

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT 1984 ARRIVES IN ISABELLA COUNTY

Last Monday afternoon a young man came to our office and shoved a letter of introduction under our nose. The letter requested our courteous co-operation, and was signed by Maynard Gilmore, County Clerk.

We have known Maynard Gilmore a hundred years or so, and considered him our friend. Much later, when we were allowed to talk with him, we felt we were talking with a remote, unreachable tentacle of "The Government".

Oh, well, back to Monday. We read the young man's letter and asked, "What's the Gem Survey Appraisal Company, Inc.?" "Inc.' stands for incorporated," he said without inflection. "We are incorporated."

So much for his opinion of the country bumpkin.

"You own 27 acres here, more or less?" he asked, referring to a sheet already much-written-up.

"Don't know," we said vaguely, thinking of the lake plats and lots and things. The young man wrote something on his tally-sheet; he was polite, disinterested, robot-like in his indifference to human reaction and in his dedication to his assigned job.

"How many rooms in your downstairs?" he asked. We told him. "May I see them?" We showed him the office, the small bedroom, dining room, kitchen. He looked into our bathroom.

"How many rooms upstairs?"

"Three."

"May I see them?"

"Go ahead," we said helplessly.

He went upstairs unescorted, and we began to get mad. Just plain, old-fashioned mad.

On his return to downstairs he asked about the basement; the foundation under the house.

Presently he went outside and began measuring windows and the house walls.

After he left we put in a call to Maynard Gilmore's office to protest this invasion of our privacy. Maynard Gilmore was out of town till Thursday. We (Continued on Back Page)



### WEIDMAN TEAM WINS IN LITTLE LEAGUE GAME SUNDAY--

Jerry Horstman's Weidman Team played the Beal City Blues Sunday afternoon at the Home and Training School in Mt. Pleasant, with a fine turnout of appreciative parents and patients. The score was 3 to 2, a good game. Shown in the above photo, left to right, back row: Jerry Horstman, coach; John Zill, Bob Rider, Kevin McClain, Joe Leiter, David Smith, Kerry McClain, and Greg Parker. In the front row are Tony Parker, Dennis Clark, John Pick, Tim Abbott, and Mark Horstman, the winning pitcher in the game.

Photo by Joyce McClain



### REV. FR. EDWARD NEUBECKER

It was a happy-and-sad occasion when his parishoners gathered to show their respect and affection for their priest of 24 years in the Beal City parish.

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Over 400 people attended a Going-Away reception honoring Rev. Father Edward Neubecker Sunday afternoon at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City.

Father Neubecker is retiring August 1, and will live at his home on Lake Michigan near Lake Leelanau, after 24 years of

service as priest of the Beal City Catholic parish of St. Joseph the Worker Church.

He has the respect and affection of the parish, as well as very many friends of other areas and faiths.

The reception was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the Altar Society and the Holy Name Society of the Beal City parish. The hall was beautifully decorated with flowers on white-covered tables, and ladies' committees served beautifully decorated cakes and other goodies, with fruit punch, after the short program.

Visiting priests, friends and former classmates in the Seminary, included Rev. Father James Fitzpatrick and Rev. Fr. Hoogterp of Clare, Fr. Frego of Rosebush, Msgr. Dunphy of Mt. Pleasant, Msgr. Bryant of Tru-fant, Fr. Melvin Fox of Portland, soon to be transferred to Grand Rapids; with Father McDuffy, assistant priest at Beal City and priest for St. Leo's Church at Winn, as Master of Ceremonies introducing the visiting dignitaries.

Msgr. Bryant and Father Neubecker were class leaders scholastically in the Seminary at

## Men in Uniform

Here are some new addresses: SR. Harold D. Straus, USN, D50-01-58, Co. 241, 12th Bn., R. T. C. Great Lakes, Ill. 60088.

The addresses for the following Navy recruits are the same with the exception of the last two numbers:

SR. Casey Straus, USN, D50-01-56, Co. 241, 12th Bn., R. T. C. Great Lakes, Ill. 60088.

SR. Robert C. Riley, D50-01-57, Co. 241, 12th Bn., R. T. C. Great Lakes, Ill. 60088.

The men are together in their training, with bunks close together in the same barracks.

They enlisted on the "buddy" system, whereby brothers or relatives may stay together during their training.

They plan on home leave in September, and would like to hear from their friends meantime.

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Raymond Neubecker, son of Mrs. Vera Neubecker, is also at Great Lakes, and says he likes it fine.

Grand Rapids, during their studies for priesthood. Both were scheduled to complete their educations in Rome, but it was toward the close of World War II, and due to bombings by Allied planes, they were assigned instead to complete studies at Baltimore and Washington, D. C.

Fr. McDuffy made several presentations of gifts to Fr. Neubecker, some humorous, and a gift of money from parishoners to Fr. Neubecker.

Wm. Fox, Grand Knight of the Beal City Council of Knights of Columbus, was chairman for the event. The Knights of Columbus and their wives made the afternoon a charming and memorable affair.

Father Neubecker, in a short speech acknowledging the gift from his parish, mentioned that next Sunday, Aug. 2, will be his farewell Mass for his congregation.

