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Editor's Column

By Connie

THIS IS THE WEEK THAT WAS--OR IS?

So this week Ye Ed left in the middle of the hectic Monday work on the Messenger, gussied up in her best rags and attended the Mayors' exchange luncheon at The Embers, during which awards for Michigan Week honorees were handed out.

So--The Messenger may be kind of ragged around the edges this week, on account we simply cannot afford to take two-three hours out on Mondays.

The Embers is a ritzy place, but nonetheless friendly, and the old gal from the sticks enjoyed the doin's.

Bud Fredrickson and I go to Lansing, to bring home the Minute

(Continued on Back Page)



LAKE WEIDMAN WILL REMAIN DRY ANOTHER YEAR--According to word from owners-developers Saturday. Above, a couple of small boys bathe in the shallow waters at the main dam at the mill, while another small fry tries his luck at fishing.

CHIPPEWA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL TO GRADUATE 180 STUDENTS

A hundred and eighty students will be graduated from the Chippewa Hills High School in ceremonies May 27 in the high school school gym.

Of the 180, 17 students are graduating with scholastic averages above 3.5, the ideal being 4.

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DRIVE IN RESTAURANT OPENS FOR SUMMER

The D&R Restaurant in Weidman opened April 30, managed by Ken Gray and Vernie Conklin, both of Weidman.

They say they're doing real well, which is good--for them, and for the town. We need a restaurant here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox visited Mr. and Mrs. David Flower at Tubbs Lake Sunday evening. The Flowers had been camping there.

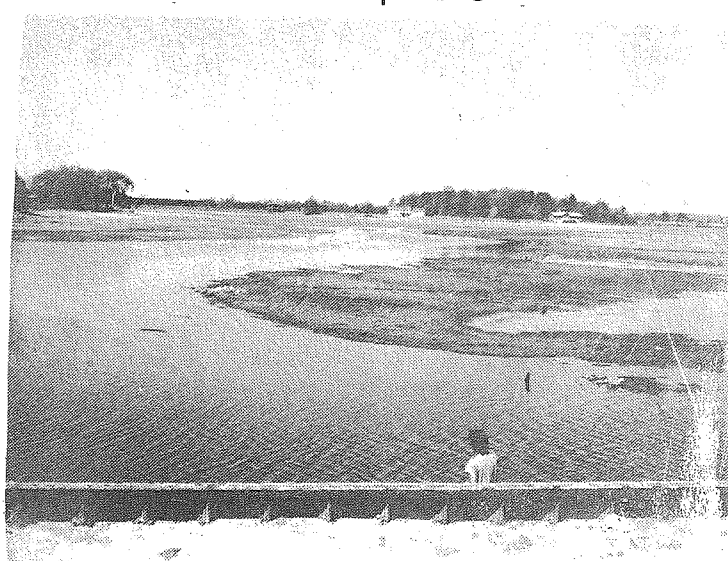


THE WEST BANK OF THE MILLPOND--Or Lake Weidman, with low waters accumulating somewhat from flow of the Coldwater River and Walker Creek. No water is going over either the dam proper or the east-side emergency outlet.

LAKE WEIDMAN TO BE CLEANED, DEEPENED

Tentative plans at present are being discussed by the main property owners on Lake Weidman to clean up the bottom (re-

move muck and silt from accumulations dating back to 1893), possibly creating some small islands or selling the very rich black bottom-soil for gardeners' use.



WATER IS ONE TO TWO FEET DEEP--In Lake Weidman, accumulating from depleted flows of the Coldwater River and Walker Creek during our extremely dry autumn, winter and spring. Cheer up, out-of-town fishermen now railing at the catastrophe! Plans are for cleaning out bottomlands, perhaps creating one or more small islands, and generally cleaning up the place before work starts under supervision of the Department of Natural Resources. Messenger photos

It will be next year before fill--be planned, spokesmen said this ing of the lake once more can week.

**BEAL CITY SENIORS
HAVE 14 TABLES AT PLAY**

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 14 tables of pepper at play.

Elizabeth Neubecker won first for the ladies, with Lucille Zeien second and Catherine Schafer low.

Louis Rau won first for the men, with Bill Appelgreen second and Wilbur Reinert low.

