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Editor's Column

By Connie

REGISTER WITH YOUR TOWNSHIP CLERK

You're advised to register with your township clerk if you want to be certain your registration is properly processed and recorded.

Keith Loomis, Clerk of Sherman Township, told of receiving a registration form for a citizen in Isabella Township.

The citizen had registered with the Secretary of State's office in Mt. Pleasant, which supposedly sends all registrations to the proper township authorities.

Somehow, when the State or the Washington Guyment gets into local affairs they become intolerably complicated and often unmanageable.

Keith sent the Isabella Township resident's form back to Mt. Pleasant to be forwarded (we all hope) to the proper Township Clerk.

Makes one wonder how many Sherman or Nottawa or Coldwater Township registrations might be sent to Denver or Broomfield or some other Township's Clerk for filing.

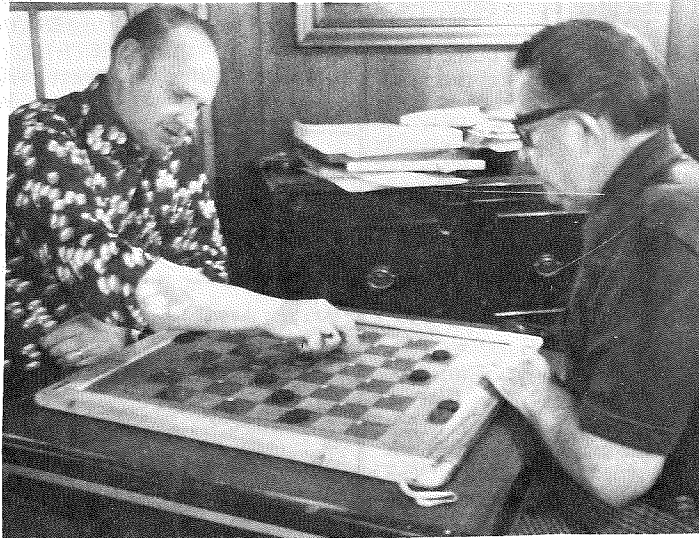
Sounded like a good idea at first: Just register to vote when you go to get your driver's license renewed, and that's that.

But big gets bigger, and when bigger gets big enough, there are bound to be snafus.

Incidentally, Keith and Mary called on Ye Ed one evening last week and we had a good old-fashioned visit. We talked about voters' registrations, of course, and Keith remarked, in the course of the conversation, "Did you know that a voting record like yours (Constance Roe Skinner, never missing voting in an election, no matter how banal) is as good as a birth certificate, if one might be needed? A person with a long and perfect voting record has a legal and unassailable proof of age, residence, and so forth. It's very valuable."

From Gordon Fredrickson of Muskegon Heights (Bud's father) we received a charming little
(Continued on Back Page)

WEIDMAN--VILLAGE OF CHAMPIONS



THREE-TIME CHAMPION BILL LOUISELL--Took on Isabella County's best Tuesday night in Mt. Pleasant and came home with his third straight championship year in the annual checkers Champion contests. Bernard Pitts won over the county's best players and faced Bill for the championship Tuesday night. Congratulations and our admiration, Bill!

"Mick Schmalbach and Bernard Pitts are both very fine players," Bill told the Messenger. Also, "Checkers is a wonderful relaxing game."

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WEIDMAN DAY PLANS INCLUDE ANTIQUE SHOW

Dee Lawens is chairman for organizing and operating an antique show to be held in the old bank building in Weidman, for Weidman Day July 10.

The old bank building is a perfect place for the show, with its various small rooms, and Dee is looking forward to beautiful authentic room-settings, besides other antique pieces.

Household items are earnestly solicited, to be loaned for the one day only, with the committee not responsible for items.

Please take your treasured old household antiques after 10 a.m. and they will be received and properly tagged until 1 p.m., on Friday, the day before Weidman Day. That will be July 9.

For information please call Dee at 644-3906 or Snookie Weber at 644-3495.

Beal City had a gorgeous an-

tique display at its Centennial celebration last summer, and it is hoped Weidman can come up with one at least approaching that fine collection.

Items may be received at the bank building July 7, 8 and 9, and on the 9th, or Friday, acceptance will be until 1 p.m.

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WBA PLANS BIG FIREWORKS DISPLAY FOR WEIDMAN DAY

The Weidman Business Association has financed fireworks on July 4 for the past several years, with individual donations from individual business folks in town.

This year they're planning an especially huge and beautiful fireworks show, for Weidman Day to top off the day's celebration.

Plan to come and spend the day with us--we'll guarantee all sorts of entertainment for young and old--and plan to stay for the fireworks.

