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Editor's Column

By Connie

SO WE IGNORE NATIONAL WOES A MOMENT, AND REMEMBER OLD TIMES

So let's ignore the very real dangers, illnesses and problems facing the nation, and remember something of how it was back when the Democrats lambasted the Republicans and that was that. No national scandals (or at least, no national scandals that went unpunished); no world-wide threat of inflation out of control and at the same time famine in some places.

Let's look back to the 1930s, when we were in the depths of a Depression and thought the country would never stand erect again. (It took a war to stop that depression, but that's not our argument--at this moment.)

No; let's consider some of the more placid moments of that era, between wondering where the rent and grocery money was coming from.

Let's listen to Bill Louisell, Isabella County Grand Champion checkers player:

"I've played a lot of checkers with a lot of people around here, but I think I've played the most with Dick Rhode.

"I remember back in the early 1903, Mt. Pleasant had a very strong checkers club, and they got the world's champion checkers player Banks there.

"Believe it or not, Dick and I got a chance to play against him --of course we never had a chance--he was wonderful!

"But it was kind of wonderful, playing at the Elks Club in Mt. Pleasant, with the world champion player!"

Today, Bill says he's played a lot of checkers with local men, including Bernard Pitts, Mick Schmalbach, Harold Rhode, and others. Listen to Bill:

"When I first came to Weidman in 1931, I noted that most business places had checker boards. So, to be popular, I got one, too. Business wasn't very good, so we had lots of time to play the game.

"So that's what started me off. I just had to learn or throw the
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GRAND CHAMPION CHECKER PLAYER--Our own Bill Louisell won over Isabella's best in Saturday's checker playoffs at Mt. Pleasant and came home with two beautiful trophies, one inscribed "1974 Isabella County Checkers Divisional Champion," the other "1974 Isabella County Checkers Grand Champion."

Messenger photo

Weidman is indeed proud, as we should be; for Bill Louisell has brought honor and acclaim to our town.

In the final playoffs Saturday, Bill beat Robert Kenny two out of three games; Wallace Neilsen, he beat two out of three; and Charles Sakowski he beat the first two games out of three.

Bill said his toughest competition was Glenn Warren, who lives north of Barryton but who did not play in the Isabella playoffs. The two had some practice games earlier, and Warren beat our Bill five games in a row in a practice session at Blanchard. "He was the hardest competition I had," Bill told the Messenger, "although, in the finals there was one young fellow from the University who was so good I said to myself, 'I'm not sure I can take him.'" (But he did.)

Congratulations, Bill. And congratulations Weidman, home of the 1974 Checkers Grand Champion.

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THE HORSE LAUGH

The horse would have a good laugh today if he could see all these motorists adjusting their shoulder harnesses.--Detroit Free Press.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

SCHEDULE OF CHECKER PLAYOFFS ON EXHIBITION

The official schedule of Saturday's County Championship checker playoffs is on display at Bud's Party Store this week, loaned by Grand Champion Bill Louisell.

Bud Fredrickson initiated the checker club in Weidman, and he and other business men encouraged Bill to go on to the finals in the checkers playoffs. (Bill is an expert player, but he says he appreciates their encouragement and help in practice games.)

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AREA SCHOOLS PLAN FOR MICHIGAN WEEK

Robert Howe has been named chairman for school activities for the Chippewa Hills Schools during Michigan Week, May 18-25.

Serving with Howe will be Daryl Soper, Don Morris, Harley Hinkley and Harry Howard.

Cathy Howell will be chairman for the Beal City Public Schools. Also on the committee will be Pat DuVall and Queenie Steib.

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While farmers hastened to take advantage of our April dry spell, home gardeners exulted in the heavy rain early Monday morning.

WEIDMAN HAS A FULL SCALE RESTAURANT AGAIN

Weidman now has a full-scale restaurant once more, after the sudden closing of the Weidman Family Restaurant a few weeks ago.

The young Tilmann families, owners of the Drive In Restaurant here, have enlarged their kitchen facilities and are open for breakfasts and regular full meals throughout the day.

