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Editor's Column

By Connie

WEIDMAN DAY PLANS BEGIN TO TAKE SHAPE

Plans for Weidman Day (July 10) are beginning to take shape, thanks to some dedicated work by some dedicated committees.

There are placards in Weidman business places now advertising the big event, and listing "Bingo... Beer Tent... Street Dance".

But there is much more.

Various committees are getting down to hard decisions on details such as children's games and entertainments: Sack races, perhaps, maybe a greased pig scramble, maybe a fish pond with low, low prices to play. And on and on.

Wanted is word from individuals having ponies for children's rides, and anyone having a merry-go-round tucked away in the attic is urged to contact Walt Smith. We would give 'most anything to get either or both of these attractions for the kids.

There'll be ball games, including one between the wacky Bay City television station team and "just anybody who wants to play" for our side. That game is guaranteed to entertain young and old.

There'll be clowns, a fortune teller, penny scrambles, and a lot more--for the kids.

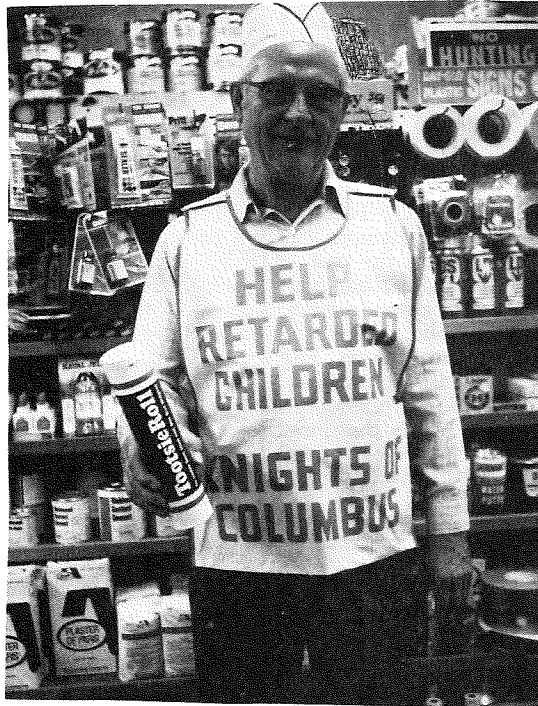
For the older folks, there'll be benches along the street, both sides (we hope) just like we used to have, so people can sit and visit, and watch the crowds stroll by and call greetings to old-time friends.

Archie Jerore and Hollis Hinkel are in charge of an Arts and Crafts section, between the post office and Weaver's Tavern.

Spaces will be let (8 feet square) for \$3.00 to anyone wishing to display--and sell--any kind of art work and craftsmanship: Ceramics, jewelry (hand made), metalwork, needlework, leatherwork, wood carvings, etc., will be welcomed. Contact Mr. Jerore or Mr. Hinkel for reservations.

Old-time musicians will be a great feature of the day, playing

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Ed Fox was one of the Knights of Columbus team working the Weidman area for the benefit of retarded children.

By Saturday noon, three canisters were filled with folding money.

Also working on the K. C. project in Weidman were Gary Wernette, Jim Damitio, Mick Schmalbach, and Herb Yuncker.

They collected donations for help for retarded children through the Knights of Columbus organization Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Fred Steffke, Grand Knight of the Beal City Council, said that the local drive included the areas of Weidman (which donated \$110.23); Beal City, Shepherd, Wim, Leaton, and St. Henry's Parish at Rosebush.

The total collection was \$641.75.

This was a state-wide effort of the KCs, and the money is earmarked for activities for the mentally retarded, such as the Special Olympics, adult activity centers, day-care centers for the retarded, camps, and so on.

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Edith Touchinski was a Monday morning caller of Bonnie Sprague.

FISH FRY FRIDAY NIGHT NETS ABOUT \$425.00

The special fish-fry supper Friday evening at the Weidman School cafeteria, put on by the Weidman Lions Club and the Weidman Business Association jointly, netted about \$425.00 toward expenses of correcting the well situation at Mitchell Memorial Park.

The Lions say they want to express sincere thanks and appreciation to the WBA for the fine co-operation in putting on the supper. They also want to thank the whole community for their efforts in supporting the well project at the park--including the very good attendance at the fish supper.

