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Editor's Column

By Connie

HARRY PUNG GIVES RIGHT ANSWER TO RICHMOND

Harry Pung wrote the most sensible and complete answer to the pontifications of L.D. Richmond, a member of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners, in the May 4 issue of the Mt. Pleasant Times-News that we could have envisaged.

It is indeed refreshing to read, even in the "Letters to the Editor," so complete an answer to the way-up-thar writings of Mr. Richmond as a Times-News "columnist."

Keep up the good work, Harry. You are a good writer, and know whereof you speak.

THE COUNTY BOARDS DICTATE OUR LOCAL LIVES

We are living under the dictatorship of a proliferation of County Boards of this nature and that, popping up unexpectedly to tell us what we may and may not do, and what taxes we shall pay, and also how our property taxes will be spent.

All this power emanates from our new State Constitution, for which we can all thank George Romney, who was chairman of that expensive commission that worked several years on dreaming up the new constitution.

Local control, that is, township control, is gone. Control is in the hands of county officials located in Mt. Pleasant for their official proceedings and decisions as to our fate, especially financially speaking.

We need some amendments to Romney's new State Constitution.

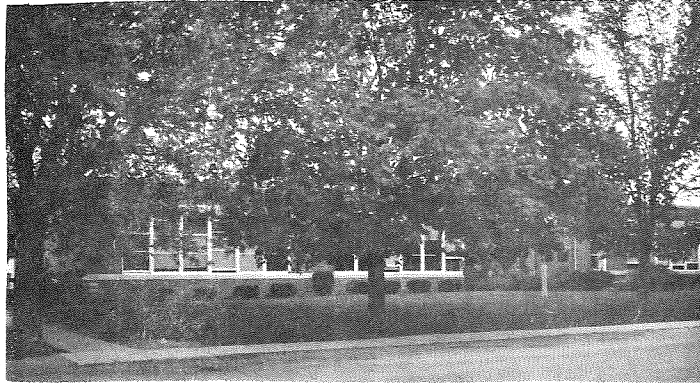
FARWELL EDITOR IS GOOD WRITER ON POLITICS

Joe Grim, associate editor of the Farwell News, is one of the best and most outspoken editors when it comes to the political scene.

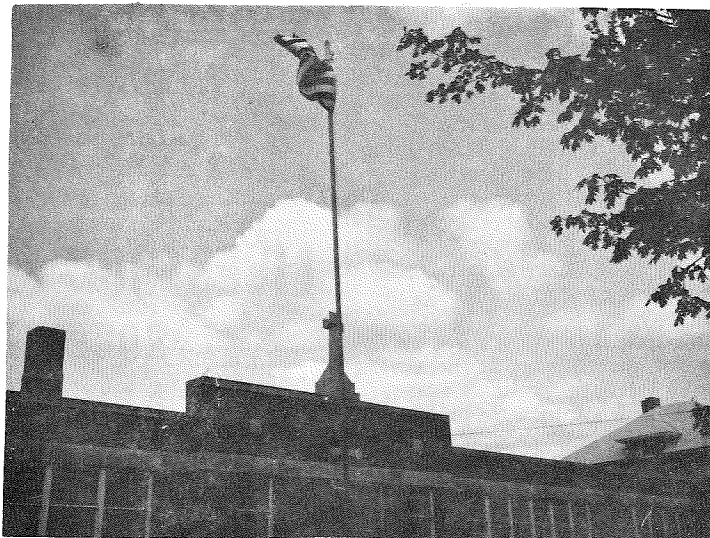
Of a taxpayers' meeting in Green Lake Township, at Interlochen, Mr. Grim says:

"Last Friday evening this writer was invited to speak at a meeting of taxpayers in Green Lake Township, at Interlochen, and if any of you people think the tax revolt lacks substance, you should have been there."

He goes on to name counties where taxpayers are making themselves heard. In Antrim
(Continued on Back Page)



ST. JOSEPH'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL REMAINS OPEN--At least for this year and next, according to Rev. Father S.A. Bur of the church at Beal City. The Grand Rapids Diocese asked Father Bur what the school planned to do, and Father Bur replied that the parish feels it can privately finance the 1971-72 school year without dropping any grades. The parochial school at Beal City has grades 1 through 6.
Messenger photo



THE AMERICAN FLAG--Seems to typify the independence and courage of the small parochial school on its own since the adoption of "Proposal C" last fall cutting off any aid to private schools. Beal City's parochial school is indeed courageous, with the parish pitching in to earn money to help keep the beautiful school in operation.
Messenger photo

With the continued spiral of inflation and cost of both lay and religious teaching, some cut-backs might be needed another year, Father Bur said in an interview last week.

"The small parochial schools are more or less on their own," Father Bur said. "The Catholic parochial school in Midland is closing."

"St. Joseph's School at Beal City is fortunate," he continued. "It is supported entirely by the parish, mainly from Sunday envelopes at church. There is no tuition except for children not belonging to the parish."

Father Bur pointed out that 25

years ago parochial schools were competing only with schools supported by local property taxes. Today, he said, we have the local property taxes going to the public schools, but also state monies in great amounts, and untold millions in federal money.

