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TRASH FIRE GETS AWAY, BURNS ACREAGE IN COLDWATER TOWNSHIP

A trash fire near a cluster of mobile homes in Sec. 13, Coldwater Township, got out of hand and burned over 25 to 30 acres before being brought under control by the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department, the DNR from Mt. Pleasant and a tractor and plow from the DNR field office at Harrison.

The fire allegedly was started by a minor, without a burning permit. Location of the origin of the fire was approximately a bit north of the Carl Geasler farm and home. It traveled in a north-east direction, according to Merle Aldrich of the Mt. Pleasant DNR, heading for the north shore of Littlefield Lake.

Damage included some wooded areas, fields, and some plantings of young pine trees near the mobile home settlement.

Weidman and Beal City Firemen were out from 2.30 to 4.30 Monday afternoon.

"If the person had called today (Monday) for a burning permit," a spokesman for the Fire Department told the Messenger, "it would not have been granted. It was too windy Monday for legal burning of trash."

There was no application for a burning permit, however.

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FIREMEN'S AUCTION SALE BRINGS OUT GOOD CROWD

The ever-popular annual auction sale put on by the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department Saturday night packed Weaver's Tavern with eager bidders and brought in a total of \$1,266.80.

The money will be used for needed equipment for the fire fighters.

Auctioneers were Bob Myers of Rosebush, Ben Weber of Beal City, and Grant Allen of Littlefield Lake.

The Firemen bought an auxiliary pump for one of the fire trucks, with money realized from the February hog roast at the Little Mac Bridge on the Elwood Miller farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Oberlin of Lansing were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs were also visitors.



THIRD ANNUAL LIONS CLUB RETIREE DINNER--Draws a good crowd. About 60 men were guests of the Lions, whose wives prepared and served chicken dinner with all the trimmings. A hundred and fifty invitations were sent to retirees in the Weidman area, with response from 100.



DR. AND MRS. E. H. KOWALESKI--Of Remus were honored guests, the doctor treating the party to a showing of colored slides he took three years ago in August, at the Great Bear Lake in northern Canada. Parts of the lake lie within the Arctic Circle. Messenger photos

Great Bear Lake is a place where sportsmen catch trophy lake trout, the Arctic char, something like speckled trout only much larger. Grayling are also prized catches on the great lake.

Dr. Kowaleski said there are two to three hours of darkness up there, then "daylight" from the midnight sun. He and his son

traveled 4,000 miles by plane to get to their fishing place.

Besides this entertainment, drawings were made for prizes, with winners as follows:

Orves Cook, first prize: A bolo tie made by Chuck Baker. Ed wawersik won a pocket watch. Herb Hochrein, a jackknife. Henry Schafer, a fish lure; and the

YOU MUST GET PERMIT TO BURN TRASH OR GRASS

A burning permit is required of all people intending to burn anything not contained in an approved-type trash barrel, the Nottawa and Sherman Fire Department said this week.

If you are planning to burn over a small piece of grassland, or a pile of brush accumulated from our winter ice storms, you should call the Fire Department at Weidman beforehand, after you get a permit, so the department will know you are burning.

You also must obtain a burning permit to burn a trash pile that is not in an approved barrel.

Permits may be obtained from Merle Aldrich, ph. 773-5713.

Saturday the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department had three grass fires on its hands at one time, during the afternoon. None of the owners had secured a burning permit.

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NEW LIFT FOR LOCAL RURAL MAIL SERVICE

Beginning Saturday, April 27, an auxiliary route will be added to the present rural route, Harry Herman, Postmaster, said this week.

This was brought about by the overburdened condition of the present rural route.

The change means that some families will have their addresses changed from R1 to R2A, Weidman. If you have not received a notice from the post office asking that you make this change in address, Postmaster Herman said, then your address will remain as R1, Weidman.

By adding an auxiliary route, all rural customers served by the Weidman post office will receive improved service by an earlier delivery of their mail, Postmaster Herman said.

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Mrs. Mildred Garner and son, Rex, of Vassar, were Sunday visitors of their sisters and aunts, Frances Tranbarger and Connie Skinner. They all enjoyed dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn.

