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Editor's Column

By Connie

WE TURN THIS SPACE OVER TO JIM HUGHES THIS WEEK

So this week we're turning this space over to Jim Hughes, news director of Radio Station WCEN in Mt. Pleasant, who was with Bud Fredrickson and me most of the time during the Lansing do-in's of Michigan Week.

We give you Jim Hughes:
Dear Connie:

Saw your nice report of the Michigan Minutemen activities Thursday, May 19th, at Lansing. Thought I'd refresh your memory with a few of the sidelights of those few hours in the governmental center of Michigan.

I'd obtained a list of all persons receiving the award. Noticed that Frank Angelo, famous Detroit Free Press writer, was one of them. Told you he was getting one, and that put you in "with some good company".

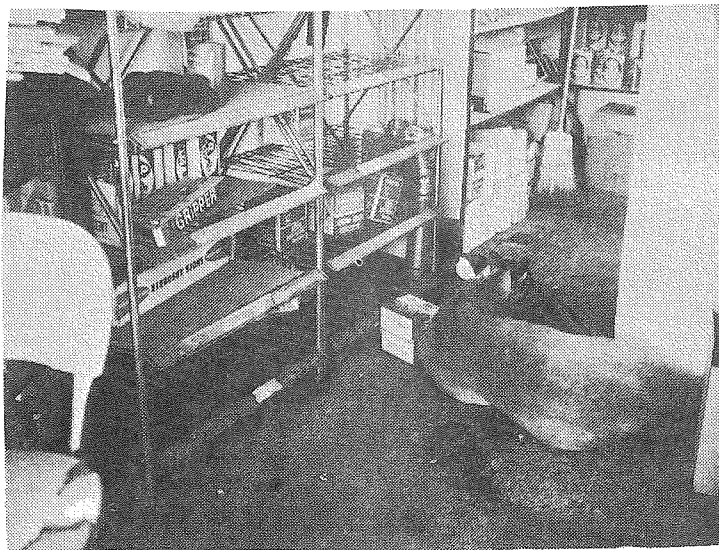
You said you'd like to meet him to compliment him on his writing, etc.

It just happened a few minutes later that he was walking. Out of nowhere I heard myself saying, "Frank, how are you." He looked at me as if to say, "Who are you?" But, he said Hello to me. Then I introduced you to him. Guess he felt kinda warm--from having met an admiring reader.

And, then, the pleasure of meeting another Michigan Minuteman winner, James Telfer of Marshall, and his folks--Harold and Nancy Telfer of Mt. Pleasant. It made it a sort of "Old Home Week," meeting people from "back home".

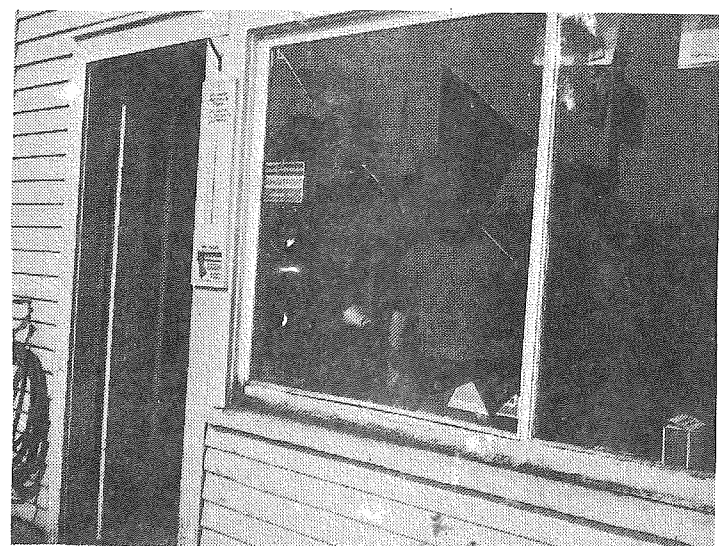
And, after the ceremony under the blazing sun in front of the Capitol Building, we had the luncheon in City Hall. There was an overflow of honored visitors (Minutemen winners), and their guests, and some of us were permitted to

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THIS HALF-GROWN FAWN CRASHED A PLATE-GLASS WINDOW

At Vic's Service Station in Weidman Thursday morning, after running pell-mell across the river at the mill and dashing desperately up Bridge Street and crossing Woodruff Road, into the station's big window. The fawn died about 20 minutes after this photo was taken. The carcass was taken to Harrison for autopsy. Messenger photo



VIC'S GAS STATION WINDOW WAS REALLY SMASHED--When that fawn crashed through it Thursday morning. The fawn apparently was somewhat injured by glass cuts, but it was believed it died of other causes. Messenger photo

NEIGHBORS PICNIC AT THE MACK DENSLOWS'

Everyone is invited to attend the annual "Neighbors Picnic" at the Mack Denslow home in Horr June 26, all day.

