

The Weidman Messenger

A History of Weidman

A SHORT ROUNDUP OF SURROUNDING AREAS BEFORE JOHN WEIDMAN CAME HERE

Before John S. Weidman came here and built a sawmill in the wilderness where the Village of Weidman now stands, there were several communities that enjoyed vigorous life and then began to die as timber was cut around the village sites.

Among them were Brinton, Two Rivers, Sherman City, and what was hoped would become a town, Van Decar, or Vandecar Road as we now know it. Beal City was thriving before Weidman Town was established, and it survived the closing of sawmills while the others faded and disappeared.

Brinton appears to be making something of a comeback as a residential town, and we congratulate its people.

From time to time we shall print what we can of these surrounding communities, and a few pictures; and we urge those interested in possessing a history of Weidman to clip these pieces and begin a scrapbook or other sort of book and compile a History of Weidman as we find room in the Messenger to tuck it in.

We shall print old pictures as space permits. These most often will be on inside pages, so watch for them and add them to your History of Weidman book.

We are indebted to many people for contributions of old pictures and lore. This week we are printing a beginning on the many pictures and stories Mrs. Kate Martin gave us for the Two Rivers area.

Many will have our quite complete History of Coldwater Township written in collaboration with Fern (Beers) Verette and printed in the Messenger during the 1950s. We shall have something of Coldwater early days from the pen of Martin Boger, to add to the Brinton history.

Our historical pieces will be placed here and there in the Messenger and from time to time as space allows, as we said.

We feel we should have an overall picture of surrounding areas at the time that John S. Weidman built his mill here and established the Village of Weid-



MRS. ISAL JOHNSON HONORED ON 94TH BIRTHDAY--

Mrs. Isal Johnson enjoyed the company of her family on her birthday April 16 at the home of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Johnson, on M-20. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Klumpp of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Del Johnson of Horsehead Lake. Her oldest son, Clifford, was unable to be present, but talked with her by phone from Arizona.

Her daughter, Lela Klumpp, made a beautiful birthday cake, and the family took roses for the occasion.

Mrs. Johnson raised her family on the old homestead a mile east of Two Rivers. She lived alone in Mt. Pleasant until the past December, when she fell and broke her arm, which, however, healed miraculously. She also injured her leg, and now uses a walker. Lola Reed stayed with her, and now they are at Lola's home in Deerfield.

Mrs. Johnson has 12 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Edna Schultz and Leah Scharrer called on Kit Johnson Monday at the hospital in Mt. Pleasant. They found her much improved in health.

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It will be some time before we get to Weidman, necessarily; for there is a great deal of historical material on our neighboring communities before his time.

Men In Uniform

Sp/5 Bruce Reed left Tuesday for Fort Hood, Texas, after enjoying a 31-day leave here.

Airman First Class and Mrs. Larry Leiter of Selfridge Field spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Flower.

Dean Chaffee and wife, Jane (Couser), and their small baby are now settled in their new home in the Carmel Apartments, in Apartment 304, 2102 Carmel Drive, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80910, while Dean serves out his military stint.

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WORK ON LAKE WEIDMAN STARTED LAST WEEK

Work on rebuilding the east dike of the Weidman Mill Pond, or Lake Weidman, as it will be known, was begun last week with Ivan Allen's big machines on the job.

A bulldozer pulled dirt from the Pond's bottom to raise the dike three to four feet. The two breaks in the dike are consolidated into one emergency spillway, which will be cemented and reinforced.

Some steel work is planned for the front of the dam, and the dam itself will be re-designed so that water will be held back from the dam structure to self-controlled operation similar to the dam at Lake Isabella.

There will be no boards to pull in emergencies, as the dam will operate itself, letting water through as needed.

Some plans are being explored for control of the dense weed growth long a problem on the Mill Pond.

Two to three months are expected to be needed before water can be put back into the Pond. The traditional good fishing there is expected to be back this year or next, as the Pond has a supply-feed directly from Little field Lake.

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VESPER SERVICES FOR EASTERN STAR MEMBERS

This Sunday afternoon the Masonic Home at Alma will be the scene of world-wide Eastern Star vesper services.

The Gratiot-Isabella Association will conduct the program. All members and friends are invited.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

CMB CLUB HOLDS PARTY FOR MRS. JOHNSON

The CMB Club held its meeting last Tuesday at the home of Lola Reed, honoring Mrs. Isal Johnson on her 94th birthday.