Lions also presented Dr. Kowaleski with one.

The dinner was a great success, and the Lions are planning on further annual get-togethers for retired men around here.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Al Gross and Amy were Sunday afternoon guests at the Gerald Losey home.

Mrs. Dorothea Bergquist took her mother, Mrs. Flora Wood, to Grand Rapids to a hospital last Tuesday for her checkup. She received a very favorable report, and will not have to go back.

Mrs. Wood received a telephone call from her grandson, Richard Wood, who is in the Navy at New London, Conn., saying he has 90 days left in service, and will receive his discharge after five years of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller called on Mrs. Wood Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist are enjoying a two weeks' vacation in the southern states. They planned to go as far as Kentucky.

Mrs. Cora Shippee and Jane, Mrs. Alma Byron, Mrs. Lena Martin and Raymond Martin were Sunday visitors of the Joe Martin family.

Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Margaret Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of the Dean Denslows. Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Denslow called on Mrs. Eva Denslow in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended their card club at the Bill Murphy home near Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence and Mrs. Alma White were Sunday afternoon callers at the Alva Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and family, Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mrs. Mary Strait were Sunday dinner guests at the Mack Denslow home.

Mrs. Opal Denslow spent Sunday with her son, Junior, and family at Lakeview. They recently moved into their new home at Tamarack Lake, near Lakeview.

Mrs. Gilbert Wright and Mrs. Mary Thompson of Drayton Plains and Mrs. Betty Thompson were Thursday afternoon callers of Mrs. Paul Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family and Harold Losey were Sunday dinner guests at the Charlie Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and Lorri and Randy and Tom and Lisa Duffield and Mrs. Izora Wright of Drayton Plains were Wednesday overnight and Thursday guests at the Jim Thompson home. Thursday afternoon Mrs. Thompson and her guests called at the Wilbur Denslow home.

Larry Cummins and Mr. Bess from St. Louis were Sunday guests at the Tracy White home.

Bill Cummins is a patient in the Ann Arbor hospital.

Vance Wood spent three days

in Atlanta, Georgia, sent by the Michigan-Wisconsin Pipeline Company.

Mrs. Alma White called on me Monday morning.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Helen Alwood attended a kick-off tea Friday afternoon for the Cancer Society fund raiser. She is chairman for Weidman Town, and is looking for volunteer co-workers.

Joe Ptak returned home from CMC Hospital Friday, after spending three weeks there with a heart attack. He was feeling better, but has to be careful.

Mrs. Helen Alwood visited her mother, Mrs. Hermione Smith, Saturday afternoon in Mt. Pleasant. Hermione was in good spirits, and asked about family and old friends in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cramer of near Detroit called on her brother and family and also visited Joe Ptak in CMC Hospital.

Mrs. Laura Latham is home now. She had Easter dinner with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger, and family.

Mrs. Millie Voss took Mrs. Laura Latham Wednesday for a birthday dinner for Rosie Leiter at her home.

Donny Alwood, Leslie Shenk and Joe and Peter Smith attended a Junior High dance at the Barryton school Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and Heather were Saturday supper guests of the Don Alwoods. Donny spent the afternoon with them, helping them with yard work.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and Mr. and Mrs. John Gott attended our grandson's wedding Saturday evening when David Gott and Nancy Callison of near Elwell were married at St. John's Episcopal Church in Alma. The happy young couple went to their home on his father's farm north of Elwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family called Saturday evening, and we had cake for John's birthday.

Don and Wayne Abbott have been spending a two weeks' vacation at Don's trailer at Arcadia, Florida.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Edwards of Ionia were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox.

Callers of Mrs. Claribel Beutler during last week included Mrs. Robert Fordyce of Marion and daughter, Mrs. Dick Elsrood, of New York City. Sunday afternoon visitors were Mrs. Forrest Johnston of Rosebush and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Brecht of Mt. Pleasant.

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A CORRECTION

The Messenger wishes to cor-
 rect a news item in last week's
 paper.