Their large dining room is well suited to sit-down restaurant eating, and they have hired a cook and a waitress.

Weidman needs a restaurant, and we welcome this growing-out of the drive-in expanding to a full-scale restaurant.

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NO PETITIONS IN YET FOR 3 SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES

Word from the superintendent's office at Chippewa Hills High School is that there are no petitions in as yet for three vacancies on the Board of Education in the annual school election set this year for June 10.

The death of John Berryhill, president of the Board, creates the third vacancy. Two others have terms expiring and probably will be up for re-election, although no official words is available as yet on that.

George Weichman, vice president of the Board, assumes the presidency as of now.

The two other vacancies, or expiration of elected terms, occur in the membership of Gordon Fosberg and Harry Gardener.

As expected, the Board also is tacking on a renewed request for the one-mill tax increase turned down in the March 12 special election.

The tax-increase request will be on a separate ballot.

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INSERVICE DAY FOR CHIPPEWA HILLS SCHOOLS

The third inservice day for teachers of the Chippewa Hills school district will be held the afternoon of Thursday, May 2.

At 2.30 p.m. there will be a presentation of making and using various teaching aids and games.

School will be dismissed after the morning sessions, and the children returned to their homes. Lunch will not be served.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on her sister, Mrs. Myrl Scott, near Ewart, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Tiani and family spent the weekend with her parents, the Sterling Oplingers. Mr. and Mrs. John Carr of Lansing were Friday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher and Patti and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Krauss were Sunday supper guests of the Earl Oplingers. In the evening all except Patti attended the Grand Ole Opry program at Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cy Ryan of Marion.

Mrs. GERALINE Johnson and baby and Joan Kalil were Monday guests at the Gerald Dent home. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and sons spent from Tuesday through Sunday with his folks. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and Brian were Tuesday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brand were Thursday supper guests. Several from Mt. Pleasant came later and charivariated them. Gerald and Mabel went to see their doctor Friday. Mrs. Mabel Sides and Mrs. Cleda Navarre were Friday afternoon callers. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan were Saturday dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and Tom and Judy spent the weekend with them. Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family were Saturday evening guests.

Busy Bees will meet May 9 with Mrs. Edna Merrihew in Barryton. Secret Sisters will be revealed, and they will all enjoy a 1.30 o'clock dinner at the Kirvan Restaurant.

Callers during the week at the home of Mrs. Flora Wood were Mrs. Harold Weeks of Warren, Mich., Mrs. Opal Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grantham and son, Howard, and grandson, Ronald, of Bay City.

Mrs. Eva Denslow went to Midland Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Russell Swan, returning home Monday.

Monroe Beckwith, Floyd Dutcher, Mrs. Violet Oplinger and I were Monday afternoon callers at the Charlie Losey home. Monroe and Floyd were Tuesday supper guests. Harold Losey spent Sunday with them.

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A CORRECTION

The Messenger regrets an error in a local item last week. The correct item was: Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Griffin of Ionia were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox.

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Mrs. Carl Beutler and children and Mrs. Claribel Beutler spent Sunday afternoon with the Robert Tibbetts family in East Lansing.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Oraulea Baker attended a banquet sponsored by the Church of Christ of Barryton, held in Lansing at the Civic Center Friday. She attended with Dorothy Tice.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker were Saturday supper guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beers attended a band concert at Chipewa Hills High School Wednesday evening. Their granddaughter, Janet Beers, took part in the concert.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright spent the weekend at Flat Rock at the home of their son, Verl. Violet remained for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Teeter and family of Clare and the Earl Place family were Sunday guests of their mother, Edna Teeter.

Mrs. Whaley has returned to her home after being away for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Galen Tower called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower, Sunday afternoon.

Blanche Brown returned to her home in Florida after being here to attend the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe. She is the sister of Joe.

Grace Seymour and I were in Cadillac Saturday.

Comie Fletcher spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen.

