

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### THE MAY 18 ELECTION IS A SNORTEROO

The "Michigan Presidential Primary Election" May 18 is much more than that, for the County of Isabella.

Our good County Commissioners have tucked into the ballot the following propositions:

Shall the county (taxpayers) levy additional millage for the taxpayers' subsidization of the Mt. Pleasant airport?

Shall the county (taxpayers) levy up to 7/10s of a mill for the operation of Van Tran and Dial-a-Ride for a period of four years?

Shall the Commissioners hire a County Controller?

That's besides whatever candidates the taxpayers prefer in the Presidential Primary.

Our inclination is to vote NO on all three proposals put forth by the Board of County Commissioners.

Certainly NO to the subsidization of Mt. Pleasant City's airport.

Certainly NO to hiring a County Controller, a highly-paid office that precipitated chaos in the county government administration before and wound up with the county paying for a lawsuit.

And NO to the levying of millage for Van Tran and Dial-a-Ride, which is nice transportation for a few elderly people and a lot of college kids in Mt. Pleasant.

Let's get a little sanity in the county government.

We thought we'd get it with the election of a whole new Board of County Commissioners, but we're having second thoughts on that.

Like all elected officials, the Commissioners become, with experience in office, seasoned politicians, and their one object, apparently, is to raise taxation for property owners.

And we're not at all grateful to Jaynice Bierschbach, the County Treasurer, who was credited,



**DAVID SMITH COMPLETES EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**--With help of a couple of friends, Life Scout Gregory Allen and Star Scout Tom Smith, David's brother. David's project, the pouring of cement for base of a new flagpole at Mitchell Memorial Park, and the erection of the steel pole, was completed nicely. Greg is also working toward his Eagle Scout status, and is expected to go before the Eagle Board of Review of the local Scout Troop in about three weeks. The Weidman Lions Club is a solid backer of the Scouts, and the Lions furnished all materials for David's park project. David will go before the Scout Council at Auburn for verification of his Eagle status.  
Messenger photo

with great sighs of relief by another Board of Commissioners, with hacking up the county into "acceptable population segments" and creating county precincts that give, for instance, Connie Skinner a "representative" on the County Board who lives down near Mt. Pleasant. Connie Smith, who "represents" the east half of Weidman Village, lives unabashedly in Mt. Pleasant.

Thanks a lot, Jaynice. And watch that ballot when you go to vote next Tuesday.

Besides indicating your preference for President of the United States, you'll be voting (or failing to notice the proposals) on a batch of new-taxation deals for Isabella County.

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### NEWS NOTES

James Neubecker of Lansing was a Thursday visitor of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker.

### FOREST HILL SCHOOL REUNION PLANS ARE GOING SMOOTHLY

Plans for the first reunion of pupils of the ancient Forest Hill School to be held here July 11 are going along smoothly, according to word this week.

Responses from old students are enthusiastic, and it is expected that a good turnout of old "kids" will be on hand.

Word has been received from Roy Silvernail, who used to go up in a balloon Weidman Days--he'll be here; and he suggested name-tags for everyone attending, with maiden names on the women.

Maxine Grewett called, and said she's planning to be here. Alton Himebaugh and Francis Blodgett also called, expressing delight at the prospect of reunion of old schoolmates.

Alice Terry of 6542 Clara Lee Avenue, San Diego, Calif.,

### WEIDMAN DAY PLANS GO ALONG SMOOTHLY

Plans for the big event--Weidman Day, July 10, this year--are going along smoothly, according to word this week, with many committees doing their jobs well and thoroughly.

Among the many attractions are planned a parade at 9 a.m., hopefully with a band, and involving everybody, young and old and in-between.

Booths for profit by school and organization units are available on the main street. These can service the public with anything from hot dogs or hamburgers to games of skill.

A baseball game will be featured, with area men on both sides.

A chicken barbecue dinner will be served in the afternoon and evening.

