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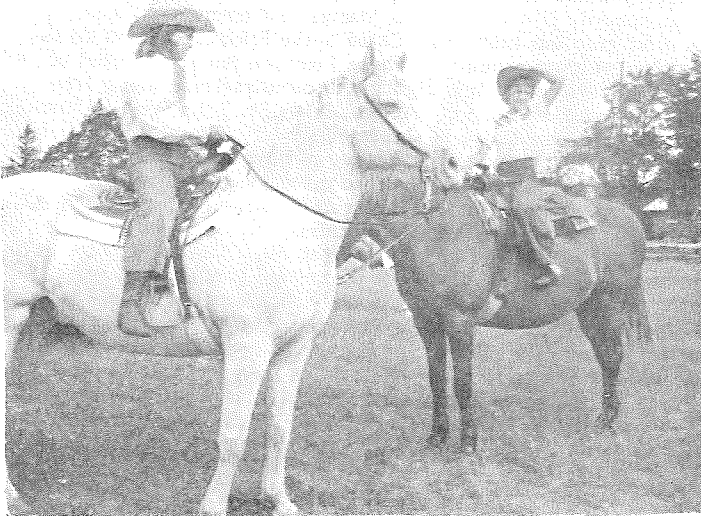
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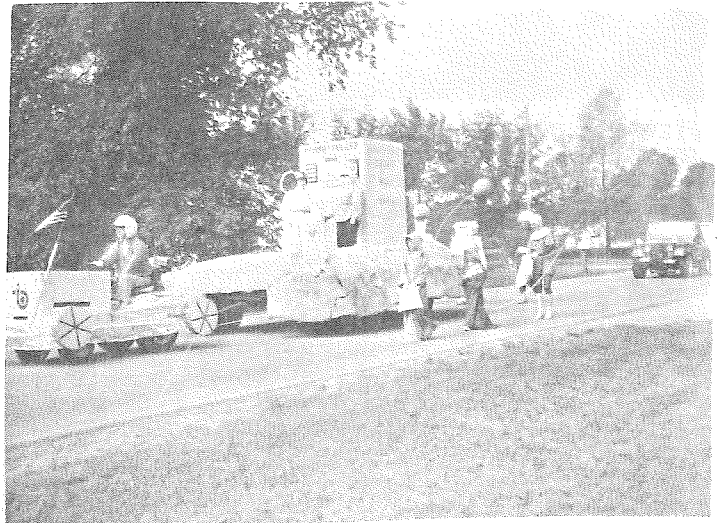
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HORSES ARE ALWAYS A GREAT ATTRACTION--In the Weidman Day parade. They are beautiful animals, and their very young riders enjoyed every minute of it. Messenger photo



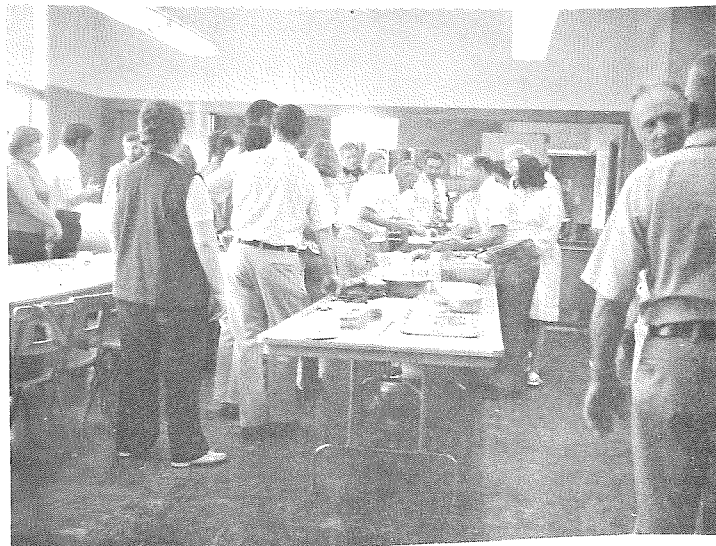
THE WEIDMAN BRANCH BANK--Of Isabella Bank & Trust did itself proud in the parade. Featured was a huge replica of their Perma-Teller, followed by some of the automatic details of the machine (below). These included, if we judge right, a few of the automatic devices of the Teller: Robot, Computer, and, we gather, a couple of other out-of-this world details of the automatic Perma-Tellers used by bank customers.