Methods of fixing the well situation at the park were rather up in the air as we went to press, with some members of both the Lions Club and WBA saying the well might possibly need only a new and bigger pump.

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WALTER J. SMITH TRIES OUT NEW BINGO MACHINE--At the Maeder Auction Barn Monday evening, with a company representative present, and Lewis Bowen and the secretary for bingo games at Farwell also present to give information on the game and its handling. Bingo games will be started here very soon--as soon, in fact, as tables arrive for the players. About two weeks hence is set for opening games, which will be on Tuesday evenings here. The Weidman Business Association is the sponsor for the enterprise. Messenger photo

WE GOOFED

Our apologies to Keith Loomis, Clerk of Sherman Township. We really didn't mean to give his job to Keith Thompson in last week's paper. Keith Thompson is a Township Trustee.

We think Keith (with the help of his wife, Mary) Loomis is doing a good job as Clerk, so we hereby give the job back to him, having swiped it from him last week.

COUNTY CHECKERS TOURNEY GOES INTO FINAL STAGES THIS WEEK WITH PLAYOFFS

Area winners throughout Isabella County battled over checker boards Tuesday evening in the Mututal Savings and Loan recreation room on East Broadway in Mt. Pleasant.

Grade-school winners, Junior and Senior high school winners, and adult winners will go the rounds in runoffs for finals April 20, when the lone remaining contestant will face two-time Grand Champion Bill Louise II of Weidman for the current title.

Bill said he would attend this Tuesday night's play, to find out who he will be facing in the final playoff.

Bernard Pitts played Tuesday night as adult-class winner for the Weidman area. Mick Schmalbach was area winner for Beal

City, and played Tuesday night.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Our son-in-law, Marvin Allen, had dinner with us one day last week. Albert Gott called Sunday. He stayed with his Dad after church. Bessie Allen and Wanda Graham and I went to Howard City to pay our respects to a cousin, Flossie Scott Cain of Morley, who passed away Thursday evening, after a long illness, in the Lakeview Hospital.

In the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Drake and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scott called on us, and had coffee with us. They had been to Howard City also, to the funeral home to pay their respects to Flossie Scott Cain. They were cousins, and were at their cottage at Chippewa Lake.

Bill Fox of Houston, Texas, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox, the past week. Bill had the flu, and had to take a leave of absence from his job on river boats on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers. His boat was docked during the past week, and he's been waiting for call-back to rejoin the crew.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak are new grandparents, with the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood of Warren. Their daugh-

ter, Debbie, is the proud mother.

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Leland Favreau of Holland was a visitor at the Messenger office this week, and while here we

also visited with Helen (Hauck) Zeien, all three of us recalling the old days.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank my relatives and friends for their prayers, visits, cards and gifts;
 Father Dueweke and Father Thome for their blessings;
 Dr. Nagler, Dr. Kanjuparamban, nurses, and medical staff, for the fine care at CMC Hospital.
 Words cannot express my gratitude.
 God bless all of you.
 Edward Zeien

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to relatives, friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and help in our great loss;
 For the Masses, cards, flowers, and for food brought to the funeral dinner and to the house;
 Our thanks to Father Dueweke and Father Thome; also the doctors and nurses at CMC Hospital.
 God bless you all.
 The Family of
 Louis Zeien

 I want to thank my family, relatives and friends for their thoughtfulness in sending me cards, flowers, candy and gifts while I was in the hospital;
 The Altar Society of St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City, and the Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Ladies for their lovely flowers;
 The doctors and nurses, and the hospital staff.
 You all have helped me recover. Thank you.
 Mrs. Lillian Zeien

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and children were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of her mother, Mrs. Cecilia St. Germain, in Mt. Pleasant.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

FOR

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1976

To the Qualified Electors of Sherman Township, Isabella County, Michigan
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT HOME
Monday, April 19, 1976 - - Last Day
 From 8 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.
The 30th day preceding said Election
 KEITH LOOMIS, Township Clerk.

Obituary

WALTER C. VINGLESS
 Walter Carl Vingless of Windoga Lake Drive, was dead on arrival at CMC Hospital Friday, April 9. He was 48.
 Weidman Firemen were called and raced out to Windoga with the resuscitator, but Mr. Vingless did not respond to treatment.
 Mr. Vingless was born Feb. 20, 1928, in Pennsylvania. He was a truck driver by trade, and had lived at Lake Windoga eight years.
 Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. April 12 at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant with Father John J. Thome officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery at Mt. Pleasant.
 He is survived by a daughter, Sandra, and two sisters, Helen McIntosh and Rosemarie Kagler of Pennsylvania.
 The family have the sympathy of all.

