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Editor's Column

By Connie

WE ALSO HAVE SOME SAD THINGS IN WEIDMAN, MICH.

Along with oodles of wonderful advantages, Weidman, Mich. has a few sad angles which we feel we have to report.

One of the saddest is the unbridled mania for destruction by some of the young things in the area; destruction of anything and everything they can lay their hands on--especially if it's something that cost a lot of work by volunteers, such as the pavilion in Mitchell Memorial Park, and other hard-earned nicer details around town.

And one of the saddest details of this urge for destruction is the chiseling off of a small angel on the grave of the infant daughter of one of our local couples.

"We used to look over there every time we drove past the cemetery," the mother told us, "and somehow it was comforting, just to see that little granite angel on the tiny headstone. Now I can't bear to look there."

The incident was reported to the State Police, who naturally have been unable to apprehend the culprit or culprits. Whoever would do such a senseless and cruel thing would naturally hide the evidence.

We grieve along with the parents over this vandalism in our cemetery on the east edge of town.

FEBRUARY IS BIRTHDAY MONTH

Along with a batch of other Weidman people, Ye Ed had her 72nd birthday Sunday, and was a dinner guest of her sister, Frances Tranbarger, on the momentous occasion.

Frances gave us a lovely blue-pink-and-white table bouquet as one of our birthday presents.

Flowers sure do look good in this February cold!

Sometimes it's hard to remember that all the spring flowers are just sleeping, out there under the snow and ice.

But they're there. All we have to do is get rid of February, fortunately a short month, and

HARD AT WORK ON PLANS FOR SECOND LIL' MAC ROAST PIG DINNER AND DAY

Firemen and members of the Weidman Business Association and the Beal City Business Association are hard at work getting ready for the second annual Lil' Mac roast pig dinner and snowmobile fun-day a week from Sunday, Feb. 17.

The Firemen and their wives carry the brunt of the work load, with leadership and hard labor provided by a few individuals, headed by Harry Pung and Bob Kirvan.

Bob is an old Fireman of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Department, and he always has pitched in on any project to benefit the Firemen and/or the community. He was one of the head engineers on the building of the Lil' Mac Bridge, a snowmobile-only crossing of the Chippewa River. He has always helped on the annual Firemen's Auction Sales in early spring, and is rated as one of the best for help on any Fire Department or community project. He helped on the initial work of getting firewood to the celebration site several weeks ago, a cold and hard job. He also will assist Harry Pung in the job of roasting four whole pigs over charcoal fires on the Lil' Mac celebration day.

So far the Firemen have had three meetings preparatory to organizing the big event, with another meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 12, evening.

Feb. 15, Friday evening, there will be a work bee at the Fire Hall when everybody takes in contributions to be readied for the big dinner Feb. 17.

There will be seven bushels of
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then we can look forward to spring.

Whee.

Our pussy willows at the dining room door are nearly ready to come in the house and open out into pinkish velvet. They're the first foretaste of spring in any year, and welcome--!!!

Anyhow, here's the first week of old February gone already; only three to go, and then old March blows in. Maybe it'll bring below-zero weather, but no matter. Next after March is April, and Spring!!



ALTON ALLEN

Alton Allen passed away Sunday morning, Feb. 3, at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, after a long illness. He was 71.

He was a retired partner in the large Allen Lumber Company enterprises, which included the development of Lake of the Hills, and other land and building projects.

He and his wife, Beatrice, came to Weidman in the spring of 1960 from Alma, where both Alton and his son, Ivan, worked for a lumber company.

In 1961 they purchased the Weidman Lumber Company, owned by Bernard Woodruff, and since then the Allen company has greatly enlarged the business, built two new buildings (their first one the modest offices on the corner of Bridge Street and Woodruff Road), and recently the company moved into its very large new building at the site of the lumber yard, on the west side of Woodruff Road.

Alton Allen was born July 24, 1902, in Wheeler, Mich.

In 1925 he was united in marriage to Beatrice Green of Wheeler, and to this union were born three sons, Alton, Junior, Rev. Carl R. Allen, and Ivan D. Allen. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; a brother, Orla, of Saginaw; a sister, Mrs. Fred (Roselee) Bioginia, of California.

ARLO ALLEN DROWNS IN LAKE ISABELLA SATURDAY

Arlo A. Allen, a resident of Coldwater Lake, drowned Saturday night in Lake Isabella when his snowmobile broke through ice estimated at one to two inches thick.

He was with a party of snowmobilers, carrying a passenger, Charles A. Smith of Big Rapids, on his snowmobile and followed by Robert Smith and his wife, Beverly, who also went through the ice and into the water.

Charles Smith was treated at CMC Hospital and released, as were also Robert Smith and his wife.