It was the family of Burr Abra-
 hamson, not that of Dale By-
 water, who took Mrs. Ethel By-
 water out to dinner Easter Sun-
 day. The Abrahamsons' daugh-
 ter lives near Weidman.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

LEGAL Notice

Notice to the citizens of Not-
 tawa Township:

Notice is hereby given that
 a meeting will be held at the
 Nottawa Township Hall on April
 29, 1974, at 8 o'clock p.m.

For the Purpose of studying and
 discussing the feasibility of
 adopting a township or a county
 ordinance for the Township of
 Nottawa.

Bernard Rau
 Nottawa Twp. Clerk.
 April 25t1

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 772-1475.
 April 25t3

1899 LAND OWNERSHIP PLATS
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 man, Nottawa, Broomfield
 and Deerfield Townships; and
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 through town and crossing the
 road twice; the Village of
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FOR SALE--Two formals, size
 small 12, both pink. Ph. 644-
 2337.
 April 11 t2

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all my
 relatives, friends and neighbors,
 Beal City Senior Citizens, and
 Weidman Rebekah Lodge, for
 all the get-well cards sent to
 me while I was in the hospital;

Also for the lovely flowers
 from the Weidman Rebekah
 Lodge, and Weidman United
 Methodist Church;
 Edna Schultz, Marge and Arza
 Mullet, Lucille and Jim Smith,
 and the Paul Straus family of
 Flushing;

And a very special Thank You
 to those who called on me the
 two weeks I was in the hospital.
 God bless you all.

Leah Scharrer

Card of Thanks

I want to express my sincere
 appreciation to all my neighbors
 and friends and family, for the
 cards and visits while I was in
 the hospital.

Your thoughts of me really
 helped me through a difficult
 time.

Thank you.

Joseph Ptak

Obituary

HEDWIG FRICK

Hedwig M. Frick of Rosebush
 died Wednesday, April 10, at
 the home of her son. She was 84.
 She was born Nov. 26, 1889, in
 Switzerland.

Funeral services were held Sat-
 urday, April 13, at 10 a.m. at
 Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Plea-
 sant with Fr. John Thome officiat-
 ing. Burial was in Calvary Ceme-
 tery.

Surviving are five sons, August
 and Otto of Rosebush, Eugene of
 Monroe, and Carl and Frank of
 Mt. Pleasant; two daughters, Mrs.
 Richard (Rose Marie) Wilson of
 Alpena and Miss Clara Frick of
 Lake; a brother, Oskar Kuess of
 Switzerland; four sisters, Elsa and
 Priska Ruess, Klara Hubert and
 Rosili Hurlimann, of Switzerland;
 and 21 grandchildren and two
 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by
 her husband, August.

Weidman Messenger

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Sunday School, 20 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
Choir Thursday, 6.30 p.m.

The film, "In the Presence of
 Mine Enemies," about a former
 POW, will be shown at our
 church Sunday, April 28, at
 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
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Office phone 644-3336, parson-
age 644-3441.

Church School, 9.45 a.m.
Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Sharing and prayer Thursday,
7.30 p.m.

Pot luck dinner third Sunday,
1 p.m.

U. M. W., 1st and 3rd Thurs-
days, 3 p.m.

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

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NAZARENE

Rev. John A. Wright, Minister
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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

Choir practice, 6.30 p.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.

Prayer Service Wednesday,
7.30 p.m.

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south of Weidman on Coldwater
Road.

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor.
Sunday School, 9.15 a.m.

Worship Service, 10.45 a.m.
Ladies' Aid meets on second

Wednesday of each month.

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Eugene McArthur (Edith)
 underwent surgery Tuesday mor-
 ning at CMC Hospital for re-
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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY FOR THE JOE LA LONDES

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe, who were guests of honor at their 50th wedding anniversary party Sunday at The Embers in Mt. Pleasant.

So pleased to know Madelyn was able to leave the Medical Care Facility for the afternoon. She is convalescing from a broken hip.

The La Londes' daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. David Crook, and family from Ohio and other relatives were in attendance.

Eunice La Londe attended from Brinton, as did also Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Moore.