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Blanche Cliff spent the weekend with Mildred Tompkins at Barryton. They attended the wedding of Mary Jo Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ercil Williams, and Michael Suman Friday evening at the Church of God in Barryton. A reception at the high school auditorium followed the ceremony.

**West Gilmore**

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Segel of north Littlefield Lake are on a trip through the Dakotas and Yellowstone Park.

Mrs. Ken Stevens of north Littlefield Lake called on the Paul Coles Tuesday. Rev. Marvin Eldridge and Mrs. Charlotte Hart were also Tuesday visitors. Paul Cole visited his doctor at Rosebush Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Markin and Mrs. Eloise Johnson of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma Friday evening. Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Miss Ruth Border, were Monday visitors.

A birthday party was held Sunday at the home of Mrs. Charlotte Hart. Mrs. Jean Hart and Stanley Shaner were honored guests. Ice cream and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brennan and three daughters of Fairgrove visited their aunt, Mrs. Charlotte Hart, Friday. Mrs. Janet Hart and two children and her mother, Mrs. Myers, and her grandmother were Saturday visitors.

Tony Manance and friends spent the weekend at his farm.

Can't call anyone. Guess all are on vacation.

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**N. Broomfield**

Richard Lueder is a patient at CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder made an extensive trip to Key West, Fla., and other points, returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wiley and grandson, Craig, of Northville visited Mrs. Maycie Cook and other relatives here, while vacationing at their cottage on a lake in the Upper Peninsula.

We've surely been having some hot and humid summer weather, haven't we? It's hard to remember a summer just like this.

Mrs. Robert Cook and daughter, Sandy, and Mrs. E. Lueder attended the 25th wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Miles Strong at Alma Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Ray of Charlotte were weekend guests of the Emil Lueders.

Mrs. Ralph Ehler and Judy and Kathy of Shepherd spent Sunday with the Robert Fannings.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cooper and son of Kalamazoo were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Miss Mary Richardson is a patient at the Edmore hospital.

Mrs. Robert Cook and Sandra visited her sister, Mrs. George Dodge, of Owosso, Thursday.

Mrs. Paul Lueder spent the weekend with her daughter, Dorothy, at Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder were guests of the Milford Lueders at Grand Haven Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Hines, Mrs. Hattie Losey, Mrs. Minnie Strauch of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Richard Lueder and Mrs. Paul Lueder visited Mrs. E. R. Rhode the past week.

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**Brinton News**

Frances Beck, Reporter

Lewis Bowen was in Mt. Pleasant Thursday. He also attended a Federal Land Bank meeting in Clare Tuesday.

Cora Beers gave a bridal shower in honor of Frances Steinhoff Wednesday afternoon. Miss Steinhoff and Bill Beers are being married Aug. 15.

Connie Bowen attended the wedding of Virginia Benjamin and Steve Hoffman at the Baryton Church of God Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Seymour called on Frances Beck and Lillie Maddox Tuesday evening. Mrs. Maddox spent from Wednesday till Friday with Velma Amy and Gloria Brettingham.

Connie Skinner and Mildred Garner were Thursday callers of Frances Beck, and took home several quarts of those wonderful Taylor red raspberries.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Forbes spent the latter part of the week at their trailer, and visited their mother, Flossie Forbes. Caroline Alston was also a weekend guest of Flossie Forbes.

Lillie Anderson and children of Saginaw spent a few days last week with her brother, Richard Irish.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower are spending the week at their cottage at Houghton Lake.

Lillie Maddox returned to her home in Saginaw after a two weeks' visit with Frances Beck and her sister-in-law, Velma Amy.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Geasler were Friday overnight guests of Carl and Ellen Geasler.

Paul Moore and friends of Battle Creek spent the weekend at their cottage on Grass Lake Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes were in Saginaw Tuesday, where Fay called on his doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and girls were Friday night guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil La Londe.

Eunice and Madelyn La Londe were in Lakeview Wednesday. They called on Lena St. John, who was taken to the hospital there that morning. Mrs. St. John returned home Saturday.

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**Central Gilmore**

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

(Too Late for Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dell and Mr. and Mrs. Vanness Cook are on a two weeks' camping trip up in Canada, fishing for the big ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Fordyce and daughter, Eleanor, of Blanchard, and Mrs. Bernice Cook of Farwell were Sunday dinner

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber were happy Wednesday when they received a call from Tri-Cities Airport to come and get their son, Steve. He had just arrived from overseas. We are all glad to see you back, Steve.

Sunday the Walter Faber family and the Battle families of Paris had a picnic at the Faber cottage on Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lautzenheizer and daughter of Jerome spent the weekend at the Ed McAlvey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Southcot of Florida are staying at the home of Terence O'Rourke while they went to Colorado for a visit.

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The Holy Land films shown July 23 were beautiful. Pastor Ione Lloyd did a tremendous job in photographing the spots of interest, and her remarks added much to the presentation.

Mrs. Wm. F. Martin (Leona) of Beal City was a Friday caller of Connie Skinner.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

### LOUISE SMITH SUFFERS ACCIDENT IN BASEMENT OF HER HOME HERE

Louise Smith went down into her basement last Monday evening to take down her washing off a line there, lost her balance, fell down, and broke her left arm.

