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Editor's Column

By Connie

MT. PLEASANT FINALLY ACHIEVES BIG-CITY STATUS

Mt. Pleasant has finally achieved big-city status--stop and go driving in the downtown sector.

With the incomparable gift of the "Ring Road", drivers trying to get off Mission Street and into downtown city areas have a heck of a time.

Wednesday mornings we take our pasteups of the Messenger to Buyers Guide on South Washington, down town, and we can turn right at that corner--except that the traffic light is always red as we pull up there. We park as near Buyers Guide as we can, on one side or the other of Washington (it's a one-way street now), and go about our business of killing the morning while the Buyers Guide printers get the Messenger ready.

We may get into the car and go out to Mission Street and do some shopping.

On Washington Street, in that first block, you can turn left one block, and there's a red traffic light. It's always red as we pull onto that block. We wait for it to turn.

Thereafter we can go straight out to Mission Street on a one-way street (Michigan) and do our business out there.

Getting back down town is something else.

There are No Left Turn signs at Michigan and Broadway, and one goes a block north of Broadway to turn on to the "Ring Road," a one-way street crossing town and emptying into West Main Street and Washington.

Getting on to the "Ring Road" is a ticklish business: You pull over to the left lane on Mission and sit there and wait for traffic to thin out so you can make a left turn. There is no traffic light there, where one is most needed in all the intricate system of one-way and stop-light streets.

You take the "Ring Road" to down town, or West Broadway, and there's another traffic light, always red.

When we're ready to head back
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MR. AND MRS. NORMAN VOGEL OBSERVE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Vogel are sponsoring an Open House this Sunday, April 23, celebrating their parents' 60th wedding anniversary. The reception will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City from 1 to 4 p. m. The very many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Vogel, and their relatives, will be happy to congratulate them on this important occasion. The family requests no gifts.

FORDYCE HOME BROKEN INTO BY VANDALS

The Egbert Fordyce home in Gilmore Township was broken into at some time when Mr. and Mrs. Fordyce were in Florida, it was discovered by their daughter, Mary Helen Pitts, on their return.

A serious amount of vandalism was reported to police, with a report of some theft.

Lola Fordyce, who was stricken with hip trouble in Florida, is in St. Luke's Hospital at Saginaw where she expects to undergo surgery.

Mary Helen accompanied her mother on the plane trip from Florida, while Elwyn Pitts and Egbert drove the Fordyce car home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bushree returned from Texas last week, where they spend the winters.

PLACEMENT OFFICE ESTABLISHED AT MMCC

A job placement office has been established at Mid Michigan Community College near Harrison.

The office was formed to help MMCC students secure full and part-time positions and to help local business and industry fill vacant employee positions.

Prospective employers who have used this service include housewives needing babysitters, local business men needing summer help, and large stores seeking trainees.

Businesses in this area are encouraged to call Tom Patton at the college and list any vacancies they wish filled by students or adults.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

We are leaving here Monday, April 17. It's been rather warm today, but we have a nice breeze.

Please send the paper to our home address now. We are busy packing and moving into the travel trailer, so excuse the short note.

Sincerely, Treva M. Cummins.

P. S.--We are anxious to get home. Fishing was no good here this year.

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Dear Connie:

Enclosed is my check to renew my mother's subscription to your paper (Pauline Boge).

She will be celebrating her 87th birthday April 28, and is still in fairly good health and lives by herself.

She enjoys your paper very much, and reading the news from her home area helps keep her in contact.

Mrs. Glenn Davis
Mt. Pleasant

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WAITRESS TRAINING WORKSHOP AT MMCC

Mid Michigan Community College near Harrison will conduct a waitress-training workshop for persons now holding waitress positions or those seeking waitress positions in the near future.

The workshop will be held on four consecutive Saturday mornings from 10 to 12 noon, beginning April 22. The class will be conducted in the recently opened Food Service Center on the college campus near Harrison.

Jeff Cox, MMCC food service manager, will be instructor.

Topics to be covered include servicing the customer, place setting, order taking, assembling the order, and employee-restaurant relationships.

The workshop will have a \$4 registration fee. Persons interested may call the college at 386-7792.

