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Editor's Column

By Connie

WE'RE TURNING THIS SPACE OVER TO OTHER WRITERS

Dear Connie,

Seems as how September is just around the corner, so here is my check for another year.

Your issue came today with your column about the Gilmore gathering. I dare you to print some of the "other pictures" you took! Keep fighting, ol' gal!

I'm a bit "down" just now. X-rays reveal the arthritis has practically deprived me of a lower spine. ALL pads between vertebrae are gone, and the vertebrae are practically "rattling around". Right knee and hip are both frozen, causing a second curvature. Left hip sticks out like a compound fracture.

My doctor says NO one would dare risk surgery to fuse the vertebrae because of my heart and circulation problems. He is trying to get me into UCLA Medical Center to find help to ease the severe pain. It's very difficult for me to walk, even on crutches, but on most days I manage to help with light housework and baby-sitting.

Wish you could see our little girls. Sarah was two years old in June, and passes most four-year tests. She is a perfect blonde. Rachael is eight months old, and and all over the house--walking by hanging onto furniture. Her latest stunt is to wave her right hand in the air and display a wide grin whenever she catches my eye. She is a perfect red-head, but her blue eyes are darker than Sarah's. When the house is full of young cousins, she is right in the middle, fighting her own battles. Any older child who takes a toy from her is in for trouble.

Hope you aren't feeling your age too much. Enjoy your four-week vacation each year. After all, I'll soon be 79, and they ain't got me yet.

Love,

(Continued on Back Page)



350 BICYCLISTS GO THROUGH WEIDMAN--Friday morning as they head for the Mackinac Bridge to take part in the annual Labor Day "walkover". They came not in caravans, but carefully and sensibly, in twos and threes, taking back roads (which are paved, of course, in this day and age) to avoid the Labor Day weekend traffic.

Messenger photo

Above are Larry Hollenbeck of Brighton and Joe Rabadoux of Mason, about to take off from the Weidman Drive In Restaurant after a brief rest.

Overnight stops were made at CMU's athletic field, where they camped out; and from here they were heading for Farwell and thence to Kirtland University in St. Helen, then a Cheboygan County park near Wolverine, and their final resting spot at St. Ignace.

The bicycle caravan was originated by Sen. Dick Allen and thereafter christened DALMAC, meaning "Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinac Bicycle Ride." The annual event is sparked by Allen's legislative interest in a bicycle registration bill which he hopes to get passed this autumn.

Rapid growth of bicycling popularity has led to a great increase

in traffic accidents and cycle thefts, and Allen believes that registration of all bicycles would be a means of deterring thefts especially, and help in recovery of stolen bikes.

The DALMAC ride has become so popular that participation is now limited. Applications for 1977 already are being taken at Sen. Allen's Lansing address at the State Capitol.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson, Jr. (Whit and Anne), and small son, David, were Sunday guests of their grandmother, Frances Tranbarger. The Wilsons brought hamburgers, and Frances furnished potato salad, tomatoes and canteloupe from her garden and Connie Skinner joined them at dinner.

EDNA BOWEIN'S HOME BROKEN INTO, RANSACKED

Edna Bowein spent from last week Monday till Wednesday in Greenville, and when she returned she found her home had been broken into and the house ransacked.

Two metal strong-boxes were stolen, but they contained nothing but Edna's personal papers: deeds, other personal papers. The only money in it was some old silver dollars dated back before 1944, and banks have been notified of the theft of them.

State Police were notified, and found a back window had been left unlocked, though it was high off the ground, and entry had been made by knocking out the screens.

Police found two pairs of male hose, short kids' socks, evidently used to prevent fingerprints, according to police. The socks were found in the garage, which also was broken into. A case of beer was stolen from the garage.

Edna found the door to her bedroom open, upon her arrival home, and the place a shambles.

She said that police believe the thieves knew she was away from home.

She is offering a reward for return of the two metal safe-boxes containing papers of no value to anyone but herself; or knowledge of their whereabouts.

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MARIJUANA HARVESTED (BY SHERIFF'S OFFICERS) NEAR SHERMAN CITY, MONDAY

Sheriff's officers harvested a big pickup truckload of marijuana on Allen Road, just three houses north of Sherman City town, Monday.

