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Editor's Column

By Connie

WE'RE CHANGING OUR "FREQUENCY"

I don't suppose you noticed in last week's paper but our mast-head lists slightly changed skip-times for the old gal during the year.

Instead of skipping the first week of July and the first week of January, we now are going on a schedule of skipping the first week of April, the first week of July, the first week of October, and the first week of January. (Hope we got that straight.)

There will be no papers sent out (or printed) on the following times during each year: The first week of January; the first week of April; the first week of July; and the first week of October.

In other words you'll get 48 Messengers a year instead of 50. That's on account the old gal is nearing her 75th birthday, and she finally made up her mind to have a month's vacation during any given year, just like the CIO auto assembly-line workers in Detroit.

Besides, she needs it.

Hope you can bear it. In fact, we hope you don't even really notice it--much.

It would be awful if you didn't notice missing the Messenger; but, as a number of folks have assured us, it would be worse not to get it at all.

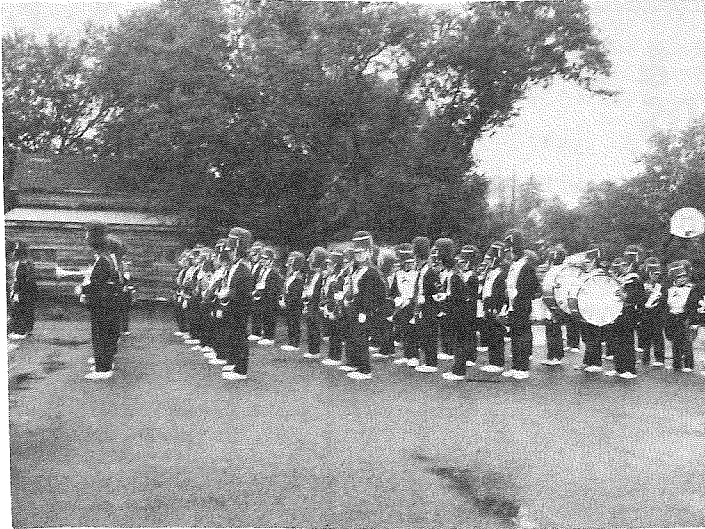
See yuh 48 times a year!

LET'S GET THE LEGAL DRINKING AGE BACK TO 21

For my money, the worst thing for the people of Michigan ever did was to lower the legal age of maturity (drinking beer and hard liquor, voting at all elections, signing contracts, etc.), from the traditional 21 years to 18.

The argument, as I remember it, was that kids of today are "so mature, so much better educated than we were!" And to that I say, "Nuts!"

(It was also amid the hysteria of trying to put an end to the (Continued on Back Page)



CHIPPEWA HILLS MARCHING BAND--Will be part of the parade at the Isabella County Youth and Farm Fair start-in this weekend. The Chippewa band will march Aug. 23 in the special Bicentennial Parade, and will also have a concession stand on the fair grounds during the week of Aug. 24 to Aug. 28, in Mt. Pleasant. Messenger photo

Band Boosters (parents of kids in the band) will have an auction sale Sept. 4 at the Nora Quisenberry home, and they will need items for it. Numbers to call to have large items picked up are: Ron Sprague, tel. 644-2147, Merl Mercer, 644-2266, and Gale Krueger, 3961.

In Remus, pickups will be made by calling the Connie Helms residence, 967-8836, in Barryton, Jim Yarrick, 382-5494, and at Chippewa Lake, Griffiths, 867-3426.

Items may also be delivered to these homes for transfer to the Quisenberry place.

There will be a dance Sept. 25 at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City, with tickets available a little later.

There will be a raffle for a 30-30 deer rifle at the dance. Tickets will be available later.

There will be a car wash Aug. 28 with a minimum donation of \$1.00, in Weidman, Barryton and Remus.

Any questions about any of the Band Boosters' activities will be answered by calling Judy Krueger, tel. 644-3961.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

CORRECTION

The State Lottery winner for the \$1976 prize last week was Steve Simmer, not Bruce, as we erroneously stated. Congratulations, Steve, and sorry, Bruce, and better luck.

Also we wish to correct our statement that the guest book was stationed at Bud's Party Store Weidman Day.

It was carried all over Weidman by Agnes Fox, one of our faithful workers for the community.

Ed and Agnes are our veteran civic workers for the town, Ed having been first president of the WBA and Fire Chief for 25 years, before his retirement.

