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Editor's Column

By Connie

EASTER WAS A PERFECT DAY

We can't remember when an Easter Sunday was as perfect in every respect as this year's. We had temp. at 80 degrees on our outside thermometer--that just doesn't happen on April 10.

But it did.
Wonderful day.

Seems we have some back-tracking, and some apologizing to do.

Yes, Norman Geasler gave us the date of the annual meeting for Coldwater Township, and we flubbed it.

We do hope Norm hasn't been getting too much flak on this. If there's flak to be spread around, right here's the place to shower it. On Ye Ed.

All we can say is, we're sorry. And it won't happen again, we promise.

Seems some folks DID get those pesky bingo cards right, from the Baumann Food center. But not Ye Ed. We had half a dozen on the "\$1,000" section, as many on the \$100, and a few on the \$20, but never a complete match.

Here are some who made it: Frederick Tueck and Emil Lueder each collected \$100 from the Baumann Store for their successful bingo cards.

Ronna Dutcher, John Cotter, Linda Fleenor and Bill Gross each got \$20.00.

They sure did better than Ye Ed. Guess we're kinda dumb.

Saturday, April 23, was set by the Weidman Business Association for Cleanup Day in town.

While streets and alleys will be spruced up, main target will be the park.

Needed are lots of kids and plenty of pickup trucks.

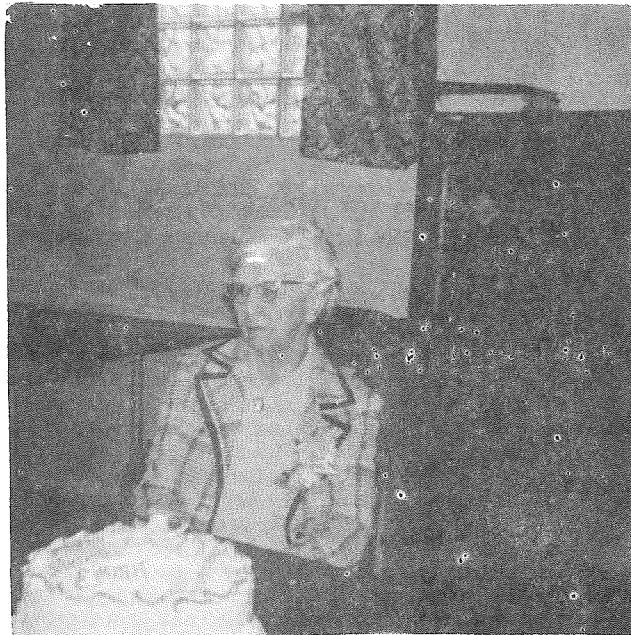
Cleanup at the park starts at 2 p.m.

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MARIE SMITH LOOKS OVER HER BIRTHDAY CARDS--

On the occasion of her 80th birthday, recently. Marie and Walter are buying the old Ina Gillett house on Fifth Street, and will move to Weidman soon. They have been staying with Marie's sister, Margaret Johnston. The Gillett house was sold by the Weidman United Methodist Church, to which Ina transferred it before her death. Marie has been enjoying her first pussy-willows in years, having been a Florida resident a long time.



FIRE DEPARTMENTS KEPT BUSY ON GRASS FIRES

All fire departments in Isabella County have been kept right busy the past 10 days on grass fires, what with winds and dry weather.

All burning permits have been cancelled for this part of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, it was announced Monday night. (Predicted rains for Wednesday might alleviate the situation.)

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Firemen have been called out nearly every day the past week on grass fires.

The local Fire Department is strictly volunteer, nobody gets paid; and when that old siren lets go the Firemen drop everything and scam for the trucks.

They're job-holders, business men, and they put in a full day's work on their own affairs or job besides tending to the safety of the area.

We have probably the most outstanding volunteer fire department in the state. Let's hear it for the Firemen!

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BEAL CITY SCHOOL CHOIR SINGS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

A choir composed of beautiful young voices from the Beal City School treated the Senior Citizens to songs, at their regular Commission on Aging dinner one day last week.

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The family of Mrs. Mary Clark of Mt. Pleasant gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Harrison of Breckenridge, for Easter dinner. Included were the Dennis Embrey family of Weidman.

