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Editor's Column

By Connie

FOR MICHIGAN WEEK....

WE VOTE FOR VILLAGE PRIDE

So this is Michigan Week, and we take this occasion to point out the satisfaction of having a "home town".

We have a strong background of heritage here in Weidman, beginning with a young man (John Weidman) who looked over second-cutting pines, hardwoods and cedars in Coldwater, Sherman and Nottawa Townships in 1893, and forthwith built a sawmill and dam at the junction of the Coldwater River and Walker Creek.

From that beginning the Village of Weidman has grown, burned down, rebuilt, survived, and prospered; until today Weidman is the center of trading for the whole kit and bilin' of man-made lakes now surrounding it, including John Weidman's mill pond, which he created for the sole purpose of holding logs for his mills (he had three).

Today the mill pond is a beautiful lake, renamed Lake Weidman; and we also have Lake of the Hills, right smack in the village; Lakes Windoga and Minnetonka on the Ojibwa Recreation spread adjacent; and then there's Lake Isabella, not yet, at least, self-sufficient as to shopping centers; and of course our old friends at Coldwater Lake.

So Weidman is sitting pretty, in the middle of resort developments.

So we personally have no patience with zealots working to erase home-town consciousness both in our school children and their elders and substitute a n umbrella-type commune known as the Chippewa Hills School Development Area.

We even have a Chippewa Hills Industrial Development Corporation, composed of big-money folks from all the towns involved in the far-flung school district.

We see nothing wrong in being tied emotionally and thankfully to one's home town. We see instead a need for recognition of the home town as a place to

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NORTH WOODRUFF ROAD JUST OUT OF WEIDMAN--Was under flood conditions Friday and Saturday as a result of the torrential rainstorms that swept most of the state. The overspillage on Woodruff Road occurred at the point of the big tube lying under the road, to drain waters from the west side of the Mill Pond over to the east side and thence to the dam and on down the Coldwater River. Cars went through the water, which was over a foot deep and swirling with the force of the flood waters behind it. Fish were seen crossing the road from the east side of the Pond to the west, during the flood period. Most of Isabella County suffered heavy damage to roads and bridges. Most farmers' fields are still to wet for corn planting, now delayed dangerously.



SATURDAY A HUGE CRANE TRIED TO CLEAR DEBRIS--That piled up on the west side of Woodruff Road over the Mill Pond north of Weidman. Stumps, logs and varied debris were hauled out, but the tube under the road could not take the load of water to clear the road. The water is gone now, but the road structure suffered serious damage. Messenger photos

BIG FAT BLUEGILLS ARE BACK IN THE MILL POND

Big fat bluegills in countless quantities are back in the Weidman Mill Pond, now known as Lake Weidman, it was apparent over the weekend.

An especially heavy catch was reported by individuals fishing in the lagoon behind Jack Houghton's Weidman Marina, though the fish are believed to be everywhere in the Pond again.

Good news for Weidman Mill Pond fishing fans. Lake Weidman is now a private lake, but there are places where folks can fish, if inquiries are made at business places in Weidman.

Saturday evening Bill Louisell brought Ye Ed a big batch of fat bluegills, beautifully colored in the Mill Pond's best hues of blue and gold, with a tinge of sky-pink. Beautiful.

Connie Skinner and Frances Tranbarger thoroughly enjoyed a fish dinner Sunday.

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HIGH WATER TABLES CAUSE HOUSEHOLD WOES

Since the terrifically heavy rainfall last Thursday, homes in this area have been suffering various woes ranging from waterlogged sump-pump drains to pumps and wells going awry.

Repairmen here have long waiting lists of homeowners out of luck on home conditions due to the high water tables that seem this year to linger more interminably than usual in the spring rains.

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LITTLE LEAGUE RAFFLES BUY NEW UNIFORMS

Walter J. Smith, director of the Weidman Little League ball teams, said Monday that Saturday's drawings for prizes raffled off brought in enough money to buy new uniforms for the Weidman teams.

Local merchants gave generously to the project, Walt said.

In Saturday's drawing, Dallas McClain won first prize, a new canoe; Russell Maeder won a ball glove; and Dick Curtiss won a spinning-rell outfit.