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NEW ROOF FOR LIBRARY

Les Downing, owner of D&D Urethane Foam Company on Lake of the Hills, recently put a new roof on the Gladys McArthur Memorial Library in Weidman--for free.

He charged for only a part of materials, donating the rest and all labor.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

SPERRY TWINS MAKING GOOD IN UNITED STATES NAVY

The twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. (Lloy) Sperry of Weidman are really making out good in the Navy since they joined up in August of 1959. (The Messenger got a photo of the twins at that time, but there's no late picture of them, the family says. They are trying to get one, and when they do, they'll give us one to print.) The brothers are on different ships in different waters, so it's difficult to get a photo of them together.

They are Gary G. and Jerry, and Gary is a Navy Aviation Machinist's Mate First Class; Jerry is a Senior Chief Petty Officer E8, and both are home-stationed in Norfolk, Va. They have just three years to serve in the Navy until retirement.

Gary's ship, the aircraft carrier USS America, participated in the rescue of more than 300 American and foreign evacuees from Beirut, Lebanon, in the recent international crisis there.

The refugees boarded unarmed landing-vessels and were ferried to the amphibious transport ship USS Coronado. The extraction of civilians from the beleaguered Lebanese capital was accomplished without incident, and they arrived safely aboard the Coronado for transport to Athens.

President Ford commended the task force for its high degree of professionalism.

Gary's ship is currently deployed as a unit of the U. S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

Gary is a graduate of Pensacola Junior College in Florida, with an associate of arts degree.

Both of our home-town boys have made admirable records in the Navy.

Both boys are graduates of the old Weidman High School. They enlisted shortly after graduation here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts returned Friday night from a week's vacation at a camp meeting at Hillsboro, Ohio. They had supper with the David Woods (Mona) Friday evening, in St. Johns. Neal and Nancy Brickner were Sunday dinner guests at the Pitts home.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Irene Bowen spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blodgett.

Carl and Ellen Geasler called on their aunt, Flora Wood, at the Riverside Apartments in Mt. Pleasant Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beers and Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Spence plan to leave this week for Canada, on a fishing trip.

Mrs. Russell Wright joined Mr. and Mrs. Ken Tupper and attended a dance at the Mary McGuire School in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

I attended Merry Go Round Club at the home of Verna Seymour last week Thursday. There were 13 members present. The September meeting will be with Maggie Boger Sept. 9.

Mrs. Joe La Londe's sister, Irene, of Arizona, is spending a few days with the La Londes.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips were in Edenville Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams on Lake Wixom. Mrs. Werley of Bay City was also a guest, and they enjoyed a picnic dinner.

Mrs. Walter J. Smith and son,

Wally, spent five days in the Upper Peninsula, visiting her parents at Iron River. Jean's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Jackson, of Oklahoma, were also present, and all enjoyed the visit.

Frank Durham of Bay City was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. They all went to Midland Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine. They also visited the Earl Schafers Sunday afternoon, who were celebrating his parents' 45th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Edna Bowein attended a birthday party in honor of Helen Simmer at the home of Paul and Rosie Simmer on the Coldwater River, Sunday. Mrs. Simmer received many nice gifts, and many good wishes from her many friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay McCombs of Niles called on Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith this Tuesday morning. They were on a two week's trip to Minnesota.

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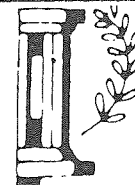
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June 17tf

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Aug. 12t2

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Aug. 12t3

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Aug. 19t1p

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Aug. 19t2

BETTER THAN A LETTER

FOR SALE--Tomatoes, \$3.50 per bushel. Apples, canning quality, \$5.00 per bushel. Dolores Portenga, ph. 644-3308. Aug. 19t1

YARD SALE--Aug. 20 and 21, Friday and Saturday, 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. At 6445 Airline Road, Weidman. Aug. 19t1

GIGANTIC RUMMAGE SALE--sponsored by the Chippewa Hills Band Boosters. Toys, and Games, books, knickknacks, clothing of all sizes. Different things added each day. 1/4 mile south of Weidman School, east on Weidman Road to second house. Aug 18-21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Aug. 19t1p

Card of Thanks

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all my neighbors, friends and relatives during the recent loss of my wife, Gertrude M. Schafer.