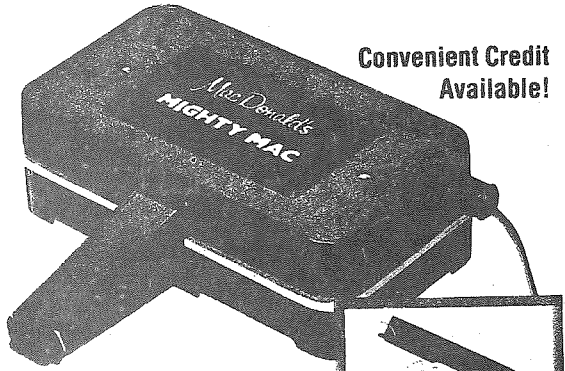
Emma Middlesworth (at left) was 85 March 31. Margaret Johnston snapped the photo above, at the Food with Friends dinner at the Masonic Hall.

Emma is probably our oldest living real Weidman old-timer, (along with Connie Skinner), having come to Weidman from Brinton in 1914 (Connie's family, the Roes, came in 1912). Emma lives in a nice apartment in the Richard Sprague home in Weidman.

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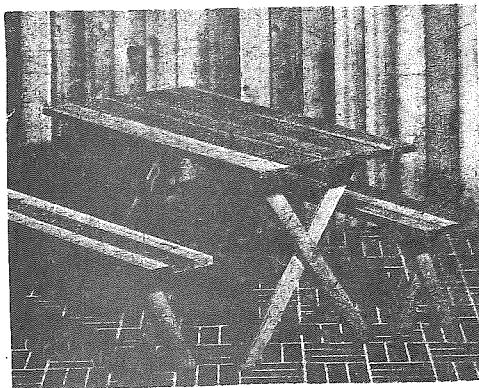
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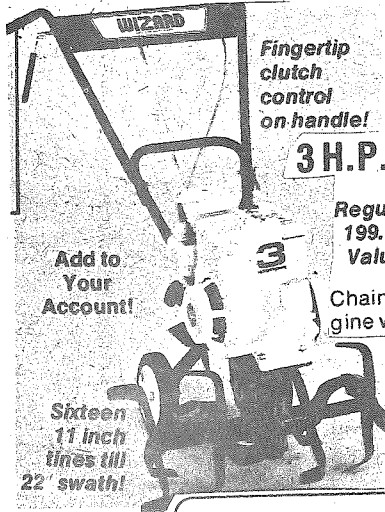


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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker of Grand Rapids came this week to bring Caroline's mother, Margaret Denslow, to her home. Mrs. Denslow has spent the past three months in California and Kentucky. She enjoyed being with her brother, Floyd Peacock, and wife, in La Puente, Calif., and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bugbee of Los Angeles. She also spent three weeks in Lexington, Ky., with her son and family, Dr. and Mrs. Gary Denslow and three daughters, Lori, Heather and Gretchen. After returning to Michigan, Mrs. Denslow enjoyed a trip to Rochester, N. Y., where she and the Orrin Firsts of Rosebush spent Easter weekend with the Stuart Denslow family. They returned to Michigan Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger returned home from Florida last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rau were Sunday evening callers at the Earl Oplinger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin had their family all home for Easter dinner.

Mrs. Cora Shippee and Jane, Gary Moore, and Monica Riever were Sunday callers at the Martin home.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence enjoyed Easter dinner with her sister, Mrs. Myrl Scott. Garth Lawrence spent a week ago Friday over night with his mother. Mrs. Lawrence called on her sister, Mrs. Scott, a week ago last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew took her folks, the Charlie Loseys, to see Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins Sunday afternoon. Friday callers at the Cummins home were Mrs. Ida Jones of California and Mrs. Lucy Clark of Edmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller called to see his mother Friday. They had Easter dinner with their daughter and family, the Dick Touchinskis, in Weidman. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baines were Saturday guests of the Millers.

Mrs. Betty Thompson spent Sunday afternoon with her mother near Lansing. Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Thompson attended the funeral of their aunt, Lucille Harbauch, in Lansing.

Saturday afternoon and over night guests at the Thompson home were Tim Workman and Jim Strong. Saturday afternoon callers were Greg Wilson and friend of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock enjoyed Easter dinner with their daughter and family, the Nelson Batemans, at Lake Isabella. Their two sons called them on the telephone.

Mrs. Flora Wood, Mary Ellen Wood. Michael Wood, Jackie Olger, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Flory and Jack Lynch were Sunday guests of the Pete Woods. D.J. Whitman, their grandson, came Sunday evening and will spend a couple of days.

