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Editor's Column

By Connie

I GUESS I'LL STAY

Several weeks ago--a couple of months or more, perhaps--I announced that I'd keep the Messenger coming out until this June and then hang 'er up.

Seems I've sort of changed my mind.

What prompted that first announcement was a notice from the School Board of the Chippewa Hills District announcing a "special arrangement" with the Chippewa Hills Courier entailing the printing of all the school news and an issue once a month with free distribution throughout the district.

The Courier, like all outside publications, sends its ad man into Weidman, as to all other small towns, to gather up advertisements for its issues.

With free circulation blanketting the school district, and with the school sponsoring the free edition, no local newspaper could compete.

Well, it seems the Weidman business men talked it over among themselves, and decided that a truly local newspaper such as the Messenger, claiming only the buying area of Weidman in its circulation (we have more than that, but it's the local coverage that counts to an advertiser)--anyhow, seems the businessmen decided they'd sort of like to keep their own local paper, which is a rather unique publication as a purely local promoter and news-coverer.

The Messenger doesn't need a terrific lot of advertising, but it does need a dribble of it. The Messenger is not an advertising sheet, and it has probably the highest subscription rate of any small newspaper in the U.S.

Nevertheless, we do need a slight showing of ads to cover our weekly expenses.

So--the Weidman businessmen made up their minds, and they are placing their ads in the Messenger.

Enough so that we can pay our



A HUNDRED AND FIFTY OLD FRIENDS--Gathered last summer at Mitchell Memorial Park in Weidman for the First Reunion of students of the Forest Hill School (and their families). Above photo was loaned the Messenger by Ernie Putman, who wants knowledge of anyone who attended the old Horr School. Ernie lives at Evart, address Route 3, phone number (517) 734-2960. He'd like to get in touch with anyone interested in another reunion this year. With Weidman Day set for Saturday (Friday afternoon, too), July 8 and 9, the old school mates usually want to hold the reunion the day after Weidman Day, or Sunday. He'd also like to get in contact with those who were not at the reunion last year. He also wants suggestions as to location, date, and so on. In the photo above are some of the old students, plus a glimpse of the old school bell, which Earl Oplinger installed on a pole, put on a pull-rope, and lo! the bell was rung. It was a great day, last year, and Ernie wants to know if others wish to continue the reunions.

bills.

So it looks like we'll be staying on, as the old carcass should be good for a few more years of mileage.

So there'll be no June 10 cut-off of this paper's publication.

So you can renew your subscription for an entire year without trepidation.

So thanks, everyone!

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SUE GROSS INITIATED INTO PHI KAPPA PHI

Sue M. Gross, a student in special education, was recently initiated into the national honorary society, Phi Kappa Phi. The organization recognizes high scholastic achievement in all academic fields.

WEIDMAN SCHOOL CARNIVAL SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 22

The annual Spring Carnival at the Weidman School, sponsored by the Weidman Mothers' Club, will be held Friday evening, April 22, and will run from 5.30 to 8.30, according to word received this week.

Features of the evening will include a Toy Walk, similar to the traditional Cake Walk, with toys instead of folks.

There'll be a Jar of Beans contest, a baseball throw, rope ride, tic-tac-toe, cartoons, and a talent show put on by students at the school, entitled "Swinging Show Time".

As usual, lunch will be avail-

able, and there will be the popular Country Store, and prize drawings that include Savings Bonds from \$100 to \$25, three prizes of that in all; a homemade afghan offered by one of the teachers; and lots of new attractions, making this year's Carnival bigger and better than ever.

You're invited.

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RIGHT TO LIFE MEETING SET FOR APRIL 26

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Michigan Right to Life will be Tuesday, April 26, at 8 p.m., at 315 North Fancher Street, Mt. Pleasant.

Everyone is welcome.

BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 18 TABLES AT PLAY
 At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 18 tables of pepper at play. Josephine Cluley won first prize for the ladies, with Rose Funnell second and Ida May Dent low.
 Bill Lawens won first for the men, with Roderick Nicholson second and Bill Martin low.
 Margaret Lawens won the pepper prize. Ruth Gallagher won the door prize.
 Tillie Zuker donated a special prize, which was won by Julius Schumacher. A special thanks to you, Tillie!
 The lunch committee was composed of the following: Gertrude Gross, Helen Schumacher, Anna Schafer, Coletta Gross, Marge Mullett, and Margaret Lawens.
 The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, April 28. Everyone is cordially invited.

MUSHROOM FESTIVAL AT MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE PREPARING DETAILS
 The fourth annual Mid Michigan Mushroom Festival steering committee is accepting entries in the Festival's Senior Citizens King and Queen pageant May 6, on the Mid Michigan College campus at Harrison.
 The Mushroom Festival has a tradition of starting with the selection of an area Senior Citizen King and Queen Friday evening. The King and Queen will reign over the festival weekend, and will represent the college and the Mushroom Festival at events throughout the state.
 Any area club, organization or church may sponsor a candidate. Candidates must meet the following requirements: 1. Live within the Mid Michigan Community College districts. 2. Entrees must be entered as a couple. Both must be 60 years old by May 3. The couple entered must be willing to attend various functions as representatives of the Mush-

room Festival.
 Contestants will be judged on poise, personality, ability to communicate, and their ability to represent the college and the Festival. Contestants will be judged by non-festival related citizens in the college service area. No talent requirements for entrants are listed.
 Those interested may contact Jim Stange at Mid Michigan Community College, tel. 386-7792, ext. 237.
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 Parents, grandparents, and other relatives and lots of friends flocked to the Chippewa Hills High School near Remus Sunday afternoon to enjoy the 2 1/2-hour annual spring concert of the various school bands.
BETTER THAN A LETTER

OOPS
 Mrs. Ina Gillett is alive and doing as well as can be expected, in the Skilled-Care Unit of the Midland Hospital.
 A caption beneath a photo last week mentioned that she deeded her home here to the Weidman United Methodist Church "before her death".
 She made the gesture before she left Weidman to live with her daughter at Sanford.
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 Shockley Flick, director of the Great Lakes Bible College choir, and six members of the choir spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jude Simons and J.J. of Brinton were Saturday visitors of the Richard Touchinski family.

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Want Ads

WANT AD RATES: 75 cents per week, unless very long. Over 1 inch in length, regular advertising rates. Cards of Thanks \$2.50, unless very long.

PIANO TUNING--And service. Russell Merrhew, West Broomfield Road, PO Remus 39340, ph. (Blanchard) 561-4043. 17Febt6p

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WANTED--Man or highly able high school boy to till my garden, repair rototiller, garden with my rototiller, also to mow lawn during summer. Retired, semi-retired, of age high school boy. Ph. 644-2541. April 22t1

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FIVE BOYS WANT JOBS--Lawn care and odd jobs. Call the Don Smith residence, Weidman, ph. 644-2224. Apr 21t1p

RUMMAGE SALE--Wednesday, April 27, and Thursday, April 28, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., at 315 N. Fancher Street, Mt. Pleasant. Sponsored by the Central Michigan Right to Life. April 22t1

FOR SALE--15-ft wooden boat, with 160 hp motor, windshield, water skis, paddle, and anchors, boat cushions, and boat trailer. Ph. 644-2541. April 22t1

FOUND--Two female beagle-blue tick dogs, black with white spots. Apparently lost in Ojibwa Recreational Area. Apparently mother-daughter pair, one with collar. Ph. 644-2329. Apr 21t1

Tim McArthur was home from his work at Pontiac over the weekend. He's doing fine, after recovering from serious facial fractures suffered in a snowmobile accident.
BETTER THAN A LETTER

LARGE 8-FAMILY GARAGE SALE--Bathroom fixtures, furniture, fireplace screen, 9-ft. wood garage door, electric garage door opener, fish aquarium and other miscellaneous household items. Clothing, all sizes, including Centennial clothing. Friday, April 22, 9.30 a. m. to 8 p. m. 1/2 mile east of Beal City. No early sales. April 21t1

