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Editor's Column

By Connie

WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT IN THE JULY 11 ISSUE

So--Whoopee!--we'll see you next in the Messenger issue of July 11.

Ye Ed and her faithful news writers will skip next week's paper and take our semi-annual week's vacation.

Have a safe and sane Fourth of July, and enjoy the summer weather--whatever it may be, in Michigan.

And on the Fourth of July, the Weidman businessmen will give a fireworks exhibition, following last year's highly appreciated show.

This year's fireworks will be bigger and better, according to reports from leaders of the project. The fireworks are paid for out of the personal pockets of Weidman business people.

The display will be set off at Jack Houghton's Weidman Marina on the north edge of Weidman, on Lake Weidman, the old Mill Pond.

The public is cordially invited to come to Weidman and enjoy the Fourth of July fireworks.

There will be plenty of parking space around town, including Mitchell Memorial Park, the business street and parking behind the stores, and along roadsides within the town.

This year's Fourth of July fireworks will be worth coming in to see. Bring the kids.

See yuh in the July 11 issue.

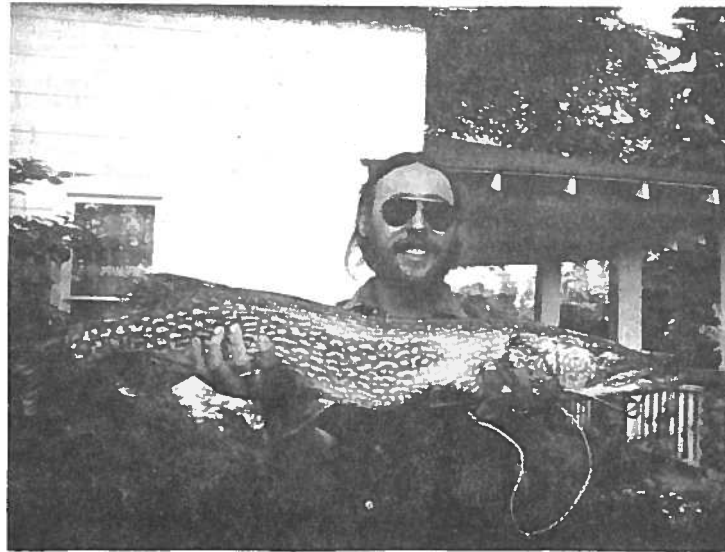
And a note to our faithful news writers: Preparation for the July 11 issue begins during the week-end of July 6, as we all need the weekend to get our news together.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls spent Sunday at Tubbs Lake with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague, who are camping there this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Cecilia St. Germaine, at New Era.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Watson of Leaton were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur.



THAT'S A BIG FISH!--Ted Harat of Ann Arbor hauled in this 37-inch northern pike Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock on Lake Isabella, using a shiner minnow for bait. Ted and his wife, Kathy, have been guests of the Waldo Dukes, who have a place on Lake Isabella. Son Randall Duke and his wife Joan of Ypsilanti were in the visiting party. Randall landed a 25-inch pike and a 14-inch large-mouth bass during their fishing hours here. Randall got his pike on a spoon lure, and his bass on a chub minnow. They fished on the west end of the lake, and said the fish were striking at anything the moment a line was thrown in the water. Messenger photo

SOFTBALL SPOOF GAME SCHEDULED FOR JULY 14

A benefit softball game is being scheduled for Sunday afternoon, July 14, beginning at 1 o'clock at Mitchell Memorial Park, between the Chippewa Hills Maulers and WNEM TV 5 all Stars. None of the players goes out for regular softball playing, and the game is guaranteed for laughs.

The Bay City-Flint television station team and a motley crew of local non-players will line up for a hilarious game at 1 p.m. Sunday, July 14, to determine who can bring in runs amidst totally chaotic teamwork.

Proceeds are earmarked for all Little League teams and for improvements at Mitchell Park.

Tickets are on sale at local business places, at \$1 for adults, 50 cents for kids.

Local folks will turn out to see the Channel 5 television team just to see folks from the station, besides a game guaranteed worth the money.

DEMOCRATS BLAST COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR NOT CALLING ELECTION

The executive committee of the Isabella County Democratic Party issued a ringing disapproval of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners' refusal to call a special election to fill a vacancy created by resignation in District One. The resolution was passed unanimously.