Mrs. Wood tells of an unusual experience. She found a yellow card attached to a green balloon in her yard Sunday afternoon. On the card it said, "May the lord bless and keep you always." It was from the United Methodist Church in Ludington.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow and Jerome Denslow called on Mrs. Denslow's sister, Mrs. Halla Lovell, at Grand Rapids, Friday.

Mrs. Opal Denslow called on Mrs. Lottie Pocquette at the hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Kate Martin and Raymond had coffee with me Thursday.

Easter dinner guests at the Charlie Losey home were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz and Danny and Traci, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Nancy, Patti, Gary and Beth, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad, and I. Mr. and Mrs. Don Merrihew and Greg and Brenda were afternoon callers.

The Busy Bees are meeting with Opal Denslow April 14. Opal is filling in for Bobbie Oplinger, who was scheduled to entertain the lively club, but found herself unable to make room in her very busy schedule.

THE BENN JOHNSONS HOST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WITH FAMILY PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson entertained Saturday evening at their home, honoring the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Blodgett.

About 73 were present, mainly family members. Sandwiches, cake and ice cream were served by the Johnsons.

The happy couple received lovely gifts. They live in Grand Blanc. Mrs. Blodgett was a Fountain girl raised by Harry and Amelia Huffman in Sherman City. She attended school in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Blodgett were co-hosts for the happy event.

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula Cummins spent Easter with Ula's son, Larry, and family at St. Louis.

Easter Sunday visitors of Mrs. Louise Riley were all her children and their families.

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox was an Easter dinner guest of the Lee Parker family. Edna Jean Johnson of Sheridan was a Sunday afternoon visitor of Mrs. Wilcox.

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James Noe has been in Ferguson Hospital in Grand Rapids the past week, for surgery. He was expected home late this week or next.

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Obituary

SCOTT HANSEN
Scott J. Hansen, son of Gregory and Jean Hansen, died March 27 at CMC Hospital of meningitis. Little Scott was nearly two years old. He was born in Mt. Pleasant April 16, 1975.

He is survived by his parents, and two brothers, Gregory and Heath; and a sister, Mindy, all at home.

He also is survived by his paternal grandparents, Jack and Kathryn Hansen of Mt. Pleasant, and his maternal grandparents, Al and Kathleen Clevenger.

Little Scott was taken ill suddenly, and died within 24 hours. His tragic death was a shock to his parents, grandparents and other relatives, and many friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 19, at the Lux-Rush Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with burial in Calvary Cemetery there.

His family have the sympathy of their very many friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith and family enjoyed Easter Sunday dinner with their mother, Mrs. Dick Hammink (Edith) at Horsehead Lake, near Mecosta. The Smiths enjoyed supper with her mother, Louise Riley.

Card of Thanks

Our family deeply appreciates the fast and efficient work of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department, on the occasion of our house fire.

You are a great and efficient Fire Department, and my family appreciates your fast work in controlling our fire.

William Block

Card of Thanks

The family of little Scott Hansen wish to extend their heartfelt appreciation to all their friends, neighbors and relatives, who took food to the house, and who sent cards and flowers.

We do appreciate your kindness, sympathy, and thoughtfulness. God bless you.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hansen
Mr. and Mrs. Al Clevenger

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hansen

Card of Thanks

Our sincere thanks to all of you who so graciously helped during the time of my husband's death.

A special Thanks to Rev. Eldridge, the Clare Ambulance Service and the hospital staff.

A special Thanks to the women who prepared and served the dinner at the Brinton Hall;

And the many relatives, friends and neighbors who sent flowers, food, money, and gave of their time.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity is deeply appreciated.

The Family of
Robert Latham

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank each and everyone who helped out, in any way, during our time of need, in the loss of my husband, Clarence Ritter;

Also for the many cards and flowers; a special Thanks to Rev. Athel Lynch, the Fire Department, the CB-ers, Weaver's and Coldwater Lake Bars, M&M Chevrolet, and the girls who put on the dinner afterward; To Gordon's buddies who help-

ed him out;

The family wish to thank you all again.

Mrs. Lois Ritter
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon
Ritter

LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

IT'S NO APRIL FOOLS JOKE!
(Portland, Indiana)

April 1st a group of campers from this area headed south to the Jay County REACT Jamboree, our first major weekend campout.

