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Editor's Column

By Connie

FOREST HILL SCHOOLERS WILL GATHER HERE THE DAY AFTER WEIDMAN DAY

The date has been set--July 1, the day after Weidman Day--for a reunion of old students of the Forest Hill School.

The reunion will be set at Mitchell Memorial Park in Weidman.

On another page you'll find a long reminiscence by Ernie Putman, one of the "Old Grads" of the school. He names a lot of old students, living and dead, and folks from that area will be thrilled to learn that they're to get together once again.

So--Welcome back, old Forest Hill School students! We'll all be glad to see you.

An old-fashioned pot-luck dinner will be a feature of the day, and those attending are asked to take something for pot-luck dinner ("Bring whatever, just anything," as one Forest Hill student told the Messenger.). This should include your own table service.

Old students of the school, old friends of friends, anyone who would like to visit with these old-time one-room-school grads are all invited.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Wayne Sisco (Weidman phone exchange), Doris Himebaugh, or Bertha Blodgett (also Weidman phone exchange).

Welcome, old timers! (Ye Ed was a grade-school student in Weidman about the time you were attending the Forest Hill School.)

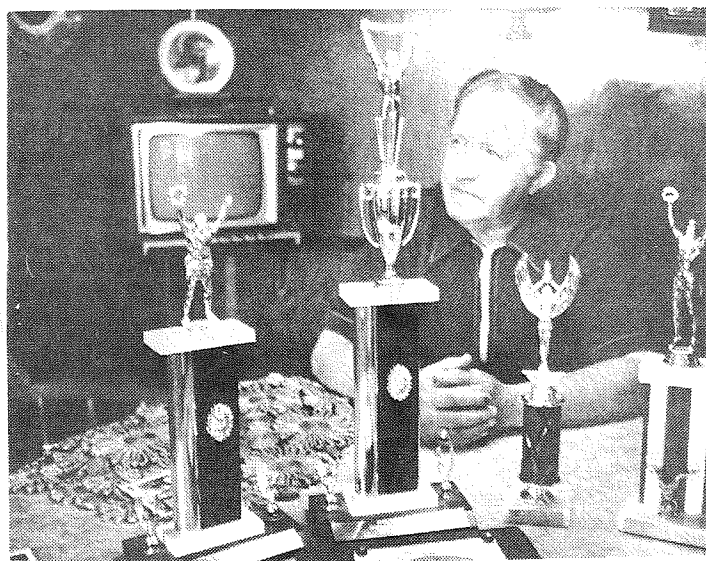
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BINGO GAMES START HERE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Bingo games at Maeder's auction barn just south of town on Coldwater Road started this Wednesday evening at 6.30, with an enthusiastic attendance.

The games will be held weekly on a regular basis, sponsored by the Weidman Business Association.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



AMONG HIS TROPHIES-- Three-time Champion Checker Player of Isabella County Bill Louisell has accumulated a real collection of trophies. His 1974 trophies (two of 'em) are at left, with his 1975 trophy and wall plaque (barely visible, at front of photo), and his 1976 trophy make a beautiful display. Bill really is unbeatable at checkers. This year the Mt. Pleasant YMCA took over sponsorship of the playoffs, in which Bernard Pitts won the divisional playoff (but lost to Bill), and young John Schmalbach, son of the Mick Schmalbachs, won the divisional championship in the Junior-Senior high school area. Last year young Richie Faber, son of the Bill Fabers, made it right up to the finals, losing, of course, against Bill Louisell. We claim Weidman is the Village of Champions. Messenger photo

BEAL CITY OLD CAR CLUB WILL GO TO DETROIT

The Beal City Old Car Club will be represented in the Detroit Bicentennial parade, it was announced this week.

Three representatives from the Beal City club will participate in what is billed as "The World's Largest Parade" in Detroit May 2. They are Ben Weber and his 1936 Reo fire truck, Gary MacKenzie and his 1931 Model A Ford, and Art Tilmann and his 1931 Pontiac.

