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Editor's Column

By Connie

"RELIEF": ONE OF THE FAMOUS LAUGHS OF FDR?

Recently I sat for one hour and forty minutes in the waiting room of the Isabella County "Social Services Department", otherwise known as relief, once known as township tax monies used for families in emergency need.

I was with a friend who rented a small house to a reliefer family and couldn't collect back rent. She wanted to find out if "Social Services" would help her get her money from the reliefer family who received monthly checks from the "Social Services" department for the rent and used it otherwise. (The wife in the reliefer family once flashed a hundred-dollar bill on my friend and said, "Do you have change for that?" My friend, a Senior Citizen living on pension funds, naturally didn't.)

Anyhow. We entered the "Social Services" Department in the basement of the swank Isabella County Building (and it IS swank, believe me!), walked to the Information window and my friend told the young woman at the window what her problem was. She was shoved a form to fill out, and the young woman then told her and me, "Please have a seat."

We had a seat, each of us; and we sat there for an hour and forty minutes watching reliefers come and go; we also watched the government-paid employees go about their daily tasks.

They all seemed to move in slow motion. There was visiting between desk-holders, wandering about of unidentifiable employees, but no sense of urgency in any motions of any employees, so far as we could see.

The reliefers coming and going were young; during the hour and forty minutes, we saw only one man over 30; and he was an old man, obviously ill, obviously self-debated at having to buy food stamps at the food-stamp window.

The rest were able-bodied-looking young men and women,
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PIKE ARE BACK AT THE MILL POND--As shown above, big pike are available to fishermen on the Weidman Pond, or Lake Weidman as it is known now. Lester Terwilliger caught this seven-pound, 32-inch northern pike at 11 a.m. Friday, casting with a daredevil as lure. He fished below the dam. Messenger photo



THE WILLIAM MIKOLIC HOME WAS NEARLY DESTROYED--By an explosion last Friday, believed to have been caused by leakage of propane gas. The home is located northwest of Brinton, just off Bawkey Road, west. At 10.30 the Nottawa and Sherman Fire Department responded to a call and found the wreckage but little fire. The family used 200-pound propane gas cylinders, considered small containers. Miraculously, no one in the family was injured, though two members of the family had left the explosion area seconds before the blast. The state fire marshal investigated for cause. Messenger photo

The Weidman Firemen answered a call to a grass fire in Sec. 2, Coldwater Township, Sunday, at the junction of Herrick and Coldwater Roads, in a subdivided sec-

MEMORIAL PARADE WAS BEAUTIFUL IN WEIDMAN

The Memorial Day parade in Weidman, plans for which are made annually by Lucille Smith and Marilyn Losey, was another beautiful success.

Our parade is held from the Methodist Church, down the business street and to Mitchell Memorial Park. In Mecosta this year the Chippewa Hills Marching Band walked a mile to the cemetery, but we have never been able to get the band to go to ours.

People lined the streets and thrilled to the marching band from the school, the Honor Guard from the Barryton American Legion Post, the Boy and Cub Scouts, and not least, the gratifying number of war veterans from here who donned old uniforms and marched. We all thank them.

Other features of the parade were decorated bikes, antique cars from Beal City, and Harry Allen's impressive team of Percheron horses.

Rev. Wright and Rev. Eldridge were speakers at the park.

Lucille Smith and Marilyn Losey are to be thanked for their impressive work each year in giving us a Memorial Day parade; and they in turn say they owe many people gratitude in helping the project. Special thanks always go to the Barryton Color Guard, and the Beal City men who bring their prized old cars over.

Some of the winners in the best-trimmed bicycle contests were: Wally Smith, first prize, \$5; Kelli Schafer second prize, \$4; Diane McArthur third prize, \$3; there was also a fourth prize.

Honorable mention was given to Steve Tellis, whose parents bought Jessie Rosencrantz's farm at Horr, and who came late with his bike beautifully decorated with tree branches and foliage.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur were Wednesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family, observing a belated Mother's Day celebration.

tion dotted mainly with mobile homes. No damage was reported.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses and family of Flushing were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family. Mrs. Lovica Krueger and Arnold and Jeff were Sunday dinner guests.