Three officers of Pork Chop Memorial REACT General, Robert Mays, president; Ed Hale, vice president; Ann Mast, secretary, and Isabella County president Oscar Sherman, had a real thrill Saturday and Sunday, accepting the following trophies:

Furthest camping group; largest REACT Group present; one given Saturday, one Sunday; and largest camping group.

These were donated by the following businesses: Terrace Lodge Motel, May Insurance Co., Baird Freeman Funeral Home, and Farm Bureau Insurance Co., all of Portland, Ind.

Nina and Dan Carrick of Weidman each received a trophy for the oldest registered CB-ers that Saturday.

As for traveling: Weather varied from sleet, snow, rain and sunshine. How's that for variety? It rained hard enough Friday night that Saturday several campers had to head for drier ground.

All of us enjoyed watching the sulky trotters and pacers working out on the track--beautiful, high-stepping horses and frisky little colts.

One emergency kept us alert, when the Sherman's little girl had a serious bout with nose-bleed, but it was a real relief to have so many co-operative people to help when you're far from home.

Palm Sunday, Nina Carrick and granddaughter, Beth Ann Most, and Elma Jane Mays and grandson, Michael Mays, attended the very large Asbury Methodist Church in Portland. A wonderful experience with very friendly people.

That afternoon several of us took a step into the past and visited "Amishville, U.S.A."

Saturday, April 9, Verma and Doris Van Wingerden and Altha Crawford, all of Lansing, were Easter guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mays. They are maternal aunts of Mrs. Mays.

Spring! Beautiful Spring! Fi-
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THEY HELD GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES TOGETHER--Rev. Athel Lynch of the Weidman United Methodist Church and Rev. Richard Wadsworth of the Weidman Church of the Nazarene conducted joint Good Friday services for the faithful Friday afternoon from 1 to 2 p.m., in the Weidman Methodist Church. Their wives posed with them for this photo at the church. Messenger photo

During the afternoon services, special music was offered, with Louis Bogart, "One Day"; Pat Johnson's "I Should Have Been Crucified"; Nancy and Steve Starks in a self-accompanied duet, (electric guitars), "Were You There"; and a violin duet by Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Hinkle, new members of the Methodist Church here, from the Ojibwa Recreation Area nearby.

Seventy-two faithful members attended the joint services.

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The Churches

GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Corner Coleman and Vander-car Roads, Gilmore Township.
George Getchel, minister. Ph. 588-9731.

Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.
Bible School, 10.45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

The Great Lakes Bible College Concert Choir, under direction of Shockley Flick, will appear in concert at the Gilmore Church of Christ Friday, April 15, at 7.30 p.m.

The group of 40 young people who are studying for some phase of leadership ministry will sing a variety of sacred music. This year's repertoire includes classics, hymn arrangements, spirituals, and gospel songs. The program will feature the men as they sing gospel quartet arrangements by Ralph Carmichael, and the women will sing inspiring and joyful numbers.

The message of the concert centers on "The Call of God," a modern-day musical drama in a college setting, the songs of one young man's search for--and un-

derstanding of--God's will in his life.

Young people from this area who are in the choir are Karen Renner and Jon Getchel of Farwell and Darryl Pitts of Weidman.

The public is invited to attend. A free-will offering will be received.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1/4 mile south of Weidman School, corner of Coldwater and Weidman Roads.

Richard Wadsworth, Pastor, ph. 644-3604.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Youth Service, 6.15 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p.m.

The Ivan Allen Memorial Spire now has a speaker on it, with an amplifying system donated by the Howard Smith family. Records for the chimes also are donated. The chimes are very beautiful.

New items at the Weidman Church of the Nazarene include the cross on the front of the church, and new carpeting in the basement.

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
(1 Mile West of Weidman)
Pastor: Marvin Eldridge. Ph. 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
Choir (Thursday) 6.30 p.m., at the parsonage.

We had Fellowship with the Brinton Chapel Friday night, for

Good Friday services. Lunch was enjoyed after the services.

We had a full house Easter Sunday, at the morning service.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Athel J. Lynch, Pastor. Ph. 644-3336.