They're worth it.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey enjoyed Easter dinner with Bessie Price in Mt. Pleasant.

D & R DRIVE IN RESTAURANT SUFFERS BREAKIN, THEFT

The D & R Drive In Restaurant in Weidman was broken into in the early morning hours of last Friday, April 16, the thieves breaking down a back door for entry.

About \$200.00 worth of frozen foods and other food items were stolen, according to Bud and Gwen Tomlinson, who took over management of the restaurant last December.

Deputies Sisco and Croton have been working on the case. The Sheriff's office said Monday they have some suspects but no arrests had yet been made.

Stolen in Friday morning's raid were two cases of pizzas, with 36 pizzas in each case; two cases of chicken, with 24 servings in each case; and shrimp dinners, frozen donuts, chicken patties, mushrooms, and orange drink syrup.

The thieves had a surprise coming, unless they own a large deep-freezer or large quantities of frying fat: All the food stolen has to be deep-fried (except the orange-drink syrup), and is highly perishable out of the freezer. Large cans of frying fat on shelves in plain sight were ignored by the thieves.

The restaurant also suffered a breakin before last week's, apparently by kids, as only two boxes of onion rings and some gum packages were stolen.

In other action, the Sheriff's Department reported Monday that one arrest has been made in relation to the smashing of windows at the Beal City High School, with three more pending. These are 17 and 18 year olds, and will be prosecuted as adults.

During the past week, Sheriff's deputies made arrests for eight minors in possession of liquor, four arrests for furnishing liquor to minors, and three arrests for possession of marijuana, all within the boundaries of Weidman.

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The Mary Clark family gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clark in Mt. Pleasant, Sunday, for Easter dinner and a family get-together.

**RIGHT TO LIFE GROUP
ENGAGES SPEAKER
AT SACRED HEART**

Central Michigan Right to Life has engaged a speaker for the weekend of April 24 and 25 at Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant at all the Masses.

Ed Siwik, a private accountant in Detroit, will present the pro-life story and discuss various activities at local, state and national levels.

Mr. Sewik is married, and has five children. He has devoted a great deal of time to the Right to Life movement, having been consultant to National Right to Life, finance chairman for Michigan Citizens for Life, member of Lifespan for Wayne County, and he spends most of his spare time speaking on pro-life issues in Michigan.

The public is urged to take advantage of this opportunity to become more informed regarding the Right to Life movement.

The Masses at Sacred Heart Church are at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. and noon on Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls and Mrs. Edith Touchinski were Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller, George Miller of Mt. Pleasant and Harrison was also a guest.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

The Paul Coles had Easter dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Balent and four daughters of South Bend, Ind., spent several days with the Mahons, helping on their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk spent Sunday evening with the Paul Coles. Ernestine Straus was also a caller.

We received word Saturday of the death of our cousin, Mrs. Ruth Rickels.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus and Mark and Frances called on the Paul Coles Thursday evening, with some nice warm rolls, for rolls and coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pfannes spent Easter with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes.

I called on my doctor Friday morning, with a report that my blood thinner was what was keeping me pretty mixed up last week.

Mr. Schmensky spent several days at his cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. John Balent and daughters, Amy, Heather, Leslie and Kriskie, spent Saturday with their grandparents, the Paul Coles.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk entertained company from De-

troit Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dean called on Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus Saturday.

Seems good to see Wayne Curtiss out at his farm, stirring

things up a little.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany of Big Rapids took their mother, Ruth Momany, to their home for Easter dinner.

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all our friends and relatives for their thoughtfulness and sympathy during the recent loss of our baby. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

Lester and Mary Terwilliger

Obituary

ORAL BUNTING

Oral Ray Bunting of Two Rivers died April 13 on a fishing trip on Six Lakes west of Weidman. He was 84.

He was born Nov. 18, 1892, in Deerfield Township (Two Rivers) and was a lifelong resident of that area.

He was a salesman for International Harvester for 28 years, and later was a night watchman for CMU, where he retired in 1957.

He is survived by his daughters, Mrs. Dalton (Irene) Rayborn of Belding, and Mrs. Kenneth (Lucille) Bollman; sons Olen and Elton of Belding, and Miles; 23 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; a brother, Jesse Bunting, of Winn; and nieces and nephews. A son, John, preceded him in death in 1975.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with Rev. Athel Lynch officiating. Interment was in the Two Rivers Cemetery.

The family have the deep sympathy of their many friends.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Obituary

ROY BLODGETT

Roy Blodgett of Flint died April 14 at Memorial Hospital in Owosso. He was 69.