Mrs. Lovica Krueger was a weekend guest of the Jack Lieders. Jeff and Arnold were supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder and Jack Lieder attended the Farm Bureau Michigan Week dinner in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner spent the weekend at their cottage at Cheboygan, and attended a family picnic dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee Monday.

Mrs. Chris Larson visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Thompson, of Hersey one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Furney of Lansing called on Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray, on their way to Lake Isabella.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Prothero of Manton and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Finkle were Saturday callers of the Martins. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Vandenbrook and Doug and Sheryl and Marion Grewett and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Trapp were Sunday visitors. They came to take Mrs. Leah Wright to her home in Muskegon, after a visit at the Martin home.

Mrs. Ruby Combs of Lansing is staying with her mother, Mrs. Ella Cox, a few days.

Mrs. Einar Sandelius attended a secretarial convention in Detroit recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caulkins, Sr., of Secord Lake came Monday to visit Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar, and took them to the cemetery at Sparta Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan, Mrs. Ella Swan and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and girls were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Swan and family.

Guests during the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett were Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan MacGregor and children of Millford, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keyser and children of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa and Mrs. Elizabeth Billooy of Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank of Wheeler visited Blanche Carr Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibbons of Greenville were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder visited the Art Cooks in Indiana a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook and Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Merrill enjoyed a scenic drive in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold. Mrs. Lorraine Schultz of Lansing was a weekend guest of the Rhodes. Mrs. Joe Gostola called on them Memorial Day.

Mrs. Ethel Wager of Weidman was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Wager near the Bundy Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Jordan of Lansing were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen.

Mrs. Robert Cook visited her sister, Miss Mary Richardson, of Broomfield Trailer Court, Tuesday, in honor of her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Carr of Saginaw visited his mother, Mrs. Blanche Carr, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Gerald Losey, Mrs. Bruce Chapman and son, Chad, were Tuesday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen. Friday Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hamilton of Lansing were guests for lunch.

The Allens attended Open House for Patti Losey's graduation, and also a party for David Recker's graduation.

Miss Lynette Jackson and Miss Charlene Gross and Robbie were callers of the Allens Wednesday. Sunday evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Edgar of Lakeview.

The Allens drove their team of Percheron horses in the Memorial Day parade at Weidman Monday morning.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts had lunch with his mother, Mrs. Grace Pitts, two days last week.

Mrs. Tom Smith and daughter, Alice, and her boy friend from Bay City called on Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Helmut of Remus and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith of Mt. Pleasant were Friday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hall and Mrs. Gusta Green of Dearborn and Ted Smith of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening callers. They all attended Open House for Jim Smith at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lucille Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts attended Open House at farwell Saturday afternoon for Tom Chamberlain, who graduated from Great Lakes Bible School.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine of Midland have been staying with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips, since their return from the Clare Hospital. Frank Durham of Bay spent from Thursday till the weekend with his brother-in-law and sister. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of Grand Rapids spent over Sunday with their uncle and aunt. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rechoff of Ludington spent a day last week with them.

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 May 30t1

HOW TO DO IT
 You should have at least two aims in life: To make a little money first and then to make a little money last.
 Detroit Free Press

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

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all my relatives, friends, neighbors, and the Beal City Senior Citizens, for all the cards and flowers sent to me while I was in the hospital and Medical Care Facility.
 A very special Thank You to all who called on me while I was there.
 God bless you all.
 Clara Fox

Local Items

Mrs. Emily Wood returned last week from the Clare Hospital.
 Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur, at their camp site at School Section Lake, Sunday afternoon.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague returned Sunday afternoon after spending a week camping at Tubbs Lake.
 Among early-weekend callers at Frances Tranbarger's Flower Shop were a daughter of William Russell, Jr.; Glenn and Beulah Scott, who had been mushrooming up north, very successfully; and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parks of Lansing. There were many others, of course.
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leiter, a daughter, May 21, at CMC Hospital. She has been named Stacy Sue. The paternal grandparents are Oren and Jean Leiter, the maternal grandparents David and Helen Flower.

Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter
 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Terwilliger, and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bachelor and family of Holt enjoyed the weekend at Houghton Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Tasket and family of Williamston spent Monday with the Ken Gray family.
 Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky returned home Saturday from a week's fishing trip at Drummond Island.
 The Ronald DeVries children spent Saturday evening with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow.
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Loomis entertained several relatives and friends at an Open House party Sunday in honor of their daughter, Carol, who graduated Thursday evening from Chipewa Hills High School.
 Mrs. Howard Monroe was admitted to CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant last Friday. She is in Room 208, and would enjoy hearing from friends. Blane Monroe spent the weekend with relatives in Port Huron.
 Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clifford of Belding and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Reeder and son of Fenwick. Mrs. Helen Alwood and daughter, Cathy, were afternoon callers. Monday dinner guests were Clyde's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Emmons, of Sidney. Gale Goodstell and friend of Fenwick were callers during the weekend.
 Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter hosted an Open House party Sunday for their daughter, Cindy,

who graduated Thursday. Several relatives and friends attended the occasion. It was also their daughter Valerie's birthday. Happy Birthday, Valerie.
 Ernest Spahn of Dalton, Ga., spent last week with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clarke. Mrs. William Martin of Garden City was a Sunday visitor.
 Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Louissell, Jr., and family of Grand Haven and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louissell and Heather of Spring Lake. The Dillenbecks were last Monday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth in Weidman.
 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis returned home Monday morning from a trip to Winsor, Conn., where they visited the Loomis homestead, on the campus of the Loomis Institute.
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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.
 Several members met at the church last Wednesday in the early evening to start painting the outside of the church, work inside the church, and also work on the lawn and plant more flowers. Lunch was enjoyed later in the evening.
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FIREMEN'S RULES

Nottawa-Sherman Fire Department, Unit 11.

Only Firemen may drive any fire trucks!!

Fire meeting second Tuesday of each month.

All Firemen must be 18 years of age or over.

All Firemen must know how to run and operate equipment.

No riders on trucks except Firemen.

Driver on truck stays with truck to operate (always).

Driver shall contact Sheriff's Department when leaving hall, as soon as possible.

Driver shall clear with Sheriff Department when he returns to hall.

There shall be a quorum of 10 men to decide a major issue.

A new member elected by two-thirds majority of Firemen.

A member quitting must turn in his badge to the Chief.

Before trucks leave the fire barn, post location on board.

Any spending of money must have Chief's okay.

Any Firemen fighting a fire must wear caps and coats.

No. 3 truck (new truck) must not leave any road or be taken into brush or trails.

The Chief or person operating truck is the only one allowed to call for an assist.

If you need more help fighting fire, call unit 11 monitor.

(Editor's Note: These are the official rules by which the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Firemen operate. They are adhered to rigidly. We present them at this time to enlighten the public on how Firemen must obey rules and regulations.)

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Dale Bywater of Midland spent Friday with Mrs. Ethel Bywater, and did some housework for her. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bywater of Sanford came Saturday morning and took Mrs. Bywater to the Sherman City Cemetery, and then out to dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower and boys of Petersburg, Mich., spent the weekend with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. David Flower.

Mrs. Kit Johnson spent from Tuesday till Thursday with the Tom Powell family of rural Mt. Pleasant. She spent the rest of the week at the home of her son, Charles Johnson, and family, in Mt. Pleasant.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Himebaugh were Sunday afternoon callers of the Sterling Oplingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Saturday overnight and Sunday dinner guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and son, Duane, and Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Himebaugh were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam, and Mrs. Ula Cummins and Mrs. Helen Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Joyce Chaffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Krauss spent Sunday evening at the Coldwater Lake Inn.

Callers at the Paul Miller home were Mrs. Catherine Aldrich, Carl and Ellen Geasler, Mr. and Mrs. John Geasler, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller and Rick.

Mrs. Nina Green and Terry spent Memorial Day with her mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mrs. Denslow and Mrs. Flora Wood attended Open House honoring Mary Sisco Sunday.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended a baby shower for Jan Wood at the Sidney Wood home Friday evening.

Bob and Bill Thompson attended graduation ceremonies at the Chippewa Hills High School Thursday evening. Later that day Bob attended a get-together at the Maurice Wager home, honoring Brad Wager.

Bill Thompson attended an FFA Banquet at the high school Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson attended the wedding of Cathy Denslow and Gailen Edgerly Saturday evening at Stanton.

Mrs. Edith Neelands and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Truesdale of Pontiac were Saturday callers at the Jim Thompson home.