Our congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. La Londe!

Irene Bowen and I called on Madelyn La Londe and Laura Pifer at the Medical Care Facility Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright spent a few days in Flat Rock at the home of their son, Verl.

Irene Bowen and daughter, Connie Fletcher, were in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Dad and I spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charley Metzger of Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Seymour spent Friday evening with us.

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TEN TABLES IN PLAY AT REBEKAH CARD PARTY

Ten tables of pepper were in play at the Weidman Rebekah card party at the Oddfellows Hall here last Tuesday, April 16.

Mary Larson won first prize for the ladies, with Austin Dent winning first for the men.

Harold Schumacher won the pepper prize. Catherine Schumacher won low, Hattie Losey won the door prize.

The next card party at the Oddfellows Hall here will be Tues-

day afternoon, April 30. All are welcome to attend.

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BEAL CITY KC PLANS JAMBOREE, BANDS INVITED

The Beal City Knights of Columbus are planning a jamboree at their hall Sunday evening, April 28, from 2 to 12 p.m.

The public is invited. All bands are welcome.

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WEIDMAN SCOUTS CLEAN UP PARK

Weidman Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, under direction of Dick Swanson, cleaned up Mitchell Memorial Park in Weidman Saturday.

The park was in bad shape, after the winter's accumulation of trash regularly contributed by delinquents of the area and also the brush created by our two ice storms late this winter.

Our Scouts are a live group of boys, with good leaders, and the town can be grateful to them for their good citizenship training and work.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham of rural Rosebush were Tuesday evening callers of Mrs. Grace Pitts. Mrs. Pitts was a Friday supper guest of the Bernard Pitts family.

Mrs. Arlin Summers returned Sunday to her home in Lansing after visiting her sisters, Nina Forbes, Gladys Wilson and Marge Mullet.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips were in Bay City Wednesday, visiting Mrs. Mildred Bowman in the hospital there. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. Phillips went to Boyne Falls. Sunday they spent at Grass Lake with her brother, Frank Durham, of Bay City.

Mrs. Dale Bywater of Midland called on Mrs. Ethel Bywater Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Tracy Bywater was a Saturday afternoon

caller.

Mrs. Sue Embrey, Mrs. Tillie Embrey and Mrs. Lois Clark attended a fashion show at the Chippewa Hills High School last week Tuesday evening, with proceeds going to the band. Clothes were from Sally's Shop in Remus and Campus Tux Shop in Mt. Pleasant, modeling men's clothes. Entertainment also was furnished the audience, including two bridal parties and models for tuxedos. Music was furnished by a jazz band.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton and family of Ashley were Saturday visitors of the Ronnie Sprague family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors of their mother, Mrs. Kit Johnson.

Mrs. Wesley Cole of Remus and her daughter, Mrs. Sara Paulson, of Midland, and daughter, Lisa, were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

Mrs. Harlan Snider was hostess to her two daughters, Joan and Sue Ann, at the Mother-Daughter banquet at the VFW Hall in Mt. Pleasant Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur and son were Sunday dinner guests of the Gary McArthurs. Doug helped Gary put up a new

fence.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Andrews and children of St. Johns spent the weekend with the Leon Schaffer family and attended the annual Firemen's Auction Saturday night.

Visitors of Mrs. Helen Smith last week included Mrs. Verlia Wilcox, Mrs. Eva Denslow and Judy Lawrence and Cheryl Cummins.

Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening visitors of the Gary McArthur family.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Enclosed is \$5.00 for extending my subscription for the Messenger.

Sorry I let it slip by. Time goes so fast.

But I always look forward for my paper. It always seems more like a letter to me.

Hello, everybody.

Thank you.

Minnie Strauch
Mt. Pleasant

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer had their Easter dinner with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gesselman, in Hubbardston.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keiffer returned to the home of his son, Bernard, in Plymouth, Sunday, to keep house for them for a while.

Mrs. Frank Powell called on Louise Smith Sunday evening, when she picked up Dora to take her back to work. Rose Grinzinger was also a Sunday caller, as was also Ginger Rau.

