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Weidman Day July 10
Forest Hill School
Reunion July 11

Memorial Day

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Editor's Column

By Connie

IT WAS 1925 AND THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS

This Memorial weekend sent us off on remembering a very odd occurrence that began last summer, when young David Embrey, son of the Dennis Embreys, brought Ye Ed a battered piece of metal, oval-shaped, crudely cut, with crudely-done letters and figures etched on it.

It read:

"R. E. Roe, (and a lot of numbers, obviously serial numbers), USN." On the back of it was a finger print, etched in.

It had a hole punched through one end, not neatly.

Obviously, though, it was a dog tag belonging to Robert Roe, who was in the U.S. Navy from 1921 to 1925.

But the lettering and the figures were so crudely done we couldn't believe it was official Navy ordnance. We thought maybe Bob had made it himself, possibly for his sea-bag, or some other belongings.

We finally sent it to our brother, Col. Charles Roe, of Tarrytown, N.Y., who also had spent four years in the Navy before enlisting in the Army in World War I.

Charles wrote back, saying it was indeed an official dog-tag, as witness the finger print on the back.

"Dog tags were not issued until World War I," Charles wrote, "and obviously not all ships in our Navy had the equipment to stamp them out properly, and so they were hand-made on Bob's ship."

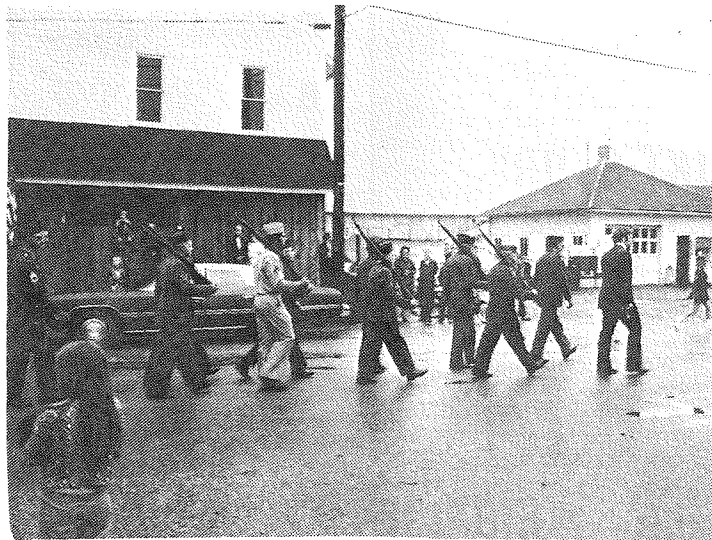
Bob and I headed for New York, on his discharge from the Navy, and got us an apartment together.

Thereafter, when the fleet was in, we had dinner guests in dress blues, old shipmates of Bob's to whom he'd given his address.

I shall never forget the beautiful sight of the Atlantic fleet lying in New York Harbor, spilling over into the Hudson River. (Do we still have an Atlantic



AN HONOR GUARD--From the Barryton American Legion Post escorts a jeep as a World War I veteran, Otto Yabs, and Frederick Tueck (World War II, Korea, Vietnam) of Lake Isabella take part in the parade at Weidman.



YOUNGER VETS FROM OTHER WARS--Got into uniform and shouldered rifles to take part in the parade, as they haven't done so well in years. It was good to see these younger veterans at Memorial Day. Messenger photos

fleet?)

There were no aircraft carriers, then. The biggest ship was the battleship Texas, on which Bob had spent his last two years of service.

One Sunday we set out with

a sailor-friend of Bob's and boarded the battleship Texas, where a sad-faced gob mumbled "Welcome aboard, no cameras, please." (Most of the crew had shore leave.)

That was 1925, and that's the way it was.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE THE BEST HERE IN MANY YEARS

The Memorial Day parade here was the biggest and best this town has had in many years.

It was well organized, and there were plenty of units to make a nice long parade, from the Methodist Church parking lot to Mitchell Memorial Park.

The Weidman street was jammed with cars--and people--and the people followed to Mitchell Memorial Park for the ceremonies.