Mrs. Thompson attended Open House at the Eugene Wager home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis were Saturday callers of the Gerald Dents. Mrs. Bessie Loomis

of Ypsilanti was a Saturday supper guest. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and two boys spent the weekend with his folks. Mabel and Gerald attended a supper Friday evening at the Harold Krueger home, honoring Bobby on his 12th birthday.

Gerald and Mabel spent Tuesday in Lansing with the Chuck Roberts family.

Mrs. Flora Wood and Eva Denslow called on Mrs. Emily Wood at her home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Merrihew were Friday evening callers at the Elwood Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Ron came out here to the farm and planted corn last Wednesday. Floyd and Ray Dutcher and Monroe Beckwith were Saturday callers of Charlie and Hattie. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz and Danny, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Tiedeman and Cheryl and Chrissie were Sunday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey held Open House Sunday afternoon honoring their daughter, Patti, on her graduation from Chippewa Hills High School.

Mrs. Elsie Bolinger of Grand Ledge visited Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton over the weekend. She had been a guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kooos, at their cottage on Horsehead Lake.

Hattie Losey and I spent Thursday afternoon with Violet Oplinger.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Flower enjoyed camping at Tubbs Lake from Wednesday night until Sunday afternoon.

UNITED WAY NAMES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Three persons have been named to vacancies on the Isabella County United Way Board of Directors.

The Thursday, April 18, meeting confirmed the appointments of Kent Nerbonne, 400 East Dr., Shepherd; John Walsh, 1310 South Drive Drive, and Tom Murphy, 1627 West River Road.

Murphy's term will expire in 1976, while the other two will run through 1975.

The appointments bring the Board of Directors to its full complement of 24 members.

In other action, the Board voted to replace the annual appreciation dinner held at the end of the drive with a kickoff breakfast, to be held when the drive begins.

Although details are still to be worked out, it is expected that the breakfast would include a speaker.

The Board made the move to give more impetus to the start of the drive. Historically, solicitation often has started out slowly, which has made the drive longer than the officials desire.

Board President William Barons introduced members to new office secretary Mrs. Nina Clark. She will be in the United Way office (Mutual Savings and Loan) Wednesday from 9 to 12 noon.

Members also heard agency presentations from Dr. Carl Baumgardner and Mrs. Alice Bergeson of the Isabella County Chapter of the American Red Cross; and from Pat Farley of Isabella County Girls Scouts.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Beck and family of Lansing visited relatives around here over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kavanaugh and family of Southfield visited the Andy Becks and Ed Kavanaughs over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dean and Pat Schafer of Chicago visited around here over the Memorial Day weekend.

Janice Schmidt celebrated her birthday Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Quillen and Scott spent Memorial Day here with the Virgil Smiths.

Mrs. John Fedewa, Bernice Smith, Mike Gross and Virgil Smith attended a funeral in Westphalia Saturday.

Alice Fall of Rosebush and her mother called on Louise Smith and Doll Rau Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bierschbach entertained their club Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen entertained company Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen of St. Johns called on people around Beal City Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer had Open House Sunday afternoon for their son who graduated from the Beal City High School Wednesday.

Mrs. Howard Johnson of Detroit is spending some time with relatives in Beal City.

Orrie Farner spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Tillie Schafer had Sunday dinner with the Ed Schafers.

Vera Kavanaugh and Kate Johnson called on Tillie Schafer Friday evening.

Mrs. Larry Rau and Renee, Dollie Rau, Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant and Regina Faber called on Louise Smith Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen and two children called on Louise Smith Saturday.

Ginger and Renee Rau called on their Grandma Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neubecker and children of New York City spent a few days last week with his mother, Mrs. Leo Neubecker, at her new home in Weidman. They all attended the funeral of Bernard Neubecker.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur visited Jack Gross and Dan Carrick in CMC Hospital one day last week. They also visited Frank Fedewa, in the room with Jack.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Bessie Price in Mt. Pleasant. They were supper guests of the Richard Embrey family, celebrating the second birthday of Scotty.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Happy Anniversary to Frank and Lucille Huguelet. Lucille also celebrated her birthday the same day. So just once, Lucille, Happy Birthday! Steve and Ismarie Galgoczi and Beryl Beck helped them celebrate.

Orville and Gladys Sherlock spent the past weekend with their nephew and family, the Wayne Sherlocks.