A recent Michigan Supreme Court decision allowed "shared time" for parochial schools, but stipulated that this "shared time" program shall be entirely under the control of the public schools.

At Beal City the parochial children may have physical ed at the school, but must go to the public school for classes in music and art, as examples.

LEWIS BOWEN SELLS 290-ACRE FARM; WILL LIVE IN TRAILER HOUSE IN BRINTON

Lewis Bowen, Supervisor of Coldwater Township, has sold his 290-acre farm to a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, he informed the Messenger this week.

"I can't keep the welfare and schools going and I can't compete with Gem Survey's figures and make a living too," Lewis said. "So I sold out."

He was the featured speaker at the Tuesday evening meeting of the Isabella County Taxpayers' Association in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday evening, explaining how his was the only one of six township Supervisors' petitions to the State Tax Commission to be accepted by that body. The rest had 15 days after receipt of their appeals to come up with documentary proof of their complaints.

The Coldwater petition had specific complaints and proof.

ONE MESSENGER

SUBSCRIPTION: \$83.00

We are proud and happy to announce that one year's subscription to the Weidman Messenger, donated to a recent rummage sale put on by ladies of St. Joseph's Parish of Beal City, netted the ladies \$83.00 by the time they got through selling tickets on it.

Seems a person offered a dollar for the subscription, which is expected at a rummage sale; but immediately half a dozen people said, "I won't let it go for that!" and planked down five-dollar bills for the subscription.

The question of who should get the subscription was solved when tickets were sold on it, bringing the ladies of the parish \$83.

We always said the Messenger was probably the highest-priced very small weekly paper in the nation, and now we know it. And we're proud and very happy that St. Joseph's parochial school will benefit by that very high price for a year's subscription.

The ladies realized \$206 from their rummage sale, which will go to the parochial school for maintenance.

Oh yes: Walter Rau of Beal City was the lucky man winning the \$83 subscription.

A survey was made to see what the parish could do for itself, after that Proposal C vote, and it appears that the Beal City parish will do the impossible to keep its private school in operation.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher called on Hattie Losey Thursday afternoon.

The Ervin Dutchers had Sunday dinner in Farwell, and called on Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Boucher on M-20 in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker and children at White Pine over the weekend, to see their new granddaughter, Lori.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark attended a graduation party for Jane Ann Maeder at the Russell Maeders' Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Swan moved her trailer house to the Harry Gatehouses' last week and spent a few days there.

Beatrice and Jeanette Gatehouse and two children called on the Bert Chaffees Sunday.

Sandra Dutcher visited the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Saturday afternoon.

Ronna Dutcher called on Virginia Harshman at Coldwater Lake Thursday. Then Virginia and Brian and Linda Dutcher were Thursday supper guests of the Ervin Dutchers.

Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Sandra attended the spring concert at the Weidman School Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn of Midland spent Friday over night and Saturday with the Clayton Dutchers. They called on the Garry Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called on Mrs. Hattie Losey at Gratiot Community Hospital Wednesday afternoon. While they were there, Alma had a big rain and hail storm, with a lot of wind, which shredded the flag to rags. In a few minutes the streets were green with the small leaves from the trees.

Chris Comstock of rural Blanchard was a Wednesday caller of Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew. Lena was in Edmore Hospital for x-rays. George and Edna called on Lena at the hospital Thursday, and she returned home.

Mrs. Violet Wright of Brinton was a Friday evening caller of the Merrihews. George and Edna called on the Dewey Kirvans of Barryton Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case called on the Richard Dutchers Sunday.

Mrs. Bertha Zuke and son, Le Roy, of Big Rapids were Sunday evening callers of the Dutchers.

The Howard Beutlers visited her folks, the Stanley Sanders, of St. Charles, Sunday.

The Carl and Jim Beutlers spent a few days in Detroit. Diane stayed with Laurel Beutler.

Mr. and Mrs. William Walters called on the Clayton Dutchers Monday afternoon. They are from Fort Morgan, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dutcher

and Kim called on his mother Monday evening. Kim stayed with Grandma while Jim and Betty visited Baby Shelly at CMC Hospital, where she was taken Friday with intestinal flu.

Orrie and Orval Merrihew attended the Lions Club chicken barbecue at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Nancy Chaffee went with the Chippewa Hills Seniors to Lost Pine Lodge over the weekend.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter Mrs. Lillian Cummins and a lady friend were Thursday callers at the Alva Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins were Sunday dinner guests of their son, Bill, at the lake. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thurber of Cowden Lake were afternoon callers of the Cumminses.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carr were Sunday guests of the Earl Oplingers.

Kenny Oplinger spent the weekend with Gary Royce of Remus, who is attending college near Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Geraline Johnson and children and Mrs. Linda Krueger were Saturday evening guests of their parents, the Gerald Dents. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and Michael and Tom and Judy Roberts were weekend guests. Three of Mabel's cousins and their families were Saturday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cooper of Florida and Mrs. Emily Wood and Austin Dent were Thursday dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Dent spent Sunday evening at the Krueger home, helping Bobby celebrate his birthday.