Elsie Williamson won the papper prize. Dora Streng drew the door prize.

On the serving committee were Eva Anstey, Ida May Dent, Leola Marshall, Josephine Cluley, Ruby Douglas, and Mildred Young.

They served sweet rolls and coffee.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal will be Thursday afternoon, May 26, Everyone is cordially invited.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Around Horr

Jessie Rosecrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended the Busy Bees' luncheon at a Barryton restaurant last Thursday. Saturday evening she helped with the Mecosta-Osceola County convention dinner at the Chippewa Hills school.

Bob Thompson entertained the following people at a barbecue Sunday evening: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wood and children, Jim Strong, and Miss Shirley Fox.

Miss Patti Losey was a Sunday afternoon caller of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oplinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and two granddaughters spent Saturday in Copemish, honoring her father's birthday.

Mrs. Jeff Martin went to Pontiac Saturday to spend a few days with her folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller

spent Friday evening and Saturday at Holland, enjoying the tulip festival.

Debbie and Terri Touchinski were Sunday overnight guests of their grandparents, the Elwood Millers.

Mrs. GERALINE Johnson and Sandra were Friday dinner guests of her folks, the Gerald Dents. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Thursday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck called Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children took Gerald and Mabel out to dinner Sunday.

D. J. Whitman spent from Sunday till Wednesday with his grandparents, the Pete Woods. Sunday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills, Mike Wood, and

Miss Jackie Olger.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Saturday callers at the Alva Cummins home.

Tracy White returned home Sunday from the hospital.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Dutcher were Monday callers at the Charlie Losey home. They had recently returned from Arizona. Harold and Lois Losey, Dan and Shari Lorenz and children, and Ron Losey were Tuesday callers. Ervin Dutcher was also a Tuesday caller. Sunday callers were Clayton Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew.

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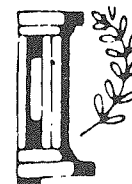
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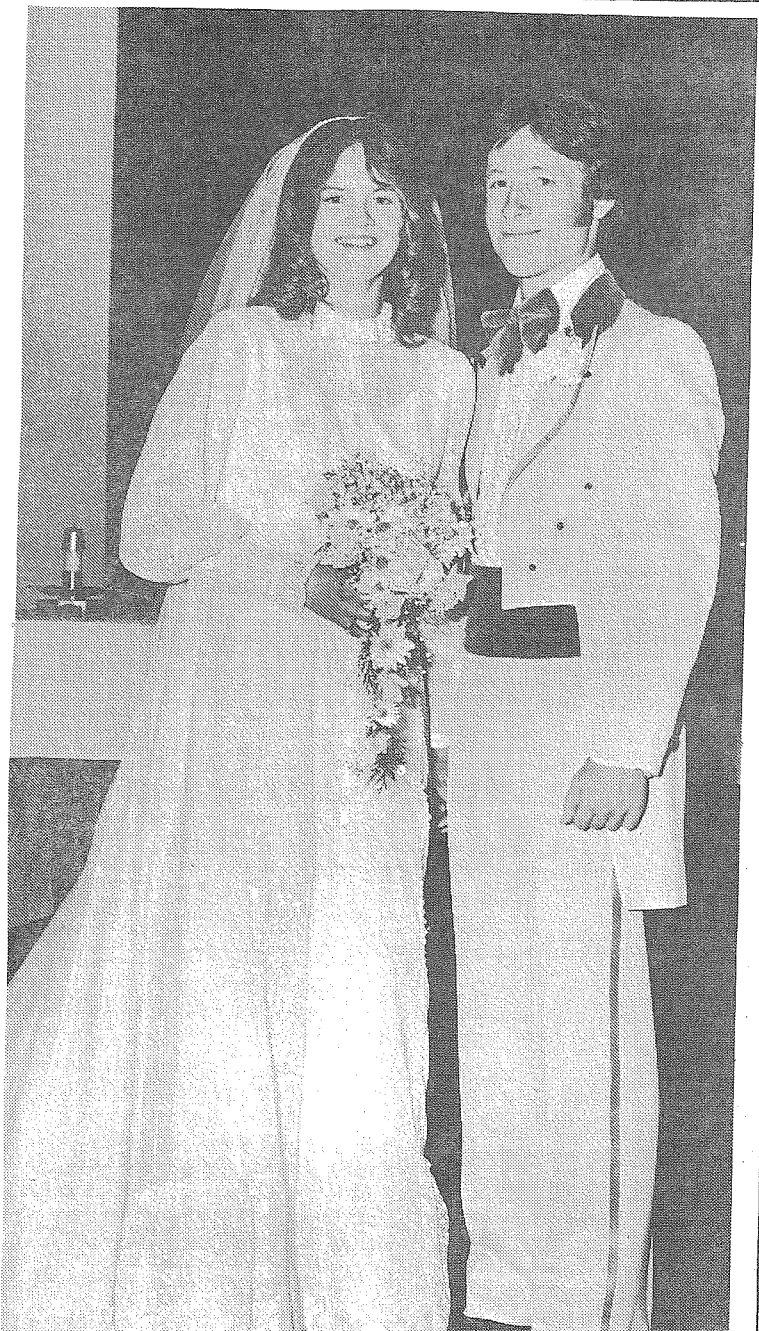
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DUTCHER-OPLINGER