Community food preparations and community visiting are the order of the day.

The Denslows' annual picnic at their home is one of the highlights of the area.

You're all invited.

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ALVA CUMMINS, 84, RECALLS OLD DAYS

Opal Denslow visited Alva Cummins and his wife last week, and Alva told her about something of the old, old days.

Alva said he worked in the woods (cutting down trees or sawing logs) when he was 13 years old, to help support his family.

The woods boss told his men that none of them could chop wood like Alvie, who used an axe. The others used saws.

That was 71 years ago.

There were eight children in Alva's folks' family, and a diphtheria epidemic struck this area about the time he was a young teenager.

Alva's father "pulled the family through" the diphtheria sickness with home remedies, Alva says. (There were no doctors around here, or if there was one, he covered a huge territory and was out with horse and buggy making house calls most of the time. There were no telephones, and messages to the doctor's office had to be taken "by hand".) Alva's father, during that diphtheria illness, swabbed his family's throats three times a day with a mixture of gum of myrrh and gum of quack, mixed with grain alcohol.

He said the white blotches on their throats were serious, but the mixture "cut off" the blotches. He saved the eight kids and the mother.

The doctor from Blanchard drove his horse and buggy over to the Cummins home and want-

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FIREMEN MAKE SEVERAL RUNS OVER THE WEEKEND

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department made diversified runs over the long weekend, including a rush trip to the Ojibwa Recreation area with the resuscitator, when a child had been hit by a car.

Other runs included grass fires at Lake Isabella, and another one to the same area when a van landed in a deep ditch, upside down with the driver inside.

Firemen managed to haul the man out through the shattered windshield, unhurt, and then they called for a tow truck to take the vehicle in for repairs.

A grass fire north of Brinton also took the Firemen on a run up there.

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WELCOME RAIN COMES TO ISABELLA COUNTY

A most welcome rain arrived over nearly all of Isabella County Tuesday morning, with thunder storms veering off to the southeast.

Not enough rain fell, of course, after our record-breaking spring drouth.

Farmers are suffering the worst, and many were near desperation when the quarter-inch of rain came Tuesday morning.

An effort to raise enough money to hire cloud-seeding apparatus has been going on for some time among Isabella County farmers, with some success.

As for us home-garden people, of course we can always hitch up the old garden hose. But that kind of watering never approaches the effects of good honest rain from the skies.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin spent the weekend at Copemish with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ergo spent Sunday with the George Pobocits home at Royal Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baner and their daughter and her husband spent Sunday at the Elwood Miller home.

Twenty-eight people attended the first meeting at the Sherman City Church last Saturday, and decided to go ahead and organize and restore the church, and conduct non-denominational services.

Mrs. Bobbie Oplinger attended Open House honoring Pete McDonald at Beal City Sunday.

Ed Oplinger and Joe Rau returned Sunday from a bear-hunting trip in Canada. They started out last Wednesday. They brought home a bear.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow attended Open House honoring Mary Ellen Wood's graduation, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Darnell and family and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Root and family have been camping on their property across the road from Mack Denslow's.

Harry Merritt of Florida called on the Denslows Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cummins spent Friday with his folks, the Alva Cummins.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on her brother and wife, the Ed Grabers, last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hines and Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Hines and son, Nicholas, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bailey and Jody and Rachel and D.J. Whitman and Miss Jackie Olger and Mike Wood all were weekend guests of the Pete Woods.

Gerald and Mabel Dent were last Wednesday evening callers of the Harry Dents in Lansing.

Tom Roberts and Brian Krueger were Sunday overnight and Monday guests of the Dents.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Thelen and children were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent. Mabel's brothers, Bob and Raymond Kirvan, were Sunday callers. Elwood and Iola Miller were Monday guests. Mabel said they all attended the church meeting at Sherman City Saturday.

They attended Open House for David Dutcher's graduation, Sunday. They also attended an Open House for Cathy Kalil on Saturday. They attended a birthday picnic Monday for Jo Ann Osborn. They were in Grand Rapids last Thursday, at the Les Tudor home, visiting. They called on the Bob Kruegers Saturday. Bob had just got home from the hospital.

Bob and Lola Fahnestock of Plymouth are spending this week with their folks, the Charles Fahnestocks.