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Lewis Bowen was a Thursday morning caller at the Richard Touchinski home. Woody and Doris Reed of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday visitors. Steve Opperman of Mt. Pleasant also was a guest.

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

PHILIP SCHROCK HAS HIS FOURTH BIRTHDAY

Philip Schrock was honored on his fourth birthday with a turkey dinner and all the trimmings Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock.

Guests at dinner were his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens; also Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon, Mrs. Wayne Tetslaff and Dale Olger and son, Michael.

Afternoon guests to celebrate the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bowen, Mrs. Violet Wright and Brian, Jeffrey and Brenda Tetslaff. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Teeter called Sunday evening to wish Philip a Happy Birthday also.

Ice cream and birthday cake were served to all the guests, and Philip received many nice gifts. Happy Birthday to a wonderful little boy!

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip went roller skating the previous weekend. It was the first time Philip was on roller skates, and an enjoyable event to be remembered. They also visited Mrs. Nella Schrock at Riverdale, and were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith and Dorene and Denise.

Mrs. Arthur Schrock, who is an LPN at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant, is ill at this writing. Hope you'll soon be better, Annabel.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss and Angela visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss, Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Voss and Stacey visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilmot and Linda in Weidman Saturday night. It was Mr. and Mrs. Wilmots' 22nd anniversary. Congratulations!

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck attended the 50th anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haskins at Barryton Saturday. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent Sunday evening.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and family to our community. They moved to their new home on the Zill place, where Gary was born and spent his boyhood.

Mrs. Otto Skalitzky reported her sister, Mrs. Kate Darnell, of Barryton, was taken to the Lakeview Hospital Sunday morning. Hope to hear she improves in health soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson visited Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Denise were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Roddy.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gray and

Christopher visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray, Sunday. They all were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray, and later visited Ernest Gray at the Medical Facility building. Mr. and Mrs. Gray also visited him Friday. Mrs. Gray reported he is able to walk to the dining room for his meals.

Mrs. Keith Loomis attended a baby shower for Mrs. Patrick Loomis at the home of the latter's father, Orville Reed. It was hosted by Mrs. Loomis' sister, Elizabeth, and Mrs. Willard Denslow. The mother-to-be received many beautiful and useful gifts. Arthur Loomis called on his son and wife and daughters Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patterson, at Marion, Saturday night. Glenn Dosenberry of Lansing called on his parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Crooked Lake visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Fifield and Kathy Ann and Carol Jean of Lansing were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John. Keith Loomis called Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fifer of Barryton and Arthur Loomis visited Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood Saturday evening.

Mrs. Lyle Denslow visited Mrs. Leota Taylor, who is her superintendent at the CMU Food Center at Mt. Pleasant, Wednesday. She visited Ernest Gray at the Medical Facility building Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley spent Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley at Weidman, and were supper guests (Mr. Stanley assisting Donald in repairing water pipes).

We visited my brother, Andrew Irwin, at the Mt. Pleasant hospital Tuesday, and were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gorby at Lake Thirteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore of St. Johns were weekend guests at her parents' home. Ronald and Michael Stanley of Weidman were also dinner guests Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and Martin, Richard, Sheryl and Sheila of Weidman and Mrs. Doris Mitchell and Mrs. Dorothy Shepherd of Clare visited Sunday afternoon and were luncheon guests. My sisters had visited our brother, Andrew Irwin, at the Mt. Pleasant hospital, earlier, reporting he is improving in health. Also glad to report our daughter, Mrs. Adelbert Pung, returned to her home in St. Johns, from Ferguson Hospital, the latter part of the week and was feeling better. It's a beautiful spring day, but we need the showers to bring the

flowers--don't we?

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LOCAL BOWLERS MAKE GOOD SHOWING IN STATE TOURNAMENT

A group from the Beal City and Weidman area bowled in the State Tournament April 8 and 9 at Lansing.

Among bowlers who made good showings were John Haupt and Royal Massey with a 1328 in the doubles; Lendy Siefker and Ed Wohlscheid with 1242 in the doubles, with Ed also bowling a 1935 for all events.

George Straus and Jim Theisen

came in with a 1359 in the doubles. Bob Bleise bowled 1925 for all events, and Steve Straus topped them all by bowling his first 600 Series in bowling with a total of 733 for the singles.

