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May 10, 1971

Mrs. C. Skinner

The Weidman Messenger

Weidman, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Skinner:

Please cancel the subscriptions to the Weidman Messenger on May 28th, 1971, for the following libraries in our school district:

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- Remus Building Library
- Mecosta Building Library
- Weidman Building Library

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Ruth E. Dosenberry
Head Librarian

(Editor's Note: the subscriptions were paid to October, 1971.)

Weidman Reminder

Weidman, Michigan 48893

Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District has hired Mr. Gerald Veeder of Waterford Schools, Pontiac, Michigan as Implementor for an area vocational-technical school.

Mr. Veeder's role will be to organize citizen committees to assist in planning an area vocational-technical school for 11th and 12th grade boys and girls from the seven constituent school districts of the Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District. The seven constituent districts are Big Rapids, Chippewa Hills, Ewart, Marion, Morley-Stanwood, Pine River and Reed City.

Signed:

Mr. Earl Lickert

Mr. Dick Asiala

Big Rapids

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NEW PLUMBER FOR WEIDMAN

Weidman Village now has the services of a local plumber, William Brown, who lives on the southwest edge of town.

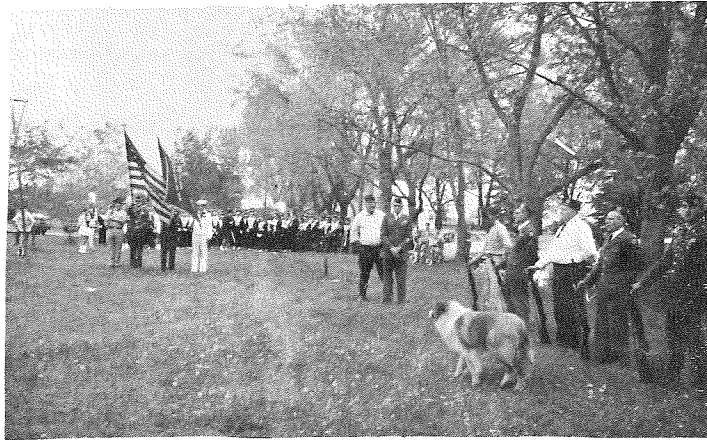
He is young, able, and after new business.

Good luck, Bill!

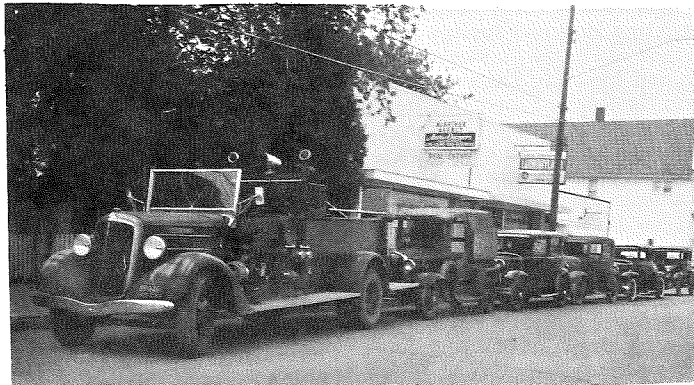
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JUNE 14 IS SCHOOL ELECTION--

Two Board members and a millage proposal are up to you.



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT MITCHELL PARK--A record crowd turned out for a parade and services, starting at the Methodist Church parking lot and on to the village park, with the Barryton American Legion Post color guard and a heartening number of men in uniform, including some young men happily home from service, standing at attention as colors were presented. Two Chippewa Hills Schools Warriors Bands supplied music for the short march. Many children had decorated bikes, and some rode horses in the parade. It was the first time in local history that a man and wife team of veterans marched in a parade. The team was Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear (Darla Cook), both Navy personnel, discharged.



BEAL CITY BROUGHT ITS ANTIQUE CARS OVER--For its part of the Memorial Day observance. The caravan, driven by owners with their wives as passengers, paraded twice on the Beal City street and then came on over to Weidman. Here are the cars (and a fire truck) and their owners: The Beal City Fire Truck, a 1936 Reo, owned by Weber Brothers; a 1931 Model A Ford owned by Don Schafer; a 1931 Model A Ford owned by Harold Schafer; a 1931 Model A Ford owned by Fred Yunker; a 1931 Pontiac owned by Art Tilmann; and a 1928 Model A Ford owned by Tom Schafer. This was the second annual Memorial Day parade of antique vehicles owned by Nottawa people. Messenger photo

GOLDEN WEDDING RECEPTION FOR FORDYCES IS SUNDAY

The Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce will be observed this next Sunday with Open House from 2 to 5 in the afternoon, at the Gilmore Church of Christ.

Their very many friends will be on hand to congratulate them.

20TH ANNUAL CASE SCHOOL REUNION SET FOR JUNE 13

The 20th annual Case School Reunion will be held Sunday, June 13, at 1 p. m. at the Farwell High School.

Old students, their families and friends are invited to attend. A picnic pot-luck lunch will be served.

HARRIS AND ANNETTA BELLOWS HERE THIS WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Bellows of Calder, Idaho, arrived at Tri-Cities Airport Tuesday for their first visit to Michigan in 46 years.

Their nieces and nephews, the Dent and Dillenbeck families, met them at Tri Cities and brought them on home. They are accompanied by their daughter, Thelma, and great-granddaughter Sandra.

Harris and Annetta have very many friends in this area who will welcome them back for their visit.