The big parade will be nationally televised at 2 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Paisley of Mt. Pleasant enjoyed Saturday evening dinner at Maxfield's at Lake Isabella Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ervin of rural Mt. Pleasant were also in the party.

WINTER STORM ALSO HITS WEIDMAN, MICH., ALONG WITH REST OF THE STATE

The winter storm that floored the state of Michigan also hit Weidman, dooming tender buds and blooms and threatening the fruit-tree crop.

Frances Tranbarger had peach and pear trees in full bloom (much too early, as we all knew) and all of our spring flowers were up and around.

Some said that apple trees were showing pink buds, and this is a real threat to the apple crop.

Unseasonably warm weather in the middle of April brought out blossoms and spring growth on all plants and trees, and the sudden Arctic onslaught froze most of them.

Heavy rains accompanied the first of the storm, and our local rivers and lakes are dangerously high.

WEIDMAN DAY PLANS GO ALONG ON SCHEDULE

Plans for the programs for this year's Weidman Day (Saturday, July 10), are moving along smoothly, with various committees getting their work-loads in order.

There will be something for everybody, young and old, all day and evening, in the way of entertainment.

For the Arts and Crafts Show, that committee asks that requests for space there be in early. Information may be had by calling Archie Jerore, at tel. 644-3434, or Hollis Hinkle, at tel. 644-2495.

Archie assured us Monday that there will be no snow here on the big day, July 10.

Dee Lawens is requesting items for the Antique Show in the old bank building, and information may be obtained by calling her at tel. 644-3906 or Snookie Weber at tel. 644-3495.

Other committees are working to get their projects in perfect order for the day.

With a full day's entertainment schedule, the program will wind up with especially gorgeous fireworks.

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CLIFTON BEUTLER COMPLETES TRAINING COURSE

Clifton Beutler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler of Brinton, has recently completed a technical training course at the General Telephone Company's service training center in Muskegon. Clifton is a repairman for the company.

The five-day course enables him to install and maintain the multi-line telephone systems used by business and industry.

Clifton, his wife Maxine and their children, Melissa and Christina, live in Mt. Pleasant.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Beutler of Utica were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bushre spent Friday in Ann Arbor, on business. They were supper guests at the Elias home near Alma, along with Mr. Bushre's two sisters, Sunday.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Paul Cole made a trip to South Bend, Ind. last Tuesday, to visit our daughter, Mrs. Joe Mossell, who is in the hospital with a heart attack.

Hugh Douglas called on the Paul Coles Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dean called on their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus, Sunday.

Charles Dumont is in the Clare Hospital with a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole visited Mrs. Pfannes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Walter, at Houghton Lake, last Thursday. Mr. Walters remains very ill.

The Paul Coles received word that their grandson, Sp/5 William Ewing, and Mrs. Ewing and baby, are home on leave from his base in Maryland.

Mrs. Alma Hamilton Warner returned to her home Wednesday after several days spent in CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole visited their nephew, Charles Dumont, in the Clare Hospital, Sunday. Congratulations to the Clare Hospital on its 25 years of service to the community!

Paul Cole helped Richard Mahon on his new home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk entertained company from Detroit over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Masiwchuk spent Sunday evening with the Paul

Coles.

Velma Cole will go to University Hospital Friday for an 8 a. m. appointment.

Cheer up, there's some good weather coming!

From the Detroit Free Press: "Class reunions are going to be real confusing about 25 years from now when everybody has a haircut."