An antique show in the old bank building is shaping up as a major feature of the day, under the leadership of Dee Lawens, with helpers.

A full day of enjoyment, entertainment, and just plain visiting is being planned.

Set aside Saturday, July 10, for a real old homecoming day.

had been planning to attend, but she suffered a heart attack and will be unable to attend, although she sent her best wishes and regret at not being able to be here.

The Hibberd family is being contacted, along with many others whose children attended the old school at Horr.

The reunion will be held at Mitchell Memorial Park Sunday, July 11, the day after Weidman Day.

Friends of the old schoolmates are cordially invited to attend a pot-luck dinner.

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### NEWS NOTES

Word was received here Monday of the death of Arthur Pridgeon of Ypsilanti, an old-time Weidman resident. The body was taken to the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with funeral services Wednesday at 2 p.m.

**PERSONAL MENTION... ABOUT US**

So we hear from others that "we" were on television from a Grand Rapids station last week. Shucks. The two field men hustled in with mike and portable camera and took a quickie, promising to let us know when it would be aired.

They forgot us. But we hear from friends around the state that Ole Connie--and the town of Weidman--were on teevee last week.

Wonder how horrible the old gal looked?

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There's a college student (we think he's a student) from Mt. Pleasant coming this Friday af-

ternoon for interview for one of the state papers--we forget which one. But we'll let you know if and when it's printed--we hope.

We aren't much on the personal publicity stuff, but we do what we can to get the Town of Weidman on the map, any old way we can.

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Andrew Vogel put a new roof on the old Roe homestead last week, and this week tore off that front porch that Rolla Roe had built and which he used to sit out on, evenings, strumming his guitar.

He was an accomplished musician, and his guitar playing was not of the kind we hear today. It was the real thing.

We're going to have windows put in, in the front of the house to let in sunlight--the first sun this old house has had from the south end since 1919.

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And bless all you kind people who sent or brought copies of the April 8 issue of the Messenger. (Want ads really pay.) You are all thoughtful and helpful, and we do thank you.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mrs. Bertha Summers of Grand Ledge was a last Wednesday visitor of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson, Marge Mullett and Nina Forbes were also visitors. Thursday visitors were their daughter and family, the Jack Powers, of Shepherd. Saturday guests were Nina Forbes and Mrs. Chet Brien.

Jody Sprague baked a Mother's Day cake for her mother, Mrs. Ronnie Sprague, and grandmother, Mrs. Jennie Sprague. The families enjoyed it.

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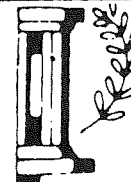
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## ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the following Townships:

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP  
 NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP

In the COUNTY OF ISABELLA AND State of Michigan, on TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1976

from 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of voting for candidates for the office of:

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
 and for the purpose of electing the following:  
 DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY CONVENTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

and also to vote on the following County Proposals:

1. CONTROLLER PROPOSAL

Shall the County of Isabella obtain the services of an individual to serve under the Controller Acts, Public Act 1927, Number 257 as Amended?

2. AIRPORT PROPOSAL

Shall the County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy additional millage to subsidize the City of Mt. Pleasant Airport?

3. VAN-TRAN & DIAL-A-RIDE PROPOSAL

Shall the Isabella County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy up to seven-tenths of one mill for the operation of Van-Tran and Dial-A-Ride service in Isabella County for a period of four years, beginning in fiscal 1977, and thereafter until changed by a vote of the electorate or decision of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners?