Mrs. Violet Oplinger was a last Tuesday caller of Hattie Losey. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Essenburg and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Voss were Saturday callers. Harold and Lois and Ron and his lady-friend and her daughter were also Saturday guests. Harold was a Sunday visitor. Theron and Ardis were also visitors.

They went on over to attend a tractor pull at Lake Isabella.

Mrs. Leah Scharrer called on Mrs. Violet Oplinger one day last week.

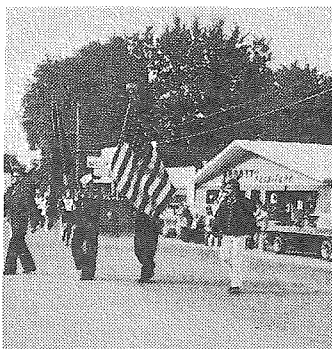
Mrs. Elsie Bolinger and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan were Monday callers of Mrs. Oplinger.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN WEIDMAN--Was accented by the Chippewa Hills Schools' Junior Band, and that band is good. The usual prayer, and the following gun salute by the Honor Guard, complete with Taps, rounded out the service at Mitchell Memorial Park. There was a very good attendance at the parade and at the park.



THE COLOR GUARD--From the Barryton American Legion was classy, as always, and led the parade, after the proud entrance of the four units of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department.



A FEW VETERANS--Of our various wars put on the old uniforms and joined the parade. Otto Yabs, our only World War I veteran of the area, was ill and unable to appear.

Messenger photos

NEWS NOTES

Sister Rose Marie Martin of Grand Rapids was a Saturday of her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker.

Dorothea Straus returned last week from a tour of Ireland. She says it was fabulous. We hope she will write something about it for a later issue.

WEST GILMORE NEWS

Lena Cole, Reporter

Our sympathy to the family of Nick Pfannes, brother of Bess Pfannes, who passed away Saturday afternoon.

We are a bit tired after celebrating Velma's 50th anniversary with the big party, so our news is slightly curtailed this week.

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May 19t3

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Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING FOR ORGANIZATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS, SHERMAN CITY
Notice is Hereby Given, That there will be a meeting at the Sherman City Church Saturday, June 18, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the express purpose of organizing and electing officers, to restore the church and establish services.

Organizing Committee
June 2t3

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Card of Thanks

I want to thank all those who came to my 50th anniversary party Saturday and helped me celebrate.

It was a great occasion for me, and I thank all those who prepared the food, gave me gifts, and my sister who made the beautiful cakes.

Thank you all.

Velma Cole

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to our relatives and friends during the loss of our husband and father.

We extend special thanks to Rev. Schmelzer, Crittenden Funeral Home for the wonderful work, and all who cared for him and made his last days more pleasant; and for the cards.

Mrs. Paul Lueder
Mrs. Dorothy Howell
Ralph Lueder

Card of Thanks

Harriette and Athel Lynch wish to thank the other members of the Weidman Ministerial Association, namely Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Eldridge, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Wadsworth, and Rev. and Mrs. John Wright, for the lovely going-away party; and for the cards and gifts.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our fellowship with the Weidman ministers and people, and certainly leave Weidman with mixed emotions.

Rev. Athel Lynch
And Harriette

Obituary

ALEXANDER T. BUCHEL

Alexander T. Buchel of Lansing died May 23 at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing. He was 78.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; a daughter, Mrs. Helen Griffin of Lansing; two sons, Norman of Farwell and Ronald of Lansing; and 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a brother, Albert, of Lansing; and three sisters, Mrs. Magdalene Appelgreen of Lansing, Mrs. Martha Halfman of Lansing, and Mrs. Evelyn Stanger of Grand Lodge.

Funeral services were held at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Lansing with Father Keith O'Neil saying the Mass. Burial was in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Lansing.

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Obituary

ELDON JONES

Funeral services were held last Thursday at the Daggett-Gilbert Funeral Home in Big Rapids for Eldon Jones of Traverse City, who died at the Grand Traverse Medical Care Facility in Traverse City. He was 58.

He was born in Remus May 25, 1919, and spent most of his younger life there. He served in the Medical Corps in World War II and was a member of the Eighth Street Seventh Day Adventist Church in Traverse City.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Drew, of Mt. Pleasant; a sister, Myrtlelene Blackmer, of Remus; three sons, Richard and William of Big Rapids, and Donald of Traverse City; and two granddaughters.

Burial was in the Forest Hill Cemetery at Horr.