William Martin, Sr., has been in the hospital again.

Dorothy Grinzinger and family of Detroit celebrated Mrs. Herman Grinzinger's birthday over the weekend.

Mrs. Grinzinger called on Mrs. Louise Smith and Dora Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred were Tuesday afternoon visitors.

The Beal City Business Association had supper at Falsetta's in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday evening.

The children of Herman Grinzinger came home Saturday night to celebrate his 79th birthday.

Arnold Simmer of Reed City is back in the hospital again.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. Rose Schafer Saturday, and on Mrs. John Smith and family in the afternoon. Mrs. Henry Simmer was a Saturday evening visitor of Dora's.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer of Winn spent Friday evening with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mrs. Vera Kavanaugh returned home last week after spending a few days with Mrs. Howard Johnson in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Yuncker spent the weekend in Chicago. Theresa Smith took care of the children.

Ed Kavanaugh fell from a ladder last week while repairing his house roof and suffered head and rib injuries. He is in CMC Hospital. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer at Coldwater Lake.

Charlotte Schafer and Mike Lane were married Saturday afternoon in St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City. Supper and a reception followed at the K. C. Hall. They will make their home in Grand Rapids, where both are employed. Congratulations.

Mrs. Louise Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Schafer in Mt. Pleasant.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower and children spent the weekend with the David Flowers. They were here to have their baby, Brian John, baptized in St. Joseph the Worker's Church in Beal City.

Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Robert Schafer had Easter dinner with the Jay McCoy family of Alma.

Jay and Shirley McCoy and daughter, Sharon, and Robert Schafer called on the Robert Pung family in Beal City Easter Sunday, and also called at our home.

Don and Robert Schafer celebrated their birthdays this week with dinner at the home of their parents, the Edward Schafers. Other guests were Don's wife, Judy, and daughters Josette and Heather, Jerry and Jane Schafer and children Billy and Kelli, Bill and Lynn Schafer and son Brian, Wayne and Ruth Ann Sherlock and children Marlene, LeAnna and Eddie.

Guests here Tuesday evening were Leo and Lucille Schafer of Beal City, Bill and Lynn Schafer and son Brian, Dorothy Maxon of Mt. Pleasant, Angela Bess and daughter Laurie and Chris of Grand Ledge.

We attended the wedding and reception of Michael Lane and Charlotte Schafer Saturday at St. Joseph's Church in Beal City.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday with Ed and me. Other guests were Dona and Judy Schafer and daughters, Jerry and Jane Schafer and children of Rosebush, Linda Kandaris, also of Rosebush, and Ruth Ann and Wayne Sherlock.

Loretta Lorenz entered the Clare Hospital for tests. She is in Room 203.

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(Too Late for Last Week)

Easter Sunday we had a hail storm, with thunder and lightning, rain, snow, and colder weather.

Tuesday afternoon Flo Haupt called on Loretta Lorenz.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Jacobs of Midland called at the Lorenz home. Thursday guests were Kate Martin, Winnie Johnston, and Sue Ward.

Jerry and Jane Schafer and children called here Thursday evening and took Ed and me to play cards with Wayne and Ruth Sherlock.

Friday Jack and Helen Lorenz and family of Rothbury made a surprise visit to his mother, Loretta Lorenz. Lori Simmer spent Thursday and Friday with her grandmother, Dorothy Tilmann was a Monday caller.

Paul Simmer was in CMC Hospital last week, in traction for relief of back trouble. Clarence and Loretta Lorenz called on him Saturday evening. On their way home they called on Thelma Kolarik and son, Don.

Clarence and Loretta Lorenz and Leona Perrin spent Easter with Bob and Mary Lou Theisen of Mt. Pleasant. Other guests were the Ron Lorenz and Max Straus families and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lord and daughter. Clar-

ence, Loretta and Leona also called on the Don Lorenz family in Mt. Pleasant.

The Wade Wischmeyer family of Alma spent Easter with his parents, Walt and Dellie Wischmeyer.

Don and Judy Schafer and daughters had Easter dinner with her mother, Mildred Haynes, of Deerfield Center.