Congratulations!

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Frances Tranbarger and Connie Skinner were among those attending the Saturday evening smorgasbord at the Broomfield Grange Hall. There was a good attendance, a delicious meal, and many old friends got together for chats that evening.

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Deceased.

THE COURT ORDERS:
Petition of Stephen W. Fox
praying his Final Account be
allowed and residue of said Es-
tate assigned to persons entitled
thereto will be heard May 10,
1972, at 9:30 A. M. at Probate
Court.

Publication in Weidman Messen-
ger. Court Rule Notice.

Dated April 6, 1972.

BURKE McCLINTIC
Judge of Probate

Attorney:
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pooer \$1 at Fox Hardware in
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April 21t1

FOR SALE--Fresh eggs. Brown
and white eggs, large. Don
Smith, Weidman, ph. 644-
2224.

The Young Home Makers' Study
Club met last Tuesday evening
at the home of Mrs. Pat Mar-
shall. Members prepared a Rus-
sian dinner, and enjoyed a les-
son on Russian foods. They also
had a lesson on clothing design.
Mrs. Kay Coston presented the
lesson.

Card of Thanks

THANK YOU

As my leave nears its end, I
would like to thank all of the
people who helped make it so
enjoyable.

I'd like to add a sincere Thank
You for all the people who sent
cards, letters and packages to
me while I was stationed over-
seas.

It was really surprising to see
what these contained. Some had
bits of home-town news, some
had pictures, and some had good
things to eat;

But there is one thing all of
these contained, and that is,
kind thoughts. That was best of
all.

Thanks to all of you.

Bruce A. Reed

Card of Thanks

I want to express my sincere
thanks to all who were so kind
to me while I was in the hospital:
The Weidman United Methodist
Church, the Busy Bees, the WSCS,
and everyone else who visited me
and sent me cards and gifts.

Thank you.

Ina Gillett

Card of Thanks

The family of Charlotte Hart
wish to express our appreciation
of your thoughtfulness during the
loss of our loved one.

We wish to thank the Coker
Funeral Home and George Get-
chel for his comforting words.

We also wish to thank the Mer-
ry Go Round Club for the won-
derful dinner.

We want to thank our relatives,
friends and neighbors for flowers,
cards, money, and sympathy ex-
tended us in time of sorrow.

May God bless you for your
kindness.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Hart
And Family

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtiss

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shaner

And Family

All the Grandchildren

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey went
to Mt. Pleasant Sunday and got
Mrs. Bessie Price and took her
to Nevins Lake for dinner with
Mr. and Mrs. George Darnell and
family. In the afternoon they
called on Mrs. Jay Schumann of
rural Blanchard.

Cheryl and Janet Pitts spent
the weekend at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. Richard Apple in Ohio.

Card of Thanks

God bless everyone who had
a hand in the surprise Silver
Wedding reception Saturday af-
ternoon.

Special thanks to the Weidman
United Methodist Church for al-
lowing our family the use of its
facilities, and to Arlinda Ward
for a beautiful cake.

Again, God bless you all.

Harlow and Julia Courtright

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. McGee of Detroit
were Sunday guests of Mr. and
Mrs. Fay Forbes. They have pur-
chased the 40 acres south of
Fay's, where they plan to live
this coming fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Haenke and
boys spent Sunday with their par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen.
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher
and Debby Fletcher were even-
ing callers.

Vernie Moore and sister, Dora
Martin, of Coleman called on
Eunice La Londe Wednesday af-
ternoon.

Violet Wright did some paper
hanging and painting for Pearl
Loomis last week.

The Merry Go Round Club met
with Mrs. Ralph Geasler last
Thursday, with 10 members and
two visitors present. The May
meeting will be held with Mag-
gie Boger May 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen at-
tended the 50th wedding anni-
versary reception for Mr. and
Mrs. Howard Haskins at Barry-
ton Saturday afternoon. Lewis
was in Lansing one day last week.

Mrs. Whaley's son, Leonard
Durkee, and family of near Bea-
verton called on her Sunday.

Carl Geasler and Ray and
Joyce Geasler were in Clare
Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields and
family and their mother, Jane
Fields, of Grand Rapids, spent
the weekend with Tony Bartley.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes and
Jim Leiter furnished music for
the Wernette anniversary party
at Remus Saturday evening.