EARLY CABBAGE PLANTS--Ready when your garden is ready for them. Later, we will have California Wonder sweet pepper plants, and those BIG, BIG, BIG tomato plants in jiffy pots. The Flower Shop, Weidman, where beautiful things come from. Ph. 644-3941. Apr 21tf

FOR SALE--First Communion dress, size 7, excellent condition. Ph. 561-4092, after 5 p. m. April 21 t1

THE FLOWER SHOP--Weidman. Phone 644-3941. Apr 21tf

Card of Thanks

We wish to personally express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to those who helped save our two boys when they were overcome by carbon monoxide:

First, Donald Ausmell of 8900 Rolling Lake Drive, who came along and administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to one of our children, who had stopped breathing. He saved our little boy's life.

We also thank the many CBers who responded to Mr. Ausmell's call on his own CB radio, and that includes the Sheriff's Department, the Weidman Fire Department, and calls for an ambulance, which Mr. Ausmell put in himself.

To all of you, we thank you for our children's lives. God bless you all.

Gilbert and Sharon Schrock
Darlene Tetzlaff

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and family of Uby visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith, Saturday evening. Mrs. Gusta Green and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hall, all of Dearborn, were also callers.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Card of Thanks

I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to my neighbors, friends and relatives during the loss of my father, Levi (Bud) Longtin;

To Marvin Eldridge for his words of comfort; to the neighbors for the food and the lovely cards I received.

Again, many thanks to anyone who helped me in any way. It will always be remembered.

Frances Beck
And Other Relatives

Obituary

PRESTON BISHOP
J. Preston Bishop of Weidman died Friday afternoon, April 15, at the Gratiot Community Hospital in Alma. He was 76.

He was born Oct. 25, 1900, in Pennsylvania, and had lived in the Weidman area the past 27 years.

At one time he was in the poultry business, and later owned and operated Bishop's Shopping Center at Horr. He also raised trotter horses.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian; two sons, Vernard of Chambersburg, Pa., Raymond of Virginia Beach, Va.; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Stoner of Hancock, Md.; a stepson, Verlin Jones, of Alma; 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; also five brothers, Walter of Mt. Pleasant, Raymond of Swanton, O., Bruce of Tallahassee, Fla., and Austin and Marshall of Hancock, Md.; and a sister, Mrs. Achsah Schetrompf, of Hancock.

Funeral services were held Monday of this week at 2 p. m. from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with George Getchel, pastor of the Gilmore Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in Forest Hill Cemetery at Horr.

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Jim Hughes, news director of Radio Station WCEN at Mt. Pleasant, visited with Connie Skinner and Frances Tranbarger Sunday afternoon. He brought along his newest electronic gadget, a computer-like radio scanner that can pick up anything from police calls to conversations between ham radio operators (not the CBers). Jim stayed for a skimpy lunch of home-packed tv dinner, with hot-buttered bread by Minnie Reeds' sourdough recipe, and became acquainted with a hot salad concoction of pigweed greens (lambsquarters). His radio scanner is a real stunner.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin attended the funeral of her uncle at Copemish Thursday. The Martins spent the weekend in Detroit, attending a Golden Jubilee for Elizabeth Carroll, celebrating her 50 years as a nun.

Mrs. Opal Denslow called at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton Sunday to pay respect to the family of J.C. Bishop. Later, she attended the Golden Wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Clebard Starks, and then attended a bridal shower for the bride-to-be of David Tice, at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Jennie Tice.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent returned home Friday from a four-months' stay in Florida. Mabel said it was lovely down there. She could be out every day. Some different from our winter!

Sunday the Dents went to the Krueger home to help Brian celebrate his eighth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher were Saturday evening callers at the Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Sunday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Olger and Mike Wood were weekend guests at the the Pete Wood home. Jack Lynch was a Sunday afternoon caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnes-

tock and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fahnestock enjoyed Sunday dinner at Gaylord.