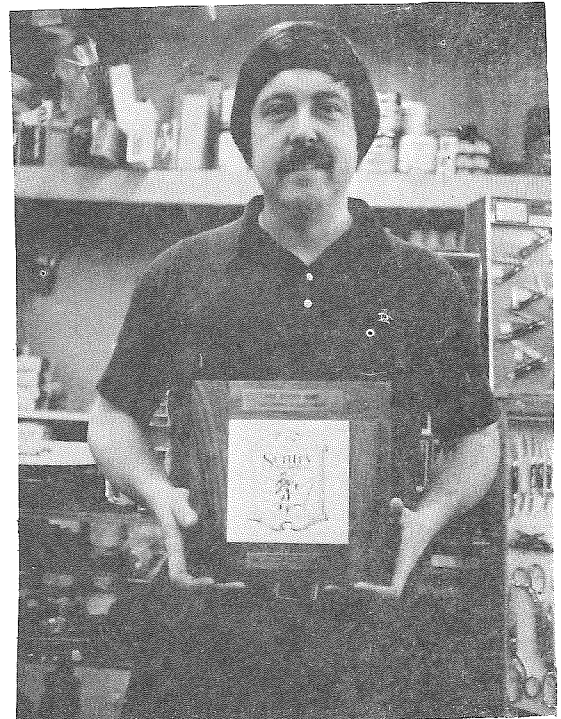
Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch are being transferred to another par-

ish the first week of June. They have been here seven years.

"Few things in the church are the same as when we came," Rev. Lynch commented in an interview last week. "The church has had many, many renovations, redecorations, and improvements." ---0---

Walter Smith was taken to CMC Hospital Sunday.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

The Nottawa and Sherman Township Volunteer Fire Department was called to the Bill Block home last Tuesday, when wind swung a power pole and shorted a wire, apparently. The pole burned, and live pieces blew against bales of straw around the Block house and set the whole thing afire. Bill says those Firemen are purely wonderful.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell called on Louis Rau Sunday morning. Mrs. Elsie McCall visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gross and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould went out Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann called on Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tilmann Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Glen Mathews gave a baby shower for Mrs. Mike Lane Sunday afternoon. About 30 ladies attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane returned to Gary, Ind., Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Taylor of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Lonny Haney of Winn spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger.

Coletta, Mike and Gertrude Gross spent Sunday evening with Matie Pung.

Brian Gould spent Friday night with Eugene Curtiss.

Mrs. June Blasen called on Mrs. Cathy Rau Saturday afternoon.

Jim Gould of Wisconsin visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Saturday afternoon.

Mark and Melissa Adams of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday with their cousins, Brian and Don Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau visited Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Prout of Rosebush last Sunday.

Mrs. Eileen Rau is home from the hospital.

Mrs. Mildred Schafer fell and broke her arm this past week.

Barney Lee Lawens, son of Dale and Delores, was baptized Sunday.

The Beal City basketball team had its annual spaghetti supper last Wednesday. It was well attended.

Dora Smith had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elias last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin of Beal City are the proud parents of a baby girl. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert have a baby boy.

Mrs. Annabelle Blasen and Gary and Jan of St. Johns called on Mrs. Delores Gould, Anne Smith and Mrs. June Blasen Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Charlotte Andres of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Al Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thielen

are proud parents of a baby boy, born Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau had their family home for Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann had Easter dinner for Mrs. Ella Tilmann and Mr. and Mrs. Don Tilmann and Jerry, Charlotte and Denise Slater.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeien and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Zeien.

Cory Yuncker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Yuncker, made his First Communion Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hauck entertained company for Easter dinner.

Mrs. Ida Fussman had her whole family home for dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fussman served dinner for their family Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Gould and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Collison Sunday afternoon.

Louis Rau had Easter dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge and family had Easter dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith of Lansing.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Horan of Rosebush entertained company

Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and Ruth Klumpp and Tillie Schafer called on Ann Eldred Wednesday afternoon, after she returned from the hospital at Edmore.

Louise Schafer and John Schafer spent Easter at the John Sheahan home.

Miss Dorothy Snider visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer. She's from Remus. Mr. and Mrs. Keiffer were in Hubbardston to visit their children, and also his sister, Mrs. Emma O'Connor, at Carson City.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schafer and girls of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Schafer Sunday.

Sister Ermina of Grand Rapids visited relatives around Beal City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zurhoret and family of Long Lake visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer last week. Mr. and Mrs. Keiffer had Easter dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Al Snider and family of Remus. Mrs. Loretta Lorenz called on the Keiffers Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spence and children of Pontiac spent the weekend with their folks, the Gene McArthurs. Tim McArthur was home for the weekend. Tim appears to be doing fine, and is back on his welding job in Pontiac.

BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 19 TABLES AT PLAY

At their regular card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City March 31, the Beal City Seniors had 19 tables of pepper at play.