Mrs. Leah Scharrer was a Sunday guest of Mrs. Violet Oplinger.

Mrs. Opal Denslow spent an enjoyable day Sunday at the Mrs. Ruby Williams home in Clare. Two other sisters were present for the day.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow spent the weekend with them. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Darnell called at the Denslow home Sunday, and Mack and Margie accompanied them to see the George Darnells at Stanton.

Mrs. Carol Johnson and Mrs. Myrl Blodgett attended a bridal shower for Miss Tammy Frantz at Weidman Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were business callers in Lansing Friday. Mrs. Vivian Wilson and two children were Saturday afternoon callers at the Thompson home. Philip Dent spent Sunday with Bill Thompson.

Mrs. Lillian Cummins of Cheboygan and a lady friend from Farwell were Thursday afternoon callers of Mrs. Flora Wood. Friday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cooper of New Smyrna, Florida, and Mrs. Emily Wood. Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and Diane, Jeanne, Gale and Dean,

Mr. and Mrs. Marsden Antcliff, and Sue and Peter Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Owens were Saturday morning callers at the Elwood Miller home. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller were Saturday afternoon callers.

Charlie Losey and I were Sunday dinner guests at the Gerald Losey home. Several members of the family have made trips to Alma during the week to visit Hattie at the hospital. She was getting along as well as can be expected.

Floyd Dutcher called Monday of this week at the Charlie Losey home.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower and baby of Toledo were here for the weekend, to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter, of Mt. Pleasant, Sunday.

NOTICE TO MESSENGER NEWS WRITERS

The Weidman Postoffice, as indeed all postoffices, will be closed next Monday, May 31, so we are advising our news writers not to mail any news letters next week.

If impossible to drop your letters off at our office, please call us, tel. 644-2000, and we will do something to get your news in.

All news writers using the mails will be affected by this Monday closing of the postoffice.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and Leon McArthur attended the 50th wedding Open House Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter, at the IOOF Hall in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Crane and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts enjoyed supper at the Texan in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

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 enced grill and deep fry cook.
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 May 13tf

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 repair. Call 772-4047 or 773-
 7702.
 April 15tf

FOR SALE--Porter Cable Riding
 Lawn Mower, Model Mark 24.
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 644-3939 after 4 p. m.
 May 27t1

CLEAN expensive carpets with
 the best. Blue Lustre is Ameri-
 ca's favorite. Rent shampooer
 \$1 at Fox Hardware, Weidman.
 May 27t1

CARPENTER WORK--Wanted.
 Outside, inside, old or new
 places. Room paneling, ce-
 ment work, etc. Jerry Horstman,
 Weidman, ph. 644-2512.
 Jan. 14tf

BETTER THAN A LETTER

FOR SALE--1969 Detroit Trail-
 er house, 12x50. Good condi-
 tion. Bill Alwood, ph. 644-
 3581.
 May 27t1p

FOR SALE--Walnut double bed,
 with mattress and springs. Call
 Lola Fordyce, 644-3608.
 May 20tf

FOR SALE--Four chrome dining
 chairs. 5678 W. Jordan Road,
 Coldwater Lake.
 May 27tf

PAINT JOBS WANTED--Brush
 and spray. Interior and exter-
 ior. Edw. Schafer, Coldwater
 Lake, ph. 644-3967.
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FOR SALE--Farm fresh eggs,
 large, 40 cents per dozen.
 Don Smith, Weidman, phone
 644-2224.
 May 6t1

FIVE LOTS FOR SALE--In the
 Village of Weidman. Call
 after 5 p. m. Richard Sprague,
 ph. 644-3580.
 May 20t3

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all my
 friends and relatives for the
 wonderful cards, flowers and
 visits while I was in the hospital
 and at home.

A special thanks to the Weid-
 man Building for the lovely plant,
 and the NTP Club for the gift.
 Helen Adams

Obituary

RICHARD DOUGLAS LETSON
 Richard Douglas Letson, infant
 son of Richard and Marilyn Let-
 son of Clare, was born May 19
 and died the same day.

He is survived by his parents,
 a sister, Jane Robinson, of
 Clare; two brothers, James and
 Jon, both at home; also a mater-
 nal grandmother, Mrs. Greta
 Masten, of Clare; a grandmo-
 ther, Mrs. Betty Letson, also a

great-grandmother, Mrs. Isabel
 Sisco, both of Brinton; also a
 grandfather, Claire Letson, of
 Lake.

Graveside services were con-
 ducted by Rev. Donald Wolf-
 gang of Weidman and Rev.
 Miller of Clare May 20, with
 interment at Cherry Grove Cem-
 etery at Clare.

The family have the sympathy
 of all.

Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN
 TOWNSHIP OF SHERMAN
 ISABELLA COUNTY, Michigan
 TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
 SHERMAN TOWNSHIP:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The following is a true copy of
 a resolution passed May 13, 1971,
 by the Township Board of Sher-
 man Township, which is set for
 public hearing at the Township
 Hall, Sherman Township, Isabe-
 lla County, Michigan, on the
 10th day of June, 1971, at 8:00
 p. m.