They left Michigan in June, 1925, on account of Harris' asthmatic troubles, and found exactly the right spot in Calder, Idaho, where they have been healthy and happy these many years. They plan to stay at least a week in Michigan.

Saturday, June 5, an Open House will be held in their honor at the Brinton Community Hall, from 2 to 5 p. m. All their many friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend. The reception is sponsored by the Dillenbeck and Dent families.

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SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES WILL MEET PUBLIC AT BARRYTON AND REMUS.

The eight candidates for two positions on the Board of Education of the Chippewa Hills District will meet the public at 8 p. m. Thursday in the Remus School gym. A meeting at Barryton was scheduled for Wednesday evening of this week.

The public is invited to attend, meet the candidates and ask questions on their viewpoints.

After introduction of the candidates by a "Concerned Citizens Committee," voters will be free to discuss any issues of concern with the present School Board members.

The candidates are:

Ivan Allen, Weidman; Gale Krueger, Broomfield; Caroline Gilman, Coldwater Township; Dr. E. H. Kowaleski, incumbent; Daryl E. Willett, Mecosta; Virginia L. Woodruff, Mecosta; Richard H. Shanahan, Barryton; and Neil White, Barryton.

At the June 14 election, the school also is asking for 15 mills on real estate taxation for operating money for the coming year.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and family of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Denslow.

Mrs. Denslow expected to leave Thursday for Lexington, Ky., to attend the graduation of her son, Gary.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Scott went to Scottville last Tuesday, to the cemetery. They have two sisters buried there. They called on old neighbors.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins and Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence enjoyed a family reunion Sunday at a park four miles south and a half mile west of Stanton. Some of the others present were Mrs. Alice Thacker, Mrs. Ida Jones, both of Escandido, Calif.; and Mrs. Nora Jones of Stanton. About 35 relatives were in attendance, and all had a wonderful time.

Mrs. Blanche Carr spent Monday afternoon with me. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patterson of Grand Rapids were Wednesday dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey called one evening. Sunday afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Shuman and Mrs. Irvin Newman of near Blanchard.

Saturday dinner guests of Mrs. Flora Wood were Bob Bergquist, Ralph Bergquist, Eric Bingham, and Dean and Gale Wood. Her Monday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bergquist and Kristen.

Mrs. Wood attended an Open House at the Wm. Wilcox home Sunday, honoring their son, Larry, who graduated from high school.

Mrs. Flora Wood and Mrs. Eva Denslow called on Mrs. Isabel Sisco and Mrs. Lilah Sisco of Brinton Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Opal Denslow had a family dinner at her home with a picnic in the yard Sunday, for her sisters and her immediate family. They enjoyed the day very much.

Mrs. Denslow attended the funeral of her uncle, Henry Tice, at Barryton, Saturday.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and boys attended a musical youths' group from the Remus Methodist Church at the Clark Memorial Home in Grand Rapids and put on a program there Sunday. They went over to John Ball Park before returning home.

The Junior and Senior High School Bands of the Chippewa Hills Schools participated in all Memorial Day ceremonies at Barryton, Mecosta, Remus and Weidman, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson attended a band concert at Bar-

ryton Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Miller were Saturday supper guests of the Joe Martins.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grewett of Mt. Pleasant were Thursday afternoon callers at the Gerald Dent home.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Kirvan and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were Saturday evening callers at the Gerald Dent home. Marion Johnson and Charlie Purtle were Friday callers. The Harry Dent family were weekend guests. Mrs. Linda Krueger and children and Mrs. Betty Moses and daughter were Friday evening guests. Young Timmy Krueger stayed with his grandparents, from Wednesday and on through Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Denslow and Steven, Elaine and Harold and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Swan, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Essenberg and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Denslow and baby were guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow over the weekend.

The Norman Miller family spent the weekend at their trailer here.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller were Sunday dinner guests of the Norman Millers, celebrating Randy's 17th birthday.

Jim Wright and his friends, Sam and Jack, spent the holiday at the Wright home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Himebaugh and daughter and granddaughter were Saturday callers of the Mack Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey brought Hattie Losey home from the Alma Hospital Sunday noon. Callers of Hattie Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Shuman, Mrs. Irvin Newman, Floyd Dutcher, Monroe Beckwith, Mr. and Mrs. George Gould, and Minnie Strauch. Marilyn Losey prepared dinner for Charlie and Hattie and her family and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman.

Brenda and Brad Wager and Emily and Kathy Hyder and Tim Workman were Saturday evening guests of Bill and Bob Thompson. ---0---

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham of Mt. Pleasant visited Mrs. Laura Latham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Burns of Greenville and nephew and niece called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and Lonnie visited Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys Sunday.

Mrs. Leona Gott of Winn called and took Mr. and Mrs. John Gott to the North Star Cemetery and called on John's sister, Mrs. Anna Kochensparger, of Ashley, Thursday evening. While there, his other sister, Mrs. Marjorie Dodge, of Saginaw, called.

Mrs. Mary Gott came and took Mr. and Mrs. John Gott to her place for supper Friday. It was

Mary's birthday.

Kelly Aldrich of Mecosta spent Saturday night with Debbie Graham, and attended Sunday School and church. The girls went home with Grandma Gott and had lunch and spent the rest of the day. Albert Gott and Flossie Allen of Winn called and had lunch with the Gotts.

Memorial Day guests at the Norman Abbott home included

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Nash and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jon Nash and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Abbott and family, and Kenneth Abbott. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frantz were callers.

Julie Guthrie and Judy Todd were weekend guests of Judy Abbott and attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wilkinson Saturday evening.