Ella Cox won first prize for the ladies, with Leola Marshall second and Blanche Metcalf low.

Otto Skalitzky won first for the men, with Herman Grinzinger second and Bill Martin low.

Ed Burgess won the pepper prize. Dorothy Streng won the door prize.

On the lunch committee were Lucella and Lucille Zeien, Tillie Starr, Leah Scharrer, Bill Martin, and Irene Smith.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson spent Easter Sunday with their son-in-law and daughter, Jim and Ila Snyder, in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leiter and Stacy have moved near St. Louis, where Larry has a job.

Mr. and Mrs. George Getchell and family of Gilmore were Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts. Darryl Pitts of Lansing also was home for the weekend with his folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louise II and daughter, Heather, of Spring Lake were Easter Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Louise II.



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MR. AND MRS. CLENARD STARKS

In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clenard Starks of Remus, their children and grandchildren are having Open House for relatives, neighbors and friends on Sunday, April 17, from 2 to 5 p. m., in the Senior Citizens Building at Barryton. Mr. and Mrs. Starks have four sons: Robert of Cooperville, Philip of Six Lakes, Wendell at home, Steven of Lamont; one daughter, Gwendolyn, of Coopersville. Mr. Starks has lived on the same farm since his birth. Mrs. Starks has lived there since her marriage 50 years ago. The honored couple request no gifts, please.

Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hotchkiss and Mark and Leslie of Temperance, Mich., spent Easter weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Thelen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Tomlinson and Kay traveled to Livonia for the Easter weekend, to spend it with their son, Mark, wife Cathy and family. They invited Rhonda Flaughner, Kay's friend, to go along. They returned Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harter and family spent Easter Day visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Todd, of Carson City.

The McKillip family of Shepherd spent the weekend at their cottage.

Leonard and Jean Schneider and Don and Mary Harter spent Friday at the Don Athertons', playing cards and visiting.

Last Wednesday evening, after the Bingo game at Weidman, several friends gathered at the Leonard Schneiders' to celebrate their oldest son's birthday with a party. Dave turned 18, and asked Don and JoAnn Atherton to come, also Gwen Tomlinson and his own family. Everyone enjoyed the evening, and like Dave says, "You're only 18 once!"

Doris Schneider spent three days over the Easter weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider. She entertained them by taking them out to dinner Saturday evening at the Coldwater

Lake Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kavanaugh and family of Detroit spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck.

The Lloyd Marcys of Elwell spent this weekend at their cottage, cleaning up, and fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ludwig, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck had dinner at the Moose Club in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Beck went to Frankenmuth Sunday to enjoy a very pleasant meal, and had a nice trip.

Don and Jo Ann Atherton spent Easter weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Atherton, of Dansville. Also visiting there were Duane Atherton and Sharon Mooney, of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dennis and girls spent Easter Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Argersinger, of Carson City.

Kathy and Skip DeWitt and children, Jerry and Anita, of Mason, spent Easter weekend with the Jerry Mitchell family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck and Kim and Andy spent Easter Sunday at Lake City. The ride up north was warm, and they had a nice time.

"Hello, neighbors!" We hope Beryl and Andy had a pleasant Easter Day, as we did here on Coldwater Lake. We've had three days of marvellously warm weather, and we hope our neighbors get back soon. See you one of these fine days.

Think of you often!"

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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter
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nally arrived this beautiful Easter Day! Brought up spring flowers. Also brought many folk (weekenders) to rake and clean up yards and lawns, getting ready to enjoy the lake area for the summer.

The past two weeks, Otto and I were in Lansing most of the time, and did not get any news items. This week found how true the saying, "This is a small world!"

Stopped to see Elma June and Bob Mays. He mentioned they were going to Jay County, Ind. I mentioned that is where I was born. Bob replied, "Me, too." Both born near Portland. My folks moved to Saginaw County, then I went to Lansing. Bob's folks moved to Traverse County, then to Ionia County. Now we are living about a quarter of a mile apart here at Lake Isabella!

Doris Guerin tells me Julius is home and feeling fine.

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Minnie Rhode, who was 80 years old last Tuesday, has been in the Edmore Hospital the past week.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes entertained the Middlesworth families at East dinner. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Middlesworth (recently returned from Florida), the Dick Donley family, and Kim and Scott, and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Middlesworth and two children of near Lansing, Mrs. Norma Middlesworth, and K. C. Charnes and friend, and Mrs. Emma Middlesworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Glenn of Lapeer and Gale St. Germaine and Dave Dempksi of Mt. Pleasant were Easter dinner and afternoon guests of the Gary McArthur family.