Her callers during the week were Sister Adele of Detroit, Sister Alexander of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau, Tuesday;

Mrs. Joe Tilmann and Mrs. Pantenburg, Will Pung, Diana Trowbridge, Debbie Rau and Florence Andrews, Wednesday; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Allen Tilmann, Mrs. Walter Rau, Mrs. Ida Tilmann, Mrs. Tony Schafer, and Mrs. Harold Block; from Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith, Mrs. Naomi Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Will Piggott.

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Miss Regina Faber is spending some time in Ypsilanti.

Mrs. Pat Finnerty of Mt. Pleasant came out and got Sister Adele Friday to take her to the bus back to Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp visited Mrs. Tony Schafer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger and Mrs. Henry Grinzinger left Thursday for a tour of Germany.

Mrs. Joe Pung took care of Peter Schafer Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pung of Hemlock spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh returned home from their trip Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. Thompson of Rosebush spent Tuesday at the Asa Andrews home.

Mrs. John E. Schafer returned home from Detroit Saturday. Lawrence Schafer brought her home.

Maxine Klumpp returned home from her trip to Fort Knox, Ky., Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred and Mrs. Tony Schafer, Mrs. Gertrude Gross and Clara Fox, Mrs. Bill Trowbridge and Mrs. June Blasen, and Ginger, Debbie and Brian Rau and Tony Schafer were callers of Louise Smith last week, after she suffered a broken arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Martin went to St. Johns Saturday morning to attend the wedding of Leone's grandson, Gale Henning, and Donna Gee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gee of St. Johns. The wedding took place at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Johns, with

a reception at 7.30 p.m. at the social hall of the church. Gale is the son of Irene (Ley) and Lawrence Henning. Mr. and Mrs. Martin stayed until Sunday, when they returned to attend the reception for Father Neubecker at the K. C. Hall in Beal City.

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## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

Well, it's news time again. Where the days go I do not know.

Last Monday I had a surprise visitor, Mrs. Senna Ablove, of Ogdensburg, N.Y. Guess the folks in this area remember her as Mrs. Robinson, who used to own so much property around Coldwater Lake. We had done business with her but had never met her before.

Mrs. Harry Rupp was a Sunday caller of Connie Skinner and Mrs. Mildred Garner, in Weidman.

Monday evening Ed and I took his mother, Tillie Schafer, to see Uncle Pete Schafer. We also had a nice visit with Sister Marie and Sister Adele.

Tuesday callers at the Peter Lorenz home were Verlia Wilcox, Mary Lou Theisen and children, Flo Haupt, and Kate Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cripps and son of Detroit came Friday and stayed till Saturday. Idella Philipps also called Friday evening at the Lorenz home.

Jimmy Beck called on me Tuesday and then we called on Judy Schafer. Judy plans on caring for little Andy Beck next fall, when his mother returns to her teaching job at Beal City.

Wednesday afternoon I took Sister Adele and Tillie Schafer to see Jerry Schafers' swimming pool, and we called on Ruth Klumpp and daughters. Afterwards I took them all around Coldwater Lake and then brought them to my house for dinner.

Ed and I called on our son, Don, and family Thursday evening. Don left Saturday for a two weeks' duty trip with the Army Reserves at Grayling.

We received a call from our daughter, Ruth Ann Sherlock, of Traverse City, Thursday evening. Her infant son, Eddie, was taken to the hospital for surgery Friday morning. He was fine when she called Friday evening.

Bob and Nettie Klumpp had dinner at Coldwater Lake Inn Friday evening, and then stopped in and we had a few games of cards.

Friday evening callers at the Don Schafer home were Rick Klumpp, Pam Safford, Jerry Schafer, and Jane Bader.

Saturday afternoon Flo Haupt and granddaughters, Debbie and Judy, called on Loretta Lorenz.

Dorothy Schaefer returned last Wednesday from the Mayo Clinic.

Sunday evening Max and Vera Straus took their new baby to

Grandparents Lorenz's home so they could see it. Other visitors Sunday were Thelma Bossche, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lorenz, and family.

Pete and Loretta Lorenz ate dinner Sunday with the Paul Simmer family.

Lisa and Lori Simmer spent Monday with Grandma and Grandpa Lorenz.

A Going-Away party was held Sunday for Father Neubecker, with a large attendance. We are sorry to see him go, but he does deserve a rest.

Judy Schafer's sister, Patti Stahl, and sons, are spending a few days here with her.

We called on our brother, Russ Klumpp, and family of Remus, Sunday. Russ had quite a scare early Saturday morning. At first they had reason to believe their daughter, Judy, was in an accident on Meridian Road with her boy friend. Judy lives in Lansing, and had moved recently, but she was finally located, safe and sound.

That's it for this time.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Clara Green of Wheeler spent Saturday and Sunday with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen.

## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott had dinner with the Don Alwood family Sunday. Rusty cooked the steak on a grill outside, and had it ready when his mother got home from work.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott called on Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gott of Farwell and also called on their granddaughter and husband, Linda and Ben Peacock, in their new home. They moved in last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and Judy and Jerry called on Carolyn Jewell and family at Brinton, and enjoyed a cookout, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olgers' visitors were her three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Becker of Oxford, Mrs. Dora Wedman of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Sim Riggs of Alma, Sunday. Mrs. Mattie Wood called in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott called on Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGillis of Lake last Tuesday afternoon.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fordyce were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler. Mrs. Wm. Knudson and children of Livonia were weekend guests of Mrs. Lela Whearett.