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PREVENT FOREST FIRES, SAYS THE DNR

The Department of Natural Resources says: "We have so many reasons to protect our forests and grasslands: America needs its outdoor recreation sites, its clear clean water, its trees that yield wood, its grass to feed livestock, its food and homes for wild life. All these are destroyed by forest and grassland fires.

"Nine out of 10 forest and grassland fires are preventable, being caused by people who are careless or wilfully negligent for a fatal instant with their cigars, matches, campfires, grass, brush, and trash fires.

"In a nation with a dramatically growing population, and with more leisure time, better roads and more dollars to spend, forests and other outdoor areas are more important to more people than ever before.

"Check your burning barrel or other burner for holes larger than three-quarters of an inch in diameter, and for good covering device, and place them away from burnable material: grass, leaves, etc.

Contact Mt. Pleasant 773-5713 for burning permits in Isabella County (mandatory!) outside of villages and cities with organized fire departments. It may be more

convenient for some to call the DNR at Harrison or Gladwin. Permits are not required if burning is in an approved container. Office hours are normally 8 a. m. to 5. p. m.

"Remember the Seney Fire!"
Merle E. Aldrich
315 E. Chippewa
Mt. Pleasant
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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wright took their grandchildren home over the weekend, to their son, Ver'l's, near Monroe. They had spent their Easter vacation here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Gray called on Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Forbes Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Strong of Barryton were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne LaLonde.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Laing of

Detroit spent from Saturday till Monday with me, after being called here by the death of her brother, Bud Longtin.

I accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Donald Seymore to Westland Saturday, when they took their sister, Hazel Carson, home, after spending the week here.

Eunice LaLonde and I had supper and spent the evening with Ethel Beers and Fern Verette.

Nora Geasler, Sandy Kline and Ellen Geasler attended Merry Go Round Club at Mel Hudolin's last Thursday. The May meeting will be with Sandy Kline May 12.

A very nice crowd attended the American Missionary Fellowship meeting at the hall in Brinton Sunday, April 16. Dinner was served at noon, and an afternoon of entertainment by a number of surrounding Sunday Schools was enjoyed.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steffke and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell returned from a five-day vacation in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Quite a few women were invited to a bridal shower for Patty Schafer of Chicago. It was put on by Mrs. Carol Schafer and Theresa Smith.

Gail Tilmann and Bill Herdlein were married Friday evening in St. Joseph's Church, a very beautiful wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dean and Kevin and Darwin Schafer of Chicago were visiting around here the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Grace of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Garrett are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell called on Louis Rau Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Schafer had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block Sunday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard.

Mrs. Matie Pung entered CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant Saturday morning.

Mrs. Rose Grinzinger entered the same hospital Sunday, for surgery.

Oscar Schafer of Winn called on his mother, Mrs. Tillie Schafer, Tuesday evening.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter

The Broadbecks of Lansing spent the weekend at their cottage, preparing for summer.

Friday evening was the big event for Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider. Their daughter, Jo Ann, was wed to Rod Adams of Bath. A reception was held at Park Lake, with Doris Schneider as maid of honor for her sister. Among the guests attending were the bride's grandparents of Muskegon, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bamford and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baker of Haslett, Mr. and Mrs. Don Atherton, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doutre of Saginaw; also Mr. and Mrs. La Vern Sperry of Laingsburg. Rod and Jo Ann plan a honeymoon trip to Kentucky and Tennessee before returning to their home in Lansing.

Don Atherton spent the weekend in Lansing with the Michigan National Guard.

June and Joe Arts spent a few days at their trailer last week. They live in Lansing. Joe says, "We're getting ready for summer."

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Siler of Saginaw spent the weekend at their cottage, cleaning up and getting ready for summer.

Jo Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Fleenor and Tracy spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brazier at their home in Au Gres.

Mr. and Mrs. Derry Dunn spent Sunday visiting their daughter, Sue, and family in Durand.