The following resolution was of-
 fered by Vance Wood, supported
 by Keith Thompson:

WHEREAS, a Petition has been
 filed praying for the vacation
 of the following portion of Du-
 quesha Drive, as dedicated in
 recorded Plat of Lake Isabella
 Woods No. 1, a portion of
 Section 34, T15N, R6W, ac-
 cording to the Plat recorded
 in Liber 8 of Plats, Page 483:

Beginning at the NE corner of
 said Plat, said point of begin-
 ning being South 0 degrees 23'
 4" East 2459.10 feet from the
 North 1/4 corner of Section
 34, thence South 89 degrees
 31' 6" West 80 feet, thence
 South 0 degrees 33' 30" East
 540.88 feet, thence North
 89 degrees 26' 30" East 80
 feet, thence North 0 degrees,
 33' 30" West 540.88 feet to
 point of beginning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-
 SOLVED that the portions of Du-
 quesha Drive hereinbefore describ-
 ed be hereby declared to be vac-
 ated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,
 that a public hearing on the pro-
 posed vacation of the portion of
 Duquesha Drive hereinbefore de-
 scribed be held in the Township
 Hall in Sherman Township, Isa-
 bella County, Michigan, on the
 10th day of June, 1971, at 8 p.
 m., for the purpose of hearing
 objections thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,
 That a notice of such meeting,
 with a copy of the resolution,
 shall be published once not later
 than 3 weeks before the time ap-
 pointed for such meeting, in the
 Weidman Messenger, a newspa-
 per published and circulated in
 said Township.

Ayes 3, Nays 0. Absent: Earl
 Oplinger, Alma Dosenberry.
 Dated May 13, 1971.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

KEITH LOOMIS, Twp. Clerk.

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
 (One mile west of Weidman)
 Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, ph.
 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a. m.
 Morning Service, 11 a. m.
 Young People's Service, 6.30

p. m.
 Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.
 Prayer meeting Wednesday,
 7.30 p. m.

Choir practice Thursday, 6.30

p. m.
 The Mother-Daughter Banquet
 was a real success. All those
 who helped are to be congratu-
 lated.

**FOURTH GRADERS SEE PLANT
 NURSERY AT FIRST HAND**

The 4th Grade of the Weidman
 School, under guidance of Diane
 Benn, visited The Flower Shop
 and nursery on West Airline Road
 last Wednesday, and Frances
 Tranbarger gave them a tour of
 the premises and apparently im-
 pressive information on ever-
 green trees.

Much impressed were the kids
 with a 40-year-old pfitzer juniper
 growing at the front porch of the
 Messenger office, as well as the
 Tranbarger plantings of all kinds
 of trees and perennial flowers.

The Fourth Graders made Thank
 You cards which were delivered
 to Mrs. Tranbarger.

Here are some excerpts from
 the youngsters' remarks:

Dear Mrs. Tranbarger: I liked
 your flowers you had at your
 shop. I liked it when you told
 us that there was a shrub that
 lived 30 or 40 years old. I would
 like some flowers. Here are
 some pictures. Thank you. Tony
 Crane.

Dear Mrs. Tranbarger: Thank
 you very much. My mother
 bought me a flower when she was
 sick and couldn't see me be a
 Brownie. I liked it and thank you
 for it, too. Thank you so very
 much. Jim Carrick's daughter,
 Jamie Carrick. P. S. : She bought
 it from you.

Dear Mrs. Tranbarger: The
 flowers were beautiful. Well, I
 just have to go, I'm just about
 the last kid in the room. Brenda
 Lackie.

There were many more, and
 all were decorated with colored
 pictures of flowers, and all said
 Thank You on the front of the
 four-page card.

Nearly all of the cards were
 written in long-hand, a welcome
 departure from the years-long
 practice of kids' using block
 printing instead of learning to
 write. These kids can write, and
 they expressed themselves well.

Weidman Messenger

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
 HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow attended a dinner honoring the confirmation of her nephew, Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schroeder, at Big Rapids High School Sunday. He was confirmed at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Other guests, numbering 60, relatives of the Schroeder and Cummings families, also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ansler of Battle Creek were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Chase Tuesday evening. Mr. Monroe reported that the Chases' four-year-old son had had his foot seriously cut by a power lawn mower.

Mrs. Monroe attended the Baptist Church Mother-Daughter Banquet at the Weidman School Friday evening. Mr. Monroe and Blane, and Patrick Graham of Lake Windoga visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Waters, later calling on Earl Runyan the same evening. Mrs. Mabel Allen was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe and Blane.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Theisen visited Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters one evening during the week. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peeper and James of Lansing were weekend guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock visited Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Schrock and Philip were supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens, at Lake, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Welch and Gary, Vicki and Julie of Winn were visitors Sunday at the Schrock home.

Mrs. Norman Langworthy and Dawn Marie visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and sons recently. Martin Stanley of Weidman was a Saturday overnight guest of Larry Zill. Mrs. Ida Bazaire of Weidman was a Sunday dinner guest at the Zill home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck visited Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., and Patrick and Jill were weekend guests of her parents.