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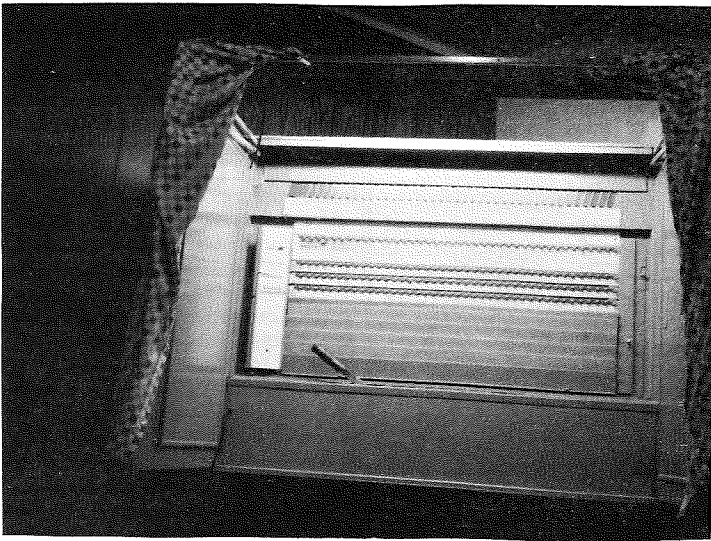
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Voters of Sherman Township are strongly urged to turn out at the primary election next Tuesday and use the new machine.

Frances Tranbarger and Connie Skimmer were among those taking advantage of instruction on use of the machine Monday evening, and we found it much easier and much more effective than we'd imagined.

The machine was set up and put in running order by Keith Loomis, who happens to be Sherman Township Clerk and also an expert electronics workman. He did a good job, and the machine works on a no-possibility of your losing your vote through error.

On election day, we were told Monday evening, there will be a member of the Election Board standing at the machine, ready to help you if you get mixed up on what you want to do on it.

Personal instruction is going on every evening this week through Friday, from 6 p. m. to 10, and we urge voters to get out there and learn the machine before election day.

The machine is there to stay; and voters refusing to learn to use it now will have the problem remaining indefinitely. A primary election is a fine time to get used to the new voting machine.

There are three parties on the ballot as, shown by the rows of tabs in the photo above. The parties are Democratic, Republican, and American Independent Party. You just choose your party and follow names across the board.

This primary election is a hot one, with alternatives, for once, for voters' choice. John Engler is opposing Russell Strange for State Representative, on the Republican ticket. James C. Turner, a crusading editor who accused legal bigwigs in Livingston County and other parts of the state of chicanery--and

Messenger photo

won!--is a candidate opposing Wm. Milliken for Governor of Michigan, on the Republican ticket.

Many Republican voters will be happy to see they have an alternate choice besides Lenore Romney, the hand-picked candidate of Republican State Central Committee. Her opponent for nomination is Robert J. Huber, and you'll see his name along with hers, on the machine.

Vance Wood has been drafted to run as Supervisor of Sherman Township, opposing Earl Oplinger on the Republican ticket.

Vance's votes will be write-ins, and there's a place on the machine for that, too.

Vance filed for nomination as Township trustee, and his name is on the ballot for that; but if you should write in his name and then turn the tab at his name for trustee, you won't spoil your ballot, as Vance did not file as a candidate for Supervisor.

So--do get out there, Sherman folks, during this week, and get a look at the machine so you won't be scared come election day.

And do get out there next Monday, Aug. 4, and vote your choice on your ticket.

This is a very important primary election.

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#### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Irma Kische and Mrs. Hermione Smith had Sunday dinner with the Don Smith family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler spent last Wednesday at Wilson Park with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children, who were camping there. They attended the 50th anniversary reception for Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Gilmore Sunday at Mt. Pleasant. They called on Mrs. Beutler's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Cole, of Mt. Pleasant, on their way home.

## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mrs. Charles Voss reported that their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Stuart Voss, was in the Clare hospital. She took her there Friday night, suffering from appendicitis, but had not had surgery yet when Mrs. Voss visited her Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Brecht and daughter, Lisa, Lorraine Conley and Miss Cheryl Leiter were Sunday visitors at the Voss home. Mr. and Mrs. Voss were Sunday supper guests of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Voss, and family.

Mrs. Voss also reported that their son, Steven, is the proud owner of a new Ford Torino.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hapner of Battle Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schrock of Littlefield, and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith of Riverdale were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock and grandchildren, Eddie, Debbie and Susan.

Mr. and Mrs. Schrock and grandchildren went to Riverdale Sunday to his mother's, Mrs. Nella Schrock's. The occasion was in celebration of her birthday, and also the birthday of Mrs. Arthur Schrock. Happy Birthday, Nella and Annabel!

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Zill of St. Charles were weekend guests of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill, and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman at Crooked Lake Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson called Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley and Kurt and Floyd Sowle visited Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky and her sister, Mrs. Kate Darnell, of Barryton, attended the Senior Citizens party at the KC Hall in Beal City Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Showers and Mrs. Kate Darnell visited at the Skalitzky home Sunday, and were luncheon guests.