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14 TABLES IN PLAY AT BEAL CITY CARD PARTY

At the regular card party of the Beal City Senior Citizens at the Knights of Columbus Hall last Thursday afternoon, there were 14 tables of pepper in play.

Kate Schumacher won high-score prize for the ladies, with Matie Pung second. Leona Martin won low.

For the men, Jack Cotter won first prize, with Harold Schumacher second. Ragolt Hauck won low.

Louis Rau won the pepper prize. Joe Keiffer won the door prize.

The committee served donuts and coffee.

The next card party at the Beal City K. C. Hall will be Thursday afternoon, May 9. Everybody everywhere is invited.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bywater of Grand Rapids spent over night Sunday with the Tracy Bywaters, and attended the funeral of Mary Otterbein in Mt. Pleasant Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey enjoyed the final day of the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival Sunday. They enjoyed the parade. They reported a record crowd for the town's annual event.

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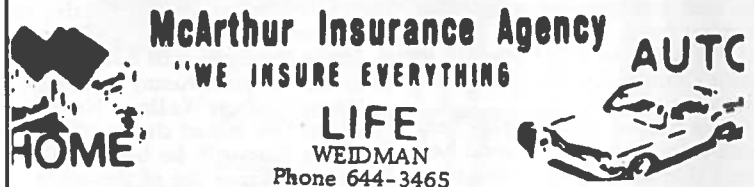
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BETTER THAN A LETTER

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Mar21tf

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Card of Thanks

I want to thank my church,
the Busy Bees, and my friends,
for all the nice cards I received
for Easter.

God bless you all.
I'm so happy to hear from you.
Ina Gillett
Sanford

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Card of Thanks

I want to truly thank all my
relatives, neighbors and friends,
for the beautiful flowers, the
lovely cards, and the visits to
me while I was in CMC Hospital.

I also want to thank Dr. Min-
ster, my surgeon, and all the
staff at the hospital. They were
all wonderful to me.

My heartfelt thanks to you all.
Mrs. Eugene McArthur
(Edith)

Notice

The Weidman Mothers Club
Spring Carnival April 6 was a big
success. We had a very large
crowd throughout the evening.

After all expenses were paid,
we cleared a nice sum, \$1,300.

We discussed at our last meeting
several things to purchase with
our money and decided to buy
a public address system for the
school, as this is a most needed
item. The balance of the money
was tabled for future uses as the
need arises. So there is no mis-
understanding, we want every-
one to know that whatever we
purchase is strictly for use in the
Weidman school.

We would like to thank every-
one for support, contributions
and help, that made our carnival
the success it was. The support
that all of the organizations in
our area get from the people is
something to be very proud of.

We are glad to be a part of
this community!

Sincerely,
Weidman Mothers Club

Obituary

JOHN BERRYHILL

John D. Berryhill died last Wed-
nesday, April 24, in his trailer
house at the Dow plant in Mid-
land. He was 52.

He was born in Isabella County
on Dec. 14, 1921, and was a
lifelong resident of this area.

He worked as a welding engi-
neer for Dow Chemical Company.

He served as president of the
Chippewa Hills Board of Educa-
tion. He was an Army veteran
of World War II.

Funeral services were held Fri-
day at 11 a. m. from the Stinson
Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant,
with burial in Riverside Ceme-
tery there.

Surviving are his wife, Doro-
thy; three sons, Robert, Gary
and Patrick, of this area; a
daughter, Mrs. Larry (Karen)
Earl of Lansing; his mother,
Mrs. Aloise Phoenix, of Weid-
man; three sisters, Mrs. Gladys
Navarre of Weidman, Mrs. Bar-

bara Pickens of Lansing, and
Mrs. Ruth Chubb of Riverdale;
and six grandchildren.

The family have the sympathy
of their many friends.

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Obituary

WARD DELL

This area was saddened by the
unexpected death of Ward Dell,
who passed away at CMC Hospi-
tal Friday, April 24. He was 65.