A FEW OF OUR VOLUNTEER FIREMEN--Who graduated June 29 after arduous hours of study and various demonstrations of new techniques. Their certificates of graduation were signed by Gov. Milliken, with his congratulations. The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department is now an Accredited Fire Department, so designated by the State of Michigan.

In the photo above, left to right, back row: Dan Huffman, Dennis Embrey, Jack Burden, Spike Branson, Fire Chief, and George Klink, Bob Reynolds, Ralph McCreight, Dan Carrick, Jerry Smith, Tracy Bywater and Walter J. Smith. In the bottom row: Ben Johnson, Thayne Sides and Mick Schmalbach.



LEONARD BLACKMER, State Training Council Co-ordinator, gave a short address of congratulation to our Firemen before presenting them their hard-earned certificates. After the opening of the meeting, a sumptuous buffet dinner was hugely enjoyed by all. The various dishes and the two beautiful cakes were the creation of Pauline Branson, the Chief's wife, and Phyllis Sides, wife of one of the Firemen. They did a wonderful job, and their dinner was greatly enjoyed.

TELEPHONE STRIKE ENDED; WORKERS GO BACK TO JOBS

Bargaining committees for General Telephone and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1106 reached tentative agreement on a contract, according to a dispatch from the company.

The tentative agreement was reached shortly before noon on Wednesday, June 28, following negotiations mediated by a federal mediator.

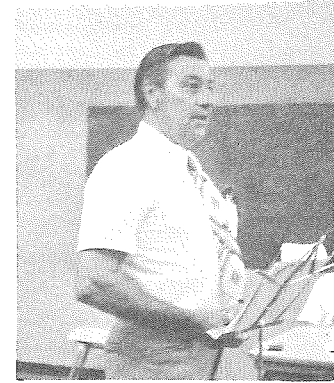
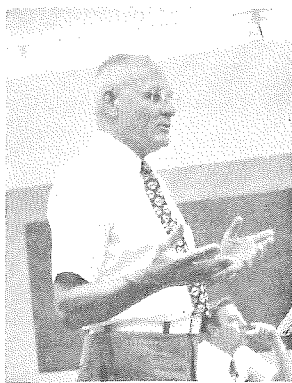
Striking employees were back at work within a few days after

ratification of the contract.

The strike against Gen Tel Co., the state's largest independent (non-Bell) telephone company, began May 15. General Telephone serves 549 Michigan communities in 61 of the state's 83 counties. It has about 425,000 customers.

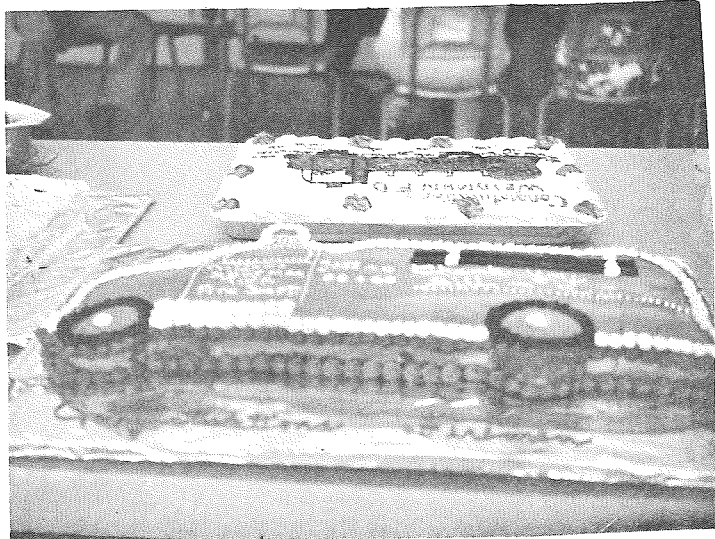
We in this area are happy and greatly relieved to know that now we can call Bernie Riley, a Weidman resident, in times of emergency on our phones.

Welcome back, Bernie!