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Apr29t1

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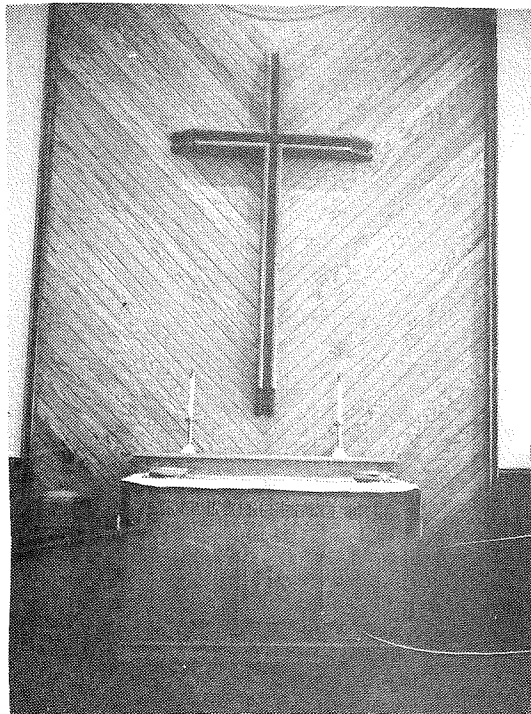
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Apr. 29t1p

NEWS NOTES
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker, who recently arrived home from wintering in Florida.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey attended a band concert at Chipewa High School Sunday. Their grandson, Chris, was one of the players.
Frances Tranbarger and Connie Skinner enjoyed the smorgasbord chicken dinner at Maxfield's at Lake Isabella Sunday.

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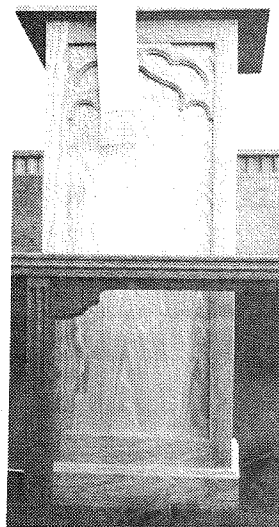


THE WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH--Held dedication ceremonies Sunday for its newly renovated sanctuary, sound system, lectern, and other details. Shown above is the front of the sanctuary, with cross and woodwork background donated by the George Mc-Clains, Jr. The cross is nine feet high, reaching nearly to the round stained-glass window at the east end of the church.

Dedication of the completed new sanctuary involved special services Sunday morning, with District Superintendent Gerald Pohly of Mt. Pleasant as speaker. Memorial booklets were given out, and they include the service, a short history of the church, and a list of pastors of the church, past and present.

Earlier pastors of the church were sent special invitations to attend Sunday's services.

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THE NEW LECTERN--At the Weidman United Methodist Church was donated by Mrs. Choice Foster. It is a beautiful detail of fine wood design.
Messenger photo

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank the United Methodist Church for the flowers, and the UMW for their flowers; also the nice Christmas dish of home-made cookies from their Christmas party;

And many, many thanks to all my friends and neighbors for all the cards and gifts I received while I was in the hospital;

And many thanks to all my kids who did so much for me, and a special thanks to my son, Ted, and wife, for the wonderful plant and all the wonderful baked goods they sent us while I was laid up--and my grandkids too, who were wonderful;

And the very many phone calls I received, and the one from my daughter in Florida;

And to all who called on me in the hospital and at home; And a very special thanks to the nurses at the hospital, and Dr. Johnson and his nurses.

May God bless you all.

Clara Smith

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
A movie, "Thief in the Night," was shown at the Weidman Baptist Church Sunday evening. The church was filled.
A Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held May 6 at the Weidman School. The Brinton church people will participate. Bring your own table service, please.



RADIO STATION WCEN NEWS DIRECTOR JIM HUGHES

Jim Hughes was a caller at the Messenger office Monday evening, to show us the beautiful trophy presented him Saturday during the 40th annual National Trout Festival at Kalkaska.

The trophy is a first, titled National Trout Festival Ambassador recognition, and it was presented to Jim for his continued interest in the annual celebration at Kalkaska. The Trout Festival has been going on for 10 years, beginning in 1966.

Jim Hughes was Trout Festival King in 1973, and in 1974 was presented a special plaque for his appearance in all parades around the state with the National Trout Queen in 1973.