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THEY'RE LEAVING WEIDMAN AFTER SEVEN YEARS--Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch have been assigned to a new pastorate near South Haven, after attending Conference beginning on June 12 at Albion. Last week Tuesday the Weidman Ministerial Association, composed of pastors of all denominations in this area, staged a surprise party for the Lynches, a going-away party at Rev. Wright's home. Games were enjoyed, and punch, home-made ice cream and cake were served. Their new address after they leave here will be: Box 131, R4, South Haven, Mich. 49090. They plan to leave here between June 12 and 19.

Messenger photo

The Weidman United Methodist Church has undergone many changes and improvements since the Lynches' arrival, and the new \$44,000 Methodist parsonage on Lake Weidman is the culmination of the efforts of the congregation and the minister and his wife.

Rev. Lynch's last sermon here will be preached June 12, and they will leave during the following week.

As for the church building, the basement has been painted, the entrance renovated, the sanctuary upstairs redone, rugs have been installed in various halls through the church.

"The only details remaining unchanged are the church's back entrance and the pastor's office," Rev. Lynch told the Messenger.

Different pews have been installed, the church has a new bell tower with inside chimes, and the church has been painted from yellow to white.

The old parsonage was carpeted three years ago. Last fall the church's membership was practically doubled, from the time Rev. and Mrs. Lynch took over the pastoral duties here. The membership is greatly enlarged by people from Lake Isabella.

"Weidman people have been very industrious, and have helped so much," Rev. Lynch said in an interview. "Without them, we couldn't have done any of it."

He said the family room at the church is the one he's most fond

of--it has changed the whole aspect of board meetings and other assemblies, he said.

The Lynches' new pastorate will be the Casco United Methodist Church eight miles out of South Haven, with a membership of 235, and a regular attendance of 140. "We hope to do something about that," Rev. Lynch said.

His new church is all modern, and all paid for. A new parsonage next door to it will be completed some time about autumn, according to present plans.

Rev. and Mrs. Lynch meantime will live in the old parsonage, in a community called "Leisure".

They have many friends here who wish them the best of all good things in their new home and church.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Beal City Schools are out for the summer, as of Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith of Lansing and Joe Blasen were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen.

Bill Martin entertained company Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer entertained company Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McDonald hosted a party Sunday for their son, Ed, Junior.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill DePuydt and family of Vermont visited Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fussman over the long weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Danielle of Chicago are visiting Theresa Smith, Rose Schafer, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Schafer.

Tina Ball was Valedictorian for the Beal City High School. Mrs. Florence Ball gave her a party Thursday evening. Tina received some very nice gifts.

Chris Fussman went to the Indianapolis 500 the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and Miss Emily Goffnett went to Freeland to attend to the graves of Emily and Fred's grandparents, Saturday afternoon.

Ambrose Thielen is in CMC Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Lou Profrock and Elaine Simmer of Reed City called on Anne Smith, Dora Smith, Irene Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Tuesday evening.

New parishioners at St. Joseph Church are Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Maas and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vincent and their children, Ricky, Tommy and Danny.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Goffnett and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Friday evening. Mrs. Pat Wilson visited Mrs. Gould Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Rick Cotter were Thursday evening callers.

Louis Rau had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer hosted a graduation party for their son, Philip, Sunday afternoon.

Ruth Klumpp and Tillie Schafer visited Rose Grinzinger at the hospital Friday afternoon, and also visited Mattie Pung in the Medical Care Facility.

Orie Farner and Jean Marie Foster and girls of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Schafer Sunday.

Mary Swan and daughter of Mt. Pleasant called on Tillie Schafer Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung entertained company Sunday, for their son, Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Larry entertained their club Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snider and Mrs. Jack Meyers and daughter of Remus visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Voisin of Lansing were Thursday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schmidt held Open House Sunday honoring their daughter, Julie, who graduated from the Beal City High School. She plans to attend college at Milwaukee this fall. Mary Beth Davis of Alabama and Miss Theresa Schmidt of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schmidt of Saginaw were present, as were also Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schmidt of Holt, and Kathleen and husband of Saginaw, and other relatives

and friends gathering to honor her.

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OPEN HOUSE PARTIES FOR GRADUATES OF CHIP HILLS

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis hosted an Open House for their daughter, Theresa, upon her graduation from Chippewa Hills High, Sunday afternoon. A lovely time was had by all, and Theresa received nice gifts. She plans on attending Associated Schools, Inc., an airline travel training school, in Coral Gables, Florida. She plans to enter in September, after home training here, through the summer, and then plans to go to Florida for the remainder of the training.

Graduates of Chip Hills mainly were given parties by their parents, and among them were the Allen twins, Geoffrey and Gregory, whose party was Friday evening. A happy time was enjoyed by their many friends, and they received nice gifts. Geoff plans to enter Ferris State College this fall, while Greg will enter Michigan State. Geoff will be on an architectural course and Greg will major in horticulture.

