on its tour up and down the lake. All concerned are very enthusiastic about the success of this first effort, and promise another and bigger parade next year.

The parade was followed by a display of fireworks.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Frieling last week were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Paddock of Pontiac, Monday and Tuesday; also Mr. and Mrs. Roger Boyer of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith of Grosse Pointe Shores, from Monday to Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. James McNicol returned last Thursday from a three-day visit in the home of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robino, and family, in Detroit. Two other daughters, Mrs. Patsy McWherter and family and Miss Jacqueline McNicol, were also guests in the Robino home.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Beattie were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Klenk of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hosier of Dearborn.

Mr. and Mrs. James Serum and two daughters left Sunday after a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Serum. They are recent residents of Ithaca, N. Y., and go to Pennsylvania to find a new home, following Mr. Serum's transfer by his company. Other children and families visiting in the Serum home over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Serum of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Phillips and daughter, Ginny, of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lee of Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Eilene Beitz of Hamilton, Ont., left Saturday after a visit of more than a week with Mr. and Mrs. Norm Paddock. Other guests to join in a Fourth of July picnic were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moon of Detroit and neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. James Beattie.

Billie Stimetz of Detroit was a guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leppan, the past week. His father, Al Stimez, and brother, Bob, came Saturday for the weekend, and all left for home Monday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Swanson over the past weekend were their daughter-in-law and granddaughter, Mrs. Judy Swan-

son and Kimberly, of Livonia. Mrs. Julia Wilson of Ann Arbor, another of Kimberly's grandmothers, accompanied them.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell and Dick of South Bend, Ind., are vacationing at their cabin for two weeks.

Little Ronnie Mahon has been quite ill with tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Anderson and daughter and Marlon's father, Oscar, of Nebraska, spent the week with Mrs. Anderson (Diane's) parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa.

Reporting on my eye, it's doing much better after surgery.

Paul Cole will be admitted to CMC Hospital July 15, for surgery July 19.

Laura Ewing returned home to Vassar with her uncle, Walter Ewing, and her brother, Russell Ewing, Friday. Laura helped her grandparents, the Paul Coles, for a week, due to her Granddad's illness.

The Ewing reunion will be held July 15 at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Allen at Littlefield Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell called on her parents, the Paul Coles, Saturday.

Mrs. Coranna Shaner is Grandma to a nine-pound baby girl.

Tony Masachuk spent the weekend at his farm.

Daryl Worth was home from his work at Higgins Lake and spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler visited his brother-in-law and

sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Sunday evening.

George Cornell and Russell Smith of Beaverton visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler Sunday.

The Robert Worths were recent visitors of his parents, the Charles Worths, of Wellston.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and boys, and Raymond Geasler were guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Robert Worth Sunday evening. They helped Lynn Worth celebrate her birthday.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent took her mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, to Goose Lake Sunday, and they stopped in Marion and visited Ed and Agnes fox.

Mrs. Helen Smith entered St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids the first of the week, for surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox had Sunday dinner with friends in Mecosta.

Wm. Knudson of Lavonia spent the Fourth weekend with his mother, Mrs. Lela Whearett.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lehr and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Lehr and daughter of Clare were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Kit Johnson. Other callers were Mrs. Tom Powell and Karen, Greg Millis, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and two girls of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips spent Saturday in Harrison, visiting her sister, Etta Bristol. They spent Sunday in Bay City visiting her brother, Frank Durham.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

LOUISE SMITH CELEBRATES HER 91ST BIRTHDAY

The children of Louise Smith gathered at her home Sunday to celebrate her 91st birthday. It was a wonderful occasion.

Forty-eight family members came from all over: Reed City, Grand Ledge, St. Johns, Mt. Pleasant, Mecosta, Oil City, and Beal City and Weidman.

They served ice cream and cake, and presented her with many beautiful gifts, and presents of money.

Congratulations on a spry and useful 91st year, Louise!

