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Editor's Column

By Connie

THOSE WERE THE RIKER TWINS

Hattie Losey called us Thursday to tell us that the unidentified picture of twin babies was the Riker twins, Othel and Oral, sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Riker who lived in the Woodbury house on East Main Street.

We remember the Riker family--their home was right next to Rolla Roe's printshop. We were quite young when the Roe family moved to Weidman, but we knew the "Riker kids".

Hattie pointed out that she boarded with the Riker family as a young lady when she worked in Weidman, at the mill.

Oral Riker is dead, Hattie reports; there was another brother, Earl, and a sister, Edna.

The children were born in Weidman, Hattie said. Apparently Dr. McRae attended the births, as the photo we printed, loaned the Messenger by Claribel Beutler, was given Clyde and Claribel by Dr. McRae.

THE TEAM OF OXEN IS ALSO IDENTIFIED

Also the team of oxen whose photo we printed last week, was identified by Mrs. Ed Olger as being owned by Theron Jarman, who lived at that time in a house just north of the Leon Hart farm and home.

Mrs. Olger said Theron Jarman now lives in Lansing.

Luke Cotter also called to identify the picture, and he said he went to school with Theron, at the Hyslop School in Nottawa Township, 'way back when.

Thanks for the interest, folks!

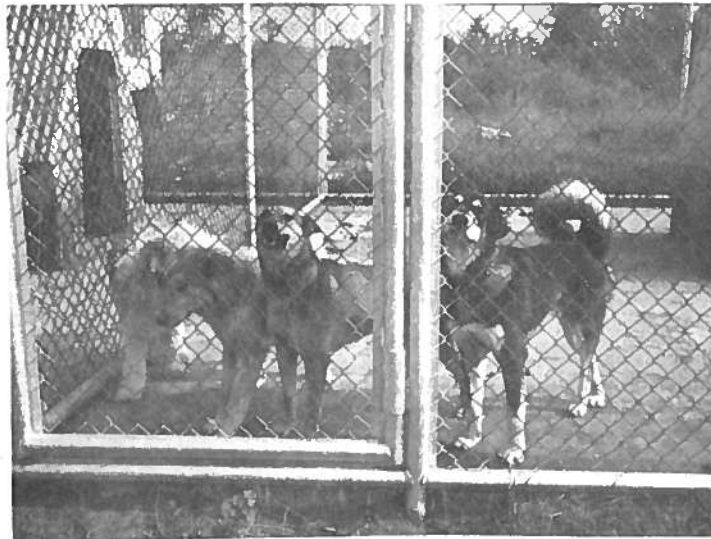
HOW WE FEEL PERSONALLY ABOUT DOG LICENSING

The way we feel personally about the dog-licensing business is this:

If you own a dog, you must resign yourself (or your pocket-book) to the fact that you'll spend some money. In fact, a conscientious owner of a cat will also spend money as part of owning a pet.

There's food, in the first place. Few families in this age have

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"WE WHO ARE ABOUT TO DIE..." They plead for a chance for life and love. They're dead, now. The above photo was taken last Wednesday morning at the Isabella County Humane Society's animal shelter on Isabella Road in Mt. Pleasant--and the shelter can only keep animals a day and a half and then has to kill them.



CUTE LITTLE PUPPIES--Abandoned and doomed to death plead for attention whenever humans come near their fenced-in yard at the animal shelter in Mt. Pleasant.

Messenger photos

COLDWATER LAKE ANNUAL MEETING OF HOME OWNERS

The annual business meeting of the Coldwater Lake Association will be held this Saturday, Aug. 18, at 7.30 p. m. at the 4-H Camp.

Members are encouraged to bring their membership cards; they will have the election of officers.

Also on the agenda: An updating on the County Commissioners' lake level action, and

a report on the pollution study made this ummsr.

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FISHIN'S COMING BACK ON THE OLE MILL POND

Three men of the Gene Mcthur family caught 54 nice bluegills out of Lake Weidman, fishing from shore, Sunday, on the site of the "old red bridge", now replaced by tubes under the road north of town. We're delighted that good fishing is coming back rapidly on the old Mill Pond.

TOWNSHIPS DISCOURAGED BY LACK OF DOG LAW CONTROL BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By Constance Roe Skinner

Township Supervisors of Isabella County generally were dismayed and discouraged by recent contentions in County Board of Commissioner meetings that blame for the out-of-control dog situation in Isabella rests at the township level, period.