He was born Feb. 7, 1907, in Mecosta County, and had retired from a General Motors plant in Flint about 10 years ago. He was a veteran of World War II, and served in the Air Force.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma; a brother, Francis, of Houghton Lake; sisters Mrs. Thelma Berlin of Swartz Creek and Mrs. Ann Cummings of Mesa, Arizona; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in Fariview Cemetery at Weidman.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox were Mrs. Margaret Judge of Winn, Doris Sprague of Lansing, Loretta Fox of Rochester, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kremsreiter.

Mrs. Sim Riggs and Mrs. Zena Olger had dinner with the Senior Citizens at the Methodist Church in Farwell last Monday. They also called on a brother, Julius Allbee, of Mt. Pleasant. They attended the 25th anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee April 10, and this Monday they attended the funeral of Ruth Snider at the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell.

Visitors at the Joe Ptak home during the week were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Burley, of Hazel Park, and their daughter, Denise Ptak, and friend of Detroit.

Laura Latham had Sunday dinner at the Lloy Sperry home. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham visited Laura one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Maeder and children had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott.

Mrs. Zena Olger had Sunday dinner with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood at the home of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Wood, Easter Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Drake and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scott called on us Sunday after church. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott of Stanton called Saturday.

Rusty and Donny Alwood and Steve Kripa of Mt. Pleasant went to the Tri-Cities Airport Saturday night to pick up Jim Alwood, who arrived for a couple of weeks' visit before returning to his work at Dothan, Ala. He enjoyed Easter dinner with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Rusty

Alwood and children were dinner guests at the Chum Methner home near Blanchard.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy and Heather and Todd Alwood spent last Wednesday in Mt. Pleasant, visiting Mrs. Orma Kripa and having lunch at the Russell Dennis home.

Fonda Alwood has been working for Barb Whaley at the beauty shop, while Kelly Pratt was having surgery. Mrs. Nancy Bywater has been helping Fonda take care of the children.

Donny Alwood spent a couple of days with Scott Guy near Mecosta. They enjoyed fishing on Blue Lake.

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Local Items

Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula Cummins were in Lakeview Wednesday, and called on Ethel Wager in the hospital there. They found her very weak, but in good spirits.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell were Easter Sunday dinner guests at the home of their son, Robert, in Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Ivania Allen spent the Easter holiday with her family here. Her mother, Mrs. Rowena Allen, drove to Oberlin Nazarene College in Ohio, last week and the two enjoyed a short vacation trip before coming here. Vonnie returned to her studies at the college Monday, her mother driving down with her.

Ida Bazaire was admitted to CMC Hospital April 13 (last week Tuesday).

Donald Urie was admitted to CMC Hospital last Tuesday, April 13.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Here is my check for a one-year renewal for "Better Than a Letter".

I suppose you don't remember me, but about 40 years ago Ray Pierce and I used to work for Hafer Oil Company in Mt. Pleasant. Ray lived in Weidman, and I lived with my folks (the Peter Schafers) at Beal City, and we took turns driving.

Somehow you needed an occasional ride, and Ray picked you up for the trip to Mt. Pleasant.

That was a long time ago, and I don't suppose you remember.

Truly yours,
John W. Schafer
Saginaw

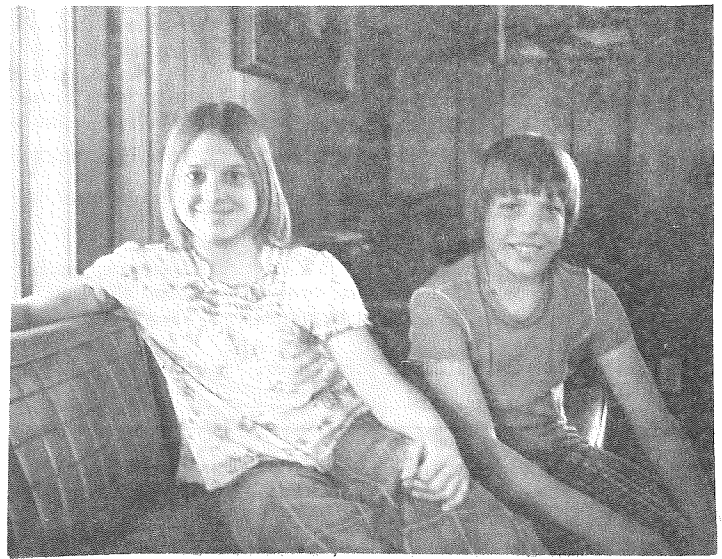
(Ed's Note: Yes, I do remember--faintly. I must have been working occasionally for my brother, Robert Roe, who had a printshop on North Main Street in Mt. Pleasant. Shortly I got on at the Bay City Times, where Paul and Allys and I worked until World War II.)