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Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith were Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hall, Mrs. Gusta Green of Dearborn, and Cecil Harrington of Frostproof, Florida. They all enjoyed breakfast with the Smiths. Mrs. Lizzie Alger, Clayton's sister, and her nephew, Wendell Smith, of Flint, spent Sunday morning with them. They all attended Open House for Barbara Helmer near Remus, on the Airline Road.

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BEAL CITY CITES SCHOOL HONOR STUDENTS

The Beal City High School has three honor students this year, who will share the rostrum as Valedictorian and two co-Salutatorians.

Tina Ball is Valedictorian, and has been accepted at Lake Superior State College of Nursing for the fall term. She is the daughter of Florence Ball, 1960 Winn Road. She is the recipient of the BPO Elks' Outstanding Student, State of Michigan Elks Scholarship, and State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship.



TINA BALL

Her school activities have included participation in the following: Band, softball, National Honor Society, and Musical Comedy.



KATRINA HENRIKSON

Katrina Henrikson is a Co-Salutatorian. She is the daughter of Barbara Porterfield and Paul Henrikson.

She plans to attend Lawrence Institute of Technology, majoring in architecture.

She is a recipient of the State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship, and has been Senior

Class secretary, DAR Good Citizen, and participated in choir, varsity track, and talent show winner.



KARLA MILLER

Also Co-Salutatorian is Karla Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Miller of 1433 South Vandecar Road.

She plans to attend CMU this fall, majoring in special education.

She is a recipient of the State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship. Her school activities included the National Honor Society, cheer leading, the Senior play, and student aide.

We offer our congratulations to these outstanding students.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur and family spent the holiday weekend camping at a lake near Barryton.

LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

The Saturday Memorial Day event turned out drawing far less than had been expected. The Chippewa Hills Band Boosters put on a chicken barbecue for 1,000 people, the number hoped for, and wound up with 500 barbecued chickens, which they sold in house-to-house calls in Weidman and around the lake.

All persons in the vicinity of Lake Isabella are urged to take precautionary measures the first week in June (this week), when the lake is being chemically treated for weed control, according to Warren Stanchina, activities director at the lake. Field irrigation and lawn watering should be kept at a minimum to be on the safe side, he said.

The weather co-operated to make a near-perfect holiday weekend. Many enjoyed all the facilities offered here at beautiful Lake Isabella.

Our camping areas were filled to the brim for the entire weekend.

Many of us who live here all year had visitors from near and far.

Our beaches and the swimming pool were enjoyed by many.

A report given by Warren Stanchina regarding the planned activities indicated he was very happy with the response to the programs.

May 28, 10 to 12 a.m., there was free golf instruction for 40 children and 60 adults. Twelve

noon to 4 p.m., the Chippewa Hills High School Band kids put on a chicken barbecue in the park.

Beginning at 5 p.m., a parade led by our patrolman, Bud Klenk, and the Junior and Senior High School Bands was a great feature.

Then there was a show of old gas tractors, antique cars, horses and buggies, riding horses, and floats from various areas.

A most touching moment came when the bands stopped in front of the flag and played the National Anthem.

The parade was very well attended.

Saturday evening there was entertainment at the Lounge. Many enjoyed a social evening of dancing and dining.

Sunday, May 29, at 12.30, was the tractor pull. Over 25 communities were represented. This was very well attended. Winners were awarded trophies, ribbons, and various awards.

During the afternoon a chicken dinner was served at the Lounge.

Big breakfasts were served all three days.

The golf course has had the best weekend since it was opened.

Warren believes the condition of the course and the weather contributed to this.

The facilities, over all, were used by around 2,000 people. In all, it was a gorgeous holiday.

Having had a house full of guests from Lansing, this writer had a most pleasant weekend, along with many others.

The Hub reported a very good weekend, thanks to the holiday visitors. They had a sellout business, they said, and are most pleased.