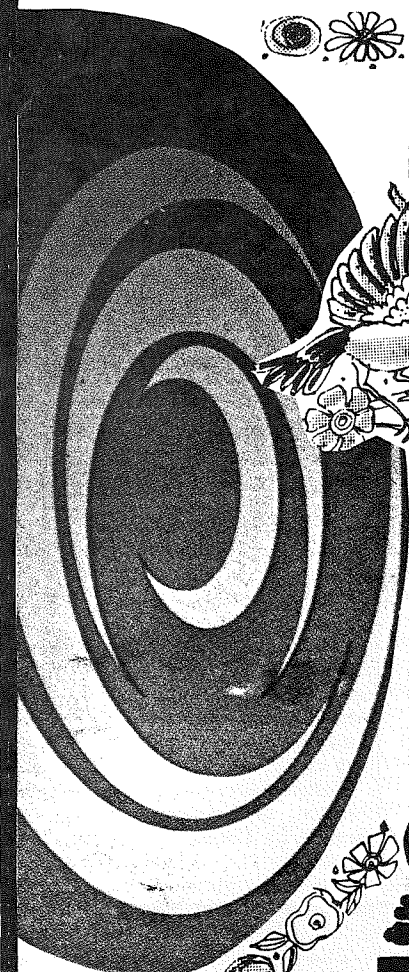
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker and
Esther Geiger of Berrien Springs
spent the weekend with their
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ba-
ker. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker
and family of Grand Rapids
were also afternoon callers.

Oraulea planned to spend a few
days this week with her son,
John, and wife, and other rela-
tives in Grand Rapids.

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Mrs. David Wood (Mona) of
Lansing spent the weekend with
her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ber-
nard Pitts. Mrs. Grace Pitts of
Farwell spent a few days with
the Pitts family here.

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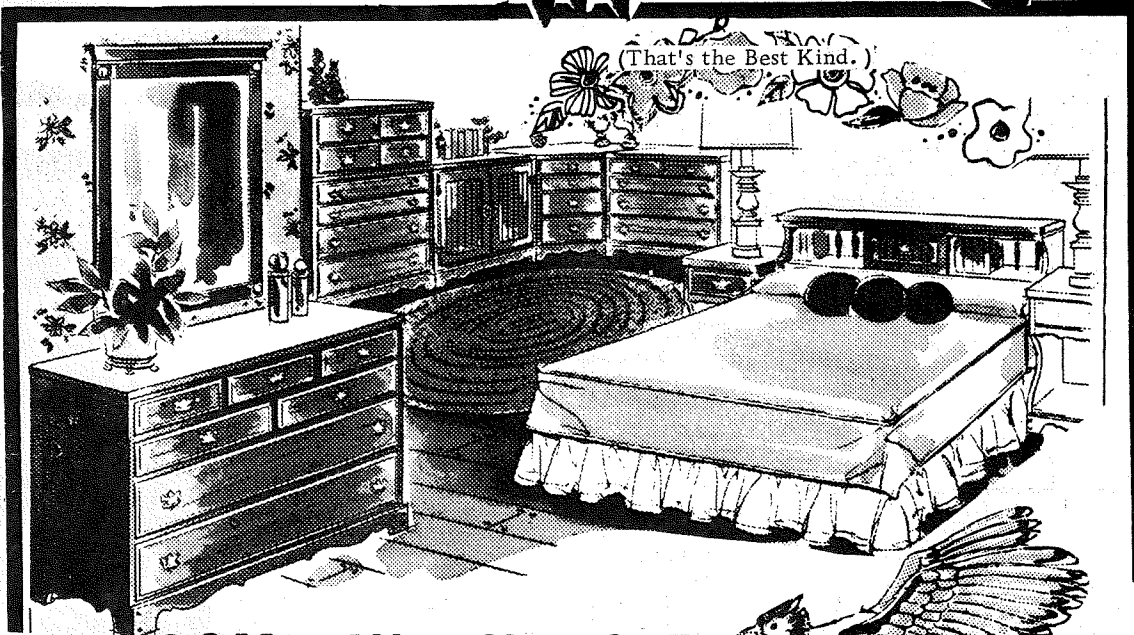
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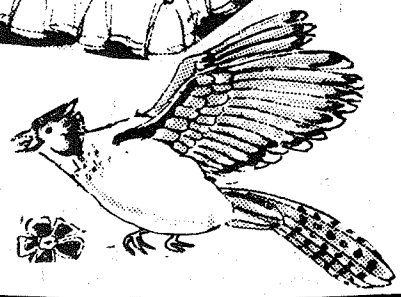
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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schafer, Mrs. Tillie Greenberg and Mrs. Lena Berry of Cadillac visited relatives around Beal City last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Debbie and Louise and Ann Smith spent Sunday afternoon in Reed City with the Arnold Simmer and Proefrock families.