The Democratic committee concluded its blast by condemning "the arrogance and insensitivity of the County Commission" and by urging voters to "indicate their displeasure in a way which cannot be ignored by the Commission--at the polls next November."

The special election issue surfaced last year after the resignation of Ed Fox of Weidman and the appointment by the Commission of Richard Lichtenfelt of Coldwater Lake to fill the vacancy.

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ARE YOU REGISTERED--For the Aug. 6 Primary Election?

PROSECUTOR ASKS PUBLIC TO NAME WELFARE FRAUDS

Prosecutor Robert Kennett has authorized six criminal warrants alleging fraudulent receipt of welfare assistance so far in a well planned campaign for a crack-down on welfare gimmicks, a news release from his office relates.

Along with his efforts, the welfare department of Isabella County is seeking the public's help in exposing persons suspected of fraudulently receiving welfare assistance.

A "welfare fraud phone line" has been set up, with invitations to anyone who believes he or she has knowledge of someone fraudulently receiving welfare assistance, to call 772-0911, the County Building's telephone exchange, and ask for Darrel Tower, support specialist for the welfare department.

The caller need not give his or her name. The caller needs only to identify the suspected recipient and give reason why fraud is suspected. All information will be kept confidential.

The County Prosecutor's office says every case referred will be investigated thoroughly.

The Prosecutor's office says that all cases of actual fraud uncovered by the crackdown will be prosecuted and reimbursement together with five percent interest will be sought. Michigan law provides for up to a five-year felony charge for fraudulent receipt of welfare funds.

In March the Prosecutor's office began an attack on fathers who had abandoned their families, thereby requiring tax dollars for the support of the families left behind. Court ordered support payments, as a result of this effort, have produced \$21,320.00 per year.

The Prosecutor's office turned over \$483.20 to Maynard Cole, director of the county welfare services. The money was recovered by the Prosecutor's office from recipients who had ineligibly received welfare assistance. Recovery was made even though the element of fraud could not be proven, the Prosecutor's office said.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

The Don Alwood family cared for their granddaughter, Heather, while Rusty and Fonda enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith at Kirvan's Restaurant in Barryton.

Visitors at the Zena Olger home last week included Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams of Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Conley of Mt. Pleasant, and a great-granddaughter, Devonne Osborn, of Sanford, who stayed from Friday till Sunday. Mrs. Hattie Van Warmer of Oxford was a Thursday visitor.

Mrs. Orma Kripa of Mt. Pleasant called at the Don Alwood home Monday. She had been at the Paul Cole home earlier, to do chores.

Mrs. Jeanette Hard and boys of Freeland spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Laura Latham. They called on the Dewey Olgers Saturday. Laura spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys called on her father, James Kennedy, and Lois Knollenberg and family Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Gott of Farwell came after us Saturday, as her children were all home for the weekend. We don't see them very often.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and Flossie Allen of Winn called on us Sunday afternoon. Debbie Graham and friend, Ann Weber of Remus, and Mrs. Wanda Graham called on us Sunday afternoon.

Judy Abbott is home from Lansing.

Mrs. Elvah Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy were among many guests attending a home products party at the home of Mrs. Claribel Beutler last Monday afternoon.

Helen Alwood took her daughter, Cathy, to an ear clinic at the Mary McGuire School in Mt. Pleasant Friday morning. Mrs. Zena Olger went with them and visited her sick friends at the hospital, and enjoyed lunch at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dale Letson.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy took their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, to visit their doctor in Clare last Tuesday. On the way home they stopped at the Farwell and Gilmore Cemeteries. They enjoyed lunch at the Marvin Allen home.

Jim Alwood's friend, Doug Smith, visited him before he left Tuesday for the Marines.

Richard Blodgett, Michelle Belinger, and Donny and Cathy Alwood started last week on a sodium fluoride tooth treatment at the Beal City High School.

Many women from this area supplied baked goods for the Girl Scouts bake sale Saturday in Weidman.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Lawrence Johnson and daughters, Kris and Barbara, of Rockford, Ill., were Wednesday till Sunday house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Fiorillo and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Murray and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bauer of Williamston were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen attended the wedding of their niece, Miss Mary Watts, to James Pickens of Holt, Saturday evening.