As one township supervisor said bitterly, of the Commissioners' demand for more thorough reporting of dog ownerships, "What good would that do? The county doesn't do anything about enforcing the dog laws. Our reports just lie there, filed in the County Treasurer's office."

Last week County Prosecutor Robert K. Kennet said, "The place to start is to determine how many dogs there are in the county, and get them licensed.... The statutes are there, but I think the problem is that the assessing officers--they're supposed to turn in a list of dogs in every township--are not getting those assessments in."

This paper disagrees with the good prosecutor. This paper believes that the problem lies with the county officials, who have refused to enforce existing laws.

For instance: According to a story in the Mt. Pleasant Times-News, there were 1,237 known dog owners in the county who had not bought licenses.

This means, as we see it, that 1,237 Isabella County people violated the state laws on dog licensing, and each should have been forced by county officials to pay a fine of \$100 or spend 90 days in jail. That's what the state law says.

As Mr. Kennet said, the statutes are there. They very simply have not been enforced in Isabella County; and, as township supervisors say, why should they make serious efforts to list all dogs in their areas when nothing happens to violators of the laws?

The Times-News, in its very good series on dogs, pointed out how Gratiot County takes care of dog licensing:

The list of dog owners, in Gratiot County, is turned over to the animal shelter, and personnel there notify owners that their animals must be licensed within 10 days of the notice. If they do

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BLAINE LINVILLE, director of the animal shelter in Mt. Pleasant, poses with doomed dogs in the clean and well-kept yards of the shelter. Mr. Linville has been on the job here for the past five years, and obviously is kind to animals.
Messenger photos

DOG SITUATION

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not comply, the dog warden picks up the dogs. He has owners' names and addresses, and descriptions of the dogs. He can get them.

Isabella County has not empowered the dog warden to enforce the license laws. The County Commissioners have authority to have the dog warden do this, but so far they have not acted.

The list of dogs owned in Isabella County is woefully inadequate--but the record of non-enforcement of the law by the County Commissioners is worse.

Last week the Commissioners began to get serious about the situation, and optimistically declared a 45-day moratorium on penalties for late buying of dog licenses, to run till Sept. 22. During this period those who have unlicensed dogs may buy licenses without paying penalties for being late (the deadline is March 1).

The County Board also urged all all police agencies to "vigorously enforce the law" on stray dogs: the State Police, the Sheriff's office.

This paper maintains that this is a waste of these law-enforcement offices' time. These offices deal with human tragedies and crime. The dog laws can be enforced, and simply, by the county dog warden--if the County Commissioners see fit.

In an interview with Richard Lichtenfelt last week, this paper learned that he and perhaps other members of the Board planned to contact the Gratiot County people and get details of their successful enforcement of the dog laws.

This paper hopes the Commissioners will cease gloating over the sparse lists turned in by township supervisors, and get down to business on law enforcement.

UNWANTED ANIMAL PETS ARE TAKEN HERE...

On July 8, when we were at the animal shelter, there were about 15 dogs and one cat waiting death.

Blaine Linville, an obviously sincere and dedicated worker in animal care, said it's mainly dogs that are taken to the shelter to be "destroyed", "put away," or "eliminated"--killed. The people who take unwanted pets to be killed are usually well-educated, ordinary, neighborly folks, Mr. Linville said. They simply do not want to care for pets they thought they wanted; and so they take them to the Humane Society to be killed by someone other than themselves and they can put the episode out of their minds.

Mr. Linville, on questioning, said that some dogs and cats of specially good types may be kept up to five days in hopes of adoption, but the usual stay before death for the animals is 36 hours.

Animals are killed in a decompression chamber, a device that draws all air out quickly, suffocating the animal inside. Death occurs in about 60 seconds, Mr. Linville said. The method of killing is recommended to date by the American Humane Society, he said.

The problem is not with animals, apparently; it is with people, who take on pets for their children who won't take care of them and the parents can't be bothered; or those who thought they wanted animal pets and changed their minds.

The situation is a cruel one, brought about by unthinking people: The shelter kills an average of 300 dogs and cats each month, or over 3,000 animals every year.

People are at the root of the "dog problem" is Isabella County. This paper urges any who

contemplates taking on a dog or cat for a pet to stop and consider all the responsibilities entailed, before adoption.

As one member of the Isabella County Humane Society put it, "We can't operate as an animal shelter out there--we're just running a slaughter house!"