16 NOTTAWA AND SHERMAN VOLUNTEER FIREMEN--Graduated June 29 in very appropriate ceremonies at the Weidman school. Jim Carrick was Master of Ceremonies, and was a most gracious host. Fire Chief Spike Branson offered an inspiring welcome speech. These Firemen put in 66 hours of "school" study and fire-fighting demonstrations during late winter and early spring. Above, Orves St. John, retired but still active Fire Chief of Genessee County, gives his speech of congratulation to the Firemen, pointing out that the training program they had completed covers all departments and aspects of efficient fire-fighting and rescue operation. "If it wasn't for you," he told the Firemen, "and your wives and your families, there wouldn't be the 30,000 Fire Fighters in Michigan, with only 8,500 of them paid (municipal) employees." He also said that nobody realizes the number of unpaid hours put in by Volunteer Firemen. (Which certainly is true here, as the Firemen do everything, from fighting fires, rescuing people and their belongings to painting their trucks and keeping them tuned up and ready to dash off at the sound of that old si-reen.)

Messenger photos



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July 13t2

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neubecker and family of Milwaukee, Wisc., spent the past week with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neubecker and family of Tokyo, Japan, also were visitors of his mother.

Obituary



BEATRICE B. ALLEN

Mrs. Beatrice B. Allen of St. Louis, formerly of Weidman, died Friday, June 30, at her home there. She was 70.

She was loved by all who knew her, for her quick sympathies, her ready sense of humor, and a dedication to projects here carried by her husband, Alton, and son, Ivan; specifically, the Lake of the Hills development project, probably the biggest one the Allen men took on.

She had lived in the St. Louis area, until 1959, when she and her husband came here to join the Ivan Allens. Ivan came in 1957, as manager of Bernard Woodruff's lumber yard.

Shortly they had purchased the lumber yard from Woodruff, and went into business here, prospering from the start. Presently they had moved their offices from the yard itself and built a small office building on the corner of Bridge and Woodruff Road here in Weidman.

After a few years, during which the Lake of the Hills project came along and the lumber yard prospering, they built the present Allen Lumber Company Building which holds offices and show rooms. They also each built new homes for their two families. Before completion of Lake of the Hills, Alton Allen had built a home on South Shore Drive, where they lived until his death. After that, Beatrice Allen moved back to St. Louis.

Mrs. Allen was born June 27, 1908, in Gratiot County, daughter of Harley and Clara Schnepf Green. She married Alton Allen of Wheeler Feb. 20, 1926, in Alma. He preceded her in death Feb. 3, 1974.

She was a member of the St. Louis Church of the Nazarene. Her husband, Alton, and son, Ivan, were the great influence in building the Church of the Nazarene in Weidman.

She is survived by two sons, Al-

ton, Jr., of St. Louis, and Carl R. Allen of Plymouth; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Law, of San Luis Obispo, Calif.; a brother, Donald Green, of Wheeler; and 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neubecker and family and his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker, were Fourth of July guests at a cookout at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Fredrickson.

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth recently returned home from CMC Hospital after a four-day stay. She was feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barbour and baby of Grand Ledge spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts. Jonathan Wood spent the week with his grandparents.

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To our family, friends, relatives and all who attended our Open House, sent cards, and for gifts received,

We wish to thank you all for making our Golden Wedding a most memorable occasion for us.
Gerald and Loretta Smith

ANOTHER DETERRANT FOR DEER AT YOUR GARDEN

Virgilene Forbes called recently with her own device for keeping deer out of her vegetable garden. She says she doesn't have a deterrent for rabbits, this is just for deer.

Take the twine from hay bales (any farmer feeding hay has the twine, and usually destroys it, just to get it out of the way, she says.)

Put stakes--any old kind, not necessarily strong or expensive stakes--around your garden and run the baler twine around, fastening it to the stakes. The string should be about two feet off the ground, she says.

She tried it, and later took the twine makeshift fence down. Deer came almost immediately, she says, cleaning up any remains of her garden.

There appears to be some kind of odor to the baler twine that repels deer. They won't go near the stuff, and it doesn't have to be shipshape work on stringing, or staked expensively--any old sort of stakes will do, she says.

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While showers and thunder storms have ranged over most of Isabella County, Weidman Town and its immediate area have been dry, dry, dry.

COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK ON NEW LOCATION

Volunteers are needed to work on completion of the new County Fair Grounds at the corner of Baseline Road and Old U. S. 27, north of Mt. Pleasant, it was announced this week.

Construction of the cement-based grandstand will begin next Monday, July 17. Five workers starting at 5 a. m. and another crew starting at 5 p. m. will prepare forms for concrete pouring. It's hoped to complete the grandstand construction in 16 days.

All kinds of volunteer help are needed. Volunteers may contact Larry Anderson of Rosebush; Orville Klumpp in Winn, Jim Judge in Blanchard, or Ken Schafer in Mt. Pleasant.