We spent last Sunday with our son and family, John and Sharon Schafer, and family, in Bay City.

Wayne and Ruth Ann Sherlock, Bob Schafer and Sharon McCoy attended a show in Mt. Pleasant Sunday evening.

Jerry and Jane Schafer took us and Jane's parents, George and Virginia Bader, of Rosebush, to the Moose Lodge for supper Friday evening.

Ruth Ann Sherlock and I went shopping Monday, but had to return home as her daughter, LeAnna, got sick and had to be taken to a doctor.

The Wayne Sherlock family and the Donald Schafer family went camping Friday evening near Traverse City, planning to return Monday.

The Gerald Schafer family of Beal City also went camping for the weekend.

Bob Schafer is spending the weekend with the McCoy family of Alma, at their home on the Muskegon River.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Fredrickson of Muskegon spent several days with their son, Bud Fredrickson, of Bud's Party Store in Weidman. Bud's mother is staying for a few more days' visit, at Bud's home here on the lake.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday with us. In the afternoon we took her to David Schafer's Open House on his graduation.

John and Sharon Schafer and children of Bay City were dinner guests at our home Sunday.

Monday we enjoyed a steak barbecue at the George Bader home.

Lucille Huguelet is back in CMC Hospital.

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13 TABLES IN PLAY AT BEAL CITY CARD PARTY

At the regular Senior Citizens card party in Beal City last Thursday afternoon, there were 13 tables of pepper in play.

Edith Touchinski won first prize for the ladies, with Coletta Gross winning second. Claribel Beutler won low.

Herman Grinzinger won first for the men, with Julius Schumacher second. Barney Gallagher won low.

Catherine Schumacher won the pepper prize. Isadore Schafer won the door prize.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, June 6. Everyone everywhere is invited.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

It is time to send for the Messenger gain, check enclosed.

Had a very enjoyable day at Ralph's Travel Trailer Park here, as guest of Harold and Helen Cotter, Arlene Leiter and Bessie Latham. We had a pot-luck dinner at their hall, with a few of our old friends and schoolmates from around Weidman:

Glenn and Beulah Scott, Ron and Barb Carr, the Vern Crittendens, Avery and Mabel Lee, Emma (Hines) Pettit, her daughter Anita and two children, also Amelia Korytkowski from Remus.

Arlene and Bessie are starting North in the morning. My sister, Gala Fusner, and daughter, Barbara, are coming next week for a visit, and their first trip to Florida. Have saved the Messenger for several weeks so Gala can catch up on Weidman news.

I manage to keep very busy as usual. By the way, when are you coming to Florida for a visit? There are so many here from Michigan, you would feel right at home!

Sincerely

Ercel Woodward
Zephyrhills, Florida

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Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague visited Mr. and Mrs. George Looman at Cedar Springs last Tuesday.

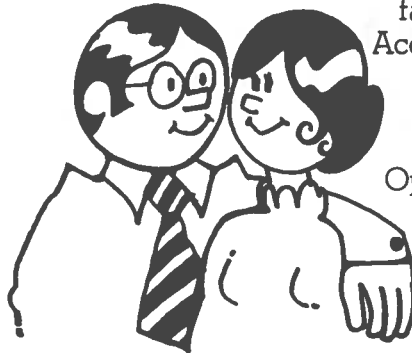


Hi-

.... The Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce is asking for the cooperation of all organizations, large and small, to notify them of their activities and dates of events. By coordinating these events through the C of C the possibility of duplication is avoided, and the public can become better informed of future civic activities. Club Secretaries - please call the C of C office with your organizations calendar.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Callers at the Joe Ptak home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Cramer and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Burley, Jr., all of near Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy and children of Mt. Pleasant called on her mother, Mrs. Wilma Waters, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family of Stanton called on us Saturday afternoon, then went to her sister's near Coleman. They came back Sunday and spent some time with us. They had lunch with us before visiting at Wanda Graham's home and returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and Judy and Jerry visited her sister, Mrs. Howard Meirndors, at Dansville, and Mrs. Phyllis Jacobs of Holt, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Taylor, her uncle; and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Stetler of Mason, Sunday. Monday Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrish called on the Abbotts.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott were called to Eaton Rapids Sunday, as her father had a heart attack.