St. Michael's Church of Remus was the setting Friday evening, April 22, for the wedding of Miss Andrea Dutcher and Ed Oplinger. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., of 590 North Rolland Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger of West Sherman Road, both families of Weidman. Matron of Honor was Mrs. Chris Barrett. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Annette Gruss and Miss Patti Lovonia. Shelly McDonald was flower girl, and Chad Dutcher was ring-bearer. Al Straus was best man. Grooms-men were Ronald Pohl and Joseph Rau. Ushers were Dave Dutcher of Remus and Denny Madigan of Lovonia. A reception followed at the K. C. Hall in Beal City.

Friends and relatives from Pennsylvania, Grand Rapids, Lake Orion, Clarkston, Lansing, Midland, and Detroit attended.

After a honeymoon in Northern Michigan, the couple are at home on West Weidman Road. They both have many friends in this area.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Merry Go Round Club met with Sandy Cline, May 12. The June meeting will be with Etta Skalitzky June 9.

Helen Strang and I were in Saginaw Monday. We called on Lily Maddox, who is in Osteopathic Hospital with a broken hip.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Geasler of Pontiac spent some time last week with Carl and Ellen Geasler, and other relatives.

I attended a graduation party for Donna Buchel at the home of her parents, Norm and Leona Buchel, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore had her sister, Betty, and two children of Kenosha, Wisc., as guests last week. They returned home Sunday.

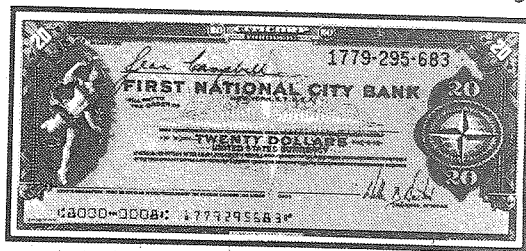
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright left Friday for the North, where they will spend the week doing some fishing.

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AFTER CHURCH AND A POT-LUCK DINNER--Weidman Methodists gathered at the brand-new parsonage on Lake Weidman, to celebrate the dedication and Open House of the home. The lake is dry now, but hope is that it will be filled again within a year's time.



BISHOP EDSSEL A. AMMONS led the religious service at the parsonage dedication, shown above with Rev. Athel Lynch at his side.

Bishop Ammons led the dedication service, with Pastor Lynch also taking part. The pastor's credits for getting the \$44,000 new parsonage built and finished included mentions of the congregation itself, for its approval to go ahead with the project; the building committee, trustees, finance committee; and two women, Blanche Cliff and Ina Gillett, who gave their homes to the church to sell; which sales, with that of the old parsonage, took total indebtedness on the new lakeside home down to just \$8,000, Pastor Lynch told the assemblage.

Credits also were given to John J. Middlesworth for a gift of \$1,000 cash, and also a thousand-dollar cash gift from an anonymous donor; the contractors; Tilmann Builders, for carpentry; George Fussman, for concrete work and supplies; Brown,

plumbing; Young, electrical; and also "a tremendous amount of church member participation" at all levels of construction--and it is still going on, the pastor said.

Special thanks were offered to the Weidman Bank, Abbott's Furniture, Fox's Hardware, and Allen Lumber Company.