They all were in deep water 15 to 20 minutes before being pulled out.

Mr. Allen was dead on arrival at the hospital.

The accident occurred at 10.22 Saturday night.

Mrs. Allen, it was reported, was in Australia with her mother, visiting a brother they had not seen for some years. She was notified, and returned immediately.

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WEIDMAN SCHOOL HAS SIX STUDENT TEACHERS

The Weidman Elementary School has six student teachers from CMU this semester, according to word from Harry Howard, principal.

The six will be with the local school until May 10, Mr. Howard said this week.

The school believes that new ideas brought in by the student teachers can be of great benefit to area students, Mr. Howard pointed out.

"The flexibility of team attitudes allows us to put a person with a certain strength in the proper place at the proper time," Mr. Howard said.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

He was a member of the Weidman Church of the Nazarene, and an active worker in the church.

Funeral services were held at 1 p. m. Wednesday in the Weidman Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Wright officiating and Rev. James Adams of St. Louis giving the sermon. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery at Alma.

The family has the sympathy of all.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hunt and a group of friends from Warren, Mich., spent the weekend at their mobile home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grewett and family of Detroit were weekend guests of the Joe Martin family.

Mrs. Opal Denslow was a Sunday guest of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Bob Thompson spent Saturday evening with Tim Workman, at Alma College.

Mrs. Al Cochran and Mickey and Tim Jackson were Sunday guests at the Gerald Losey home.

My Sunday afternoon callers were Patti Losey, Tim Jackson, Mrs. Hattie Losey and Mrs. Lois Losey.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee spent Sunday with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow.

Carl and Ellen Geasler were Friday afternoon guests of Mrs. Flora Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood were Saturday callers.

Mrs. Wood was a Sunday dinner guest at the Vance Wood home.

Mrs. Mabel Dent spent from Tuesday till Saturday with her son, Harry, and family in Lansing. Gerald went down Friday night to bring her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family and Bob Kirvan were Sunday guests at the Dent home. Elwood Miller was a Saturday evening caller. Gerald and Mabel called on her mother Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Cummins and Mrs. Alma White were Sunday callers at the Alva Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey were Sunday afternoon callers of the Charlie Loseys.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and children, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright and George Miller were Thursday supper guests of the Elwood Millers.

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Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley. The Conleys were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman at Crooked Lake.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and family were her mother and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bates, of Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray were Friday visitors of the Gary Portenga family, and were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe of Brinton. Their weekend guests were her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCaige, of Lansing, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bachelor, and family, also

from Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Forbes and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Terwilliger were Saturday visitors of the Portengas. Mark Denslow spent last week with them, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow, were on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Backer spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family. Callers at the Leiter home during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and family. Ira Leiter celebrated his 75th birthday Saturday, Feb. 2. Happy Birthday, Ira, and Happy Birthday to Elaine (Mrs. Greg Leiter), whose birthday was also on the second.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck were Thursday evening visitors at the Austin Dent home. They spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Art Savage in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Frantz of Mecosta were Friday evening visitors at the Dillenbeck home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis and Mildred DeVary were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patterson of Marion and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dosenberry of Williamston were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock enjoyed snowmobiling at Mott Mountain Sunday afternoon, and were supper guests of her mother, Mrs. Edmund Owens. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock one evening during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blaine were Sunday supper guests at the Violet Groh home. Eva is home from St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor, and is feeling fairly well.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and family were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gross in Reed City.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips called on Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry Sunday.

Visitors at our place last week were Albert Gott of Winn, Richard Gott. Zena Olger had supper with us and spent the evening Tuesday. Debbie Graham stayed all night with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott and son, Casey, of Winn, called on us Thursday. We went to the Daggett Funeral Home Friday at Barryton to show our respect to the family of Colin Drake.

Saturday Mrs. Mary Gott and Linda Peacock and daughter, Diana, were visitors at our place. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Al-

len of Lansing called. Monday Violet Carr and Ruth Ouderkirk and I were in Mt. Pleasant all

day Monday.