He was born Sept. 13, 1911,
in Millbrook, and lived in this
area many years, with his father,
Oscar Dell, until the latter's
death.

They were known here for their
small-fruit and bee farming,
and the community depended
on the Dells for many years for
its fresh-picked berries and
fresh sweet honey.

Ward had been ill with flu,
but was not known to have been
seriously ill at first. He had suf-
fered many years from lung trou-
ble, but lived alone and was
a good neighbor on his small
wooded acreage just north of
Weidman. He leaves many
friends who will mourn his
passing.

Funeral services were held Sat-
urday, April 26, in the Pine
Grove Tabernacle near Remus,
with Rev. LeRoy Bruce of Big
Rapids assisting Rev. Bruce
Brown in the ceremonies. Burial
was in the Forest Hill Cemetery.

He is survived by two sisters,
Vada Louisell of Weidman and
Sylvia Handy of Harrison; and
nieces and nephews.

The family have the sympathy
of their many friends.

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NEWS NOTES

Jim Smith was a Wednesday sup-
per guest of his grandparents, Mr.
and Mrs. Clayton Smith. Ted
Smith took his parents to a band
concert at the high school to hear
Jim play in the band that night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Herron of Oil
City called on his uncle and
aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton
Smith, Thursday.

ANOTHER SPRING

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Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MILLIE VOSS

Mrs. Millie Voss celebrated her birthday Saturday with a family gathering at her home.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flaughner, Rosie Leiter, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss, Laura Latham, and Al Woodbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Voss spent Sunday afternoon with their son, Steve, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Theisen entertained company from Lansing over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lynch and son of Watseka, Ill., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Orval Reed and Elizabeth. Other Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lynch and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses of Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Nettie Baker of Two Rivers.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed entertained the Chippewa Hills School wrestling team at a ball game and pizza party at their home Sunday afternoon.

Flora Van Sickle called on Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Friday evening. Their son and daughter-in-law from Morley were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck were Thursday evening visitors of Howard and Beulah Haskins of Barryton. They spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Art Savage in Mr. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell and Bill Louisell were weekend visitors at the Dillenbeck home, and attended the funeral of their uncle, Ward DeH. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were last Tuesday visitors.

Lonnie Loomis of Chanute Air Force Base spent the weekend with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis, and family. Other weekend visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Brown and family.

Mrs. Kenneth Bazaire of Barryton called on Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons Saturday afternoon. Other weekend visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goodstell and boys, and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Reeder of Fenwick. Monday visitors were Mrs. Emily Wood, Mrs. Lynn Johnson and Mrs. Linda Krueger. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fifield and family of Barryton were Monday supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bachelor and family of Holt spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray and family. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cox of Saginaw were last Monday callers. Saturday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Randy Brownell and family of Mt. Pleasant.

The Grays attended the Maple

Syrup Festival at Shepherd Sunday afternoon. Barb Gray was a Wednesday caller of Mrs. Berl Denslow and children.

Visitors during the weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane were Miss Eva Groh and brother, Dwight.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peeper spent the weekend with us. Mrs. Donna Loomis and Jenny were Monday morning visitors and luncheon guests.

Our daughter, Teresa, was among the many students who participated in the Chippewa Hills Schools' music department's walk-a-thon last Saturday.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Zena Olger spent Sunday at her home. Her company included Mrs. Verlia Wilcox, Monica Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Blackmer and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak. She spent Monday at the home of her daughter, Helen.

Mrs. Laura Latham is home now. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger called on her Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with Laura.

Becky and Debbie Graham and Bruce Parks called on us Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott called Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Jim Abbott entered CMC Hospital Sunday. Jim and the children are staying with his parents, the Norman Abbotts.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spiece of Carson City called on Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ruth Riegle and son, Randy, and Dennis Huber called and did some painting for us. They called again Friday and did more painting. Wanda and Mr. and Mrs. John Gott called at the Daggett Funeral Home to pay their respects to our neighbor, Ward Dell. Eileen Abbott and I attended his funeral at the Pine Grove Tabernacle.