The Mass cards, floral offerings and food were greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank Central Michigan Community Hospital and Isabella Medical Care Facility;

A special thanks to Father Don Dueweke; also my nephew, Father James M. Michaletz of Arlington Heights, Ill.;

The ladies who served the wonderful dinner after the funeral; the pallbearers, and Rush Funeral Home, for their kind assistance;

A special thanks to my neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brickner.

May God bless you all.
John J. Schafer

Card of Thanks

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Dr. Meyers and nurses and staff for the excellent care during my stay in the Alma Hospital.

Also my friends, neighbors, and especially my family, who have been so wonderful in every way.

Hattie Losey

Mrs. Earl Maeder and grandson, Dick, of Florida had breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith last Wednesday.

Card of Thanks

The family of Mrs. Louis Rau wish to express their many thanks to the doctors and nurses at CMC Hospital, and also the wonderful care there.

Also a special thanks to Fr. Dueweke and Fr. Neubecker for their comforting words; to the Rush-Lux Funeral Home, and to Fred Steffke, singer, and Kathy Schumacher, organist;

To the cooks for the wonderful food; to the Knights of Columbus for the hall;

And to all who gave Masses, flowers, and brought in food, in the death of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother.

Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

The Louis Rau Family

Obituary

ALBINA RAU

This area was saddened by the death of Albina Rau last Thursday, Aug. 12, at her home. She was 78.

She was born June 8, 1898, and was a lifelong resident of Beal City. She had many, many relatives and many, many friends.

She was a charter member of St. Ann's Altar Society of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Beal City. She was married to Louis Rau Oct. 24, 1916, in Beal City.

She is survived by her husband; sons Harold, Walter, Stephen, Ray and Norman, all of Beal City; and Donald of Lansing; daughters Mrs. Richard (Rose Marie) Funnell of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Dale (Margaret) Noble of Shepherd; Mrs. Gertrude Therman of Mt. Pleasant; and Mrs. Fred (Irene) Zeien of Beal City; a brother, Joseph Boge of Flat Rock; step-brother, Vic Boge; step-sisters, Leona Pasch, Edna Davis, Marion Trager and Henrietta Schmidt; and 46 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. A brother, John, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 14, at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Beal City, with burial in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Her family have the sincere sympathy of their many friends.

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Carol Harner of Lake Odessa and Donna Windham of Charlotte, N.C., visited their aunt, Edna Bowein, last Thursday. Their mother, Iva Kew, is in the Blodgett Hospital at Grand Rapids, recovering from surgery.



JESSIE ROSENCRANTZ, CHARLIE LOSEY, HAVE BIRTHDAYS

Jessie Rosencrantz, our Horr news writer since we took over the Messenger going on 13 years ago, had a birthday recently (Aug. 1) along with her brother, Charlie Losey, whose birthday was July 31. Jessie was 86, Charlie 83. All of Charlie's family were present for the birthday dinner at the Losey home: Harold and Lois Losey, Dan and Shari Lorenz and two children, Danny and Traci, Gerald Losey's family, Bruce and Susie Chapman and two children, and Marilyn's sister, Joanne (Gross) Cochran. Messenger photo

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Ardis Merrihew took her mother, Mrs. Hattie Losey, home from the hospital last Tuesday. Ervin and Floyd Dutcher were Thursday callers. Mrs. Violet Oplinger was a Friday visitor. All her children have called during the week.

Recent weekend guests at the Sterling Oplinger home were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Weber and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Weiland of Wisconsin. Mrs. Vera Rimbolt and daughter were Saturday callers.

Bill Cummins came home Saturday from the Battle Creek hospital. He called on his folks Sunday, and will be returning to the hospital.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on her sister, Mrs. Myrl Scott, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow attended the funeral of her brother, Ford Braman, at Flint, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson called on Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ergo at Royal Oak a week ago Sunday. Bill Thompson and a friend spent Wednesday and Thursday in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids. They called on the Chuck Wilson home in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Betty Martin and Mrs. Dianne Martin accompanied Mrs. Lena Martin to Lansing last Wednesday, and did some shopping.

I wish to correct a mistake I made last week. Rick Miller will enter college to study for a DOCTOR, not a boxer. Sorry I made such a mistake.

George Miller was a Sunday dinner guest of his parents, the Elwood Millers. Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Holmes and Mrs. Maude Cassidy were Sunday supper guests. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Owens were Thursday callers.

Mrs. Thelma Marker and daughter, Wendy and Michelle, of Torrance, Calif., spent from Tuesday to Saturday at the Pete Wood home. Wendy Whitman and son, D.J., were Saturday afternoon guests.