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and children returned last week from a five-days' vacation in Beach Bend Park in Bowling Green, Ky. They also visited the Mammoth Cave, and en-

joyed a side trip to Nashville. They returned by way of Cedar Point at Sandusky, O., where they spent a day, on their way back.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey attended a family gathering at the home of the Joe Clarks, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur and son, Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and children and Mrs. Linda Wilcox and son all were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur.

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A few Messenger subscriptions
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a little more time to pay. We
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But nobody gets the Messenger
who doesn't want it,

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Merry Go Round Club met
with Etta Skalitzky. The Sep-
tember meeting will be with
Florence Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright
left Monday on a vacation trip.
Dad and I attended the Spence
reunion Sunday afternoon at
Lake George.

Leonard Durkee of near Beav-
erton called on his mother,
Mrs. Whaley. Her daughter,
Margaret Sisco, was a Sunday
visitor.

Mrs. Ken Baker and Miss De-
Racher of Evert attended an
ex-teachers' meeting at Evert
at the home of Mrs. Gillett,
Thursday afternoon.

Miss Elda Lloyd of Port Hu-
ron and Miss Campbell of Mt.
Pleasant were Friday luncheon
guests of Mrs. Baker.

Alfred Bartley and Bud Longtin
called on their doctor in Re-
mus Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore
had guests from Shingleton
from Friday night till Sunday.

Violet Wright and I attended
a home products party at the
home of her sister, Isabel Tup-
per, Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker
attended Open House for Mr.
and Mrs. Boyd Cheadle Sunday
in Lansing, in honor of their
30th wedding anniversary.

The Moore reunion was held
at the Brinton Community Hall
Sunday with a large attendance.

Jane Fields returned to stay
with her brother, Tony Bartley,
after a two weeks' stay in Grand
Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and
girls spent from Thursday till
Saturday at Jackson, where they
visited relatives.

Callers at the Lewis Bowen
home included Mr. and Mrs.
Bud Blodgett, Mr. and Mrs. Wil-
bur Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs.
Darrel Haenke and boys, and
Violet Wright.

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NEWS NOTES

Allen Lumber Company put
a new roof on Frances Tran-
barger's house the first of the
week. Paul Simmer is building
an old-fashioned "root cellar"
at the back of Frances' annex
to her greenhouse, and a
breezeway between her house
and the annex.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Wedding bells will ring Aug.
25 for William Paul Ewing and
Sally Proffer, both of Vassar.

Mr. and Mrs. John Balent are
the proud parents of a new baby
daughter, Leslie Jean. She
weighed six pounds, seven
ounces at birth. Mother and
babe are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell are
the proud grandparents of Leslie
Jean. Mr. and Mrs. John Balent,
Sr., also grandparents. The
real proud great-grandparents
are the Paul Coles.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole re-
turned to their home in Detroit
after spending several days at
their farm. Their report on his
father, George Cole, was that
he was not gaining very fast
since his recent surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hanner
and daughter of Flint and Mr.
and Mrs. John Coloff and boys
of Alma, and Mrs. Ruth Ann
Petroff of Flint spent the week-
end with their mother, Mrs.
Beulah Wixson, and at their
trailer house. They also called
on their uncle and aunt, the
Paul Coles, Saturday, and did
some blackberry picking. The
blackberries are wonderful this
year.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Geasler
spent the week at their cabin.
Mrs. Geasler visited her sister-
in-law, Mrs. Pearl Geasler,
Friday afternoon.

Lynn Worth returned home
Sunday after a week spent at
Hope College at Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Sheldon
of Eaton Rapids visited their
uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs.
Albert Geasler, Monday. They
also called on Mr. and Mrs.
Norman Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. Payotn Geasler
visited his brother-in-law and
sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bo-
ger, and his brother and sister-
in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert
Geasler, Sunday.

The next meeting of the
Merry Go Round Club will be
with Mrs. Alvin (Florence) Wood
in September.

Miss Bobbette Worth enter-
tained her girl friend over the
weekend. They attended the
wedding of Lois Irwin, at Lake,
Saturday.

Darrell Worth is attending con-
servation school near Higgins
Lake.

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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.
The Leon McArthur steeple, be-
gun late last year and complet-
ed this spring, will be dedicat-
ed in services in the church sanctu-
ary Sunday, Aug. 19, at 3 p.m.

Features of the dedication pro-
gram, besides the formal cere-
mony, will be a short address
by Rev. Gerald Pohly, district
superintendent of the Central
Michigan District of the West
Michigan Conference of the
United Methodist Church, and
special music.