Warrants have been issued for Verna Patricia Freeman of Allen Road, Weidman Route 1 address, and also for Richard Donald Stanke, same address.

Officers said the crop was seven feet tall, and totally filled the capacity of a pickup truck used to take it to the Sheriff's Department in Mt. Pleasant for evidence and eventual destruction.

A deputy said apparently harvest had just begun, as there was a bunch of stalks stacked up like a corn-shock, the leaves stripped off.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

CONLEY PLACE DESIGNATED CENTENNIAL FARM

The farm owned by Otis and Vada Conley has been designated as a Centennial Farm by the Division of Michigan History.

The farm has been in the possession of the family since 1875, purchased originally by Peter Conley, grandfather of Otis.

Helen Strang and girls spent some time with her mother, Eu-

nice La Londe, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Moore and Irma Scott and Ula La Londe were also Thursday callers.

The Senior Citizens met at the Brinton Hall Thursday, with a good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Laing of Detroit spent Tuesday with Dad and me, returning home Wednesday.

Fern Verette attended a ball game at Detroit Saturday. Sunday she and Echo Godwin and boys attended the celebration at Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holland and family of Grand Rapids

spent Sunday with their mother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Tony Bartley.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright were in Grand Rapids one day during the week, and took their granddaughter, Mickey Slupe, home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beers and grandson, Pat, and Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Spence returned home during the week from Canada, where they spent two weeks fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe attended the chicken dinner at Beal City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Teeter spent Sunday with their mother, Edna Teeter, and also the Earl Place family, where they had a family get-together and dinner. Ruth Teeter and family of Clare also attended.

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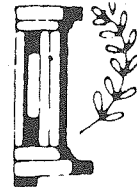
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Sept. 2yt1

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Sept. 9t1

Card of Thanks

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Dr. Nagler and nurses and staff for the excellent care during my stay at Central Michigan Community Hospital.

Also thanks to my friends and relatives for the flowers and cards and visits.

Lucille Zeien

Poet's Corner

Alma Dosenberry

SUMMER

The summer comes, the summer goes,
And though we've planned all year
On taking time to sit and swing,
And listen to the birdies sing,
Our days are filled with work and fuss,
And we discover Fall is here.

THE POLITICAL SCENE

The Politicians are out in force
With promise of pie in the sky.
They would cure Society's ills,
Of course,
If given the chance to try.

They'd give to the poor, the old, the lame.
They'd rebuild the cities and towns.
But it's a dirty, crying shame
That taxes don't come down.

The voters want to believe it's true
When they hear the promises made.
They'd like their cake and eat it, too,
So change to the new plans laid.

The programs come and the voters pay,
And the Country seems to get worse.
When four years roll along the way
They are kicked out with a curse.

Card of Thanks

The family of Hermione Smith wish to express their many thanks to the doctors and nurses at CMC Hospital, and also at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility.

A special Thank You to the Crittenden Funeral Home, Fr. Don Dueueke for their comforting words; Shirley Weber, the organist; the six grandsons who acted as pallbearers; the three grandsons who were servers at the funeral, and their mother, Louise Smith, who did the reading;

Thanks for the Mass cards, the flower arrangements and plants, and the many sympathy cards.

Thank You to the ladies who brought in food and served the luncheon after the funeral;

A very special Thank You to Ed and Agnes Fox for their thoughtfulness and kindness, during the loss of our dear mother.

May God bless you all.

The Family of
Hermione Smith

NEWS NOTES FROM THE BROOMFIELD AREA

Carl Cook was a patient in the Mt. Pleasant Hospital, following surgery.

Mrs. Nettie Crowley was hostess to the Birthday Club last Thursday, with five ladies present.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Duerrstein of California, Mrs. Louise Gerber and sister, Helen Hummel of Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Montgomery of Morrice, Mich., Mrs. Lorraine Schultz of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Eight Point, all have been visitors of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold during the summer.

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the Churches

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All are invited to attend.
Services begin at 7 p.m. each evening.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie--

It has been a long time since we were girls together. I always remember you with pleasure.

I am enclosing a clipping from the Flint Journal. Thought you might like to use it. If not, it is O. K.