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1899 LAND OWNERSHIP PLATS Of Coldwater, Gilmore, Sherman, Nottawa, Broomfield and Deerfield Townships; and Village Plats of Weidman, showing the railroad cutting through town and crossing the road twice; the Village of Brinton, showing the location of the charcoal kilns; also village plats of Sherman City and Winn. Supply is limited. Now on sale at most business places in Weidman, and of course at the Messenger office. Sponsored by the Weidman Business Association, a non-profit organization. The old-time plats are also on sale in Beal City, which is preparing for its centennial in 1975.
 Jan. 31tf

FOR RENT--12x50 Trailer Home on lake in Weidman area. Call 644-2358.
 Feb. 7tf

BAKE SALE--March of Dimes, Feb. 16, at Fox Hardware, Weidman, on Saturday, 9 a. m.
 Feb. 7t2

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE. Call Harland Snider, Weidman, phone 644-2381.
 Dec. 13tf

OVERDUE BOOKS--From the Gladys McArthur Public Library in Weidman. Please check your library books and bring in delinquent volumes.
 Jan. 10tf

BETTER THAN A LETTER

LOST--Brown, long haired cocker-sheep dog, male. Wearing collar with his tag, and a harness, curly hair. Lost Feb. 1. Please call 644-3515. or 644-2224. Reward for return.
 Feb. 7t1

HELP WANTED--On dairy farm. Must have some experience. Apply in person to Gerald Recker, 838 South Coldwater Road, Weidman Route 1.
 Feb. 7t2

GENERAL ELECTRIC--Automatic Washer for sale. Very good condition. Ph. 644-3557.
 Jan. 31t2

BACKHOE WORK--Drain fields dug, stones and stumps removed or buried, etc. Free estimates. Bill Wilcox, ph. 644-3490.
 Aug. 6tf

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 Feb. 7tf

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NEWS NOTES

Chris, Brian and David Embrey stayed with their grandparents, the Carl Embreys, while their parents, the Dennis Embreys, were on a snowmobile safari across the Straits. Richard Embrey also was in the party. Mrs. Grace Pitts spent the weekend with her daughter, Elaine Esterline, in Farwell.

Obituary

MARY W. SCHMIDT
 Mrs. Mary W. Schmidt died Thursday, Jan. 31, in St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, at the age of 73.

She was born in Nottawa Township, and was a lifelong resident of the area. She had spent the past two winters in Florida, returning to her home here each spring.

She was a member of the Altar Society of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, and the Beal City Senior Citizens. She was a retired school teacher.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 4, at 10 a. m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church, with Father Duecke officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She is survived by five daughters, Miss Theresa Schmidt of St. Clair Shores, Mrs. Mary Beth Davis of Frankenmuth, Mrs. Janet Beizai of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mrs. Martha Ann Andrus and Mrs. Mrs. Kathleen Canel, both of Saginaw; three sons, Francis of Lansing, William of Mt. Morris and Alvin of Beal City; and one sister, Mrs. Isabella Martin, of Beal City.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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Local Items

Mrs. Gene McArthur hosted a baby shower for her daughter, Mrs. Jeannie Spence, Thursday evening. A large crowd of ladies attended, and she received many lovely gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family spent the weekend with the Arthur Adams family at Pickford, in the Upper Peninsula.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips were in Clare Friday, and from there went to Winn to visit their niece, Mrs. Paul Bigelow, and family. They enjoyed a ride Sunday to Gladwin.

Mrs. Stuart Graham of rural Farwell was a Tuesday luncheon guest of Mrs. Grace Pitts. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts were Friday luncheon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider were in Frankenmuth Friday.

"NOW THE DAYS BEGIN TO LENTHEN, AND THE COLD BEGINS TO STRENGTHEN"...

Thermometers around Weidman registered nine degrees below zero Tuesday morning, Feb. 5. Truly, February cold is cold.

While we had a generally mild winter through the main part, we have to face this month of cold, cold, cold; and then we face March, which can be anything--and always is--in Michigan.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and boys were Sunday dinner guests of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vander Reid, of Beaverton.

Mrs. Martin Boger entertained the Brinton Quilting Club in her home last Tuesday.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson is back home since her quite long stay with her daughters. She is feeling much better, after being quite sick. She reports that her sister, Miss Ruth Border, is much better, and will be back to stay with her again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee were recent dinner guests of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee.

Bruce Hamilton and children, Sarah and Brian, called on old friends and neighbors here Sunday. They called on the Paul Coles, among others.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and Pam, Lynn and Mike visited their daughter, Bobbie, at Harrison, Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Allbee and mother, Mrs. Julius Allbee, visited their doctor at Greenville Friday.

The Paul Coles visited Mrs. Flossie Jarman and Owen in Rosebush Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Parnes visited the Paul Coles Thursday evening.

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EARL BLODGETT RECALLS OLD SHERMAN CITY DAYS

Earl Blodgett came in to the Messenger office one day last week and bought some of the 1899 land-ownership plats, including the plat of Sherman City. He reminisced about the old days in that once-thriving village.

His parents moved on their home place in 1902, south and southwest of Sherman City, when Earl was nine months old. They first bought 40 acres from a railroad company in Sheridan Township, Mecosta County, then took on 80 acres in Sec. '6 in Sherman Township, Isabella. Earl's father was Francis Lafayette Blodgett, and the family grew up in the Sherman City area.