Light refreshments will be
served following the service.
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Following the regular Sunday
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BAPTIST CHURCH

Bible School Aug. 13-17, 9
a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
Bible School program Friday
evening, 7.30.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



FIVE GENERATIONS--The families of small Patrick Brown got together in July at the Wilbur Wright home, and the photo above was one of many taken during the important day. All enjoyed a delightful dinner and visiting.

Left to right in the photo above are: In the back row, Mrs. Ken Brown (Linda), mother of young Patrick; Wilbur Wright, Kathryn Aldrich, holding Patrick; and in front row, Freda Miller, Kate Smith and Viola Wright.

Kate Smith and Freda Miller are Patrick's great-great-grandmothers; Viola Wright is his great-grandmother. Wilbur Wright is his great-grandfather. Patrick is five months old.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski attended the Firemen's Ball at the K. C. Hall in Beal City Saturday evening.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague, at a birthday dinner honoring Ronnie.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bellinger.

Ula Cummins was admitted to the Lakeview Hospital Friday morning, suffering from pleurisy. She hoped to be home this week.

Mrs. Flora Wood was a Friday afternoon caller of Helen Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keene of Winn spent Friday evening with Mrs. Helen Smith. Marge Sisco was a Sunday morning caller. Florence Mull of Saginaw and Clara Mull of Clio were Sunday afternoon visitors.

Alton Allen returned last Wednesday after a two-and-a-half-weeks' stay in CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and Ron, Nancy and Grant of Rosebush spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Claribel Beutler. The Johnstons returned recently from a trip to the Hawaiian Islands. The trip was in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary, soon to occur. They brought Grant back from camp at Edwardsburg, near Niles, where he had spent a week.

Emma Middlesworth was a last Thursday luncheon and afternoon guest of Nettie Meissner of Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and two boys spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Apple in Bryan, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips en-

joyed a fish supper Friday evening at Lake Station. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine of Midland were Thursday evening guests at the Emil Phillips home.

Wanda Graham took photos at a horse show in Mt. Pleasant Sunday, sponsored by the Chipewa Wranglers Club.

Mrs. Kit Johnson spent a couple of days recently at the Eight Point lake cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilkinson of Ashtabula, Ohio, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith. They and Floyd Dutcher had dinner in Kalkaska last week Thursday.

Blackberry picking is the order of the day here, with large and luscious fruits gathered in areas close to Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Griffin of Ionia were guests at the Fred Wilcox home, here to attend the Wagerman reunion at the Coldwater Township Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Knudson of Trenton have been spending a few days with their mother and uncle, Mrs. Lela Whearett and Donald Clark.

Mrs. Nina Forbes was a Sunday dinner guest at the home of Robert Holt and family in Mt. Pleasant. Other weekend guests there were Mr. and Mrs.

Robert Holt, Jr., of Jackson.

Mrs. Clinton Carrick of Vanderbilt came Saturday to visit her mother-in-law, Mrs. Ethel Wager. Major and Mrs. Larry Warner and two children of Fort Lee, Va., joined them for the weekend. They all were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur and family had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spence and family.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Sorry missed the due date, but I can't let my subscription run out. We enjoy the paper each week and look forward to it.

Sincerely,
Helen Cotter, Lansing.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

Donna Pantenburg spent Friday evening with Brenda Ball.

The Davis-Rau wedding reception at the K. C. Hall was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gryna of Florida and four children called on their Grandma Smith Wednesday morning. Two of Marie Massey's boys also called.

Sister Samuel and Tillie Schaffer called on Mrs. Smith Thursday morning. Fred, Delores and Brian Gould called after supper. They have a garden here, and they took home some garden stuff.

Paul Smith and wife and baby Victor came to see Grandma Smith Sunday afternoon. Connie Skinner of Weidman called Friday afternoon and brought Dora more writing material. Connie also called on Emma Tilmann.

Dora Smith was home for the Davis-Rau wedding Friday evening.

Virgil Smith is in the hospital with infection.

Dora Smith spent the weekend at home, from her job in Mt. Pleasant.

Ginny and Debbie Rau, Brian Gould and Ann Smith went shopping Sunday afternoon.

The Schafer reunion was held at the park in Mt. Pleasant Saturday, with good attendance.

Will Pung has been in the Medical Care Facility at Mt. Pleasant over four months. He was reported about the same, only weaker.