Bill and Lynn Schafer and son had Easter dinner with her parents, the Norval Maxons, of Mt. Pleasant.

Ed and I spent Easter with the Wayne Sherlock family.

Jerry and Jane Schafer entertained company from Detroit over the weekend.

The Melvin Schafer family spent the weekend moving into their home here on the Coldwater River.

The Leonard Lueder family spent Easter with his parents, the Emil Lueders.

Wednesday I had a nice visit with Ella Merrilat and Sarah Morton of Mt. Pleasant, while Ed was doing some work for them.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gary Agle of Farwell were Friday supper guests of the Bernard Pitts family.

Ivan Allen returned home from CMC Hospital last week after a stay due to a heart attack.

FARM BUREAU WOMEN MEET AT MEDICAL FACILITY

Mrs. Richard Wood, who serves as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society, met with the Isabella County Farm Bureau Women's committee at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility, with the monthly topic, "Safety and Health".

As chairman for the public education committee, Mrs. Wood explained two films, "Sense in the Sun," and "Second Voice," as they were shown to representatives and guests.

Regional Representative Bernard Bishop indicated that a film, "Man in the Land" had been readied for television viewing by the joint efforts of several State Farm Bureau organizations, and said to watch for local showings.


The April project is the Menard paper drive. Papers may be left at the County Farm Bureau office in Mt. Pleasant.

The patients at the Medical Care Facility were treated to decorated cupcakes and punch, served by the Farm Bureau ladies, and it made a fitting end to a wonderful day of sharing.


Mary Beutler
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GOOD ATTENDANCE AT REBEKAH VISITATION MEET

A District Visitation was held at the Weidman Rebekah Hall April 15, with all of the District officers present, and Mary Barlow of Farwell as president of the Association.

A good attendance of members was present, from Shepherd, Gladwin, Farwell and Weidman lodges.

A short business meeting was held, with the Association meeting for the year to be held at the Farwell lodge May 2.

A pot-luck supper was enjoyed by all, and an entertainment put on by the Weidman Rebekahs, after the meeting.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Loomis, a daughter, Terri Sue, at CMC Hospital Thursday evening, April 18. She weighed six pounds, 15 ounces. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Otis Loomis.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Harry Allen and Mrs. Marilyn Losey and Patti attended a style show at the Chippewa Hills High School Tuesday evening last week. Harry Allen spent the evening with Gerald Losey.

Mrs. Minnie Rhode and Harold were Wednesday morning callers at the Allen home. The Allens spent Thursday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bush at Tubbs Lake.

Tim Jackson of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krouse of Lansing spent the weekend at the Harry Allen home.

Blanche Carr was visiting the first of the week at the home of her son, Norman, at Merrill, and so was unable to get the Two Rivers news.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kleason and George Cornell of Beaverton called on Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler called on Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger Sunday. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Worth attended the musical, "Oklahoma!" at the Chippewa Hills High School Saturday evening. Their daughter, Lynn, was in the orchestra.

Darrell Worth was home over the weekend, from his college studies in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Schrock returned recently from their southern tour.

The Brinton Quilting Club met this Wednesday at the Brinton Hall.

Paul Cole visited his doctor in Saginaw Wednesday afternoon.

Bonnie Blackmer was taken to CMC Hospital Monday morning. Mrs. Joan Hummel is caring for the Blackmers' children.

Paul Cole, Richard Mahon and Steve Kripa were camping at Omar, and got 28 suckers, through last week.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

SHE CELEBRATED HER 96TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Isal Johnson of Mt. Pleasant celebrated her 96th birthday at a family dinner party at the home of the Marion Johnson family Sunday, April 14. Her birthday date was April 16.

Present for the milestone event were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Johnson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Klumpp, and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Klumpp, and Mrs. Clifford Johnson of Chippewa Lake.

Our congratulations, Mrs. Johnson!

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

I see our paper is about due again.

We enjoy the paper very much. We seldom get up there any more, and we sure miss all our old friends.