Rev. Eldridge of the Weidman Baptist Church and Rev. Hurt of the Weidman Church of the Nazarene gave the invocations.

The Honor Guard fired its salute and Taps was played in the usual haunting far-away effect.

The biggest crowd of people in recent years followed the parade to the park, and listened reverently to the services.

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BAKE SALE FOR WEIDMAN DAY EXPENSES GOES OVER BIG

Women of the Weidman Business Association, and other donors, held a bake sale Saturday at the front of Western Auto Store, with great results.

About \$150 was realized, from sales of baked goods and tickets sold on an afghan made by Mrs. Verlia Wilcox and a Bicentennial cake made by Daisy Embrey.

Brenda Branson won the afghan, and Don Clark won the cake.

Also sold were over \$50 worth of 50-50 tickets.

Weidman people are grateful for the friendship of our lake residents, who donated baked goods for the occasion.

All proceeds will go toward the expenses of putting on Weidman Day July 10.

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Lee Parks and a friend of Lansing were among the callers at Frances Tranbarger's greenhouses over the Labor Day weekend. The Ritchie family, including Jack, Keith and Wilma, and Lou Looman were also among her callers.

Junior Denslow of Lakeview called on Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith Friday.

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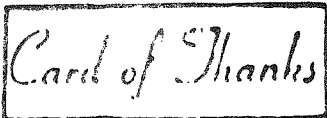
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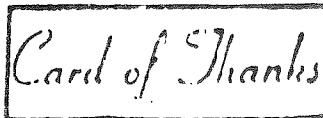
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RAYMOND FREEZE FAVORED AS SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FROM ISABELLA COUNTY

Three candidates from Isabella County for the lone vacancy on the Chippewa Hills Board of Education, deciding that a vote split three ways would never get Isabella County a seat on the Board, met at the Methodist Church in Weidman last Tuesday evening to map strategy.

After much discussion, John Carson and Herbert Serum decided to withdraw from the race in favor of Raymond Freeze.

However, when they went to the high school the following morning, May 26, they found that the deadline for withdrawing candidacies was May 20.

This meant that in addition to the candidate from the Remus area and the candidate from the Barryton area, there would be three candidates from Isabella County on the June 14 ballot.

Isabella County contains roughly a third of the Chippewa Hills area in population and valuation, and presently has only one member on the Board, with his term expiring July 1.

If voters do not elect a member from Isabella County June 14, this area will have no representation on the Chippewa Hills Board of Education.

Raymond Freeze is the favored candidate for this area, according to the decision of the local candidates. He has children at-

tending school at Weidman. His wife is an active member of the Weidman Mothers' Club.

The Freeze family lives a mile north of M-20, near Two Rivers, in Deerfield Township.

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HUGH DOUGLAS CATCHES CULPRIT IN BREAK-IN

Hugh Douglas of Gilmore Township held a break-in culprit at bay while Larry Straus called Sheriff's men Monday night.

The Larry Straus family had been away, and came home to

find windows smashed with stones. He went to Hugh Douglas' home and found Douglas holding the culprit at bay with his gun.

Larry Straus ran back home and called Sheriff's officers. The man was being held in the county jail as we went to press, awaiting arraignment.

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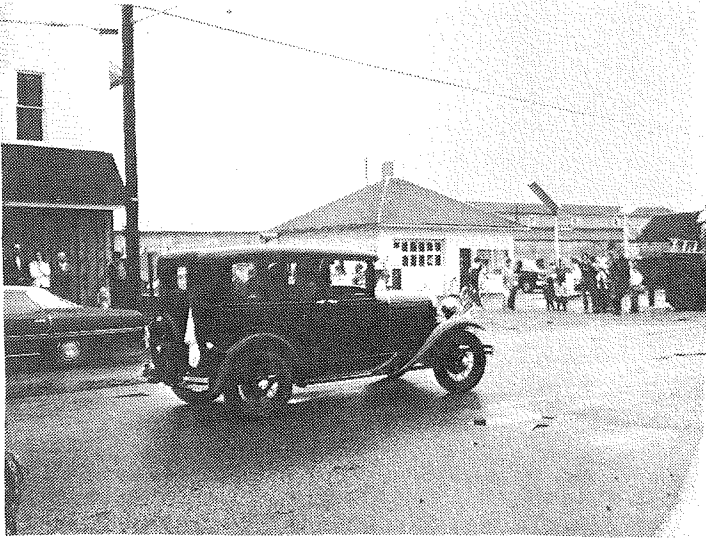
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Coldwater Lake