It was a surprise party for Mrs. Johnson, and an afternoon of visiting was enjoyed.

Fifteen ladies attended the party.

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SCHOOL ELECTION SET FOR JUNE 12

The annual election for the Chippewa Hills School District will be June 30, a Tuesday.

The term of George Weichman on the Board of Education expires June 30, and he will be running for re-election to this four-year term.

There will be at least one other candidate for the School Board seat.

In any case, mark the election date and go and vote.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tilmann are building a new ranch-type home across from the Clark property.

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peeper and Randy of Lansing were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Loomis and daughters visited Wednesday evening. Arthur Loomis was a Saturday visitor. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loomis visited Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Denise were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott and Michael. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald DeVries and Rhonda, Richard and Paul of Big Rapids were also dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jeffers and Priscilla and Jamie of Sheridan visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John Sunday and were luncheon guests. Mr. Emmons will enter CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant Thursday, April 27, for observation and x-rays, with surgery to be scheduled later. He also has to have cataracts removed from his eyes in the near future. Hope to hear his health will be improved!

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patterson of Marion were Sunday dinner guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry and Keith.

Mrs. Dosenberry reported her sister, Mrs. Patterson, who had surgery recently at the Cadillac Hospital, was feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Bywater and David and Kevin visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Shook and daughters of Barryton visited Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga enjoyed a ride in the Cadillac area Sunday. Mr. Portenga is working at Petoskey at the present time. Mrs. Clarence Ley of Conklin visited at her daughter's home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray visited his father, Ernest Gray, at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant several times during last week. Mrs. Ward Loomis went with them to visit him Sunday. He remains about the same, still in good spirits, and enjoys company.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Detke of Warren, who were at their cabin at Lake Manitonka for the weekend, were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Roddy. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson visited Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson and Jon Barry of Roger Heights, Big Rapids, visited his parents Sunday, and were supper guests.

Mrs. Juanita Struble was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Packer of Deerfield Center were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Leiter

and Melissa, Timothy Leiter and Janet Carr were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., of Grand Haven, and also with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell at Spring Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck visited Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy and Dawn Marie visited Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and family Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Langworthy and Dawn also visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Zill were Friday overnight guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Zill, at St. Charles, and attended the wedding and reception for their son and brother and his new wife Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Zill, at Saginaw Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley visited Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Burton of North Clare visited Mr. and Mrs. Conley Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky visited her sister, Mrs. Kate Darnell, Saturday evening. Mrs. Darnell came home from the Lakeview Hospital Friday, improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss and Angela and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., were Sunday supper guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss, and Stacey.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley visited her brother, Andrew Irwin, at the Mt. Pleasant hospital Monday afternoon. We visited Mr. and Mrs. David Moore Wednesday, and were luncheon guests. We called at the Donald Pung home Friday afternoon, and Donna came home with us to spend the night and Saturday.

Ronald and Michael Stanley of Weidman called Saturday and were luncheon guests. They had been to the Chippewa Hills High School to get the fireplace grid and copper ashtray that Ronald had made in his welding class. We are proud of the fact he got a blue ribbon on the grid, and a red one on the ashtray in area judging, and received honorable mention for the state recognition awards.

We called at the Donald Stanley home Saturday evening and went with them to Lake Windoga visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abendroth and enjoying a lunch of smoked suckers.

We were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Moore of Lake Thirteen. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family except Debbie were also dinner guests.

R.G. Fountain is doing some plastering and dry-wall work at the Stanley home. That means "the ole lady" will have to find some energy and start

painting.

We could use some sunshine, too!

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cotter of Lansing were Saturday luncheon guests of Mrs. Clyde Beutler. They had recently returned from Arizona and California, where they spent the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Del Johnson were with them with their families, in trailers. The Cotters have been calling on relatives and friends in this area the past week.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Shirley and Janet Pitts spent Friday at the Great Lakes Bible College Campus Day.

Mrs. Leon Schafer and children spent Saturday evening with the Gale Krueger family. They spent some time this weekend with Rose Schafer and Glee Krueger.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell and Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague enjoyed Sunday dinner at Edmore. The Dents spent the afternoon at the Sprague home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen visited his father, Floyd Allen, at the Schnepps Nursing Home in St. Louis, Sunday.