Mrs. Russell Stanley went with Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and girls Saturday evening to Stevenson Lake, calling on her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Irwin, Jr. The girls enjoyed swimming, while we tried our luck for some of the big bluegills. Got 11 nice ones and two mammoth bullheads.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell and baby daughter, Heather Lee, returned to Spring Lake Sunday, after spending the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck. Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Louisell, Jr., and Patrick and Jill, at their cottage on Crooked Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson

were attendants at the wedding of her sister, Mary Jo Williams, and Michael Suman at the Barryton Church of God Saturday evening, she being matron of honor and Craig groomsman-usher. The lovely wedding at the church was followed by a big reception at the Barryton High School gymnasium, where they received many beautiful and useful gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Roddy also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Smith of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Marguerite Coleman called at the Thompson home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson, Roddy and friend, Eddie Oplinger, and Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson joined the former's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Johnson, and family at Goose Lake Sunday, where they picnicked, swam, and had a delightful time together.

Hazen Thompson and Ralph visited Manley Oliver and Mrs. Marguerite Coleman at Remus Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler visited his cousin and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Fritz, and other relatives at Jonesville Sunday, enjoying the back-yard swimming pool and a very pleasant afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City called on Mrs. Lena St. John Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corwin, Robert, Jr., and Kyle visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow, during the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and family Sunday evening. Mrs. Denslow took Mrs. Juanita Struble to her doctor in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray and his father, Ernest Gray, were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray and family in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Lowery of Barryton were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray and family were Sunday guests at the grandparents' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anslor of Battle Creek spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emmons of Belding were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rupp of Coldwater Lake, Mrs. Ethel Bywater and Mrs. Ercel Woodward were Wednesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane. Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Eldridge and family were callers. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe and Blane visited Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Shook and family at Barryton Friday evening. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Abbott and Mrs. Ethel Bywater and Mrs. Ercel Woodward Sunday afternoon.

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June 4 to Aug. 7p

FOR SALE--Wheat straw in field. Richard Pohl, 1 mile south, 1 1/2 east of Beal City.

July 30t1

YUNKER MEMORIALS--Before buying that memorial for your loved one, see us or phone: Charles Buzek, ph. 561-3690, or Laurence Taylor, ph. 561-3763, R. 1, Remus 49340.

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FOR SALE--Truck axle wheels and tires, \$20.00, with wagon frame. Edw. Schafer, Coldwater Lake.

July 30tf

FOR RENT--3-Room Upstairs Apartment with garage. No children or pets. In Beal City. Ph. 644-3958. Mrs. Tony Schafer.

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REBEKAH RUMMAGE SALE--Every Friday till further notice.

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FOR "a job well done feeling," clean carpets with Blue Lustre. Rent electric shampooer \$1 at Fox Hardware, Weidman.

July 30t1

## Card of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who surprised me on my birthday.

Especially to the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. John Weber; Mrs. Matt Engler for the unique cake, and to "the gang" for the gift.

Art Tilmann.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our appreciation to Father Neubecker, Father McDuffy, and all who were so kind and considerate with food, flowers, donations and condolences at the passing of our husband and father, Fred Smith, July 16.

Katherine Smith  
And Daughters:  
Elizabeth Wickenhiser  
Marie Shettler  
Edith De Vaney  
Viola Wright

## Obituary

### FREDERICK SMITH

This village was saddened by the loss of another of our older citizens, Frederick Smith, who died Thursday, July 16, at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility. He was 94.

He had spent two weeks in CMC Hospital and was transferred to the Medical Facility, where he died suddenly after one day.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith lived in Weidman Village the past two years. Mrs. Smith was born in Weidman, and the couple had lived in the Beal City area all their lives.

Mr. Smith was born Oct. 5, 1875, in Westphalia. He came up to this area before their marriage more than 65 years ago.

Mrs. Smith has been staying at her home here in Weidman, cared for by her children. She has been in poor health.

Frederick Smith is survived by his wife, Katherine; four daughters, Mrs. Edith DeVaney and Mrs. Viola Wright, of Weidman; Mrs. Elizabeth Wickenhiser of Fraser, and Mrs. Marie Shettler of Bryan; and 12 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 19, at 10 a. m. from St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Beal City, with Rev. Fr. Neubecker officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The family has the sympathy of all.

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## Obituary

### ALFRED SPRAGUE

This community was shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden and unexpected death of Alfred Sprague Saturday morning, July 25, at his home in Lansing. He had not been ill, and apparently died of a heart condition.

He was 53 years old the day before he died. He was born in Weidman.

He was a Captain in the Air Force in World War II, a pilot. He had been employed in the shipping department of Motor Wheel in Lansing since 1939, as a dispatcher.

He and his family have many friends here.

Surviving are his wife, Doris (Fox); three children, Jean Ann, a student at Colorado State University; and Mary Kay and Richard, at home.

Also surviving are his brothers and sisters: R.D. Sprague of Weidman, Harlan of Mt. Pleasant, Richard of Weidman, and William, also of Weidman; and

Alice (Sprague) Looman of Cedar Springs, Dollie Bowers of California, and Catherine Schumacher and Edith Davis of Lansing; and many nieces and nephews and other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in the St. Gerard Catholic Church in Lansing, with burial in St. Joseph Cemetery there.

The family has the sympathy of the community.