Visitors to the site are welcome at any time, according to Fair managers. A picnic for the volunteers is scheduled for July 16, Sunday. A pig roast will feature the outdoor feast.

A huge outdoor garage sale also is scheduled to start at 12.30 p. m. July 22, at the new Fair Grounds site.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Sunday callers of Tony Bartley included Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields and daughter, Chris, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fields, of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Walter Tower has been on her vacation from her work at the Medical Care Facility. They spent some time at their cabin at Houghton Lake. Walter has been off work with an injury to his hand, when he cut it while at work.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Moon and son, David, of Battle Creek called on me Saturday evening.

Evelyn Slupe and family of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

A number from here attended the parade and festivities at Weidman over the weekend.

Dennis La Londe of near Barryton spent the weekend with his grandmother, Eunice La Londe.

Helen Strang and Eunice La Londe were in Mt. Pleasant Monday, where Eunice called on her doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Speice and Connie and Tammy were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Roberts. I called on them in the afternoon, and enjoyed ice cream and cake in honor of Connie's birthday.

Tony Bartley called on his doctor Monday, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes are proud to announce the arrival of a new grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Forbes of Manistee. Fay remains in the Alma Hospital at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Butts and baby of near Saginaw called on the Larry Strangs Sunday.

Mrs. Corgan and boys of near Barryton called on Emily Livermore Sunday afternoon.

(Last Week's News)

I spent the day with Edna Johnson and girls near Sheridan, Wednesday.

Deanna Dunbar and Chris and Pat spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Beers. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Nick Czupski at Big Rapids one day during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Teeter of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Edna Teeter, and other relatives.

Helen Strang and Lori and Mrs. Cushman and daughter, Denise, were in Saginaw Saturday, where they did some shopping.

Lee Forbes and family and Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Forbes were camping at Paris over the Fourth of July holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe and family and Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow and family spent some time camping at Merrill Lake, near Barryton, over the 4th weekend.

Fay Forbes is a patient at the Alma Hospital, going in Thursday. Janet Leiter and family of near Flint were here Friday, and called on him at the hospital. He was some better at this time. He was moved from the intensive care unit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cook returned home Thursday from a month's visit with his brother in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holland of Grand Rapids called on their uncle, Tony Bartley, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knorr of Lansing moved a trailer in on Thursday at Brinton, where they are making their home on a lot near her mother, Edna Teeter.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Perry and two friends from Ventura, Cal., were Wednesday callers at the Sterling Oplinger home.

Dennis Tiana spent the weekend a week ago at the Oplingers' home, and took his wife and son home. They had spent a week with Mrs. Tiana's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Monday callers of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Mrs. Lawrence called on the Ed Grabers Sunday.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee, Larry, Gary, Gerry, Perry and Therrie North were Sunday guests of the Mack Denslows.

Ray Fahnestock and friend of Taylor spent last week at the Charles Fahnestock home. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smith and granddaughter were Friday callers. They had not seen them for

40 years, and really had an enjoyable time.

Lorraine Hines of Auburn, Ind., spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Pete Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bingham and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wood and boys were Friday evening callers at the Jim Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson called on her cousin, John Barnum, at Eight Point Lake, a week ago Sunday. Bill Thompson spent Thursday and Friday at his home.

Mrs. Ethel Smith and Mrs. Susie Chapman and Chad and Jason were Tuesday callers of Mrs. Hattie Losey. Monroe Beckwith was a Wednesday dinner guest. Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow were Wednesday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thompson of

Lansing were Friday callers. Floyd Dutcher and Monroe Beckwith were Friday supper guests. Mrs. Ardis Merrihew and Susie Chapman and boys were Saturday callers.