Mrs. Paul Dorr of Hemlock spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorr. Sunday, Jo Ellen, Bobby and Dwight also of Hemlock, spent the day with their grandparents.

Mrs. Alice Kellicut spent the weekend at her cottage, preparing for summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wischmeyer of Alma spent the day visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Wischmeyer. Also visiting them were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Heitmeyer of Fort Jennings, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton McClintic of Merrill spent Sunday visiting Walt and Della Wischmeyer.

Roy and Evelyn Freeborn and Mike of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday night visiting Sheri and Jerome Beck.

Bob and Vivian Shelp of Lansing and Glenn Kemmis came up to the lake Friday evening. They stopped in to visit with the Jerome Becks before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. White of Alma visited the Dick Tyler residence Sunday, and spent the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shelp spent

Saturday evening visiting with Chuck and Evelyn Ludwig.

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

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NEWS NOTES

The softball season at the park this season will run 10 games in five weeks, with a Mid-May start.

Russ Maeder is in general command of details.

We haven't seen any fish jumping in Lake of the Hills as yet. Usually, come first warm days, the old carp and bass are sporting around, making waves and real splashes down there. (I see the lake from my kitchen window.)

Hope we didn't have winterkill on fish here. We sure had thick ice, on all lakes and ponds.

(Ed's Note: The bluegills were hitting like mad Sunday evening, and some of us on the lake enjoyed fish suppers Monday.)

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So--guess there wasn't too much winter-kill on local lakes and streams. Good for us.

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DEBI GRAHAM WINS GOOD PRIZE MONEY AT BOWLING SATURDAY

Debi Graham won \$119.00 in jackpot prize money Saturday evening, bowling at Riverwood in Mt. Pleasant.

Congratulations, Debi!

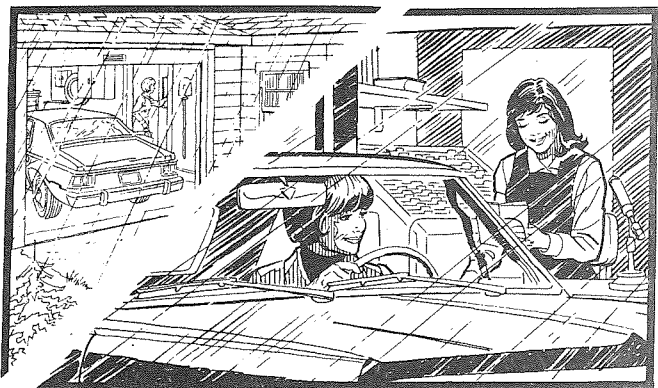
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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson and Mrs. Nina Forbes visited Mrs. Marge Mullett of Nottawa Sunday.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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Obituary

MRS. IRENE KING

Mrs. Sylvia (Irene) King died April 14 at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant. She was 74.

She had lived in the Mt. Pleasant area 15 years, and had relatives in the Weidman area.

She is survived by four sons, Donald of Lansing, Clarence, Jr., of Mt. Pleasant, and Frank and Robert, both of Remus; three daughters, Mrs. Robert (Mary Lou) Moore and Mrs. Richard (Bonnie) Theisen, both of Mt. Pleasant; two sisters, Mrs. Laura DeLong of Shepherd and Mrs. Agnes Shock of Ithaca; and 20 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 17, at 2 p.m. at the Stinson-Helms Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with Pastor Luther Albrecht officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,
We have had a beautiful winter out here, but we are thinking about getting back home, now.

We expect to leave here May 5, so will you please send all April papers here, but beginning with the May 5 issue, send to our Weidman address. We do enjoy our Messenger.

We are going north through California, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin on our way

home, so should get there about the middle of May.

See you then.
Andy and Beryl Beck
California

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Dear Connie:

It is getting that time again when I will be leaving Florida again. I had a nice winter, and enjoyed it very much in Florida, as usual.

As I see it now, I will be leaving April 30, so you can hold the Messenger that week.

So long, and take good care of yourself.

