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Editor's Column

By Connie

WE GET OUT THIS ISSUE AND SKIP ANOTHER WEEK

So with this issue, Ye Ed and her faithful news writers cover the typewriters, ignore the littered drawing board, and go on vacation till the Oct. 14 issue.

September--with 30 days, yet!--had five "weeks", or Thursdays, something rare in our memory.

So--we'll see yuh in the Oct. 14 issue!

WE REALLY HAD A DRY SUMMER AND FALL

This area experienced one of the driest summers and autumns in our memory.

Farm crops have been seriously affected, with corn probably the hardest hit by drouth, and beans coming in about next.

Those of us with home-garden plots watered with garden hose all summer and fall, but well water just isn't the same as rain falling naturally from the sky.

Most home gardens have been eliminated by frosts and freezes by this time, and those attempting to ripen cantelopes are out of luck.

This last includes Ye Ed, who tried early planting and everything else one can think of to get the things to turn yellow.

Stubbornest critters we ever saw.

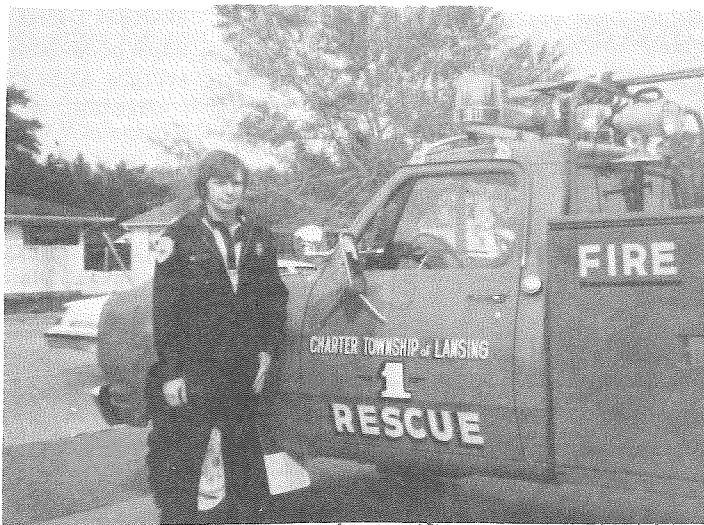
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WEIDMAN WOMEN'S BOWLING TEAM STARTS

The Weidman Pharmacy bowling team has started its season in eighth place this season, with hopes to improve. The team consists of five local women: Joan Burden, Marlene Davy, Caroline Sowels, Connie Bushre, and Wanda Graham, with Ula Cummins and Joyce McDaniel as subs.

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Lou Anne Maeder and Jeanne Smith attended a bingo party at the Moose Lodge in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.



HARRY DENT IS AN E. M. T.--Receiving his Emergency Medical Technician (E. M. T.) certificate from Lansing Community College. Harry received his certificate after completing 14 weeks of schooling and on the job training at Ingham Medical Emergency Room. He is employed full time at Oldsmobile, and has been working seven days a week since April. He is also a certified volunteer fireman for Lansing Township, and has had over 160 hours of training for the Fire Department. He is the first volunteer fireman to go to school and receive his E. M. T. certificate. Two



THOSE ALLEN TWINS ARE GROWERS--As witness this 70-inch-in-circumference pumpkin they grew in the gardens of their grandfather, James Noe, this summer. They have a big batch of jumbo pumpkins, most measuring nearly as big as this one. Geoffrey Allen rolled the monster out for the Messenger camera Saturday afternoon. Messenger photo

full-time firemen also became E. M. T.s. At present, Harry is running for Trustee for Lansing Township for a four-year term of office. He is the son of Gerald and Mabel Dent of Weidman.

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LOCAL SENIORS ENJOY NIAGARA FALLS

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth and Mrs. Claribel Beutler were among 48 Senior Citizens spending three days in Canada last week, visiting Niagara Falls.

They spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday enjoying a beautiful trip in beautiful weather.

Mrs. Beutler took in the Needle Tower overlooking Niagara Falls, then they all visited the Maid of the Mist on the boat ride.

They also took the cable car over the gorge and back.

Those who took the western trip and the Niagara Falls trip will get together this fall, and everyone will have a chance to see pictures taken by members of the group.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith Sunday afternoon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. David Wood of Lansing, a son, Joel Micah. Mrs. Wood was Mona Pitts. The baby was transferred to the hospital in Kalamazoo for treatment of a breathing problem.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips spent Friday in Midland, visiting her sister, Maude Boulton. They had supper with their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine.

Walter J. Smith picked fresh peas from his garden last week, and the family enjoyed the unusual event.

