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Editor's Column

By Connie

YE ED--A MINUTE MAN!!!

So Connie (Roe) Skinner has been named as Regional Minute Man for the upcoming Michigan Week observances, and also for the state awards to be handed out by Lieut. Gov. James J. Damon in Lansing, next week.

One of my ancestors, John Savage (my middle name is Savage, by the way, which many will agree with), was a Minute Man in Massachusetts in pre-Revolutionary War times, and during the war.

He arrived at Concord just too late to participate in the "shot heard round the world".

So I figure it's a great honor, both in the area awards and the state doings at Lansing.

(The regional, or area, awards will be given at a noon luncheon next Monday, so whatever comes out in the Messenger, think nothing of it. I may fill in with last week's comics from the Detroit Free Press.)

Anyhow, I'm extremely honored, and count my village and rural area right in there with me in earning the awards.

The Weidman Messenger, to which the awards actually are given, records the joys and sorrows, personally, of folks on the west half of Isabella County.

That's our function as a small-town weekly paper.

But the Messenger has help from innumerable sources, from our faithful rural and lake news reporters to all those who call in and give the Messenger news tips which we follow up.

So, thanks, folks, for your assistance in making the Weidman Messenger's editor a Minute Man for Michigan (there'll be 24 others receiving the awards at Lansing), and also for helping me keep track of our daily and weekly lives around here.

(I looked in my old Webster's Unabridged for the correct meaning of "Minute Man," and learn-



WILL THE OLD GRADS MEET AGAIN?--Ernie Putman, of Route 3, Evart, would like to get the old gang together again, at the Weidman park or some other suitable place. He would like to hear from old Forest Hill students, pro and con, and start making plans, if any, for this year's reunion of old and dear friends. Above is a color photo Ernie took at last year's reunion, showing all, or most, of the old grads from the old school.

ed that a Minute Man was one of thousands of rural men ready and willing to keep themselves armed at all times and to respond to any emergency pertaining to the growing fracas with King George. In Massachusetts the Minute Men were a part of the regular Militia.)

So there. Sounds familiar, does it not? How many times has the Messenger barged in where politicians and timid citizens feared to tread, and attempted to bring to light unfair political or ethical situations! (Too many, these old bones sometimes say.)

Anyhow, our thanks to you all for making us a Minute Man, and to Jim Hughes, news editor of Radio Station WCEN in Mt. Pleasant, for nominating me and the paper.

And also a big Thanks to Bud Fredrickson, president of the Weidman Business Association, for volunteering to drive me to Lansing. It's entirely fitting that the local Chamber of Commerce should be present at the doin's.

Besides, Bud is saving the old gal a big fat headache on get-

ting to the right place at the right time.

Thanks again, everybody!

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WBA MEETING SEES GOOD ACTION BY MEMBERS

At the regular meeting of the Weidman Business Association last Thursday evening, a lot of action was reported by members, accomplished and in the works.

Mick Abbott is investigating the cost of a tennis court at the park.

Another cleanup session will be held May 12 at 7 p.m., to finish cleaning up the park. WBA President Bud Fredrickson will get the water softener hooked up at the park.

Lou Fiorillo was charged with the job of looking into school bands and a Color Guard for the annual Memorial Day parade.

It was voted that, if the Little League shows real need, the WBA will donate up to \$100 for this season.

The land committee is getting busy on available lots or pieces suitable for a community building if finances are available.

Monday of this week, Walt

Smith and Thayne Sides completed orders and preparations for the bigger and better fireworks, which this year will be displayed on the evening of Weidman Day.

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WEIDMAN DAY MEETING IS SET FOR MAY 17

There will be a Weidman Day meeting Tuesday evening, May 17, at 7.30 at the Fire Hall in Weidman, WBA President Bud Fredrickson announced this week.

All heads of committees are requested to attend.

Weidman Day is set for the weekend after the Fourth of July: Friday and Saturday, July 8 and 9. Plans are being developed for a big, big day.

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CITIZENS WANT THEIR SHERMAN CITY CHURCH

There will be a meeting May 28 at 2 p.m. at the Sherman City Church to discuss the restoration of the church.