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BUSY BEES PENALIZE THOSE WITHOUT POEMS

The Drew Busy Bee Club enjoyed their August meeting at the home of Alma Dosenberry. There were 14 ladies present. Roll call was answered by members reading limericks they had composed. These provided many laughs.

One of the group decided she had missed her calling, because in attempting to compose a limerick she discovered she could write poems, and proceeded to read several very interesting, well-done lengthy poems she had composed.

The following ladies were penalized because they came without a limerick:

Zalia Fahnestock, Mary Fahnestock, Evelyn Denslow, Mabel Chaffee, Claribel Beutler. They were asked to bring two or more to the September meeting.

Our hostess served a very delicious lunch, following the meeting.

Our September meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Mack Denslow on Thursday, Sept. 9.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

EDITH NEELANDS DIES IN PONTIAC

Word has been received of the death of Edith Neelands of Pontiac, who passed away last week.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Weidman United Methodist Church, with burial in the Forest Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Neelands was a sister-in-law of the late Ellen Thompson, and a sister of the late George Merrihew.

She was born on the Merrihew homestead farm in Drew, in

1889. She lived to be 89.

She attended the Drew school as a youngster, one of a family of seven children.

She is survived by one son and one daughter. Two sisters and a brother also survive her.

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THE NOTTAWA AND SHERMAN VOLUNTEER FIREMEN--

Made a couple of runs last week, neither serious. Saturday in the mobile home of Duane Miller at 5850 West Beal City Road, the ventless hood on a cookstove caught fire, with damage to walls and ceiling. Firemen put out the blaze. Thursday, Charles Chateau was hauling a junk car when it caught fire, on the corner of Wyman and Drew Roads.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Michelitz and Ann Bartlett returned to Chicago after attending the funeral of Gertrude Schafer.

Tillie Schaedt spent Sunday at the Milo Eldred home at Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Sunderman and Ida Gross called on Matie Pung Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen called on Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trowbridge and family Sunday in Midland.

Mark Adams of Mt. Pleasant stayed over night Wednesday with Brian Gould.

Donna Klumpp has a new car. Mrs. McCall called on Sheila Rau last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goffnett Friday, to see the new baby. They named her Rebecca Ann.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fedewa called on Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Yunker Sunday morning.

Mrs. Ella Tilmann was at the Harry Pung home Sunday.

Dale Rau and Brian Gould are camping at Clear Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Grace and Jennie called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Sunday.

Anne Smith, Ginny and Deb Rau toured Nova Scotia and the surrounding area for a two week vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau Tuesday evening.

Born Aug. 3 to Michael and Carla Schafer, a baby girl. They named her Krista Kay.

Tom and Marilyn Gross had a baby girl July 27. Her name is Jill Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Gross had a baby boy, Theodore Bernard. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Riley had a baby girl Sunday.

The Altar Society met last Tuesday evening, with a good attendance.

Amy Smith had a birthday party Thursday afternoon.

Ken McCabe of California is visiting Grandma Gross and uncles and aunts. He likes farm life, so he stays at Uncle Ray's most of the time.

Sunday Ray and Theresa Gross and children visited Coletta and Mike Gross, also Rita and Red Dickson and Kathy and her boy friend. They all went to Bernard Gross' home to see the new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer made a trip to Carson City to visit his sister, Mrs. Emma O'Connor.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Laura Latham came home Friday from the hospital. Mrs. Harley Latham visited her Saturday, in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee spent the day with her.

Zena Olger is home again. Her daughter and husband are staying with her. Edna Belle Brsher spent the weekend with her. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Pat Conley and family, Lucy Raglin and son, and Linda Conley. A granddaughter's husband passed away with a heart attack Saturday.

Jim Alwood called home from Alabama Saturday evening. He said the swimming-pool work has let up and he is doing building now. He is planning on going to a big wedding this weekend. Sue Sprenger, a niece of Mrs. Barbara VanderSys, will be married in Dothan, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott called on Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and Mrs. Flossie Allen of Winn called on us Saturday. Zeke Tanner called on John Gott Sunday, and enjoyed coffee and cookies with him.