Mrs. Coletta Gross and Mike Gross returned from California after spending a few weeks with the former's daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rau are entertaining company from Germany.

Margaret Smith of Burr Oak spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Gross.

Miss Theresa Schmidt of Grosse Point spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schmidt.

The Stewart Rau and Catherine Clare wedding was well attended.

Bill Neubecker arrived home from Rome, Italy, and is spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Vera Neubecker, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lawens were Thursday callers of Mrs. Frank Zuker.

Mrs. Gertrude Gross entertained some ladies at cards Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schmidt and daughter of Grand Haven spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmidt.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Young of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Frank Engler.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnard Rau entertained a number of people at a barbecue Sunday.

Quite a number from here enjoyed the St. Michael's Church picnic last Sunday.

Mrs. Gertrude Gross entertained her daughter, husband and family from Grand Rapids Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Tilmann returned last Wednesday from Oregon, by United Air Lines. She had a wonderful vacation and enjoyed her first flying. On her return she visited her daughter in Grand Rapids a few days before coming on to Beal City.

Mrs. Anna Eldred and Florence and Brenda Ball were last Tuesday callers of Louis Smith. Paul Smith of Trenton called on his grandmother Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge's son, Billy, Jr., is in Ann Arbor where he had an operation. He is June Blasen's grandson. The Trowbridges are the parents of

triplet boys.

Mrs. Andrew Verwey died last week.

Effie Schafer called on Tillie Schafer and Louise Smith Wednesday afternoon. Donna and Cindy Schafer called on Mrs. Smith Thursday afternoon. Gerald and Loretta Smith spent Friday afternoon with his mother. Mr. and Mrs. Vern Crittenden of Remus were Saturday afternoon visitors.

Gertrude Grodsky of Mt. Pleasant spent some time Sunday afternoon with Louise and Anna Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger called on Tillie Schafer and Louise Smith Sunday evening. Bernie Smith and daughter, Mary, of the Philippine Islands came to visit their aunt, Mrs. Smith, Wednesday morning.

The group that went to Germany from here about three weeks ago are back. They were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer of Saginaw, Sister M. Alexander and Sister Herman Joseph.

Oscar Schafer and wife had dinner with his mother, Tillie Schafer, Sunday.

Bob Schafer and family enjoyed a picnic dinner Sunday at School Section Lake.

Delbert Pung and family took Mrs. Stanley home again this weekend.

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BEAL CITY SENIORS ENJOY DINNER, CARDS

Last Thursday afternoon the Beal City Senior Citizens enjoyed a bounteous pot-luck dinner at noon, with an afternoon of cards following.

Weather was good, attendance good considering it's haying season, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day.

There were 16 tables of pepper in play.

Rose Grinzinger won the prize for high score for the ladies, with Viola Engler second. Regina Faber won low.

Stub Beutler won high for the men, with Will Martin second. Jerome Young won low.

Kitty Gross won the pepper prize, Albina Rau the door prize.

Late-afternoon refreshments were served the card-players.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, July 19.

All Seniors everywhere are cordially invited to attend.

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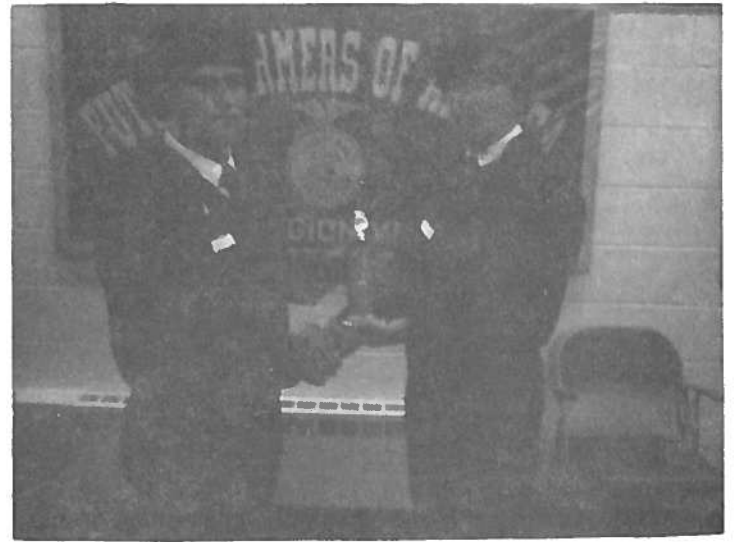
JACK COTTER FAMILY REUNION HELD SUNDAY