Interested persons are urged to attend. The Sherman City Church is non-denominational, and appeals to a wide cross-section of people.

In the Editor's Mail

Constance Skinner
Editor and Publisher
Weidman Messenger
Weidman, Michigan
Dear Editor,

The Knights of Columbus, Beal City Council 3651, wish to offer our thanks for the news coverage given the second annual Tootsie Roll Fund Drive for the help of retarded children. Your assistance in publicizing this statewide event has again this year made it a very successful effort.

Many thanks also to those in the Weidman-Beal City area who so generously contributed. A total of \$740 in contributions was collected in the areas solicited by our K of C members, which included Rosebush, Leaton, Shepherd and Winn, be-

sides this area. Proceeds of the drive now will be distributed to locally mental handicapped programs, with 20% going to the State Council, Knights of Columbus, to assist those mentally impaired through other programs statewide.

Sincerely
Fred Steffke, Chairman
Mental Retardation
Committee
Beal City K of C 3651
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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Paul Cole helped his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing, last Monday and Tuesday.

The Paul Coles are very proud to hear that their granddaughter, Carol Ewing, of Vassar, won the highest award in band. She is a Senior this year at the Vassar High School.

We were also proud to hear our grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ganser, who won the \$3,000 all expense paid trip to Mexico April 16, last week won \$500. How lucky can you be!

Mrs. Lee Dalton is helping clean house at the Coles'. Mrs. Beulah Wixson is in CMC Hospital. We are glad to report her on the gain.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mrs. Melva Worth and Pam, and Mrs. Joe Geasler and boys, Gary and Kevin, attended the 25th wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place. It was also Earl's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kasteel called on the home folks Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clawson visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler, Friday. Saturday, her brother, George Cornell, and children were callers. Her sister, Melody Reed, and children spent Sunday with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes spent the week in Flint with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yambrick, seeing their doctor, and caring for other business.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes have returned from a two weeks' business and pleasure stay in California.

DICK CURTISS

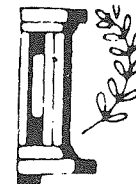
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PIANO TUNING--And service. Russell Merrihew, West Broomfield Road, PO Remus 39340, ph. (Blanchard) 561-4043. 17Febt6p

FOR SALE--Hermione Smith's house in Weidman. Two nice lots, corner Sixth and Main Streets, close to shopping. \$11,000. Ph. 644-3581. May5t2p

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FOR SALE--A small Coachman travel trailer. Sleeps four, gas or electric. Ph. 773-3091. May 12t4

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey were Sunday dinner guests of the Richard Embreys, observing anniversaries and birthdays of the family. The Dennis Embrey family were also present.

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Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is Hereby Given, that a public hearing will be held at the Sherman Township Hall Monday, May 16, at 8 o'clock p. m.

To consider a preliminary plat of "Canterbury Estates," a proposed real estate development in the west 1/2 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 36, Sherman Township, Isabella County.

Proprietors of the proposed development are George Blackburn and Father John Goodrow, both of Mt. Pleasant.

KEITH LOOMIS
Sherman Township Clerk
May 12t1

FOR RENT--All furnished 3-room apartment with bath. All utilities paid. No pets or children. Phone 644-3958, or inquire at 1888 N. Winn Road. May 12tf

FLEA MARKET AND CHICKEN DINNER--Every Saturday, beginning May 28, at the Broomfield Grange Hall, corner of M-20 and South Coldwater Road. May 12t2

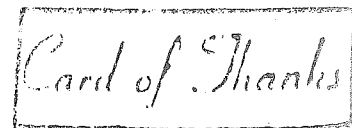
TWO SEPARATE 10-FAMILY Garage Sales, near Beal City. Centennial clothes, baby furniture, maternity clothes, chain saw, garage door, old school desk, miscellaneous furniture; baby bunnies (live) and lots of goodies. Saturday only, May 14 9 to 3. First sale five miles east of Weidman, on Weidman Road. Second sale half-mile north of first sale, on Nottawa Road. No early sales. May 12t1

FOR SALE--One used brass Lafayette baritone, one used brass Holton cornet, excellent condition. Both have been examined by a music instructor. Cornet, \$125.00, baritone \$100.00. Ph. 972-8473 May 12t2

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley and children and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth had Mother's Day dinner at the home of Dick's sister's, the Robert Goethals, in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were Sunday guests of Jack and Marian Powers near Shepherd. Last Tuesday they called on Ed and Myrtle Lewis of Mt. Pleasant.