HERE ARE THE ROYAL CANDIDATES FOR CARNIVAL

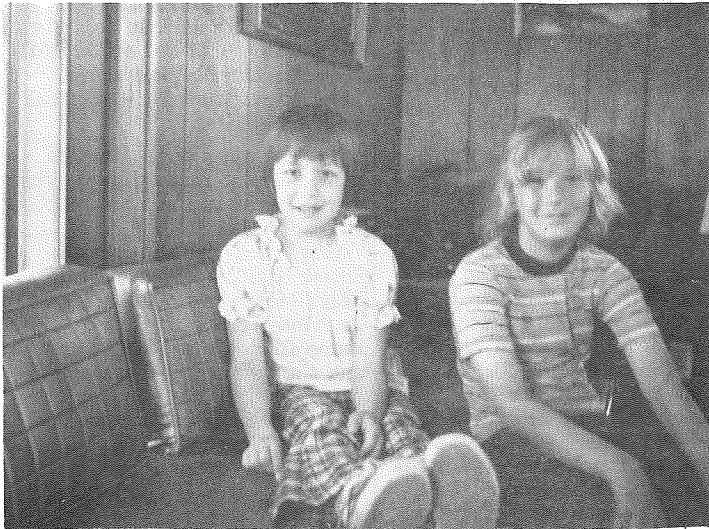
Below are photos of the absolutely charming candidates for King, Queen, Prince and Princess in the royal contest which will be a feature of the School Carnival at Weidman, sponsored by the Mothers' Club May 1. Coronation of the royal couples will take place at 8 p.m. that night. Canisters for voting for candidates are in place at Bud's Party Store, and at the Weidman School cafeteria. A penny will get one vote. Pennies, nickels and dimes for your choices will be greatly appreciated.

THE KING AND QUEEN--From the Third Grade, Ken McDaniel (right) and Kelly Tilmann; from the Fourth Grade, Amy Schafer (left) and David White; and from the Fifth Grade, Liz Hackenbruch (left) and Dean Gatehouse.

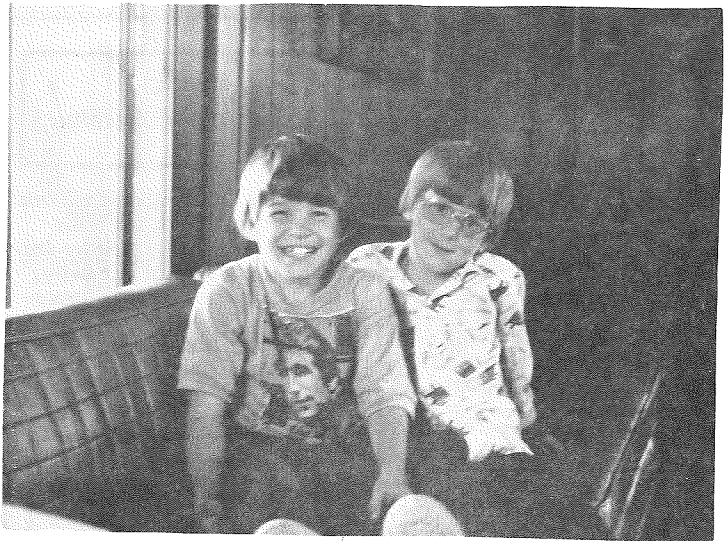
THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS--From the Kindergarten, Wendy Sanford (left) and Tommy Lenon. From the First and Second Grades, David Gatehouse (left) with Jay McWilliams from the Second Grade. Shannon Zander (First Grade) and Brenda Lopez (Second Grade) were absent at the picture-taking. Messenger photos