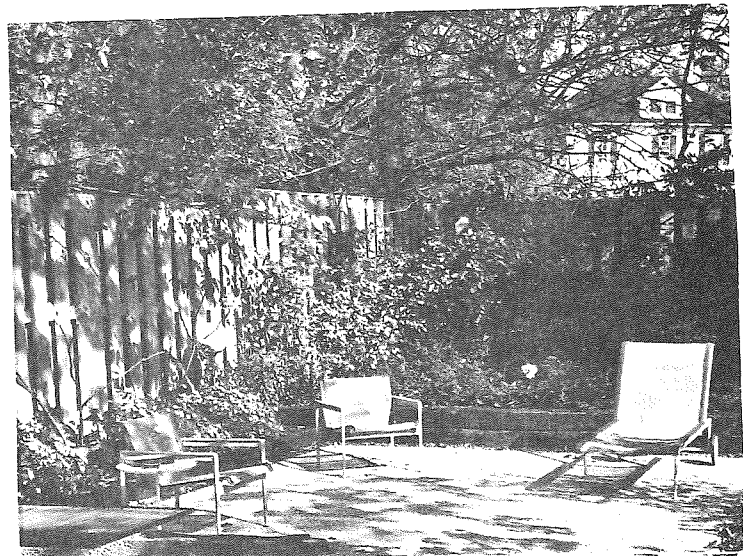
Harold Losey took his mother to the Dutcher reunion Sunday at Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher brought her home. Mr. and Mrs. Tunis Strang of Marysville, O., spent a few days recently with Hattie Losey.

My callers last week were Mrs. Ethel Smith, Floyd Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow, and Monroe Beckwith.

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Darryl Pitts is home this week, from his tour with the Light of the World concert group from Great Lakes College in Lansing.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Faber have returned from their honeymoon in Hawaii.

Norm Rau returned home from the hospital Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould called on Louis Rau Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Tilmann and Jerry called on Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann Friday evening.

Wednesday Night League golfers of Lake Isabella had their annual dinner Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Brown and family spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tilmann.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Noble called on Louis Rau Saturday evening.

The Beal City Class of 1973 held their five-year reunion at the K. of C. Hall Saturday evening.

The bans of matrimony were announced Sunday for Rita Schmidt and William Crofton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Grace Sunday evening.

Dale Rau of Gregory was home Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeien and family, Helen Zeien and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brickner attended the baptism and dinner Sunday, at the church and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Zeien.

Mrs. Ragolt Hauck called on Mrs. Irene Smith and Mrs. Irene Tilmann Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith spent the weekend with Mrs. Irene Smith.

Lee Kremsreiter and Nancy Bateman of New York were married Saturday afternoon, with a reception at the K. of C. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen returned after vacationing at their cottage on Houghton Lake, for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Noble of Shepherd called on Louis Rau Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schafer of Shepherd spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger spent Thursday evening with Tillie Schafer.

Sr. Marie Alexander and Sr. Herman Joseph of Grand Rapids are visiting relatives around Beal City.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Ed Schafer home at Coldwater Lake.

Greg and Betty Weber are the proud parents of a baby girl. They named her Karla Beth.

Louis Rau visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeien Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Winn and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Gates of Blanchard spent Sunday with Tillie Schafer. Mr. and Mrs.

Ed Kavanaugh were last Thursday evening guests. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer were Friday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Abbiatte of Santa Paula, Calif., are visiting at the Al Klumpp home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bierschbach and family spent a couple of weeks in Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Harold Smith, Mrs. Bernard Smith and Dora Smith called on Mrs. Helen Zeien Monday evening.

Ten boys from St. Joseph's School of Beal City spent five days at St. Lawrence Seminary at

Mt. Calvary, Wisc. They are Doug Schumacher, Eddie Yunker, Tony Smith, Don Krueger, Mike Riley, Mark Smith, Dan Schmidt, Don Zeien, Brian Sharrar, and Dennis Lorenz.

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BEAL CITY CARD PARTY HAS 16 TABLES AT PLAY

At their regular card party at the K. C. Hall last Thursday, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 16 tables of pepper at play.

Ida Mae Dent won first prize for the ladies, with Rose Hauck second and Clara Jones low.