Obituary

LEAH E. FAVREAU
 Leah E. Favreau died Jan. 21, 1976, in Battle Creek. She was 86.
 Graveside services were held at Fairview Cemetery in Weidman Friday, April 9, with Rev. Lynch officiating.
 She was the widow of Bert Favreau, old-time meat-market man for George Drallette in the store here. The family lived here for many years, until his death.
 Leah had lived in Battle Creek since 1936.
 One of her sons, Leland, and his wife, have built a home on Crooked Lake. Leland is now retired, and his wife will retire next fall, when they will make this area their permanent home once more.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips were in Bay City last Wednesday, to spend the day with her brother, Frank Durham.
 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sanders took Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips out to supper Friday evening, in Barryton.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were among the many who attended the 50th wedding anniversary reception for Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher in St. Louis Sunday.

Coldwater Lake

Beryl Beck, Reporter

Callers at the Andy Beck home this past week included Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brewer of McBain, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Parks and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smalley of Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Baird and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rowe of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ludwig, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Beck and family of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Kemmis of Pinconning called on Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Galgoczi and Mrs. Leon McBride were also callers at the Beck home.

John Bolf, who works in Manistee, was home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ludwig drove to Ubyly to visit an old Army buddy of Chuck's, the Earl Longuskis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shelpp of Lansing spent the weekend at their cottage here.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck attended the wedding and reception of Mr. and Mrs. Bill White Saturday evening.

Callers last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huguelet were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck and Mrs. Jerome Beck, Mrs. Lynn David of Shepherd, Mrs. Jack Sharp and Susie of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sisco, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Huguelet of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Jo Allen and niece, Mrs. Tim Fleenor, and Stacy spent one day last week in Saginaw on business, and to do some shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorr left Tuesday to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Dwight Garrison, of Davenport, Iowa, who passed away Sunday. He had spent most of the winter here with the Dorr.

Jack McKenzie, Herman Hemminger and Andy Beck worked on the election board at the Moose Lodge Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Reihl were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marchiando.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Wischmeyer drove to Alma several times last week to visit their son, Wade, who was in the hospital there with pneumonia. Wade was discharged Saturday, and is recuperating at home.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague spent last Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. George Looman at Cedar Springs. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bellinger Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon guests.

LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Arriving home from another weekend in Lansing, we were very much pleased to see the new sign at the corner of Drew Road and Duquesa Drive. It is a great improvement.

Again we spent several days with my sister, Faye, in Lansing. She is much improved, but her husband, Mr. Stephenson, is still listed as very critical.

We learned during the week that Ted Krauss has spent another two weeks in the hospital as a result of his fall on the ice. He returned home again Saturday morning, but will continue therapy on his arm.

The Robert Mays spent April 2, 3 and 4 in Portland, Ind., at a REACT jamboree. While there they visited with friends in Muncie, Ind., where his CB radio was stolen from his truck.

This past weekend they attended the Whiskey Sour-Side Band Club in Midland. Sunday night the Mays met with other CBers for a coffee break at the home of their daughter, Margaret Thurston, in Lakeview.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Forbes hosted a going-away party for Mr. and Mrs. Jim Craig, who plan to move to Grand Rapids in the future.

Irene Bowen and Connie Fletcher called on Judy Simon last week Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen and Wilbur and Connie Fletcher were in Clare Saturday.

Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright included Verl Wright and boys, Joann Wright and family of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Tupper of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Rouse of Alma, and Ron Husted and family.

Russell and Violet returned Friday night from a two months' tour through the States. They report a very nice trip. Violet says Michigan still looks good.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower and son, Darrel, attended the funeral of their aunt, Tessie Sowle, at Taylor last week Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spiess of Carson City spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Gerald Roberts, and family.

Denny and Darrel La Londe were Friday overnight guests of their Grandma, Eunice La Londe.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry took Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips to Omer Saturday, to fish for suckers and smelt. They enjoyed a picnic dinner.