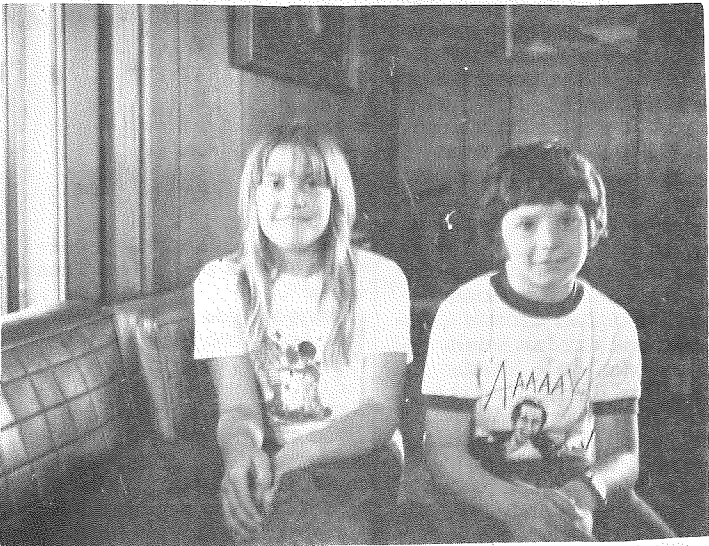
LIZ HACKENBRUCH AND DEAN GATEHOUSE



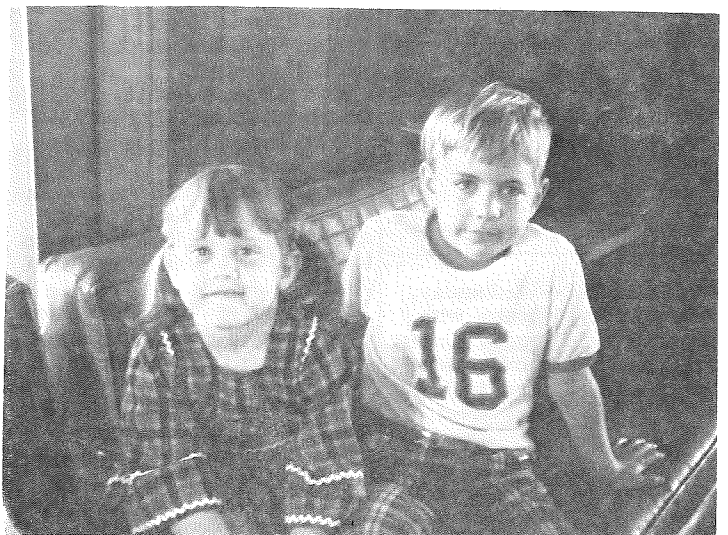
KELLY TILMANN AND KEN McDANIEL



DAVID GATEHOUSE AND JAY McWILLIAMS



AMY SCHAFER AND DAVID WHITE



WENDY SANFORD AND TOMMY LENON

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bushre returned last week Monday after spending the winter in Zapata, Texas. They report a very nice winter, but they're glad to be back home again. They spent Easter at the home of their daughter at Ann Arbor. They were busy this week getting their place cleaned up af-

ter the winter's debris.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hart of Iron River were Easter Sunday guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Smith, and son, Wally.

Mrs. Doris Sprague of Lansing and Mrs. Mary K. Sprague of Colorado were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague Saturday. Easter Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Romie

Sprague and girls and Mrs. Bes-sie Teall.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes spent last week near Detroit, where Wayne attended a meeting. They returned Saturday, and their son, K.C., and Mrs. Emma Middlesworth were Easter dinner guests at the Charnes

home.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler spent the Easter holiday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Forrest Johnston, and family, at Rosebush. They attended the Center Church Sunday morning.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

DID YOU SEE THE BIG JET PLANE?

A lot of folks hereabouts were thrilled and mystified by a four-engine jet plane that flew at just-above ground level over Beal City last Thursday, during the thunder storms that raked the areas south and east of us.

The big jet flew over here, banked, and turned to the south-east, where the heavy storms were creating havoc.

It was theorized here that the plane flew low to get under the electric storms plaguing the area where it was heading.

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP AT THE SCHOOL

Kindergarten Roundup for next year's class of kindergartners will take place at the Beal City School cafeteria Monday, April 26. Children and parents are invited. Students with last names A to M should report at 9.30 a.m.; N to Z at 1.30 p.m.

Please bring birth certificate and immunization record for your child, to enroll in next fall's kindergarten class.

LITTLE LEAGUE SIGNUP

Little League signup here will be Saturday, April 24, at 2 p.m., at the High School. Fee is \$2 per player.

The annual Little League dance is scheduled for May 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snider of Midland had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer.

Mr. and Mrs. La Vern Yuncker entertained company for Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Block also entertained company Sunday.

Mrs. La Vern Yuncker and Theresa Smith called on Miss Dora Smith Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Schumacher and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach Wednesday.

Debbie Schafer spent Thursday afternoon with her grandmother, Tillie Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schafer and family of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Schafer Sunday. Louise Schafer was an Easter dinner guest at the Fran Schafer home.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Bob Schafer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann and Jack Schafer spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. Joe Pung.

Charlotte Slater of Traverse City spent the weekend with the Al Tilmann family.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann entertained company for Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa entertained their family for Easter.