Dr. Rathburn is our son, and he used to spend much of his summer vacations with Ray and Edith Gillett. He is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Gillett.

He has made quite a name for himself in the Emergency Medical field, and is nationally known.

I hope that everything is going well for you and yours. Merle and I have some problems with our age.

Sincerely,
Queena Rathburn
1706 Laurel Oak Dr.
Flint, Mich. 48507

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QUEENA RATHBURN'S SON TO TRAIN FLINT EMERGENCY UNITS IN FIRE DEPARTMENT (From the Flint Journal)

Flint fire fighters will soon begin emergency medical technician training as a first step toward what may become a municipal ambulance service.

Training will be Directed by Dr. Robert J. Rathburn (son of Merle and Queena (Gillett) Rathburn), president of the Genesee County Medical Society and head of a corporation providing emergency room physicians at McLaren-General and St. Joseph Hospitals, and Dr. Nancy Furstenberg, director of medical education at McLaren, and a specialist in internal medicine.

Dr. Rathburn said that members of the county medical society have offered to help in specialized aspects of the training.

Much of the training, other than specialized medical problems, will be done by qualified fire department instructors. Doctors will teach lessons requiring more advanced medical knowledge.

The first part of the instruction, with 10 lessons of three hours each, will be taught at the fire stations.

Instruction will continue through cardiology and advanced medical technology. When the first phase of instruction is completed, the fire department will send pumpers with life-support equipment on all emergency calls from the Genesee County Communications Center.

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THE CHIPPEWA HILLS MARCHING BAND--As it appeared here last Memorial Day in the magazine "Pro!", official publication of the National Football League, in at Pontiac Stadium at half-time in the recent game between the Detroit Lions (margin), and the band did itself proud at the game.

The 150-member marching band is winning distinction for itself this summer, representing the Chippewa Hills Consolidated Schools area, a tract comprising 387 square miles and four towns, besides countrysides in between.

The magazine gave the band a good sendoff, including the information that it has been invited to appear at the Orange Bowl in Miami shortly after New Year's.

Members of the marching band include the following:

Flutes: Mary Bommarito, Diane Flaughter, Becky Guith, Beth Krueger, Kelly Myers, Diane Royer, Patti Stevens, and Sue Winkler.

Oboe: Cathy Miller.

Clarinets: Karil Clark, Pat Dewitt, Rita Doerr, Terry Frantz, Jan Gingrich, Teresa Loomis, Debbie McDonald, Julie Navarre, Julie Ranshaw, Dawn Royer, Margaret Starr, Kay Stickler, Chris Tice, Julie Williams, Mary Wood.

Bass clarinets: Tony Findley, Kathy Lett.

Bassoon: Shelly Hansen.

Alto Sax: Robin Doerr, Marsha Gregory, Debbie Graham, Marc Hassen.

Tenor Sax: Chris Hawkins, Dick Place.

Baritone Sax: Jodie Sprague.

French Horns: Lisa Hines, Nancy Hogg, Gwen Kile, Dave Lyon, Jerry McPherson.

Cornets: Stephanie Baughn, Bob Hansen, Joan Howard, Wes Scott, Joe Smith, Brenda Taylor.

Trumpets: Shawn Johnson, Pete Nellis.

Trombones: Lee Chipman, Craig Griffiths, Rich Hurley, Pete Smith.

Baritones: Leighton Chapman, Risa Fiorillo, Naaman Huffman.

Tubas: Dave Smith, Neil Strong.

Percussion: Mike Gardner, Jeff Hatfield, Jim Kowaleski, Mark Krueger, Randy Nowlin, Russ Riley.

Monday of this week the band journeyed to Manton to take part in the Marching Festival, a contest of high school bands.

We also have a Concert Band, whose members include:

Flutes: Linda Brown, Kim Cummings, Kathy Esh, Karla Hassen, Barb Havens, Diane Maneke, Lois Meeker, Sue Rice.

Oboes: Michelle Fanning, Martha Fanning.