Mr. and Mrs. James Schueller of Traverse City and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bierschbach spent Sunday in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Clare celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday evening in the K. C. Hall.

Mrs. Fred Zeien spent Sunday evening with Louise Smith and girls. Kitty Gross was a Friday afternoon visitor. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and daughter, Julie Ann, spent Saturday evening with their grandmother, Mrs. Smith, and Ann.

Mrs. Tony Schafer and Louise Smith called on Ida Tilmann last Wednesday afternoon, and found her feeling a lot better.

Delores and Brian Rau and Fred Gould spent Thursday with the Walter Rauss.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens entertained their club Thursday evening. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Theisen had their baby baptized Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith are the godparents. They call the baby Debbie.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block, Bob Block, and Miss Dora Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Theisen Saturday, to see the new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Paisley and family spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hauck.

Larry and Wayne Egbert and their father, Larry Egbert, went fishing up north this week.

The bans of matrimony were announced Sunday between Daniel Lee Schafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer and Kathleen Bilski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bilski of Wyandotte.

Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moss, who baptized their little adopted daughter. Her name is Melissa Joy.

Ida Tilmann is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Polly Courtright, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Joe Schafer of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer of Coldwater Lake spent Friday evening with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mrs. Bessie Teall of Pleasant Manor in Mt. Pleasant visited at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague, during the weekend, and enjoyed chatting with several old friends while here.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint spent the weekend with us, and her mother. They had Saturday supper with the Jim Dutchers, and were Sunday dinner guests of the Richard Yunker family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons had Saturday dinner with us.

Walter Howe and Jim Dutcher were callers. Jim Dutcher had Sunday dinner with us.

Edna Merrihew was a Saturday morning caller of the Clayton Dutchers.

Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Beth Hogg called on Steve Dutcher and his folks Saturday afternoon.

The Ervin Dutchers had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines, and called on the Charlie Loseys in the evening.

Sunday callers of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., were Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., Richard Dutcher, and Brian and Linda Dutcher. Connie Foster and Butch Hardenburgh were Saturday visitors.

ECHOES OF THE OLD DAYS

We are indebted to Jack Kern, grandson of the J. P. Bishops, for a copy of the Mt. Pleasant Daily Times News dated Feb. 22, 1949, containing a front-page story on "Weidman Gets New Fire Truck".

That's the old 1949 model fire truck still in operation as standby to the new \$25,000 truck we acquired in December.

The Times News article says: "WEIDMAN--Training of volunteer firemen began this morning with the delivery of a new \$10,000 rural fire truck. The truck was purchased by Notta and Sherman Townships--\$2,500 each--and the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Mt. Pleasant.

"Volunteer firemen for the Weidman fire department are Chief Ed Fox, Jerry Middlesworth, Pat Dillenbeck, Gene McArthur, Ray Shook, Leo Embrey and Gary Sprague.

"The truck, a combination high and low pressure job with a 500-gallon tank capacity and a 500-gallons-per-minute pumping capacity, is completely equipped for either rural or village calls. It carries a portable booster pump for use when extra water supply is available.

"The truck can supply two high pressure fog hoses or four low-pressure fog hoses.

"The rig was purchased from the Howe Co., Anderson, Ind., which is represented in Michigan by Clifton Schultz, Clare, and Roy Houghtaling, Mt. Pleasant."

Well, the old fire truck truly served its time. Now we have three trucks for area fire protec-

tion: The new, completely modern truck, the old 1949 job, and an auxiliary tank truck the Firemen bought with money they earned by themselves several years ago.