Special music (a vocal duet with guitar accompaniment) was offered by Steve and Nancy Starks.

The Bishop closed the dedication ceremonies, and the congregation was invited inside for an Open House inspection of the new parsonage.

The special parsonage committee was composed of the following Methodist Church members:

Herb Serum, chairman; Doug McArthur, co-chairman; Athel and Harriette Lynch, Jack and



MRS. JUNE AMMONS, wife of the Bishop, is a beautiful, outgoing and sincere person. She talked some with Ye Ed, and we personally enjoyed her cordial company, even in the 82-degree heat of Sunday afternoon--on the south deck of the parsonage, yet! All of us were pretty well sunburned.

Messenger photos

Jean Houghton, Stan and Donna Elmore, Gary McArthur, trustee chairman, Roy Guthrie, regular

parsonage board, and Tom Herman, administrative board chairman.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pfannes of Detroit and Mrs. Edna Pfannes of Evert called on Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes returned home from Flint Wednesday, where they went to see their doctor, and tend to other business.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Miss Ruth Border, visited Beulah's brother-in-law and sister, the Paul Coles, Wednesday.

Miss Patty Hanner has a paint shop in Mt. Pleasant. Good luck, Patty! She is living in her parents' trailer home near her grandmother, Beulah Wixson.

Friends and relatives will hold Open House beginning at noon on May 28, for Velma Cole, who says she is going to celebrate her Golden Birthday.

Congratulations to Connie Skinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa and Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk and nephew, Tom Cole, called on the Paul Coles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole of Detroit spent several days at their

farm, returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. August Hoskey and Mr. and Mrs. William Pfannes visited their brother, Bess, Sunday. They report their brother, Nick Pfannes, is very ill in the Reed City Hospital.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacMillan of Traverse City visited their cousin, Mrs. Emma Middlesworth, Sunday.

Margaret Johnston, Mary Wendrow and daughter, Margaret, had supper with Marie Smith in her new home Sunday evening. They were Marie's first guests in the new home.

Mrs. Gertrude Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Conley were Sunday visitors of Zena Olger. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger were Tuesday guests. Mrs. Verlia Wilcox and Mr. and Mrs. Sim Riggs were Monday callers. Mrs. Burgess and Lottie and Sandy and Mrs. Helen Hudson of Midland were Friday guests. Wednesday supper guests of Mrs. Olger were Lottie Poquette, Marge Burgess and daughter were Friday callers as were Ann and Donna Buchel. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Riggs called Sunday.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Obituary

PAUL LUEDER

Paul Lueder, a lifetime resident of Broomfield Township, died May 11 at the Pleasant Manor Nursing Home. He was 80.

He is survived by his wife, Vidabella; one son, Ralph; a daughter, Dorothy Howell, of Sand Lake; six brothers, Ernest of Farmington, Richard, Otto, Herman and Emil, of the Weidman area, and Arnold, of Reed City; a sister, Eda VanZandt; and seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 14, at 1 p. m., at the Zion Lutheran Church in Broomfield, with Pastor Edwin Schmeltzer officiating. Burial was in the Lutheran Cemetery in Broomfield.

Paul Lueder had many friends in this area, who offer sympathy to his family.

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Card of Thanks

The Weidman Mothers' Club would like to say Thank You to everyone who worked so hard to make our fifth Spring Carnival at the Weidman School a success. A special Thank You to the teachers and students for a fantastic job on decorating and manning of the booths.

The stage really looked nice for our Princess, Patti Dutcher, Prince Steve McWilliams, Queen Linda Maxon, and King Doug Riley.

We would also like to thank the cooks who helped in preparing our lunch. The janitors, parents and students, for the clearing up after the carnival.

We wish to thank all the merchants for their donations. As always, they gave very generously. Thank you.

A special Thank You to Linda Krueger and Arlinda Ward for their pretty fancy cakes. Also, to Margaret Gingrich and Hulda Stevens for making the beautiful afghans for our drawings.

Winners of the drawings were; First prize of a \$100 Savings Bond, to George Golden of Weidman.

Second prize (\$50 Savings Bond) won by Kelly Pratt of Mt. Pleasant.

Third prize (\$25 Savings Bond), Mike Curtiss of Weidman.