Albert Gott and Mrs. Flossie Allen of Winn called on us Saturday evening.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Grice and daughter of Sanford, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Valentine of Harrison spent Sunday with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. The occasion was Eva's birthday, and they brought her pansies and a rose bush to plant in her yard. Birthday dinner, complete with cake and ice cream, was enjoyed. Another nephew, Elmer Durham, of Florida, called Mrs. Phillips to wish her Happy Birthday.

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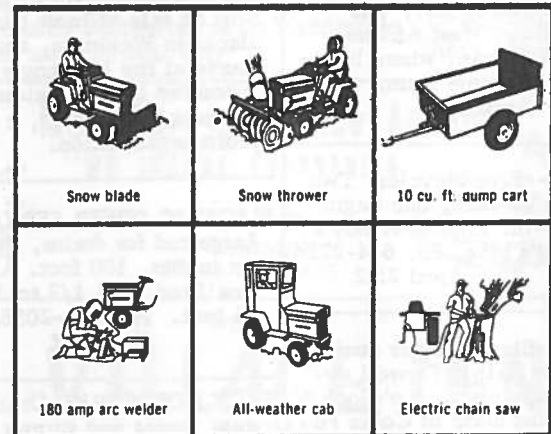
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Dora Smith, Reporter

The Ernest Pohls and Coletta and Mike Gross spent Saturday afternoon with Monica Grinzinger.

Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen and Theresa Smith Sunday morning. She called on Mrs. Coletta Gross and Mike Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pung entertained the members of their club Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Schumacher also entertained their club the same evening.

A number from here attended the Maple Syrup Festival at Shepherd the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Yuncker and family spent the weekend in Big Rapids.

Dora Smith spent the weekend with Louise and Ann Smith, and visited Nora and Elinor Simmer Saturday.

The Beal City High School Band played at the Maple Syrup Festival at Shepherd Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Tilmann of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann and Mrs. Ella Tilmann spent Saturday in Jackson visiting Mrs. Martha McNamara.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barz, Sr., returned Sunday from their vacation trip to Jamaica.

A huge crowd attended the Jamboree at the KC Hall Sunday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smith came Saturday afternoon to visit their aunt, Louise Smith. Nora and Elaine Simmer of Reed City were dinner guests and spent the afternoon and had supper. Arnold Simmer, Nora's husband, is still in Ferguson Hospital in Grand Rapids, and was reported as not doing very well.

Mrs. Kate Schumacher entertained her club Sunday evening.

Miss Julie Ann Gross was honored at a birthday party Sunday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gross.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Theisen entertained company for two birthdays Saturday evening.

Dora Smith called on Rose Schafer and Henry Schafer Saturday. Rose was coming along pretty well now.

Ed Kavanaugh returned home from CMC Hospital Sunday.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Oscar Schafer home.

Sue Schafer hosted a slumber party Friday night for her girl friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Klumpp and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Klumpp of Remus and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schafer of Shepherd spent last Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp.

Mrs. Matie Pung, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gross attended the

Esch and Bywater wedding reception Friday evening at the Sportsmen's Lodge near Winn.

Mrs. Beatrice Sheahan and Louise Schafer spent last Thursday in Mt. Pleasant.

Clara Fox is staying at the home of her daughter, Margaret Judge, in Winn.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. James Cole and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers and family of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnson of Newberry helped Basil Rogers celebrate his 80th birthday this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fritz of Detroit were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder visited Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar Friday evening. Sandra Cook called Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ervin of Flint are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan MacGregor and children of Millford were weekend guests of the Charles Garretts.

Mrs. Ella Cox and Mrs. Leona Courser had dinner at the restaurant in Barryton Sunday.

Mrs. Nettie Baker was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Reed. Kenneth Reed of Otsego, Ill., was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gross and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller and Karen of Westphalia were Sunday guests of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray.

Mrs. Richard Larson and son, Steve, of Birch Run spent the weekend at the Chris Larsons'.