Mrs. Nina Forbes attended the wedding of her grandson, Rodney Gene Holt, of Mt. Pleasant, and Miss Diann Lynn Kanaski of St. Johns, at St. Joseph's Church in St. Johns, Saturday afternoon. A dinner, reception and dancing followed the ceremony, in the cafeteria of a nearby school. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson and Mrs. Marge Mullett also attended. After the dinner rose-bowl decorations on tables were presented to the grandmothers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gould of Evart spent Thursday with their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith. Mr.

and Mrs. Bart Helmer of near Remus and Ted Smith of Mt. Pleasant were evening guests. Rev. and Mrs. Lynch were callers one afternoon last week. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday evening with them, and Ted fixed their tv antenna.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey spent Sunday with her brother, George Darnell, and family near Nevins Lake, near Stanton. Florence Maxon and her niece accompanied them, and the occasion honored Daisy's birthday.

Mrs. Jerry Smith entered CMC Hospital Monday afternoon for minor surgery Tuesday morning. She expected to be there three or four days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany of Big Rapids were Sunday callers of their mother, Mrs. Ruth Momany.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Angela Marie Thielen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thielen, was baptized in St. Joseph the Worker's Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schafer and family of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Schafer Sunday.

Mrs. Lillian Zeien is home from CMC Hospital, after a long stay and a serious illness. She is recovering well now.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schafer and family of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Schafer Sunday.

Orrie Farner of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with Lou-

ise Schafer.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Alfred Klumpp home.

Alfred Klumpp spent Sunday in Saginaw, with the Naval Reserves.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pung of St. Johns spent the weekend with Matie Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Joe Schafer of Rosebush spent Saturday evening with Tillie Schafer.

Mrs. Leo Gross called on Dora Smith at her home Friday afternoon.

Dora Smith baby-sat with the children of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kremsreiter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schafer

entertained their club Sunday afternoon.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach during last week included Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reihl of Mt. Pleasant, Wednesday afternoon; Sunday callers included Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bierschbach and girls of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bierschbach; Friday visitors were Mrs. Diane Schumacher and family and Gary Schumacher, and Saturday callers included Mrs. Gary Schumacher and family, Mrs. Henry Grinzinger and Bernard Bierschbach.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

BERNICE L. VAUGHN

Bernice L. Vaughn (nee Fleming) died Monday, April 5, following a stroke sustained the previous day.

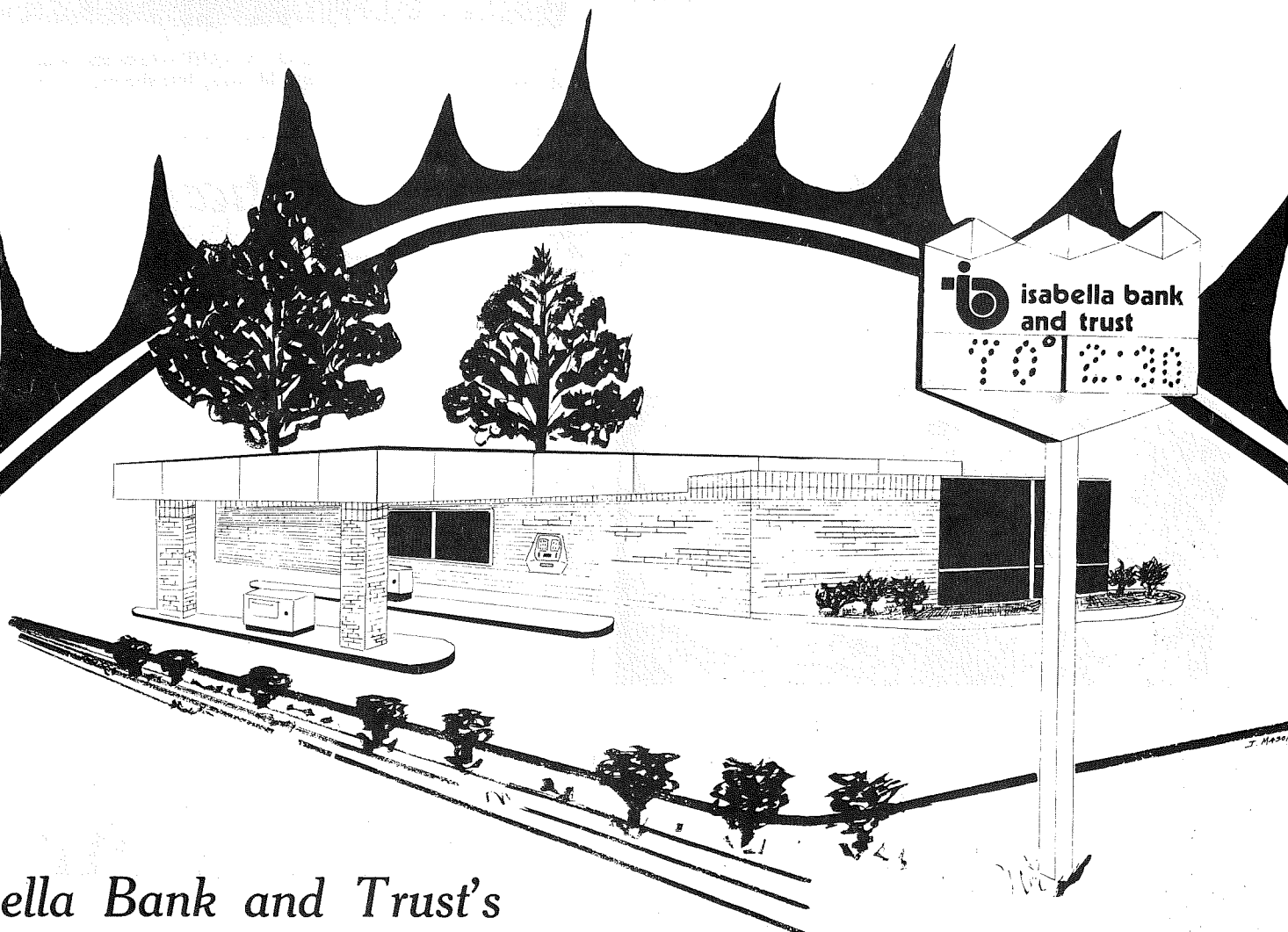
She had been confined to Arizona hospitals and nursing homes since July 31, 1974.