Fourth prize, home made afghan won by Nicole Dent of Mt. Pleasant.

Weidman Mothers Club

Card of Thanks

I would like to express my thanks to my family and friends who sent gifts and cards for my birthday and Mother's Day.

Tillie Zuker

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May 19t3

FOR SALE--Half Holstein, half Herford heifer, will freshen in July. Harold Rhode, tel. 644-2150.

May 19t1

FOR SALE--Mobile home, on large lot. Septic tank and well. Small building. West of Mt. Pleasant, on blacktop. Ph. 773-9569.

May 21t2

4-H CLUB HELPS ON CLEANUP WEEK

The Winning Pioneers 4-H Club took part in a county-wide project last week, cleaning roadsides along Drew Road in the Lake Isabella area.

The 4-H members gathered at the Beutlers' Friday after school and accumulated over 45 bags of litter, besides a lot of other objects too large for litter bags.

Laurie Leiter and Carl Beutler pitched in bravely and loaded vehicles and transported them to the county landfill Saturday.

Everyone enjoyed refreshments at Dianne and Billy Beutler's, followed by an active game of softball.

Many parents and friends helped a great deal.

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NEWS NOTES

Tim McArthur was home from his job in Pontiac, for the weekend. He is doing fine, after recovering from serious facial injuries in a snowmobile accident in the winter.

LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

The Hub Store opened for business last week. The Goodalls report that so many stopped in Friday and Saturday that they opened April 29 instead of May 3. Business was good for the opening week. Some stopped in just to get acquainted.

We enjoyed a smorgasbord dinner Sunday at the Coldwater Lake Inn with Carl and Edna Turner of Howell. They have a mobile home on Lake Isabella, and spend weekends here now, but hope to make this their permanent residence in a couple of years. The dinner was in honor of the anniversary of our wedding, Otto and me.

Some folks left Michigan to miss the snow, but experienced the first snow in Florida in 88 years. They told me the folks there were so excited they made snowballs and put them in freezers. They just returned to their home here, after five and a half months at Holiday, Florida, on the Gulf. After the snow and frosts, it did warm up down there, and they enjoyed their stay, but were glad to be back home at Lake Isabella. While in Florida, their two daughters and husbands from Grand Rapids spent 10 days with them during the Christmas holidays.

Saturday evening Otto and I visited Del and Connie Lantz at 415 Varcelone, who have the Bavarian chalet home. They have joined the permanent residents here, coming from Rochester. Mr. Lantz is sales representative for several companies, two being the Bavarian chalet homes,

and the other in wholesale groceries.

A house-full: Weekend guests of George Hager and son were his other son, David, and granddaughters, Elaine and husband from Detroit; Jeanette and husband, two daughters and nephew from Pontiac. The nephew, who is in the Navy, had the misfortune to break his ankle while playing ball Saturday evening. The children were home to celebrate belatedly their father's 74th birthday. In all, it was a great weekend.

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Coldwater Lake

Jean Schneider, Reporter
Welcome back Beryl and Andy, after months spent in sunny California. They have had a lot of company, and have been entertaining a lot.

Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Schmidt called on the Becks, and also Mike and Sherri Powell of Mt. Pleasant. Sandy, Susan and Melissa Rowe also have called on Andy and Beryl.

Mr. and Mrs. Woody Womack and family of Lansing visited this weekend at the Jerry Mitchell residence, and stayed till Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Geaskin of Lansing spent the weekend at their cottage. They visited with Walt and Della Wischmeyer before leaving Sunday evening.

Bill and Ida Clark and Kit of Shepherd spent the weekend here at the lake. Sunday they entertained their son, Keith, and his wife, Donna, and two grandchildren. Keith teaches school in Corunna.

Bud Tomlinson traveled up from Rochester to be with Gwen and Kay for the weekend. They will be moving when school is out. We'll sure miss them.

Mrs. Mary Harter and children spent Saturday visiting her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Todd, of Carson City. While there, they attended "Frontier Days" and really enjoyed themselves. Her husband, Don, of course, was absent from their trip, as he and two other fellows are now up in Canada as of Friday, fishing and bear hunting with bow and arrow. Good luck, fellows!