The annual reunion of the Jack Cotter family was held Sunday in the K. C. Hall in Beal City, with about 68 family members attending.

A beautiful pot-luck dinner, with visiting afterward, was enjoyed.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER



PAUL GROSS, regional president of FFA, is shown above presenting one of many leadership trophies to Henry Block, Beal City Chapter treasurer.

All of the 1973-74 Beal City officer team recently attended Region VI FFA officer training and leadership camp at Camp Kett, at Tustin.

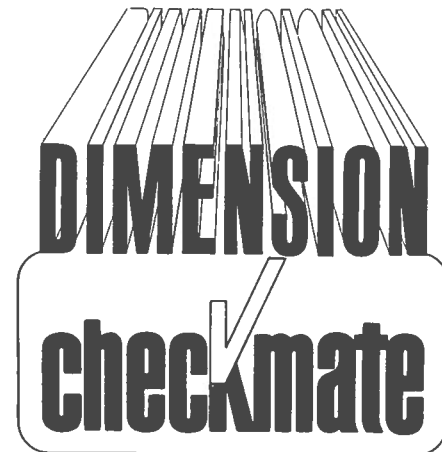
Henry Block received the regional gold trophy for Green-hand speaking.

Also attending the camp were Steve Schumacher, chapter president; Jeff Schafer, chapter vice president; Irene Fox, chap-

ter secretary; Henry Block, chapter treasurer; Steve Gross, chapter reporter; Greg Yuncker, chapter sentinel, and Dave Pohl, chapter alternate officer.

The Beal City chapter also received special commendation for being the only chapter present with 100 percent of its chapter officer team present.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

The Wayne Sherlock family of Traverse City spent the night with us a week ago Friday, and spent Saturday and Sunday with the Gerald Schafer family in Rosebush.

We attended the races at Marion State Fair with Leo and Lucille Schafer July Fourth. Lucille's niece, Marilyn Breuer, had her horse, Rocky Breuer, in the races. Others from here attending included Glenn and Gladys Brown, Ed and Vera Kavanaugh, and Floyd and Mary Beth Hauck and children.

A surprise birthday party was held Saturday evening for Rick Klumpp. Among those attending were Gerald and Jane Schafer of Rosebush, Bill and Lynn Schafer, Don and Judy Schafer, and Terry Klumpp of Coldwater Lake. Happy Birthday, Rick!

St. Michael's at Remus held their annual chicken and ham dinner Sunday. Leo and Lucille Schafer and we went. On our way home we visited Russ and Pauline Klumpp in Remus. Their daughter, Judy, and family were visiting them, from Lansing.

Bill and Lynn Schafer attended a horse show at Beaverton Saturday and Sunday. Lynn's horse won second place Sunday.

Jerry and Jane Schafer and children and Paul and Doris Lange enjoyed a picnic dinner here by the river Sunday.

Emil and Edith Lueder and Gene and Esther Bridget took a trip to Upper Michigan recently.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE LOUISELLS

A family party was enjoyed Saturday evening at the William Louisell home here, honoring the birthdays of Bill, the grandfather, and little Heather, daughter of the Dick Louisells, three years old.