The Firemen's Ball was well attended Saturday night at the K. of C. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Malish, Mrs. Jack Farner, Mrs. Louise Schaffer and Sister Samuel motored to Lansing Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Blasen.

Ann Eldred of Blanchard spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. Tillie Schaffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schaffer and children spent a few days at Cedar Point.

Mrs. Tony Schaffer spent Sunday with the Oscar Schafers near Winn.

Douglas Schaffer returned home Thursday from St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor, feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Malish and Mrs. Louise Schaffer took Sister Samuel back to West Branch Friday afternoon, after she had spent a week here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer and Mr. and Mrs. George Keiffer made a trip up north to Indian River, visiting a niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Don Reneca. They also made a visit to the big Crucifix Shrine.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sheppard spent a few days in New York with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Merrill

and family.

Josephine Bengal of Mt. Pleasant spent Monday with Mrs. Lavina Elias and Mrs. Wendel Simmer and family.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Bill Theisen of Mt. Pleasant moved into a house on the east side of the Coldwater River. Jim Theisen is putting in walls under it.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder entertained their grandsons the past two weeks. Their home is down near Lansing.

Emil Lueder celebrated his birthday last week.

Jerry and Jane Schafer and children of Rosebush had a picnic here Sunday with us. Other guests were Walt and Delle Wischmeyer and Emil and Edith Lueder.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

MORE ABOUT PIGWEED

I had a letter from my friend, Mrs. Edith Neelands, and she said her folks used to make a milk gravy with the pigweed, and they liked it.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dutcher were Wednesday callers at the Charlie Losey home. Floyd Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilkinson of Ashtabula, Ohio, were Wednesday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad, Nancy Losey and Harold Losey were Saturday dinner guests. Mrs. Edith Essenberg called Saturday afternoon, and took Hattie some cucumbers. Ivan Dutcher was a Sunday evening caller.

Mrs. Minnie Strauch fell Sunday and injured her knee. She was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and granddaughter, Terry Touchinski, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Monroe spent Sunday at Grey's Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were Sunday supper guests of the Dick Touchinskis.

The Benn Johnsons attended an Extension picnic at Horsehead Lake Friday, and attended the Firemen's Ball at Beal City Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyall Crowley of Pontiac and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright attended the Wagenman reunion at the Coldwater Township Park Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow called at Reed City Sunday to see Fred Rounds, who has been sick. They found him feeling better. Mr. and Mrs. Cy Ryan of Marion were Sunday afternoon callers of the Mack Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Crowley were Saturday supper guests of

Mrs. Flora Wood. Mrs. Wood attended the Wagenman reunion at the Coldwater Township Park Sunday.

Tim Workman was a Monday overnight guest at the Jim Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent called on Bob Kirvan Monday.

Mrs. Verna Cornell and Neva McWilliams brought 30 girls from the Home for Human Development to the Dent home for a picnic. Mrs. Linda Krueger and Bobby and Dan and Carl Moses were also picnic guests.

Mrs. Geraline Johnson was a Tuesday guest. Gerald and Mabel went to the Clare Hospital Wednesday to visit her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent went to Evans Lake Thursday to see the George Loomis family. Mrs. Loomis spent Friday with Mabel.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family called at the Dent home Saturday. Raymond Kirvan of Big Rapids was a Sunday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and boys attended the wedding of her nephew, Bill Rau, and Miss Lee Ann Davis Saturday evening at Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilkinson from Ohio were Friday dinner guests of the Sterling

Oplingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent attended the funeral of Bill Hoover in Lansing Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Swan and two daughters were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow. Mrs. Nina Green and friend, Mrs. Bessie Mercer, were afternoon guests.

Mrs. Ida Bazaire of Weidman was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Opal Denslow. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Labo of Owosso were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin went to see her father, Leo Bahr, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Bahr were Tuesday guests at the Martin home. Richard Grewett was a Saturday evening caller. George Davis spent the week at the Martin home.

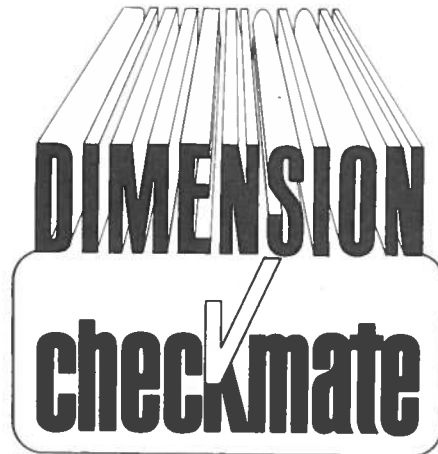
Mrs. Alma White and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins attended the Blodgett and Perry reunion at Sherman City Sunday.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon and Minerva Owens were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and family. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were also visitors.