Yours Truly was entertained last Sunday on Mother's Day to a gorgeous meal at the Coldwater Lake Inn. It was very busy and we really enjoyed our meal.

The Lloyd Marcy family of Ellwell spent the weekend here at the lake, relaxing and fishing.

Dick and Leone Baker of Lansing were also here for the weekend. They enjoyed it so much, they hated to go back home.

My son, David Schneider, and John Faber left Monday for Canada, to join Don Harter and friends, and get in some of the good fishing and bear hunting also. We'll see and hear of their adventures in about a week.

Mrs. Delores Pope of Perry and also Mike and Sue Pope spent the weekend up here at their cottage, getting ready for the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck and Mr. and Mrs. George Scott visited Floyd Baird, who is in the hospital in Alma. He returned home Friday, after a stay of a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shelp stopped in Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck. They are up for the weekends. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Baird and Mr. and Mrs. Bill White of Shepherd stopped in for a visit. Then Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sandel of Mt. Pleasant came by to also visit the Becks.

Our daughter, Doris, spent the weekend visiting us. She works and lives in Lansing, so doesn't get up here too often. We en-

joyed a nice visit together.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong of Lansing were also up here for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. George Scott entertained guests Friday evening: Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck spent an enjoyable evening visiting, and playing cards.

Ruth and Darrell Parks of Shepherd visited Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck Sunday. They all spent an enjoyable day together.

Mother's Day was pleasant for Mr. and Mrs. George Scott, as their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck, with Kim and Andy, enjoyed a lovely dinner at Mr. John's, near Lake City.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

Florence Ball called on Tillie Schafer Monday evening.
Pat Cutler is home from the hospital.

Howard Schafer made a business trip to Saginaw Saturday.

Orie Farmer called on Louise Schafer Wednesday.

Coletta Gross is in CMC Hospital.

Ken Schafer and Melissa and Kim called on Louise Schafer Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Schafer and Tillie called on Matie Pung at the Medical Facility Sunday.

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

Sister John the Baptist, Sister Madeline Sophia, Sister Marie Alexander, Sister Herman Joseph and Sister Grace Ellen of Marywood attended the Golden Wedding for Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer at the K. C. Hall Sunday.

Kay Trowbridge called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin had their daughter baptized Sunday. Her name is Denise Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould attended the May House Walk-in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Stu Rau Monday evening.

Mrs. Naomi Martin and Mrs. Bernita Smith of Fowler visited Bernie Smith Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer celebrated their Golden Anniversary Sunday at the K. C. Hall. It was well attended, and everyone wished this loved couple many more years of good health and happiness.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge and family of Midland, Gertrude Grodski, and Anne and Dora Smith.

Becky Goffnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goffnett, spent Friday and Saturday with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould.

Dale Rau of Gregory was home over the weekend.

Louie Rau and Ed Faber visited Bernie Smith Friday afternoon.

Theresa Smith visited Delores Gould Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant called on Anne Smith Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer visited their children in Hubbardston Mother's Day. Al Cashen is home from the hospital, doing fine so far.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cotter of Lansing are visiting friends and relatives in this area.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Denise (Yuncker) Kish graduated from CMU Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and Clayton and I attended Open House Saturday evening at their lovely home in Mt. Pleasant. Congratulations, Denise!

Ivan and Clayton Dutcher visited Floyd Dutcher in Grand Rapids last Wednesday.

Mrs. Ervin Dutcher attended Busy Bees last Wednesday at Barryton, and they had dinner at a restaurant, then went to the home of Edna Merrihew, where they enjoyed cake and ice cream, and their meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn and Mr. and Mrs. James Dutcher and children and Richard and Patti Dutcher and Garry and David Dutcher were callers during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher went driving Sunday. They had dinner in Mt. Pleasant, then called at CMC Hospital to see Steve Dutcher and at the Medical Facility to visit Lawrence Dell. Steve Dutcher was taken to the hospital Friday morning with kidney infection, and was running a high fever.