At the 1973 Festival, Walt Bolle and wife Fran, and Neil Miller and wife Helen, along with Jim, were special guests at a dinner during the Trout Festival, during which Walt gave Jim kudos for his news coverage of the Festival. He presented

Jim with a fisherman's cap with the inscription, "Jim Hughes, 1973 Trout King," and a small trophy cup.

The following year Jim was the outgoing Trout King, and Walt really gave him a sendoff, at the dinner.

Included in the "gifts" presented Jim were a private trout pond (a goldfish bowl), with three goldfish in it; a flashlight, "In case he wanted to go for a walk at night;" and "in case he got lost in the woods," Walt didn't want him to go hungry, so he presented him with a package of sliced bologna and three onion sets to plant. In case he found water to drink, Jim was presented with a beautiful ceramic cup and saucer; also included in the "gifts" were a small packet of bandaids, a fishing creel, a fusey flare, and several other wacky items, all given with the Friars Club roast, but in good humor.

In 1975, Walt said (at the dinner) that since Jim had been Trout King he'd got such a swelled head he needed a new hat, and he presented Jim with a Robin Hood type of chapeau sporting red feathers. Jim says it fits perfectly.

Theme of this year's Trout Festival was, "Hook the Spirit of '76". In the parade in Kalkaska, a 16-ton truck was pulled by a team of 76 sled dogs, in the Bicentennial mood.

Present Trout King is Gordon Charles, a free-lance outdoor writer, outdoor editor of the Traverse City Eagle, and outdoor columnist.

Jim Hughes was off the air with a throat infection a few weeks ago, and the county missed his perfectly-presented newscasts.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lantz Saturday afternoon.

BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 16 1/2 TABLES IN PLAY
At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 16 1/2 tables of pepper in play, with 68 people present.

Clara Ockert won first prize for the ladies, with Tillie Starr second and Monica Grinzing low.

Wilbert Reinert won first prize for the men, with Isadore Schafer second and Glenn Smalley low.

Rose Schafer won the pepper prize. Clifton Anstey won the door prize.

Rolls and coffee were served. The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, April 29. Everyone is cordially invited.

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Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were last Tuesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Beutler at Barryton.

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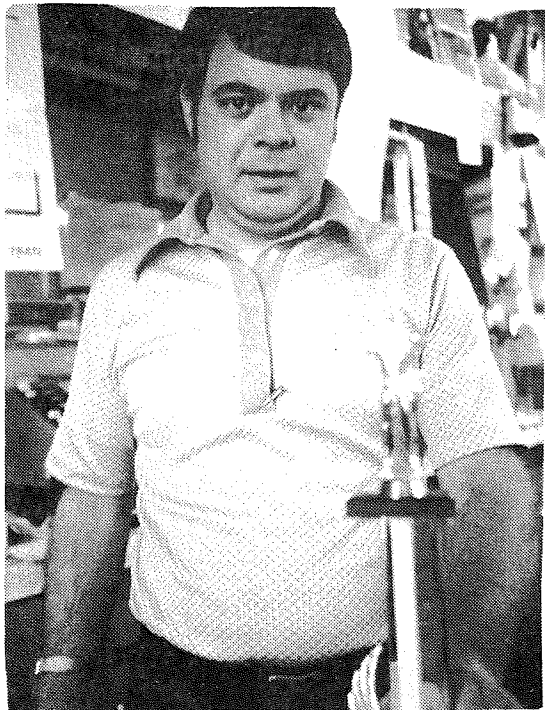
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BUD FREDRICKSON

BUD FREDRICKSON'S ARCHERY TEAM WON A TROPHY--In recent playoffs. Besides sponsoring the archers, Bud also sponsors a women's bowling team, a men's softball team, and partially sponsors a women's softball team. Messenger photo

Bud's archery team captured second-place honors in the Chipewa League Archery standings last Wednesday at Mt. Pleasant.

Team shooters for Bud are Larry Dennis and Bob Reynolds of Weidman, and Don Griffiths and Steve Mackey of Mt. Pleasant.