The Little Leaguers are elated.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Emily Wood entered the Clare Hospital early Friday morning, suffering chest pains.

Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilcox and family were Sunday dinner guests of his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox, in honor of Fred's birthday. Later in the afternoon they visited Mr. and Mrs. Orval Wiggins at Farwell. Their son, Bob, called them Tuesday evening from Fort Hood, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pyrett of Big Rapids were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Loomis and Angela were Sunday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leiter of Hannah Lake spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stebelton of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Saturday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley. The Conleys were Sunday dinner guests of their son, Barry, and family. Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and family were her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bates, of Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Arnold and daughters and their son and friend from Waterford, spent the weekend with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. James Theisen and friends from Beal City spent the weekend at Vanderbilt, enjoying mushroom hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dosenberry of Williamston were Saturday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry. Mrs. Alma Dosenberry and Clyde Dosenberry and boys attended Open House Sunday at Rodney, for Alma's nephew, Jeff Cluchey.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Struble and family spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mead of Mulliken were Thursday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fifield and family of Barryton were supper guests that evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zuker were Saturday callers. Sunday visitors and supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goodstell of Fenwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot. Sunday they called on their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss, and son. Stacy Voss spent the weekend with Darwin Burge.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Boatman and family of Eaton Rapids were weekend callers at the Charles and Tom Loomis homes.

Bobby Corwin spent Friday and Saturday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow. The Denslows were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz at Remus.

Blane Monroe and Eva Groh spent the weekend at the Howard Monroe home. Howard has been ill with a cold the past week.

Our callers during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family and Dad and Mother Loomis. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Theisen and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon visitors.

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BEAL CITY COMMENCEMENT SET FOR MAY 29

Dr. John McCollister of Olivet College will deliver the Commencement address at the Beal City High School Wednesday, May 29, in Commencement exercises beginning at 8 p. m., in the high school gymnasium. Dr. McCollister's subject will be, "The Important Moments of Your Life."

Valedictorian Lois Schafer and Salutatorian Kenneth Gross also will speak at graduation. Jeffrey Schafer, class president, will give the welcome. Richard Pennington will sing, "He's Not Heavy, He's My Brother," the Senior Class song.

The 57 graduating Seniors will receive their diplomas from Board of Education Vice President Donald Schumacher and Board Trustee Raymond Fox.

Richard E. Swan, high school principal, will present awards, and announce scholarships which have been granted Seniors.

Roll Call of the class will be given by Carl D. Mayes, Superintendent of Schools.

Members of the 1974 graduating class are:

Joseph Andres, Donald Barz, Ronald Barz, Beverly Breuer, Barbara Clark, Michael Clark, Rebecca Cook, Annette Fox, Irene Fox, Mary Fussman, Tim Garrett, Kenneth Gross, Chari Gruss, Jeffrey Gruss, Richard Gruss, Julia Guthrie, Kathern Hadley, Barbara Hauck,

Marjorie Herdlein, Donald Houghton, Gary Kreamsreiter, Thomas Ley, Ted Millard, Kathleen Neubecker, Cynthia Onstott, Stanley Onstott, Karen Paisley, Kenneth Phillips, Daniel Powell, Timothy Pung, Rebecca Quillen, Ned Rau, Susan Rau, Frank Reihl, Beverly Schafer, David Schafer, Douglas Schafer, Jeffrey Schafer, Lois Schafer, Lynette Schafer, Stephen Schmidt, Steven Schumacher, Stanley Shaner, Diane Sheahan, Paul Simmer, Glen Smith, Mary Janice Smith, Eva Lynn Starr, Carla Straus, Dennis Straus, Rhoda Straus, Robert Straus, Vickie Tilmann, Jeffrey Weber, Lynn Wilson, Bruce Woodbury, Gregg Yuncker.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and children were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur and son. The men put a railing around the deck of Doug's home, and all enjoyed supper together.

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WANT ADS

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LOST--Female spayed beagle, black and brown. Ph. 644-3304. May 23t2p

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Card of Thanks

We are back from our stay at the Clare Hospital.

We didn't know we had so many friends. We want to thank each one for the lovely cards and flowers we received. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sanders for the help they gave us.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips

Obituary

BERNARD NEUBECKER
Bernard J. Neubecker died May 19 at CMC Hospital. He was 88.