Bill Alwood and Troy of Saginaw attended the Rod and Gun Club pig roast at Lake Station Sunday afternoon. They spent Sunday evening and Monday at the Don Alwood home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith and Scott and Jeff of Au Gres spent last Sunday and Monday at the Harris Diehl home. While here they attended the Pohl reunion at Island Park in Mt. Pleasant. They also visited Mrs. Hermione Smith at the Medical Care Facility, who has been very ill since July. Jeff Smith spent the week at the Harris Diehl home.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Donny and Cathy, Lori and Becky Englund, Les and Lee Shenk, Phil Kalil, Matt Smith and Jim Jowaleski spent last Thursday at the Ionia Fair.

Helen Hudson of Midland and Zena Olger were last Thursday visitors of Connie Skinner in Weidman. Helen is an old friend, and she usually stops by to see Connie when she drives up to attend the Merry Go Round Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and children have moved into their new home on the corner of South Wyman and Jordan Roads. Cathy Alwood spent Thursday over night with them.

Happy Birthday to Elvah Gott on her 78th birthday Aug. 15.

Sunday evening visitors at the Don Alwood home were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and children. Rusty was home for Sunday from his work

on the pipeline out of Niles.

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Local Items

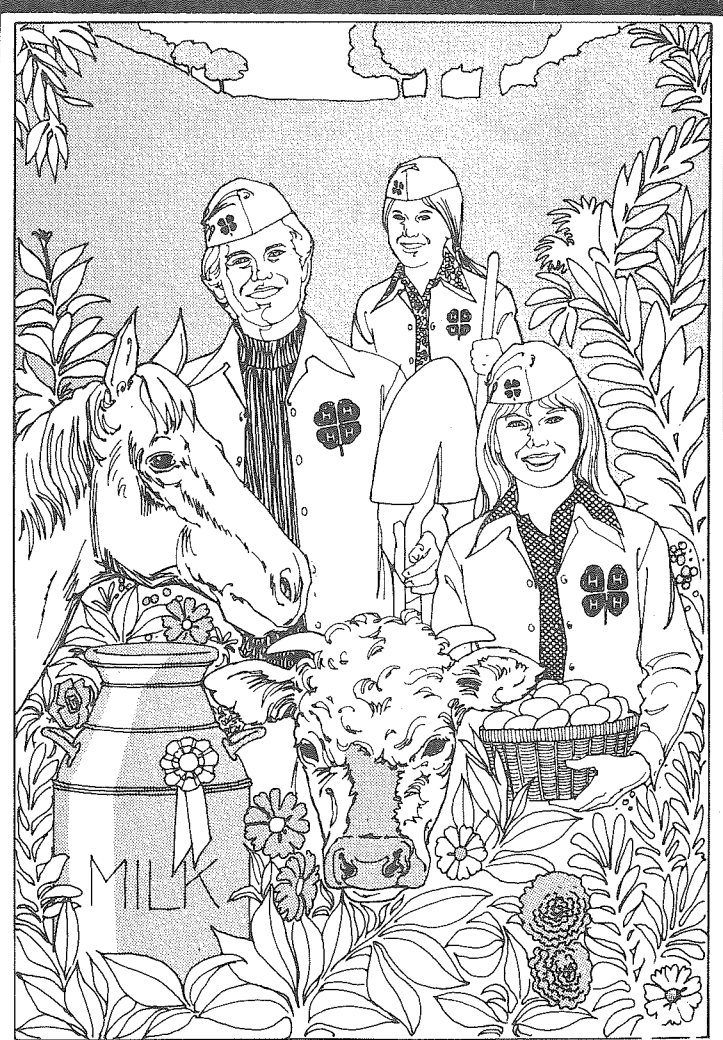
Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith spent Saturday and Monday with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Gould, of Evart. They also visited with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harrington, from Saxon, Wisc., and Florida. They will leave soon for Florida.

Terri and Debbie Touchinski spent two days last week visiting their grandparents, the Elwood Millers.