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Max Girard did his own butchering, and lived in a house where the Fred Wilcoxes now have their home. He butchered animals in the old slaughter house we oldsters remember, just around the curve in the Air Line Road, on property now owned by Mrs. John Campbell (Vera Tvorik).

George Drallette, on taking over Girard's business, bought three hogs for butchering, to the amazement and dismay of other businessmen here. "You'll go broke," they warned him.

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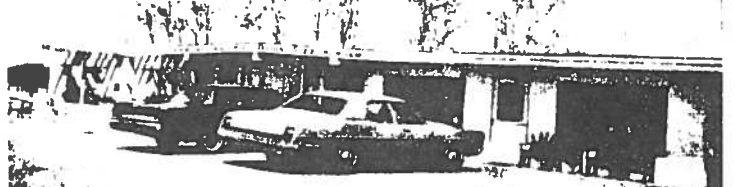
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Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Krueger and family attended the All Star Peewee and Little League baseball games Saturday at the softball park in Weidman. Teams from nearby towns participated. The B Division won both games and trophies.

Mrs. Leona Courser and Mrs. Ella Cox were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Lola Reed of Deerfield Center.

The C. M. B. Club met with Mrs. Myron Johnston Thursday, with good attendance.

Connie Foster left Sunday for a United Methodist Church camp for a week at Lake Louise.

Miss Regina Faber called on Mrs. Kate Martin Monday. Mrs. Martin attended the 96th birthday celebration for Harry Hauck at the K. C. Hall in Beal City Sunday.

Stanley Grewett of Roseville and Mrs. Sally Vendenbrook and Gary of Mt. Clemens were Thursday evening visitors of Mrs. Martin and Ray.

Mrs. Frank Haupt was recovering nicely from surgery last week at CMC Hospital.

Mrs. Minnie Strauch of Mt. Pleasant fell at her home Sunday morning and is in CMC Hospital.

Blanche Carr and Claribel Beutler attended Busy Bees at the home of Mrs. Carl Beutler Thursday.

I was a dinner guest of Mrs. Eva Denslow Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher.

Mrs. Jack Lieder and Mrs. Herman Lueder took a trip to the sand dunes with the Senior Citizens' group Friday.

Mrs. Lieder spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Lovica Krueger. Carl Keaneman and Chris Hendrix of Detroit were weekend guests of the Jack Lieders.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Toarmina of St. Clair Shores were Tuesday and Wednesday guests of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar. The Toarminas took Nettie and Jay to visit the Walter Caukins, Sr., and the Walter Caukins, Jr., at Secord Lake Wednesday. Mrs. Barbara Crowley and three daughters and Mrs. Bob Cook visited at the Crowley and Leinaar home Friday.

Mrs. Lorraine Shultz of Lansing was a weekend guest of her mother and brother, Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold. Mrs. Otto Lueder and Mrs. Paul Lueder were Saturday callers.

Ray Flaughter is home from Ford Hospital, and improving. Debbie and Diane Flaughter stayed a few days with their grandparents while their folks were on vacation. Kim and Becky Flaughter are spending a few days with Minnie and Ray. Russell and Steve were Monday visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee called Thursday,

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer were Monday supper guests of mine, and roofed my porch.

Mrs. Choice Foster called on Mrs. Fred Rescoe Sunday at CMC Hospital. She also visited Leon McArthur.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Granger of rural Harrison were Sunday afternoon callers of Connie Skinner and Frances Tranbarger.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

ENJOY NORTHERN TRIP

Max, Kay and Kelly Aldrich and Debbie Clark left Sunday, Aug. 5, for the Traverse City area, where they stay two days sightseeing, then they went over to Petoskey and spent the night.

They went on to Indian River and stayed at Burt Park. The wind was too strong for them to do much fishing, but they still tried.

They made many new friends at the campsite, from Ohio, Indiana, and Detroit and Midland.

The all had a very nice week. On their way home they stopped at the Fred Bear Museum.

The Englands have a beautiful new trailer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and Judy and Jerry spent Saturday night with their son and family, the Jim Abbotts, at Charlotte. Sunday Norman's family and Jim's family and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Ball went to Potter Park for a picnic.