Ivan and Ellen Dutcher of Mt. Pleasant visited the Clayton and Ervin Dutchers last Monday afternoon. They had just returned from Tucson, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald attended the wedding and reception of Gertrude May and Arthur Kinsman at Muskegon Saturday, then later they visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stariha at Muskegon Heights. Tuesday the Frank Starihas were dinner guests of the Fitzgeralds. Wednesday they spent the day with a cousin, Irene Lobert, of Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn visited the Walter Howe family Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children, Marjory and Carolyn Tibbetts, and Claribel Beutler had a picnic and cook out with the Carl Beutler family Sunday. Later in the afternoon Howard's and Claribel Beutler visited the Forrest Johnstons of Rosebush.

Congratulations, Connie, for your "Minute Man" Award!

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Heckard visited her folks, the Garry Dutchers, Sunday evening.

Ruth Pankhurst and Sandy called on Bonnie Dutcher Sunday evening.

NEWS NOTES

Don Clark and Mrs. Lela Whearett were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Bertha Young of Breckenridge, an old friend of the Clark family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey

and children attended an Open House for Miss Lori Harrison of Breckenridge Sunday, who graduated from CMU Saturday. The party was held by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Harrison, of Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey and Lillian Earns attended a doll show and had supper at Holt, Sunday.

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Editor's Column

By Connie
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Man Award from Lieut. Gov. James J. Dammon. Bud's doing the driving, as Ye Ed dreads long hauls at the wheel, and also is unsure of herself in getting around Lansing this late day (though I lived there and worked on the Journal, back when I was young). Lansing changes almost daily, in street regulations (one way, etc.), and Ye Ed wasn't sure she could find her way to City Hall at exactly 10.30 on Thursday morning.

So Bud volunteered to drive me down there, also to get us to City Hall on time.

So here we go. Have a good time, all you lucky stay-at-homes this week.

I swear I ain't gunna do no more runnin' around for another ten years.

But the awards were totally gratifying (if totally unexpected) and when Thursday is over, I'll sit and rock for a day or two and recover my equilibrium.

(It's very easy to lose, in situations like this.)

Hope we get out a better paper next week!

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SCHOOL BOARD ASKS FOR 20 MILLS AGAIN IN JUNE

In view of the overwhelming rejection of a 20-mill request by the Chippewa Hills School Board at its most recent millage election, we are amazed at the short-sightedness of the Board

and administration.

According to the Board's (and administration's) own words they've managed to put the entire school program "in a crisis situation", in the words of Gary Lowery, assistant administrator. He continued, "We have got to look at what kind of program you want to offer the kids. That's where our responsibility lies--the kids. We are asking the community for a tremendous sacrifice, but it's worth it."

Well, Gary, dear; the community, as you call it (the villages of Barryton, Remus, Weidman and Mecosta and all the country around and in between) --the community is well aware of the need for proper education for our kids. The community, it appears, has somewhat lost confidence in the administration of the administration, so to speak; the community appears not to go along with your proposal of "tremendous sacrifice" by taxpayers of the community and no sacrifice or offer of sensible education programs by the administration.

Let's hear it from the administration?

(Note: Dr. Kowaleski was the only Board member voting "No" on the 20-mill proposal on one ballot. He proposed instead two ballots, one for 17 mills and the other for three.)

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BIKE-A-THON SATURDAY FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS

A Breath of Life cystic fibrosis bike-a-thon will be held in the Weidman area Saturday, May 21, beginning at 9.30 a.m.

Bikers will meet at the United Methodist Church in Weidman. All participants are requested to bring own sandwiches. Chips and drink will be furnished following the bike ride.

For more details, phone 644-3557. Marian Beutler.

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In uniform

Army Private David L. Burden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Burden of West Airline Road, Weidman, recently was assigned to the U.S. Army Engineer School Brigade at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Pvt. Burden is an instructor with Hdqrs. Company of the Brigade's Second Battalion. He entered the Army in April, 1976.

He is a 1974 graduate of Chippewa Hills High School.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth entertained at a birthday dinner Tuesday evening honoring Richard Donley of Lake Isabella. Other guests were Dick's parents, the Richard Donleys, Sr., of Big Rapids.



Rev. and Mrs. Richard Wadsworth, Rev. and Mrs. H. T. Stanley, Rev. H. T. Stanley, District Superintendent for the Church of the Nazarene, preached the evening service at the Weidman Church of the Nazarene Sunday evening. Rev. Stanley presides over 113 Nazarene churches, from Canada to Indiana. He and Mrs. Stanley live in Grand Rapids.

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