The annual contest takes 18 weeks, and it ended last Wednesday night. Bud's four team members took home nine trophies.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh called on Dora Smith at her

home Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen called on Mr. and Mrs. William Trowbridge and family in Midland Saturday afternoon.

Oscar Fedewa of Houghton Lake spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Smith.

A number from here attended the wedding of Keith Schafer and Nancy Blodgett at the First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant.

VARIETY SHOW SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, MAY 2

A variety show for the benefit of the school band will be put on Sunday, May 2, at 2 p.m.

in the High School gym.

Admission is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for children.

Congratulations to our new parishoners, Barbara Block, who received baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist; Deb Navarre, Linda Wilmot and Lori Lutz, who received baptism and the Eucharist; and Jayson Joseph Pung, son of Ron and Jackie Pung, who received baptism.

Other baptisms Sunday at St. Joseph the Worker Church here included Andrew Joseph Fussman, son of Stephen and Linda; Melanie Marie Cotter, daughter of Tom and Linda; and Craig Jason Rau, son of Larry and Sheila.

Past Grand Knight and Clergy Dinner will be held Sunday, May 2, at the K. C. Hall. Happy Hour at 7 p.m., with Swiss steak dinner at 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gross and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gross of Portland spent Sunday with Mattie Pung, also Jack Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Schafer.

Sr. Herman Joseph and Sr. Marie Alexander are spending a week with relatives around Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer of

Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Tillie Schafer. Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Mt. Pleasant were Monday evening guests.

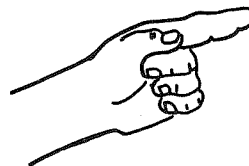
Betty Sunderman and girls from Shepherd called on Louise Schafer Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schafer of Mt. Pleasant were Friday visitors.

A large crowd attended the Senior play at the Beal City High School Sunday.

Callers of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach included Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bierschbach and family of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lyon and family of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bierschbach and family, Glenn Bierschbach, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bierschbach of Pewamo, Mrs. Tom Schumacher and family, who called Monday evening.

Frank Durham of Bay City was a weekend guest of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Durham enjoyed the pancake breakfast at Shepherd Friday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brenay of Bay City were Sunday guests at the Phillips home. Mr. and Mrs. John Davis of Flint were afternoon visitors.

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AN INVITATION

How few recall a country school by the name of Forest Hill! It's been gone for many years, but memories remain still. Two score and twelve would wait at eight, Miss Webster would begin To read a daily chapter from a book she called "Huck Finn".

There were Denslows, Pridgeons, Johnsons, Fergusons, and Earl, Doris Delane, Doris Jean, Maxine, Miles and Merl, Hope Monroe, and Melvin Nutt, Alma, Al, and Bill, And a little boy with a runny nose whose name escapes me still.

There were Carpenters and Putmans, Mable Perkins too, Chaplins, Sampses, also Smiths and a Davis girl named Lou; Dorothy and Jean and Merly were still with us in those days. We'd like to recall how fine they were, and add a special praise.

Many more make up the score whose names I can't recall. There were 52 in total that attended school that fall, (1929?) A unique form of punishment was a circle on the board And you'd give thanks for the favor, "'Twasn't higher to the Lord."

We'd look forward to Christmas, a special time of joy, A song to sing, a poem to say, each little girl and boy. The last day of school the year we'd always celebrate With home made ice cream, potato salad, sandwiches and cake.

There would always be a valentine on that special day, A pretty card with lots of red and a message to convey Of how much you liked that teacher, little girl or boy, And how just being near them brought you special joy.

Another year we hold so dear brought Clarence to our midst, Though lank and lean, he reigned supreme with everything but fists. Our softball team held a surprise that shocked them for a while:: Alma could knock that punkun seed almost a country mile.

Then we were bussed to Weidman, which was a brand new trend, And in that more enormous school it was nice to have a friend. New names like Joan Middlesworth, Himebaugh, Wood and Gross, Some of whom would catch your eye (Freda Omans was the most).