Ida Jones of Escondido, Calif., and daughter, Virginia, of Silver Springs, Md., were last Tuesday guests of Mrs. Helen Smith. Mrs. Jones is a niece of Alva Cummins.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague and Mrs. Bessie Teall were Easter dinner guests of the Ronnie Sprague family. Jodi cooked the dinner, a wonderful affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Easter supper guests of the Richard Touchinski family.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler had Easter dinner with the Johnston family of Rosebush. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Johnston of Franklin, O., came and took her to Rosebush.

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Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mrs. Joyce Geasler went to the Daggett Funeral Home in Bar-ryton Sunday to pay respects to the family of Levi Longtin.

Our sympathy is extended to the Longtin family.

Those attending an Easter dinner and birthday party for Mrs. Albert Geasler, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth, Sunday, were Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Worth of Lake St. Clair, Mr. and Mrs. Castille of Clare, Lynn and Pam Worth of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Weber, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and boys.

Mrs. Orma Kripa is in CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Lottie Pocquette also is a patient at CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ganser of Misawaka, Ind., spent the weekend with their grandparents, the Paul Coles.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus returned home Sunday after a week's stay at Drummond Island.

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Miss Pam Worth and Miss Lynn Worth visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth, Saturday. Lynn called on her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler.

George Cornell and children, Jim and Debbie, helped George's brother-in-law, Norman Geasler, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus and Margaret and Mark went to Drum-

mond for a few days' visit with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Shepard.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pfannes visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes, last Thursday.

Velma Cole visited the doctor in Grand Rapids Thursday. The Coles went on to Muskegon and called on their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bawkey.

Our sympathy to the Latham family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk returned home Thursday, after several days helping care for her parents, who are ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes went to Flint to see her doctor, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk visited the Paul Coles Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes were Saturday guests.

The Coles may not have an Easter lily, but we do have a beautiful purple and white amarillys, with four blssoms.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Harry and Bea Gatehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Thren and family and Tim and Vicki McGuirk were Easter dinner guests of Leo and Vadah Gatehouse.

Judy Williams and son, Chad, and friend and Richard Chaffee, all of Iron Mountain, called on Harry and Leo Gatehouse and their families Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss of St. Johns spent Easter Sunday with the Carl Beutler family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beutler and Joel spent Saturday and were supper guests of the Carl Beutlers.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher and Patti were Easter dinner guests of her parents, the Theodore Cases.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hogg of Remus Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wernette and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Watson of Greenville and Dewitt spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and boys.

Linda Dutcher and children and Carol Watson and baby called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Rhodes of Grand Rapids had Easter dinner with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and Karen of Clarkston spent Friday over night with Ervin and Goldie. They had Saturday lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and girls of Midland had Saturday dinner and spent the afternoon with them.

Kimberly Dutcher celebrated

her eighth birthday April 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris and Jon of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and Kaye, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti, and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Maeder and Brian and Jimmy all spent the evening and enjoyed birthday cake and ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher had Easter dinner and spent the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker and family. All their children were home for dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn spent Easter Day with the Dale Dutcher family of east Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and Gena, Toni and Ann Dutcher came up Saturday afternoon and spent till Sunday afternoon with us. They visited her mother, Alice Simkins, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher called on us Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and children of Saginaw spent Sunday afternoon and had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. They called on the Brian Dutchers.

Roderick Nicholson had supper and spent Friday evening with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Marvin Allen called on us Sunday evening.

Bill Alwood and Troy of Saginaw spent Sunday and Monday at the Don Alwood home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and children and Mrs. Helen Alwood spent Tuesday evening and over night at the Robert Smith home

in Ypsilanti. Helen had a check-up at the University Hospital in Ann Arbor Wednesday morning. On the way home they visited at the Ted Burdette home in Owosso, and enjoyed supper with them. Mr. Burdette was feeling better after suffering a heart attack in the winter.

Donny Alwood and Les Shenk enjoyed playing tennis at Canadian Lakes Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Gregory and son-in-law and daughter of Detroit spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak, and Brian. The family took in the sky-diving at Evart. Randy and Brian took part in the sky-diving.