Al Woodbury and Laura Latham spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Silvernail and other relatives at Byron Center. Laura went home with a cousin, Thelma Schneider, and husband of Grand Rapids, for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys went on vacation last week. They spent several days at Cedar Point, then came back to Michigan and camped at School Section Lake, returning home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family spent a few days last week with Wanda Graham and girls, and with his parents, the John Gotts. Tina helped me while they were here.

Becky Graham and Bruce Parks called on her grandparents Sunday evening. Ruth and Dennis Huber and son called Monday morning, so I was late with my news that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Olger of Canadian Lakes called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger Sunday.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs were Thursday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague.

Mrs. Fred Wilcox and Mrs.

Spike Branson and four girls were in Sparta on business last

Thursday. They also called on Fred's sister in Ionia.

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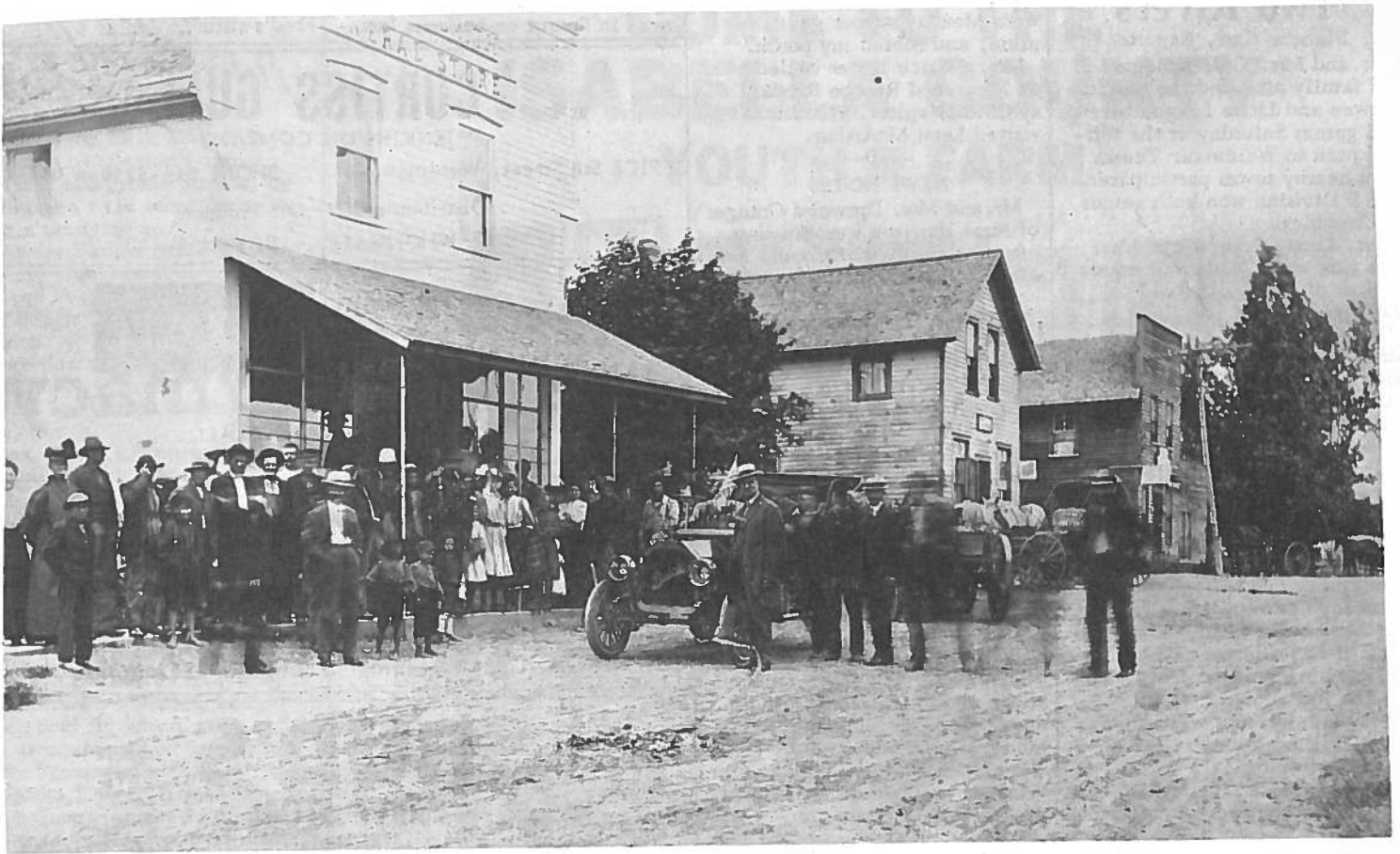
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IN 1908 THE GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN MADE AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN STOP IN BEAL CITY--Gov. Fred M. Warner, on a re-election campaign tour, stopped off in Beal City to talk with the folks. Note the snazzy Buick car parked in front of the Smith General Store, and the crowd of Nottawa people come to see the Governor. Photo loaned the Messenger by Claribel Beutler.