He was born April 10, 1886, in Canada. His parents came to Michigan and lived in various places, coming to the Nottawa area around 1897, from Big Rapids.

He spent most of his life on his farm in Nottawa, a mile and a half east of Weidman, and had many friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 22, at 11 a. m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Remus, with Rev. Father Edward Neubecker officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery at Beal City.

He is survived by his brother, Rev. Father Edward N. Neubecker, of Weidman; a daughter-in-law, Vera Neubecker; 10 grand children and 17 great-grandchildren, and other relatives.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
(1 Mile West of Weidman)
Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Service, 11 a. m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p. m.

Four Seniors were honored at Baptist Church services Sunday on their graduation. They are Stuart Abbott, Jim Alwood, Becky Leiter and Jo Ellen Jennings.

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Local Items

Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Brown (Jean Garner) of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday morning callers of their aunts, Frances Tranbarger and Connie Skinner. They came primarily to get their usual quota of Frances' big, big, big tomato plants. The Browns are planting a vegetable garden on their summer-home lot on Lake Huron.

Edna (Kew) Bowein of Detroit was in town the weekend, looking after property here. She said she's coming back home to live as soon as she can sell her house in Detroit.

Mrs. Rosalie (Kaninsky) Winn and daughter, Mrs. Joyce Sinksen; both of Cupertino, Calif., and Mrs. Rudolph Nartker of rural Beal City called on Connie Skinner Saturday afternoon. Rosalie and Joyce have been spending a week with the Nartkers, and will spend a month's stay in Michigan with relatives and friends in Remus, Gladwin, Lansing, and Mt. Pleasant. Rosalie's mother, Marie Kaninsky, is doing well at a home in Gladwin, after amputation of a leg due to gangrene infection. Marie is confined to a wheel chair, but is still enjoying life.

Dale Bywater of Midland came Saturday and took Mrs. Ethel Bywater to the Sherman City Cemetery, where they left flowers. Both the Bywaters and Ethel's family have plots in the Sherman City Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine have been here helping out with work at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips, who both have been patients in the Clare Hospital. They returned home from the hospital May 17, after having been there since May for Mrs. Phillips and since May 11 for Emil. Mrs. Larry Williams spent Saturday with Mrs. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family entertained Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey, Mrs. Mary Clark, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey and family of Mt. Pleasant, at dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Woody Reed of Mt. Pleasant were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Richard Touchsinki and girls. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga and family were also visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox had all their children and grandchildren home Sunday, celebrating Fred's 74th birthday. A pot-luck dinner and family visiting were enjoyed.

Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins were recent guests of the Larry Cummines at St. Louis. Mrs. Smith stayed till last Thursday, when they brought her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thurber of Coral were Sunday callers of Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins.

Mrs. Harvey Brien of Ithaca was a Sunday caller of Mrs. Nina Forbes. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were Saturday dinner guests. ---0---

In the Editor's Mail

Nashville, Tenn.
May 3

Dear Connie:

Bert and I are spending five wonderful days in Nashville. Spent Thursday night in Kentucky (Lexington), and enjoyed a tour of the Man-o-War Farms.

Will attend Grand Ole Opry at Opryland Saturday night, and enjoy many tours of Nashville, and the new Opryland.

We will spend Sunday night in Indianapolis, Ind., then on home Monday, May 6.

The weather is beautiful here, flowers blooming everywhere. The people are very friendly with their Tennessee hospitality and charm.

This is our fourth trip to Nashville, but the first to the new building.

We traveled on the Senior Citizens bus from Mt. Pleasant, and have made many dear friends on this trip.

Loveingly,
Mabel and Bert Chaffee.

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Keep up the good work. Nice to hear from old neighbors. Good old Broomfield Township, where I was born in 1893. Nice to hear from everyone around there.