Thomases and Beutlers, from Laselles there was Bill, Loomises, Laverna Wicks, and many more names still. Each had a book; for autographs that was treasured in that day, With many, many pages for messages to say Something about red roses, and violets colored blue, And in some special cases were words like "I love you".

Many, many years have passed, and we've gone our different ways, And now we find it difficult to even reminisce these days. Still, today we're gathered together once again, We find it also difficult to recognize our friend! Shades of silver, wrinkles, too, unspoken words that say, "We've much to be thankful for, so together let us pray:

"Dear Jesus up in heaven, if you chance to pass today, Please pause a treasured moment and listen while we say We wish to show our gratitude for all the things You've done, And especially for the chance today, to gather here as one.

"We thank You for Your gentle hand, to guide us on our way, Also for forgiveness, perchance we went astray. We thank You for our Mom and Dad and introduction too So many friends and relatives that still remain quite true.

"Please explain to Merl how bad I feel about that fateful day When a spit-ball from behind my book accidentally went astray. It hit the blackboard 'way up there, next to Miss Webster's head. With a surprised look from behind my book--she punished him instead!

Please care for all our old folks, and should they pass Your way, Shelter them with kindness until that promised day. For all our many blessings, and all those yet to come, We'll be sending many "Thank You's" and you'll know where they come from.

"Please, Jesus, grant us one last wish, for a future day: Let us gather up in heaven, just one more time to pray. We'll be forever grateful, and we'll reminisce of when It started at a country school for which we give thanks. Amen." Ernie Putman, Box 343, Eagle River, Alaska (With your attendance at this reunion, all of this composition will become a reality. Will you accept this invitation and attend?)

Coldwater Lake

Beryl Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Mick Schmalbach, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ludwig and Mrs. Glenn Kemmis spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck and Mrs. Jerome Beck.

Glenn Kemmis has moved to his home here for the summer. Ed and Paul Kavanaugh and Ken Kavanaugh of Lathrup Village, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kemmis called at the Beck home Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Andy Beck, Mrs. Jerome Beck and Mrs. Chuck Ludwig visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sandel of Rosebush Friday afternoon.

Last week callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huguélet were Doug Baird on Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Huguélet of Toledo and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sharp and Susie of Midland on Saturday; Mr. and Mrs. Al Cashen of Hubbardston and Mark Schafer of Troy on Sunday, Mrs. Wendell Sisco and Mrs. Ethel Rothlesberger of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Lynn Baird of Shepherd. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Shephard of Flushing spent the weekend with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ludwig.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck attended the mid-year conference of the Michigan Moose Association in Lansing over the weekend, and also called on the Gerald Becks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck and Andy and Kim spent the weekend with the Ken Kavanaughs of Lathrup Village, and the Wm. Collies in Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Armstrong of Lansing spent several days at their cottage here.

Mrs. Jo Allen visited Mr. and Mrs. Ken Clark from Wednesday till Friday, in Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stacy drove to Shepherd for the Maple Syrup Festival Saturday, and enjoyed a pancake and sausage breakfast.

Joe Marchiando was in Lansing for the weekend, participating in the bowling tournaments.

Bob Shelp of Lansing spent the weekend at his cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harter and family spent Easter weekend with her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Todd, in Stanton.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

The Masons had a dinner Sunday at their hall in Weidman, honoring George McClain, Sr., as a Life Member, and Felix Stevens of Sanford on his fifty years as a member.

Mary and Marian Beutler attended Vesper Services at Pompeii Eastern Star services.

Garry Dutcher lunched with us during the week.

Bonnie Dutcher and daughters, Becky and Kaye, visited her

folks, the George Loomises, Sunday, to see her sister Kathy, who was visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and children were Monday evening visitors of the Bob Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and family visited them Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines Sunday afternoon. Ervin called on Roderick Nicholson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nohel and sons were camping at Grayling over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen of Midland spent Sunday over night with the Bob Dutchers.