FOR SALE--Table and buffet; bed springs and mattress; also garden cultivator, kitchen cabinet. Other items. Blanche Carr, Weidman, ph. 644-2544.

July 9t1

## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Rhonda and Richard DeVries, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald DeVries of Big Rapids, were honored with a birthday party at their grandparents', Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow's, Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. DeVries, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons, Mrs. Mabel Cummings and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Denslow and daughters and their families joined her mother, Mrs. Mabel Cummings, and her sisters and husband and their families on the shores of Lake Michigan Sunday, where they picnicked and had a wonderful time together.

Guests and visitors during the week at the Stanley home were Mrs. David Moore and Pam and David, Jr., helping Grandma can string beans, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Susan and Sandra of St. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stanley of Barryton, Miss Sharon Welch of Remus, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis and David Moore of Lake Thirteen. Darlene Pung has been staying a few days and is a real good helper.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip were also guests at the birthday dinner for his grandmother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, and mother, Mrs. Annabel Schrock, at Riverdale. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith, returning home and enjoying a birthday supper honoring Mrs. Gilbert Schrock at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens of Lake. Happy Birthday, Sharon!

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horstman were called to Sunfield Saturday by the serious condition of her father, William Franks, who was injured in a three-car accident at Mulligan, near Grand Ledge. He was taken to the hospital at Charlotte.

## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moore and three daughters were Sunday and over night guests of her grandfather, Frank Benn. Frank spent Saturday with the Wilbur Benms at Shepherd.

Elwood Miller called on his mother, Mrs. Ethel McLean, Saturday. Elwood and George were Sunday supper guests at the Dick Touchinski home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and Bill and Bob and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ergo of Royal Oak attended a Tiger ball game in Detroit Saturday.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence spent the weekend with her son, Garth, and family at Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin attended the christening of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin's baby at Owosso Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Cummins of Lansing were Saturday morning callers at the Alva Cummins home. Howard Terry was also a caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and children spent the weekend at Horsehead Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey and I attended an All-Star ball game at Mecosta Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Flora Wood spent Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with her children and grandchildren, the Pete Wood family, the Ralph Bergquists, the Bob Bergquists, the Dick Potters, the Alan Woods, and Richard Woods. Monday dinner guests of Mrs. Wood were Mrs. Carol Suman and Lisa and Steve, Roxann and Michael Lynn and Sue Wood and Peter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and I were Tuesday evening callers at the Harold Losey home in Mt. Pleasant, and Hattie and I called on our aunt and cousin, Mrs. Liza Losey and Mrs. Bessie Price.

Minnie Strauch was a Wednesday overnight guest of her sister, Hattie Losey. Saturday callers at the Losey home were Ervin Dutcher, Jr., Howard Terry, and Mrs. Marlene Tiedeman and daughters. Howard Terry and Marlene and girls also called on me. ---0---

## Local Items

The Darnell family reunion was held Sunday at the Broomfield Grange Hall, with about 45 present. A bounteous pot-luck dinner was enjoyed, and the day was pleasantly spent in visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Garold St. John and family visited his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy, in Big Rapids.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## EARLY HISTORY OF SHERMAN CITY

Some settlers who were prominent in the early days of Sherman City were the Thompson and Pointen families.

One of the oldest remaining members of this pioneer Thompson family is John, or Jack, as most people know him, now nearly 85 years of age. It is he who relates this story as he remembers it:

By Jack Thompson

My father, James William Thompson, mother Adeline and sisters Eva and Lura, along with my grandfather, James Thompson, and mother's parents, the James Pointens, came from Sharon, Pa., to settle in Sherman City.

They came by covered wagon, arriving here the 8th of November, 1870, just ahead of a severe snowstorm.

Sherman City at that time was near the river, all in Mecosta County.

When the Thompsons and Pointens came, they settled on the east side of Sherman City, in Isabella County.

My grandfather, James Thompson, was the second minister in Sherman City, preaching in a tent across from the present church.

A son, Jesse Thompson, was also a minister, and another son, John Thompson, was a doctor.

My father, James William, the eldest son, had been a tinsmith in Pennsylvania, and continued his trade at Sherman City, making pails, stove pipes and eaves troughs. He was also Township Supervisor for several years.

My grandfather, James Pointen, owned and operated the first hardware store in Sherman City. He also built several stores and houses in the area.

My parents, James and Adeline Thompson, and family, later moved to an 80-acre farm just north of my present one, in Sherman Township. Here five more children were born: three sisters, Mattie, Dora and Myrtie, and a brother, Will, and I.

I later bought the present farm on "the flats" by the Chippewa River and built the present house and barn. The barn timbers were brought from across Eight Point Lake in the winter while the lake was frozen.

I have lived my whole life on these farms: 85 years in August. My son, Jim, and wife, Betty, with their two sons now own the original farm, having purchased additional acreage to add to the old home farm.

The original 80-acre farm has been in the family nearly 100 years. ---0---

## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brien and son, Michael, of Ithaca, were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes.

## 14 1/2 TABLES IN PLAY AT SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

Fourteen and a half tables of pepper were in play last Thursday afternoon at the regular card party of the Senior Citizens at the Beal City Knights of Columbus Hall.