August C. Fritz
23200 Kenosha
Oak Park, Mich. 48237



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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kent and son of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and family, Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mrs. Mary Strait were Sunday dinner guests of the Mack Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent called at the Clare Hospital Thursday evening to see her mother, Mrs. Emily Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children spent Sunday with her folks, the Dents. Mr. and Mrs. Dent went to Lansing Monday to the home of their son, Harry, to celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary and Harry's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thompson called on me Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin went to Copemish Thursday to attend a niece's funeral, which was held Saturday. Greg, Jeff and Brad Martin and Mrs. Lena Martin and Mrs. Alma Byron also attended the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Byron and family and Mrs. Alma Byron were Sunday guests at the Joe Martin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thurber of Coral were Sunday afternoon callers at the Alva Cummins home. They took Mr. and Mrs. Cummins and all called on Floyd Dutcher and Mrs. Helen Smith.

Mrs. Opal Denslow spent Sunday afternoon with her aunt, Mrs. Jennie Tice.

Carl and Ellen Geasler were Saturday afternoon guests of Mrs. Flora Wood. Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wood and Tim and Jeff.

Miss Nancy Thompson and Larry Smith of Clio were Sunday dinner guests of the Jim Thompsons. John Thompson and Randy of Drayton Plains were Saturday guests.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and Mrs. Lucille Fountain attended District UMW meeting at Alma Thursday.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on her sister, Mrs. Myrl Scott, Sunday.

Gerald Losey and Gary and Beth and Chad Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thompson of Lansing were Saturday dinner guests of the Charlie Loseys. Mrs. Marilyn Losey and Mrs. Harry Allen were Sunday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad came Wednesday from Norfolk, Va., for a two weeks' leave from Navy duty. Susie and Chad will spend a few extra weeks here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey attended Baccalaureate services with Patti at the Chippewa Hills High School Sunday afternoon. Sunday callers at the Losey home were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Curtiss, and Sandra Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller called at Big Rapids Sunday to see his mother. She was feeling real good.

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REPORT OF WEIDMAN SCOUTS

Pack 692 of the Weidman Cub Scouts held their monthly meeting Monday evening at 7.30 at the Weidman School.

Cub Scouts from Dens 1, 2, 3 and 4 were awarded badges. Also special recognition was given to all the Cub Scouts who participated in the Weidman Cleanup Day May 4.

Six Cub Scouts were graduated into the Webelo Den. Also five Webelo Scouts were graduated into the Boy Scout Troop.

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WEIDMAN BOY SCOUTS REPORT

The Boy Scouts are recruiting boys ages 11 years and up for their summer program.

This year's summer program includes swimming, fire building, rifle range, canoeing, wilderness trails, and other summer activities.

At the May Cub Scout Pack meeting, five Webelo Scouts graduated into Boy Scouts. All boys interested in Scouting are asked to call 644-3458.

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THE SCHOOL ELECTION: 11 FILE FOR THREE SEATS ON BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Voters will have a good chance of choosing school board members June 10 at the annual school election, as there are 11 candidates for three seats on the Board. Two are for expiring terms, and one was created by the sudden death of John Berryhill.

On the school ballot June 10 will be:

Harry Gardner, incumbent, Barryton.

Buell Grice, Mecosta-Remus area, 69 years old, saying, "I'm a Senior Citizen and I'm interested in having representation on the Board."

Marilyn Fosberg, Brinton; "I'm running in support of the administration, teachers and students," she said in the Mt. Pleasant Times-News. She is a clerk in the high school library.

George Lacey.

James McNeilly, Barryton John Adams. Drives a school bus, has two children.

Marlys A. Wager.

Robert Miller, 55, two children and a mobile home park adjacent to the High School on Arthur Road.

David Dunlop, Mecosta. Kate Wood was appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy created by the death of John Berryhill. Her term will expire with the June election.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague, at their trailer at Tubbs Lake. The Spragues are spending the week there.

SCHOOL ASKS MILLAGE INCREASE IN JUNE 10 VOTING

The Chippewa Hills Board of Education will have a special ballot in the June 10 school election asking for 1 mill special assessment for maintenance and repair of the Weidman, Barryton, Remus and Mecosta elementary schools.

The request for 2 mills was turned down in a special election earlier this year.

The schools' budget (spending plans) was over two million dollars for the coming year.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Tower and family were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower.

Lewis Bowen and Alfred Bartley were in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Geasler of Pontiac spent some time with Carl and Ellen Geasler and other relatives last week.

Helen Strang and her mother, Eunice La Londe, attended a bingo game near Winn Thursday evening.