KEITH LOOMIS  
 Sherman Township Clerk  
 NORMAN RAU  
 Nottawa Township Clerk

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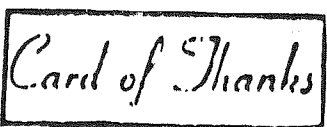
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 May 31t1

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 May 13tf

SMOR GASBORD--Michigan Week, Tuesday, May 18, at West Intermediate School, Mt. Pleasant. Serving 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. Adults \$3.00 in advance, \$3.25 at the door (if available). Under 12, \$1.00, pre-schoolers free. Sponsored by Isabella County Farm Bureau Women. Tickets may be ordered by calling 644-3462.  
 May 13t1

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 Apr 29t5p

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## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:  
 I am sorry to be so late with my check. I enclose for two December dates, last December, and December, '76.  
 Walter, my son out in Washington, sent me plane fare for a month's vacation in Washington, a two-way fare, so we will have a nice vacation.  
 He is building a machine, an air cushion machine, for an Alaska oil company. The oil company is paying him to build them and his way to Alaska to show them how to work them.  
 Yours resp.,  
 Clara M. Crowley  
 Royal Oak

## Obituary

ARTHUR PRIDGEON  
 Arthur William Pridgeon, an old-time resident of Weidman with many friends here, died at Beyers Memorial Hospital in Ypsilanti Monday, May 10. He was 76.  
 He lived with his parents, brothers and sisters in Weidman in the early years, and in 1947 he moved to Ypsilanti.  
 He was born in Sherman Township April 28, 1900.  
 He had been ill for about four months, and was in the hospital 21 days.  
 He is survived by three sisters, Erna Riggle of Mt. Pleasant, Stella Martin of Bellaire, and Nellie Carey of Mt. Pleasant.  
 Funeral services were scheduled for Wednesday this week at 2 p.m. at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with George Stehle officiating. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.  
 Many here will remember Art Pridgeon, for he had many friends here. The family have the sympathy of all.  
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# LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

We have enjoyed another beautiful weekend here at Lake Isabella. Saturday Mr. Yabs and I decided to take a sight-seeing trip around our lake. This is a most enjoyable pastime--try it.

As we came around to Club House Drive at Circle Park, we came up to three fire trucks and lots of cars. Someone cleaning up decided to burn brush. Being a little too windy, the fire got away from them and went through the woods--vacant property, fortunately.

**WARNING!** We are reminded to check the rules regarding burning, and the need for extreme care when any burning is being done.

We have heard of some fishing with good results. One party told of getting a real good catch of bluegills and perch, just offshore at one of the parks.

Mary Betts and son, Jamie, are now settled in their home on Vallado Drive. This past week they had visiting them her aunt, Evelyn Jones, of Milford. Mrs. Jones is also the sister of Minnie Carpenter, whom they visited several times during the week. Jamie has started school here, and is enjoying the school and the many new friends she's already made. We welcome them to our neighborhood.

Saturday evening Lynn and Bill Barr and three children of Garden City came to visit their grandmother, Mrs. Carpenter. This was a very pleasant surprise for her.

Doris and Julius Guerin visited her sister and family, the Donald DeVarys, at Barryton. They honored their mother at a Mother's Day dinner.

Sunday visitors at the Lee Vandemark home, honoring their mother, were her son, Marvin Dobie, and family of St. Louis, son Gerald Dobie and family of Lake Odessa, and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rhodes, of Lansing. Also granddaughter Pam Dobie and friend, Jeff Godley, of Mt. Pleasant, where they both are attending CMU.

The Robert Mays spent Saturday visiting the Nobile family in Big Rapids. Sunday they attended a wedding shower for their daughter, Lynn, at Lakeview.

Mrs. Fay Stephenson of Lansing, sister of Ruth Yabs, came home with us Monday, May 2, and spent the week resting, after the long illness and the death of her husband, Frank. Thursday evening visitors were Robert and Charlotte McLain of Florida and Catherine and Pat Feeman of Lansing. They had been at Bear Lake, and were returning to Lansing. They took Mrs. Stephenson

back to Lansing with them.

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## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moose of Torch Lake took a plane to Hawaii, leaving Detroit April 6, and returning home last Wednesday, May 5. Mr. and Mrs. Moose spent Wednesday night with the Fitzgeralds before returning to their home.