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 preciate your votes in the
 upcoming school election on
 June 14.

(Signed)
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Card of Thanks

We wish to take this opportu-
 nity to thank the members of
 the American Legion at Barry-
 ton, who volunteered for the
 Firing Squad and Color Bearers
 that made our Memorial pro-
 gram a success.

We say a special "Thank
 You".

Signed:
 East Fork Cemetery Associa-
 tion.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank Rev. Eldridge
 and Rev. Wolfgang for their pray-

ers and address at our Memorial
 Day parade and ceremonies at
 the Weidman village park;

The Weidman Business Associa-
 tion for furnishing pop for band
 members after the parade;

Davy's Greenhouse for the do-
 nation of a wreath;

The Barryton American Legion
 for its vital part in the services,
 and also the Mt. Pleasant VFW
 and Auxiliary;

Also the Junior and Senior
 Bands of the Chippewa Hills
 Schools, and all who partici-
 pated to make the parade a
 very memorable event.

Lucille Smith
 Marilyn Losey

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our happi-
 ness and gratitude to all our
 relatives, neighbors and friends,
 who made our Golden Wedding
 anniversary such a wonderful
 event.

Especially we wish to thank
 our daughters for the beautiful
 tiered wedding cake, and all
 others who came and helped us
 celebrate our anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole

Legal Notice

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
 STATE OF MICHIGAN
 Probate Court for the County of
 Isabella.

Estate of GUY JACKSON, De-
 ceased.

It is Ordered that on August
 11, 1971, at 9.30 A.M., in the
 Probate Courtroom, Mt. Pleas-
 ant, Michigan, a hearing be
 held at which all creditors of
 said deceased are required to
 prove their claims. Creditors
 must file sworn claims with the
 court and serve a copy on Gerald
 Jackson, of Route No. 1, San-
 ford, Michigan, prior to said
 hearing.

Publication and service shall
 be made as provided by Statute
 and Court Rule.

Dated May 25, 1971

BURKE McCLINTIC
 JUDGE OF PROBATE

Stephen W. Fox, Attorney
 102 Hersee Bldg.

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.
 June 3-10-17

Legal Notice

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
 STATE OF MICHIGAN
 Probate Court for the County
 of Isabella.

Estate of ROBERT O. DAGUE,
 Deceased.

It is Ordered that on July 7,
 1971, at 9.30 A.M., in the Pro-
 bate Courtroom, Mt. Pleasant,
 Michigan, a hearing be held on
 the petition of Grace T. Esta-
 brook for probate of a purported
 will, and for granting of adminis-

tration to the executor named, or
 some other suitable person, and
 for a determination of heirs.

Publication and service shall be
 made as provided by Statute and
 Court Rule.

Dated May 27, 1971.

BURKE McCLINTIC
 Judge of Probate.

Stephen W. Fox
 102 Hersee Bldg.
 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
 June 3-10-17

Legal Notice

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
 STATE OF MICHIGAN
 Probate Court for the County of
 Isabella.

Estate of BLANCHE L. CLIFF,
 Deceased.

It is Ordered, that on August
 11, 1971, at 9.30 A.M., in
 the Probate Courtroom at Mt.
 Pleasant, Michigan, a hearing
 be held at which time all credi-
 tors of said deceased are requir-
 ed to prove their claims and
 heirs will be determined. Credi-
 tors must file sworn claims with
 the Court and serve a copy on
 Leon G. McArthur of Weidman,
 Michigan, prior to said hearing.

Publication and service shall
 be made as provided by Statute
 and Court Rule.

Dated: May 25, 1971

BURKE McCLINTIC
 Judge of Probate

Fox & Fox, Attorneys
 102 Hersee Bldg.

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 June 3-10-17

the Churches

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 Young People's Service, 6.30
 p.m.

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

Father-Son Banquet Thursday,
 6.30 p.m. at Weidman School
 cafeteria.

Bible School June 7-11, 9 a.
 m. If children need transporta-
 tion call Weidman 3504.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Neebes of Davi-
 son visited Mrs. Clyde Beutler
 Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Beut-
 ler accompanied them to Tubbs
 Lake, where they joined Mr.
 and Mrs. Earl Fordyce and Mr.
 and Mrs. Ivan Cole at the May-
 nard Downing home for supper.
 Mr. and Mrs. Neebes went on
 to Charlevoix to spend the
 weekend at their home.

Colin Campbell of Barryton
 was a caller at the Messenger
 office one day last week. His
 wife, Ina, is convalescing after
 surgery.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber gave their son, Jim, a graduation party Saturday evening at their cottage at Coldwater Lake.

Memorial weekend visitors of Mrs. Florence Badgley were her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Sanborn, also her grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Sanborn, all of Lansing.

Tuesday Mrs. Badgley went to visit her son, Frank Kobel, in Fowler. Wednesday she visited Mrs. Monroe in St. Charles; returning home Friday.

Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Seymour and baby helped Neil Brown celebrate his birthday at the home of parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown.

Miss Susie Faber was in Paris Saturday evening.

A weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Warner and family was his brother, Steve, of Ann Arbor.

Callers at the Egbert Fordyce home Saturday were Mrs. Irene Helfrich and Miss Maxine Johnston of Marion; Mr. and Mrs. Ali Jarman of New Baltimore, Mrs. Flossie Jarman and Mrs. Ruth Pitts of Rosebush, Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts and Marlene of Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Norm Buchel were host and hostess Sunday at a graduation dinner given in honor of their daughter, Anna. They were the relatives on Ann's father's side of the family. Members were present from Lansing, Owosso, and from around here. Sixty-nine were present in all. Mrs. Buchel prepared dinner for the guests. ---0---

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Charlotte Hart visited the Paul Coles and Wilma Wednesday.