Madelyn La Londe returned to the Medical Facility in Mt. Pleasant last week for further treatment.

Cora Beers and Fern Verette attended the Tulip Festival at Holland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker spent Tuesday and were overnight guests of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker, of Berrien Springs. They returned home by way of Grand Rapids, where they spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and Mr. and Mrs. John Baker,

returning home Friday. Lorena Wize of Grand Rapids spent Sunday night with them, returning home Monday.

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Local Items

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth, Mrs. Lela Whearett, Mrs. Edith Touchinsky and Mrs. Claribel Beutler went with the Barryton, Remus and Chippewa Lake Senior Citizens on a bus tour on the east side of Michigan, with dinner at Frankenmuth, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter, in Mt. Pleasant, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Warner of rural Harrison spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Grace Pitts. Mrs. Pitts attended revival services at the Gilmore Church of Christ during last week. Elaine Esterline was a Friday luncheon guest of her mother. Mr. and Mrs. John Ireland and daughter of Midland were Sunday callers.

Mrs. Lizzie Alger and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Smith of Flint were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith. The Smiths attended the graduation of their grandson, David Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith, at Ferris State College, Saturday. David graduated as an accountant from the college. The Smiths attended baccalaureate services at Chippewa Hills High School Sunday, where their grandson, Jim Smith, son of Mrs. Lucille Smith, was a graduate. Ted Smith of Mt. Pleasant attended with his folks.

Eloise and Beth Hogg and Ronna Dutcher were callers of the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Al Clevenger spent the weekend in Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Mike McElroy of Alma and Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp called on Mrs. Tony Schafer Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Love of Grand Rapids spent the weekend at the Robert Schafer home.

Terry Klumpp went to the hospital in Grand Rapids last week for a checkup.

Orrie Farner and Louise Schafer returned from their trip to Washington, D. C. They had a wonderful time.

Mrs. Edna Theisen of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Mrs. John E. Schafer, and had dinner with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Smith and family of Lansing spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith spent a day up north last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith spent Sunday in Lansing.

Mrs. Leo Gross spent Saturday with Mrs. Kenny Grinzinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pohl and Mrs. Leo Gross and Mike Gross spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. John E. Smith Saturday afternoon.

A number of our Senior Citizens enjoyed the Tulip Festival at Holland last Thursday, on a Senior Citizens bus trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau, Louis Rau and Albina Rau and Louise Smith and Debbie Rau went to Reed City to see Arnold Simmer, who died Saturday morning. A funeral Mass was said in Reed City, with burial in the Beal City Cemetery. The Simmers have a boy buried here.

Vern Crittenden of Remus called on Louise Smith and

other friends here Tuesday afternoon. The Crittendens returned from their winter home in Florida a week ago.

Mrs. Donald Krueger called on Louise Smith Thursday.

Mrs. Anna Schafer entertained company Saturday.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Callers at the Zena Olger home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Letson of Mt. Pleasant. Ted is doing some painting for Zena.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Leiter called on Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys Sunday. Carol Abbott and Mrs. Muriel Miller called on their father one day last week, at Rosebush.

Al Woodbury and Laura Latham visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee Sunday evening. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham of Blanchard Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrish and children Sunday, in their new home in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Barbara Talsma spent three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, in Kalamazoo, with the winning Women's Retreat. About 3,500 women took part in the meeting.

Harold Scott and Bob Scott of Lansing called on their cousin, John Gott, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allen and children of Grand Ledge visited us Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy attended the wedding and reception for their cousin, Mike Nichols, of DeWitt, and Patricia Tangeman of Charlotte, at the First Congregational Church in Charlotte Saturday evening.

Mike is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of St. Johns. Little Heather Alwood stayed with her aunt, Brenda Methner, of Blanchard.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy attended special services at the Methodist Church Sunday evening, when a singing group of four ladies called "The North-erners" entertained. Mr. and Mrs. Ercil Williams of Barryton also attended, as two of the singing group are their daughters. Weidman folks enjoyed visiting with the Williams family.