We also have a jeep for fighting grass fires. The Firemen accepted it as a gift from the Department of Natural Resources, and equipped it themselves, again from money they earned from their various activities aside from fire-fighting.

The old newspaper copy was found beneath the linoleum at the Lawton Jesse farm (the old Marie Griffin home) after the Bishops purchased the property.

MEMORIES OF THE FARM

Anonymous

A is the Apples hanging in the orchard.

B is for the Barns for the cattle and horses.

C is for the chickens cackling in the henhouse.

D is for the Doves cooing in the barn.

E is for the Ears of Corn we husk each fall.

F is for the Friends whom one needs so much.

G is for the Grapes hanging on the arbor.

H is for the Horses so loyal and true.

I is for the Ivy Vine climbing on the trellis.

J is for the Jams and Jellies al-

ways made each fall. K is for the Kerosene burned in lamps and lanterns.

L is for the Lilacs, so fragrant and pretty.

M is for the Mailman who brings our letters and mail.

N is for Neighbors we need so much.

O is for the Organ in the church on the hill.

P is for the purple Pansies, so delicate and pretty.

Q is for the Quail singing in the orchard.

R is for red Roses blooming in the yard.

S is for the Stars, twinkling over head.

T is for the Trees, so colorful each fall.

U is for our United States Flag.

V is for the Violets blooming in the woods.

W is for the Windmill which pumps the water.

X

Y is for the Yard we had to rake and mow.

Z is for the Zither my brother played so well.

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

(More on Another Page)

We had an enjoyable evening at our Father-Son Banquet. The food was delicious. After the meal the fathers played the sons in a basketball game, won by the sons, who outlasted the short-winded fathers.

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Egbert Files For Co. Sheriff Post



Lawrence Egbert

Lawrence E. Egbert, Rt. 1, Weidman, has announced he will seek the office of Isabella County Sheriff on the Republican ticket in the August 8 primary election.

Egbert, 40, said his nomination petition has been filed with the county clerk for the position currently being held by Sheriff Donald Gillis.

Born and raised in Isabella County, Egbert attended Beal City High School and spent four years in the Naval Air Corps. He is married and is currently working on an LLB degree in common law.

According to Egbert, he has been a businessman, farmer and laborer.

"Being a businessman and living in the county all my life gives me a better understanding of the community," Egbert stated. He said he believes law enforcement has been slack in the rural segments of the county and claimed that "politics has superseded the duties of the office of sheriff."

"We have to get back to our basic structure of law enforcement and I would like to try and do something in the areas of equity and better representation in all areas of the county," Egbert said.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hagerman of Albion brought their new baby for their grandmother, Mrs. Vera Hagerman, to see, Sunday.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

ENTERTAINS AT SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Wanda Graham and her daughters, Becky and Debbie, entertained Sunday at a surprise birthday party honoring their father and grandfather, John Gott.

Most of his children and their families gathered there, with 42 present, including family and friends. A niece and her family from Lansing also attended.

Ice cream and cake, and a light lunch were enjoyed. Mr. Gott received nice gifts.

All his children except one son

were present for the occasion.

Dewey Allbee called on his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger, Tuesday. Sunday visitors at the Olger home were Mr. and Mrs. John Wood and friends of Lansing, Steve and Becky Flaughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee of Grand Rapids called on Laura Latham Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Adams went to Missouri to visit Mr. Adams' brother and sister, returning last Thursday evening.

Mr. Adams has been suffering from a hard cold since returning home.

Mrs. Adams was called for jury duty this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey were Friday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips moved in Monday to the Gary St. John house in Weidman, which they purchased some time ago. The St. Johns moved to their new home on Battle Road over the weekend.

Callers of Mrs. Helen Smith last week included Mrs. Nettie Lawrence, Verlia Wilcox, Meryl Blodgett, and Opal Starks.

Mrs. Tracy Bywater and children were Wednesday afternoon callers of Mrs. Ethel Bywater. Birdie Abbott spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Bywater, and took her for a ride in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Shackelford of Denver, Colo., were Monday supper guests of their sister and brother, Mrs. Lela Whearett and Don Clark. Dean and Lucille are in Michigan for a visit with relatives.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Loucks and daughter, Kathy, visited their grandmother and uncle, Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold, Sunday. Mrs. Joe Gostola was also a guest.