Carl and Grace visited the Ralph Woodins of Midland Friday.

Ronna Dutcher called on the Ervin Dutchers Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and sons and Eddie Oplinger were Mother's Day dinner guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Lois Cain of Grand Rapids was a Saturday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wernette of Greenville and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher had supper at Coldwater Lake Saturday. Chad and Craig stayed with their grandmother Dutcher.

The Ed Wernettes of Greenville visited the Brian Dutchers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children visited her folks, the Stanley Sandersons, of St. Charles, Sunday.

Diane Beutler spent Friday over night with Michelle Lopez.

The Robert Dutcher family spent the weekend at Sanford with the Larry Wood family. They called on the Richard Yunker family Saturday afternoon.

Mary and Diane Beutler and Marion and Laurel Beutler attended the Mother-Daughter Banquet at the Methodist Church Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and Billy and Brenda visited her folks, the Norman Schultheisses, of St. Johns, Friday evening. Mary and Brenda attended a Mother-Daughter Banquet at the church with her mother, while the menfolks went into Lansing for supper.

Joan Jones of Blanchard spent Wednesday afternoon with Goldie (Mrs. Ervin) Dutcher. Monroe Beckwith and Floyd Dutcher called on Ervin's one evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and family of Midland. They visited the Bud Hines and Robert Hineses at Barryton Sunday evening. Lois Cain of Grand Rapids spent Saturday afternoon with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris and Jon of East Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. James Dutcher and Kim, Shelly and Michael and David Dutcher were our Mother's Day dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yunker and Debbie, Tim, Keith, Danielle and Deanne and Richard Dutcher were evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn were Saturday callers.

Monroe Beckwith of Otisville and Floyd Dutcher had lunch with us last week, and Monroe called a couple of different days while here.

Garry and Douglas Dutcher and Rusty Alwood lunched with us Thursday. Ervin and Goldie Dutcher called one afternoon.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey were Mother's Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey. Mrs. Mary Clark of Mt. Pleasant was also a guest. The Clark family gathered in the evening. The occasion also honored Carl Embrey's birthday.

Heather Alwood spent Tuesday evening and over night with her grandparents, the Don Alwoods.

Wednesday she and Grandma went out collecting on the Cancer Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague were in Reed City Saturday evening, where the Chippewa Hills Ninth Grade Band competed in state festivals, and came home with a First rating. This Saturday the High School Band will go to Holland to play in the Tulip Festival there.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and Mrs. Edith Touchinski and the girls entertained Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller at a Mother's Day party at the Touchinski home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Marlene Phillips of Lansing was a Mother's Day weekend guest of her mother, Mrs. Edna Bowein. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cripps and son of Detroit also visited their mother. Saturday evening visitors were Loretta Lorenz and Clarence.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Forty children made their First Communion at St. Joseph the Worker's Church here Sunday.

Sunday callers of Louise Schafer were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schafer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schafer and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Malish of Mt. Pleasant.

Louise Schafer spent Sunday at the Everett Schafer home.

A number from here attended the wedding of Michael Schafer and Diane Fowler in Shepherd.

Mrs. Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Ed Schafer home. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer were Friday evening callers of Mrs. Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp went to Ann Arbor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred called on Tillie Schafer Sunday.

Orrie Farmer and Louise Schafer called on Marie Rahl Thursday.

The Everett Schafers entertained company Sunday for their son, who made his First Communion.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Klumpp are spending a vacation in the Virgin Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pung of St. Johns spent Mother's Day with Mrs. Mattie Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Ragolt Hauck had Mother's Day dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hauck and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer had Mother's Day dinner with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Schafer, and family in Pe-wamo.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Schafer of Hubbardston visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer, their grandparents, last week.

Among those entertaining after their children's First Communion Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kreamsreiter and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sheppard entertained company for Mother's Day.

Mrs. Ed Fussman called on Dora Smith Saturday afternoon.