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April 20t1

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Legal Notice

ISABELLA COUNTY PROBATE
COURT

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.
Estate of ORRIE J. MERRIHEW,
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.

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Attorney:

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COUNTY WASTE DISPOSAL
(DUMP) PLANS BEING MULLED

The Department of Public
Works, under which the waste
disposal plans are considered,
meets the first Monday of each
month, next meeting May 1,
at 8 p.m. at the Road Commis-
sion offices on West M-20.

Every township should have an
official and at least one concern-
ed citizen present to listen to
discussions and obtain informa-
tion.



THE MacDONALD BOYS--Art, George and Dick. Their father had
a livery stable in Mt. Pleasant in the early days, and George
carried mail by stage coach from Mt. Pleasant to Beal City,
Caldwell (Two Rivers) and Sherman City.



EDDIE HAZELTON--About 1880.

He had a hotel and boat dock
on the southwest side of Cold-
water Lake, where the Coldwater
Lake Inn now stands. He rented
boats and served lunches.

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YOUR TAXPAYERS AT WORK

By Claire Spence

At last week's Isabella County
Taxpayers Association meeting,
three resolutions were adopted.

One was in support of L.D.
Richmond's appeal for a nine-
man Board for the county; one
concerned the burning ban in Mt.
Pleasant; the third offered the
support of the Association to any
township whose rights on zoning
are being infringed by the Coun-
ty Building Inspector.

In his defense of the seven-man
County Commission plan, Prose-
cutor James Fox said the seven-
man plan was adopted because it
represented the interests of the
majority of the people of the
county. The Association had
passed a resolution being in fa-
vor of a 15-man Board as best
representing the people.
Two members of the Apportion-

ment Commission, Bennie
Graves, Democratic Chairman,
and County Clerk Maynard Gil-
more, had voted against the
Board as being against the de-
sires and services of the people.
The CMU Student Body had pro-
tested a small Board.

The Association felt that a lar-
ger Board was the wish of the
county residents, and supported
Richmond's nine-man plan as
the largest obtainable under the
rules. The resolution was given
to Richmond.

County residents should consid-
er carefully a statement by some
Commissioners that an all-out
county-wide waste disposal
wouldn't cost anything to the
county but could be paid by
revenue bonds. Consider where
the revenues come from: They
come from fees charged to the
units (townships, villages, cit-
ies) using the program, and so
from the residents' taxes or
through gate charges.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Orves Cook, Mrs. Glee Krueger and Miss Alliance Cook attended a TOPS state recognition convention at Lansing over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear and son and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bergquist of Marion were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaucher were Sunday guests of the Russell Flauchers of Midland. The Richard Flauchers were Wednesday visitors of his folks. Mrs. Florence Maxon spent Tuesday with Minnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Roberts of Toledo, O., were Sunday guests of the Edwin Coursers. Dale Wyant was also a guest.

Mrs. Edwin Courser, Mrs. Tom Courser and Mrs. Leona Courser made a business trip to Toledo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Neil of Toledo were weekend guests of Mrs. Leona Courser.

Mrs. Courser entertained the Farm Bureau Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Lovica Krueger and Mrs. Lydia Leider spent Saturday afternoon with me. Mrs. June Plank and son, Terry, of Wheeler, were Saturday evening guests. Callers were Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Henrietta Boerema and Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Mrs. Wallace Bugsby and Miss Mildred Benson spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Nettie Baker.

Mrs. Chris Larson attended the Timber Town Doll Show at the YMCA in Saginaw Sunday. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Richard Larson, won many ribbons for dolls she entered, from her collection.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent visited Sunday with the Harold Krueger family. Mrs. Lovica Krueger was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder entertained their pinochle club Thursday evening. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses.

Mrs. Mildred Rhode and Karen were Sunday dinner guests of Miss Louise Schupbach in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Art Cook of Huntington, Ind., to celebrate Art's 70th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Maeder celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday at the Broomfield Zion Lutheran Church.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode called on Mrs. Ethel Wager recently.

Mrs. Ella Swan is spending a couple of weeks at the home of her son and family, the Russell Swans, of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Bunting and family of Belding and Mrs. Ken Bollman were Sunday afternoon guests of their folks, Mr. and Mrs.

Oral Bunting. Mrs. Bunting spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Nora Gruss.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Wiley and family of Gregory.