Earl says that Gil Johnson owned most of the land thereabouts. Mack MacKersie was Justice of the Peace, Ed Estes ran the flour mill, one of the best in the state, Earl says.

There was the McDowell Cheese Factory, a non-denominational church, the Sherman City post office, a school, two grocery stores, six hotels, one blacksmith shop, Dr. Soper's office, the Maccabee Hall, a hardware store, and John Cameron's Drug Store.

When timber in that area was cut and sawed and shipped, however, Sherman City rapidly went down.

Once it was a bustling town.

NEW HELP AGENCY IN ISABELLA COUNTY

A new agency devoted to volunteer help for problem pregnancies has been established in Isabella County. It is called "Lifeline--Pregnancy Aid of Central Michigan, Inc."

Its sole purpose is to help girls with problem pregnancies, according to a spokesman for the group. The agency has professional counsellors, and access to various government agencies for financial aid for such girls.

It is a separate organization from the Right to Life group, which is active against abortion on demand. This group has a positive approach in trying to help girls and women, single or married, who contact them. They can give assistance in the line of medical help, expert counselling, and also each member is pledged to act in the capacity of friend to any girl or woman who needs friendship and help.

They have no funds as such. All work and all supplies, such as clothing for expectant mothers and babies, are donated. At present the group needs maternity clothing, all sizes; and layettes, new or nearly new;

The group has a charter as a charitable institution, and any money donations to it are tax deductible.

It will be affiliated with the national group of Abortion Alternatives, Inc. This is a worldwide federation of pro-life emergency pregnancy services.

The Isabella County group has regular office hours in the Commercial Building in Mt. Pleasant. Its hours are 4 to 6 p.m. Mondays, 2 to 4 Wednesdays, and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday. Its telephone number is 772-3432.

At present the group is seeking people who might license their homes to help girls who need homes during pregnancy and afterward. Licensing of homes can be made through the Bureau of Social Services in the County Building at Mt. Pleasant.

The Lifeline--Pregnancy Aid of Central Michigan held a formal opening of its offices in Room 6 in the Commercial Building in Mt. Pleasant Monday, Feb. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. ---0---

WEIDMAN SCHOOL PUTS ON PAPER DRIVE

Students and the staff at the Weidman Elementary School are planning a paper collection drive that will continue through the school year.

Their first paper drive was very successful, Harry Howard, the school's principal, said this week. The school hopes to have the co-operation of all area citizens. ---0---

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Who first said, "If you want something done, ask the busiest person in sight?"

As I recall, Dad homesteaded 160 acres and bought the other 80 acres a bit later, so it is possible that only the homesteaded land is shown (on the old plat).

In any event, I'd like one of the Sherman Township plats and am enclosing a dollar bill (trusting you with cash with that vast sum).

Have a letter from Diane Bemm, asking some questions, and will try to answer her today. My desk has literally "gone to weeds" this month.

My grandson has been married

only two years, and of course they are struggling to get their home all fixed up.

They had no blinds or curtains for my room, and I stunned his young wife by hand-sewing cottage-style curtains, cut from a set of bed linen which they could not use on a water bed. Took me a month, but I finished the last stitch last night. How's that for a half-blind and very weak 76-year-old grandma!

Their generation has not had to learn how to "make do" as yours and mine did. They bought very pretty rods, which are already installed and Mona (wife) will now press all the hand-sewed seams, and she wants to find a ball of heavy colored yarn to use for the tie-backs. If I do say so, they're right purty, though of course the sewing wouldn't pass a tailor's inspection. Some days I had to feel around to find where to put my needle.

We are in the midst of our rainy season, which means many dark days.

Thank you, dear friend.

Most sincerely,
Lylah (Fleming) Simmers
California
(Three large windows!)

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Dear Mrs. Skinner:

I received this clipping taken from the Bradenton Herald and sent to me by Mrs. Bernice Cook, my cousin, who resides in the Bradenton Trailer Park.

I guess things in the way of amusement are not too rosy in

Florida.

Sincerely,
Egbert Fordyce
Farwell

(Editor's Note: The clipping was headed, "Tourist Industry Suffers," and said that tourist attractions in Florida are feeling the pinch of the energy crisis. It said that business down there is down by as much as a third in some locations. Some have laid off workers, others may lay off workers soon.