Harold Secord of Holt was a caller during the week.

Goldie Dutcher spent Thursday evening with me, while Clayton and Ervin drove down to the Tri-Cities Airport to pick up Floyd and Ray Dutcher, who were on their way home after wintering in Florida.

Floyd and Ray spent Thursday and Friday till Saturday afternoon with us, then Clayton took them home.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Laura Latham called on Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham Wednesday, and spent the night. They took her to Rosie Leiter's and she spent the night with Rosie. She came home Friday. Saturday evening Laura attended a birthday party for her sister, Millie Voss, when all the family were present.

Mrs. Ruth Huber and boys called for her Grandpa's birthday April 20. He was 80 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott called. Albert Gott picked us up and took us to his place for dinner.

Marvin Allen called on us Sunday evening.

The family of James Kennedy got together Sunday to celebrate his 75th birthday at the home of Lois Knollenberg in Rosebush. All of his children were with him.

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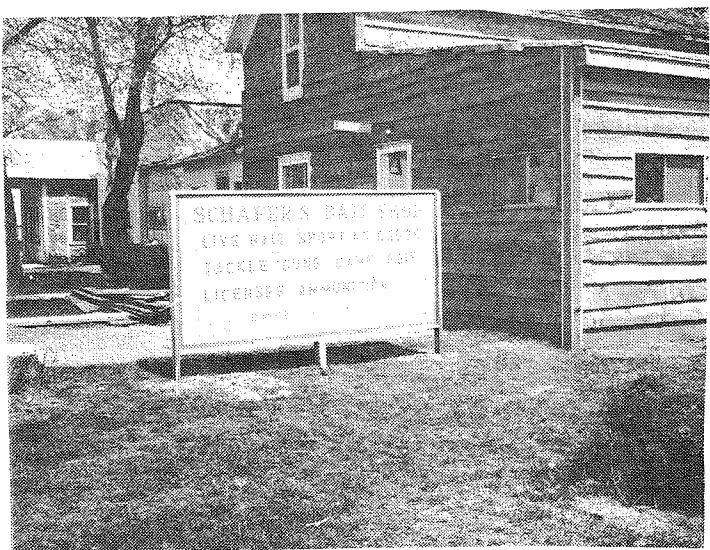
NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Bernard Pitts attended a banquet at Great Lakes Bible College, at the Civic Center, Friday evening.

Mrs. David Flower and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur have been spending some time with their mother, Mrs. John Showalter, of Mt. Pleasant, who had surgery at CMC Hospital. Mrs. Showalter returned to her home Monday.

Mike Brien of Madison, Wisc., and his mother, Mrs. Harvey Brien, of Ithaca, were Sunday evening and supper guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



THE NEW BAIT SHOP--Established by Leon and Carol Schaffer and their family. The Schafers built an addition to their home on Woodruff Road, at the south edge of the business district, and plan on extensive stocking of sporting goods, from live bait to tackle, guns, and sport uniforms. Messenger photo

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencranz, Reporter

Mrs. Margaret Denslow went by plane to Lexington, Ky., where she spent 10 days with her son and family, Dr. and Mrs. Gary Denslow, and daughters. They brought her home and enjoyed several days of their Easter vacation with relatives and friends around here.

Mrs. Eva Denslow of Mt. Pleasant spent Thursday with Mrs. Margaret Denslow. The ladies accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow to the Senior Citizens' dinner at Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were Monday visitors at the Gerald Dent home. Mrs. Linda Krueger and Mrs. Geraldine Johnson and Sandra were Tuesday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were Wednesday dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were afternoon callers. Their grandson, Michael, spent from Sunday through Thursday with them. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck were Friday evening guests. Mrs. Janet Dent and Chris came Saturday and took Michael home.

Gerald Dent entered the Alma hospital Sunday, and underwent surgery Monday.