Mrs. Bessie Price of Mt. Pleasant returned to her home in Mt. Pleasant Monday, after spending the weekend with her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey. They all called on Mrs. Hattie Losey and Jessie Rosencrantz during the weekend.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Bobbie Oplinger attended the funeral of Leslie Zeitler at Merrill Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Tiani and Eugene and Donna and Mr. and Mrs. Al Tiani were Sunday guests of the Sterling Oplingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cummins were Saturday guests of his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hines of Auburn, Ind., were weekend guests of the Pete Wood family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ergo of Royal Oak were weekend guests at the Jim Thompson home. The Chuck Wilsons of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests.

Sunday dinner guests at the Charlie Losey home, to celebrate Hattie's birthday, were Harold Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Ther-

on Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Patti, Gary and Beth, and Mrs. Susie Chapman and Chad and Jason. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey, Mrs. Bessie Price, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz and Danny and Traci were Tuesday supper guests at the Charlie Losey home. Floyd Dutcher was a caller also. Mrs. Violet Oplinger was a Thursday afternoon caller.

Mrs. Daisy Embrey, Mrs Bessie Price and Mrs. Ardis Merrihew called on me Sunday afternoon.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Laura Latham attended the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dell of Lit-

tlefield Lake Sunday. Laura visited her sister, Rosie Leiter, Wednesday afternoon.

Carol Abbott, Monica Parker, Violet Carr and Jennie Eldridge visited Ruth Ouder Kirk at the Alma Hospital last Thursday.

Mercel Graham and Elvah Gott visited Ruth Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen called on us Monday evening.

Several ladies attended our Birthday Club meeting at Wanda Graham's home last Tuesday.

Debi Graham took us for a drive Saturday. We attended a sale west of Farwell, and called on our son, Dick Gott, and family.

Judy Abbott had surgery last Thursday for gallstones, returning home Monday. She was doing fine.

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Wanda and Deb Graham and Lela Johnson visited Mrs. Gail Sowle Monday evening.



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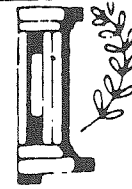
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HENRY SCHAFER

Henry J. Schafer of Beal City died last Thursday, Sept. 23, at CMC Hospital after an illness of nine months. He was 86.

He was born Sept. 24, 1889, in Nottawa Township, where he spent his life. He had made his home for many years with Mrs. Andrew (Rose) Schafer. He was a member of St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church of Beal City.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Joseph (Rose) Schafer, of Lansing, and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant, with interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Beal City.

A rosary service was held Friday evening at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant.

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Many in this area will remember the Smiths, especially Maude and Marie, from their years as Weidman residents and also as Sherman farm residents.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank our many relatives, neighbors and friends for the wonderful cards, flowers, food and prayers; Doctors Dearing and Berndt, Shepherd Clinic, Gratiot Community Hospital, and staff; men and women of the Moose Lodge No. 195 for the dinner;

Garber-Berry Funeral Home, pallbearers, Nellie Gilmore, Rev. Joseph Dudley for his comforting words; and all the many acts of kindness sent to us during the loss of our wife and mother.

Frank Roethlisberger

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Violet Wright called on her sister-in-law, Edna Wallace, and husband, and had dinner with them Friday. Violet entered CMC Hospital Monday and was scheduled for surgery the first of the week. She and Russell attended a party in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Bonnie Forbes put on a party Sunday afternoon in honor of her son Dannie's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and family of Petoskey attended a party for a friend in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening, and then spent Sunday with her mother, Eunice La Londe.

Cora Beers and Fern Verette left Sunday morning, joining a Senior Citizens tour through the Eastern States, leaving from Mid Michigan College near Harrison.

Sunday callers of Carl and Ellen Geasler included Mr. and Mrs. Jack Faulds of Florida and Flossie Forbes, Russell Graham and son, Mark Graham, and girl friend.

Carl and Ellen attended the 60th wedding anniversary honoring Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dell of Littlefield Lake Sunday at the Gilmore Church of Christ.

Don Lee of Grand Rapids called on his aunt, Jane Fields, and uncle, Tony Bartley, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields and family of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Faulds of Florida have been spending some time with her mother, Flossie Forbes, and other relatives.

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Caroline Sowels and Connie Bushre had a late lunch at the home of Wanda Graham last Tuesday evening.

Coldwater Lake

Beryl Beck, Reporter

The Coldwater Lake Association will hold a pot-luck dinner at the 4-H Camp Friday, Oct. 1, at 6.30. Please come. Bring a dish to pass and own table service.