Mrs. Edith Passierillo and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Passierillo and daughter, Marlo, of Saginaw, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray.

Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and son were Sunday guests of the Fred Rescoes.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Flachs. Mrs. Flachs and

Margie Henry of Remus called at the Hines home Wednesday evening. Roderick Nicholson was a Saturday evening visitor. Mrs. Flossie Sellers was there Tuesday evening.

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Local Items

Visitors of Mrs. Ina Gillett during last included Roderick Nicholson, Jessie Rosencrantz, Hattie Losey, Eva Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rescoe, and others. Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fey Ervin of Six Lakes and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Whitehair of Grand Rapids. Mrs. Gillett was feeling better the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boerema

(Henrietta) of Wyoming were remaining with her mother.

The Darnell family had a get-together Sunday at the Broomfield Grange Hall, with about 48 family members present. A delightful pot-luck dinner was enjoyed, with the highlight of the meal being oysters from Florida prepared several ways by Eunice Blackmer. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey and family.

Tyler Rupert and Ron Apple of the Great Lakes Bible College in Lansing spent the weekend with the Bernard Pitts family.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

The bans of matrimony were announced for the first time Sunday for Richard Lee Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ramsey, and Caroline Sue Engler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Engler.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson enjoyed Saturday evening supper with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gross and children of Pinconning enjoyed Sunday dinner and a pleasant afternoon with the Mick Schmalbach family. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schmalbach and children spent Saturday afternoon and evening at the home of their brother and family.

Ronald L. Bauer of Midland visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zuker Sunday.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger celebrated his 77th birthday at his home Friday evening. His daughter and family of Detroit spent the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Smith and baby of Lansing spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen

and family.

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

Dollie, Delores and Debbie Rau spent Monday in Bay City.

Gerald and Loretta Smith of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with Louise, Ann and Dora Smith. Louise and Dora called on Irene and Fred Zeien, to see their remodeled house, Saturday afternoon. It's beautiful.

Earl Straus broke his leg riding a motorcycle.

Mr. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with the Oscar Schafer family at Winn.

Al Klumpp spent Sunday in Adrian, at a Moose convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau, Ed and Leona Faber and Clara Fox attended Father King's funeral in Traverse City Friday. While there they called on Mrs. Swagger (Joan Judge).

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Voisin and Catherine Schumacher spent Sunday with Mrs. Clara Fox.

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Coldwater Lake

Marge Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

Had good news Monday morning. Little Lori, daughter of Jerry and Bethal Schafer, came home Sunday from Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids, where she had surgery last week. Her sister, Shelley, stayed three days with us while her mother was going back and forth to Grand Rapids.

Had a chat with Lois Ritter Monday morning. She, her husband Clarence and Clarence Lorenz went to Indian River in upper Michigan Saturday to inspect their trailer up there. They took their snowmobile and used it, as it was snowing and there was a lot of snow up there. She said driving on highways was terrible Saturday, but better Sunday on the way back.

Loretta Lorenz went to her doctor Monday morning, so she was not home when I called. Lois Ritter was taking care of Pete.

Josette Schafer, our granddaughter, spent a couple of afternoons here to play with Shelley Schafer.

Sunday Ed and Don Schafer visited Jerry Schafer at his home in Mt. Pleasant, while Jane, Judy, Josette and I attended a bridal shower for Lynn Maxon at the home of Peggy Sandel on South Wise Road. Lynn received many lovely gifts. She and Bill Schafer will be married May 27.

We all enjoyed supper with Jerry and Jane. Bill Schafer, and Lynn and Dorothy Maxon were also visitors.

Peter Lorenz visited his doctor Saturday, as he wasn't too good, but Monday morning he was feeling better.

Sunday visitors at the Lorenz home were Lou Theisen and girls, Ron Lorenz and family and Max Straus and family.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Floyd Dutcher arrived home from Florida Friday afternoon. He stayed with the Ervin Dutchers till the first of the week. His son, Ray, called me Saturday from Florida to see if his dad had made it home okay.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Rondy had Sunday dinner with her folks, the Harry Hardenburghs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Secord of Holt and Floyd Dutcher were Sunday dinner guests of the Clayton Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge and Richard and Jim Dutcher and Robert and Dale Dutcher were callers.

Beth and Johnny Hogg were Sunday afternoon visitors of the Ervin Dutchers.