Marvin Armock of Grand Rapids took Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar to visit Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caulkins of Second Lake Sunday. Mrs. Lillian Leinaar of Grand Rapids visited her aunt and uncle, Mrs. Crowley and Jay Leinaar, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Baldwin and daughter, Lee Joyce, were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Nettie Crowley.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Van Horn of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday dinner guests of Mrs. Nettie Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Craven were Sunday visitors.

Mrs. Leona Courser and Mrs. Sue Ward attended a Senior Citizens' picnic in Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday.

Mrs. Courser and Mrs. Lola Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook attended the dedication of the new Wesleyan Trinity Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson and children were Sunday guests of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold. Callers during the week were Mrs. Beatrice Adams, Mrs. Harry Allen, Mrs. Jack Lieder, and Mrs. Vida Lueder.

Mrs. Hazel Sellers of Lansing is a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Fred Woodruff has come home from the Edmore Hospital, where he underwent treatment on his foot.

Mrs. Leona Courser and Mrs. Lola Reed called on Mrs. Ella Cox at the home of her son, Eldon Marshall.

The annual Krueger-Lueder reunion was held at Mitchell Park in Weidman Saturday, with good attendance.

Mrs. Doyle Plank and children and Miss Darlene Myers were my supper guests Tuesday. Terry was to go to the west coast on Thursday, where he boarded a ship for Hawaii. He is in the Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa and Mrs. Elizabeth Billsby of Merrill were Saturday supper guests at my home.

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Ula Cummins received a post card last week from a former school mate whom she hadn't seen in 37 years. She had a nice visit with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hewlett of near Blanchard. Ula was an Evart visitor later in the afternoon.

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FOR SALE--Antiques, Depression Glass, used furniture, collectors' items, Friday and Saturday, 10 to 4. Collectors' Corner, 4163 North Mission (Old 27), Rosebush. Ph. 433-2934. Jun 27-Jul 11 p

Card of Thanks

Our heartfelt thanks to neighbors, friends and relatives for all the cards, flowers, candy, visits and prayers during my long stay in CMC Hospital and the Medical Care Facility; Especially the Merry Go Round Club and the Brinton Chapel. Sincerely,
Madeline La Londe

Obituary

THOMAS J. FOX
Thomas J. Fox of Belding died Tuesday, June 18, in Greenville. He was 65.
He was born Aug. 2, 1908, in Beal City. He retired recently as budget director at the Gibson Products Corporation at Greenville.
He is survived by his wife, Lillian; two sons, Richard, of Johannesburg, S.A., and Robert of Belding; three grandchildren; one brother, Clarence Fox, of Warren, and two sisters, Mrs. Anna Huber of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Mary Walker of Lake.
Funeral services were held Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Belding, with Rev.

Fr. Melvin Fox officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. ---0---

Obituary

JOSEPH TILMANN
Joseph Tilmann died Friday, June 21, at Pleasant Manor Nursing Home in Mt. Pleasant. He was 85.

He was born March 10, 1889, in Hubbardston, Mich., and lived his life in the Beal City area as a farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Ella; four sons, Donald of Mt. Pleasant, Richard of Lake Windoga, Weidman, and Allen and Earl, of the Beal City area. Also two daughters, Mrs. Harry (Edwardine) Pung of rural Weidman and Mrs. Alvin Andres (Ada) of Mt. Pleasant; 31 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. An-

thony Hanser, of Dearborn; and other relatives, and many friends. A son, Carl, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 24, at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City, with Rev. Father Delvin Tilmann, Rev. Father Don Dueueke and Rev. Father Timmins, a missionary in Kenya, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends. ---0---

NEWS NOTES

Woodrow Smith and two children visited Ruth Momany Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Smith is Ruth's son-in-law's sister.
Mrs. Carol Schafer and daughter and Mrs. Edith Smith of Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker called on Mrs. Lucille Smith during last week. Mrs. Paul Straus and daughter of Flushing were also visitors.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

FOR

General Primary Election Tuesday, August 6, 1974

To the Qualified Electors

Of the Township of Sherman (Precinct No. 1), County of Isabella, State of Michigan

Notice is hereby given that in conformity with the "Michigan Election Law", I, the undersigned Clerk, will upon any day, except Sunday and a legal holiday, the day of any regular or special election or primary election, receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said Township, City or Village not already registered who may APPLY TO ME PERSONALLY for such registration.

MONDAY, JULY 8, 1974 — **Last Day**

From 8 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.
THE 30TH DAY PRECEDING SAID ELECTION

AND ON SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1974--8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

From 8 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. on said day for the purpose of REVIEWING the REGISTRATION and REGISTERING such of the qualified electors in said Township as shall properly apply therefor.