Beryl Beck, Reporter

ASSOCIATION TO SPONSOR PONTOON, BOAT PARADE

At a meeting of the Coldwater Lake Association officers at the Andy Beck home Thursday evening, it was decided to sponsor a pontoon and boat parade to be held July 3. First, second and third prizes for each will be given. The parade will start at the County Park, and is open to all property owners here.

The Association also will sponsor a fishing contest, and will award a prize for the longest pike to the property owner taking the best one to the home of Andy Beck, Gerry Mitchell or Bill Grace, between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Miss Doris Schneider caught a 24-inch pike Sunday!
Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Beck and

family of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sandel and family of Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sandel and boys of Rosebush, Mr. and Mrs. Dale W. Sandel and sons of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck. Also present was Red McGowan of Connecticut, who spent a year in Vietnam with Larry Sandel.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck spent Tuesday evening in McBain with Mr. and Mrs. James Brewer.

Philip and Chuck Ludwig put a new roof on for Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Laverty have returned from Florida and are spending some time at their cottage.

Mrs. Frank Huguelet was taken by ambulance last Wednesday to CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shelp spent the weekend at their cottage.

Vivian returned to Lansing Monday, and Bob will spend the rest of the week here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dautre of Saginaw are at their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Taylor of Williamston are also spending a few days at their place here.

Mrs. Frank Kellicutt of Riverdale is at her cottage.

Mrs. Monica Dorr of Saginaw spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorr. Miss Denise Walgast and Joe Ellen and Bobby Haag of Hemlock spent Sunday with the Dorr's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Siler and family spent the weekend at their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Baker of Haslett are spending a few days at their cottage here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Frisbie of Forest Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung of Beal City spent Wednesday evening at the Andy Beck home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ewing and baby of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Woody Womack and three children of Grand Ledge were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cooper and family of Mt. Pleasant are spending a few days at their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman, who have recently returned from a winter in Florida, are settled at their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Armstrong of Lansing spent the weekend here.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kemmis visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shelp Saturday evening.

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Miss Vonnie Allen spent the Memorial Day holiday at her home here, from her studies at Olivet Nazarene College at Kankakee, Ill.

Arlene Wilcox, Ruth Curtiss and Pauline Branson spent Friday in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Branson and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Branson and family at Clifford Lake.

Glenn Charnes of Indianapolis spent the Memorial Day weekend with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Knudson, Jr., and baby spent the Memorial Day weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. Lela Whearett, and uncle, Don Clark.

Christina Leach of Greenville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey.

Mr. and Mrs. James Snyder of St. Louis spent Sunday with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge were evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur and Ricky enjoyed camping at Birchwood Park near Cadillac, from Thursday till Sunday night.

Jim Cole and daughter, Karen, were Thursday visitors of Mrs. Emma Middlesworth.

Mrs. Joan Charnes and Mrs. Emma Middlesworth attended an Open House for the two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole, who graduated from Sacred Heart Academy, last week.

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Mrs. Louis Zeien called on Mrs. Bill Smith Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smith called on Dora Smith at her home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hauck, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reihl, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood had a graduation party for their children, Peggy, Karen, Margie, and Jim, at the K. C. Hall Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Smith entertained company Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bleise had a graduation party for their son, Dale, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ida Gross of Mt. Pleasant called on Mrs. Joe Pung Friday.

Elaine Simmer and Mary Lou Profrock of Reed City visited relatives here Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and family, Ann and Dora Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family attended a graduation party in Reed City for Jody Profrock Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family moved Saturday into the former Louise Smith home in Beal City.

Clifford Eldred of Pinconning spent Thursday afternoon with

his aunt, Tillie Schafer.

A number from here attended the wedding of Debra Schafer and Carl Harkins at Shepherd Saturday.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Ray Moss home in Mt. Pleasant.