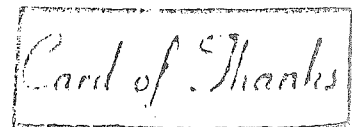


We wish to thank the friends and relatives for the kindness shown us during the death of our Mother, and for the many beautiful floral offerings;

Also Rev. Eldridge for his comforting words.

Thanks also to the ladies for their nice luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Forbes
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geasler
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Faulds
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bush



In the event of my husband's sickness and death, I am grateful to Weidman friends for their comfort and floral gifts;

To the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Stars, and to the ladies of the church for the bountiful supper;

To the pallbearers, and Rev. and Mrs. Lynch for their support and beautiful dedication.

Marie Smith
Laura Schoneich (sister)

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips spent Thursday with her brother, Frank Durham, in Bay City. They all went to Essexville to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brenay, where they visited. They spent the night at Frank's, and on their way home Friday they stopped in Midland to have supper and spend the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams.

Mother's Day guests of Mrs. Leah Scharrer were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus of Flushing, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Reinert of Grand Ledge and Mrs. Pat Doyle of Rosebush, who were dinner guests. The Reinerts were visiting their father, Wilbur Reinert.

Mr. and Mrs. James Neubecker and children, Steven, Chris and Elizabeth Ann, of DeWitt, spent Mother's Day with James' mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker. While here they all attended Mass service at Father E. F. Neubecker's, which was offered up in honor of the two mothers, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker and Mrs. Karen Neubecker, and also in honor of Chris Neubecker's First Communion. Chris is the second son of the James Neubeckers.

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Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter
Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Thelen visited Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Smith at Westphalia Thursday. They also dropped in to spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fox of Pewamo, before returning home Thursday evening.

Saturday was a beautiful day, as Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schneider and Don and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Atherton traveled to the Mid-Michigan Mushroom Festival in Harrison. The sky diving event was something to see, and the various articles for sale in arts and crafts, and the flea market, were all very interesting. Don Atherton won \$10 and first prize in the mushroom competition, with his huge double white morel. It was judged on the largest and most perfect basis, and no need to say we're all proud of Don, and extend congratulations.

Mrs. Gwen Tomlinson and Kay spent Mother's Day in Lansing with Bud and his mother, Mrs. Helen Tomlinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Thelen spent Thursday at their cottage, and visited Sonny and Noreen Thelen before returning home Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Wright and family spent Mother's Day weekend at their cottage.

Also visiting for the weekend were the Lloyd Marcy family of Elwell.

Mrs. Harry Haag and family of Hemlock visited her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorr, Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cooper of Mt. Pleasant spent Monday at their cottage, cleaning and getting ready for the summer.

Mrs. Florence Rupp brought Mrs. Ruth Worley home from the hospital Thursday. She had been there about a week, for observa-

tion and tests. We hope she gets better real soon.

Mrs. Leonard Schneider attended the grand school band concert Wednesday evening. Don plays drum, and the kids sounded real good for first-year beginners.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Harris of Harrison spent Mother's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stacey. Also home to visit was their daughter, Penny.

Our sympathy to the John Maas family of Alma, whose wife passed on May 3 of a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Poling of Walled Lake are here for the summer months. They live on Cedar Pointe Drive.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Miss Debbie Slider returned home Sunday, from a vacation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and other members of their card club enjoyed dancing at Connors' Supper Club at Rodney Saturday evening.

Sunday dinner guests of the Oplingers were Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oplinger. Mr. and Mrs. Dyan Harrison and two children were also Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mrs. Betty Thompson enjoyed Sunday dinner with her mother, near Lansing.