Marty Flaughner spent four days last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner. Mrs. Bud Blodgett was a Tuesday supper guest. The Ray Flaughners visited Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Flaughner of Bellaire Thursday and attended a birthday party for Mrs. Rosena Leiter Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses and family of Flushing were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Krueger took the children to the carnival at Remus Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson of Clifford Lake called on the Kruegers Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Lieder was discharged from CMC Hospital Sunday, where she had been for observation and tests.

Blanche Carr spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strahle of St. Johns. She visited her son and family, the Norman Carrs, of Merrill, and the Dalton Carrs of Saginaw, and spent two days at the Doyle Plank home, visiting her grandson, Terry Plank, who was home on leave from the Army. She also called on Mrs. Ina Gillett at Sanford, at the Felix Stevens

home, and found her improving nicely from a recent stroke.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder and Mrs. Paul Lueder called on Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold recently.

Jack Hilliker and George Greenwood of Vestaburg were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder.

Hugh Hartung of Jackson and Ivan Antcliff of Napoleon were Tuesday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen. Mr. Allen and his guests started Tuesday late in the night for Waverly, Iowa, to attend a draft horse sale, where they bought a beautiful team of black Percherons.

Mrs. Allen visited her daughter and family, the Stan Jordans, of Lansing and her son Joe and family of East Lansing, and

Thursday visited the Lange Summervilles and also a daughter in Mason; and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Watts, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Allen of Holt.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Grace Pitts spent the weekend with her daughter, Elaine Esterline, in Farwell. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and Ruth Yabs of Lake Isabella were dinner guests of Mrs. Pitts Thursday, before Bernard and Yvonne started on their 10-day trip to Europe. Ruth is keeping office for Bernard and Yvonne at the McArthur Insurance Company during their absence.

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Obituary

DOROTHY RICHARDSON

Dorothy Richardson of Remus died Thursday, April 25, in the Gratiot County Medical Care Facility. She was 62.

She was born Dec. 29, 1911, in Stanton, and had lived in the Broomfield Township area most of her life. She leaves many friends here.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 28, at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with Rev. Robert Tripp officiating. Burial was in the Broomfield Cemetery.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

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Obituary

FLOYD ALLEN

Floyd Allen, a former Weidman resident, died last Wednesday evening, April 24, at Schnepf Rest Home in St. Louis. He 93. He would have had his 94th birthday June 10.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the St. Louis Church of the Nazarene, with burial in the Breckenridge Cemetery.

He is survived by one son, Orla, and a daughter, Rosalee Diagina, of California; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen spent some time as Weidman residents shortly after Alton and Ivan Allen came to Weidman. They lived in the house now occupied by

Mr. and Mrs. James Noe, parents of Rowena Allen. They moved back to St. Louis before Mrs. Allen's death several years ago.

Floyd Allen was a friendly man, loved by all who knew him.

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Obituary

MARY R. OTTERBEIN

Mary Rodgers Otterbein of Mt. Pleasant died April 26 at her home. She was 86.

She was born March 13, 1888, in Lake Odessa, and was one of the old-time residents of Sherman City. She had many friends in this area.

Surviving are a son, Lynn Rodgers, of Mt. Pleasant; two daughters, Mrs. Myra Morton of Rosebush and Lois Jarrett of Mt. Pleasant; and nine grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren; also two brothers, Howard Bywater of Grand Rapids and Paul Bywater of Sanford.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p. m. from the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with burial in the Flake Cemetery.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Solomon were weekend guests of the Harry Allens. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jackson and daughter were Sunday visitors.

Mrs. Ruth Momany spent Saturday night and Sunday with the Ross Momany family of rural Big Rapids. Air Force Member Andrew and Mrs. Andrew Sajnekoss (Ruth Ellen) were also guests. They were on their way



THEY WON AWARDS--Shown above are (left to right) Chris Straus and Allen Britten of the Beal City FFA, who recently competed in the Breckenridge crop show, where they received second award in navy bean and oats classes. Twenty-seven students of the chapter entered crops, and over all received eight blue ribbons, 12 red, and seven white.