Gertrude Schafer is in the hospital at Mt. Pleasant.

Walt and Wanda Schafer spent Sunday evening with Tillie Schafer.

Lawrence Schafer of Detroit spent the week with John E. Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schafer attended Open House for Jane Grisdale at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Grisdale, Sunday. She graduated

this Wednesday from the Shepherd High School.

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BRINTON BUSY BEES HOLD GRAND OPENING OF MUSEUM

The Brinton Busy Bees 4-H Club held its Grand Opening of its Historical Museum Sunday, with a gratifying number of interested visitors.

Artifacts of the old days were plentiful and well displayed, and there were treasures that brought "Oohs" and "Aahs" from the visitors.

The old-fashioned ice-cream, made in old-fashioned hand-turned freezers, was a highlight of the day as visitors enjoyed the delectable dessert. Cakes made from old-old recipes were also greatly enjoyed.

The museum was a great success, and the Brinton people have a program mapped out that encompasses the whole summer, with special events scheduled to honor the nation's Bicentennial year.

June 20 will be Old Tool and Farm Machinery Day. Art Schrock will be there with his steam engine. There will be a spinning demonstration, a cross-cut saw contest, and an old tool display. The public is urged to take old-time tools and demonstrate how they worked.

July 3 is Quilt Display Day, at the Brinton Hall. The Brinton Quilting Club has been in existence for about 50 years. They have volunteered to take some of the quilts they have made, old and new. Anyone having a quilt, old or new, is invited to take it to the showing.

July 4 there will be a community picnic at Coldwater Township Park. The Brinton Sunday

School has also been in existence for many years. They have offered to help host a community picnic. Everyone take your own table service and a dish to pass. This is open to everyone, of all ages and all old and new residents of the area. Dinner will be at 2 p. m.

Aug. 7 a dance at the Brinton Hall is planned. The museum displays will be open as usual, but from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. there will be a dance. Remember those dances at the Brinton Hall? A real effort is being made to bring back everyone who ever lived in Brinton or danced at the hall. Music by Eddie Adams, with the Country Partners. Tickets are \$1 each.

Sept. 6 a musket shoot is being planned. Anyone owning an old musket or gun and wants to share it with others or fire it, take it to Brinton Sept. 6.

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BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 18 TABLES IN PLAY

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 18 tables of pepper in play, with 75 persons present.

Leora Schumacher won high-score prize for the ladies, with Rose Anne Keiffer second and Agnes Thelen low.

Joe Keiffer won first for the men, with Julius Schumacher second and Floyd Dutcher low.

Glenn Smalley won the pepper prize. Austin Dent drew the door prize.

Refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were enjoyed.

The next card party at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, June 10.

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WEIDMAN GIRL CADETS CLEAN UP THE AIRLINE ROAD--

From the School corner to town, last week. The girls did the hard job; walking along in the ditches and picking up the beer cans, paper cartons, and other junk people had tossed out of cars. Shown above are Sheryl Stanley, Kim Donley, Rhonda Sides, Michelle Lopez, and Diane Beutler. Thanks, girls, for a job well done! Messenger photo

Last week the Weidman Girl Scout Cadets enjoyed supper at the Bonanza Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant, spending some of their own hard-earned money. They topped off the evening with skating at the Spinning Wheel roller-skating rink in Mt. Pleasant.

The entire group of Girl Scouts and Brownies marched in the parade Memorial Day.

They will have a float for the Weidman Day parade.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller were Sunday evening dinner guests at the Norman Miller home, celebrating Randy's birthday.

Mrs. Ethel McLean spent Sunday with her son and wife, the Elwood Millers. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bains and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Miller of Big Rapids.

Mrs. Opal Denslow and Mrs. Margaret Denslow attended

graveside services at the Flake Cemetery Saturday for Mrs. Bertha Williams. She was the wife of the late Walter Williams, who preceded her in death a few years ago. Later that day they attended graveside services for Evelyn Connors, who passed away suddenly with a heart attack. She was a school teacher, and she made her home with Miss Reva Barrows on the West Airline Road.