Randy Thompson spent from Thursday through Sunday at the Jim Thompson home. Thursday evening Mrs. Betty Thompson and Bob, Randy Thompson and Miss Shirley Fox attended "The Music Man" at the Chippewa Hills High School.

Mrs. Opal Denslow spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Ruby Williams, at Clare, then they came to Horr and Ruby spent three days with Opal at her home. Mrs. Denslow is feeling well enough to

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Denslow and family, Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mrs. Barbara North and family were Sunday dinner guests of the Mack Denslows.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence and Mrs. Helen Smith spent Tuesday in Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Smith called on Mrs. Eva Denslow, and Mrs. Flora Wood, while Mrs. Lawrence had dental work done. Later she called on Mrs. Denslow and Mrs. Wood also.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Tiani and family were weekend guests of her parents, the Sterling Op-lingers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geasler and Carl and Ellen Geasler were Friday callers at the Paul Miller home.

Charles and Ray Fahnestock spent Saturday at Grayling, trout fishing. They got their limit, including one 15-inch brown trout. They said it was cold, but not as bad as the weather here.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller called on his mother, Mrs. Ethel McLean, Wednesday, and they spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Owens.

Clayton Dutcher was a Monday caller at the Charlie Losey home. Friday he brought Floyd and Ray Dutcher to see them, and they were Saturday supper guests. Clayton and Goldie came back in the evening and took Floyd and Ray home with them.

Sunday callers at the Losey home were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey. Lois took Hattie a plant, and they took some smelt for Charlie's, and also brought me some.

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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

When returning from Lansing, we were surprised to see how the warm days had transformed our lake area to green. Lawns that have been mowed have a beautiful green, and many yards sport spring flowers, showing what a beautiful place this is to live.

Herb Serum tells me he spent a day with Mr. Petersen of the Fisheries Department of Natural Resources of the State of Michigan. They toured the shores of our lake and then met with our Board and several members of the Corporation. Mr. Petersen feels there are sufficient fish in the lake for good fishing. He says lakes go through a cycle every seven years and also that the Northerns are thinning out and we will have more of the panfish. With the rivers and streams coming into the lake, we should have plenty of trout, bluegills, perch, etc. He said there may not be enough fishing, rather than too much, so come on, you fishermen, this summer.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

LIPOA Annual Business Meeting May 1 at the Chippewa Hills High School, corner of Arthur Road and M-66.

This is an important meeting to all property owners.

Word reached us that the mother of Herb Serum has been in St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids for some time. Tests showed that she has diabetes. She has now re-

turned to her home in Hudsonville.

Week-long visitors of Minnie Carpenter were her daughter, Mary Betts, and son, Jamie. Mrs. Betts has purchased a mobile home on Vallado Drive, and is moving to this area. She will be here permanently as soon as Jamie is out of school this summer. We welcome you to our area, Mary and Jamie.

Robert Mays told me they expected one of their daughters to spend Easter here with them, but were pleasantly surprised by their entire family coming to spend the day.

We notice many families returning to their vacation homes, and many who spent the winter in warmer climates have come back to the joys of the Northland.

REMEMBER THE PROPERTY OWNERS' MEETING, MAY 1st!

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Janet Beers spent some time with her Dad, Dean Beers, in Kalamazoo, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Geasler and two grandchildren of Pontiac came Wednesday to spend a few days with Carl and Ellen Geasler and other relatives.

I called on Ellen Geasler and Flossie Scott Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker and Oraulea Baker called on Joyce Geasler Sunday. Jack took some pictures of Oraulea and Joyce in their Bicentennial costumes.

Joan Wright and family of Greenville spent Wednesday at the Russell Wright home.

Henry Fields and sister, Ethel, of Grand Rapids, called on their mother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Alfred Bartley, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker of Berrien Springs spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker. Ken took Oraulea to Grand Rapids Monday, where she is spending the week with the Keith and John Bakers.

Wanda Haenke and Irene Bowen called on Connie Fletcher one day during the week, at Lake Thirteen.

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