First prize for the ladies was won by Evelyn Engler, second by Kate Cotter. First prize for the men was won by Jerome Young, second by George Keifer. Pepper prize was won by Elizabeth Neubecker. The door prize was won by Ruth Gallagher.

The next party will be Thursday afternoon, Aug. 6, at the

K. C. Hall in Beal City.

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## TWO LEAGUE GAMES HERE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Two games are scheduled at the Weidman Park this Saturday and Sunday for teams of the Little League complex.

A Pony League all-star game will start at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1.

A Little League all-star game will begin also at 8 p.m. at the park here, on Sunday, August 2.

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Alton Allen entered CMC Hospital Tuesday morning for abdominal x-rays.

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## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Bechtol of Brown City and Rev. Gerald Foster of Wilmington, Del., visited their cousins, the Verne Fosters, Tuesday afternoon. Paul Fahnestock also called Tuesday.

Blanche Carr took Helen Smith to Lakeview for x-rays Monday. Blanche and Lovica Krueger went to Alma Tuesday and stopped on the way home to visit the Norman Carr and Earl Bilsby homes.

Blanche was a Saturday dinner guest in honor of her birthday, at the home of her daughter and

family, the Doyle Planks, of Wheeler. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and baby of Shepherd also were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Seybert and baby of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Seybert of Detroit were Sunday guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Seybert.

Mrs. Einar Sandelius and Ronald attended the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company's administration employees' picnic Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter spent Thursday evening with the Richard Flaughers at Lake Thirteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser and family, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Barrett, Mrs. Leona Courser and Dale Wyant picnicked at Goose Lake Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Compson of Remus were Saturday evening visitors of the Edwin Coursers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harvey and children of Grand Rapids were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Florence Harvey. Walter Stump of Greenville visited his sister also.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wiley of Northville and Roderick Nicholson called on Mr. and Mrs. Verne Foster Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Toarmina of Detroit called at the Jack Lieders' last week. Betty Moses, Linda Krueger and Lovica Krueger had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder Sunday, to celebrate Mrs. Lieder's birthday anniversary.

John Faber and daughter, Mrs. Louise Riley, visited Mrs. Kate Martin Friday. Mrs. Martin, with the John Tilmanns, took a trip Sunday to Lake Thirteen and Houghton Lake.

## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. James Dutcher are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born July 23, at Lakeview Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, two ounces, and has been named Rachelle Danielle. Betty and the baby came home Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called on them Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew attended the Titus School reunion at Barryton Sunday. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lutz on their way home.

Russell Merrihew and daughters, Julie and Christie, of Pontiac, spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday with his folks, the Orrie Merrihews. Orval visited them also. Howard Terry of Traverse City was a Sunday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris and Jon of Midland and Danelle Yuncker spent Saturday over night and Sunday with the Clayton Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn spent from Sunday till Tuesday evening with them.

Mrs. Dolores Gaudard and children of Midland called on the Ervin Dutchers Saturday. Cindy Gaudard and Sandra Dutcher visited Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cooper and son, Daren, of Portage spent Sunday evening with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas and Gale Wood camped over the weekend at Mesick. Patti stayed with Grandma Dutcher.

The Robert Dutchers spent Saturday and over night with the

Garry Dutchers, and helped Gary install windows. They had Monday supper with the Richard Dutchers.

Mrs. Lucile Merrihew and Mrs. Marion Beutler attended an all-day WSCS workshop at the Weidman Methodist Church Thursday.

Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called on Mrs. Betty Dutcher at the Lakeview Hospital Friday afternoon.

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## Local Items

Mrs. Ercil Woodward of Zephyrhills, Florida, spent from Wednesday till Monday with Mrs. Ethel Bywater. Mr. Woodward came Monday and they started the drive south. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe were callers of Mrs. Woodward and Mrs. Bywater one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boerema of Wyoming, Mich., spent last Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Ina Gillett. Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stevens of Sanford spent Friday with her. Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips of Gilmore also spent the day.

Guy Thompson of Manton was a Monday visitor of Mrs. Emily Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan of Flint were Sunday visitors of his mother. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirvan of Remus were also guests. Bob took his mother to the doctor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family and David Ward and Douglas Kennedy attended revival services at the Newtown Church of Christ in Battle Creek Sunday. The Wilson Family Quartet was featured.

Mrs. Eva Jean Smith of Perry was a Saturday visitor of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hobart of Plymouth were Saturday evening callers of Mrs. Emma Middleworth. Mrs. Mary McCarthy spent Saturday at Eight Point Lake with her daughter and family, the Dale Groves.

Mrs. Otis Loomis (Mary) of Airlie Road returned home from CMC Hospital last Tuesday, after a three-weeks stay. She had surgery for removal of gall bladder and suffered infection. She was reported doing well last week.

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

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waited till Thursday and called again; he had been in his office but was gone again.

We finally were permitted to talk with him Friday. He had nothing to offer but a reference to the office of Bob Grinzinger. We tried to explain to Maynard that the young man had us listed for 27 taxable acres we don't own, but were told to call Bob Grinzinger's office.

The office girl at Grinzinger's called us "Ma'am," and was totally unreachable and incapable of help. We were told we'd have to wait until the full county report is turned in to make a correction on our taxable acreage.

Our Township Supervisor is regarded at the county seat as nothing. (Why do we have our Township Supervisors, then, if they're incapable of handling our property valuations?)