For the men, Julius Schuma-

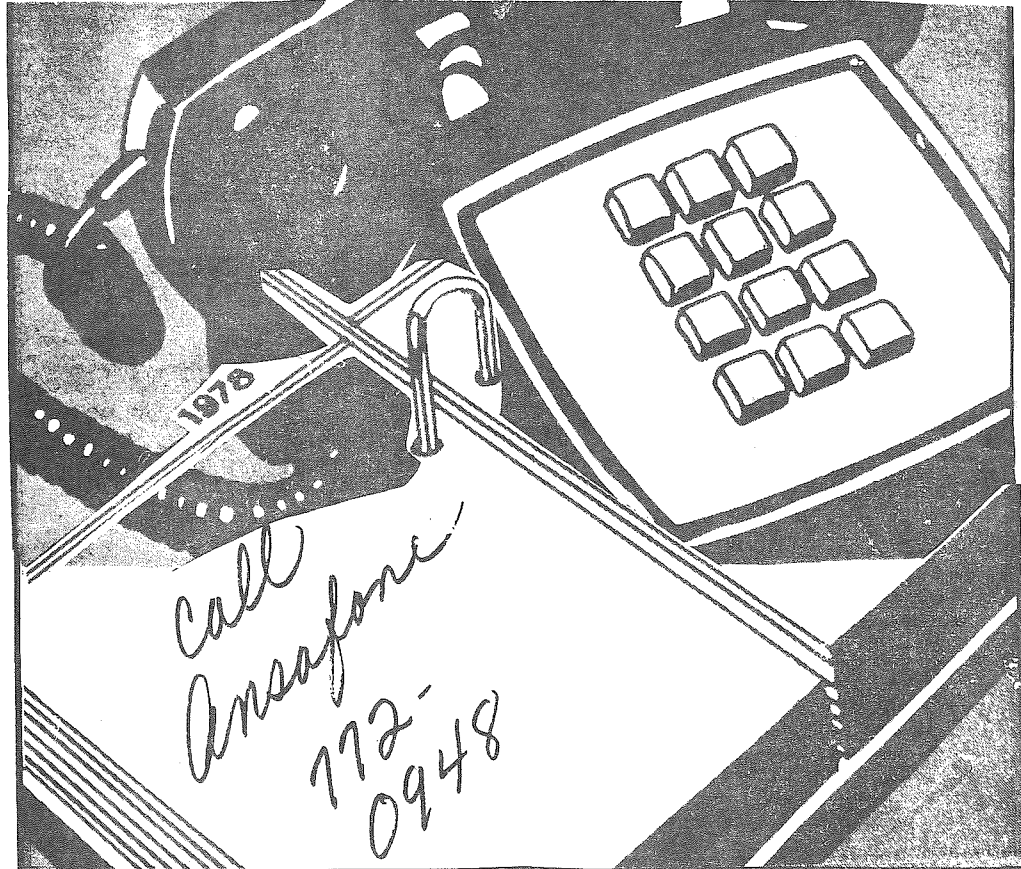
cher won first prize, with Mr. Enstey second and Joe Streng low.

Agnes Sheahan won the pepper prize. Ida Fussman won the door prize.

The pot-luck noon dinner will be Thursday, July 20, and players are asked to take a dish to pass and their own table service. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were Sunday visitors of Dorothy Bryant at Ithaca Sunday. Nina Forbes and Marge Mullett and Bertha Summers all went with them.



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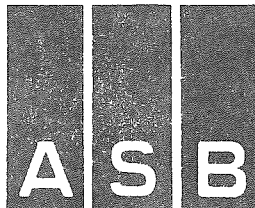
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Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

The 30th annual Dutcher reunion was held Sunday at Island Park in Mt. Pleasant.

Monroe Dutcher of Otisville spent several days with the Dutcher families last week. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher of Lake Orion spent the weekend with the Dutchers.

The Howard Beutler family enjoyed Sunday at Higgins Lake.

Mrs. Jeanette Johnston of Rosebush spent Thursday with the Beutlers.

Mrs. Jeanine Bauw and daughter, Robyn, of Grand Rapids, spent the weekend with her mother, Mabel Chaffee.

Michelle Bauw and friend, Ben Donahue, of Atlanta, Ga., spent over the Fourth with Mabel Chaffee, then spent the weekend in Upper Michigan and Canada, returning to Georgia Monday.

Vada Gatehouse spent last Sunday afternoon with Mabel Chaffee.

Mrs. Hazel (Gatehouse) Davis and daughter, Mrs. Dee Ann Martin, and three children of Pottsville, Penn., are spending this week with the Gatehouse families.

The Bob Dutcher family attended the Weidman celebration Friday and Saturday nights, as did most people in this area. We all enjoyed meeting old friends.

Floyd Dutcher spent the weekend with the Dutcher families. Ivan Dutcher took him back to the Veterans' Facility in Grand Rapids Monday.

Mike Knipfer of Big Rapids spent Saturday with his mother, Pat Egbert. Pat spent last week in Lansing visiting her parents, the Frank Goodriches. Pat will be addressed as Pat Kurtz (her maiden name) in the future.

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Margaret Sisco and Helen Smith called on Isabel Sisco near Farwell Sunday.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Rev. David Myers of Shepherd helped the Coles with some house-cleaning last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Balent of South Bend returned home last Tuesday, after several days with their grandparents, the Paul Coles, and Velma.