Maxine Klumpp of Ann Arbor spent the weekend at the Al Klumpp home.

Timothy Rahl and family of Potterville spent from Thursday till Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Marie Rahl. Daniel Rahl and family of Mt. Pleasant were Easter Sunday guests.

Among those entertaining company at Easter dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rau.

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Coldwater Lake

Beryl Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Beck and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck attended funeral services for Willis Earl at St. Leo's Church in Winn Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ludwig spent the weekend in Detroit with her sister and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Mitchell and sons were in Lansing for Easter with her sister and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bolf and son have moved to Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eilertson of Lansing are spending some time at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Armstrong of Lansing are here for a few days at their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck spent from Saturday till Monday with their daughters and families, the Ken Kavanaughs and the Bill Collies, of Lathrop Village and Rochester.

Mrs. Glenn Kemmis and Mrs. Bob Shelpp are spending the week at their cottages here.

Mike Powell and Sherry Rowe spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck.

Callers the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huguelot were Tom Cashen and sons of Mt. Pleasant, Mark Schafer of Troy, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Allen of Sumner, and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sisco of Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hegman spent Sunday at their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorr returned Friday from Iowa. They were Easter guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haag, of Hemlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sieler and family of Saginaw spent the weekend at their cottage here.

Mrs. Jo Allen and niece, Mrs. Tim Fleenor, spent one day last week in Au Gres.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Bertha Summers of Grand Ledge came Friday and spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Nina Forbes, returning home Sunday evening. Mrs. Dorothy Brien of Ithaca came Sunday, took her mother-in-law an Easter lily, and they all attended services at the United Methodist Church in Weidman. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were also Easter dinner guests. Russell and Diane Holt of Mt. Pleasant were Monday visitors of their grandmother.

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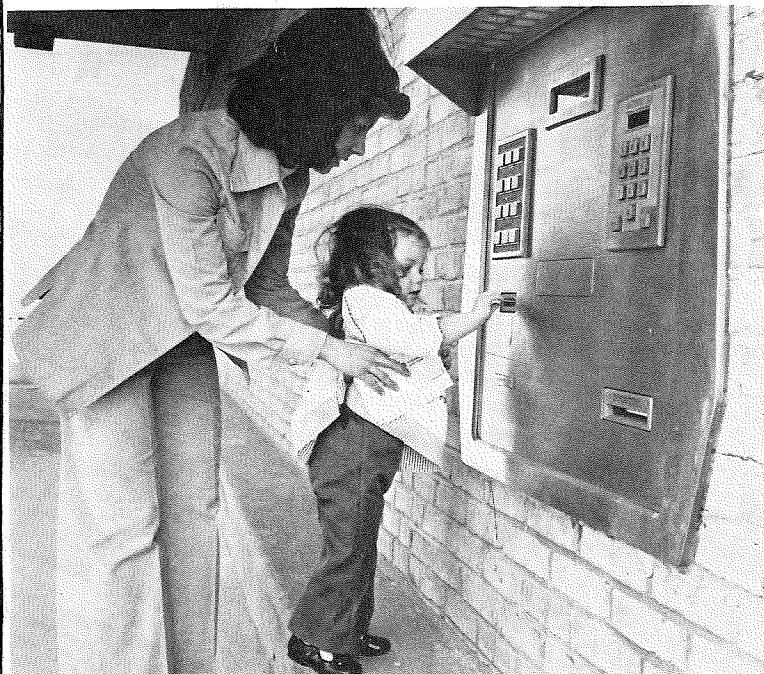
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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Opal Denslow tells me that 50 years ago at spring election time, there was a snow storm so bad her father's horses went down in it on the way to election.

Mrs. Denslow spent last week with her daughter and family, the Dums, at Coldwater Lake. Sunday she went to Farwell to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Ruby Williams. She expected to be home the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and Lorri and Randy were Sunday dinner guests at the Jim Thompson home. Miss Shirley Fox was an evening guest.

Randy Thompson and Larry Andres were Friday overnight and Saturday guests at the Thompson home. Bob Thompson and Miss Shirley Fox attended the wedding of Miss Sue Chapin and Gary Cone at Halls Corners, Saturday evening.

Sunday dinner guests at the Earl Oplinger home were Mr. and Mrs. John Carr, Miss Debbie Slider, and Denny Monigan.

Mrs. Oplinger took Kenny back to see his doctor at Saginaw this week Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and girls and Mrs. Edith Tou-

chinski and George Miller were Sunday dinner guests at the Elwood Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fahnestock of Plymouth were Thursday afternoon through Sunday morning guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock.