Callers of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., during the weekend were Mike Watson and Carol Wernette, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wernette and Cindy of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Johnson, Floyd and Ervin Dutcher, Richard and Douglas Dutcher, Denise Yuncker, Keny Pung, Connie Foster, and I.

Grace Fitzgerald spent last Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Nyle Perry. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stadfeld of Remus. Mr. and

Mrs. R.K. Esch of School Section Lake were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Fitzgerald home.

Chris Bruce spent Thursday over night with Sandra Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge were Sunday dinner guests of the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher called on Steve Dutcher at the Medical Care Facility Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse and children, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gatehouse and Vicki attended the 50th anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. John Maeder at the Broomfield Lutheran Church Sunday.

Beatrice Gatehouse spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. John Maeder.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and family spent Sunday with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss, of St. Johns. They stopped in North Star and visited Roy Wolfe, her grandfather.

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Mr. and Mrs. W.E.B. Darnell of Big Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Darnell and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Darnell of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey celebrated their wedding anniversaries with dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn last Wednesday evening.

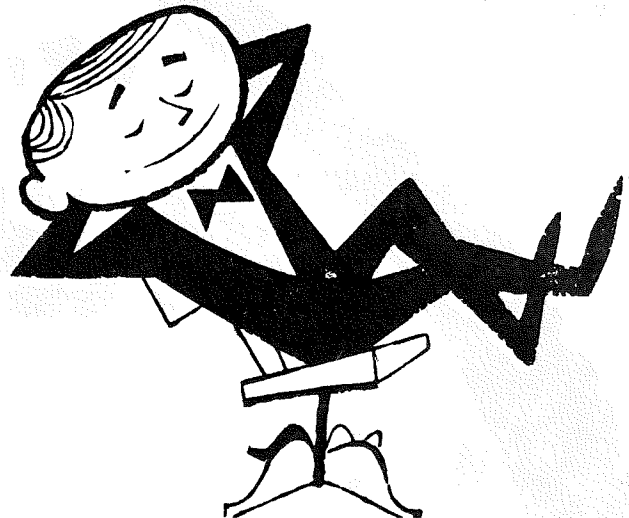


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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mrs. Russell Wright received word Sunday that Lillie Donald of Greenville entered the Belding Hospital Sunday evening, suffering from what was thought to be a stroke.

Harley Teeter of Clare called on his mother, Edna Teeter, Monday.

Nora Geasler, Irene Bowen and I were in Evert Tuesday.

Fay Forbes has started work on rebuilding his barn he lost by fire last August.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blodgett and their mother called on Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tupper and Ron Husted and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher of Clare called on their uncle, Roy Hoffman, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Leiter and David and Tresa spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes.

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Weidman

Messenger

BETTER THAN A LETTER

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Jack Allbee is on the sick list. Mrs. Helen Wardwell is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Hilda Sampson, and Patty, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Helen Wardwell and Mrs. Hilda Sampson and Patty visited Mrs. Samson's step-daughter and family near Chesaning Saturday. They also called on their sister, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Courter.

Velma Cole visited her doctor in Midland Monday. He increased her medicine.

Tony Masachuck of Detroit spent the weekend at his farm. Jay McAlvey, former resident and friend of Gilmore, will enter CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant Friday, for surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Swan of Mt. Pleasant visited the Paul Coles and Velma Sunday.

Hurry and get well, Lola Egbert!

Your reporter was very sick the latter part of the week, with stones in the gall duct.

Wm. Wixson has been spending a few days with his nephew, and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Winegardner, near Weidman.

Thursday callers of the Paul Kripa, Mr. and Mrs. Richard

Mahon and Missie.

Mrs. Dan Kripa and Mrs. Richard Mahon helped us with Velma when we took her to Midland to the doctor, Monday morning.

Lena Cole and Velma went to South Bend, Ind., a recent Sunday, with her son-in-law, Joe Mossell, and Dickie. They visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Mossell, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ganser, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Reed and little Jerry. Paul brought them home Wednesday.

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the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
1 mile west of Weidman. Pastor, Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Service, 11 a. m.
Evening Service, 7. 30 p. m.
Choir practice (Thursday), at 6. 30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7. 30 p. m.

Central Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches meeting Friday, 7. 30 p. m., at First Baptist Church of Edmore. The featured speaker will be a missionary.

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Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
N. Y. P. S., 7 p. m.
Evening Service, 7. 30 p. m.
Prayer Service Wednesday, 7. 30 p. m.