She was the youngest daughter of Arthur and Clara Fleming, pioneers of the Weidman area.

Bernice is survived by her son, Willis, and by one sister, Lylah M. Simmers, of California.

Many here will remember the Fleming family. Lylah has kept in touch with the Messenger for many years.

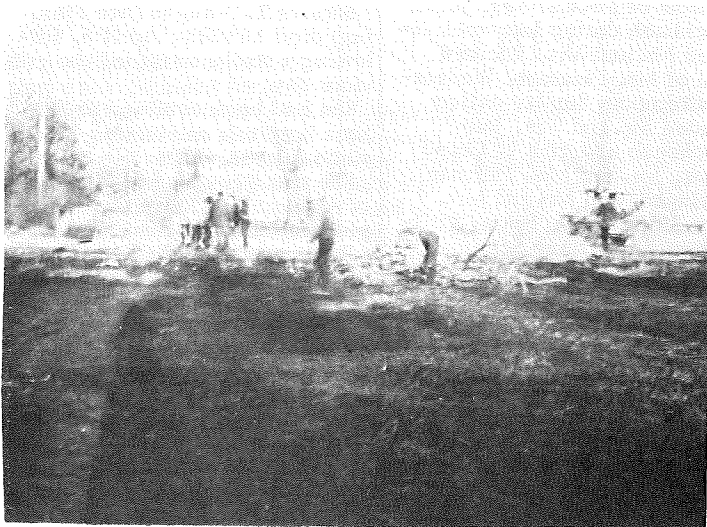
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WBA CLEANS UP EYESORE LOTS--Back of the old bank building, Clark's Market and the Laundromat, owned by Bernard and Yvonne Pitts. For years an eyesore overgrown with weeds and strewn with rubbish, the lots now will be kept clean and nurtured along for use in children's games on the upcoming Weidman Day July 10.



FIRE CHIEF SPIKE BRANSON TOSSES RUBBISH ON A BURN PILE

At the cleanup of back lots Monday evening, Retired Fire Chief Ed Fox was in the middle of all the work, and the two secured the area as to burning grass and spreading trash piles. The Fire Department's jeep, used in grass fires, stood by. It was a wonderful job done by not too many people, and it will be for the town's good long after Weidman Day. Messenger photos

THREE MEN ARRESTED HERE FOR MARIJUANA POSSESSION

Wm. L. Fox, Russell E. Hurley and Michael J. Leiter were arrested Monday evening on Main Street in Weidman and charged Tuesday in District Court for possession of marijuana. They were stopped by deputies because of a noisy muffler.