Clarinets: Tina Case, Jamie Denslow, Karen Doerr, Yvonne Harvey, Sherry Newcomb, Cheryl Potter, Kim Randall, Jeanette Reihl, Becky Richter, Peggy Simon, Tami Simon, Lenny Snider, Calvin Jackson, Linda Wilmot, Laurie Wixon.

Bass Clarinets: Mary Eichenberg, Johanna Ray.

Alto Sax: Vicky Esh, Stella Grier, Tim McNeilly, Don Rorrick, Cleo Todd.

Tenor Sax: Edie Burden, Brigitte Dague.

Baritone Sax: Jodie Sprague.

Bassoon: Maureen Bott, Shelly Hansen.

French Horns: Karen Dutcher, Leanna Gilbert, Connie Helms, Jo Karcher, Heide Sterm.

Cornets: Don Alwood, Andy Blanz, Mark Blanz, Al Crystal, Marty Place, Mark Navarre, Amber Quisenberry, Rick Randall, Ron Repke, Kathy Schuberg.

Trombones: Dave Conley, John Davy, Steve Gatehouse, Rich Karcher, Joe Michol, Brian Parks.

Baritones: Duane Karcher, Mike Krueger, Les Shenk.

Tubas: Rod Cook, Chris Embrey, Tom Johnson.

Percussion: Jill Dargitz, Carrie Griffiths, Derrick Howard, Chuck Shrieve, Jim Walters, Dawn

Ward.

The Chippewa Hills Band Boosters, parents of kids in the band, have been working overtime this summer earning money for new uniforms and the wherewithal to send the band to the Orange Bowl if it should be a final selection.

Car washes, auction sales, celebration and fair-time stands, etc., have been managed by the parents with the kids pitching in to help.

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SHERIFF CALLS ATTENTION TO SCHOOL BUS RULES

Sheriff Don Gillis has been calling attention to the fact that schools are back in session and buses carrying the world's most precious cargo--your children--are on the roads.

Part of the responsibility, the Sheriff says, is that of parents, to insure that their children arrive at bus stops on time mornings, and to accept joint responsibility with school authorities for proper conduct of their children.

The Sheriff suggests that all citizens of Isabella County comply with the Michigan School Bus law. It requires all vehicles to stop, from either direction, for any school bus loading or unloading, whether buses are on main traveled portions of highways or on the shoulders. Drivers may not proceed, the Sheriff points out, until the flashing lights on the bus are turned off and the bus resumes motion.

Compliance with the law will assist Isabella County police agencies in maintaining a safer county in which to raise our kids. His slogan is, "Courtesy, Care and Common Sense."

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BETTER THAN A LETTER



The band got a nice writeup and two pictures in the Sept. 2 issue, showing the band as it appeared at the Baltimore Colts (the Lions won by a wide



TROPHIES FROM MAN TION--Monday the Chippewa Hills Band competed with other school bands for two trophies, which our kids brought home. The trophies were awards for best band and best marching event. The parade was at 9 a. m., with the band putting on a show for the grandstand at 11.30. The band received a wonderful reception by 10,000 people, James Yarrick, director reported. Messenger photo

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Fran Schafer and Louise Schafer went to West Branch Sunday to see Sr. Margaret Schafer.

Orrie Farner called on Louise Schafer Sunday evening.

Mrs. Norman Schafer and Mrs. Mike Schafer called on Louise Schafer Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Schafer of

Coldwater Lake called on Tillie Schafer Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer spent the weekend with relatives in Traverse City.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp made a business trip to Lansing Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer of Winn and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Tillie Schafer.

Rev. Fr. Nocker of Jackson and his mother, Mrs. Frank Nocker, called on Tillie Schafer Sunday

afternoon.

The Herman Grinzinger family had their reunion at Harrison Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Davis had their daughter baptized Sunday. Her name is Jennifer Lynn.

Mrs. Betsy Rau had a baby shower for Mrs. Joyce Riley's new baby Saturday evening.

Mrs. Bob Kranz of Howell spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Helen Simmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith visited Anne Smith this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Smith went to St. Clair to visit Mr. and Mrs. Duane Hoffman and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wawersik and Jute Bierschbach went on the bus with the Senior Citizens from around here, to Nashville, Tenn., this weekend.