In addition the Clerk's Office will be open from 8 o'clock a.m. until 5 o'clock p.m. on the Saturday preceding the 30th day.

The name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the precinct at the time of registration, and entitled under the Constitution, if remaining such resident, to vote at the next election, shall be entered in the registration book.

KEITH LOOMIS, Township Clerk

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Saturday overnight guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence, and called on her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins, Sunday afternoon.

David Brownell is spending a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. Opal Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood were Wednesday callers at the Paul Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Miller and two girls spent the weekend at their mobile home here.

Mrs. Flora Wood was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow, Mrs. Mary Strait and Mrs. Flora Wood attended a Senior Citizens county-wide picnic dinner at Island Park in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday. Several from this vicinity attended a Senior Citizens' meeting at Barryton Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent left June 7 for a 10-day trip to Hawaii. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family called during last week, after they came home. Gerald and Mabel called on her mother Sunday evening.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Del Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cotter were Sunday evening callers at the Benn Johnson home.

Ira Leiter was a Thursday dinner guest at the Charlie Losey home. Floyd Dutcher and Mrs. Lottie Sweebe were Friday callers, and Lottie also called on me.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson spent Saturday at the John Thompson home at Drayton Plains. While there Mrs. Thompson attended a bridal shower and luncheon for Miss Judy Thompson, at the home of Mrs. John Underwood in Pontiac.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bigelow of Winn were Monday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine of Midland were Saturday guests. They took the Phillipses six quarts of strawberries, and Mrs. Valentine made them up in jam for them. Lillian Johnston was a Sunday dinner and afternoon guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany and two sons of Big Rapids were Saturday afternoon guests of his mother, Mrs. Ruth Momany. Ross, Jr., and Ken, mowed her lawn, while the men also repaired her television antenna.

Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Ed and I called on our daughter, Ruth Ann Sherlock, Tuesday.

I had a nice visit Wednesday with Mrs. Ethel Rosethlesberger while Ed was painting her house. Mrs. Rosethlesberger has a lovely collection of African violets.

Wednesday evening Ed and I went for a ride with Jerry and Jane Schafer and children, to Brinton.

Mrs. Pat Stahl and children of Sumner spent a couple of days with her sister, Judy Schafer, and family.

Jerry and Jane Schafer and children spent Saturday here, helping his dad, Ed Schafer, on the well. Sharon McCoy of Alma was also a visitor.

The Wayne Sherlock family were visitors at the Jerry Schafer home in Rosebush Saturday evening.

Robert and Renelda Klumpp went with Ed and me Sunday to visit our mother, Mable Klumpp, at Ardis Nursing Home at Farwell. We found her quite well and jolly.

The Ardis Nursing Home is putting up an addition to its building.

Mrs. Norma Martin's son, Mike of Lansing spent the weekend with them.

Bill Schafer had Sunday lunch with us. He has been tearing down a barn on the Milo Eldred farm near Winn.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Gilda Teeter and baby were in Remus Thursday, where they called on the doctor.

Sunday guests of Edna Teeter included Mr. and Mrs. Harley Teeter and family. Some of the Teeter children remained with their grandmother, Mrs. Teeter, and attended Bible school in Brinton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen called at the Coker Funeral Home Monday evening of last week in respect to Ralph Cowles.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen, Wilbur and Connie Fletcher of Farwell and Darrell and Wanda Haenke and boys attended the Bowen reunion at the park in Barryton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright spent Friday with their daughter, Evelyn Slupe, and family in Grand Rapids, returning home Saturday. Their granddaughter, Micky, returned home with them.

Jane Fields has her granddaughter, Micky, and husband of Grand Rapids spending the week with her. Her son, Jesse, and family were also weekend guests.

Mrs. Pat Crook and daughter, Pam, came Saturday from Ohio to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe. They took her mother,



First Harvey Brien Award presented

At the Ithaca High School, the award is given to the Junior High instrumentalist who demonstrates the most musicianship, leadership, citizenship and attitude throughout the school year. The presentation of the award honors the late Harvey Brien, son of Mrs. Nina Forbes of Weidman, who served the Ithaca school system for 19 years, as band director and later as elementary school principal.