The sponsors of the show were Duane Forquer, Asgrow seed dealer of Winn; Ithaca Roller Mills, St. Louis Elevator, McKenzie Seeds, Fulton Feed Company, and Middleton Farmers Elevator.

The purpose of the activity is to give additional incentive to classroom work, as well as fellowship and competition between the chapters.

to Okinawa, where he will be stationed. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Foust (Dee Ann) of rural Big Rapids were also guests. Mrs. Ross Momany and two girls brought Ruth home late Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur spent the weekend at Shepherd, in their travel trailer, enjoying the maple syrup celebration and the horde of people who gathered for the annual event.

the Churches

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Rev. Moore, member of the District Advisory Board, will be the guest speaker.

Fellowship dinner will be held at the Weidman school cafeteria at 1 p. m.

Revival services will be held each evening, starting at 7.30 p. m., Tuesday, May 7, through Sunday, May 12. Rev. Moore will be the evangelist. The public is cordially invited.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon were Thursday visitors of the Paul Coles.

Dan Kripa was taken seriously ill and rushed to CMC Hospital Friday evening. He was reported as somewhat improved the first of the week, but doctors had not diagnosed his illness. Dr. Nosan gave him two acupuncture treatments, which seemed to quiet the pain.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ward and children of Belding spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes entertained her parents from Houghton Lake over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole visited Mrs. Anna Hamner at Pleasant Manor in Mt. Pleasant Sunday. The Coles also visited Dan Kripa at CMC Hospital.

Chester Wixson and sister, Mrs. Hilda Sampson, of Mt. Pleasant, were supper guests of their brother-in-law and sister, the Paul Coles, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kalesene and George Cornell helped Norman Geasler Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and grandchildren, Pam Worth and Joey Geasler, spent the weekend at East Tawas, fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler spent Saturday evening with them at Tawas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cornell helped Norman Geasler Sunday.

Darrell Worth will start work at School Section Lake after May 11.

Roy Donnelly spent the weekend at his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hammond and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gerard called on Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler and granddaughter and Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler were Sunday visitors of the Bogers.

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Local Items

Mrs. Jean Brew of Comstock Park was a recent supper guest of her uncle and aunt, Don Clark and Lela Whearett.

Edna Schultz entered CMC Hospital Sunday. She was reported as doing fine the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Oberlin of Lansing were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent in Farwell.

Mrs. Ethel Bywater and Mrs. Dale Bywater of Midland attended the funeral of Mary Otterbein in Mt. Pleasant Monday afternoon. The Tracy Bywater family also attended the funeral of their aunt.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

In the Editor's Mail

HERE'S HOW OUR TELEPHONE BILLS USED TO APPEAR

Mrs. Connie Skinner
Weidman Messenger
Dear Connie:

We are writing concerning the method of billing for service back 30 years ago when Jennie Sprague first started as an agent with us.

The method was called "stub billing," and was quite different from what we have today.

Once each month, our accounting department would "generate" a one-page, four-section statement. The word "generate" meant that a pre-printed form would be run through an addressograph machine. The addressograph plates contained the customer's name, address, telephone number and the local service charge.

These plates were updated as there was service order activity which would change the name, address, telephone number or local service billing.

After the billing forms had been addressed, they were forwarded to the local billing office (Mt. Pleasant). The local office would compute the locally originated long-distance charges from the tickets generated by the operators. This total was hand written in ink on a blank on the bill. Any collect calls, third-number calls (calls made away from home but billed to the home phone) would be forwarded to the Mt. Pleasant office for inclusion with the other long-distance billing.

Next, any installation charges, directory advertising or other locally originated billing would be hand-written in blanks provided. If there was a balance carried forward, it was hand-written in the space designated for it.

All items were then totaled and hand-written into the space marked total.

When the above was complete, the long-distance tickets and two sections of the billing statement were mailed to the customer.