Love,
Elizabeth Neubecker
Florida

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(Ed's Note: We received the following from Gordon Fredrickson of Muskegon, which we are happy to reprint:)

TANSTAAFL

After the War of the Almonds, the Land of Kulumar was the richest and most powerful of all.

Its fields were bountiful and its granaries were full.

Its flocks were fat and sleek.

The Kulumese were proud and productive. They worked and they rejoiced in the highest standard of living known.

Sire, the Generous, surveyed all this plenty and said, "Surely a country as rich as Kulumar should provide food and housing and garments for our less fortunate. I will ask the Lawmakers to levy a tax on the workers to provide this."

And the Lawmakers, each of whom hoped one day to become Sire, levied the taxes. They then said: "Let there also be free circuses for those who do not work. And let there be soft hassocks and free food and wines for those who watch the circuses."

And the Lawmakers levied more taxes.

When the workers of Kulumar heard of the free circuses, the soft hassocks, and the food and wines, and then figured their now monstrous taxes, they said: "That is for us."

The farmers left the fields. The shepherds abandoned their flocks. The weavers laid down their shuttles. The blacksmiths cooled their forges. All the Kulumese were watching the free circuses.

Plenty turned to scarcity. No longer was there abundant food. Garments were hard to come by. The Kulumese did not even have camel chips to heat their tents.

Prices rose and rose. And the Lawmakers raised taxes again and again. (It was the only thing they knew how to do.)

Misery and gloom replaced joy and pride.

And Sire, the Generous, who was well-intentioned, went to the Wise Man of the Mountain and said: "Wise One, I have tried to give the good life to my people. But they no longer want to work. Food and goods are scarce, prices are outrageous. Taxes are even more so. Give me a solution."

And the Wise Man of the Mountain replied in Mutumese: "TANSTAAFL."

Which means: "There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch."

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Connie

Just thought I'd bring you up to date on some of the Band's activities.

We still don't know for sure if we are going to Florida. When we know I will let you know. Of course, if the millage doesn't pass in June, we won't have a Band to send, and it will take more than 18 mills.

The Boosters have purchased 140 new marching uniforms that are not quite paid for, so we are continuing with out money-mak-

ing projects.

April 5 was our annual Style Show, with fashions by Sally's of Remus, at 7.30 in the High School auditorium.

April 13, Grand Valley College was scheduled to be here for a co-concert with our Symphony Band. It was at 8 p.m. in the High School gym.

Judy Krueger

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey arrived home from wintering in Florida, last Thursday afternoon.

EXPIRATION--Of your subscription date appears each week beside your address.

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Lena Cole, Reporter

Bess Pfannes and Paul Cole did a little fishing at Rifle River last Thursday, with no luck.

Mrs. Henry Purdy of near Ionia and daughter, Dolores, of Flint, called on the Paul Coles last Thursday.

Miss Ruth Border and Mrs. Beulah Wixson called on Beulah's in-laws, the Paul Coles, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Helen Allbee visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wixson and son, Jim, of Indianapolis, spent the weekend at their trailer.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hanner of Flint spent the week at their trailer.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell of South Bend, Ind., spent the weekend with their parents, the Paul Coles, and Velma.

The Mossells called on his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merchant, of Harrison.

Mr. Merchant is very ill. Sunday callers of the Paul Coles were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa.

Henry Purdy and Miss Delores Purdy spent the week with his daughter, Miss Irene Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Purdy.

We are sorry to hear Mrs. Flosie Forbes is much worse.

Nora Geasler called on the Coles Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clair Oberlin of Lansing spent the weekend at their cottage on First Street, on the river.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Our sympathy to Lillian Bishop and family.

Mrs. Doris Ferris spent last week with Mrs. Zena Olger. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Sim Riggs of Farwell last Tuesday. Doris took her to the store one day. They also attended the Merry-Go-Round Club at the home of Mel Hudolin on Battle Road last Thursday.

Some of our children stopped in to visit with their Dad through the week.