Madelyn, to Mt. Pleasant Monday, to her doctor. She is reported doing real well since her return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Ockert of Farwell called on Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker one evening during the week. Their daughter-in-law, Fern Baker, and children spent Saturday night with them. She returned home to White Pine Monday.

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

Pleasant Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beers and grandson, Pat, are vacationing on a fishing trip in Canada.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith spent last week camping at Wolverine. Ray Smith spent with from Thursday till Sunday afternoon with his brother there.

Ike Hampton of Benton Harbor spent last Tuesday night with his mother, Mrs. Edna Schultz.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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Dora Smith, Reporter

HONORED ON THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer were honored Sunday, June 16, on their 10th wedding anniversary, with an Open House at the 21 Club near Pewamo.

A lovely lunch was served, and the afternoon was spent visiting and enjoying the music provided for entertainment.

About 175 were present, with some from Beal City.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Michalitz and Mrs. Anna Bartlett of Chicago spent the past week with Mrs. Louise Schafer.

Mrs. Florence Ball and children called on Mr. and Mrs. Don Pantenburg Sunday, honoring her birthday.

Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh paid respects to Thomas J. Fox Friday evening in Belding. He died June 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cotter celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday evening at the K. C. Hall.

John Fedewa entertained company over the weekend.

Ron Rau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rau, was married Friday evening here.

Thomas Fox, son of Louis and Kate Fox, dropped dead last Tuesday morning in Belding,

where he lived. He was a former Beal City resident.

Verne Crittenden of Remus called on Louise Smith last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer paid their respects to Tom Fox. Ernest Pohl also visited the funeral home.

Gertrude Grodsky of Mt. Pleasant and two lady friends from Barryton called on Louise and Ann Smith Wednesday evening, then took Ann for a ride.

Susanne Bowen of Grand Ledge stopped on her way to Reed City to visit her mother, Mrs. Arnold Simmer, and spent all Friday afternoon with Grandma Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sheppard Friday evening.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. Ed Blasen Sunday morning.

Mrs. Joe Pung entertained company from Portland a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau attended the wake for Joe Tillmann Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bowen of Grand Ledge stopped to visit Grandma Smith before going home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Julius Rittersdorf of Belding spent a few days with her three sisters and her brother, Ed Faber.

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Mrs. Connie Botts of Shepherd, Rebekah District No. 20 president, made a visit to Weidman Rebekah Lodge No. 119 Monday evening.

BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 14 TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular Thursday afternoon card party last week, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 14 tables of pepper in play.

Monica Grinzinger won first prize for the ladies, with Viola Engler second. Mrs. George Keiffer won low.

Louis Rau won first prize for the men, with Mike Gross second.

Earl Blodgett won low.

Clara Jones won the pepper prize. Catherine Schafer won the door prize.

The committee served coffee and donuts.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Wednesday, July 3, changed this

time only in observance of the Fourth of July, on Thursday.

After the July 3 party, the regular Thursday afternoon schedules will apply.

Everyone everywhere is invited to attend.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick are spending the week at Goral Lake near Evart, camping.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McArthur, at their trailer summer home on the Ojibwa Recreation Area.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Louisell and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell.



Hi!

Don't forget the big 4th of July Fireworks display, sponsored by the Weidman Business Association. They're planning a "bang-up" time.

And, how about saving July 4th open to assist the Nottawa and Sherman Township volunteer fire department, and Auxiliary, get Little Mac Bridge ready for next winter, at a party at Elwood Millers, starting at 9:00 a.m. Make it a community project, also.

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The Fourth of July Fireworks in Weidman will be based at the Weidman Marina, sponsored by the business people of Weidman.



Roxann Hines

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines announce the engagement of their daughter, Roxann Marie, to Adra Reed, son of Orval Reed of Weidman and Mrs. Robert Hammons of Greenville. The prospective bride and groom are 1972 graduates of Chippewa Hills High School. Miss Hines is employed at the K Mart store in Mt. Pleasant. Her fiancée is a member of the United States Marine Corps. A July 26 wedding is being planned.

NEWS NOTES

Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch were

Sunday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Bessie Teall. Mrs. Emma Mid-

dlesworth called Monday afternoon. Mrs. Teall visited her doctor in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday.

Mrs. Leah Scharrer entered CMC Hospital Monday for treatment of blood clots in her legs.