Mrs. Arthur Schrock reported their grandson, Eddie, of Farwell, was better, and returned home from the Clare Hospital Monday. Also that Mr. Schrock's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schrock, returned to their home at Littlefield Lake after spending the winter in Florida Monday and were supper guests at their home Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock visited at the Otto Schrock home Wednesday night and were supper guests. Mrs. Treva Vandemeer and friend of Grand Rapids visited at the Art Schrock home Sat-

urday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss of south Weidman visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss, Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss visited Saturday evening.

Mrs. Robert Corwin and Kyle Marie visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City called Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow enjoyed supper at Coldwater Lake Inn Saturday night. The occasion was Otis' (Jiggs') birthday. Happy Birthday, Otis!

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley and Wm. Appelgreen of Weidman were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood.

Ronald Stanley of Weidman was a supper guest Thursday evening of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley. He complained of abdominal pains while here, and as soon as he returned home his parents took him to Clare Osteopathic Hospital. He had an appendectomy Friday morning, and is getting along fine. We visited him Saturday afternoon and then called on my sister, Mrs. Doris Mitchell, and granddaughters, Lori Jo and Dawn Pilon, of Midland, who were guests of their grandmother. We were supper guests of my brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Irwin at Stevenson Lake, and spent Saturday night with my sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Shepherd. Mrs. Mitchell and granddaughters were guests at the Shepherd home also.

Michael, Martin and Richard Stanley of Weidman were Sunday dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and Sheryl and Sheila called Sunday evening, taking the boys home. Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and David, Jr., of Lake Thirteen visited Sunday evening.

We were sorry to hear Mrs. Lena St. John is in Lakeview Hospital again. At last report she was improving some. She was better, but is still in the hospital for a few days.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Connie Bowen of Swartz Creek spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen. Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Haenke and boys were Sunday guests.

Joyce Geasler returned home from the Big Rapids Hospital Friday. She was reported feeling fine after surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Chase called on Tony Bartley Saturday afternoon.

Violet Wright joined Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wallace Saturday evening to attend a wedding shower for Mr. and Mrs. David Klock at Evert. The Wallaces also called

on Marie Scott Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Forbes of Pontiac spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geasler.

Violet Wright called on Mrs. Whaley Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleland Cook spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker received word of the arrival of a new granddaughter, Laurie Marie, born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker of White Pine, Mich., May 14.

Ted Waite and Wilbur Scott were callers at the Lewis Bowen home Sunday.

Boyd Cheadle and son, Mark, of Lansing were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker. Saturday evening Ken and Oraulea met their son, Keith, and family at Gordon Park, near Howard City, and enjoyed a picnic supper.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frantz spent Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Harvey Blackmer, and family, of rural Barryton.

REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS EIGHT TABLES IN PLAY

At the Rebekah sponsored card party last Tuesday afternoon, there were eight tables of pepper in play.

Austin Dent won first prize for the men, while Mrs. Gruss won first for the ladies. Hermione Smith won low.

Jack Cotter won the pepper prize, with Rose Schafer winning the door prize.

The next party at the Oddfellows Hall in Weidman will be Tuesday afternoon, June 1.

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Local Items

Mrs. Lois Strong took Mrs. Ethel Bywater to Rosebush Saturday. Sadie Bywater of Lansing was a Sunday afternoon visitor, her children bringing her to Weidman and then going on to Littlefield Lake.

Mrs. Vera Hagerman attended the wedding of her granddaughter in Kalamazoo, and stayed the weekend with other relatives. She went with her son, Everett Hagerman, and wife, of Mt. Pleasant.

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banking

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CLOSED

MONDAY, May 31 (MEMORIAL DAY)

Open as usual Tuesday morning and normal hours thereafter.

Isabella County State Bank

MEMBER F.D.I.C. FRS

WEIDMAN

MT. PLEASANT

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Shelley Pasch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pasch, celebrated her eighth birthday Sunday afternoon with a birthday party attended by friends and classmates. A good time was had by all. Shelley had a beautiful cake, made and decorated by her mother.

George Schafer has bought a Grand Sport Convertible Buick.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach and daughter, Barbara, spent Sunday in Grand Rapids, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bierschbach, and were dinner guests.

Gerald Pung and girls of Edmore spent Sunday with Mrs. Matie Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Flaughter had dinner Sunday at Frankenmuth.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer of De Witt spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schafer.

The parochial school children had the Crowning of Mary Sunday afternoon at St. Joseph the Worker Church.

Mrs. Helen Trager of Manistique, Mich., visited Mrs. Tony Schafer Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh drove to Detroit Sunday to see Mrs. Ray Miller, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Joslin of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Oscar Schafer of Winn, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred and son, Micky, of Blanchard and Mrs. Helen Trager of Manistique were Saturday callers of Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Lisa, Gay, Lynn, Amy and Scott Smith called on their great-grandmother, Louise Smith, Monday evening. Kitty Gross spent Tuesday morning with her, and they had a good visit. Mrs. Art Proefrock of Reed City and her children were Sunday afternoon callers, then attended the graduation party in the K. of C. Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Simmer and daughter, Elaine, also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen, all of Beal City, and Mrs. Therman of Mt. Pleasant all together had a graduation party for their four graduates, in the K. of C. Hall Sunday afternoon. About 160 were present to enjoy a very nice party.