Frank Ewing is on jury duty this week.

Paul Cole called on Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan Tuesday.

The Coles visited Dick Mahon Tuesday at CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa were supper guests of the Coles Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cole of Detroit spent the weekend at their farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Seigel have moved back to their cottage at Westview Shores from Grant, after Mrs. Seigel spent 100 days in the Grant Hospital.

Henry Purdy and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Purdy, and family, of Charlotte visited Henry's daughters, Mrs. Irene Jones and Mrs. Estella King, over the weekend. Their sister, Miss Delores Purdy, of Flint, also visited them the weekend.

Monday visitors of the Paul Coles were Mrs. Irene Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cole, and

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ellsworth and children, Debbie, Doug and Danny, of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ellsworth and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hamilton went up north camping over the weekend.

Raymond Skinner spent the weekend with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Routheaux, of St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Wally Skinner of Greenville spent the weekend with his folks, the Harold Skinners. ---0---

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Lovica Krueger, Miss Judy Berner and Arnold Krueger and children were Sunday evening visitors at the Jack Lieder home. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder were guests Thursday for a fish supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Logan of Garland, Texas, are house guests of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and Dixie were Sunday guests at the Rhode home.

Blanche Carr attended the graduation exercises at Beal City, where Rodney Simmer and Kenneth Block were graduates, and the party following.

Blanche and Ina Gillett called on Mrs. Herb Hochrein Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and baby and Mrs. Earl Billsby called at the Blanche Carr home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and sons of Wheeler were Sunday overnight guests.

Mrs. Leona Courser attended the WSCS of the Methodist Church at the home of Mrs. Leola Marshall Thursday.

Mrs. Ruth Zettle of Gladwin was a recent caller of her sister, Mrs. Courser.

Mrs. Edwin Courser and Cindy went to the graduation party for Garry Larson, a graduate of Montabella High School, at the home of his parents, the Duane Larsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fiorillo and family spent Sunday at Ludington.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses and family were weekend guests of the Harold Kruegers.

Mrs. Louise Bowen Hopkins and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Phelps visited Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Kate Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Craven visited Mrs. Nettie Baker Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Van Horn were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Caulkins of Sycamore, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caulkins of Alto were Sunday guests of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cooper and baby were Monday visitors of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines. Mary Swan and Beatrice Gatehouse were recent visitors. Roderick Nicholson was a Saturday evening guest.

Obituary

HENRY TICE

Henry Tice of rural Barryton died May 26 at age 75, at his home.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Daggett Funeral Home, with burial in the Brown Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Jennie, five sons and two daughters; two brothers, and 31 grandchildren four great-grandchildren.

He was a lifelong resident of the Barryton area.

He was born July 5, 1895, in Mecosta County.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 16 TABLES IN PLAY

At the Beal City Senior Citizens card party last Thursday afternoon, there were 16 tables of pepper in play.

Elizabeth Neubecker won first prize for the ladies, with second going to Bertha Schumacher.

Frank Lynch won first for the men, with second going to Stub Beutler.

Mary Clark won the pepper prize. The door prize was won by Leo Neubecker.

The next party will be Thursday afternoon, June 10, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City.

Folks from all over the county attend these parties, and are very welcome.

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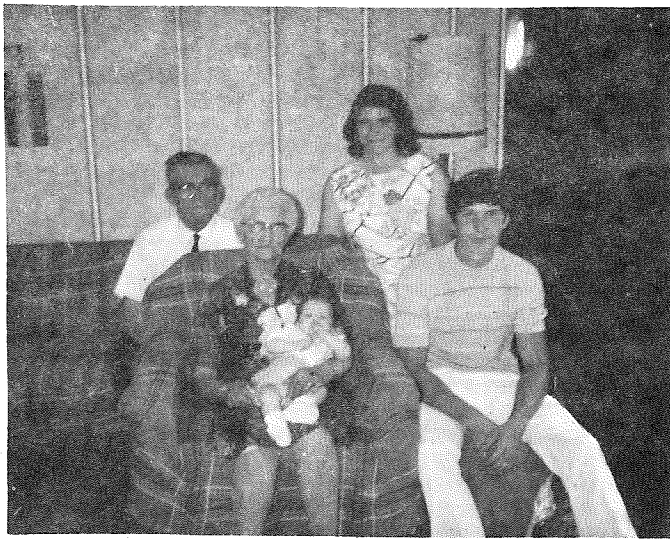
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FIVE GENERATIONS--Of the Smith family are shown here: Gerald Smith, his daughter, Arlene Wilcox, Bill Wilcox, Jr., and Baby Bryce Wilcox, and the great-grandmother, Mrs. Louise Smith, of Beal City. The picture was taken by the family at a gathering at the Wm. Wilcox, Sr., home Sunday.

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

The banns of matrimony were announced for the first time Sunday between Patrick Michael Horgan, son of John Horgan (deceased) and Florence; and Sharon Haupt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haupt.

Larry Egbert, Jr., and Dolores Garrett spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Riggles spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yuncker, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer and Roselene and Bob Curtiss had an accident near Beal City Sunday. Rosie was taken to CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blind of Detroit visited Richard and Vera Blind over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zuker had a graduation party Sunday for their son, Bob. Everyone had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber had a graduation party Saturday for their son, Jim. He received beautiful gifts, and everyone enjoyed the party.