Mrs. Edwin Courser and Cindy and Katie and Mrs. Ida Marshall and daughters were shopping in Lansing Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boerema of Wyoming, Mrs. Choice Foster and Blanche Carr called on Mrs. Ina Gillett at CMC Hospital last week Monday.

Mrs. Lydia Lieder and Blanche Carr were luncheon guests of Mrs. Lovica Krueger in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartholomew of Blanchard had supper Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Cole in honor of Dorothy's birthday. The Coles have just moved into their new home on the Chippewa River.

Mrs. Ray Flaughter called on Mrs. Herb Hochrein Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Flaughter entertained the CMB Club Thursday, with 16 ladies present.

Richard Flaughter and sons, Mike and Mark, were Saturday dinner guests of his folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Nagy and Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook had dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan MacGregor, Jr., and children, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett, Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett and family Sunday.

Mrs. Ray Flaughter visited Mrs. Ina Gillett, Mrs. Jennie Wiloughby and Mrs. Arnold Flaughter at CMC Hospital, last week.

Glenn Flaughter of Bellaire was a Tuesday and Wednesday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses took Mrs. Nettie Baker to see Mrs. Henry Craven Sunday. Edith is recovering nicely from her recent surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartholomew and Mrs. Jack Lieder called on Mrs. Baker Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Passierillo of Maginaw and Mr. and Mrs. John Schupbach of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray.

Mrs. Leona Courser was hostess to the Coomer Ladies' Aid Wednesday. Leona spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Breuer, of Winn.

Mrs. Paul Lueder and Miss Sandra Cook called on Mrs. Nettie Rowley and Jay Leinaar recently.

Blaine Stansell and Roderick

Nicholson spent Thursday evening with the Oral Buntings. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger were Friday evening guests. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn of Belting and Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting took a trip to Houghton Lake Sunday. ---0---

SURPRISE PARTY FOR THE RAY FAHNESTOCKS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fahnestock were the honored guests at a Silver Anniversary party given by his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rescoe, Sunday, at the Rescoe home. There were 29 guests, including those from Wayne, Dearborn Heights, Columbiaville, Lansing, and locally.

They were greatly surprised and happy. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Fahnestock! ---0---

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Margaret Denslow was a Monday supper guest of her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Koch, of Mt. Pleasant, and a Friday luncheon guest of her sister, Mrs. Floyd Miller, near Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Denslow. Other visitors were Mrs. Celia Backus and Linda, Mrs. Ollie Strong, and Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended Busy Bees at Mrs. Opal Denslow's Thursday. There were 11 ladies present. Next month they will meet with Mrs. Flora Wood.

Mrs. Betty Martin and Mrs. Irene Keck went to Copemish Friday to see their father, Leo Bahr, who is in the hospital. Mrs. Lena Martin and Brenda were Friday callers at the Joe Martin home. Mr. and Mrs. Terry Martin were Sunday callers.

Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Opal Denslow called on Mrs. Ethel McLean Friday at the Green Ridge Nursing Home near Big Rapids. On their way home they called on Opal's cousin, Mrs. Vera Bazaire, who expects to have an eye transplant in the near future.

Mrs. Bessie Price and Mrs. Lottie Sweebe were Friday afternoon callers at my home, and also called at the Charlie Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and son spent the weekend with his folks, the Gerald Dents. Mrs. Linda Krueger and children were Saturday supper guests. Mrs. Geraline Johnson and children were Sunday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended an NFO meeting at Mt. Pleasant Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow and Mrs. Hattie Losey and I were callers at the Sterling Oplinger home last week.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and boys attended the Mickey Cruz crusade at Edmore Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher

were Sunday evening guests at the Charlie Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich and Linda and Steve were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright. ---0---

Coldwater Lake

Marge Schafer, Reporter

Hi: Another beautiful Monday. The purple martins returned the first of last week.

Friday evening Jerry and Jane Schafer came out and took us to Grandma Schafer's to play cards. Saturday we went for a

ride with Walt and Johanna Smith.

Don and Judy Schafer spent the weekend with Terry Klumpp at Big Rapids.