(It said that St. Petersburg's Sunken Gardens attendance dropped 35 percent, and Disney World had a December drop of 10 percent. It urged exemption for Florida from the gasless Sunday rule.) ---0---

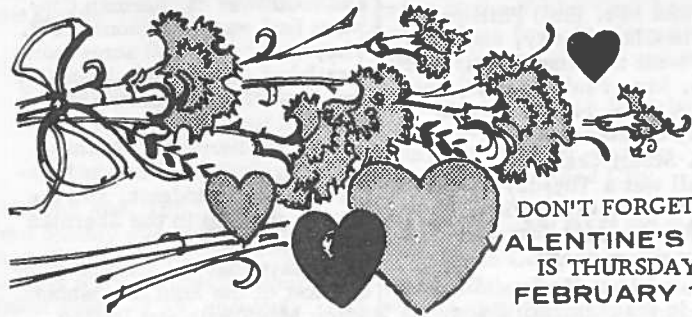
Local Items

All the children of the Alton Allens were here over the weekend, due to the death of their father, Alton Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan of Barryton, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wood of Bay City were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood.

Mrs. Martin Boger and Mrs. Wm. Estes were Saturday afternoon callers of Mrs. Nina Forbes. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullet were Sunday afternoon callers. Mrs. Clara Smith was a caller Thursday afternoon.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Dorothy Dickerson, sister of Monica Grinzinger and Coletta Gross, died in Florida. Her funeral was Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shanahan of Flint spent the weekend with relatives here.

Dorothy Tilmann called on Louise Smith Monday morning and took her a quilt to quilt.

Mrs. Tony Tilmann called on Mrs. Smith Wednesday afternoon. Ella Tilmann spent some time Wednesday afternoon at the Tony Tilmanns'.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau had Tuesday dinner with Mrs. John E. Schafer.

Steve Smith of Florida spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau had supper Tuesday with Mrs. Clara Fox and her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Judge.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Hansen are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Dora Smith called on June Blasen and Theresa Smith Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hessler of Big Rapids spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tilmann.

The Altar Society met Thursday evening, and the ladies enjoyed cards and a nice lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKenzie and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Theisen attended the funeral of Mrs. Helen Durocher at Lake Station Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Kavanaugh spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer

spent Thursday evening with Mrs. Tony Schafer. Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard were Wednesday visitors.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schumacher was baptized at the 8.30 Mass Saturday. The parents hosted a party afterward.

Callers at the home of Louise Smith Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith and Delores and Brian Gould, Mrs. Pat Adams and son, Mark, Mrs. Paul Gross and son and daughter and Ginger Rau.

Beatrice Sheahan and Louise Schafer spent Friday evening with Ori Farner.

Bob and Mark Sheahan went to a birthday party for Joe Quillen Friday evening.

Norm Schafer and family of Shepherd spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Billy, Bruce and Larry Sheahan attended a birthday party for Chuck Quillen Sunday.

Howard Schafer spent the past week with his son, Peter, at Battle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tilmann and Matie Pung went to Cadillac Sunday afternoon to visit Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Dahlquist.

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SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 16 1/2 TABLES IN PLAY AT CARD PARTY THURSDAY

At the regular Senior Citizens' card party at the Beal City K. of C. Hall last Thursday afternoon, there were 16 1/2 tables of pepper in play.

Ruth Gallagher won high-score prize for the ladies, with Viola Engler winning second. Leona Martin won low.

Stub Beutler won first for the men, with Father Neubecker winning second. Barney Gallagher

won low.

Christina Bierschbach won the pepper prize. Catherine Schumacher won the door prize.

Cookies and coffee were served for refreshments.

The next card party at the Beal City hall will be Thursday afternoon, Feb. 14.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

Ed and I returned from a trip to the southern states Tuesday afternoon. We left Jan. 7, and went to Nashville, Tenn., where we took a tour through the city, then we went to Pine Mountain, Ga., where we visited the beautiful Callaway Gardens. From there we visited the Weeki Wachee shows in Florida. We went back to Tennessee and spent almost a week with our daughter, Ruth Ann Sherlock, and family at Morristown. They took us to the Cudjo Caverns and we enjoyed a picnic lunch along the way. We had an enjoyable vacation, but were very happy to be back home. We had no trouble getting gas, and found it cheaper outside Michigan.

Don and Judy Schafer and girls called on us Friday evening, and we spent the evening playing cards.

Ed, Bob and I called on the Gerald Schafer family at Rosebush Thursday evening.

Lynn Schafer and son, Brian,

were in a car accident Friday afternoon, but were not injured.

Walt and Della Wischmeyer called on us Saturday afternoon, to welcome us home.

Many from this area attended the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Father Edward Neubecker Sunday afternoon at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City. Congratulations, Father!

Tuesday morning Loretta Lorenz called on Helen Simmer and Rose Schafer of Beal City.

We were very sorry to hear of the deaths of Herman and George Voisin of Mt. Pleasant. Also Louie Bowien of Detroit, and Mary Schmidt of Beal City. Our deepest sympathy to their families.