Carol and Tom Bierschbach, and Florence and Jack, of Lansing, Sue and Bill Bierschbach of Grand Ledge and John and Betty Ahler and Sue and Shelley of Lansing spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach and family.

Sister Marie Alexander called on her aunt, Louise Smith, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Bernie Smith was a Thursday afternoon visitor. Howard Blasen and family came to Beal City Saturday noon and visited Mrs. Smith and Ann, then went to the cemetery and put some flowers on the graves, then went to Mecosta. Mrs. Walter Rau took Louise

Smith and Tillie Schafer to see Mrs. Rose Grinzinger Tuesday afternoon, who had just got back from the hospital Monday. They found her feeling pretty good.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pung and family of St. Johns spent the weekend with Mrs. Joe Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Theisen and Mrs. Fred Yuncker and son just got back from Florida, where they spent two weeks.

Howard Tilmann and friends went to Canada fishing for a few days.

Father Julius of Ammon is assistant for the summer at Saint Joseph the Worker's Church in Beal City.

Sister Marie Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pung spent last Monday afternoon with Tillie Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh spent last Tuesday evening with their daughter, Sharon, and husband and family in Saginaw.

Mrs. Charles Wineland of Mt. Pleasant spent Thursday night with Tillie Schafer.

Mrs. Rose Schafer spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Louise Schafer.

Ida Tilmann spent a few days the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Courtright, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard and Mrs. Tony Schafer drove to Harrison Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Straus are vacationing in Arizona.

Louise Schafer is working for Joseph Schueller in Mt. Pleasant.

Rick and Pam Klumpp moved their trailer house back from Ashley Friday, onto the Robert Klumpp lot in Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pung and Mrs. Effie Schafer, Mrs. Joe Pung and Mary Pung called on Mrs. Rose Grinzinger last Wed-

nesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Neubecker and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Neubecker and family of Lansing spent the Memorial Day Sunday with Father Edward Neubecker at his home on Lake Michigan.

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GET OUT AND VOTE JUNE 14 ON SCHOOL MILLAGE

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant were Friday evening callers at the Gary Sprague home. Lieut. Larry Sprague and wife and son, Eric, on their way to Germany, were also visitors. Larry is the son of the Harlan Spragues.



BECKY GRAHAM WINS TELEVISION SET--At the Day Camera Shop in Owosso, in a drawing at a promotional sale. Becky is a daughter of Wanda Graham, professional photographer of Weidman. She is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gott.

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Obituary

EDNA STRAUB FLEMING

Edna Straub, older daughter of Solon H. and Emma Parsons Straub, was born March 14, 1884, near Keeler, Mich. In 1889 the family moved to their farm home in the Peavine District, Cass County, near Dowagiac, Mich. She attended Peavine grade school and Dowagiac High School.

Edna married Arthur Fleming of Weidman Oct. 14, 1919, and after a wedding trip to the East Coast they made their home on the Fleming farm near Weidman until his death March 5, 1947. Edna brought her widowed father to their home for his last months, and he died there March 30, 1931.

In 1948 she visited her brother, Harry Straub, in Chatham, N.J., and decided to establish her home there. Following the deaths of both her brother and his wife, his only child, Isabel Clymer, moved with her family to the parental home, and Edna continued to make her home with them until her death Sunday, May 30, 1971, at a hospital in Chatham. She had been ill for some time. At her wish, she is buried with her family in the Riverside Cemetery in Dowagiac.

Weidman will remember Edna Fleming as a delightful homemaker, a loyal friend, a faithful worker in the Methodist Church here, and an interested participant in women's work of the Farm Bureau.

She is survived by her niece, Isabel Clymer, of the home in Chatham, N.J.; a sister, Agnes Franklin, of Dowagiac; and step-daughters, Lylah M. Simmers of Buena Park, Calif., and Bernice L. Vaughn of Westminster, Calif.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Arthur Fleming; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Solon H. Straub; brothers, Harry and Leo Straub; and step-children, Harris I. Fleming, E. Lucile Merrihew, and Wallace H. Fleming.

Funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock p.m. Thursday, in Dowagiac.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Clyde Beutler and Mrs. Emma Middlesworth called on Mrs. Ruth Blesch and daughter, Jo, in Barryton, last Thursday. Jo is convalescing from surgery at Blodgett Hospital. They also called on Mrs. Orville Wood in Barryton.

Linda Brown, Karen Powell and Pat Powell, all of rural Mt. Pleasant, spent the weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. Kit Johnson. They returned home Monday afternoon.

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mrs. Clayton Beutler and Mrs. Etta Skalitzky went to Lakeview Monday afternoon to visit Mrs. Lena St. John and Mrs. Kate Darnell at the hospital. Mrs. Darnell is in the same room with Mrs. St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacy visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee at their farm home at south Weidman Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss were Monday guests of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock attended Baccalaureate services at Farwell High School Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were Monday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman at Crooked Lake, the occasion honoring Otis' birthday.

Terri Brown is spending a few days with her grandparents while her mother is vacationing in Canada.

Kurt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley, was a Sunday over night and Monday guest of his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck visited Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell and Heather of Spring Lake were Friday overnight and Saturday guests of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haskins of Barryton Saturday evening, and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent Sunday evening.