The Sheriff's men discovered seven ounces of marijuana in the car, and two hashish pipes.

The three were arraigned Tuesday in Mt. Pleasant and lodged in the Mt. Pleasant jail.

The Messenger was unable to

reach the prosecuting attorney or his assistant Tuesday afternoon, but warrants were being sought by the Sheriff for the men's arraignment in District Court.

There have been several arrests in and around Weidman and the Beal City area for possession of sizable amounts of marijuana.

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Word from Lylah (Fleming) Simmers of California is that she is suffering from chronic bronchitis, after chest surgery in December.



EVELYN HACKNEY WIELED A RAKE--Like she was born to the corn. (We don't think she was, but she sure did a good job.)

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Around Hørr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended a pre-Easter luncheon Tuesday at the Weidman Methodist Church. She was hostess to the Busy Bees Thursday, with 12 ladies present. The next meeting will be May 15. They will have luncheon at 1.30 at Kirvan's Restaurant at Barryton, then have their meeting at the home of Mrs. Edna Merrihew.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson attended the wedding of Miss Sarah Webster and Dorin Popescu Saturday, near Rochester. The reception was held at Spring Lake Country Club. Miss Webster's grandmother is the former Lucy Meeker, who used to live here.

Mrs. Opal Denslow has been discharged from the hospital, and is at the home of her sister in Lansing. She was feeling good.

Weekend guests at the Pete Wood home were Mrs. Wendy Whitman and son, D.J., Mr. and Mrs. Dan Miller, Michael Wood, and Miss Kay Syler.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan were Wednesday callers at the Gerry Dent home. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family were Saturday evening callers.

Kenny Oplinger entered St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw Monday for surgery on his nose Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark were Friday callers at the Alva Cummins home. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and two sons were Saturday guests.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber at Farwell one day last week, and she called on Mrs. Edna Merrihew at Barryton Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of their daughter, Mrs. Joyce Chaffee, at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Bahr and family were Friday supper guests at the Joe Martin home. Mr. and Mrs. Martin and two granddaughters were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Lena Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist arrived home Friday from Florida. Ralph is still in poor health, after spending some time in a Florida hospital.

Mrs. Shari Lorenz and Dany and Traci were Friday dinner guests at the Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and Mrs. Don Merrihew and Greg and Brenda were Saturday guests, and did some painting for Hattie.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrihew and Mrs. Hattie Losey attended the 50th wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher at St. Louis Sunday afternoon.

My callers last week were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, Mrs. Shari Lorenz and children, and Brenda Merrihew.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Lois Cain and Les Rhode and daughter, Julia, of Grand Rapids visited the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., and lunched with them, Sunday, then they and Ervin and Goldie Dutcher and the Clayton Dutchers and Richard and Garry Dutcher, and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., all attended the 50th wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher at St. Louis. Minnie Strauch of Mt. Pleasant went with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Gary Jankowsky and family visited Steve Dutcher Sunday afternoon.

Cindy Wernette of Greenville is spending this week with her sister, Linda, and family, the Brian Dutchers.

Tim Miller of Shepherd spent Thursday afternoon with Steve Dutcher.

Betty Dutcher was a Sunday afternoon caller.

Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Marion Beutler attended Busy Bees at the home of Betty Thompson Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Heckard at West Branch Wednesday.

Miss Florence Fitzgerald spent from Friday till Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Belanger of Leslie.

Mary Beutler and children visited her folks, the Norman Schultheisses, of St. Johns, and had Sunday dinner with them. They had just returned home from wintering in Florida.

Frank and Carol Graham of Rosebush had supper with the Carl Beutler family Thursday evening.

Kim and Shelly Dutcher spent Saturday and over night till Sunday afternoon with Patti Dutcher. Patti visited her grandparents, the Theodore Cases, and played with her little cousins from Alma, Sunday evening.

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MARIE KANINSKY IS HAPPY AND DOING WELL--In the Golden Acres Nursing Home in St. Louis. Following is a letter from one of her daughters:

Dear Connie:

One of the times we were to see Mother a few weeks ago, she said you were at the nursing home (Golden Acres in St. Louis) to visit a friend, also Daisy Embrey was with you. I think you may have visited the lady who bought mother's home, and if so, mother is one room down and across from her.