Present to enjoy a cookout, ice cream and birthday cakes were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Louisell and family of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Louisell of Grand Haven, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Louisell of Spring Lake, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McArthur of Wixom spent the weekend at their cottage on Lake Windoga. They visited relatives in Weidman while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker and family returned Sunday afternoon from a five-day camping trip at School Section Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family were Sunday dinner guests of the George Getchell family of Gilmore.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

WE HAVE VISITORS DURING OUR VACATION

Among visitors to the Messenger during our 10-day vacation were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ullrich of Detroit, who called here on their way to their cottage on Crystal Lake, near Beulah.

They said they had had some trouble getting their Messenger on time, and that it often arrived days late and somewhat used or crumpled, as though someone else had enjoyed it before sending it on to its address. They complained to their post-office, and had no more trouble getting their paper on time, they said.

Mrs. Ullrich (Loretta Hiller) taught school near Beal City, in the schoolhouse across from the former Will Martin home south of Beal.

Mrs. Colin Campbell was another of our visitors. She and her husband are in poor health but are trying to do some printing work to help out on expenses.

Jessie Rosencrantz and Hattie Losey stopped by Friday afternoon. Hattie met Mrs. Merle Rathburn (Queen Gillett) of Flint, who inquired about Weidman old-timers, including the Roe girls.

Queen and Hattie met at the home of Mrs. Clara Lutz, who had recently returned home from the hospital after surgery.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker and family spent a few days last weekend at School Section Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy called at the Coker Funeral Home last Monday evening to pay respects to Lela (Rodgers) Scott, age 49, who passed away at a Flint hospital. Mrs. Scott had been ill three months.

Jim Alwood has been helping his cousin, Danny Kripa, of Mt. Pleasant, in the hay fields.

Mrs. Helen Alwood called at the Dan Kripa home in Mt. Pleasant last week to see her niece, Diane (Kripa) Anderson, and family from Nebraska. The Andersons have been on vacation the past week. Mrs. Helen McCain of Lennon also called one day to see her niece and family.

Mrs. Zena Olger attended the wedding of Ted Letson and Cathy Butcher of Mt. Pleasant July 7 at the Methodist Church, with a reception at the Holiday Inn.

Jo Latham spent the weekend with her grandmother, Mrs. Laura Latham.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Smith Buzz and Joyce) of New Jersey spent about 10 days in Michigan, visiting her parents, the William Louisells, and other relatives.



STUDENTS FROM THIS AREA ATTEND SEMINAR: They joined more than 200 high school Juniors and Seniors on the Ferris State College campus the week of June 18 for a "Young People's Citizenship Seminar". This is the 10th consecutive year the seminar has been sponsored by the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Students from this area in the photo above are, left to right:

Gayla Jarman, Farwell; Ann McDonald, Mt. Pleasant.

Back row: Gail Spencer, Shepherd; Dennis Strong, Remus; and Jan Wezensky and Connie Murphy, both of Mt. Pleasant.

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ON SUMMER VACATION TO BLUE HAWAII

On a two weeks' summer vacation to Hawaii are Jean Houghton, Alvira Peake, Mr. and Mrs. George McClain, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Harrison and family of Breckenridge and Mrs. Mary Clark of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday supper guests of the Dennis Embrey family. Later in the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark and family were visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey and family also were callers. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey visited the Dennis Embrey family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey attended the Leiter family reunion at Hall's Lake Sunday.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Richard Lueder and Mrs. Hazel Ryzena were married Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Leona Courser and Mrs. Keith Thompson attended the Courser reunion at the Edmore Park Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Johnson went and got his mother, Mrs. Isal Johnson, of Mt. Pleasant, and they went to visit Mrs. Bernice Johnson at Chippewa Lake, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family vacationed last week at Goose Lake, near Lake City. They also went to the sand dunes at Silver Lake.

Mrs. Lovica Krueger and Arnold were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder, and helped Jack celebrate his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grewett, who are vacationing at their cottage on Lake George, were Monday visitors of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray. Other visitors during the week were the Edward Martins and Mrs. Rosemary Walker of Lakeview, Richard Miller of Mancelona, and Mrs. Philip Meade.