Father Nocker and Mrs. Lena Nocker visited relatives around here Sunday, and enjoyed the chicken barbecue put on by the Knights of Columbus.

Harriette Smith has been in CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen and family visited Anne Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen visited

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge of Midland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge and Brandy visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Saturday.

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BEAL CITY SENIORS

HAVE 15 1/2 TABLES IN PLAY

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 15 1/2 tables of pepper in play.

Gertrude Gross won first prize for the ladies, with Coletta Gross second and Norah Gruss low.

For the men, Emil Phillips won first prize, with Bill Appelgreen second and Julius Schumacher low.

Matie Pung won the pepper prize, Wilbur Benn the door prize.

Rolls and coffee were served for refreshments.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Sept. 16. Everyone is invited.

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In the Editor's Mail

After reading your article--I think that's what it was supposed to be--on our Women's Music Festival in August 26th's copy of the Weidman Messenger, I feel compelled to reply and set you and the people of Weidman straight on what happened the weekend of the Festival because if that's what your eyes saw, then perhaps you need a change of perscription or a new outlook on life. I live in Weidman and feel very bad about the distorted and untrue observations you passed on to your readers.

To read about us, all members of the same sex you are part of, would make one think there was a gathering of cannibals waiting at the 'Manned' gates, ready to pick passersby off and hypnotize them, drag them away into the jungle to be boiled in a steaming pot and eaten. Perhaps if you hadn't been so afraid of being a "Weidman woman recruit to the cult", or being molested by "attack dogs on leashes" and stayed long enough to find out the why's to some of the things you as a supposed objective journalist should have found out and reported accurately, then this reply wouldn't have been necessary.

No one, including the Chippewa Hills Courier family, received any brochures concerning the Festival. It may have been gotten at the Millbrook Co-Operative Food Store, where a small amount were distributed. We didn't advertise for fear of the harrassment we could expect from local men. Certainly we didn't expect it from you.

The good men of Weidman and surrounding areas didn't disappoint us. At three o'clock and 4 o'clock in the morning, men were still driving by, jumping over our rented fences and property on horseback, camping out with campfires across the road, shouting obscenities and in general being men. They acted as if they had never seen a women's naked body, and in the daytime they were either driving by or just lined up on Battle Road, with binoculars or their eyeballs popping out of their heads. We were also visited by a certain red, white and blue airplane that I'm sure was flying illegally low over our site. The pilot, we discovered and later reported, was being paid by local men to go up for a plane ride with their cameras and binoculars to get a piece of the action. Also, our women cleaned up after themselves and picked up their garbage, but all along Battle and Littlefield Road, there were beer cans strewn thoughtlessly. Can you now understand why there was no advertising As it

was, we had to split up into various groups to form a 24 hour vigil at the gates to protect ourselves from the local men. We weren't bothering anyone and felt it unfair to have to be bothered, scared and harrassed all weekend. If anything, 2,500 women from all over the country have now heard of Weidman, Mich. and spent plenty of their money here and at Beal City.

As for "attack" dogs on leashes, women were asked not to bring pets, but some did and were told to keep them on leash, mainly because of the food and children. Maybe because some were larger than beagles, you considered them dangerous.

Some of your other descriptions leave me baffled. I wonder what you mean by, "tacky-looking women," or "clean-looking, normal-looking college-looking girls.?"

The biggest surprise to us was how you could say, "last week's Chippewa Hills Courier billed the affair straight as a 'music festival,' which it obviously was anything but." You and Bud Fredrickson arrived before noon and high-tailed it out of there, not even daring to pass the registration booth, before you had a chance to understand why all these women were there. Music didn't start until noon and con-

tinued for 3 days and 2 nights. Very talented women from all over the country flew in to play their instruments and sing their songs.

Something else that amazes me is the emphasis you place on women "peeling off" their tops and "wandering about aimlessly, some rather glassy-eyed but doing nothing but walk slowly. It was a cool morning." Well, if you consider 90 to 100 degree weather cool and it strange for people to be peeling off their clothes and walking slowly in such heat, then you must have been born in the Mojave Desert.

I don't know if you got permission from Tom Mulcahay to list him as the taxpayer of the land and state the information you wrote, But I hope you did because otherwise it was surely none of your business to do so.