John and Sharon Schafer and children of Bay City spent Sunday afternoon with us.

Jeff Schafer visited Bob Schafer to fish, but couldn't fish very good in the rain.

Sunday was the 14th anniversary for the Weidman Baptist Church. A pot-luck lunch was enjoyed after worship service, with a special anniversary program.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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for Weidman with the week's edition, we take Washington south of necessity; one block, turn east one block, and there's a red traffic light.

When it turns green you make a left turn on to Main Street, a one-way street heading north. You may go one block and there is another traffic light--red.

When it turns green, you make a left turn on to Broadway, go one block, and there's another traffic light--red.

When it finally turns green you may head out of town for Weidman.

We have watched the relatively heavy traffic on the "Ring Road" and we firmly believe it is made up of drivers just like us--people trying the heck to get off Mission Street and back into downtown Mt. Pleasant.

A wonderful piece of engineering, at great cost to the city taxpayers, and a confounded nuisance to drivers.

Seems like the least they could do would be to synchronize those three light--on Main, Broadway and at the "Ring Road" so that people wanting to head west out of Mt. Pleasant could go, without three stops in three blocks for lights you can't beat: They're red by the time you get there, no matter what.

BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 16 TABLES IN PLAY

At their first card party after Easter, held on April 13, the Senior Citizens who gather every other week at the K. C. Hall in Beal City had 16 tables of pepper in play.

First prize for the women was on by Ruth Gallagher, with second prize won by Kate Schumacher.

First prize for the men went to Tom Bollman, with second to John Schumacher. Mrs. Julius Bierschbach won the pepper prize. Mrs. E. Austey won the door prize.

The next card party at Beal City will be April 27. Everyone is welcome at these afternoons.

LITTLE LEAGUE SIGNUP SET FOR NEXT MONDAY

There will be a signup for the Little League baseball teams for the Weidman area at the Fire Hall at 7 p. m. to 8 next Monday, April 24.

Boys should be ready to give their names, ages, birth dates, and telephone numbers.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes, Mrs. Emma Middlesworth and Fred Cole attended the 50th wedding anniversary of their cousin, Howard and Beulah Haskins, at Barryton Saturday. Mrs. Etha Oberlin of Fort Myers arrived Monday to visit Mrs. Emma Middlesworth. She also attended the Haskins' anniversary Open House.

chase much-needed fire coats, helmets, and possibly boots, for the Firemen in fighting fires in this area.

The Firemen were pretty desperate for working money, as they used up all they had in putting up the new addition to the Fire Hall last fall and winter, which houses the new \$25,000 fire truck the Nottawa and Sherman Townships purchased for the Firemen (and for the area).

Volunteer Firemen, with some help from citizen volunteers, put up the new addition to the Fire Hall with their own hands and money they had earned in similar events.

The Firemen's ladies painted a helmet red, with the word, "Chief" on it, as many people go about frantically, at a fire, inquiring where the Chief is at the moment.

The Firemen say they are most grateful to all those who donated

goods and money for their annual Auction Sale. They'll put the money to good use--for the sake of the community and area.

SURPRISE PARTY FOR THE HARLOW COURTRIGHTS

Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Courtright of Barryton were honored at a surprise party Saturday afternoon at the basement of the Weidman Methodist Church, when 61 friends and relatives gathered to greet them.

A pot-luck buffet dinner was served, and the couple received nice gifts.

The party was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horstman and family of Weidman.

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Ina Gillett returned home Sunday after spending a week in CMC Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boerema of Wyoming are spending the week with her.



OUR FIREMEN WORK HARD FOR TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT--

And one of their major efforts at earning money to supply them with what they need is the annual Firemen's Auction, which was held Saturday night at Weaver's Tavern in Weidman. Over \$1200 worth of donated items were sold, with actual cash taken in tabulated at \$1150.00. (There's always about a hundred-dollar discrepancy between price of goods sold and money taken in on the spot, we're told). Cash donations this year were around \$300. There also were scads of baked goods furnished mainly by Firemen's wives, and these always draw good prices and go fast.

This year's auction receipts constitute a record for the auction.

Auctioneers were Ted Smith of

Weidman, Ben Weber of Beal City, and Bob Myers of Rosebush.

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