Pennie and Denise Flaughter spent three days last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter. Mike and Sean are visiting them this week. Mr. and Mrs. Flaughter spent the weekend at their cottage on Lake Huron. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaughter and family were Sunday evening guests of the folks.

Mr. and Mrs. William Best of Grand Rapids visited Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wemple of Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan were Sunday visitors.

Guests for a picnic dinner at my home for the Fourth of July were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr, Melissa and Mrs. Elizabeth Billsby of Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Carr of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and Doug, Harrison and Pennie and her girl friend of Wheeler, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer and Rodney. Mrs. Eva Denslow was a Friday caller.

Blanche Carr went to DeWitt Sunday to church with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kelsey, Jr., and family.

Elmer Garrett was transferred from Ann Arbor to the V. A. Hospital in Saginaw Friday. He is able to receive visitors now.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett and boys were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook attended the Bergquist reunion Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Nagy spent Friday evening with the Orves Cooks.

Mrs. Eldon Marshall spent a few days last week with Mrs. Ella Cox. The Marshalls and Mrs. Cox had a picnic dinner with Emerson Marshall and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines and family of Barryton.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens recently.

Mrs. Lorraine Schultz of Lansing spent the Fourth vacation with her mother, Mrs. E. R. Rhode, and her brother, Harold. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and Dixie were dinner guests of the Rhodes the Fourth.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn, and Mr. and Mrs. James Dutcher and Kim and Shelly attended the 25th Dutcher reunion at Island Park Sunday. There were 81 present this year, with lots of food and visiting taking up the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case attended the Case reunion at Sheridan Sunday afternoon. They had chicken dinner at Lake Isabella.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children had supper with Jim's Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls went camping at Higgins Lake over the Fourth. Jim's had to return home early, as Shelly became ill and then Kim was sick the day after they returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls, Joyce Yuncker and children, Karen, Becky and Kay Dutcher, and Diane Pettigrew, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bates and girls of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Otey and boys, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woodin were Sunday evening visitors of the Robert Dutchers.

Floyd Dutcher had dinner with the Ervin Dutchers the Fourth of July. Florence Hoffman was a Tuesday caller.

Diane Pettigrew of Muskegon is spending a few weeks with the Garry Dutcher family.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad have been living with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., the past two weeks, waiting for their new home to be finished. Her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wernette, of Greenville, and Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Wernette visited them Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sisco were Sunday callers.

Elsie O'Melia of Lansing and Joanne Jones of Blanchard spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs.

Ervin Dutcher, Sr. Monroe Beckwith was a Saturday caller of Ervin's and Clayton's.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and family spent from Tuesday till Saturday camping at Jelly Stone Park, near Grayling.

The community extends sympathy to the family of Clifford Leiter.

The Ervin and Clayton Dutchers attended his funeral Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint spent last week camping at Higgins Lake.

They spent Saturday overnight with us, and attended the Dutcher reunion Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Owen and Mrs. Linda Nohel and son, Craig, were Saturday visitors of the Robert Dutchers.

Dale Conklin and daughter, Kerri, of Midland called on them Saturday.

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Sylvia Curtiss and Walter Taylor of Rosebush called on Ethel Bywater Friday afternoon. Marion Beutler took Mrs. Bywater to her doctor Monday morning.



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MEET GRETCH--Our house dog, companion and guardian. (No, her head is not that big in relation to her body; our camera distorts somewhat on closeups, and Gretch refused to co-operate with that frightening black box on the front of the Ma's face, so we had to catch what we could of her delightful puppy antics.) Gretch is part German shepherd, we think part husky, and (we suspect) part beagle.

Messenger photo

Gretch had everything to learn after coming to our house: The rug at the front entrance of the office was not a dog's toilet facility; she could not tear up the living-room drapes; she had to become acquainted with a dog yard (with a fence, yet!), she who was born free and ran free, day and night.