Mrs. Thompson attended WSCS at the home of Mrs. Pauline Wager Wednesday afternoon. In the evening she attended Eastern Star Friends' Night at Weidman.

Bill Thompson attended the annual Broadway Banquet at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Friday evening.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Bob

Denslow spent Sunday with their folks, the Mack Denslows.

Callers during the week at the Charles Fahnestock home were Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bateman and son of Lake Isabella, Ray Fahnestock of Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Greck of Lake Isabella, formerly of Royal Oak, Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fahnestock, of Lake of the Hills, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fahnestock.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and family and Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday callers at the Alva Cummins home.

Mrs. Ethel McLean spent Sunday with her son, Elwood Miller, and wife Iola. Other guests to visit with Ethel included Mrs. Janice Touchinski and girls and Mrs. Edith Touchinski, George Miller, Norman Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright. Mrs. Bob Bains was a Saturday guest.

Tracy White underwent surgery Monday at the Mt. Pleasant Hospital.

Sunday dinner guests at the Pete Wood home were Mrs. Isabel Pelletier, Mrs. Jackie Olger, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills, and Michael Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher took Mrs. Hattie Losey and Mrs. Min-

nie Strauch to the Veterans Facility in Grand Rapids Wednesday, to see Floyd Dutcher. Mrs. Lois Losey and Mrs. Bessie Price stayed with Charlie while they were gone. When they got back, Ervin and Goldie ate supper with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thompson of Lansing called Friday at the Losey home.

Mrs. Violet Oplinger, Mrs. Leah Scharrer and I spent Friday afternoon with Hattie Losey.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz and children, Ron Losey and friend, Ann Fountain, were Friday callers at the Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald called last Thursday on Charlie and Hattie and me.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Ron, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Don Merrihew and Greg and Brenda were afternoon callers.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mick Abbott and Robert had dinner Sunday at the Bonanza Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

A bus load of band players went to Morrice Friday, from the Beal City High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCreary and sons of Elwell, Terry Klumpp and Maxine Klumpp and friend, and Matilda Schafer spent Mother's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schafer spent Saturday evening with Matilda Schafer.

Mrs. Robert Klumpp returned home from the hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Louise Schafer spent Mother's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schafer at Shepherd.

Patty Moody and Ann Eldred of Winn helped Matilda Schafer do her spring house cleaning Wed-

nesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Malish of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday evening with Louise Schafer.

The Junior-Senior Banquet was well attended at the Plesko Supper Club at Edmore Saturday evening.

Chris McCreary of Elwell spent Saturday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer called on Matilda Schafer and Mabel Klumpp at Farwell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snider of Remus visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer one day last week.

Al Cashen is home from the hospital, and doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Pasch were in Chicago over the weekend.

Gertrude Grodski called on Anne Smith Sunday.

Cindy Pohl and Doug Gepford were married Friday evening. What a beautiful ceremony.

Pat Schafer and Al Danielle were married in Chicago Saturday afternoon. Those attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould, Ginny Rau, Gail Herdlein, Janice Millard, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen, Cathy Rau, Mrs. Rose Schafer, grandmother of the bride; and Theresa Smith, bridesmaid. It was a beautiful wedding.

Baptized Sunday at St. Joseph the Worker Church were Lavern Virgil Forbes, son of Lavern and Bonnie Forbes; and Angela Marie Latham, daughter of Robert and Ann Latham.

We welcome to our parish Mrs. Ann Latham and her daughter, Angela, and Miss Anne McLaughlin.

Brian Gould spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau.

The Beal City School Prom was well attended Saturday evening.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Holt of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon and evening with Mrs. Nina Forbes. Virginia Brien of Summer and Mrs. Forbes called on Leah Parks at Shepherd Friday.

Mrs. Marie Smith has moved into her home she purchased from the Methodist Church (the Ina Gillet house) on Fourth Street, and is enjoying the continuing remodeling and renovation of the place.

Cleo Oligney is back at her home here in Weidman.