Among baptisms at St. Joseph the Worker's Church Sunday were Brian Charles Maxon, son of Barry and Elaine; Bill Joseph Wilson, son of William and Diane; and Richard James Block, son of Ken and Vicki.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lawens of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith, also of Mt. Pleasant, spent last Wednesday with the ladies' sister, Mrs. Tillie Zuker.

Mrs. Carl Hauck called on Dora Smith Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Smith and family of Lansing called on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge and family of Mid-land.

## Coldwater Lake

Beryl Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck spent the weekend at Lake City. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck joined them Sunday, and they all enjoyed dinner at "Mr. John's".

Glenn Kemmis visited Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Mitchell Friday evening.

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

Mrs. Andy Beck spent Thursday evening with Mrs. Frank Huguelet, while Frank and Andy attended a district meeting at the Moose Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harter and family were Mother's Day dinner guests of her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Todd, of Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sandel, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sandel and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Crowley, all of Mt. Pleasant, spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck, and helped Andy celebrate his birthday.

Last week's visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huguelet were Mrs. Wendell Sisco of Shepherd and daughter, Janet Schafer, of Troy, on Monday; Larry Huguelet Tuesday, to bring a hospital bed, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sharp and Susie of Midland on Saturday, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Cashen of Hubbardston and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sisco Sunday.

Mrs. Jo Allen spent from Thursday through Sunday with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Smith, at Big Rapids. Anita and Jerry DeWitt of Mason spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Wischmeyer are entertaining their granddaughter, Mrs. Cindy MacDonald, of Novato, Calif. They were joined Mother's Day by Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wischmeyer and family of Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ludwig and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck spent Friday evening at the Moose Lodge in Mt. Pleasant.

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## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kreamsreiter and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman of Lansing spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott.

Mrs. Laura Latham attended a birthday party for her sister, Minnie Flaughter, last Tuesday.

Mrs. Zena Olger had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood one day last week. Zena's niece, Mrs. Hattie Van Warmer, went home. Her brother, Raymond Allbee, went home to Texas last week.

Sim Riggs is home from the hospital.

Mrs. Lottie Pocquette and a friend called on Zena Olger Sun-

day afternoon.

Callers at the Max Aldrich home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown and son, Pat.

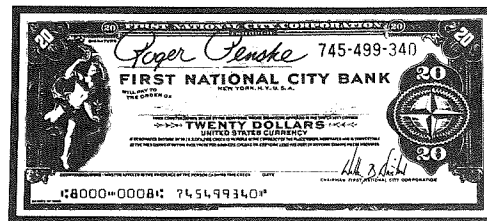
Mrs. Becky Sowle of Clare called on us Saturday. Debbie Graham took us to Farwell Saturday, and we called on Marvin Allen. Bessie was at work, but we visited with her daughter and family, Dale and Joyce Aldrich, and children. We also stopped in at the home of our son, Dick, and family. They were all home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott also called, and Mrs. Flossie Allen was a visitor.

Mrs. Helen Alwood called on her mother, Hermione Smith, at Pleasant Manor in Mt. Pleasant Mother's Day. Monday afternoon Hermione was admitted to CMC Hospital for tests and x-rays of the stomach.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy and Mrs. Fonda Alwood and Heather really enjoyed Mother's Day this year, by attending two different Mother-Daughter banquets. Thursday evening they attended a banquet at the Weidman School put on by the Baptist Missionary Ladies, and Saturday evening they attended one at the Methodist Church in Weidman.