Sunday callers at the Alva Cummins home were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thurber, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White, and Floyd Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mrs. Lawrence called on her brother and wife, the Ed Grabers, of Farwell, Sunday. She also called at the North Brinton Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ergo of Royal Oak were weekend guests

at the Jim Thompson home. Sunday afternoon guests were Miss Shirley Fox and Doug Thompson.

Sunday callers at the Mack Denslow home were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Denslow and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Himebaugh, and their daughter and three children; and Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and four grandchildren, who had just come up here from Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Halsted and three children, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Denslow, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sisco were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Ed attended Open House at the Junior Denslow home honoring Sandra on her graduation, Sunday. Earl and Bobbie attended Open House honoring Joe McDonald on his graduation, the same day.

Mrs. Bobbie Oplinger's mother, Mrs. Edna McDonald, came up from Florida to attend graduation exercises when Joe graduated. Mrs. McDonald spent Saturday with Bobbie Oplinger.

Floyd Dutcher was a Sunday dinner guest at the Charlie Losey home. Ray Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thompson of Lansing were Thursday callers at the Losey home. Mrs. Bertha Price and Mrs. Lydia Large were Friday callers.

Mrs. Ruby Williams of Clare was a Sunday dinner guest of her

sister, Mrs. Opal Denslow. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fahnestock and son of Plymouth spent the weekend with his folks, the Charles Fahnestocks.

Mrs. Bessie Price and Mrs. Lydia Large called on me Friday afternoon. Miss Eva Merrihew of Leaton called on me Sunday afternoon.

The June meeting of the Busy Bees will be Wednesday, June 16, at Evelyn Denslow's. Note the change of date.

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BILL ODYKIRK FILES FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

William Odykirk, 41, of Mt. Pleasant, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for State Representative from the 89th District.

He is the first Democrat to announce for the seat currently held by Rep. John Engler of Mt. Pleasant.

Odykirk said he is running for the seat "because I see one of the finest areas in this state getting second-class treatment from Lansing."

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Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak held Open House for their son, Brian, Saturday evening, on his graduation from Chippewa Hills High School. Family members from Detroit and Warren, and friends from the school and Weidman attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott of Winn and Flossie Allen called on us one evening last week. Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott took us to the cemetery at North Star and Lowe, near St. Johns. My parents are buried there.

Mrs. Laura Latham attended Open House for the granddaughter of her sister, Rosie Leiter (Kelly Houghton) at her home.

Visitors at the Don Abbott home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott of Middleton and Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. George Donahue of Midland called on us one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Allen and children, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott also called.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood visited Zena Olger Sunday afternoon.

Hermione Smith spent a week in CMC Hospital, and was feeling better at this writing. She is back at Pleasant Manor, where she has made her home for four years. Helen Alwood and her brothers have called on her recently, and she always seems pleased to see them.

Bill Alwood and son, Troy, of Saginaw spent the weekend at the Don and Rusty Alwood homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox spent Monday till Thursday fishing up across the Straits. Saturday evening they attended Open House at the Joe Ptak home in honor of Senior Brian.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Riggs took Mrs. Zena Olger to the Gilmore Cemetery Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood and grandson Andy called on Zena Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Helen Alwood, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and Dave attended the Open House at the Dick Smith home in honor of their son, Mark, at Au Gres Sunday.

Mrs. Helen Alwood called on several families on North Woodruff Road, collecting on the Cancer Drive. She was helping Agnes Fox, who was chairman for the Weidman area.

Mrs. Zena Olger and Mrs. Helen Alwood attended the Grand Opening of the Brinton Museum, sponsored by the Brinton Busy Bees 4-H Club at the Brinton Hall Monday afternoon. The next date will be June 20, Old Tool and Farm Machinery Day.

Many friends and relatives attended Open House for Senior Kerry McClain at the home of his parents, the George McClains,

Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Mrs. Jane Shenk attended their sons', Les and Don, last baseball game at Barryton last Wednesday afternoon. They played a double header with Cadillac and won one, lost one.