Roy and Mamie Sisco
East Remus Road
Mt. Pleasant Route 4

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Alton Allen spent Sunday in St. Louis, attending a birthday party for her great-grandson, Trevor Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Allen.

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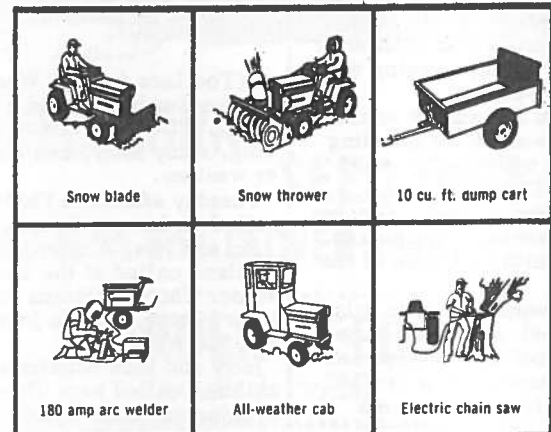


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Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Loomis and family of Barryton were Saturday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis.

Adra Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Reed, left last Wednesday for the Marines. He will be stationed in San Diego, Calif.

Sunday visitors at the Reed home were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pyrett and family of Big Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. John Cotsman of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Denslow returned home last week from their winter vacation in Brownsville, Texas.

Mrs. Gilbert Schrock hosted a birthday party last Tuesday for their son, Philip, who celebrated his sixth birthday. Five little friends enjoyed an evening of games and refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Schrock entertained several family members at dinner Sunday, also in honor of Philip's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry were her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patterson, of Marion. Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and son were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow enjoyed dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn Friday evening. The Conleys spent Saturday evening with Dale and Judy Webster at Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Barryton were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzy. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow and Lyle Denslow were Saturday callers. Mrs. Skalitzy was quite ill with the flu this week.

Little Tiffany Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed, underwent surgery on her hands at CMC Hospital Friday. She was reported as doing very nicely at this writing.

Jay Purdy and sons of Flint spent Thursday and Saturday evening at the Reed home. Edith Reed of Lansing was a visitor during the week. Mrs. Evelyn Denslow and Mrs. Ardith Thompson were Sunday callers.

Visitors at our home Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Theisen and family of Mt. Pleasant, and Mother and Dad Loomis.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts are leaving Thursday for London and Paris, on another Auto Owners Insurance Company trip. They will be gone 10 days. They will go to the home of Gerald McArthur at Wixom, and thence to Metro Airport in Detroit for take-off on their trip.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen of Midland spent from Friday till Sunday afternoon with the Robert Dutcher family.

Tom Nagle and Terry Owen spent Saturday over night and till after dinner Sunday with them. Gale Dutcher and sons of Mt. Pleasant had Saturday supper with them.

Julia and Karen Dutcher called on me late Sunday afternoon.

Betty Dutcher and children had dinner with us Tuesday. The girls spent the afternoon with Patti and Grandma.

Gary and Robert Dutcher were our Wednesday dinner guests. Thursday Robert and Julia Dutcher had dinner with us. Saturday Richard, Gary, Dale, Jim and Becky Dutcher had dinner with us. Julia and children were my Friday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dutcher and children and Rex and Dawn Dutcher visited the Jim Hissons of Montague Sunday. They also went to the Muskegon Hospital and visited Bonnie's sister, Georgina.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Eloise and Beth Hogg spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and girls of Pontiac spent from Friday night till Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and children of Saginaw and Monroe and Keith Dutcher of Clarkston came up Saturday morning and went home Saturday night. They were planting trees at Ervin's place.

Patti Losey and Floyd Dutcher were Sunday callers of the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family. The Dale Dutchers of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyke spent Thursday evening with the Jim Dutchers. Clayton and I spent Monday evening with the Richard Yumcker family.

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LAKE ISABELLA

Lester B. Hall, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leppan returned Sunday from Spring Hill, Florida, where they had visited relatives for about 10 days. Their son and grandson, Albert and Billie Stimetz, accompanied them on the motor trip.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beattie returned Friday following a two weeks' visit in Detroit. Their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Klenk, came with them to spend the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Norm Paddock returned Monday from Detroit, where they had been visiting relatives for a few days.