Mrs. Norman Langworthy and Dawn visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill during the weekend. Charles Moore of Flint and Mrs. Ida Bazaire of Weidman were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and Larry, Terry and Kenny attended the Memorial Day services and parade at Weidman Monday. Larry, who is a Cub Scout, marched in the parade.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip were recent visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens, of Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coon were weekend visitors at the Schrock home, Jack helping Gilbert saw lumber to build an upright on their home in the near future.

Gilbert is cutting the logs on his wife's parents' farm (Mr. and Mrs. Owen) and hauling them home, and Sharon also helps out in her spare time. They are truly modern pioneers!

Mrs. Juanita Struble was released from CMC Hospital a week ago, and spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Packer and family at Deerfield Center. She came to the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow, Saturday,

where she is convalescing from recent surgery. Mrs. Leo Denslow and Miss Kathy Garrett were recent visitors at the Denslow home. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stark and daughters of Birmingham were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson of Roger Heights, Big Rapids, visited his parents during the Memorial weekend. Mrs. Thompson visited her mother, Mrs. Leona Courser, of Two Rivers, Sunday, and also visited the cemeteries in the area where their loved ones are interred.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Roddy attended the band concert at Barryton this weekend.

Scott and Michael Finney were Saturday overnight and Sunday guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow. Their parents were Sunday dinner guests, the boys returning home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Showers of Barryton visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons Friday. Mrs. Robert Kirvan was a Saturday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peeper and James and Randy of Lansing were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Steven Peeper of Lansing were Sunday dinner guests also. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Theisen and family of Mt. Pleasant were Monday evening visitors. Arthur Loomis and Mrs. Warren Leiter were recent callers.

Robert Corwin, Jr., was a Saturday overnight and Sunday guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow. He went with his grandmother to the Blanchard cemetery Sunday, and was a Sunday overnight guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eshelby and three daughters of Mason visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane Sunday. Rev. Ione Lloyd and Mrs. Vera Allen of Sears and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Waters of Weidman were Monday visitors.

Mrs. Russell Stanley visited the Davis Clinic at Mt. Pleasant Monday morning, and her doctor on Wednesday morning, and she had her yearly checkup. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley later called on Mrs. Ray Elliott.

Mrs. Stanley went with her daughter, Mrs. Donald Pung, Friday evening to visit little Doris at the Mt. Pleasant hospital. Doris had a tonsillectomy Friday morning, and came home Saturday.

Guests at the Stanley home during the Memorial weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Julie, Susan and Sandra and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore of St. Johns, and the latter's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and Debbie, Pam and David, Jr., of Lake Thirteen, and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Battle and Franeeen and Mary Kay of Wyoming; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family and Roberta and James Pung

of Beal City; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley called Sunday evening, and Ronald Stanley and Carl Snider called Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore took us to Vernon Township Cemetery Saturday afternoon. While there we had a short visit with my cousin and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Seiter, and also with Mr. and Mrs. John Stough, who were friends and neighbors of my parents for many years. They have been married for 70 years, and are still in fair health.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore and Ye Reporter and husband attended a graduation party for James Faber at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber, at Coldwater Lake, Saturday evening.

We were pleased to have my sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Shepherd, and my sister, Mrs. Doris Mitchell, of Clare, visit us Monday evening.

Hope the month of June brings warm weather with some gentle rain-falling to help the farmers and gardeners! And some good fishing to boot!

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ENTERTAIN RELATIVES AFTER GREENVILLE FUNERAL

Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gould of Ewart, Mary Rhoades of Greenville, O., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harrington and daughter of Bay City, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harrington of Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Manley Sample, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hall and son, Glenn, and Mrs. Gusta Green, all of Detroit. They were here after the funeral of Lewie Harrington at Greenville.

Mrs. Lucile Smith, the Clayton Smiths' daughter-in-law, and her mother, Mrs. Leah Scharrer, and Mr. and Mrs. John Gould of Ewart helped the Smiths put on the supper for their relatives.

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FLOWERING PLANTS STOLEN FROM FOREST HILL CEMETERY

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Mrs. Minnie Hines report the theft of 14 flowering plants stolen from the Hines and Goodenough plots in the Forest Hill Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Hines took the plants, seven lovely geranium plants and seven other flowering potted plants, to their family graves Saturday morning.

Sunday on returning they found three plants on three graves missing, and Monday on again visiting the cemetery, all the plants were gone.

Needless to say, they are discouraged with humans who would steal flowers from graves at Memorial Day time. We too are discouraged.

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Brinton News

Madelyn La Londe and Eunice La Londe called on Lena St. John at the Lakeview Hospital Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Forbes of Pontiac spent the weekend here. They brought his mother, Flossie, home, after she had spent the winter in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper of Grand Rapids called on Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bartley Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Scott and Frank Scott and boys spent the weekend with Flossie and Don Scott.

Emily Geasler of Grand Rapids and Otis and Ann Geasler of Pontiac spent the weekend with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Moon of Battle Creek spent the weekend at their trailer here. They were Saturday evening callers of Frances Beck.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Irish of Saginaw spent the weekend with their brother, Richard Irish.

Saturday callers of Bud Longtin were Lily Donald and Roscoe Wright of Greenville, and Mary and Charlie Metzger of Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen attended the parade in Weidman and Barryton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Carson and family and their mother, Hazel Carson, of Westland, called on Frances Beck Saturday evening. Hazel spent the night with Frances.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker were John and Ann Baker of Grand Rapids, Jack and friend, Pamela Leatz, of Berrien Springs, while Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and family of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests. Ken and the boys were at Traverse City Saturday, fishing.