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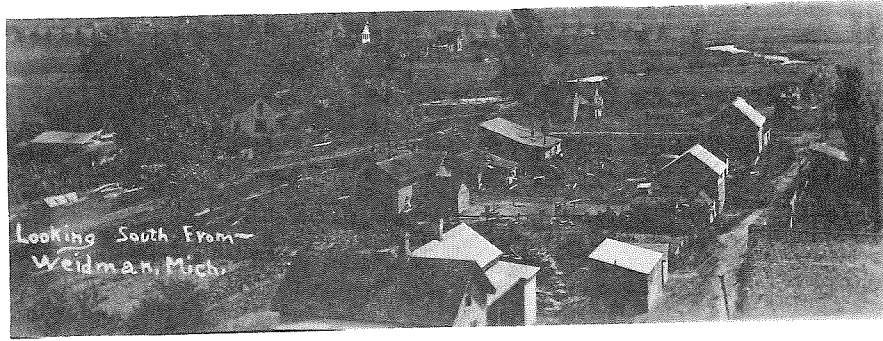
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WEIDMAN IN 1914--We think this photo was taken overlooking First Street, or River Street as we used to call it. Where the James Cliff homestead was, and other time-honored buildings. In the far distance is the old Weidman School, where all Weidman kids (except the littlest ones) walked across the river (that's the Coldwater River, winding south, above) to learn our ABCs. Note the cow-shed behind every home. In those days, everyone kept a cow for family milk-supply--including M.D. Rand and R.E. Roe. Old photo loaned the Messenger by Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes. The postcard is dated 1914.

Debi Graham enjoyed a week at Brown City with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Don Sasseen.

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Smokey Says:



Prevent forest fires—wildlife needs your help too!

Obituary

ALICE LOOMAN

Alice Looman of Cedar Springs and recently living in this area, died Friday, Aug. 13, at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant after a long illness. She was 73.

She was born and raised in Weidman, attending the Weidman school across the river east of town. She was a daughter in the Alfred Sprague family, always well known here, and highly respected.

She is survived by her husband, George Looman; two sons, Fey Looman of California and John

of Grand Rapids; two daughters, Lois Holton of Sault Ste Marie and Susan Hinton of Remus; four brothers, R.D. Sprague, Gary and William Sprague, all of Weidman, and Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant; three sisters, Dollie Bowers of California, Catherine Schumacher of Lansing, and Ada Davis, also of Lansing; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus at 11 a. m. Monday, Aug. 16, with Rev. C. LeRoy Bruce of Remus officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Cedar Springs.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends here.

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Local Items

Last weekend was the Embrey family's campout, an annual event. They camped on the Chippewa River, and all enjoyed the days. Five camping units, two tents, and eight families assembled there. Others came in and visited. About 40 enjoyed an outdoor supper Saturday evening, under a pavilion.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jackson and daughter of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests at the Fred Wilcox home. Bob Cernek and Vada Abbott were also visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Spike Branson and Mr. and Mrs. Verne Miller spent Sunday at Houghton Lake. It was the Bransons' wedding anniversary and Verne's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes returned home Saturday after a three week's travel trip through Maine and Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mills of Hollyhill, Florida, spent Friday and Saturday with their cousins, Mrs. Lela Whearett and Donald

Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bingham of Marquette will be weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls.

Mrs. Alvin Schmidt and daughter, Diana, and son, Dammie, were Saturday evening callers of Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cripps of Detroit have been visiting their mother, Mrs. Edna Bowein, the past week. Keith Cripps returned with his parents after spending a month with his grandmother.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Craven of Florida visited us Friday afternoon. The Robert Dutcners, visited one evening. The Dale Dutcners went to Cedar Point over the weekend, and then came up to spend a couple of days with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Neepner spent the weekend in Ohio. The little Dutcher boys visited their grandparents in Greenville over the weekend.

Clayton and I called on Hattie Losey and Earl Dutcher at the Alma Hospital last Monday. Then Clayton visited Earl again Thursday. He was getting along better.

Other callers of ours during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and boys, Thursday evening, Garry and son, David, Dawn and Kaye and the Richard Dutcners.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint came up to attend a wedding at Remus. They spent Saturday over night and till after dinner Sunday with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker and Keith, Deanne and Danelle spent Saturday evening with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and children had Sunday dinner with us.

Lois Cain of Grand Rapids came up Saturday to spend a few days with her folks.

Les Rhodes and daughter, Julia, came up Sunday and spent the day.

Hazel Sellers of Lansing is spending a few days with the Ervin Dutcners. Ervin and Goldie Dutcher called on Earl Dutcher at the hospital Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor of Blanchard visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald Thursday evening.

Florence Fitzgerald spent Friday and over night with Pauline Vanneck in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald and Florence attended the wedding reception for Sheila Wermette and Steve Thomas (Mr. and Mrs. Steve Thomas) Saturday evening in Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex visited us Sunday evening. Kaye and Dawn Dutcher were Saturday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Decker of near Barryton Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family visited the Forrest Johnstons of Rosebush Sunday. Forrest had just returned from Ann Arbor Hospital, where he had surgery.