Mrs. Elvah Gott and Helen Alwood were in Mt. Pleasant last Tuesday. They called on Mrs. Hermione Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCain

and Peggie of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa of Mt. Pleasant were among relatives who attended Jim Alwood's Baccalaureate services Sunday afternoon at the Chippewa Hills High School

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REBEKAH CARD PARTY

At the Rebekah card party last Tuesday afternoon, there were 11 tables of pepper in play.

Lela Whearett won high-score prize for the ladies, with Harold Schumacher winning high for the men.

Leola Marshall won the pepper prize. Rose Beutler won the door prize. Earl Blodgett won low.

The next party at the Oddfellows Hall in Weidman will be Tuesday afternoon, May 28.



Hi-

This is MICHIGAN WEEK. Let's be proud of our state, and appreciate it's many advantages. "A state with something for everyone."

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**CAR SUBMERGED IN MILLPOND
HERE MYSTIFIES CITIZENS**

An auto submerged in the west side of the Weidman Mill Pond Sunday morning mystified local residents for a time.

It turned out that Bruce Gottleber, 18, of Gilmore Township, had fallen asleep at the wheel in the early-morning hours, lost control of the car (traveling south), yanked it across the road and into the Pond.

Only the top of the car was visible. Police summoned a wrecker and removed the car, and the driver was cited for failure to report an accident.

He got out of the vehicle and went home, it was reported. He was not hurt.

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Obituary**ARNOLD SIMMER**

Arnold C. Simmer of Reed City died May 18 in Reed City, after an illness. He was 61.

He was born July 25, 1912, in Beal City, where he spent his early years.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 21, at 10 a.m. in St. Philip's Catholic Church in Reed City, with Rev. Robert Gillespie officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Beal City.

He is survived by his wife, Nora; a son, Harry, of Sears; three daughters, Mrs. Mary Lou Proefrock, of Reed City, Elaine Simmer of Reed City and Mrs. Suzanne Boven of Grand Ledge; two brothers, Vernon and Edward, of this area; and five grandchildren, and other relatives, and many friends.

The family have the sympathy of all.

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WELCOME, MAY

So we had ice storms in February and March that did a raft of damage through Central Michigan, but on Tuesday, May 21, with temperatures forecast for the 70s, our thermometer registered 87 degrees in the shade.

With thunderstorms in the air.

Any old day now we'll wander down to the lakeshore and fish for bass for us and bluegills for The Queen, our arrogant long-haired cat.

Welcome, spring.

**In the
Editor's Mail****OHIO FOLKS HAVE TAX AND
NUISANCE PROBLEMS, TOO**

(Editor's Note: The following is a letter from Howard and Olive Johnson, who live at Fremont, Ohio, and formerly lived here. Howard is a son of Mrs. Catherine Johnson, so he is vitally interested in Michigan's tax and crime problems, but points out that we are not alone.)

Fremont, Ohio
April 11, 1974

Dear Connie: No charges have been filed as yet against the man in the clipping enclosed. (He shot out four tires of an automobile after his immediate residential area had suffered harassment by persons in autos at night.)

When you folks were having your problems with the reappraisal of your real estate taxes, we also were having them. Our county spent more than \$60,000.00 in 1972, and now this is our outcome. I thought you might like to read (in enclosed newspaper clippings) just what our county auditor, Zene Smith, has done --at least, he is fighting for the people.

(Editor's Note: He refused to raise real estate taxes in his county in Ohio, and was being threatened by state tax officials.)

It's sad to read all about the vandalism that is taking place in Weidman, like everywhere else. Well, I'm sending you a clipping (I did have two others, but have mislaid them.)

Some people here have gone back to the frontier days. Now this is the third shooting incident of late.

Our first one was, this farmer had called the sheriff several times on young boys stealing his gas. Well he finally got tired of calling, and one night he shot both boys, 14 and 16, right in their rear ends and both legs (with buckshot). Both of them were in the hospital for a while having the buckshot removed. The parents, as yet, have not filed charges, as they were told the boys could be sent away to the "Boys' Industrial School".

On the other shooting, Wilbur Johnson, who lives on a dead-end road, and he works for the City of Fremont--every night up until the early morning hours, cars kept turning around in his driveway, blowing their horns

and so on. He called the sheriff several times, and not too long ago he took his .38 and shot at one car, toward the tires. The bullet went through the car and into a young girl's back (she was driving) and she had to have surgery, but still is not able to walk. No charges have been filed as yet, against Mr. Johnson, as most of these kids were on dope.