Mrs. Paul Smith and Juliann called on her grandmother, Mrs. Louise Smith, Sunday evening.

Jim Wolak and Rick Bruhn of Michigan State University, East Lansing, and Charlotte Slater of Ferris State College of Big Rapids had lunch Saturday noon with Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach. Charlotte was home from school for her sister's wedding Friday evening in Mt. Pleasant. She spent the weekend in Lansing as a guest of Kathy Bierschbach.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tillmann, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Huber, the Joe Marchiandos, the R. J. Schafers and the Bud Schafers attended a Women's State Bowling Tournament at Southfield, Mich., Saturday and Sunday. They didn't do very well in the bowling scores, but they sure had a wonderful time.

Mrs. Monica Grinzinger, Lucille Schafer, Mae Fussman and Isabella Martin enjoyed a card party at the home of Mrs. Julius Bierschbach Monday evening of this week.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

Well, this Monday morning we were blessed with rain which we needed badly.

Quite a few from here attended the Straus-Shephard wedding Friday evening and the Klimkiewicz-Smith wedding Saturday evening. Both were held in Beal City.

I received word Thursday evening from Ardis Nursing Home that my mother, Mable Klumpp, had had another heart spell. At this time she is feeling better.

Mary Jacobs of George Lake spent Wednesday till Sunday with her sister, Loretta Lorenz. Flo Haupt was a Thursday visitor. Kate and Ray Martin were Friday evening callers.

Rose McKeever, Edna Bowein and Edwin Bierschbach of Detroit spent the weekend at the Lorenz home. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lorenz and family of Rothbury came Friday for the Straus-Shephard wedding, returning home the same evening.

Saturday, Loretta Lorenz, Rose McKeever, Edna Bowein and Mary Jacobs called on Leo and Ann Reihl. Afterward they had dinner with the Max Straus family.

Sunday visitors at the Lorenz home were Ron Lorenz and family, Bill Lorenz and family, Lon Theisen and girls, and Vera and Max Straus and girls.

Ed and I visited my mother Friday evening at Ardis Nursing Home.

Jerome and Virginia Beck visited Grace Beck at Ford Hospital Sunday.

Herb and Esther Morford are spending a few days this week at their home here.

Until next week, Marge.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague spent the weekend at Tubbs Lake in their trailer.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey attended the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Saltman Saturday evening, at The Embers in Mt. Pleasant. Later in the evening they also attended a wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Funnell at the Country Club in Mt. Pleasant.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Bob Smith and sons, Robbie, John and Paul of Ypsilanti spent a few days at their cabin near Gladwin. Jim and Donny Alwood spent Saturday night and Sunday with them, to help put an addition on the cabin. Bob called on his mother, Mrs. Hermione Smith, and other relatives in Weidman over the weekend.

Rusty Alwood of Ludington was a Sunday dinner guest at the Mich Schmalbach home. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh, Jr., and children of Winn were also guests.

Donny Alwood spent Friday over night with Tommy Abbott. Jim Alwood spent Friday over night at the Bill Alwood home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Latham are the proud parents of a baby boy, born May 22, named Andrew James.

Mrs. Jeanette Hard and family of Freeland spent Mother's Day with her mother, Mrs. Laura Latham, and took her home for a week. She returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maguire have painted their home white, with blue trim, and also painted and papered inside. They attended church at Oil City Sunday.

Mrs. Ruth Williams of Dansville spent Sunday with her daughter and family, the Norman Abbotts.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hamilton

of Ionia called on Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Adams Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Adams called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams of Lake, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Adams attended the Golden Wedding Open House for Mr. and Mrs. George Bugbee of Charlotte, Sunday.

Mrs. Bessie Allen and Mrs. Mary Gott of Farwell attended the Mother-Daughter Banquet at the Weidman Baptist Church.

Mrs. Wanda Graham, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, Debbie Graham and Lee Marie Chapman of Mecosta called on Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family of Stanton Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maguire called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olgrey Friday.

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GRADUATES AT 47

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey attended graduation ceremonies for her brother, George, 47, who graduated from high school at Stanton, Sunday, with Open House in the afternoon at his home. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Darnell and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Darnell of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blackmer of Remus, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxon of Remus, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey of Weidman; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Root of Grand Blanc, and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family.

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In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce, their daughter, Mary Helen Pitts, of Big Rapids, requests the pleasure of your company Sunday, June 6, at an Open House from 2 to 5 p. m., at the Gilmore Church of Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Fordyce have a host of friends who will congratulate them on their anniversary.

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Local Items

Mrs. Kit Johnson was a Tuesday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson in Mt. Pleasant. She stayed till Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith called on her brother, Lewis Harrington, at Greenville, Saturday.

Mrs. Helen Adams has recovered from a blood clot in her leg and is back on the job as a teacher's aide and playground supervisor at the Weidman School. She spent a week in the Clare Hospital.