Dr. Hawk, District Superintendent of the Michigan District, and his wife will be with us for the morning service May 7. There is no special reason for his coming other than his desire to see what we are doing here in Weidman. Let's give him a great welcome and fill the church.

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Nina Forbes and Mrs. Claribel Beutler accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston to a band concert last week, at West Elementary School in Mt. Pleasant. Music was by seventh and eighth graders of the Mt. Pleasant Junior High School, and Mrs. Forbes' grandson, Roger Holt, played in an ensemble and also in the eighth grade band. Grant Johnston, grandson of Mrs. Beutler, played in the seventh grade band. The bands received very high ratings.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter
Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and children spent Saturday with his folks at Horsehead Lake.
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Buzek were Sunday evening callers at the Mack Denslow home.
Bruce Chapman from Norfolk, Va., spent the weekend at home.
Mrs. Flora Wood and Carl and Ellen Geasler were Thursday callers at the Paul Miller home. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright were weekend guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and children and Charlie Losey were Sunday callers at the Alva Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins and Floyd Dutcher returned home from Florida Friday. Ervin Dutcher and Floyd called at the Charlie Losey home Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge were Sunday supper and evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Loubert took Mrs. Eva Denslow to Grand Rapids Sunday to see Mrs. Nina Green, who is recuperating from surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and Diane, Jeanne, Gale, Mary Ellen and Dean, and Mr. and Mrs. Marsden Antcliff and Kris were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Flora Wood.

Mrs. Flora Wood, Mrs. Margaret Denslow, Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Opal Denslow attended the Senior Citizens' dinner at Barryton Thursday.

Vance Wood spent from Wednesday through Saturday in Saginaw General Hospital a week ago. He won't be able to work for a couple of weeks.

Richard Wood suffered a badly bruised leg while at work at Dow's last week. A man working 40 feet above him on a ladder dropped a wrench, which struck him above the knee. Luckily, no bones were broken.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Whitman of Cadillac are the proud parents of a seven-pound, four-ounce baby boy, born April 13. Mrs. Whitman is the former Wendy Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood are the grandparents.

Mrs. Grace Fitzgerald called on me Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin went to Copemish Sunday to see Mr. Martin's father, who is in the hospital. Mrs. Cora Shippee and Jane were Sunday callers at the Martin home. Jeff Martin celebrated his birthday Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent Monday evening at the Harold Krueger home, helping Brian celebrate his third birthday. On Tuesday evening they called on the Miles Millers, and they called at the Pat Dillenbeck home Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children were Sunday supper guests of their parents.

Jim Wright of Clarkston spent the weekend with his folks, the Wilbur Wrights. Steve Aldrich and friend, Ken Drown, spent last Monday and Tuesday at the Wright home. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller were Friday evening guests. Mrs. Katie Smith was a Sunday guest.

Elwood Miller and Mrs. Janice Touchinski and children called on their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Ethel McLean, Thursday.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Zena Olger attended the wedding of her great-granddaughter, Bobbie Wilcox, to Dr. Paul Woodcock of Midland Saturday evening. Mrs. Lloyd Conley took Zena. A reception was held at Mid-Michee Club house on Eight Mile Road Saturday evening, April 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrish are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Sunday morning. He has been named Robert.

Linda Aldrich of Mt. Pleasant, Ken Brown of Rosebush and Jim Wright of Clarkston had Saturday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baublitz of Remus called Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth and Mrs. Etha Oberlin had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Adams last Thursday. Later they all went to Bellaire to visit their uncle, Jesse Haskins.

Eileen Abbott spent last week with her daughter, Carolyn Parrish. Norman, Judy and Jerry went to see them and stayed for the weekend.

Mrs. Hermione Smith was transferred from CMC Hospital to the Medical Facility a week ago last Friday. She appeared to be enjoying her stay there.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Schneider and children and Mrs. Marie Jackson of Midland called at the Don Alwood home recently. They had been at Chippewa Lake, looking over cottages for their summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott of Winn visited Mrs. Bessie Allen of Farwell Sunday evening, and enjoyed ice cream and cake for her birthday.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bywater and Lisa and Patrick of Midland were Saturday afternoon guests of Mrs. Ethel Bywater. They took her for a ride through the Ojibwa Recreation Area. Mr. and Mrs. Burr Abrahamson of Mt. Pleasant were visitors later in the afternoon. Sunday guests of Mrs. Bywater were Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Erickson of Grant Center. Mrs. Bywater taught school on what is now a farm there in Grant Township, when she was young.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grantham of Bay City, and Mrs. Irene Cauins of Rosebush were visitors of

Mrs. Emily Wood during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and two children of Ithaca were Sunday callers of Mrs. Helen Smith. Ula Cummins of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pung were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and family. The Touchinskis enjoyed dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn, honoring Janice's birthday.