Fern Verette, Eathel Beers and Eunice La Londe called on their sister and aunt, Lena St. John, at the Lakeview Hospital Friday and reported her feeling some better. We are glad to hear it.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hyder of Rockford called on their mother, Nora Geasler, Sunday.

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S. W. Sherman
Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Carl Fitzgerald has been working at Tea Lake. His wife spent some time there with him. They came home Tuesday. They spent Thursday in Alma on business.

Jim Dutcher and girls spent Monday with his folks, the Clayton Dutchers. He called on the Brian Dutchers in the afternoon.

Miss Florence Fitzgerald of Lansing spent the weekend with her folks, the Carl Fitzgeralds. Sunday they visited Mr. and Mrs. George Dague of Lake, then drove to Gray Lake and visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Symkowiak. Monday they visited Mr.

and Mrs. Clayton Wernette of Lewiston and called on Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Devine of Kalkaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Tiedeman and daughters of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and Don Merrihew and son, Greg, were Monday callers of the Geo. Merrihews. George and Edna attended a Lions Club fish fry at Remus Friday night.

Orrie and Orval Merrihew had dinner at the Family Restaurant in Weidman Saturday.

Jim Dutcher and girls, Kim and Shelly, spent Monday with his folks.

The Dale Dutchers of rural Mt. Pleasant were Friday evening visitors of the Garry and Clayton Dutchers.

The Clayton Dutchers and Larry Dutcher and girls were Sunday dinner guests of the Garry Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher visited the Clayton Dutchers Thursday evening.

Monroe Beckwith and Floyd Dutcher called on the Clayton Dutchers Saturday, and spent the evening with the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls spent Friday with his folks, and were Sunday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher visited the Robert Hineses after church Sunday, and they all called on the Albert Youngs family, then the Robert Hineses were supper guests of the Ervin Dutchers.

Larry Dutcher and Gena and Toni of Clio spent Saturday over night and Sunday with the Clayton Dutchers.

The George Merrihews attended a family get-together Sunday at Horsehead Lake, with the Herman Koos family. Others attending were the Dewey Kirvans of Barryton and the George Bolingers of Grand Ledge.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew and Orrie Merrihew visited Mr. and Mrs. Chris Comstock of rural Blanchard Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Merrihew and Kelli of Taylor visited Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew Thursday. Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. George Bolinger of Grand Ledge were visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Merrihew of Hope spent Saturday afternoon with them. Eva Merrihew of Leaton was a Sunday supper guest.

The Dick Dutchers visited the Theodore Cases Sunday. Her brothers and families were there visiting also.

Barbara, Patti and Douglas Dutcher attended the parade at Weidman Monday.

Mrs. James Linton and mother of Midland visited the Howard Beutlers Wednesday. Claribel Beutler was a Sunday dinner guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sisco of Winn, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ransom of Flint and Mr. and

Mrs. Brian Dutcher visited at the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., home Monday.

Mrs. Ransom and boys spent the weekend with her folks, the Harry Hardenburghs. Willard came up Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardenburgh and family of Pierson and Mr. and Mrs. Butch Hardenburgh were also Monday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crawford of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with the Harry Gatehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Osborn and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse and their families had a picnic dinner with the Bill Maeders Sunday.

Mark Maeder spent Sunday with his grandparents, the John Maeders. Bill and Louann visited them Sunday afternoon and took Mark home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and granddaughter, Patti, called on Hattie Losey at the Alma Hospital Thursday afternoon,

and on the Roy Dutchers of St. Louis.

Orval and Orrie Merrihew visited Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Merrihew at Hope Sunday afternoon.

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Saturday visitors at the Messenger office and home were George and Elsie Bolinger of Grand Ledge, who spent the weekend with the Dewey Kirvans of Barryton; Elsie (Bolinger) Campbell (Mrs. Ransom) of Muskegon, all old friends of the Roe family when the Bolingers lived across the road from us, where the Jim Noes now reside.

Mrs. Myrtle Coyer of East Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baker and children of Bath were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Earnest Gross returned home from CMC Hospital last week after treatment for respiratory treatment.

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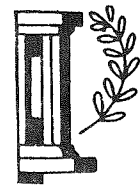
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MR. AND MRS. PAUL COLE CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING--
With an Open House in their home May 23. Hosts were their children and grandchildren. The beautiful cake was made and served by their granddaughters, Mrs. Joe Ganser and Mrs. John Balint.

The Coles were entertained Saturday evening with films taken in their home and neighborhood 25 years ago, loaned by friends, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Seiter of Flat Rock.

Paul Cole married Halena F. Wixson May 3, 1921. They have lived in this area during all their 50 years together, and raised three daughters, Mrs. Joseph (Connie) Mossel of South Bend, Ind., Mrs. Frank (Pat) Ewing of Vassar, and Vilma, at home.

They have eight granddaughters, six grandsons and three great-granddaughters.

Mr. Cole has retired from cement contracting, and they are enjoying visiting friends, neighbors and relatives, and sight-seeing and fishing.

Our congratulations, Paul and Lena! ---0---

Local Items

Sunday guests of Mrs. Ina Gillett were Mrs. Ethel Lintenthuth of Big Rapids and her brother, Clarence Johnson, of Grand Rapids.

Leon McArthur was a dinner guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. James Linton of Midland Saturday.

George Stansbury of Kentucky was a Sunday dinner guest of the Bernard Pitts family. He started evangelical services at the Gilmore Church of Christ Friday, to go on this week.

The Arthur Goudie family and Neil Brickner of rural Clare were supper guests Sunday evening after church at the Bernard Pitts home.