Mike Sprague was among those taking the Chippewa Hills School Senior trip.

Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague were Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Sadie Bywater of Lansing and Ethel Bywater were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Kit Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powell and Dan of rural Mt. Pleasant were evening visitors.

Leah Scharrer and Clara Smith were Monday afternoon callers of Queen Taylor of Mt. Pleasant.

RELATIVES, FRIENDS, ATTEND SHOWALTER OPEN HOUSE

Open House for the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter of Mt. Pleasant Sunday was attended by hundred of friends and relatives, from far and near.

The Showalters are the parents of Mrs. Mitchell McArthur (Jean) and Mrs. David Flower (Helen) of Weidman.

All their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren except the McArthur boys, Doug on Okinawa and Gary in Germany, were present for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Showalter received many beautiful gifts.

The reception was sponsored by their children, and was held at the Oddfellows Hall in Mt. Pleasant.

Pleasant.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gould of Ewart, Mrs. Wesley Cole of Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Jim were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

Clayton Smith and Charles Gross spent a couple of days this week fishing near Mesick.

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Thank you.

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Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dell spent Tuesday with relatives and friends in Fowlerville and St. Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ducommon were called to the hospital at Rogers City Friday morning to see her sister, Mrs. William Jones, who was taken ill very suddenly.

Revival meetings will begin next Sunday morning, May 30, at the Gilmore Church of Christ with George Stansberry of Covington, Ky., as the preacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts attended a World War I veterans' dinner meeting at Clare Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber and some of their family celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fordyce of Farwell. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Fordyce of Greenville and daughter, Jean, of Lansing; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Craven of Winn, and Mrs. Donna Fordyce. Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Fordyce of Blanchard and Mrs. Fordyce's sister and husband called in the afternoon.

Mrs. Leona Buchel is home from work and under her doctor's care, after hurting her back while at work.

Callers through the week at the Elam Seymour home were Mrs. Flossie Jarman and Owen of Rosebush and Mrs. Tillie Stannard of Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Seymour were supper guests of their son, Gary, and wife, Saturday evening.

Anne Buchel of the Chippewa Hills Schools and Jim Faber of the Beal City School went on their Senior trips last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard VanBuskirk spent Sunday evening at the Walter Faber home.

Alvin Wood was admitted to CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant Monday. His wife, Elsie, will stay with their son, Kendall, of Clare, while he is away.

Everyone was glad to see the wonderful rain Monday. It was the first good rain this spring. Last week rains went all around us. ---0---

Local Items

Mrs. Clayton Smith received word Monday morning of the death of her brother, Lewis Harrington, of Greenville. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in Greenville with burial in Forest Hill Cemetery. The family has the sympathy of all.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Warner and family were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Garold St. John and family. The St. Johns visited her father, Charles Hess, of Beaverton, Sunday.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

David Sean Lear, baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear, was baptized Sunday at the Broomfield Lutheran Church, with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook as sponsors. Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook hosted a dinner after the services, for the parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lear and Great-Grandpa Herman Cook, Alliance Cook and Glee and Kathy Krueger, Sandra and Brenda Cook, and Mrs. Margaret Freeman.

Mrs. Ron Flaughter and children were Monday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter. The Richard Flaughers were Thursday evening guests. Minnie called on Mrs. Basil Rogers Tuesday evening. Mrs. Rogers has been ill with a gall-bladder attack.

Mrs. Cecil Ryckman and son, Earl, of Marion were Friday visitors of Blanche Carr. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa and Mrs. Earl Billsby of Shepherd were Saturday supper guests. Blanche spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr in Shepherd.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode, Mrs. Paul Lueder and Mrs. Nettie Meissner called on Mrs. Maycie Cook Thursday.

Connie Foster spent the weekend in Detroit, and attended the Silver Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Majewski.

Cindy Courser went on her Senior Trip with the Chippewa Hills class to Lost Pine Lodge, near Cadillac.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser and Mrs. Leona Courser attended the Golden Wedding for Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Bob Krueger celebrated his birthday Saturday evening with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent, Grandma Krueger, the Lynn Johnsons, the Harry Dents and Arnold Krueger and friend as guests.

Callers at the Oral Bunting home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ege and Mrs. Rose Carey and Mrs. Kenneth Bollman.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Crowley visited Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan visited Wednesday, Lawrence Lovell Saturday, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lachlin MacGregor were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett and family.

Mrs. Ella Swan entered CMC Hospital Saturday for treatment. The Herman Lueders were Saturday supper guests of the Jack Lieders.

Roderick Nicholson spent Friday evening at the home of the Jack Lieders.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler were supper guests for fish supper Tuesday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler visited Albert's sister, Joan Geasler, of rural Mt. Pleasant Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Worth and Pam and Mike spent the week end at Pike Lake.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart called on Mrs. Hugh Douglas Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas spent the weekend in Pontiac and Belding.

The Paul Coles visited Richard Mahon in CMC Hospital Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler

spent Sunday in Gladwin with relatives. They called on her mother, Mrs. Jim Cornell, who was ill and in the Gladwin hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole were in Vassar Monday, and called on the Frank Ewings.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dick Wilbur of DeWitt spent the weekend with the Jerry Horstman family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider and family were Sunday dinner guests of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keiser, of Belding.