The Schemanskys spent several days at their cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus and Mark and Margaret of Drummond Island spent several days here with relatives and friends. They called on their cousins, the Paul Coles, last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ewing and Becky and Sara were supper guests of their grandparents, the Paul Coles, Friday evening.

The Ewings will leave for Germany later this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa had new potatoes and peas with the Paul Coles Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole are at

their farm for a few days.

Norman Masiwchuk visited his parents, the Tony Masiwchuks, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes spent the weekend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yambert, who are at their cottage for two weeks.

William Pfannes, August Hoskey called on their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes, Sunday evening.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott went on vacation to Tennessee from Saturday till Wednesday, July 2, 3rd and 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Knudson of Trenton spent the weekend and a few days this week with his mother and uncle, Lela Whearett and Don Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Thomas (Percy) of Clare were Monday

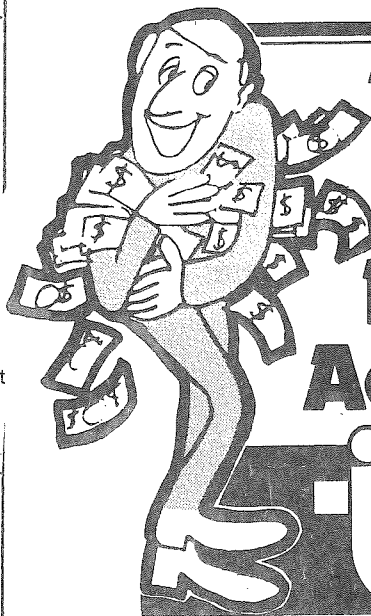
visitors of the Gene McArthur family.

Mrs. Marie Smith attended the Graham reunion near Ithaca July 2.

Frank Durham of Bay City spent the Fourth of July weekend with his sister and brother-in-law, the Emil Phillippes. The Paul Bigelows of Winn were Wednesday dinner guests. Larry Williams and family of Midland were Saturday guests for the celebration. The Dennie Bernays of Bay City visited, on their way to Lake, where they have a cottage on Crooked Lake.

Susie Griffin of Ionia was a Sunday afternoon guest of Mrs. Ver-lia Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur and son Rick and Mr. and Mrs. David McArthur and children spent last weekend (the 4th of July) at Paris Park, near Big Rapids. Later they went to Pike Lake, returning home Saturday for Weidman Day.



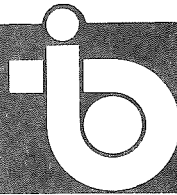
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BICYCLES WERE TRIMMED UP SOMETHING GORGEOUS--For the parade. They made a grand showing.



ABBOTT'S COMMERCIAL FLOAT--was, we think, one of the best of the lot in the parade, though there were several excellent ones, too. The commercial floats were a feature of this year's parade. Organizers and managers of the massive gathering were Agnes Fox and Joyce Curtiss, and they did a wonderful job.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey attended a bridal shower for their niece, Kim Root, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Root, in Lansing, at the home of her sis-

ter, Mrs. Roger Robinson there. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Middlesworth and children of Fowlerville spent Sunday with his parents, the Gerald Middlesworths.



THE ANNUAL FLOAT OF "Local Old-Timers" is always a hit, and we think it deserves the applause it always gets. It's a knockout.



SHERIFF GILLIS WAS AT THE PARK--Helping raffle off a luxurious yellow car, benefit Sacred Heart Academy at Mt. Pleasant. With him are two assistants; and they had a great time, visiting with friends here. Messenger photos

SHERMAN CITY CHURCH SPORTS A NEW CHIMNEY

Everything around the Sherman City Union Church may appear quiet and serene, but at times during the week it is a beehive of activity.

These past several weeks have seen some new bricks go up, in the form of chimney work. Now the little country church sports a new chimney.

If you are not familiar with this project, the church in Sherman Township last year at this time was ramshackle, and certainly an eyesore. Today, through much hard work by many neighbors and friends too numerous to mention, and on entirely donated funds, it is a beautiful little white church.

Faithful workers are keeping the lawn mowed and the grounds tended. The front steps and rail have a nice new coat of paint.

But much work is yet to be done, on the inside especially.