Saturday evening this community was saddened by the tragedy that resulted in the death of a neighbor, Arlo (Ike) Allen. Our deepest sympathy to his family. Mr. Allen's wife, Josephine, and mother, Mrs. Brazier, were visiting a brother in Australia and had to be called home.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Catherine Schumacher of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Reynolds of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. R.D. was scheduled to return to Ann Arbor Tuesday for a checkup on his eye, after a second operation on it.

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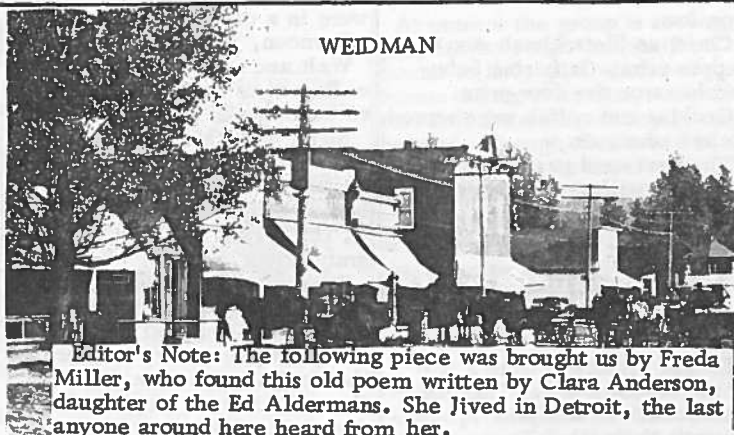
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WEIDMAN



Editor's Note: The following piece was brought us by Freda Miller, who found this old poem written by Clara Anderson, daughter of the Ed Aldermans. She lived in Detroit, the last anyone around here heard from her.

Weidman is a little town, but very up-to-date.
We have two churches to attend: no matter if we're late.
If at any we are ill, there's no need to suffer in vain:
Two physicians to attend us, Drs. Southwick and Payne.

Walker Creek and the Coldwater are stocked with fish galore.
We have one train a day, but sometime we'll have more.
At Stoney and Leaman's milliner shop the hats are all in style.
When you're tired, come in the hotel and rest a while.

We used to have two saloons, now the county has gone dry.
At N. P. Bachelder's lunch room you get delicious pie.
We have a first class jewelry store where you can buy wedding rings.

At Thompson's drug store you'll find good drugs and toilet things.

Down at Fuller's restaurant, pastry is for sale.
Parson keeps the postoffice, where you get your mail.
Otterbine's pool room includes a barber shop,
At Dawson's candy store you can buy all kinds of pop.

At Schmidt's shop, shoe repairing is neatly done;
On J. S. Weidman's mill pond, in winter we have fun.
Beebe has a blacksmith shop, the finest in the town.
Down at Mitchell's elevator the grain is finely ground.

Meats and poultry are eaten by most everyone;
The best in the world are sold by G. A. Drallete & Son.
M. D. Rand sells furniture, he's an undertaker, too.
Woolworth sells carriages that are good enough for you.

At Carr's or Russell's livery barns good horses can be hired.
We have some cement sidewalks, but much more are desired.
Dickens is a painter, and hangs paper on the wall.
You'll find a sample of his work in the Modern Woodman Hall.

Getchell sells real estate and writes the Weidman News.
Put your money in the Weidman Bank and you'll never lose.
If you are looking for groceries, or a neat fitting shoe,
Try Middlesworth, or Scott, or Drallette, or Schauppner & Kew.

Seven fraternal societies are in our little town.
If you are a member they will help you when you're down.
We have a High School, where the grades are up to ten.
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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe returned to Colorado Springs, Colo., where he was called back to work starting Sunday night.

I spent Sunday afternoon with Grace Seymour in Gilmore.

Elizabeth Conley reports her sister, Josephine Waid, of Lake, is in the Clare Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Loraine Conley and I joined Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen and attended installation of officers at the Oddfellows Hall in Farwell Wednesday evening.

Gilda Teeter and I were in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday, where she took the baby to the doctor at the Davis Clinic.

Violet Wright did some papering for Eva Gray in Mt. Pleasant, where she is now living.

Violet Wright, Eunice La Londe and Joe La Londe called on Joe's wife, Madelyn, at the hospital, Sunday.

Lewis Bowen attended a bingo party at the Oddfellows Hall in Farwell Saturday evening, where he assisted in the activities.

Irene spent the evening with their daughter, Connie Fletcher, of Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright spent Thursday with their daughter, Evelyn, and family in Grand Rapids.