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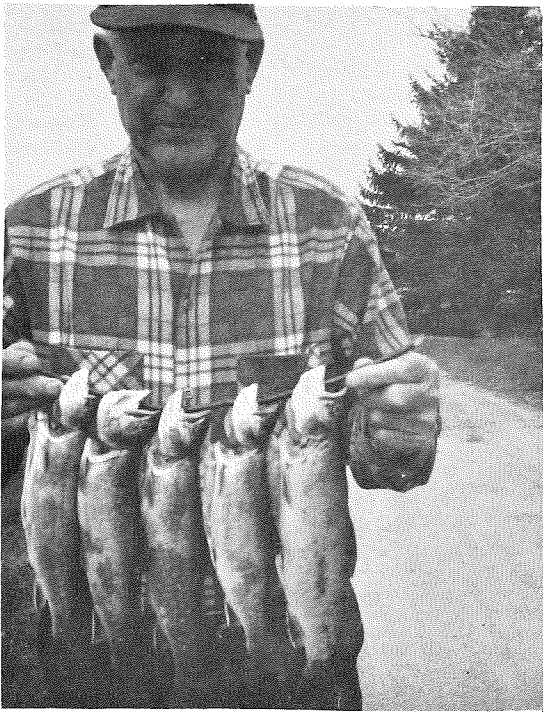
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Andy is still tops in fishin' and huntin', though he has retired from active farming. He knows where to go to get fish and game, and what to do about it.

Messenger photo

Editor's Column

By Connie

County the Board of Commissioners has refused to accept the valuations ordered by the State Tax Commission. In Roscommon County there is rebellion; in Clare County, he says, again hard hit by the State Tax Commission's lackeys, Township Supervisors are declaring that they will not spread the tax ordered, or use the factors dictated to them.

The Farwell editor names other counties in open rebellion against confiscatory taxation: Kent, Jackson, Washtenaw, Monroe, Genessee, Lapeer, Bay, and Saginaw Counties are mentioned in his editorial column.

He sums up:

"The taxpayer should not be asked to pay for things beyond the essential educational subjects. In fact, it is time that the focal point of education be moved from the non-essential to the essential, in education."

Thank you, Joe.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter were host and hostess to their five children and their spouses Saturday at The Embers, for dinner, preceding an Open House Sunday sponsored by the children.

NO POSTOFFICE, BANK SERVICE ON MAY 31

The Weidman postoffice, the Weidman Branch of the Isabella County State Bank, McArthur's Insurance office and Abbott's Furniture Store in Weidman will be closed next Monday, the official date for Memorial Day.

The two food stores in Weidman will be open till 1 p.m. Bud's Store will be open all day and at least till 8 p.m. The taverns will be open, as will the town's two eating places, the Family Restaurant and the D&R Drive-In. The laundromat in Weidman also will be open.

In Beal City, Rau's Service Station will be open till noon, as also will be the Rau Foodland Store.

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SPRING DROUTH BROKEN BY TWO-DAY RAINS HERE

A severe spring drouth was broken by thunder showers and rains Monday and Tuesday. Rains began Sunday night and continued through Monday and Tuesday.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM ALL SET FOR WEIDMAN

Plans are practically completed for Memorial Day services and parade in Weidman, Lucille Smith said this week.

Ceremonies will begin at 2 p.m. Monday at the Methodist Church parking lot, where the parade will assemble, and march to Mitchell Memorial Park in Weidman for formal services.

All veterans of all wars, and all children with bikes, people with old cars and horses and buggies, and any other unusual attraction, are cordially invited to join the parade.

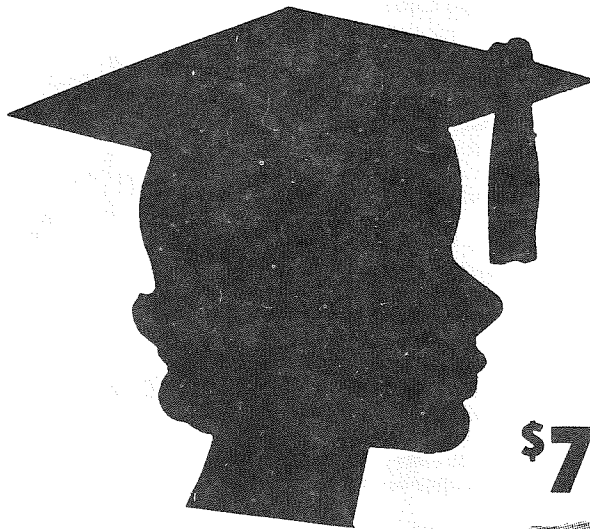
Two bands of the Chippewa Hills Schools will be marching in the parade.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Clyde Beutler and daughter, Mrs. Forrest Johnston, of Rosebush, called on Mrs. Saford Terry and her mother, Mrs. Mabel White, near Barryton, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. White had been hospitalized three months but is now home with her daughter.

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