Marian Beutler attended Busy Bees Thursday. There were 12 ladies in attendance. The next meeting will be with Margie Denslow next month.

Ervin Dutcher and Les Rhodes called on the Ervin Dutcners, Jr., Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher of Clarkston and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher of Lake Orion Tuesday, returning home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman of Coldwater Lake visited the Ervin Dutcners, Jr., Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss of St. Johns and Ruth Wolfe had Sunday dinner with the Carl Beutler family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex attended a wedding and reception in Midland Saturday.

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FLORA WOOD CELEBRATES HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

Flora Wood, now living in the high-rise apartment building at One Mosher Street in Mt. Pleasant, celebrated her 80th birthday Aug. 7, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Wood of Horr.

Fifty-three children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and brother-and-sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller; a nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright, were all present for the grand occasion.

It was a very happy day, with visiting and devouring the sumptuous pot-luck picnic dinner on the lawn.

A granddaughter, Wendy Whitman of Mt. Pleasant, showed motion pictures of the Howard and Flora Wood Golden Wedding Day at the Masonic Hall in Weidman Jan. 20, 1963. Remember the blizzard that day? She also showed pictures of the inside of the home and barn, with members of the family at work, especially Howard and Alan milking the cows, three days before the Woods moved from across the road from the Horr Store to their home on North Sherman Road; also the grandchildren at play, sledding down the hill on North Sherman Road. They are all married except four, now, and most have children of their own.

Among the gifts, money and many lovely cards was one from President Gerald Ford and his wife, Betty.

Thursday evening the neighbors on the fifth floor at Riverview Apartments gave Leah Guthrie and Flora a birthday party. Ice cream and caked were served, and a social evening spent. They received many more beautiful cards.

At Flora's birthday party, the persons from farthest away were Roxanne Lynn and three children from Wheelersburg, Ohio. John could not leave his work for the Dow Company.

Flora adds, "I love my home at 506 Riverview Apartments in Mt. Pleasant, and have made many wonderful friends. Come and see me."

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson and Mrs. Margaret Mullet and Mrs. Nina Forbes spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Arlin Summers, in Grand Ledge.

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Editor's Column

By Connie
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Vietnam war. ("If they're old enough to fight, they're old enough to drink." They weren't old enough to fight, and they aren't old enough to drink.)

Kids of 18 can buy beer and liquor, and they're big-shots to kids of 17, 16, 15, 12 and even 10. They can buy the stuff and pass it on to the younger ones, and they're real keen guys.

Ask any law officer. He knows about driving accidents and arrests of traffic violations; he knows about drunk kids mixing beer and marijuana and "having a big time".

He knows.
And help, when the time comes, to get that drinking age back to 21.

Thanks for readin' me.

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In uniform

Pvt. Tony Parker, son of Monica and Lee Parker, left Wednesday for Korea, where he will be spending 14 months.

He has been spending two weeks' leave at his home here. He says he likes life in the Army.

Another of the Parkers' sons, Greg, will enlist Aug. 26 and will study for Military Police work.

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WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM ENDS SEASON WITH 10-4

The Weidman Women's Softball team ended its season after participating in district tournaments and winning second-place trophy. They lost to Central Travel, the No. 1 team in the league, but will go to state finals.

The team is coached by Titus Sanford, sponsored by several Weidman business places. Their trophy will be passed around to sponsors for display a week in each place.

"I hope everybody appreciates the game as much as I do," Ty said this week, "and I want to thank all the sponsors on behalf of the girls' team."

The team played in the Olympic tournament at Weidman's softball diamond, losing, and went on to Alma, losing their first game there, 17-2.

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WEIDMAN BOWLERS PLACE WELL IN LEAGUE

The "Liberty Belles" Summer Bowling League of Riverwood Recreation enjoyed dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn last Thursday evening.

Two teams from the Weidman area placed 5th and 7th in a 12-team league.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

JOHN L. FOREST TRAVELS 3,970 MILES IN JUST SEVEN DAYS

John L. Forest returned last week from his annual vacation and travel-trip to see America. He traveled 3,970 miles in seven days, and reports a wonderful trip.

He drove through Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming.

He saw the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, the Bad Lands near Medora, North Dakota, and reports that the town of Medora is an Old West town.

He saw the Custer Battlefield National Monument at the Little Big Horn River in Montana, this year celebrating its centennial year. The battle was in 1876.