The two photographs you decided to run are not only a disgrace to you as a photographer and your paper, but also so indistinguishable, they are worthless. Did you receive model releases from the women themselves, from the women you photographed? If the women were able to recognize themselves, I hope for your sake they don't somehow get an issue of the Messenger.

The only bad thing to come out of the festival beside your article

and the behavior of the local men, for which I was appalled and ashamed, was the incident you mentioned in Bud's Party' Store involving "immaculate, petite, earnest and honest Leona Riley." I didn't hear of it until after the Festival and was very upset about the one woman spitting in Leona's face. The organizers are sorry and do not condone spitting in anyone's face, but we cannot be held responsible for every woman's actions.

As for your last statement concerning your feelings about the Music Festival, we women from Mt. Pleasant and surrounding areas who all worked so hard to make the Festival the success it was also feel "insulted, angry and besmirched" about the article. I would like you to print this letter of reply in the next issue of the Messenger so not only you, but the people in the area get a better understanding of what happened there. I feel it is important.

Thank-you

Julie Schaum
Box 335
Weidman, Mich.
(Ojibwa Recreation Area)

Glad to give you nearly a page of space for reply, Julie. Your letter tells more than my article.
Editor



Lake Isabella champs

In its recent Championship Golf Tournament. You'll recognize some faces.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Tim Workman was a Thursday supper guest at the Jim Thompson home. Tim is from St. Louis.

Jim Strong was a caller at the Thompson home Thursday.

Janice Lepinsky was a weekend guest at the Joe Martin home. Mrs. McMann and two daughters were Sunday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Adra Reed were also Sunday guests of the Martins.

Gary and Donna and Eugene Tiani spent the weekend with their grandparents, the Sterling Oplingers.

Monroe Beckwith was a Thursday caller at the Alva Cummins home. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and family spent Saturday with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills, Mrs. Wendy Whitman and her son, D. J., and their son, Mike Wood, and Lee Flory were weekend callers at the Pete Wood home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and family and Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and her grandchildren spent Sunday at the Mack Denslow home.

Ray Fahnstock of Taylor spent the weekend with his folks, the Charles Fahnstocks.

Mabel Dent is home after spending two weeks in the Alma Hospital, where she underwent surgery. Callers at the Dent home were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller, Mrs. Janet Dent and children. Janet and children spent from Thursday till Sunday with Jerry and Mabel.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck were callers at the Jerry Dent home during the past week. Mabel reported that all their children had called on them about every day.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock were Monday callers at the Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were last Tuesday callers. Charles Kinsman was a Wednesday caller. Monroe Beckwith and Floyd Dutcher were Thursday supper guests.

Mrs. Freda Schuman and Mrs. Loni Newman called on Hattie Losey and me last Tuesday. Gerald and Marilyn Losey stayed with their folks Friday. Theron and Ardis Merrihew spent the weekend with their folks.

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In the Editor's Mail

Hi, Connie!
Enclosed you will find a check for \$11 to renew my subscription for another year.

Sure would miss my paper.

Mary V. Bates

Saginaw

LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Another beautiful holiday--especially for those taking a final vacation fling for this summer. I notice our camping area full with perfect weather for camping. Many sightseers were noticed around the area. Also many living here have had many visitors. We have a beautiful area, to be enjoyed.

Sunday, Aug. 29, Otto and I spent in Lansing. We attended the 50th wedding anniversary of friends in East Lansing, returning home Sunday evening. We brought my sister, Faye, with us. She will be with us till Thursday, Aug. 9. Wednesday morning we went to Alpena to visit our oldest brother, Chester Walter, and wife. We went from there to Bear Lake to visit friends, and returned home Thursday evening. Friday our son, Edwin, wife and two children stopped for a few hours' visit. They were on their way to Lake Margrethe to spend the weekend with her folks. Saturday morning our oldest grandson, Richard, came by bus from Lansing, staying till Monday. In all, a very busy, enjoyed week.

The Guerin family and Bob were made happy by a visit from Dave and Juanita Kraelick Monday, Aug. 30. They spent the day, and saw a baby deer and its mother. They then left to tour the Upper Peninsula. Dave is a ham radio operator and very good friend of Bob.