First in priority is a new ceiling. It can be ordered as soon as more funds are made available. If you feel you would like to be a part of this community project by donations to the century-old building, you may contact Norman Miller at tel. 644-3428, Ruth Gilbert, % Central Michigan Bank & Trust in Barryton 49305, or Elwood Miller at tel. 644-3602.

The church will be nondenominational, as directed in the original deed; but at this point the main interest is in preserving a beautiful old building and, hopefully, having it proclaimed a Century Building by the Michigan Historical Society.

At this time donations are necessary if work is to be completed.

There will be an opportunity to see the church and enjoy a pot-luck picnic on the grounds on Sunday, Aug. 6.

Come, see, and visit with old friends!

Editor's Column

By Connie

IT WAS A GOOD AND GREAT WEIDMAN DAY

So Weidman Day has come and gone, and we're left with memories of a good and great day.

The 10 a.m. parade Saturday, under management of Agnes Fox and Joyce Curtiss, was probably the best we've ever seen here.

There were some outstanding floats in the parade, including that of Abbott's Furniture Store and the Weidman Bank (which had some figures in it which were literally out of this world). There were many, many others, including the perennial Old Timers float, complete with outdoor privy and a suit of long underwear hanging on a clothesline. There were also some new ones, and each one was interesting, well done, and fitting for a parade.

We always love the horses in the annual parade, ridden by really young kids. (Amazingly, we also noted that none of the horses was shod. Wonder why?) But we always love the horses. Also the trimmed-up bicycles ridden proudly by tots and kids on up to teenagers.

It was an exceptionally good parade.

The amusement street had new rides, which was a vast improvement. It also had a few other attractions, including a "haunted house", from which eerie sounds emanated at all times. (Wouldn't go in there fer nuthin'.)

Evening bingo games at the park probably drew the biggest crowds. Most everyone likes to play bingo, and the games were held in the pavilion, and were very popular.

All in all, it was a great day. (From the way these old bones feel, clambering around to take photos, we're kinda glad it's over. But there's a lot of folks who wish we had one about every two weeks.)

(Mention it to the heads of committees, such as Bud Fredrickson, Agnes Fox and Joyce Curtiss, and Russell Branam of the Ojibwa Recreation Area!)

Anyhow, it was a great day.

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LAKE ISABELLA CLEANED OUT BY HUGE MACHINE

Lake Isabella was recently cleaned of weed growth by a huge machine hired by the Property Owners' Association there. Tom Loomis operated the machine.

Weeds were scooped up out of the lake, the scooper going to the lake bottom and getting roots, and loaded on a truck which Mr. Loomis used to haul the fertile weeds to his farmlands for fertilizer.

The weed machine was used in

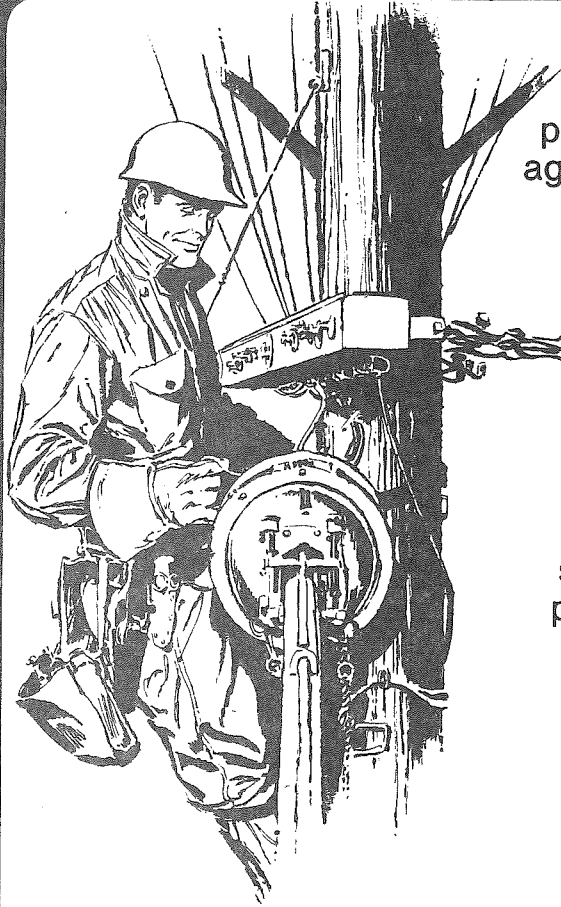
the interest of ecology, as a substitute for chemical weed-

killers.

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James Noe was having his house painted this week.

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