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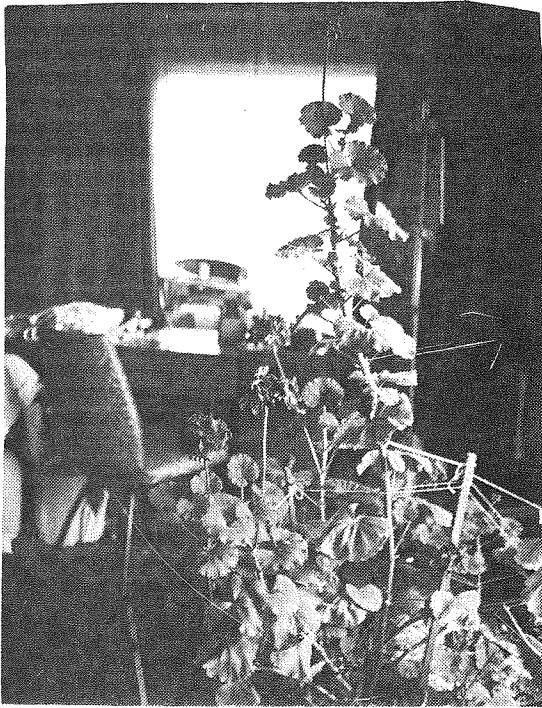
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A FIVE-FOOT GERANIUM PLANT--Grows in the mobile home of Mrs. Orville (Alice) Hutchinson, on Broomfield Road south of M-20. Mrs. Hutchinson said she just put barnyard manure in the 10-inch tub, and the plant took off like crazy. It has a good showing of blooms, too. Messenger photo



MRS. ORVILLE (ALICE) HUTCHINSON WITH HER BIG PLANT At her home on Broomfield Road. She said she bought it for 75 cents at The Flower Shop in Weidman after Memorial Day last spring. It was in a jiffy pot, and had one bloom. She also got the Big-Big-Big tomato plants at The Flower Shop, and had a wonderful garden. Messenger photo

## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Norman Geasler, Bill Estes, Gilda Teeter and I attended the School of Election instructions at Mt. Pleasant Thursday. Coldwater Township is one of the townships using the punch-card method of voting this election, May 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields and family and Tillie Spencer spent Sunday with Jane Fields and Alfred Bartley.

LaVerne Forbes, Wayne La Londe and Bob Latham are working on an oil well near Ludington.

Danny and Becky Forbes, son and little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Forbes, were the honored guests Sunday, with a party in their honor following their First Communion at St. Joseph's Church in Beal City, with a large group of friends and relatives attending, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Forbes.

Senior Citizens held their meeting Thursday, with a nice crowd, with quite a few being home from Florida, where they spent the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker were in Grand Rapids Saturday, where they attended the wedding of Kim Cheadle, granddaughter of Clifford Cheadle.

Lewis Bugbee of Mt. Pleasant was in Brinton Thursday evening, and called on some old neighbors and friends, including Lewis Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower, and Bud Longton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fosberg were in Grand Rapids Friday, where they did some shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Haenke and Dick and Eric and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher were Friday guests at supper at the home of their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen, in honor of their grandson, Dick's, birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spivies are now living in the former Lizzie Conley home in Brinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Roberts were in Alma Saturday, where Laura called on her doctor.

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## Local Items

Mrs. Edith Touchinski and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls were in Alma last Thursday, and had supper at the restaurant in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. William Knudson of Livonia were weekend guests of their mother, Mrs. Lela Whearett, and uncle, Don Clark.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler had Mother's Day dinner with the James Beutler family. Marge Tibbetts of East Lansing spent Monday of this week with her mother.

The Eighth Grade Band of the Chippewa Hills Schools went to Reed City to a state band festival Saturday. The Ninth Grade Band and Junior Orchestra also went, the Ninth Grade Band coming back with a One rating, and the Eighth Grade Band and Junior High Orchestra each got a Two rating.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides

were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Smith. The Sides children spent the weekend with their grandparents, Russ and Mabel Sides.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith visited Mrs. Wesley Cole at the Lakeview Hospital Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Daisy Embrey was a Friday afternoon caller of Mrs. Clara Smith. Mrs. Gustie Green of Dearborn and Stuart Hall and son, Glenn, were Friday evening luncheon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague entertained last Wednesday evening with an ice cream and cake birthday party for Korey Joe Garrett.