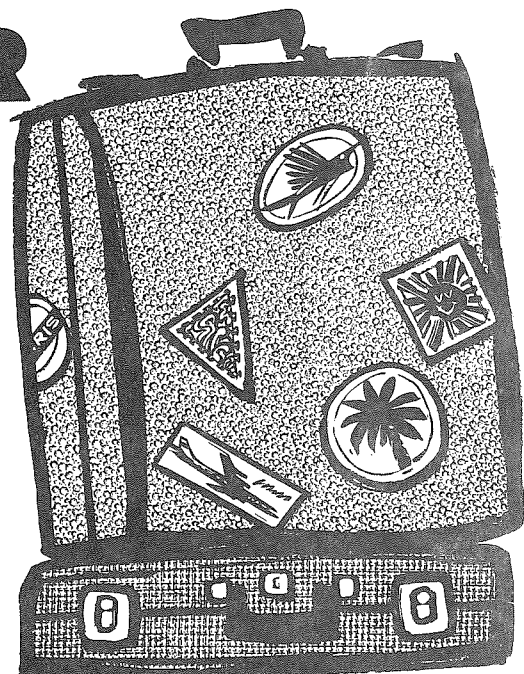
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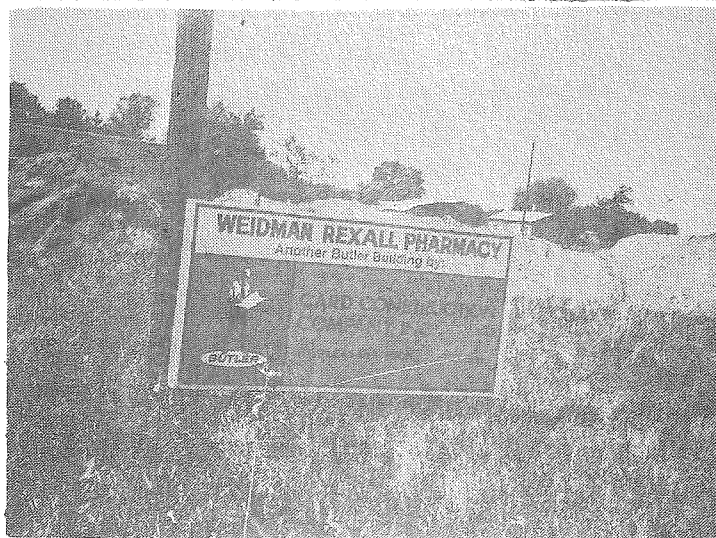
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THE NEW WEIDMAN PHARMACY--Will be here, next to Dick Curtiss' car wash and directly across the road from Baumann's IGA Store and the Weidman Drive In. As it shows, Card Construction Company of Mt. Pleasant is putting up the steel building, scheduled for completion in August. Steel for construction of it was scheduled to arrive here June 10. Messenger photo



VELMA COLE CELEBRATED HER GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY--Saturday, at her home in Gilmore Township, with Open House... feasting, two cakes (one for the "bride" and one for the "groom") and all the fixin's. Her cake was a huge three-tiered confection with white icing and pastel-colored trimmings. It was made by Virginia Ganser, the Coles' niece. Velma is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole. Velma received congratulations from President and Mrs. Carter, one of her prized gifts of the day. The Messenger joins in congratulating Velma on her anniversary, and offers best wishes. Messenger photo

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Callers of mine during last week included Olen Witt of Sheridan, Edna Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Moon, and David, of Battle Creek, and Charley and Mary Metzger.

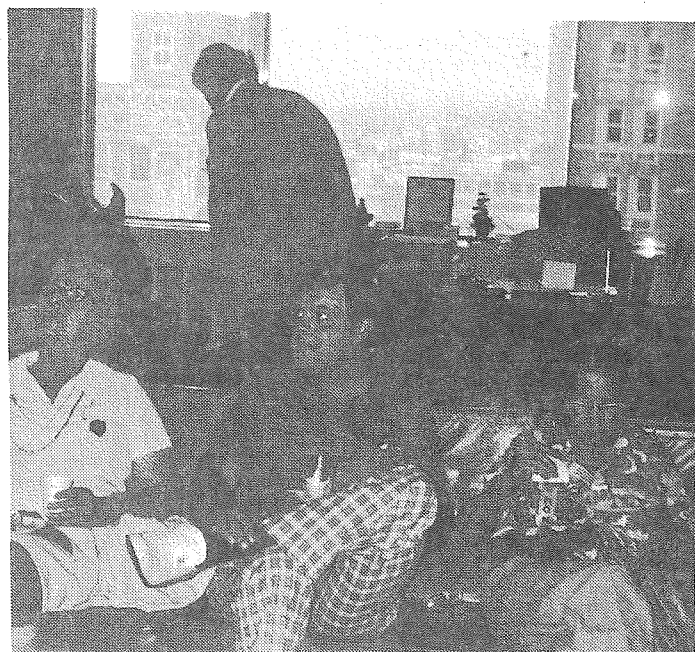
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fields and family of Grand Rapids spent Saturday night and Sunday with their mother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Tony Bartley. They had spent a few days at the Big Mac

bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott spent the weekend with Don and Flossie Scott.