The trophies and prizes for the fishing contest will be awarded.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson attended a birthday party for their daughter, Marilyn Powers, of Shepherd, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Nina Forbes was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bahr of Mt. Pleasant, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Brien were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes spent the weekend in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barbour of Lansing spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts. The Barbours are moving to Minneapolis, where he will work for a firm in architecture. He has worked with them since August.

J. J. Simons of near Brinton visited the Richard Touchinski family last Thursday. Mrs. Jude Simons and Kenneth Bowen and Davy were Sunday visitors.

Mrs. Helen Smith spent last Wednesday with Isabel Sisco of Farwell. She spent Thursday with Flora Wood and Eva Den-slow in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Ula Cummins was a Wednesday business caller in Ashley and Ithaca.

James Neubecker of Lansing spent Monday with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Keiffer and friend of Wayne visited his folks, Mr. and Mrs. George Keiffer, last week.

Beal City JV's football team won over McBain last Thursday night, 20-0. The Varsity team also won over McBain Friday night, 28-2. Go, Aggies!

Sherry Reihl, Deb Rau and Sue Fox were callers of Kathy Pung Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen called on Mr. and Mrs. William Trowbridge and family Sunday afternoon.

Fred Gould's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Collinson, of Midland, and Mrs. Don Gould visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family Thursday.

Henry Schafer died last Thursday. He would have been 87 years old last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould visited Dave Goffnet Friday evening.

Dale Rau of Gregory was home over the weekend.

Marie Laubenthal, Mr. and Mrs. John Stik and Mrs. Beatrice Trude of Lake City visited Dora Smith and other relatives around Beal City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Gould Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann enjoyed a color tour Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Bunting have moved into their new house on West River Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer en-

tertained their club Thursday evening.

Mrs. Jim Barz hosted a bridal shower for Jean Barz Sunday.

Rebecca Jean Faber, daughter of Gerald and Carol Faber, was baptized last Sunday.

St. Henry's Church of Rosebush had its chicken dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schafer and Clarence and Rose Schafer of Lansing attended the funeral of Henry Schafer. Doris Tilmann also attended the funeral.

Al Klumpp was in Jackson Friday.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Jerry Schafer home in Mt. Pleasant.

Al Klumpp spent Saturday in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cahill of Belding attended the funeral of Henry Schafer.

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In the Editor's Mail

Aug. 11-76

Yes, it was nice to see old friends at the celebration (Weidman Day), but I will have to agree with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Wilson. It was wild!

And the ptiiful part was to see little children carrying beer cans around and drinking it.

Knowing the effects of this on their young lives, I don't think we should take this lightly.

Eva Denslow
1 Mosher Street
Mt. Pleasant

(Editor's Note: Sorry, Eva--We lost your letter, that is the typed version, ready for pasteup, then found it weeks later, then lost it again. We just now discovered your original letter, which we present herewith.)

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Hi, Connie:

Hope this finds you well. I am late again, but here's my check for the paper. We sure enjoy it. Hope you can keep on sending it.

We had an unusual summer. Glad we didn't get the bad storm. But we need rain bad.

Fall is on us now, and we plan on going South later. Keep well.

Bessie Latham
Remus

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Dear Connie:

I must tell you of an unusual incident that happened on Sept. 18th.

My sisters, along with Bert and me, motored to Grand Rapids to attend a pot-luck dinner at the home of relatives in nearby Grandville.

However, the relatives neg-

lected to inform us they had moved.

So naturally, we drove in, laden with food, to the old address.

The young couple living there were very cordial to us. Bert went in to call the relatives, while the young couple invited us all inside, even gave us steaming cups of coffee, talking and laughing with us like close friends.

The young man said if he had known we were coming with food, he would have brought out the picnic table.

The young couple even apologized because their house was not neat, as they both work nights, and had slept in later that morning.

In this day and age, it's refreshing to find such a beautiful couple.

We were so thrilled over their

extreme kindness, we forgot their names--but we sure have their number!

Mabel Chaffee
Weidman

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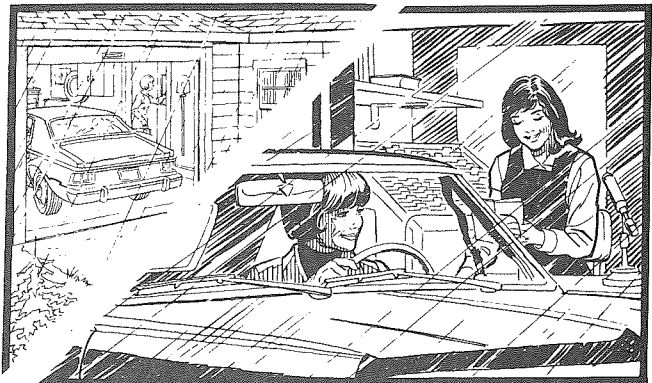
NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Joe Kane took her husband to Veterans Memorial Hospital in Saginaw last Thursday. Joe was to undergo tests and x-rays, after an illness of three weeks. The Kanes moved here in July. Joe has been ailing for some time, suffering from arthritis among other ailments.