When making payment in person, the customer would present both sections to be marked paid, leaving one with the clerk and keeping the other for their records.

When mailing their payment, the customer would send the office portion and again keep one copy for his records.

If we can be of further assistance, please call our office at 772-3094.

Sincerely
David R. Alger
Customer Service Mgr.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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checker board out, and I never would have done that, because I was always looking for someone to come along and give me a trimming.

"I have been beaten many times. So now I appreciate the good playing of Weidman men, and what a swell bunch of fellows they are. The best players are in Weidman.

"Thanks to Mick. Thanks to Bernard. Thanks to Harold Rhode, and others, for their help; and also thanks to Bud Fredrickson for starting the Weidman Checkers Club, that took me to Mt. Pleasant in the playoffs and to the championship."

And a last thought from Bill: "I have found that the game of checkers and the Bible have something in common: You can study both, and always find something new each time."

Good going, Bill.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Flower. They came to see Sgt. and Mrs. Larry Leiter's new trailer, northwest of Weidman, where they plan to live after his discharge May 14.

Men In Uniform

Navy Seaman Recruit Patrick Woods, son of Mrs. Vivian Woods of Lake, graduated from recruit training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

He received nine weeks of intensive instruction in seamanship, fire fighting, close order drill, first aid, and Naval history.

He is reporting to a formal school for specialty training, or to a ship or shore station for on-the-job training.

Airman Victoria L. Lehnert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold M. Lehnert of Remus, graduated from Chanute AFB, Ill., from the U. S. Air Force jet engine mechanic course conducted by the Air Training Command.

She is trained to inspect and repair turbojet and gas turbine engines, and is assigned to George AFB in California, for duty with a unit of the Tactical Air Command.

She is a 1973 graduate of Chipewa Hills High School.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell and Heather of Spring Lake spent the weekend with their parents, the Bill Louisells and the Pat Dillenbecks. Bill Louisell was also a weekend visitor. The Bob Louisell family of Mt. Pleasant and the Milo Handys of Harrison were also guests during the weekend.

FARM BUREAU WOMEN'S SMORGASBORD DINNER IS A HIGHLIGHT OF MICH. WEEK

One of the highlights of Michigan Week in Isabella County for the past three years has been the "All Michigan Smorgasbord Dinner" prepared and served by the women of the Isabella Farm Bureau. Plans are already in the making for this year's dinner and program.

This year's dinner will be on Tuesday, May 21, Heritage Day, at West Intermediate School on South Bradley in Mt. Pleasant. Serving will be from 5.30 through 7.30 p. m.

Mrs. Verna Walkington of Blanchard is chairman of the Isabella County Farm Bureau Women's committee, and is in charge of this year's smorgasbord plans.

Serving with her are Mrs. Mary Beutler of Weidman, Mrs. Lillian Wonsey, Mrs. Margaret Mullett and Mrs. Minnie O'Brien, all of Mt. Pleasant.

This year's menu will include Swiss steak, turkey, a salad table, and home made pies and cakes, along with other specialties made from Michigan products.

Ladies of the 16 community groups of the Isabella County Farm Bureau contribute food and time and effort to the pre-

paration and serving of the dinner.

Some distinguished guests are also promised for this year's Farm Bureau smorgasbord.

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MICHIGAN WEEK SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

Service clubs in Isabella County that would like to have programs for Michigan Week may contact Dr. Floyd Dain, chairman of Heritage Day of Michigan Week, a member of the history department at Central Michigan University.

Those organizations interested in a Michigan Week program (May 18-25) for any meetings during that week may contact Dain at his office, tel. 774-3454, or his home, 772-4314.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Higbee of Swartz Creek spent Saturday with their aunt, Mrs. Leah Scharrer. Ruby Douglas and Clara Smith were Friday callers.

Mrs. Eugene McArthur (Edith) returned home from CMC Hospital Saturday, after undergoing surgery for removal of her thyroid gland. She was doing fine the first of the week, at home here.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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