Congratulations

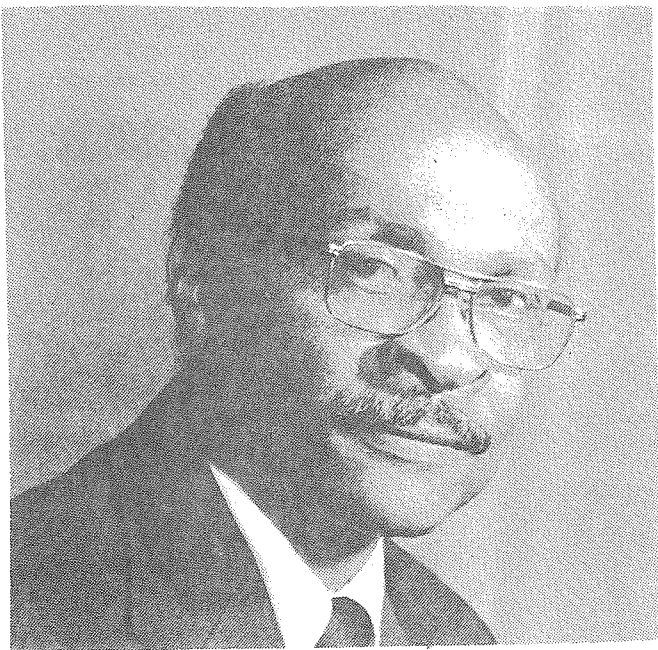
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BISHOP EDSSEL A. AMMONS

METHODIST CHURCH TO HAVE BISHOP AS VISITOR

Bishop Edsel A. Ammons, leader of Michigan United Methodists, will deliver the morning sermon and conduct the consecration service of the new United Methodist parsonage in Weidman in the afternoon of Sunday, May 15.

Bishop Ammons' Conference covers all of Michigan.

Following the complete renovation and dedication of the sanctuary just a year ago, the Weidman church began building a new parsonage which was completed last year. It is located on Lindy Lane on the north shore of Lake Weidman. It is a bi-level structure, with four bedrooms, a study, family room, living room, utility room and two baths, plus kitchen and dining room.

Rev. Athel J. Lynch is in his seventh year as pastor of the Weidman church.

He and Mrs. Lynch are leaving in June for another pastorate, after achieving outstanding improvements in the church here, its rituals, and of course the new parsonage. They are highly regarded. Rev. Lynch was born and raised in the Two Rivers area.

The Bishop and his wife will arrive in Weidman Saturday afternoon, spend the night in the new parsonage as guests of Rev. and Mrs. Lynch, share in the Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock and then join members and guests at a pot-luck dinner at noon, before conducting the service of consecration at 2 p.m.

It is always a rare privilege to have the Bishop preach in a local church, especially in the Weidman church, which never before in its entire history of 80 years has had that honor.

Dr. Ammons was elected Bishop of Michigan July 13, 1976,

following a period of eight years as professor at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary which is connected with Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill. He has many high-ranking college degrees.

He has been a member of General and Jurisdictional Conference of the church since 1964, and was chairman of the Legislative Committee on Social Concerns, General Conference of 1972.

Dr. Ammons will receive a warm welcome in Weidman.

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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

A week away from home means come home to rest.

Monday, May 2, Otto and I left for Lansing, stopping in DeWitt with our son, Edwin Yabs, who took his Dad for dinner celebrating Otto's 82nd birthday; then to my sister, Faye Stephenson, for another birthday dinner.

Tuesday we took Faye to Southfield Medical Clinic. Wednesday we spent visiting other relatives; Thursday, dental appointments. Friday, a grand shopping tour.

Saturday we took Faye to Albion, to a Commencement luncheon, and Saturday night to Olds Retirees' Banquet.

Sunday to church with our son and family, then to Corunna for dinner with my sister Faye and sister Elsie Loder. In the evening to church, where a niece of mine, Betty King, received a farewell "This Is Your Life" program. She has served over 30 years as their church organist.

After all this visiting, I came home with laryngitis, unable to speak a word. Otto says, "Oh, well, it's quiet around the house."