Editor's Column

By Connie

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adequate table scraps to feed even a cat, much less a dog. And even fewer families keep cows for family use, so milk from the barn is no longer the easy way to feed pets.

Then there's inoculation shots against at least three diseases; there's the once-in-three-years rabies shot; and last but not least, there the proposition that, if you care about your pet you'll have it "fixed": Castration for a male dog (about \$10 to \$15); spaying for a female (cats about \$17, dogs about \$20).

Then--and this is the law, not just an I-can-take-it-or-leave-it proposition--there's the matter of buying licenses to own dogs.

Very few citizens of Isabella County buy dog licenses each year, for the reason that there's no penalty, as yet, for not buying them.

Yet, it is the law. A dog must have a license or (state law says) its owner is liable to a \$100 fine or 90 days in jail.

Trouble is, Isabella County officials do not enforce this law, or even empower the dog warden to pick up and kill unlicensed

dogs.

A pity.

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TELEPHONE LINES GOING UNDERGROUND IN WEIDMAN

General Telephone Company workmen were laying cables under ground in Weidman Monday, starting on the northwest side, the Airline Road, coming in on the Coldwater Road, from the south.

The project is a large one, beginning with cables already laid in rural areas. It is scheduled for completion during the last quarter of 1973.

It reduces the number of rural customers on any line to four parties, a relief to many.

In addition to being protected from damage by wind, rain, lightning and other dangers to exposed cable, which cause service interruption, the buried cable helps preserve the natural beauty of the environment.

Telephone service in Weidman Monday morning was slightly erratic, as noticed by the Messenger, calling local numbers for local items, but the interruptions were not serious.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider and Alan, Joanne and Sue Ann attended the Buxton family reunion at Crystal Lake Sunday. About 50 family members were present.

ISABELLA COUNTY FAIR STARTS AUG. 20

The Isabella County Youth and Farm Fair starts next Monday, Aug. 20, to run through the week.

The midway opens Monday at 6 p. m. At 6.30 p. m. a Class D tractor pulling contest will be held. Monday night only there will be free grandstand seats.

Tuesday is Entry Day. At 8 p. m. the Miss Isabella County pageant will be held.

Wednesday is Children's Day. Also an Open Class horse show at 9.30 a. m., and at 1 p. m. another tractor pulling. At night at 8, is the Demolition Derby thrill show before the grandstand.

Thursday is Dairy Day, with a judging and showmanship contest. At 7.30 p. m. the livestock parade will take place. At 8 p. m. the annual livestock auction will be held.

Friday is Merchants' Day.

The weekend's activities start at 7 p. m., with two performances of the Hank Snow Show, then and at 9. Between the performances, at 8 there will be presentation of 4-H special awards.

Saturday is Senior Citizens' Day. At 1 p. m. a horse pulling contest is scheduled, and two performances of the Kitty Wells

and cast show, at 7 and 9, are featured.

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REBEKAH CARD PARTY

At the Rebekah sponsored card party last Tuesday afternoon at the Oddfellows Hall in Weidman Gertrude Gross won high-score prize for the ladies, E. Amsty first for the men.

Elizabeth Neubecker won the pepper prize, Barney Gallagher won low, and Eva Phillips won the door prize.

The serving committee was Margaret Mullet and Ruby Douglas.

The next party at the Oddfellows Hall in Weidman will be Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 21. Everyone everywhere is invited.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Leila Shook returned last Thursday from a camping trip around Petoskey, Traverse City and the Leelanau Peninsula. Her sister, Mrs. Gladys Gillespie, and her daughter, Joy, enjoyed the trip with her. Leina's family like to travel, but they don't hit the resort spots. They take country roads and enjoy the unspoiled parts of the country, from New England to the west and to all parts of Michigan. They are intensely interested in historical artifacts and reminders of pioneer days, here and all over the United States.