Bob Smith and sons Robbie, John and Paul, and friend, Mike Weiser, of Ypsilanti, spent the weekend at their cabin at Skeels. Monday they called at the Don Alwood home and had lunch with them. They called on other relatives in this area, and expected to see Bob's mother, Hermione Smith, in Mt. Pleasant, and also call on George Smith in St. Johns.

Relatives attending Jim Alwood's graduation at Chippewa Hills High School with his family were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alwood of Hemlock, Mrs. Kris Forest of Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and Heather, and Steve Kripa of Mt. Pleasant. They all enjoyed pizzas, cake and coffee later at the Alwood home. Jim is working as a welder at Morbark's in Winn.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy

attended graduation Open House for Beth Ann McClain Sunday afternoon. They attended Open House for Jim Smith and Alan Davis also. Later they visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John Babrowski.

The Merry Go Round Club will meet with Mrs. Maggie Boger June 13.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Violet Wright called on Sister Isabel Tupper in Mt. Pleasant one day last week. They visited the Shepherd Cemetery, where they took care of their family lots.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Olger and family spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen attended the Memorial parade at Weidman and Barryton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Crook of Ohio spent the holiday weekend with her Dad, Joe La Londe, and called on her mother, Madelyn, at the Medical Facility in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Moore spent Saturday evening with them.

Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore entertained his sister and family of Munising one day last week.

Edna Teeter was the honored guest Sunday at a birthday dinner given by her children and their families. A pot-luck dinner was enjoyed at the Community Hall in Brinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott called on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Roberts of Pontiac were up Saturday visiting relatives and putting flowers on graves at the Brinton Cemetery. They visited relatives around here and Beal City.

Verl Wright and boys of Flat Rock spent the holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Godwin

and boys came Saturday from New York and will spend two weeks with home folks.

Callers on Dad and me during the week included Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Metzger of Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Moon and David of Battle Creek, and Leland Bowen, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and girls were Friday overnight guests of friends at Petoskey.

Minnie Russell of Emerald Store and Ethel Squires of Grand Rapids called on Ethel's mother, Jane Fields, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen attended Open House for their nephews, the Helmer boys, Sunday, who graduated from Chippewa Hills High School.

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HOW TO TREAT ANIMAL BITES

One of the hazards of summer fun, according to Dr. Richard F. Nowak, director of the Central Michigan District Health Department, is the increased exposure to animal bites during the months of June, July and August.

Dr. Nowak says this summer can be a safe period if precautions are taken:

Make sure your own pets and the others in your neighborhood have had their rabies shots. Avoid handling stray animals and those which appear sick. Avoid excessive handling of your own pet or pets. Like humans, animals become irritable in hot and humid weather.

If a member of your family should be bitten by an animal, here are some important rabies rules:

Identify the animal that did the biting so it can be watched and examined if necessary.

Confine the animal if possible. Killing it may make it impossible to tell whether or not it had rabies. If it does have rabies, it

will appear within 10 days and the person bitten will then receive the proper treatment. If the animal must be killed, do not damage the head or freeze it. The brain then can be examined for evidence of rabies.

Apply first aid by washing the wound with soap and water for 15 minutes.

See a doctor if there is some doubt about the health of the biting animal.

Report the incident to your local health department, dog warden or the police.

Dogs are the major source of rabies, but any warm-blooded animal, including man, may have or catch rabies. The disease is caused by a virus that attacks the spinal cord and brain of the infected person or animal. The virus is contained in the saliva of the infected animal, and is spread by the saliva getting into a break in the skin. Rabies usually is spread by the bite of an infected animal, but you need only handle an infected animal while having an open cut or scratch to become infected.

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Local Items

About 50 people attended an Open House for Jim Smith, son of Mrs. Lucille Smith, at their home here Sunday, on Jim's graduation from Chippewa Hills High School. Guests were present from Ewart, Detroit, Weidman, Flint, Barryton, Mt. Pleasant, and from Ohio. Jim will attend Ferris State College in the fall, on an architectural draftsman course.

Small Lisa McArthur accompanied her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur, on a camping trip to School Section Lake last week. Lisa is three, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur.