No time to get a report from anyone else, but here's an item that came in:

Roderick Nicholson, on Coldwater Road, plans to entertain the Farm Bureau meeting at his home Thursday evening. He's planning to spend the weekend with his sister, Nellie Bingham, and her family at Hubbard Lake, up north.

Last week Roderick had a nice visit with his sisters, Cleo Wiley of Pontiac, Faye Wiley of Northville, and Nellie Bingham, and also Faye's oldest boy and his family.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Latham and family of Grand Rapids called on their mother, Laura Latham, and also her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger, visited her Sunday.

Mrs. Zena Olger had dinner with a grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Conley, of Mt. Pleasant, Sunday. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Conley, also were guests. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson visited Mrs. Olger Sunday evening.

Mrs. Verna Seymour and granddaughter called on Zena Olger one day last week. Helen and Luella Allbee also were visitors.

Debi Graham took us for a ride Saturday. Deb and Wanda gave me an orchid to wear to church Mother's Day.

Wanda and Debi Graham took John and me to see Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family at Stanton. Shirley had just returned home from the Alma Hospital Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gott of

Elwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott called on us Sunday, with gifts of plants and money. Bessie Allen attended Sunday School and church with me, and gave me a new watch for Mother's Day.

Bill and Troy Alwood spent Sunday and Monday with his parents, the Don Alwoods.

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

Our pastor preached a wonderful sermon Sunday for Mother's Day.

There were four plants given for the oldest mother. Elvah Gott received this honor. Violet Carr was second; Muriel Miller had the most children at church, and Lou Ann Leiter the youngest child.

It was a lovely day.

Local Items

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cotter of Weidman, a third son, Kevin Patrick, April 25, at Gratiot Hospital in Alma. The young man weighed in at 10 pounds, 12 ounces. Mrs. Cotter is the former Dawn Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clark of Weidman.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler spent several days last week in East Lansing with her son-in-law and daughter, who brought her back to the Johnstons' at Rosebush, where they had Mother's Day dinner.

Harold Clark of Saline spent Friday afternoon until Saturday with his brother and sister, Don Clark and Lela Whearett. Emma Middlesworth was also a dinner guest Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Knudson of Livonia came Friday night and were weekend guests of his mother and uncle.

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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Karen Dutcher and Kenneth Heckard were married Saturday afternoon in the Trinity Wesleyan Church. There was a reception in their honor at the Broomfield Grange Hall Saturday evening.

Jan Pettigrew and Diane, Bob and Traci attended the reception and spent over night with the Garry Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and children, and Clayton and I attended the reception for Karen and Ken Heckard at the Broomfield Grange Hall Saturday evening.

Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint came up Saturday evening. Larry attended the reception, and the girls stayed over night with their Grandmother Simkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher attended the funeral of a cousin of mine, Hugh Kobel, of Arizona, Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Secord of Holt also attended the funeral, then visited us and had supper with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher spent Wednesday with the Harold Secords in Holt. They purchased a Fifth Wheel camper while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher took Hattie Losey and Minnie Strauch to see Floyd Dutcher in Grand Rapids last Wednesday.

Ronna Dutcher and Steve visited the Roy Siscos and the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., last Friday.

Opal Hardenburgh and Linda were Saturday callers of Ronna Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald were last Monday evening callers of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Ervin and Goldie Dutcher visited Mr. and Mrs. Les Rhodes in Grand Rapids Sunday, then they all drove to Holland to see the tulips. They visited Floyd while in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oplinger visited their folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday.

Last Week's News

Beatrice Gatehouse spent from last Sunday till Saturday afternoon in CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant. Her Sunday callers were Mabel Chaffee, Louann Meader, and Vada Gatehouse.

Sandra and Ed Oplinger came home from their trip Monday. Their folks visited them Monday evening, to watch them open their wedding gifts. The Brian Dutchers also visited them.

Clayton and I visited the Harold Secords at Holt, and Percy Secord of Lansing, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., visited Floyd Dutcher and Robert Hogg at Veterans Facility in Grand Rapids Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dutcher of Cadillac called on us and the Ervin Dutchers Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited the James Taylors of Blanchard Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler visited her folks, the Stanley Sandersons, of St. Charles, last Monday. They attended the funerals of Walter Smith and Ruth Blesch last week.