Al Woodbury is back from Florida. He called on Laura Latham Sunday.

Laura enjoyed a birthday party for her son, John Latham, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Zuker (his daughter Susie) Friday evening.

Helen Alwood went to Barryton Thursday afternoon on business. I accompanied her, and we enjoyed luncheon there. Helen picked up Cathy from school.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and Mrs. Muriel Miller and Mrs. Lois Knollenberg of Rosebush enjoyed the Johnny Cash Show at the College Saturday evening.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and grandchildren, Todd and Heather, took Bessie Allen out for birthday dinner at the Bonanza Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant. I also accompanied them, and enjoyed it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrish and family visited her parents Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Norm Abbott. The children stayed with their grandparents, and helped clean their yard, over the weekend.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,

In spite of all the reminders in the Messenger, I went right by March 11 without sending my subscription money. Sorry.

Spring has come at last, and in spite of cold weather and freezes, the flowers are out in full splendor. My azaleas are beautiful, and the orange trees are getting new leaves, and blossoms, too.

This promises to be a beautiful day, and it is 72 degrees on the carport thermometer this morning (8 a. m.).

Millie and her husband visited me recently. His daughter brought them over from near Lakeland, where they are staying.

I keep very busy--have a full-time job as well as singing with the "Sweet Adelines". Last weekend we went to St. Peters-

burg for competition at the Bay Front Center. Choruses from three states competed. It was fun, but MUCH work!

Hope your snow is leaving by now, and spring will be there

soon, also.

Sincerely
Ercel (Bywater) Woodward
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NOTICE OF HEARING

TAKE NOTICE: On May 2, 1977, at 11:00 A. M. in the Probate Courtroom, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, before Honorable David E. Burrows, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Robert B. Carroll, to determine the heirs at law of said deceased.

STEPHEN W. FOX
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Dated: April 12, 1977

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HERE'S WHERE THE FOREST HILL SCHOOL STOOD--next to the Sterling Oplinger farm at Horr. In the woods across the fields from the school, children picked wildflowers, and enjoyed the woods trees and nature trips. Ernie Putman stands beside a fence on the Oplinger farm. Photos loaned the Messenger by Ernie Putman.

ENGAGED



BONNIE JEAN BROWN

Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Brown of 1014 Glen, Mt. Pleasant, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Jean, to Robert Wayne D'Agostino, son of Louis D. D'Agostino of Meriden, Conn., and Mrs. Roberta Hashbargh of Flint, Mich.

Miss Brown will graduate from Central Michigan University in August. Mr. D'Agostino is a graduate of Central, and is currently teaching in Flint.

An August wedding is being planned.

Bonnie is a grand-niece of Frances Tranbarger and Connie Skinner of Weidman.

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Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Robinson and family of Marion were Sunday dinner guests of the Thayne Sides family.

RICHARD DUTCHER TAKES TECHNICAL COURSE

Richard Dutcher and Harold Elliott, linemen for General Telephone Co., completed a technical course in cable construction at the company's service training center in Muskegon, Bill Buschle, division manager, announced this week.

Objective of the 10-day course is to give the employee the skills necessary in installing access points for buried and aerial cable. The course also enables the participant to splice cable, terminate building cable and insure proper grounding on all cable facilities.

Richard, his wife Barbara and son Douglas and daughter Patti live on Drew Road.

Elliott, his wife Barbara, daughter Janice and son Harold, Jr., live in Mt. Pleasant.

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DICK SHOOK PARTICIPATES IN CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSN.

Local participants in the annual Catholic Library Association Education Association will include Richard Shook, John Glenn High School librarian in Bangor Township, Bay City.

Richard is incoming chairman of the Parish & Community Libraries section of the Catholic Library Association, and will chair the section executive board and advisory council and section business meetings.

Richard is the son of Mrs. Leila Shook of Weidman. He is a 1959 graduate of Weidman Community High school, and graduate of CMU.

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Mrs. Edna Bowein spent Sunday with Loretta Lorenz, at her home.

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