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S. W. Sherman
Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Callers during the week at the Ervin Dutcher, Sr., home were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard of Midland, Monday; Tuesday, Hattie Losey and Jessie Rosencrantz; Florence Hoffman, Marilyn Beutler, Flossie Flachs, Wednesday; Margaret Denslow, Cleta Navarre and Eloise and Beth Hogg called several times, also Ronna and Sandra Dutcher. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Dutcher of Mt. Pleasant and the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., were Friday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and children of Clarkston spent Saturday with his folks. Edna Merrihew, Elsie Bolinger and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan were Saturday visitors.

Dolores Gaudard and girls and Randy Smith spent Sunday with them. Floyd and Ray Dutcher and Monroe Beckwith and Barbara and Patti Dutcher and Goldie Dutcher were callers.

Monroe Beckwith of Otisville and Floyd Dutcher were Sunday callers of the Clayton Dutchers.

We had Sunday dinner with Richard, Barbara and Patti Dutcher. Monroe Dutcher and Keith were Saturday callers of ours.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Richard and Garry Dutcher had lunch with us Friday. Sally, Patti and I called on Percy Secord Friday, and took him up town.

Mr. and Mrs. Chum Methner and girls were Sunday callers of the Jim Dutchers. Kim went home with them to spend over night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nohel and children spent Sunday with the Robert Dutcher family. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher were dinner guests.

The Garry Dutchers visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pankhurst Sunday afternoon.

Bonnie Dutcher drove to Muskegon Thursday night after work and she and two sisters flew to Chicago Friday morning, where her nephew, Ken Hissong, graduated from basic training at Great Lakes. She came home Saturday morning.

The Richard and Garry Dutchers and the Earl Oplingers attended the Nashville Night at the Coldwater Lake Inn Sunday evening.

Barbara and Patti Dutcher called on the Theodore Cases Saturday.

Terry Case of Lansing, Ted Case of Barryton and L. V. Case of Litchfield were Sunday afternoon callers of the Richard Dutchers.

Barbara and Patti Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and children and Julia Dutcher and children attended Open House for Patti Losey on her graduation Sunday afternoon.

The Jim Dutchers were camping at Coldwater Lake Friday night and Saturday.

Julia Bowen of Mecosta spent

Tuesday afternoon with Grace Fitzgerald. Fran Elliott of Lowell visited Wednesday afternoon. Thursday, Gladys Stadtfeld of Remus was a visitor. Harriet Chapman of Lansing was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited the Clayton Stevenses of Lakeview Friday evening.

Ronna and Sandy Dutcher attended Open House for Patti Losey Sunday afternoon, and Patti spent Sunday over night with Sandra.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad spent Saturday evening with the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children visited the Stanley Sandersons of St. Charles Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nethaway of Ashley were Sunday dinner guests of the Howard Beutler family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse and Vadah Gatehouse attended Open House for Dawn Osborne Sunday afternoon, and called on the Warren Leiters, as their daughter, Cindy, was also a graduate.

Virgil and Marie Gatehouse were Sunday evening visitors of the Harry Gatehouses.

Kelly Thren put her hand through a glass door a week ago Tuesday and cut her hand and arm and ears very seriously. She was taken to CMC emergency room, where she was stitched in several places. She is coming along fine now.

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Local Items

Cheryl Pitts of Lansing spent the weekend at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Andrews and family of St. Johns spent the weekend with the Leon Schaffer family.

Mrs. Grace Pitts spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Elaine Esterline, in Farwell.

Elsie Bolinger of Grand Haven was a Saturday caller at the Messenger office. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Looman and Wilma Ritchie were callers at Frances Tranbarger's Flower Shop. Gerald Roberts of Pontiac was a caller at the Messenger office.

Harry Herman and George McClain, Jr., neighbors of Ruth Momany, went over last Wednesday evening with their riding lawn mowers and mowed deep grass on the huge lawn there. They also gathered a load of huge limbs broken off in sleet storms earlier this year. Ruth is well into her 69th year, and she says she can't seem to keep up with her yard work, though she loves to be outdoors, if the weather is fit.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls last Monday.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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sometimes young couples. One teenage girl dressed flashily in Western style jeans, flop hat back on her shoulders with chin-tie holding the hat dramatically at just the right angle. She had a good figure displayed effectively in movie-star poses. She had her pet mongrel dog with her. She bought food stamps at the food-stamp window and swaggered out, posing to the last inch of the doorway.