These steps are quite drastic, but the people are getting tired of being stepped on by some of these young ones, and their stealing and destruction.

Now, we also live on a dead-end road, and not too long ago some of these young people burned a house down three doors from us.

Connie, please don't think I am crazy, but I stayed up several nights, and had myself a nice stone pile. When they'd go to turn around, I'd be hiding in the neighbor's yard (in a large bush), and did I ever let the stones fly. I did break some windows in their cars.

Then I called the sheriff and told him what I had done. (He knew of my plans in advance.) They were waiting for these kids to report to them (on broken car windows by thrown stones), but they never have.

We haven't had too many cars down here in the wee hours of late, and no more whiskey and beer bottles thrown on our lawns, or window-breaking, plus stealing.

Thought I'd just let you know that we do have sympathy for all of you. There are still a lot of good young people, but we have some bad ones, too.

Do hope you and Frances are feeling pretty good.

Howard and Olive Johnson
P. S. --We do know the man

who shot the kids' tires out. His name is "Happy Hilton." Some of these kids shot his pony some time ago.

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Connie:

I am enclosing a check to renew my subscription to the Messenger.

My daughter (Mary Starr) has been paying for it, but soon, if my present plans work out, I will be making Weidman my home again.

Not very many people left that I knew, but with two of my children living there, it seems the place to spend what remaining years I may have left.

Tell Frances that I will be in later for some of those BIG tomato plants. Being in the hospital last year, I had to depend on others to put in my garden, and missed those early tomatoes.

Keep up the editor's column. I don't always agree with you, but enjoy reading anyhow. About 50-50, so a fair average.

Sincerely
Wilbur Benn
Shepherd

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Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser, Mrs. Dean Chaffee, Mrs. Celia Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Courser attended the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Doug Compton at the VFW Hall in Shepherd Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Foster and Nancy of Inkster, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Feskon, Robert and Jim Wood of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Mikataroff and children of Dearborn, and the Louis Fiorillo family were dinner guests of Mrs. Choice Foster Sunday. Miss Shar Gretenberg and friend of Cadillac were also guests. They all attended Baccalaureate services for Connie Foster's class at the Chippewa Hills High School.

Mrs. Harold Krueger helped chaperone the Fifth Grade on their trip to Greenfield Village.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lueder were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder. The J. Lieders spent Saturday evening at the Arnold Krueger home in Mt. Pleasant.

Herman Cook was reported as doing real well at the hospital, and walking some with a walker.

John Dixon brought his mother, Mrs. Leah Wright of Muskegon, to visit Mrs. Kate Martin for a while. The George Heinleins and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett were Sunday visitors.

Mrs. Audrey Flaughner was a Wednesday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flaughner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Klish were Sunday guests of the Ron Flaughners.

Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines Tuesday. Mrs. E. R. Rhode was a Wednesday caller.

Mrs. Violet Carr and Mrs. Ruth Ouderkirk called on me Monday. Mrs. Marty Kelsey took me to Alma Thursday for a checkup.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook hosted an Open House for their son, Jack, and foreign exchange student Jose Martinez, in honor of their high school graduation.

Mrs. William Combs of Lansing is spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Ella Cox.

Mrs. David Millard passed away and was buried Saturday from Stinson's Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhode.

The Rhodes had Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lueder as Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Furney of Williamston visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen Tuesday evening. Mrs. Allen attended a wedding shower for Miss Mary Watts of Lansing Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Krouse of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson were Friday evening guests. Sunday Miss Lynette Jackson and Miss Sharlene Gross and

Robbie were callers.

The Allens were Sunday guests in the afternoon at the Gerald Losey home, for ice cream and cake in honor of Patti's graduation.

Richard Recker and Miss Debbie McNeilly called on the Harry Allens Sunday evening.

Miss Mildred Benson of Mt. Pleasant took Mrs. Nettie Baker a beautiful hydrangea plant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Crowley were Sunday evening guests of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar. The Paul Lueders were Tuesday evening visitors.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Art Radeke of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stadfeld of Remus were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald.