Mrs. Zena Olger had Easter dinner with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood, and granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family of Stanton had dinner with us a week ago Sunday, April 3. Albert Gott, our son, took us to the Hayner Gaslight Restaurant in Mecosta for Easter dinner. Debbie Graham took us to the Dan and Ben Peacock sale Saturday at Farwell. They were to leave for Arizona after the sale.

Debbie took us to Evart Wednesday. Becky Sowle called on us Sunday a little while.

Thursday, Mrs. Laura Latham, Mrs. Jerry Olger and Mrs. Diane Latham and children called on Laura's daughter, Mrs. Jeanette Hard, of Freeland. Then they went to Jeanette's daughter's home, that of Mrs. Nancy Troop and baby, in Saginaw, and had lunch. Easter Sunday Laura and Mr. and Mrs. Chell Latham and family had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Chell Latham, Jr.

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Lewis Bowen was a Friday caller at the home of his niece and family, the Richard Touchinskis.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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Don't forget the Weidman Lions Fish Supper this Friday evening, April 15, at the Weidman school.

Same menu, same delicious food.

The Little League leaders will meet April 19 (Saturday) at the Fire Hall in Weidman for organizational work.

Anyone interested may attend.

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WBA SETS WEIDMAN DAY FOR FRIDAY, SATURDAY, JULY 8 AND 9, THIS YEAR

At its regular monthly meeting last Thursday evening, the Weidman Business Association confirmed the dates of Friday afternoon and all day Saturday, July 8 and 9, for this year's celebration.

Friday at 6 p. m., the beer tent will be set up and in operation. There will be a small band on hand for music, it was planned.

All day Saturday the big and real celebration of Weidman Day will go on, with, it is hoped, the refreshing works of local artisans on display all over the business street. Last year's exhibitions of work by local talent were an outstanding success, and a great addition to the attractions of the day.

Local organizations, such as the Weidman Girl Scouts, the Weidman Library, and any other Weidman organizations are being welcomed to run their own attractions for their own profit.

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WBA MEETING DISCUSSES PROBLEMS FROM BETTER BINGO TO PARK BENCHES

At its regular monthly meeting last Thursday evening, The Weidman Business Association discussed a variety of problems and projects ranging from lighted bingo board to new park benches.

Walt Smith pointed out that most of the picnic tables at Mitchell Memorial Park must be replaced, having been destroyed by vandals during the winter.

Replacement of the picnic tables was placed at about \$25 each. Ten new picnic tables were on order, but up for cost estimates.

Weidman promotion folders distributed by the State Highway Department were discussed, with cost estimates at \$322.00 per 5 thousand copies, one color (ink).

Two colors would cost \$425.00, it was estimated. A three-color job was discussed, but was discouraged by Connie Skinner, who pointed out that a three-color printing job would be just that---three colors. She advocated go-

ing the classic route, four colors reproducing real color photographs of the Weidman lake-studded area. Jim Damitio was designated investigator as to cost.

Bud Fredrickson suggested we purchase a lighted board for the weekly bingo games, which are becoming more popular all the time. Bud pointed out that only a first-class lighted board was in the minds of the bingo committees. The WBA voted to go along with the bingo board on its decision on the lighted board.

Only five picnic tables at the park can be salvaged, it was pointed out by Whitey McCreight. The park suffered heavy damage from youngsters' vandalism during the fall and winter months, with the Sheriff's Department apparently not in control there.

There was one opening on the

bingo board of controllers, it was pointed out. Thayne Sides was named to replace Anita Ptak, who resigned. It was mentioned that Bill Maeder is enlarging the seating capacity of his auction-sale barn, where the bingo games are held.

It also was acknowledged, with appreciation from all members, that Gary McArthur carries a heavy load on his part of the bingo-games work.

It was voted to charge \$20 for use of the park beginning this spring and summer, for family reunions and other gatherings. It costs \$10 to clean up the park.

There are 26 paid-up members of the Weidman Business Association. Less than 10 attended last week's meeting.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

SWANS BACK ON WALT SMITH'S LAKE


Jeanne Smith (Mrs. Walt) called us last week to tell us that a pair of gorgeous swans was resting on their lake.

The swans have avoided the Weidman area for several years. At first, when Lake of the Hills was first filled, we had the beautiful birds floating on our waters behind our house.

We also had Canada geese, which we haven't seen for some years now. The big birds landed and rummaged around on shore for goose-goodies before launching again on the lake.

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Their sons and families and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bader of Mt. Pleasant were Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ley.



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