Mrs. Wendy Whitman and son, D. J., were Sunday dinner guests of their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood.

Garth Lawrence spent Saturday with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Mrs. Lawrence took her sister, Mrs. Myrl Scott, to Cadillac, where they enjoyed Easter dinner at the home of Mrs. Don Schub.

Harold Losey and two grandchildren were Tuesday evening callers at the Charlie Losey home. Easter dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Don, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz and Danny and Traci, Mrs. Ardis Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad and Jason, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Nancy, Patti, Gary and Beth, and I.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Gross and family of Milford, Ohio, were weekend guests of the Gerald Loseys. Other callers over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran and Mick, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Klumpp and Paula; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gross, Mr.

and Mrs. Howard Jackson, and Charles Gross.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Latham are now living in the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Craig, who moved to Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe and Russell Wright were in Grand Rapids Thursday, where Joe called on a doctor there, due to foot trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher attended the funeral of the ladies' uncle, Roy Blodgett, who passed away last week. Funeral services were held from the Daggett Funeral Home Saturday.

Pat and Chris Dunbar of Grand Rapids spent last week with their grandparents, George and Cora Beers. Tuesday they joined George and Cora on a trip to Northport, where they spent the day with Cora's family at the old home nearby.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary La Londe and boys and Eunice and Shannon La Londe spent Easter with their sister and daughter, Helen Strang, and family, at Richmond, Va. Eunice remained for a visit, returning home later.

Mrs. Whaley and daughter, Margaret Sisco, were at her home in Brinton Sunday for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knorr and boys of Lansing spent the weekend with their mother, Edna Teeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes were in Cleveland the 7th, where he went for a checkup after his heart surgery. They returned home by way of Indiana, where they visited Virgilene's sister, Hazel, arriving home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields and family of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with their mother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Tony Bartley. Tony and Lyle Cook were in Remus Friday, where they called on his doctor.

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NEWS NOTES

Harold Clark of Saline and his daughter, Helen Bartlett, of East Lansing, were Monday dinner guests of Harold's sister and brother, Lela Whearett and Don Clark.

Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch were Monday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Bessie Teall. They took with them a former pastor, Elder Blucher Swen, and son, Royal, of LeRoy, Mich., to visit Mrs. Teall. Elder Swen was a former pastor here. He lost his wife recently.

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HERE ARE THE TOP TEN-- For the week of April 12 through 17:

- 1--Jill Tilmann
- 2--Dave McArthur
- 3--Joan Marciano
- 4--Helen Zuker
- 5--Janice Straus
- 6--Helen Horan
- 7--Dean Wood
- 8--Pammy Gray
- 9--Jeff Loomis
- 10--Tanya Bellinger

LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Visiting with the Otto Yabs family this week is their 11-year-old grandson, Richard Yabs, who returned with them from Lansing, where they had spent a few days with Mrs. Yabs' sister, Faye. Her brother-in-law, Frank Stephenson, remained in intensive care at the hospital.

While in Lansing, the Yabs celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary with friends.

Sunday visitors at the Julius Guerin home were Mrs. Odele Aageson, long-time friend of Doris, who was a dinner guest of the Guerins. In the afternoon they were happily surprised by a visit from their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farnum, of Flint.

Your reporter was called away to Lansing again this past week, and was unable to be here for Easter. Too bad, as the weather was glorious, and the area was remarkably quiet for a holiday weekend.

Quite a number of boats were launched, and a few brave souls were even swimming.

George (Bud) Klenk of Crown Point Drive was helping his neighbor, Bob Moon, fix his dock. He reached for a two-by-four which was floating away, and ended up taking an unexpected dip with his clothes on.

There were many visitors at the lake last weekend. Among them were all the Klenks' children and grandchildren of Detroit, and it was a really great reunion for all of them. Also the Paddocks had his mother, Mrs. George Paddock, and aunt, Mrs. Schmelzer, from Owosso, as house guests for the weekend.

Please--lake residents--call news items in to Ruth at 644-2706.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Toni Dutcher of Flint spent Friday and over night with Patti Dutcher. Gena Dutcher spent Friday over night with Deanne and Danelle Yuncker.

Cindy Wernette spent last week with her sister, Linda Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark were Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatehouse and family.

Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint came up Thursday night and stayed till Sunday afternoon. Carol came up Saturday. We all had Easter dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and family visited her folks at New Era, Montague and Muskegon,

Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wood and children of Sanford visited the Robert Dutchers Thursday night.