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"PRIVILEGE ABOVE PRINCIPLES"

(Editor's Note: We are pleased to present this piece by "one of our own". It is a worthy thesis, and well thought out.)

By Austin Dent

Khrushchev, on a tour of the U. S., said, "My what a waste!" which has become a problem for us. He might have said we buy too much for too little, but he would have to blame capitalists and monopolists.

A person in Russia would tell you that people in the U. S. are alright but they are victimized by reactionary capitalists and monopolists (quoted from the book, "Inside Russia Today", by John Gunther.)

A communist citizen is denied his principles by the use of authority, and without his own governmental power, his right to life is useless. He is taught that a dead man has no value, and a person should be glad to give up his life for the governmental power.

On Feb. 24 and 25, 1956, Krushchev spoke to the Party Congress for six hours, on its principle. He said, "Lenin had never tried to impose by force his views on his co-workers, he tried to convince." Kruschchev also said, "The principle had got out of hand by Stalin, and thousands of co-workers, many high-ranking army officers, were killed by Beria, and he had nearly been killed himself." Al-

though he was First Secretary of the Party, he had no privilege to stop it, because of Stalin's authority.

All this reminds me of Eisenhower's phrase, "A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both".

He made quick decisions by such phrases, and as a warrior and as a president, it brought him fame. Of all American generals since George Washington, Eisenhower had the greatest qualifications for civil authority (World Encyclopedia).

In 1952, President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon had been elected on the first ballot in Chicago. Eisenhower's qualities made him easily elected to high office in war as well as in peace.

He said, "The greatest force in world affairs is moral force." He wanted stronger local government, where decisions could be made by the people. He thought we could save freedom by the spirit of free Western nations.

I read an article from Reader's Digest which he wrote, on extremism. He stated, "Most people walk the middle of the road, extremists walk the ditches." He was for civil rights and civil liberties. He brought the Korean War to a truce and he had many more qualities for greatness.

Perhaps we have wasted our petroleum like children. Ecologists, extremists and reactionary people, with some that don't understand, seem to want to put

our system away. Because of our principles, "communists react through all groups of people by using all their different agencies and they do not admit responsibilities". (From Memoirs, by George E. Kennan, p. 552.)

The oil crisis is up the Soviets' alley. Watergate is a laugh.

They worship Lenin and refer to his principles as to a dictionary. "Lenin wanted to turn the whole world to socialism first and communism second," quoted from the World Encyclopedia.

We have popular people in our country today speaking to large crowds in the best of buildings, with many followers; who have social principles and a little beyond, which is reflected in our government, almost socialistic now.

Dishonesty, a parasite of government, perhaps originated when government was invented. That's why we need a two-party system: We can groom each other. We might invent an insecticide.

Mr. Pendergast put Harry Truman in business. During Truman's first term in the Senate, Pendergast was sent to the penitentiary. Truman's loyalty was proved.

Nixon attracted unusual attention as vice president, especially during three illnesses of Eisenhower within the 26-month period from September, 1955, to November, 1957. At that time he used judgment and skill. Nixon was more active than

most vice presidents. During this time the Korean War was brought to an end by a truce on July 27, 1953. (World Encyclopedia).

His political career proves he is a kind for work and courage. He tried to preserve our principles of democracy with honor and dickered a truce, a truce which had been promised in a big way if we would leave with stock and barrel. To this he dragged his feet.

In 1973 he was accused of corruption, and by a poll of the people he is already convicted.

I don't think we are moving backward, but I still can't prove it.

However, our privileges must be guarded.

For instance, wearing seat belts should be a privilege we can accept or reject.

I believe that in many cases seat belts make us less cautious, and may cause an accident.

However, when we are forced to wear them, we are being denied our privileges, which could be a form of Stalinism-- I repeat, to impose by force.

I thought I would speak out while I still have the privilege.

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COLD COMES TO WEIDMAN AREA WITH APRIL FREEZE

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