He visited Yellowstone National Park, and viewed Old Faithful geyser; he visited Grand Teton National Park adjacent to Yellowstone, with the beautiful Jackson Hole in Wyoming.

He drove the Big Horn Mountains (a part of the Rocky Mountain chain), the beautiful Wapiti Valley near Cody, Wyoming, and also drove the switchbacks (the roads from mountain turns);

He saw Devil's Tower National Monument near Sundance, Wyoming, and visited the Wall

Drug Store, a world-famous place at Wall, South Dakota. He said that 10,000 people visit there every day.

He reported a most enjoyable and trouble-free trip.

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MT. PLEASANT BRIDGE CLUB INVITES NEW MEMBERS

A new bridge club is being organized in Mt. Pleasant, at the Elks Club there, beginning play Tuesday, Aug. 31 at 7.30.

Players from this area are invited. Partners for singles are guaranteed.

Further information may be had by calling John Thompson, tel. 772-1159, or Betty Carr, tel. 773-9200, any time after 4 p.m.

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GRADUATES WITH PH.D. DEGREE AT DENVER

R. Stuart Saunders, son of Kenneth W. Saunders of Weidman, received his Ph.D. degree in physics from the University of Denver at graduation ceremonies Aug. 12.

He attended Weidman public school, and graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School, CMU and Michigan Technological University.

His sister, Miss Helen Saunders of Detroit, attended his graduation.

LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Spending the past 10 days with Herb and Kay Serum have been their son and family, Jim and Marilyn, and children, Tracy and Carry. Herb and Kay took them to Detroit Tuesday. They will be flying to Paris. Jim is employed there as a European specialist for the Hewlett and Packard Company. He is in the analytical division.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our patrolman, George Klenk, is now supplied with oxygen tanks. In emergency call the Isabella County Sheriff's Department, 772-5911. They are able to reach Mr. Klenk wherever he is at any time.

It's a good idea to also call the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department, tel. 644-3610, as the Firemen have a resuscitator which might be of vital importance till an ambulance can arrive. The Firemen are fully instructed and capable in handling the resuscitator.

Ruth Yabs has been in the McArthur Insurance office at Weidman again last week, while Bernard and Yvonne Pitts had another week of vacation.

GENERAL REVENUE SHARING

ACTUAL USE REPORT

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GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PROVIDES FEDERAL FUNDS DIRECTLY TO LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS. YOUR GOVERNMENT MUST PUBLISH THIS REPORT ADVISING YOU HOW THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED OR OBLIGATED DURING THE YEAR FROM JULY 1, 1975, THRU JUNE 30, 1976. THIS IS TO INFORM YOU OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S PRIORITIES AND TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN DECISIONS ON HOW FUTURE FUNDS SHOULD BE SPENT. NOTE: ANY COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION IN THE USE OF THESE FUNDS MAY BE SENT TO THE OFFICE OF REVENUE SHARING, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226.

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(A) CATEGORIES	(B) CAPITAL	(C) OPERATING / MAINTENANCE		
1 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$	\$	has received General Revenue Sharing payments totaling \$ 7,725	
2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$	\$	during the period from July 1, 1975 thru June 30, 1976	
3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$	\$	✓ ACCOUNT NO. 23 3 037 011	
4 HEALTH	\$	\$	NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP	
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10 EDUCATION	\$	\$	✓ (D) TRUST FUND REPORT (refer to instruction D)	
11 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$	1. Balance as of June 30, 1975 \$ 5,266	
12 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$	2. Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1975 thru June 30, 1976 \$ 7,725	
13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	\$	3. Interest Received or Credited (July 1, 1975 thru June 30, 1976) \$ 411	
14 OTHER (Specify)	\$	\$	4. Funds Released from Obligations (IF ANY) \$	
15 TOTALS	\$ - 0 -	\$ - 0 -	5. Sum of lines 1, 2, 3, 4 \$ 13,402	
NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET			6. Funds Returned to ORS (IF ANY) \$	
(E) CERTIFICATION: I certify that I am the Chief Executive Officer and, with respect to the entitlement funds reported hereon, I certify that they have not been used in violation of either the priority expenditure requirement (Section 103) or the matching funds prohibition (Section 104) of the Act.			7. Total Funds Available \$ 13,402	
Signature of Chief Executive Officer Ernest A. Schmidt Date 8-12-76			8. Total Amount Expended (Sum of line 15, column B and column C) \$ - 0 -	
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