Mrs. Robert Tibbetts and Carolyn of East Lansing spent Tuesday and Wednesday with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Claribel Beutler. Mrs. Hugh Swindlehurst and daughter, Leona, were last Thursday morning callers. Mrs. Forrest Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Johnston called Thursday afternoon. The Mark Johnstons showed a film on the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky at a WSCS meeting Thursday afternoon.

Flora Wood, Eva Denslow and Blanche Carr called on Mrs. Helen Smith Friday. Rev. and Mrs. Wright were Saturday visitors.

THE JOE PTAKS HAD COMPANY....

The Joe Ptak family had many friends and relatives visiting them the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ziese of Allegan arrived Tuesday, and helped Joe work on the house. Friday Mr. and Mrs. Leo Burley and Dr. and Mrs. Ptak, Joe's parents, arrived from Hazel Park, with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall McFarland of Madison Heights, who also visited a brother and his family of Lake. Also visiting the Ptaks for the week was a brother, Zygmund Ptak, of Detroit. Saturday, a sister, Mrs. Theresa Maggari, of Taylor, stopped and visited; Mr. and Mrs. John McDarley and family of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. Nash of Frankenmuth stopped for a quick "Hello".

BETTER THAN A LETTER

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

How are you and Frances? I am a lot better, but not able to walk alone.

I am sending my \$11.00 for my paper for the year 1975. I will be here for some time yet. My new address:

Ina Gillett, 446 Mitchell, Sanford, Mich. 48657.

I am always in a hurry for my paper to get here. How is Lucille Smith now?

The 29th of this month Iva and Felix will have been married 50 years. We had a lady come to the house yesterday to give us both permanents. I am not able to leave the house.

I hope you stay well. The Lord be with you always.

Your friend, Ina Gillett

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and family attended a wedding and reception at Montague Saturday evening. They visited her folks while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse Friday evening.

Eva Chaffee and daughter, Judy Williams, and her daughter and son, Chad, were Thursday evening callers at the Gatehouse home. Ira Leiter was a Friday caller.

Nancy Gaudard spent last week with her grandparents, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Linda Hardenburgh and friend of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dell of Littlefield Lake and Bill Lumbert were Sunday callers of Emory Dell and the Harry Hardenburghs.

Hattie Losey and Jessie Rosenkrantz were Thursday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. Ruby Kirvan and Edna Merrihew of Barryton were also afternoon guests. The Jack Gaudards of Midland had Saturday dinner with them, and the Bill Remingtons of Saginaw were afternoon and supper guests. The Gaudards called on their way home from camping, Sunday.

Roderick Nicholson took Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., Tuesday. It was Ervin's birthday. Eloise Hogg and girls took home made ice cream and cake, and Ronna Dutcher took a cake, and they helped Ervin celebrate that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and children and Mr. and Mrs. Chum Methner spent from Friday night till Sunday night camping at Ludington.

Julia Dutcher was a Friday caller of Bonnie Dutcher.

I called on Goldie and Ervin Dutcher Sunday afternoon. Ronna Dutcher was an early evening caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines of Barryton were Thursday evening callers of the Ervin Dutchers. Kathy Cooper and children visited them Friday morning.

Aletha Chaffee, Fern Baker and Lori and Bert and Mabel Chaffee visited the Harry and Leo Gatehouse homes Thursday evening.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Brien and son, Timmy, of Sumner visited their grandmother, Mrs. Nina Forbes, Sunday afternoon and evening, and had lunch with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and daughter, Pam, took Mrs. Helen Smith to St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids Sunday, for further surgery to place a new joint in her left hip. Mrs. Smith's address is St. Mary's Hospital, 200 Jefferson, Grand Rapids 49502.

Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Happy Birthday to Clyde Emmons, who celebrated his 70th birthday last Monday. Clyde, Mary and Eddie John enjoyed a chicken dinner at Kirvan's Restaurant in Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Monroe were Sunday afternoon callers at the Emmons home. Margaret Kirvan was a Saturday visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son were Sunday dinner guests of his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wiggins and Cheryl of Farwell were Saturday evening visitors of the Bill Wilcox family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Portenga of Conklin spent Sunday and were dinner guests of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga, and family. The Portengas were Wednesday callers of Mrs. Pearl Loomis, and their grandmother, Mrs. Eva Gray, at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Dan Stebelton and daughter, Renee, of Mt. Pleasant were Thursday visitors of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, and family. Renee spent the night with her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leiter and son were Sunday dinner guests.