Mrs. Ervin Dutcher fell Sunday and broke her knee. She went to the emergency room at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant where they put on a cast, then she came home, as the hospital was full.

Jon Dutcher broke his leg when he fell on a rock Wednesday night, and is in traction at the Alma Hospital.

Dale Dutcher did some paneling for me this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen spent the weekend with the Robert Dutchers.

Chris Dutcher of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend with Rex Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark and the Thayne Sides family spent Sunday in Holland, viewing the lovely tulips.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyke and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Fyke visited the Jim Dutcher family Sunday evening. Jim's visited the Larry Siscos Saturday evening.

The Dale Dutchers spent a couple of nights with us.

Our rain storm last week sure put water in a lot of basements where it never bothered before, ours included.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher visited Jon Dutcher at the Alma Hospital Sunday evening.

Marion Beutler attended Spring Rally Day at the Methodist Church in Alma Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children visited her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss, of St. Johns, Sunday afternoon.

Mary Beutler attended a tea reception for Michigan Week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boyd in Mt. Pleasant, and the Youth Art Festival.

Ervin Dutcher, Sr., visited his doctor Friday. Goldie has been having a cold also.

Vada Gatehouse and Donna Thren and children called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

(Continued from Page 1)

grow up in, perhaps build a home in, and, hopefully, a place to give of oneself for the betterment of the village.

Kids should be proud to be known as living in Weidman, and being part of its growing life. Families should find satisfaction in belonging to a small town instead of a wide-angled commune where citizen knows not citizen and cares not at all.

Here in Weidman, we care. For Michigan Week, we give you Weidman, a good place in which to live.

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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 27

The annual Memorial Day parade in Weidman will begin at 9 a. m., starting from the Methodist Church and proceeding down Woodruff Road to Mitchell Memorial Park on East Bridge Street.

The Chippewa Hills School Marching Band will be featured, along with Boy Scouts, veterans, a Color Guard from Barryton, and all organizations, horseback riders, and possibly some antique cars.

All veterans of all wars are urged to participate in the parade, to help our fellow servicemen from Barryton, who give us the privilege of enjoying their Color Guard each year.

Veterans of all wars, including, of course, Vietnam veterans, are urgently needed for this part in the parade.

There will be a contest for the most originally decorated bike or any moving vehicle, for

children from kindergarten through Sixth Grade.

First prize will be \$5, second \$4, third \$3, and fourth, \$2.

A flower wreath donated by The Flower Shop (Frances Tranbarger) will be placed appropriately.

The band will be treated to cold soft drinks at the park after the ceremony. These refreshments are donated by Weidman businessmen.

Everyone is urged to turn out to this Memorial service and give our veterans and members of the band moral support. The veterans especially should be recognized and honored.

With the support of everyone, organizers of the parade hope to continue with this annual event in the future.

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MOTHERS TO MEET IN EFFORT TO ORGANIZE GIRL SCOUT UNITS HERE

Brownie and Junior Girl Scout mothers are cordially invited to attend a meeting and tea scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, at 7.30 p. m. in the Weidman School cafeteria.

There will be ladies present from Mt. Pleasant who have been in Scouting for years, and they will discuss possibilities here, and acquaint Weidman mothers with what Scouting is all about.

All mothers of girls of any age are urged to attend, whether it is possible for them to help in the organizational work or not. Local mothers say, "We would all like to get acquainted."

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Edna Bowein and daughter of Detroit called on Edna Schultz Friday. Mrs. Schultz and Irene Suman were in Mt. Pleasant Monday on business.



PART OF THE DEBRIS HAULED OUT--Of the west side of the Pond by the big crane. The road was not closed, but autos ventured cautiously into the swirling waters; and many had wet brakes afterward, though no accidents were caused by the condition of the road. The water had gone down by Sunday, and the road was clear, though heavily damaged. Twenty-two roads in Isabella County were reported seriously damaged by flood waters after the heavy electrical storms. Messenger photos

Walter Kremsreiter was in the Messenger office one day last week, and he said that oats generally were in the ground in his area, but fields have been too wet for corn planting, which should have been over by this

time. "Corn is a life or death crop to Nottawa farmers," he said. Farms there are mainly beef and dairy operations, with a few hog-raising businesses.

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