At this time she has learned to go into her dog yard for her personal needs; she has learned "No!", "Go lie down," and "Stop that!" We have never beaten her. Once or twice we have spanked her little bottom the way a small puppy should be spanked when extra bad; and Gretch, at this moment, knows she is the property and guardian of Ye Ed, and this house is her house so long as she behaves (or it's out the kitchen door into her dog-yard).

She had to learn to accept a fence around the dog yard (Oh, what we've paid out! For rebuilding of that fence, chicken wire so she couldn't go through the very small wire squares, a new dog house, toys which she loves).

But we think she'll be worth it. As one of our friends said tartly, that first week when we were beefing about wearing ourselves out taking on a ten-weeks-old puppy, "But you're 14 years older than you were last time you trained a small puppy. Ever think of that?"

So--we think of it, and try not to blame Gretch for lapses. She's just a baby, after all, and she is learning.

We got Gretch from the Aifen Schmidts, who have several more female puppies to give away. We hope they all find homes with pushovers for owners, as Gretch did.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

LIBRARY NEWS

By Diane Benn

The Gladys McArthur Memorial Library has recently received new library cards for children who applied at the end of the school year. When your child uses the library, ask for your new card. It will be placed in your selection's card pocket and should be returned with the book.

Expired library cards and registrations have been returned to Mt. Pleasant. Check your card to see when it expires. If it has, or is about to expire, simply complete a registration form for a new card. Since card numbers are re-issued when a card expires, two people could be using the same card number. This might create confusion when notifying people of overdue books.

The summer reading program is progressing. It's not too late to get a recording booklet and begin reading. At the Mt. Pleasant Library, special activities are in full swing:

Handicraft, July 9-13, 2 p. m.
Play and Things, July 16-20, 10.30 a. m.
Story Hour (second and third graders), Tuesday, 2 p. m.
Fourth to sixth graders, Saturday, 10 a. m.
Party for all, Friday, Aug. 3, 2 p. m.

Four to six children have attended the local story time Saturdays at 3 p. m. Children up to and including second graders are invited to come and listen. All children and adults are encouraged to use the library.

Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 2.30 to 5 p. m.

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Mrs. Claribel Beutler spent the Fourth of July at the homes of her sisters, the Downings and Fordyces, on Tubbs Lake.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT WARNS OF SUMMER FOOD SPOILAGE

In a news release from Dr. Richard F. Nowak, D. O., Medical Director of the Central Michigan Health Departments, it was pointed out that hot weather poses problems in keeping and serving some foods.

Dr. Nowak advises that all food preparations consisting of mayonnaise or salad dressing blends must be kept at a temperature of 45 degrees or below until served, to be safe for human consumption. This includes those potentially hazardous picnic foods which consist in whole or in part of milk or milk products, eggs, fish, poultry, meat, and such items as cream-filled

pies and cakes, custards, and potato salads.

All food that is to be eaten without cooking should be kept from contact with uncooked poultry or eggs.

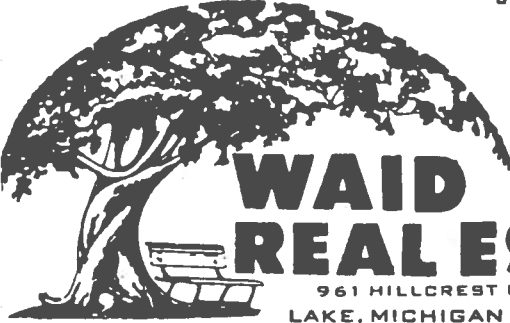
Keep hot foods hot (140 degrees) and cold foods cold (45 degrees or below).

If there is any doubt or suspicion that a canned food is undercooked, poorly sealed or leaking, throw it out.


Dr. Nowak points out that food poisoning is a completely preventable disease. Summer is a hazardous time for unrefrigerated foods, such as those carried to picnics.

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