At the end of an hour and forty minutes I told my friend, "Let's go; we're only taxpayers. we seem to be in the wrong pew."

So we went; and my friend is out \$150 in back rent she can never collect.

In Sunday's Detroit Free Press there was a feature story of a 39-year-old divorcee drawing \$322 a month from ADC; and living in an affluent suburb of Detroit, in a \$300-a-month apartment with pool; with four television sets, a pink private telephone for her teenage daughter in a pink-and-white bedroom for the girl.

She is "deeply bronzed, (has) melon enameled fingers and toes, manicured poodle at her heels, haltered and saronged like a latter-day Rita Hayworth".

Incidentally, ADC cases in Oakland County have nearly doubled since 1970--from 4,714 to 8,861.

The Oakland County divorcee living in affluence also gets food stamps. Medicaid picks up her extensive doctor bills.

When she applied for welfare, other applicants unnerved her so

"she was shaking so hard" the intake worker said, "You're trembling. Take it easy, dear."

An Oakland County official told the Free Press, that the county does not dictate its clients' lifestyles.

"It's completely at their discretion what they do with the money we give them," he said.

The woman is free to spend her entire \$322 monthly check as she pleases. She said she pays the rent, with a little left over to have her poodle clipped (\$8 per clip).

Isabella County relievers are taking the taxpayers for everything they can get; but it's the same all over the country.

And this all goes back to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who took the "sting" out of being poor by renaming taxpayers' charity money "relief". Today there are organizations of "Relievers' Rights" and ADC Mothers' unions, and on and on.

We have second and third generation reliever families today. Why should they work? They are provided by the "Social Services" Department with homes, they have cars, monthly checks for good food, gas, rent, the works. They have campers, they take "vacation" trips--and look, Ma, no work! They live better than you and I.

I claim that "relief": that is, tax-money charity, belongs back where it started: With the Township Supervisor, who knows personally the families in his area and if they truly need charity from workers' tax monies.

And I am further disturbed by a nagging thought on a bigger scale: A nation that fosters and encourages propagation in its

weakest segment of human resources is doomed.

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ANNUAL FARM TOUR PLANNED BY FARM BUREAU

Plans are being finalized for the June 25 farm tour sponsored by the Farm Bureau members of Isabella County. Three stops are confirmed, with possibility of another added if conditions are acceptable at that time.

First stop will be the swine farm owned by Ron Demlow of Winn. The operation was recognized as Agricultural Development of the Year in conjunction with Michigan Week Region 10 awards.

The Lyle Walkington farm near Blanchard will feature the Hesston hay stacker in operation. It is a modern one-man operation machine that will be of interest to area farmers.

Final stop will be the chicken and egg plant at the Wager Farms near Blanchard.

An old-fashioned picnic is planned for the noon meal. Reservations must be made with Mrs. Hugh Squindlehurst of Rosebush, phone 433-5447. A bus will be available for transportation to various farm stops.

The tour will leave Mt. Pleasant at the County Building parking lot at 9.30 a.m., and return about 3 p.m. Visitors may join the tour at the first stop.

All Farm Bureau members are urged to attend, and invite non-farm friends to go along.

Purpose of the tour is to show the community the challenges farmers face in producing food.

Another stop at a fruit or veg-

etable farm will be added if growing conditions are adequate at that time.

The farm tour and lunch are compliments of the Farm Bureau women's committee.

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Local Items

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Straus and Micky and Patricia. Callers were Mr. and Mrs. Keiser and twins of Belding, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Starks and daughter of Coopersville and Mrs. Bertha Zuke and daughters, Pamela Robinson and Colleen, of Big Rapids. In the afternoon Gary and Lucinda attended Open House for Beth Ann McClain's graduation. Monday's guests were Micky and Patricia Straus. Callers were Fred Straus and Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant, and Walter Taylor. R.D. and Jennie Sprague also were visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ritchie of Port Huron were Saturday visitors of Connie Skinner. Don learned the rudiments of the printing trade in the old Weidman Messenger office, and has been on his present job on the Port Huron paper for many years. He is going along with the changeover in printing techniques, from linotype operator to ad markup man using computer codes and such. Don says there is only one linotype left on the paper, and it is fast becoming a relic. The revolution in printing is erasing the image of the printer as such, as computer typesetting comes into its own, along with offset printing.

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