Mrs. Howard Monroe spent the weekend at home. She is still in the Medical Care Facility, but was feeling some better. Blane Monroe spent the weekend in Port Huron. He has completed his schooling at the Trade School in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock attended the wedding of their cousin, Bruce Schrock, at Mt. Pleasant Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Olger and family of Blanchard were Sunday morning visitors at the Schrock home. Verl Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Karyl Hartzler and Scott Wilcox were also callers during the week. Mrs. Schrock and children spent Thursday with Wilma Welch at Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky visited her sister, Kate, at Big Rapids last Monday. Sunday evening they called on Mrs. Mildred DeVary at Remus. Mrs. Skalitzky attended quilting club at Eva Gray's in Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday.

Elizabeth Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Reed, is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. William Curoshi, at Clifford Lake.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxon and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey attended a dulcimer club meeting in Evart Saturday evening, and enjoyed beautiful old-time music and a pot-luck supper. The meetings are open to the public, held at the fair grounds in Evart, and Carl and Daisy went to enjoy hearing the music.

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YAHOO! --Ye Ed gets her picture in the paper with a good fish. It's a smallmouth bass, 15 inches long with a 9 1/2-inch girth, weight three pounds. Caught and landed with a cane pole using a worm on a bluegill hook, on the private fishing nook owned by Connie Skinner and Frances Tranbarger. We walk from our kitchen doors down to the beach on Lake of the Hills evenings, and come back with everything from bluegills (rather small) to carp (best plant fertilizer) to an occasional prize like the bass or eatin'-size channel catfish. Messenger photo

DOG LICENSE SALES ARE UP THIS YEAR

Sales of dog licenses in the county are nearly double this year over previous years, but there remains a large percentage of owners who have not licensed their dogs.

The "teeth" in the program adopted last fall by the County Commissioners apparently will have to be put to work to get many dog owners to either get licenses or dispense with owning the animals.

The Animal Shelter took in \$1,235.00 at its office for dog licenses in the interim February to June 10 this year.

They completed the job of sending warning letters to delinquent dog owners in the follow-

ing townships:

Coe, Lincoln, Fremont, Union, Nottawa, and the City of Mr. Pleasant.

A hundred and ninety-three stray dogs were picked up by the Humane Society this year, as of June 1. Eighty-six stray dogs were picked up in the City of Mt. Pleasant during that period. Two hundred and eighty-nine complaints were answered in Mt. Pleasant during the same period.

Each category has increased since the above figures were released, according to the Humane Society.

During May the shelter took in \$219.00 in dog license sales. Shelter fees amounted to \$430 (rabies shots, fees on adoption of animals, etc.). Donations

amounted to \$82.00. Total money received at the shelter was \$649.00. 184 animals were disposed of (killed), including 48 cats. Two hundred and eighty-two animals were housed at the shelter as of May 31, 62 cats and 162 dogs. Three stray dogs were picked up in Broomfield Township, three in Sherman, one dog and two cats in Gilmore, and four stray dogs in Nottawa. Three stray cats were picked up in Deerfield Township, along with one stray dog.

Fifty owners of cats took their animals to the shelter in May, along with 99 owners of dogs.

The record is much better than previous years, but the process still is not what the County Commissioners promised the public last fall.

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In the Editor's Mail

Editor, Weidman Messenger

Dear Ms. Roe:

I have a correction to make to a statement appearing in last week's paper. I am referring to the one appearing on the first page regarding Mrs. Hackney being the first person in Isabella County having a chance at the million-dollar drawing.

I was in the very first million-dollar drawing, held in February, 1973, at the Civic Auditorium in Lansing.

I came away with \$1,000, but along with others, I wish Ms. Hackney all the luck in her try at the big prize.

Bernita E. Salisbury, Shepherd.

MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE HAS 55% VOCATION ED STUDENTS ON DEGREES

Fifty-five percent of students graduated from Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison received vocational education degrees or certificates, according to the dean of instruction.

"These figures do not include practical nurse graduates," the dean explained. "If we add the 63 practical nurses graduated to the May graduates, then 75% of the 1973-74 graduates completed vocational programs in preparation to go to work."

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie--

Enclosed please find check for \$10.00. One year's subscription at \$8.00, and \$2.00 for your added expenses the last year.

Have a well deserved vacation!

Sincerely,
Daphne Frear
Coldwater Lake

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