Mrs. Dale Bywater of Midland was a Friday afternoon caller of Mrs. Ethel Bywater.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Skinner of Swartz Creek were Thursday afternoon visitors of Connie Skinner.

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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Miss Eileen Beitz has been a house guest of the Paddocks of Pequena Drive the past two weeks. Miss Beitz is from Hamilton, Ont., and is enjoying her visit here at Lake Isabella.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens of Sequoia Drive and Mr. and Mrs. Beattie of Crown Point Drive are back, after their week's jaunt down to Nashville. They stopped along the way to visit the Beatties' son in Jonesville and Mr. Stevens' brother in Kentucky. The highlight of their trip was "The Grand Old Opera" and "Operaland". They took all available tours and saw many of the country music stars and their homes. On one of the tours they went to the home of Johnny Cash, and he just happened to be outside, and waved to the ladies. On the return trip they went through "My Old Kentucky Home," an old southern mansion in Bardstown, Ky., famous because it happens to be the place where Stephen Foster was staying at the time he wrote his first song, "Oh Suzanna!"

Introducing another new neighbor here in Mobile Home Area: Tony and Rita Gregh, 130 Siesta

Lane. Up on a hill amongst the trees.

I am glad to report that Otto is recovering remarkably well from his surgery, but will be in the hospital a few more days. My sister Faye from Lansing has been with me during Otto's stay in the hospital. Last Thursday the 23rd, our son Edwin and our granddaughter Rachel from DeWitt came to visit and celebrate Edwin's 30th birthday. The visit gave us all a big lift.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and family spent Sunday with her folks in St. Johns, attending church with them, and the Homecoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family visited the Forrest Johnston family of Rosebush Sunday afternoon.

Betty Dutcher came home from CMC Hospital Monday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., attended the 60th wedding reception for Pearl and Lawrence Dell Sunday.

Ervin Dutcher, Jr., was a Sunday evening caller of his folks.

Ervin and Ronna Dutcher visited the Don Harshmans of Coldwater Lake Sunday.

Bob and Julia Dutcher were

Thursday evening callers of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mrs. Pearl Case and sister, Elizabeth Hilderbranch, and Barbara Dutcher attended the 25th wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keiser of Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wernette of Greenville and Steve Dutcher visited the Brian Dutchers Sunday.

Ronna and Sandra Dutcher visited the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Dutcher of Mt. Pleasant visited us Sunday afternoon.

The Dutchers, Barbara, Bonnie, Julia and I, attended a bridal shower for Denise Yuncker last Tuesday evening at the Richard Yuncker home.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family visited the Wanda Graham family, and also the John Gotts, Sunday, after bringing their daughter back home from a weekend in Stanton.

The Main Squeeze rock band manned by Paul, Carl and Alan Snider donated their services to the Band Boosters' dance at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City Saturday evening. They drew a really good crowd.

John Looman of Grand Rapids and George Looman of rural Remus were Sunday dinner guests of R. D. and Jennie Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant and Bill Sprague of Weidman were callers.