A get-together of the Sheldon family was held Sunday at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee of Grand Rapids. About 30 family members and their families were present. A pot-luck dinner was enjoyed.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

BARRYTON PEOPLE HOLD MEMORIAL AT CEMETERY

Word from Ted Waite at Barryton is that the East Fork Cemetery Association decided to hold Memorial Day services at the cemetery, while the school bands and townspeople held a parade down the street to the village park.

Sunday morning members of the East Fork Cemetery Association were on hand at the cemetery, and as people came to place flowers on their loved ones' graves, the Cemetery Association members courteously advised them that doughnuts and coffee were being served by them to all visitors at the cemetery, and asked the visitors please to return Monday, the government-directed official Memorial Day.

Over 200 people responded and enjoyed coffee and doughnuts with the Barryton folks, and Monday they put on a Memorial program at the cemetery which was an astonishing success, with over 200 attending at the cemetery.

The Barryton American Legion members co-operated to the fullest, with firing squad and color bearers, and the East Fork Cemetery association folks are happily planning on next year's ceremony at the cemetery.

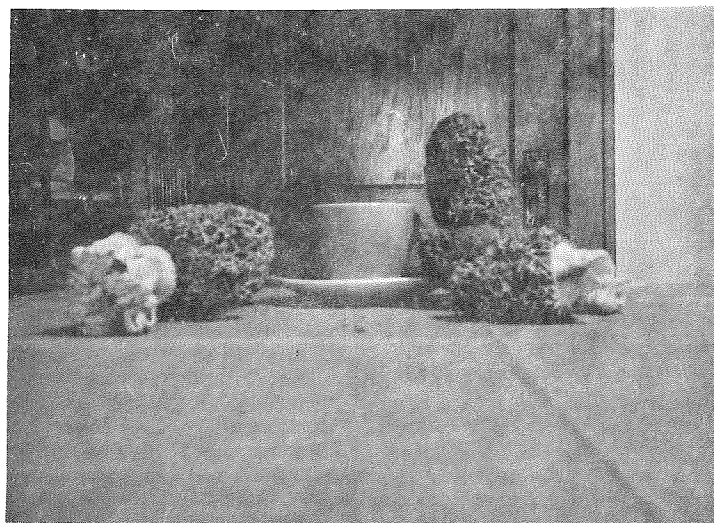
COLDWATER MOMS CLUB HAS SUCCESSFUL BAKE SALE

The Coldwater MOMS Club, a project of Eight-Cap, a federally-funded bureau, held a successful bake sale Saturday morning in Weidman.

Their next meeting was Wednesday at the home of Joan Hummel on Coldwater Road.

Mrs. Hummel expected to enter the Midland Hospital Thursday for surgery. Her friends are urged to give her a good send-off. ---0---

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MUSHROOMS TWICE AS BIG AS COFFEE CUPS--You have to see 'em to believe 'em, but there they are. Gordon Ritter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ritter, found them--a big basket full--in one patch, and he's not telling exactly where and we don't blame him. Never did we see morels like these. The mushrooms measured from a top eight inches tall and 11 inches around, 6 1/2 inches tall and 10 inches around, to many of nearly like size. Messenger photo

COUNTY TAXPAYERS MEET IN GOOD SESSION LAST WEEK

At last Tuesday night's session of the Isabella County Taxpayers Association, about 125 were in attendance.

This was the annual meeting for election of officers. Lewis Bowen was featured speaker for the evening, and he drew the enthusiastic approval of his listeners.

Gerald Cole of Mt. Pleasant was elected chairman for the coming year, with Lewis Bowen first vice-chairman and Harold Verleger second vice chairman. William Tschappat was named treasurer, and John Todick secretary.

Lewis Bowen gave the Taxpayers a rousing speech in which he said he was sick and tired of welfare programs. "We need a complete shake-up of the welfare system throughout the state and nation," he told the Taxpayers. "The time has come when we have to stop sitting and waiting, and we must act. Action is what is needed."

He also criticized the county equalization department and the County Board of Commissioners for accepting the very expensive GEM Survey's valuation report on Isabella County. He presently has a petition for investigation of the Coldwater Township GEM Survey valuations accepted by the State Tax Commission.

Dues for membership in the Taxpayers Association were changed from \$1 per year per married couple to \$1 per person.

The next county-wide meeting of the Taxpayers will be June 24 at a place yet to be announced.

The Isabella County Taxpayers Association is going strong, but it is urging young married people to join and attend meetings.

"We need the active support of the younger taxpayers," was the concensus.

After a motion from the floor, it was voted to create a legislative committee to study state and local tax situations, laws, and lawmakers. Mrs. Cole was named chairman, with Florence Pohl vice chairman, and the others to be volunteers among the membership.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson of Grand Rapids were Sunday dinner guests of her father, Barney Transbarger, and Frances.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Green at Wheeler, for the graduation of their son, Bob, from high school.

Veva Davis and daughter of Mt. Pleasant called on Ethel Bywater Friday.

Memorial weekend guests of Mrs. Lela Whearett and Donald Clark were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Knudson of Trenton. Monday guests were Mrs. Jean Brew and children of Comstock Park and Glee Clark of Mt. Pleasant. They enjoyed dinner at the Brew cottage at Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxon of Broomfield Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parks of Lansing were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frantz. Neva Kirvan and her daughter and children, Mrs. Clarence King, of Traverse City and Mt. Pleasant were also guests. Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Frantz of Clio spent over night Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

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