Sunday Julius and Doris Guerin took her parents out to celebrate their wedding anniversary with dinner at Haynor's Gaslight Restaurant in Mecosta.

Lee and Dorothy Vandemark have had his son, Dick, from California, visiting them this past week. Also Jeffrey Rhodes, grandson from Lansing has spent the week with them. Their daughter, Janet, and husband, Don, came Monday to take him home.

The summer is coming to a close, but will be glad to have YOU phone news to me at 644-2706.

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Editor's Column

By Connie
(Continued from Page 1)

Lylah (Fleming) Simmers
8516 Haskell Avenue
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Connie---
We have almost \$5,000.00 in the bank at this time. With an auction planned on Saturday, Sept. 4, a dance at the K. of C. Hall for Sept. 25, at which time we will have a drawing for a Savage 30-30 deer rifle.

Oct. 19 we will have a toy and gift party, place and time to be announced.

Oct. 16 will be an Oktoberfest, a German celebration with lots of good food and entertainment! There will be no charge for the show, but there will be a charge for the food. Prices and kinds not known at this time.

Thanks, Connie, for the coverage you have given us.
Judy Krueger
Chippewa Hills Band Boosters
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WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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Phone 644-3604.
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Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
Evening Service. 7. 30 p. m.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

The Eastern Star ladies served dinner to the Masons Wednesday evening at 6. 30. It's the Masons' meeting night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and family and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Smith of Midland spent Sunday with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Minnie Rhode and son, Harold, were callers.

Jim Dutcher and children and Walter Howe and Bobby had Labor Day dinner with us.

Monroe Beckwith of Otisville had supper with us Wednesday. He spent over night with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. He visited Steve Dutcher Thursday. Eddie Oplinger and Sandy Dutcher called on them Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and Cindy and Susie of Lake Orion spent Saturday and Sunday and till Monday morning with them.

Our callers during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons of Mt. Pleasant, Garry and David Dutcher, Robert and Rex Dutcher, Jim Dutcher and children, and Richard and Patti Dutcher; and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Joyce and Walter, and Ervin Dutcher, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jones of Wayne called on the Ervin and Clayton Dutchers Sunday afternoon.

Betty Dutcher and sister, Glen-

da Fike, went to the Stinson Funeral Home Sunday evening to pay respects to Randy Burkholder. They all attended school at Blanchard together.

The Dutcher children stayed with us while their parents were gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Joyce and Walter visited the Bob and Clayton Dutchers Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher of Clarkston were camping here a few days. They stopped in to show us their new travel trailer, and had coffee with us. They were Saturday dinner guests of his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

The Jim Dutchers and Robert and Rex, Garry and David and Richard were our callers during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan called on the Harry Gatehouses Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder were Sunday callers.
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AN INVITATION

You are invited to a wedding dance at the Brinton Hall Saturday evening, Sept. 11, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Viril Wright of Flat Rock. Viril is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright of Brinton.

The couple will be married this Saturday, Sept. 11, and will come up here directly after the ceremony.

The new bride is from Greenville. The family will live at Flat Rock, where Viril works at the Ford plant.
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MABEL CHAFFEE GIVES THE BAND HER BEST RHYMES

Mabel Chaffee presented the Chippewa Hills Band Boosters, the parents of band members, with a small box with her poetry printed on all sides. The one we liked best was this:

The Chippewa Hills Band
Give out heart and soul,
So let's give a helping hand --
Send them to the Orange Bowl!
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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Paula Maeder spent a few days with her parents last week while Dale was in the hospital.

We went with Albert and Leona to see the parade at Farwell Monday, Labor Day, and stopped and called on Marvin and Bessie Allen.

Weekend visitors at the Don Alwood home were Bill Alwood of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa of Mt. Pleasant, Tony Burdette and friend of Florida, Ruth Sprenger of Coleman, Bob Suman, and Ed Fox.

Jim Alwood flew home from Alabama last week for his grandmother's funeral, and will leave some time this week.

Helen Alwood and Cathy and Becky England visited at the Ethel Beers, Fern Verette and Rhonda Livermore homes recently.
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