Flossie Flachs of Remus called on Mrs. Ervin Dutcher during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and Karen of Clarkston came up camping for the weekend. They had Friday dinner with his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, and Easter dinner with her mother, Edna Merrihew, of Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and family of Midland visited her folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Saturday afternoon. Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and family of Saginaw were Easter dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and sons and Ed Oplinger had Easter dinner with his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Monroe Dutcher was a Saturday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children visited her grandmother at a hospital in Saginaw Thursday afternoon, then they visited her folks, the Stanley Sandersons, of St. Charles, and Laurel and Donald spent from Thursday night till Sunday with them. Howard and Marian went down Sunday morning and went to church with them and had Easter dinner with her folks, and brought the children home.

Jim Dutcher and children had dinner with us Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons of Mt. Pleasant visited us Friday afternoon, and had supper with us. The Robert Dutchers and the Larry Woods of Sanford were camping over the weekend.

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MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE SUMMER SESSION STARTS

Mid Michigan Community College's 1976 summer session is scheduled to begin June 14, with official registration Friday, June 11.

Courses offered include English, Speech, Drama, History, Psychology, Art, Math, Welding, Carpentry, Automotive, Small Engines, Practical Nursing, Medical Emergency, Physical Education, and Child Care Guidance.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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booklet, "Bits and Pieces," essentially for executives in big businesses, but peppered with "bits and pieces" we found delightful. Here's one:

Stephen Grellet was a French-born Quaker who died in New Jersey in 1855. Grellet would be unknown to the world today except for a few lines which made him immortal. The familiar lines, which have served as an inspiration to so many people, are these:

"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good that I can do, or any kindness that I can show any human being, let me do it now and not defer it. For I shall not pass this way again."

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BINGO GAMES START HERE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Bingo games at the Maeder Auction Sales Barn will start here Wednesday evening, April 28, according to word from Weidman Business Association leaders.

The WBA is sponsor of the games, and new equipment has been purchased and the games are expected to be popular.

Monday evening about 20 people enjoyed "dry run" games, with enthusiasm very high.

Good cash prizes will be offered, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

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Ardis Freeze of Mt. Pleasant was a Wednesday supper guest of Ula Cummins and Helen Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case of rural Remus were Saturday callers. Garth Lawrence coated the roof of their mobile home Saturday.

ORAL BUNTING DIES IN BOAT ACCIDENT ON SIX LAKES

Oral R. (Pat) Bunting, 84 years old, died in the waters of Six Lakes last week, apparently suffering a heart attack and apparently falling out of his boat while fishing, partially capsizing the boat.

A Mt. Pleasant couple fishing on the lake discovered the body Wednesday afternoon. Officials said he was floating alongside his boat with his arm thrown over the side of the craft. He apparently died Tuesday, authorities said.

Dr. Leo Wickert, Isabella County medical examiner, determined that he had died of a heart attack. Officials theorized that he had fallen out of his boat while fishing, and in attempting to climb back in, suffered a heart attack. The boat was half full of water and there was no fishing equipment in it, officials said.

"Pat" Bunting was an avid fisherman, and often went alone on area lakes. He had countless friends here, who are grieved over his unfortunate demise.

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THREE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS GET RAISES

Alma Dosenberry, Sherman Township Treasurer, asks us to advise Sherman Township folks that all three "working members" of the Board got \$500 raises this year.

That's the Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer. We mentioned the first two, but had not information as to the Treasurer.

"I wouldn't want Sherman Township people to think it was being kept under cover," Alma told the Messenger.

This paper indorses pay raises for our Township officers. They really work hard, the year 'round, with the "modern" interference of county and state offices creat-

ing mountains of paperwork and sometimes comic-opera confusion.

We want to keep our township officers and Town Boards. They are our last remaining link with Govment.

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MMCC GRADUATE OPENS AUTO REPAIR SHOP

Skill, initiative and hard work characterize one of Mid Michigan Community College's best automotive students.

James Joseph of Lake George has combined his talents and knowledge to open a successful auto repair shop, Jim's Total Service, in Clare. He moved to Clare County in 1975, and became one of MMCC's first students in the new Automotive Technology Program.

He brought with him several years of experience as a mechan-

ic in the Detroit area, and combined that experience with his education at the college.

Jim represents the typical vocational student at Mid Michigan Community College. He is 26 years old, highly interested in his field of training, an excellent student, and a skilled tradesman.

He is married, has four children, and has managed to attend college in the evenings while still maintaining a full-time job during the day. He spent four years in the Army as an aviation technician, specializing in sheet metal and hydraulics. He also spent a year in combat in Vietnam.

He was one of the first automotive mechanics in the Clare area to become certified.

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