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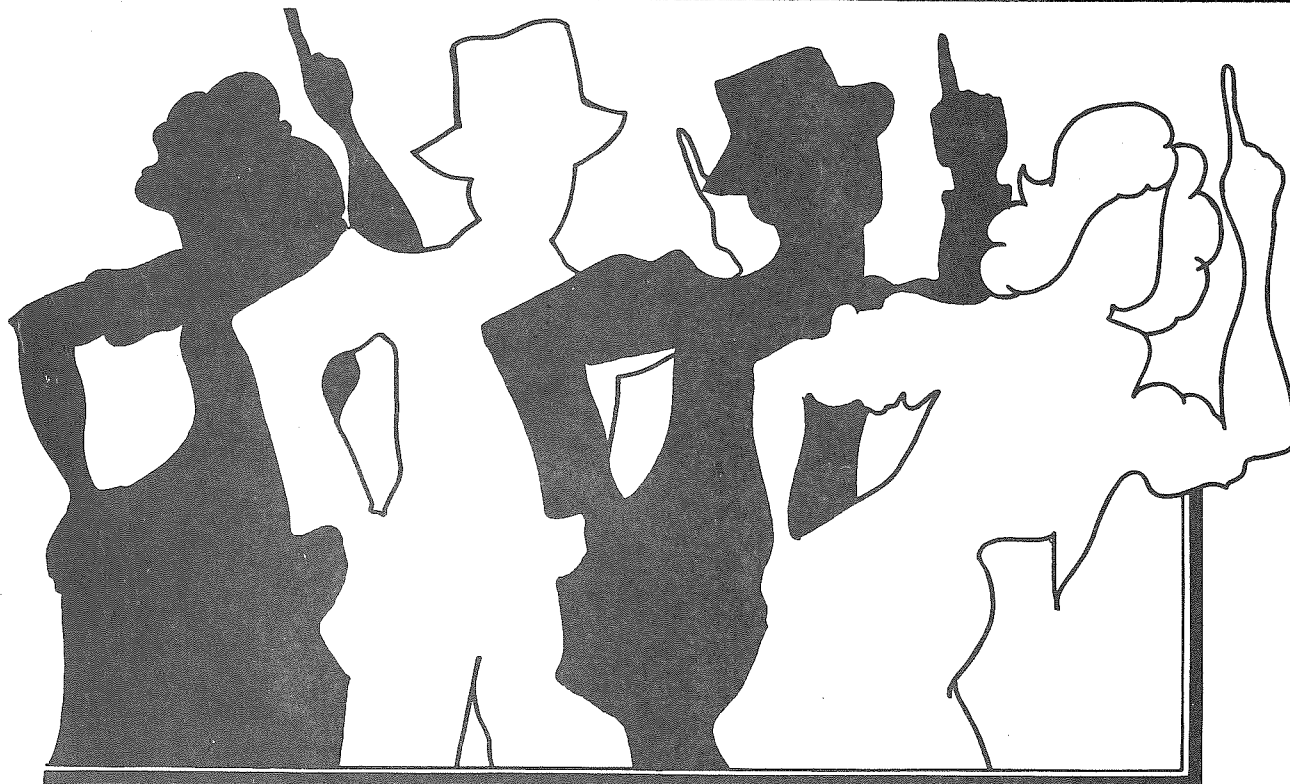
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Mr. and Mrs. Edgar E. Reed of Evert will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an Open House Oct. 2, this Saturday, at the Evert Town Hall, from 1 to 5 p.m. The event will be hosted by the couple's children. Edgar Reed attended the old Weidman School across the river, in the old days, and the Reed family is well known here. They now make their home in Evert. The family requests no gifts, please.

West Gilmore

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes of Harrison were Sunday guests of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes. They brought him a nice load of wood. Supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pfannes were Mr. and Mrs. Da Kripa and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma.

Mrs. Ben Dean called on her sister, Mrs. Larry Straus, Thursday.

Saturday Paul, Lena and Velma Cole, and Mrs. Helen Allbee went to Vassar to the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewert. Mrs.

Ewing and daughter, Connie, took Lena, Velma and Helen to Teen Ranch, near Kingston, where Dale Evans Rogers appeared in person. She put on a wonderful program. Needless to say, how wonderful! The cars were backed up way back, and people were walking. Dale got out of the car she was riding in, put her arms around Velma in her wheelchair, and kissed her. Velma will never forget.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon are putting a new cement floor in their garage.

Larry and Jerry Straus and Bill Riley went north on a fishing trip for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk entertained their daughter, Deb-

bie, and friend from Detroit, most of the week. They also had their daughter, Cindy, and husband, and April. They were from Texas.

The Birthday Club was held at the home of Wanda Graham last Tuesday with nine regular members and Lela Johnson of Punta Gorda, Florida, a guest, who joined the club for dinner.

A Bicentennial birthday party

A Bicentennial "76" birthday party was held for Mrs. Eva Gray, 317 N. Franklin, on Sunday, Sept. 19. The celebration dinner was hosted by her grandchildren John and Teresa Yardly, 301 Grand.

Mrs. Gray was born and spent her early childhood and adult years near Sherman City in Isabella Co. Her grandparents homesteaded near Remus in Mecosta Co. She moved to Mt. Pleasant three years ago, attends the First United Methodist Church, Senior Citizens and enjoys the community very much.

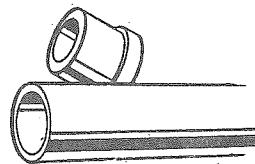
Three sons, Duane and Loren Gray of Mt. Pleasant, Maxel of Midland and a daughter Emma Ley of Newago, were present. Also attending were grandchildren and great grandchildren from Weidman, Saginaw, Grand Rapids and Mt. Pleasant.

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