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## The Churches

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Pastor; Marvin Eldridge, ph. 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a. m.  
Morning Service, 11 a. m.  
Evening Service, 7 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 7 p. m.

Sunday, May 15, Larry Vincent of the Hiawatha Baptist Mission will be with us all day. The Hiawatha Mission starts churches mainly in the Upper Peninsula.

We had a nice group at our Mother-Daughter Banquet Thursday evening. About 60 were present.

Nice plants were given Sunday at church for Mother's Day.

Mrs. Elvah Gott won for the oldest mother present; Mrs. Karen Hayes the newest mother, and Mrs. Muriel Miller with the most children present.

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## In the Editor's Mail

To the Editor:

There is a class of adulterators who, if allowed, would destroy the whole human race, for the sake of a temporary profit.

I have said this many times, to people who furiously shook their heads in denial, as they tottered with their pain-wracked bodies toward an early grave, as the final result of such adulteration.

Fire retardant?

Spoiling retardant would be more like it, as they mix raw chemical combinations into the food supply in order to lengthen shelf life.

Not too long ago a baker in South America mixed an oversupply of (fire?) retardant into his bread, which resulted in 300 deaths.

There is a class of adulterators, etc., etc., etc.

Wilbur Reinert  
Weidman

Weidman  
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### Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam and Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula Cummins were Sunday guests at the Alva Cummins home. Floyd Dutcher and Monroe Beckwith were Friday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday afternoon callers, and took a bottle of perfume to his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence, for Mother's Day.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and two grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Denslow and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Darnell were Sunday guests at the Mack Denslow home. Mr. and Mrs. Denslow spent Friday in Grand Rapids with Mrs. Denslow's sister, Mrs. Halla Lovell.

All the children of Mrs. Minnie Reed, and their families, surprised her on Mother's Day with a family gathering. Her son Bruce, of Texas, came out for the day. Forty-one family members enjoyed a delicious pot-luck dinner and the day. This was the first time all the family had been at Minnie's home at one time.

Callers during the week at the Gerry Dent home were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kirvan, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sides, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family.

After church Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock enjoyed dinner with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bateman, at Lake Isabella. Mrs. Fahnestock received a telephone call from her son at Plymouth, and a card and gift from her son at Taylor, for Mother's Day.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended UMW at Mrs. Pauline Wager's Wednesday.

Sunday guests at the Jim Thompson home were Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and Lorri and Randy, Mrs. Judy Gudelsky, and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wilson and Doug.

Mrs. Opal Denslow enjoyed Mother's Day with her son and family, the Junior Denslows, at Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strazanac of Grand Haven were Sunday callers at the Gerald Losey home.

Mrs. Wendy Whitman and son, D. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Miller and Michael Wood were callers at the Pete Wood home during the weekend.

Ralph Bergquist is home from the hospital, feeling pretty good.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jude Simons. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baines of Port Huron were Sunday dinner guests of the Millers.

Mrs. Hattie Losey and I tied off a quilt for Hattie Tuesday. Monroe Beckwith was a Wednesday dinner guest at the Losey

home. Floyd Dutcher and Monroe Beckwith were Tuesday callers. Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Harold Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey, and Nancy, Patti, Gary and Beth, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad and Jason, and I.

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### West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes called on their doctor in Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday.

Sp/5 Wm. Ewing and Mrs. Ewing and Becky visited their grandparents, the Paul Coles, last Tuesday. They returned to their home in Virginia Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Snyder of Alma visited the Paul Coles last Tuesday. Clarence is a former Weidman boy, living north of town, where Mrs. Waters now resides.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Worth were recent visitors of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and boys attended a birthday party Sunday evening at the home of Bobbie Worth. Dan Castell was the honored guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole of Detroit are at their farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler called on their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell of South Bend spent the weekend with the Paul Coles, and brought Mom a nice plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bes Pfannes and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa spent Sunday evening with the Paul Coles. Dan and Orma brought Mom another nice plant.