(Editor's Note: Daisy visited the home with someone, but not Ye Ed.)

I'm sure you had forgotten mother was there. She would have loved seeing the both of you.

Also, someone suggested we send a picture to you and ask you to put it in the Weidman paper.

Since her surgery last fall, she is doing better than ever. She is happy, and you don't need to worry about her losing the one leg three years ago, as it doesn't bother her at all. She gets in and out of the wheel chair, dresses herself, and needs no help for the bath room. She is sure a remarkable person, to help herself at that age.

I don't know what you can write under the picture, except she'd like any friends to stop in.

She will be 81 in July.
I hope you are feeling fine.
Warmly yours,
Dorothy Ray
3609 Burchfield
Lansing 48910

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Touchinski of Marquette were weekend guests of their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski, and girls. Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Reed of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon visitors.

Vera Snider was a coffee-hour guest of Mary McArthur last Monday.

Editor's Column

By Connie

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from 5 to 9 p.m., on the main street.

Schafer's Easy Living Band is being contacted to play from 10 p.m. on.

An antique display will be at the old bank building.

Barbecued chicken dinner will be served on the street from 11.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Verlia Wilcox is donating a beautiful afghan and also a quilt top to be ticket-selling attractions. Daisy Embrey will offer one of her famous cakes for ticket-sales.

These are only tentative plans, so far, but the various committees are really dedicated, and are working hard to make Weidman Day an event long to be remembered.

There has been some controversy over the beer tent in Weidman.

My personal answer to objections is this: Nobody will be forced to enter the beer tent. It will be a quiet and orderly place peopled by those who otherwise would be in the taverns or in the two take-out places in Weidman, and nobody need pay attention to it who doesn't want to.

The beer tent will take pressure off the taverns and take-out places, making for a more stable and quiet town.

The beer tent also will bring in a definite amount of money that otherwise would go to the taverns, and the Weidman Business Association will benefit to that extent. There will be expenses connected with putting on a celebration such as Weidman Day. The beer tent's revenues will help take up some of that

slack.

Essentially, this Weidman Day, even with massive plans and preparations for entertainment every minute, is simply a "Come on back home!" day, for folks to get together, visit, and enjoy themselves.

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GIRL SCOUTS WILL ATTEND ICECAPADES IN SAGINAW

Several Weidman Girl Scouts are planning to attend the Icecapades in Saginaw Civic Center Friday, with leaders Phyllis Sides, Denise Bellinger, Linda England and Jane Lenon, and Mrs. Mary Beutler, who will drive. The girls earned money for their trip by their Girl Scout cookie sales. They say the public's response was very gratifying.

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Bud Fredrickson spent from last Thursday to Saturday in Muskegon Heights, attending the wedding of his brother, John.

FIREMEN'S AUCTION DRAWS GOOD CROWD, GOOD SALES AND REVENUES

As usual annually, the Firemen's Auction Saturday night at Weaver's Tavern drew a very good crowd (standing room only, as usual), good bidding, and good revenues.

A total of \$1,381.25 was sold by auctioneers Bob Myers and Ben Weber, with an actual money count of \$1,274.05.

Evelyn Hackney was presented a plaque honoring the many years she has hosted this popular event.

Walt Smith acted as auction clerk.

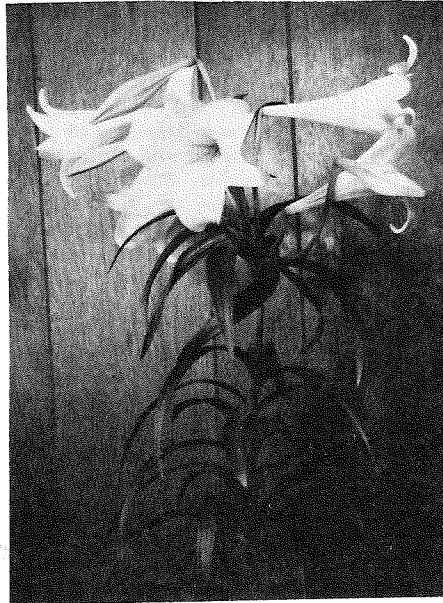
Money realized will go for needed equipment for the Fire Department not provided by the two townships, Nottawa and Sherman.

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