Sorry to hear Madelyn La Londe had the misfortune of falling and fracturing her hip last Friday. She is in the Mt. Pleasant hospital, with what we hope is a speedy recovery. Her daughter, Pat Crook, from Cleveland, came Sunday to stay a few days.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Damitio Saturday evening.

Mrs. Sherry Eberbach of Lansing spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Millis and Craig of Grand Rapids spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Kit Johnson.

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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen of near Midland spent from Friday over night till Sunday afternoon with the Robert Dutchers. Wayne Mercer of Midland spent Saturday with them.

Robert Dutcher and Rex and David Dutcher and Glenn Owen called on us Sunday afternoon.

The Robert Dutchers and Jim Dutcher and Richard Dutcher were evening callers at our home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher called on the Larry Siscos of near Winn Saturday evening. Sunday they visited the Walter Howes and got the girls, who had been spending a few days with them.

Jack Dutcher and Orval Rowden of Pontiac spent last Sunday over night with the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher attended the funeral of Herbert Nixon at Mt. Pleasant Monday afternoon.

Beth Hogg called on the Dutchers during the week. Ervin and Goldie visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint had supper with me Friday evening. They called again Sunday evening, on their way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited the sick at the Lakeview Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Marcel Graham, Carol Miller, Beulah Perry and Fern Verette spent Thursday with Grace Fitzgerald.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark were Sunday callers at the Harry Gatehouse home.

Garry Dutcher visited Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beutler attended the Boat Show at Cobo Hall in Detroit Saturday.

The Howard Beutlers had Sunday dinner with Claribel Beutler, after church.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Carr and Beth and Mark Waters of Saginaw were Saturday supper guests of Blanche Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer and Elton called on me Monday evening. Pennie Plank was a Wednesday guest.

Blanche Carr spent the weekend with the Doyle Plank family at Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Loucks and daughter, Cathy, of Grand Ledge visited Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold Saturday evening.

Mrs. Rhode and Harold spent one evening last week with the Harry Allens.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen called on Mr. and Mrs. Murl Lonsberry of Grand Ledge Wednesday.

Feb. 16 a March of Dimes auction will be held at the Broomfield Grange Hall. It's a Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook are visiting their daughter, Darla, and family in Superior, Wisc.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sandborn spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen. The Sandborns are from Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines and family, the Bud Hines family of Winchester Dam, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry of rural Remus were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines, to honor their son, Ivan, on his birthday.

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen called on Mr. and Mrs. Willard Foote of Mecosta Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Foote were the Allens' neighbors down by Mason. He retired Feb. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Nettie Crowley and brother, Jay Leinaar.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Loucks and Kathy of Grand Ledge visited their grandmother, Mrs. E. R. Rhode, and Harold, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Nettie Crowley and brother, Jay Leinaar, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines. Evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen.

Ray Ehl and grandfather, Howard Blackmer, enjoyed ice fishing, and caught some nice pike.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

You folks certainly had an ice storm, by the looks of the pictures you had in the paper.

So far we have been lucky this winter. We did have about 10 days of cold weather the first of January, and the river really froze over. Last Sunday it broke up and we had an ice jam. Now it's all gone. Saw three boats this week, fishermen fishing for bullheads.

Do hope you and Frances are both feeling pretty good.

Here is our check for another year's subscription to the Weidman Messenger.

Howard and Olive Johnson
509 Ream Road
Fremont, Ohio

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Dear Connie:

Time to renew our subscription. So glad you are printing the Walker Creek news again.

We had a cold snap for over two weeks the fore part of January. Temperatures ranged from 10 above zero to below zero. One morning we had 14 below, with no wind, but it put a lot

of ice in the river, then it warmed up and rained hard for two days.

The river decided to clear itself of ice, and with the rain and ice jams, we had a flood. Tore out some of the electric line and we were without electricity for over a week. The phone service is still out.

We were high and dry on the hill, so we got along, and it didn't hurt our meadow. Some meadows were covered with debris and ice.

Love,
Ametta Bellows
Calder, Idaho

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**HARD AT WORK ON
LIL' MAC CELEBRATION**

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potatoes to clean and wrap for baking, among other chores,

Volunteers are needed for this job, and you don't have to belong to the Fire Squad or the WBA. Anyone willing to work is urged to be at the Fire Hall Friday evening, Feb. 15, to help get things ready for Sunday's feast.

Workers met at the Harry Pung home last week one evening and cleaned 100 pounds of beans. They met again this Wednesday night to sort another hundred pounds, for Evelyn Hackney's gourmet bean soup cooked in huge iron kettles over wood fires the day of the celebration. At last week's bean-cleaning session at Harry Pung's, we learn that Bob Kirvan did the cranking on the old hand-operated bean sorter for the whole evening.