Mrs. Ruth Momany was a Sunday dinner guest of the Jerry

Horstman family. Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Courtright of Barryton were also guests.

Marty Fairchild, six-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fairchild, suffered burns when he pulled over a humidifier, it was reported this week. He was taken to CMC Hospital and transferred to Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Lola Fordyce has been released from St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw and is staying for a time at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts, in Big Rapids.

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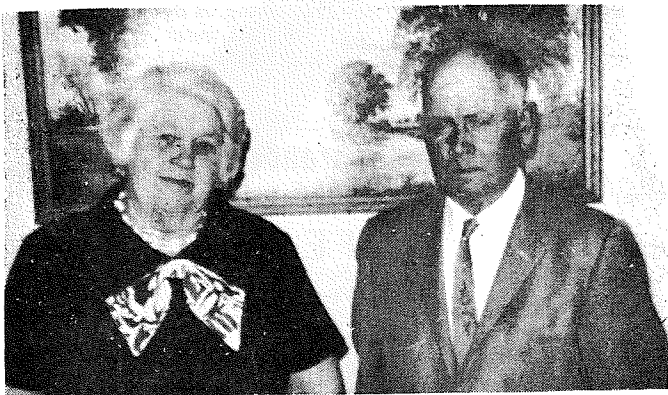


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MR. AND MRS. ANDREW VOGEL--Were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon with Open House at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City, sponsored by their children. Relatives and friends gathered in great numbers to congratulate the lifelong residents of Nottawa Township. All their children and their families were present, including a daughter from Texas; son Steve of Collinsville, Ill.; son Earl of Detroit; son Joe of Montague; and the local children and their families. Others came from Michigan towns and cities, and from the Beal City and Weidman areas. The family served refreshments throughout the afternoon to visitors and well-wishers. We add our congratulations to this outstanding couple of Nottawa Township.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN MAEDER--Observed their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon at the new Zion Lutheran Church in Broomfield. Their sons, Russell, Gerald, Bill and Dale Maeder, and their wives, hosted the event, assisted by their families.

Friends and relatives from far and near gathered in the fellowship hall of the church, and the place was full.

Guests were present from Flint, Clio, Birch Run, Detroit, and Grand Rapids, and from this area.

The couple received some wonderful gifts, despite their invitations stipulating "No gifts, please".

A bounteous buffet luncheon was enjoyed by all. The happy couple received congratulations

from all, and we add ours.

The Maeders live on Meridian Road near Mt. Pleasant, and have recently sold their farm. They will live in their new house they built nearby, on May 1.

They have four sons, 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Pitts of Big Rapids. They called at the Elwyn Pitts home and visited with Lola Fordyce while there.

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR PASSES STATE TEST FOR ASSESSORS

Earl Oplinger, Supervisor for Sherman Township, wrote on the state exam last week for obtaining certification as land-tax assessor for Sherman Township.

Our congratulations, to Earl and also the Township of Sherman. If we had to hire the County Equalization Director, it would cost the Township a fortune.

Word comes to the Messenger office that the Isabella County Zoning Ordinance has no influence in Sherman Township, as we have our own Township Ordinance, which supersedes the county rules.

Aaron Prout of Rosebush is County Building Inspector (enforcer of the ordinance), and has no authority on zoning rules in Sherman Township.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

BOY SCOUT PANCAKE SUPPER IN WEIDMAN FRIDAY, MAY 5

The Weidman Boy Scout Troop No. 692 will sponsor a pancake supper Friday evening, May 5, at the Weidman School cafeteria, with serving from 6 to 8 o'clock.

Pancakes, sausage and home-made maple syrup will be served.

The public is invited to buy tickets at the door or beforehand from Scouts, and enjoy a real feast.

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REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS NINE TABLES IN PLAY

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

Gertrude Gross won first prize for the ladies, with Frank Benn winning first for the men.

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