The Gem Survey and Appraisal Company, Inc., was hired by the Isabella County Board of Commissioners (who're they?) at a flat price of \$150,000 to be paid out of our tax money.

Truly, 1984 is rapidly approaching. (And if you haven't read the book, "1984," we suggest you do.)

There is no such thing as "local government" today. We are managed, manipulated and taxed by far-off unreachable non-people who will refer you only to further non-reachable offices.

We sincerely suggest the voters turn out everybody in Lansing who have put us in this situation: The whole State Legislature, and the Governor. They have given us our first taste of 1984; not, of course, without the co-operation of us voters (how else could they take away our freedoms?) and not without a lot of misrepresentation. (Government was to be streamlined, remember? We had to do away with the old-fashioned County Board of Supervisors composed of one man from each township.)

We urge voters to cast their ballots for new names and faces in the state political area. The whole politics-ridden, self-serving, big-government batch of legislators and state administrative officers should be tossed out on their ears.

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#### SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB PLANS TO ATTEND A TIGER BALL GAME SOON

The Senior Citizens' Travel Club is planning to attend a Tiger ball game Aug. 22. Any persons 50 years or older who are interested can make reservations by contacting Mrs. Leon Schafer of Weidman.

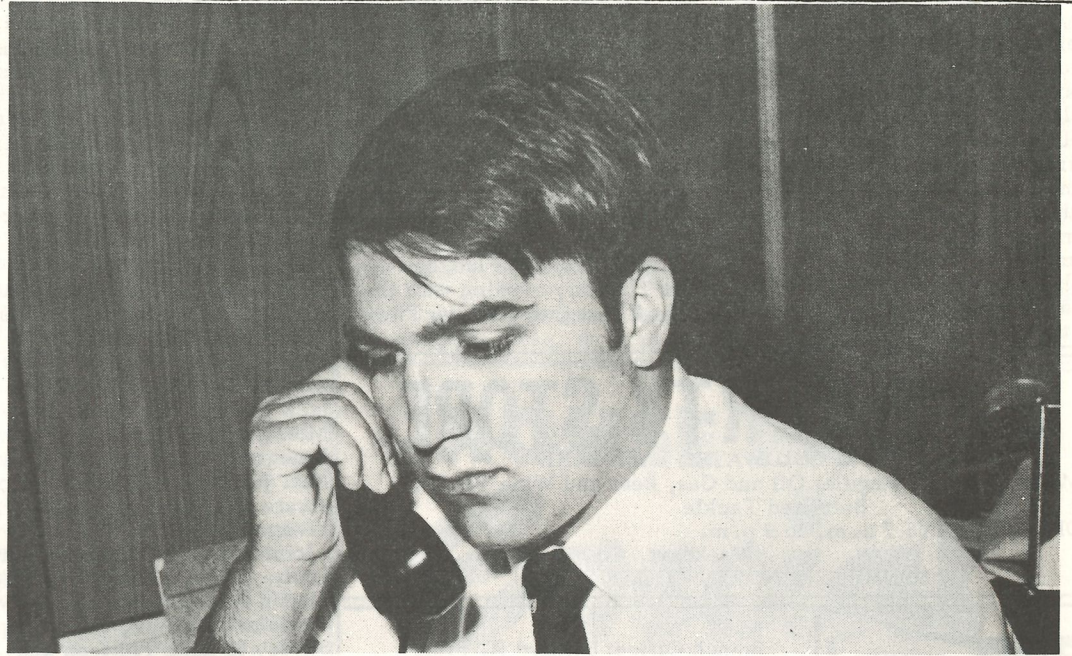
Bus fare will be \$5.75 for the Detroit trip, with 50¢ admission to the game. The party will stop and eat sack lunches

at noon, with a stop at a restaurant for supper.

Reservations must be made by Aug. 15.

September plans call for a visit to the Kellogg cereal plant in Battle Creek. A color tour is planned for October.

The next monthly meeting of the club will be at the Weidman Masonic Hall Aug. 12 at 2 p.m.  
BETTER THAN A LETTER



## ENGLER DEMANDS A TAX HOLIDAY!

*In just 10 years your State Taxes have jumped 181 percent. Are you getting 181 percent more government service? John Engler doubts it. Just as you do.*

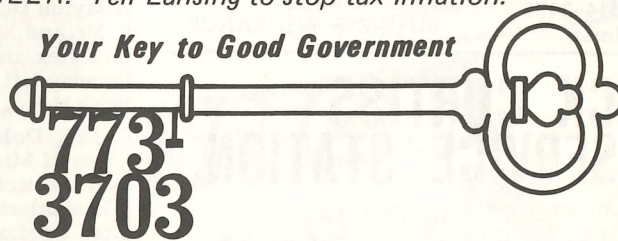
*During that time, your present State Representative in Lansing has been a member of the Taxation Committee. Isn't it time we told him we no longer can afford him?*

*John Engler is qualified, competent...and he will be available to talk to voters anytime...not just at election time. He wants to know how you feel.*

*John Engler says it's time to stop the state tax spiral. He stands for a two-year moratorium on any state tax increase...time to tighten our belts and live within our budget...time to re-evaluate every dime of state spending...time for a breathing space for every overburdened taxpayer.*

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