Our niece, Helen Cole, brought us some oranges.

Another old schoolmate and friend is gone. We extend our sympathy to the family of Jess Shaner.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and Pam and Mike, and Miss Bobbie Worth and Dan Castelle and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Worth were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler Sunday.

Raymond Geasler called on Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler Saturday. He had spent a week at Drummond Island with his sister, Miss Joan Geasler, and Miss Joan Wilson, and his brother, John Geasler.

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### SHERIFF'S MEN BUSY IN THE WEIDMAN AREA; FOUR ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION

Sheriff's deputies have been busy in the Weidman-Beal City area lately, mainly concerned with illegal possession of beer and/or marijuana.

Charged in District Court in Mt. Pleasant Monday were Cora Weber, Weidman Road (north of Beal City); Thomas Joseph Schmidt, Nottawa; Terence Lynn Abbott, Weidman, and Timothy Richard Yuncker pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana and to use of marijuana and were put on six months' probation with delayed \$75 sentence fees. This means, according to the Sheriff's office, that if they stay out of trouble for six months their record will be wiped clean; but if they are picked up for any infraction they will be tully charged with the offense.

The arrest was made as Thomas Schmidt, driver of a pickup truck, let out Terry Abbott and Cora Weber at the corner of Woodruff and Airline Roads, and a beer can was tossed out of the truck's window.

Officers stopped the truck, noticed a strong smell of marijuana and confiscated a bag of the weed.

Sheriff's officers made 34 arrests in the Weidman-Beal City area in the past 15 days, not counting traffic tickets.

The arrests revealed mainly minors in possession, uncased guns, possession of narcotics, and use of narcotics.

Six people were arrested for fighting in front of the Idle Hour

Bar.

Three young men were in CMC Hospital after their car crashed head-on into a tree while traveling at a high rate of speed on North Wyman Road Sunday.

Sheriff's deputies said the car, driven by David A. Wendel, 17, of Farwell address, went off the side of the road and struck the tree. Wendel was cited for excessive speed.

Wendel and his two passengers, John Loomis, 17, and Rodney Roosa, 16, both of Weidman, were listed in satisfactory condition Monday at the hospital.

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### THE SCHOOL IS ALSO ASKING FOR MORE MILLS

The Chippewa Hills Board of Education is calling an election for June 14, its annual election, at which time the school also will be asking for more millage from district taxpayers.

School millages have been turned down right and left all over the state, but the Chippewa Hills Schools routinely ask for more at each annual election.

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### Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur spent the weekend camping in Mitchell Park at Cadillac. Their son, Ricky, also enjoyed the outing.

All their children and their families spent Mother's Day evening with Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur.

Mrs. Ruth Blesch, Mrs. Jo Alkofer and Mrs. Ethel Soper of Barryton spent Sunday with Mrs. Emma Middlesworth. They en-

joyed dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes have been spending this week in Florida, where Wayne has a meeting to attend. Wayne is sent all over the country on a rehabilitation program.

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SCOUT DAVID SMITH--Stands beside the old flagpole in the park. The old wood pole was rotted at the base, and was a hazard to children playing there. Scoutmaster Dick Swanson is proud of his Scouts and the work they do in earning Scout ratings, as well as the work they do for the general good of the community. Messenger photo

### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Weidman Day Saturday, July 10.

Forest Hill School Reunion Sunday, July 11.

Michigan Presidential Primary Election (plus some millage proposals), Tuesday, May 18  
Chippewa Hills Annual School Election (plus millage proposals) June 14.

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- 6 Jeff Loomis
- 7 Helen Zuker
- 8 Tammy Gray
- 9 B.J. Denslow
- 10 Tonya Bellinger