Irene Bowen and I called on one of my school teachers, Mary (Huber) Granger, near Lake George. We spent a very enjoyable evening reminiscing over our school days of 1924-25 when she taught the Brinton School, her second term of teaching.

Mike Livermore, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore, left Sunday evening from Tri-Cities Airport for California, where he



BUD FREDRICKSON AND YE ED ATTEMPT THE LUNCHEON At the doin's at Lansing during Michigan Week. There were no chairs or tables, but with Jim Hughes' help we found a place in the Lansing City Commission's meeting room--thankfully, to sit down. Photo by Jim Hughes

leaves during the week for Hawaii, where he is stationed for his Navy duties. He has been spending a month's leave with home folks.

Denny and Darrel La Londe of near Barryton spent a few days with their grandmother, Eunice La Londe, while their mother, Mrs. Gary La Londe, was in the Lakeview Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knorr and family of Lansing spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Tee-ter.

Sharon Tower and girls of near Clare spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sisco of Northport called on Mr. and Mrs.

George Beers Sunday.
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In the Editor's Mail

Connie:

We are enclosing our check for another year of the Messenger.

Couldn't find even one "Better Than a Letter" in the current issue.

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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dutcher and girls held Open House Sunday afternoon for Dave's graduation from High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wernette of Greenville took the Brian Dutchers out to dinner Sunday, celebrating Brian and Linda's anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and Kaye, and Clayton and I attended Open House for Tim Yuncker Thursday evening at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Steve attended Open House for David Dutcher at the Garry Dutchers' Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and Nancy and Donna of Grand Rapids visited the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., and took them to Lake Isabella for dinner Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher visited his sister, Minnie Strauch, at the home of the Stuart Gordons of Coleman Sunday afternoon. Minnie had her shoulder broken when the elevator door came shut on her.

Monroe Beckwith of Otisville spent Thursday over night with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Ervin and Clayton Dutcher and Monroe Beckwith visited Floyd Dutcher in Grand Rapids Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., visited the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Maeder are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Christi Marie, born May 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Maeder and children, Brian, Jimmy and Christi, attended Open House for Dave Dutcher Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint spent Saturday over night with us. They visited her mother Sunday, and attended Open House for Dave later in the day.

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In the Editor's Mail

To the Editor:

I would like to take this time to address myself to the citizens of Isabella County.

First I would like to ask them a few questions.

1. Mothers of children who ride VanTran or Dial-a-Ride to school or anywhere on a daily basis, can you really entrust your children's lives to them?

I had an incident occur with a VanTran bus full of special education children April 26, 1977, which has inspired me to write this letter.

The bus of which I am speaking backed out of a driveway and over two mail boxes and a Morning Sun box.

If it had been a tight backing area it might be understandable, but it wasn't, so there was no reason for it. I called VanTran early that evening and found out the driver had never even reported it.

The following Friday I went to VanTran and was given the run-around. I then went to the Sheriff's office to see if an accident report had been filed. They called VanTran and VanTran said they felt there was not enough damage done to warrant an accident report. On another occasion I was riding on a Van Tran bus and it was doing 65 m.p.h. around curves.

Taxpayers, could we get away with destroying mail boxes and not filing an accident report? Is this the type of justice we have? The big companies with money can get away with anything and we small taxpayers get away with nothing.

2. Citizens of Isabella County, can you depend on your Sheriff's Department to be there in an emergency?

I say No!

On April 29, 1977, I called the Sheriff's Department at 2 p.m. with a complaint of two men lighting fires behind my home and bothering my babysitter while I was at work. I left work immediately and went home.

I was quite worried. Who knew what I would find when I got home?

Needless to say, I beat the Sheriff's Department there. I again called at 3.30 p.m. and my complaint was still sitting on the desk. It had never been turned over to a deputy. They said they didn't know the area well enough to find our home. Yet they knew the area well enough to find us a week later to serve us with some papers with our previous address on them.

Is this the way our Sheriff's Department should be run? I say No. Where is the protection that is supposed to be provided us? I tried talking to the Sheriff, but as usual he was unavailable.

Thank you.

Angela L. Quinlan
1807 Eastern Ave., Rte. 1
Weidman
(Coldwater Lake)

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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox spent the weekend at Brimley, U.P., camping and fishing.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson of Lake were Thursday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bushree played cards with them one evening. George Darnell and family of Stanton spent Memorial Day with

his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey. They were on their way home from a few days' camping trip in Canada.