The band students enjoyed a picnic at the Fred DeWitt home on the lake at Ojibwa after the Memorial parade in Weidman Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gott, Mrs. Zena Olger and Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy attended the Memorial parades in Weidman and Barryton, and enjoyed hearing the band play. It seems good to see more veterans interested in marching this year, and taking part in the services.

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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Usual holiday weather--WET! Friday dawned a cloudy, threatening day, all over Michigan. However, during the afternoon, campers arrived to fill up our trailer park, joined by many vacationers coming to their vacation homes here. By evening the showers began, dampening the spirits of all, and also the vacationers themselves. In spite of the inclement weather, most stayed until the afternoon. Monday evening found many campers still here.

The swimming pool opened this weekend, and several brave and hardy folk took advantage of the opportunity for a swim.

Our patrolman reported his biggest problem last weekend was the mini-bikes and noisy motorcycles. Many were annoyed by the noise.

FAREWELL--Cele and Jay Meyers have sold their home and The Hub. They plan to leave with a U-Haul for California Tuesday (this week). They are heading for San Bernardino, Cal., where they plan to spend their retirement years. They have a son and family there, Cele has two sisters, Jay has nephews, and many of their school friends are there. They will be missed by many Lake Isabella friends, but we wish them many happy years in Sunny California.

Under cloudy skies, many of us attended the colorful parade in Weidman Monday morning. Some of our men were in the parade. Otto Yabs, veteran of World War I, and Fred Teuck, World War II, Korean War and the Vietnam war, now retired from Army service, both marched in the parade. We felt the parade was one for Weidman to be proud of.

Bonnie Brewer, daughter of Cal Brewer, Central Aviation, will become the bride of Doug Gruss of Beal City June 18, at St. Joseph's Church, Beal City.

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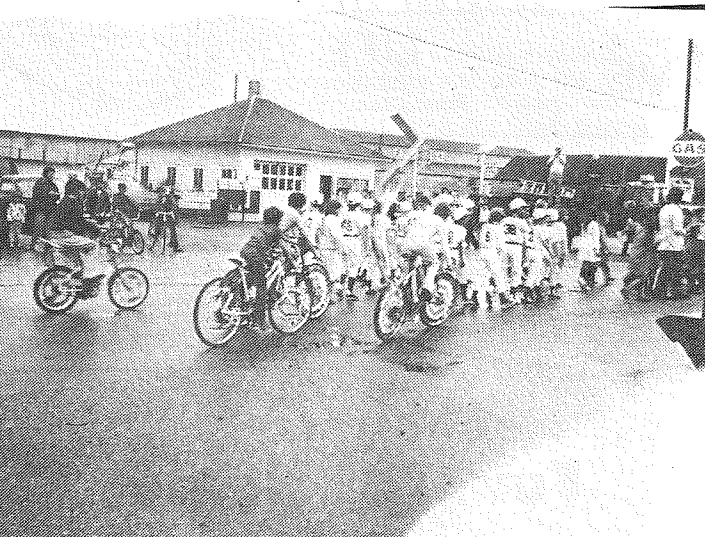
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THERE WERE LOTS OF DECORATED BIKES--In the parade, and they made a colorful addition. Also marching were Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Little League teams in uniform. The parade had everybody, young and old, participating, and it was good. Messenger photos

CITY YOUTH GETS GREAT BIG BASS ON MILLPOND

Randy Gregory of Warren, who spent the Memorial Day weekend visiting the Joe Ptak family, hauled in a 17-inch, three-pound bass from Lake Weidman, the old Mill Pond, here in Weidman, Monday afternoon.

Randy said the bass were jumping around out there, and he just tossed in a line baited with worms. Bingo! He hauled in the great big bass.

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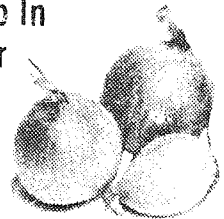
Sister Rosemary Martin of Grand Rapids was a Sunday guest of her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker.

Judy Lawrence and daughter, Pamela, were visitors of Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula Cummins, Sunday. Ula attended her Remus High School Alumni reunion at the Chippewa Hills High School Sunday. Justine Fiorillo and Ula attended a luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Pleasant last Tuesday, put on by the Clair-ol Products Company.

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