Firemen had a bad time buying beans for the big soup-kettles this year. With navy beans listed at \$45 per hundred pounds, the Firemen were unable to get any reduction in price till they met Virgil Nelson, Manager of the Midland and Free land branches of Michigan Bean Company. He gave the Firemen a good buy on beans for community enjoyment.

Men and women are urged to set aside Friday evening, Feb. 15, to help the Firemen and Business Association people from Weidman and Beal City prepare potatoes for baking, and other details of the Sunday dinner on the Elwood Miller farm where the Lil' Mac Bridge has footing on the Millers' side of the river. For the Sunday, Feb. 17, celebration, there will be transportation from the parking site at the road turn-off to the camp site for all those without snow-mobiles.

Lil' Mac admission buttons are on sale at business places in Weidman and Beal City, and from any Fireman in Weidman or Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller, besides lending their beautiful fields for the big event, have donated a 110-pound lamb to be given away at 50 cents per ticket. Most business places in Weidman and Beal City also have these tickets.

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**DAN CARRICK WINS
WBA 50-50 CLUB PRIZE**

Dan Carrick was the winner in the \$50 50-50 Club prize last week, sponsored by the Weidman Business Association.

Tickets are on sale now for the ensuing drawing on the next prize kitty.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur were Sunday evening guests of the Gary McArthur family, celebrating Jean's birthday.

**TRACTOR FIRE RUINS
MACHINE, BARN UNDAMAGED**

A tractor belonging to Norman Vogel caught fire last Thursday at 6.30 p.m. and was declared about ruined. The machine backfired inside a pole barn on the Andrew Vogel place and burned. The barn escaped major damage.

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department answered a call to the farm.

The Firemen returned to the barn in Weidman to fill a water truck and found a water pump was not working.

Firemen worked from 7.30 to 10.30 p.m. washing trucks and repairing the water pump.

Thayne Sides took them parts from Fox Hardware to fix the water pump.

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**BENEFIT BAKE SALE FOR
MICHELLE CLARK BRINGS
\$200 TO HELP ON EXPENSES**

A benefit bake sale Saturday morning at the Fox Hardware Store in Weidman netted \$186, and the promoters of the sale, Leona and Loraine Buchel, put in enough to make it an even \$200 for the family of the hospitalized little girl.

Michelle's expenses are said to run about \$400 per day at the Burn Center in Ann Arbor, and she has been there since Dec. 2.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Clark, have been hearing from all kinds of organizations and individuals.

Mrs. Bennett Skinner writes

from Swartz Creek, and sends a clipping, apparently from the local paper, which announces a \$1,000 contribution from the Michigan Sheriff's Posse Association.

The family have a small son, Michael, and the mother has been staying with Michelle at the hospital in Ann Arbor.

Letters containing checks for amounts that count have been coming in also, from people who have read about the little girl's misfortune and her parents' financial dilemma.

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**FRIENDS, RELATIVES, HELP
FR. NEUBECKER CELEBRATE
HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

Friends and relatives from far and near gathered at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City Sunday afternoon to help Father Edward F. Neubecker celebrate his 50th anniversary as an ordained priest of the Catholic Church.

Father Neubecker had a Mass at the hall at 1 o'clock p.m., which was followed by a dinner served to about 125 relatives and close friends, at 2 o'clock. The dinner was put on by Father Neubecker's nieces and nephews.

Open House was held beginning at 3 p.m., and about 350 well-wishers, parishioners and friends paid him honor with their congratulations and good wishes.

Father Neubecker was born Oct. 3, 1895, and attended the Beal City parochial school as a child.

He attended St. Joseph's Seminary at Grand Rapids, and continued his education elsewhere.

He was ordained Feb. 3, 1924, and had his first Mass at St. Philomena's Church in Beal City (Now St. Joseph the Worker Church), on Feb. 6, 1924.

He went to Cadillac Feb. 18, 1924 and stayed there till August of 1928, when he became pastor of the Catholic Church at Beaver Island. He stayed there until October of 1931.

He became pastor of the Charlevoix Catholic Church, till May of 1940, when he was sent to Lake Leelanau. In May, 1946, he returned to Beal City to be pastor of his own home parish.

He retired in August of 1970 and lived at his home at Leland, near Lake Leelanau, until last year when he purchased the Ed Fox home in Weidman and has had a happy retirement among his own folks, here and in Beal City.

We add our congratulations to Father Neubecker, on a long and useful life. He has the respect and affection of all who know him.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Alton Allen reports the birth of a great-granddaughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Allen. Michael is a teacher in the St. Louis schools. The baby was born Monday, Feb. 4.

Denise Bellinger and Cindy were Monday morning callers of Bonnie Sprague.

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