This area was not under the tornado watch in Michigan Tuesday evening, so, Thanks! We got a good rain.

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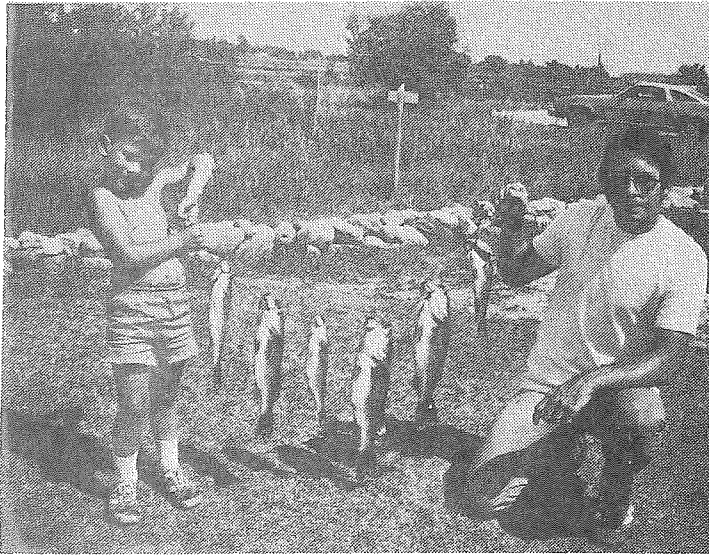


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YOUNG ERIC McARTHUR AND HIS DAD, DOUG, GET BASS--
And how! Opening day saw the pair on Lake of the Hills at 6 a.m., and their reward was this string of just plain beautiful bass. The biggest one weighed four pounds--that's a hefty bass. They had their string by 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Eric is an avid fisherman. "He's probably what gets me out," Doug told the Messenger reporter. Messenger photo

ALVA CUMMINS (Continued from Page 1)

ed to know what the preparation was, and Alva's father gave him the ingredients.

Today, at 84, Alva Cummins is very alert and interested in life around him, and he is very pleased to have visitors.

NEWS NOTES

Miss Ivania (Vonnice) Allen is home for a few days from her studies at Life Chiropractic College in Marietta, Georgia. She is on a three-year course, with classes year-round, after completing two years of preparatory studies. She will become a chiropractic doctor after graduating.

Editor's Column

By Connie

dine in the City Commission meeting room. It was cooler than the Mayor's outer office.

I noticed that the Telfer family were sitting where the City Commission sits while pondering weighty city issues. We enjoyed sitting there, and talked about the events of the past couple of hours.

We had to stand around, before the ceremony, but it was mostly because of our early arrival and the fact that some of the people were late in arriving. And, that's always bound to happen. But I agree, a few chairs on which to sit would have been helpful.

I remember that I had planned to go to a nearby restaurant after the excitement was over--eat a leisurely meal, and return. Never did get to the meal--until on my way back. Stopped in St. Louis for supper, then back to WCEN where I wrote my story of the "Minuteman Caper" (my own terminology), in Lansing.

Isabella County and vicinity did pretty well in the Michigan Minuteman category on the state level. You, James Telfer from Mt. Pleasant but now living in Mar-

shall, and the Edmore Village Manager, Jerry Macklin.

An exciting day, it was indeed, but one to keep in our "Memory Book".

Sincerely
Jim Hughes
1971 Michigan
Minuteman
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BECKY VORE VISITS THE MESSENGER HOME

Rebecca Vore, daughter of Chester and Jean Vore, has been visiting the Messenger home frequently the past week, telling us all sorts of exciting things about her school and life.

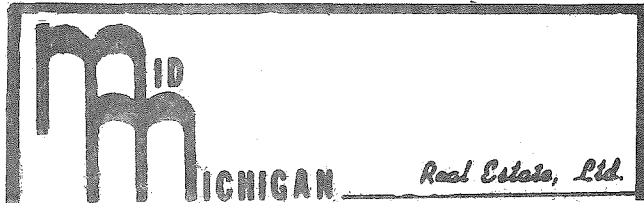
She says she will be a participant in the Special Olympic at Mt. Pleasant, where she won three ribbons in contests at Big Rapids recently.

The Olympic will be June 2nd through June 4 in Mt. Pleasant.

Becky is an alert, very bright little girl who loves the company of "the big folks".

We have enjoyed her visits.
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Mildred Ruegsegger of Mt. Pleasant, a former Weidman resident, was one of Frances Tranbarger's callers during the Memorial weekend, and she told about trips to England, Italy, and other far-off places. She said she was planning on joining a group on a bus tour of Alaska soon.



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