Mary, Claribel and Marian Beutler and Alma Dosenberry were in Coleman Friday evening, attending Eastern Stars' Friends Night.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler attended Vesper Services at the Masonic Temple in Mt. Pleasant.

The Robert Dutchers called on us Sunday evening. Jim and Mike were also callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald spent the last two months in Florida and California. They returned home April 23. Grace spent Wednesday with Nora Stevens of Lakeview. They spent Thursday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woodin of Midland.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Forbes attended the Elvis Presley show at Saginaw last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Moon of Battle Creek spent Friday evening with me.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields and family of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with his mother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Tony Bartley.

Eathel Beers, Eunice La Londe, Helen Strang, Irene Bowen and I attended a houseware party at Echo Godwin's Thursday afternoon.

Mike Livermore of Great Lakes is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore, and family.

Emily Livermore and daughter, Ronda, were in Ann Arbor last week Monday, where Ronda had a checkup.

A large crowd attended the 25th anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place at their home Saturday, put on by their children. They received many nice gifts, and a lovely lunch was served, with coffee and punch as refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knorr of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Teeter of Grand Rapids were here to attend the anniversary party for Earl and Helen Place. Eathel Beers, Fern Verette and

Mr. and Mrs. George Beers were Sunday dinner guests of Echo Godwin and family, in honor of Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Seymour called on me Sunday evening. Irene Bowen and I and Carl

and Ellen Geasler attended the anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur were pleased with calls by all of the children and their families Mother's Day.

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TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSORS BAND TOGETHER TO ATTEMPT EQUALIZATION REFORMS

Last week the Isabella County Board of Commissioners approved a report from the equalization department which raises the board of review assessments by nearly 10 percent, county average.

Among those present and fighting to get reform of the equalization department of Isabella County and also the Board of County Commissioners was Earl Oplinger, Supervisor and assessor for Sherman Township.

Sherman Township's real estate valuation went up by about 10 percent this past year, far above the average in the county.

Other Township Supervisors also voiced strong opposition to the position of the Board of Commissioners and the Equalization Department of the county, especially Elmer Frazier, recently resigned Supervisor of Broomfield Township. Other counties in the state are not getting the tax hikes that Isabella townships are experiencing, he said.

William Parsons, Mt. Pleasant

City Assessor, told the group that an appeal to the State Tax Tribunal will not gain any equity for this county.

The total tax figures would only be shuffled around among the various townships and cities.

The Township Supervisors now are going to attorneys for the Michigan Township Association to get legal opinions as to how to get equal treatment for all areas of Isabella County when it comes to land taxation.

"The Board of (County) Commissioners don't care," Mr. Frazier told the Supervisors present.

"...And if they don't care, the equalization department (at Mt. Pleasant) carries the ball.

"...If you can't get them (the Commissioners) interested, how can you get anything done?" Mr. Frazier concluded.

The Isabella County Board of Commissioners is Mt. Pleasant City oriented, and largely made up of Mt. Pleasant residents.

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Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Middlesworth of Fowlerville were Saturday visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth.



DANIEL McNEAL

MEDICAL SUPPLY COMPANY OPENS IN MT. PLEASANT

Kenneth Keeley, president of Mid Michigan Welding Supply, Inc., and Mid Michigan Pools of Mt. Pleasant, announced the opening of Mid Michigan Medical Supply this week.

He has procured the services of Daniel McNeal a certified respi-

ratory technician, to assist him in the formation of the new Medical Division and home respiratory care facility.

The new division will furnish physicians and medical personnel of the area with the means to facilitate the prescription of professional medical home care requirements for medical gases and respiratory units.

McNeal has had more than 14 years' experience in the health care field, as a medical corpsman and respiratory therapy technician in charge of three RT departments, while serving in the U.S. Navy four years.

He worked at CMC Hospital 10 years, the last four as department head of respiratory therapy and electrocardiography.

He and his wife and their three children live in Mt. Pleasant.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Flower spent Mother's Day with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leiter and Stacy at St. Louis.

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