

WEIDMAN DAY IS
JULY 8 AND 9

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Editor's Column

By Connie

LETTER FROM A NEW MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD

So this week we're not writing an editorial in this column--for once. (Some will be relieved.)

Instead we're printing a letter we received Saturday, dated Sunday, June 12--before the school election.

It's from Judy Browning, and she led the pack in the district's voting; so she's one of two new members of the Chippewa Hills School Board.

Dr. Kowaleski brought her to this office before the election, and Judy and I had a most interesting conversation with, I must admit, no holds barred on my part.

I recognized hers as an intelligent, middle-of-the-road mentality with a college education (she appears to have retained her equilibrium in spite of that).

So Saturday we got her letter, written before the election, but revealing something of her character, reactions, and sense of humor (we all need that, in the Chippewa Hills District). Here 'tis:

Sunday, June 12

Dear Connie:

Win, lose or draw tomorrow, I thought I would write and tell you that I enjoyed our short visit a week ago, and hope for a return match. You're a delight, and I admire your tenacity.

I read your paper, and was pleased to see you know Dr. Telfer. I had him for an instructor in Sci and Ed at Central years ago, and I must say that he was the only practical, reasonable man in that whole department; and, in spite of the inane philosophy at the time concerning "theory" of education, he armed me with the only valuable, usable tools I left college with and had when I taught. He knew how to laugh--he won my respect, and he was quite apart from his colleagues.

I'm including one of my papers (Continued on Back Page)



HE RECEIVED LIONS CLUB AWARD

Weidman Lions Club President Wilbur (Benn) Johnson has recently received the Extension Award, bestowed by the president of Lions International, on recommendation of Governor of Lions of Michigan. Bennie is shown (above) at work in the Weidman Western Auto Store, which he owns jointly with Whitey McCreight. Messenger photo

In notifying Bennie of his honor, State Secretary of Lions Budd R. Goodwin states that the names of Michigan Lions receiving the award have been inscribed on four parchments, attractively framed and prominently displayed in the state office.

Accompanying the letter of notification was an embroidered Extension Award emblem designated to be placed on the left breast pocket of a navy blue blazer. Recipients of the award have been chosen for their contributions to the building of Lionism, both in their local clubs and also throughout the state.

Lion Johnson is completing his year as president of the Weidman club this month. Harry Howard of Remus is the newly elected president of the club, and will take over in that capacity in July.

Weidman Lions Club officers for the year 1977-78 are as follows:

President, Harry Howard; first vice president, Bud Klenk; second vice president, William Estes; third vice president, Herbert Serum; secretary, Lester Hall; treasurer, Bernard Pitts; Tail Twister, Dan Carrick; and Lion Tamer, Gary Mast.

Weidman Lions and their wives enjoyed a picnic at the Lake Isabella Golf Club picnic grounds last Wednesday at 7 p.m., followed by an evening pontoon boat cruise on the lake.

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Darryl Pitts is traveling with the Light of the World group from Great Lakes Bible College. He will spend the summer on this work, in Christian camps in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio.

PLANS READIED FOR WEIDMAN DAY JULY 8-9

Plans were about completed for this year's Weidman Day, July 8 and 9, Friday and Saturday, at a meeting Wednesday night at the Fire Hall.

We'll have a band, after all, for the morning parade: The top-rated Beal City High School Band will be here to lead the parade. Reports from committees indicate that the parade will be another good one, with search on now for candidates for King and Queen (oldest real Weidman residents). Last year's King and Queen were Bill Appelgreen and Emma Middlesworth, and a handsome pair they made as they rode in the parade in their horse-drawn buggy.

Friday evening will open this year's celebration with a quiet opening of the beer tent in the park. There will be music at the tent.

Friday is the big day, with the parade starting it off, the street blocked off for stands and displays, and a day-long program readied which will feature another chicken barbecue, which proved a big attraction last year.

It was announced Tuesday that we have secured a carnival with good rides for the celebration this year. It was reported the carnival has seven different rides.

There will be many other events all during the day. Displays of arts and crafts will be given another big piece of attention, as they were beautiful and popular last year.

Our neighbors of the Beal City area are always ready to pitch in and help, as they did last year for the chicken dinner and the dunking machine, which also proved a popular attraction.

Plans this year include using the shaded area between the old bank building and Pitts' office for seats for elderly and/or tired people to sit and rest, instead of having the chairs in the open sun as they were last year.

So--plan on coming on home at least for Saturday, July 9, and visit with others you haven't seen since last year, and generally enjoy the day.

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HAM RADIO OPERATORS WILL TEST EMERGENCY GEAR

This weekend is Field Day for all amateur (ham) radio operators all over the country, and our area operators will be testing their emergency gear from the Coldwater Township Park.

They'll be setting up generator, antennas, and so on, from Saturday till noon on Sunday, 24 hours, "heading for the hills," as they put it.

Ham radio operators all over the United States will be doing the same thing at the same time, according to Grant (Ken) Allen, who heads up the local group. It's composed of the Farwell-Clare operators and the Chippewa Hills folks with amateur radio equipment. Both groups are "young" operations,

but are enthusiastic radio buffs.

This weekend's operations will cover all parts of the United States and Canada, with several foreign countries also participating. They are trained in tornado warning operations and general emergency situations. In Gratiot County ham operators have installed apparatus at the Sheriff's office, and they man the air in case of weather or any other emergencies. The Sheriff is not qualified to do this, nor any of his men, as one has to be licensed as an amateur operator, and this involves working knowledge and use of the Morse Code and several other technical details not commonly acquired.

Ken Allen comes from an old Gilmore family, his father, Elmer Allen, bringing his wife and

children to Gilmore to live on a farm near the Paul Cole place in Gilmore, many years ago.

Ken is instructor for the Clare-Farwell membership, teaching the Morse Code and requirements for obtaining licenses. Ken has "worked" (been in contact with) all States of the Union and Canada, and also with several foreign countries.

Observers of the Saturday-Sunday activities in the Coldwater Township Park will be welcome, Ken said this week.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Linebaugh of Pontiac were Saturday visitors of their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur enjoyed camping over the weekend at School Section Lake.

Mrs. David Wood and boys of St. Johns spent Saturday with her

folks, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts.

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer and Roselynn were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. David Smith and two friends of Allegan, and Mrs. Wayne Smith and daughter, Susie, of Wolverine, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith. David had bought a beautiful dinette set and piano from Mrs. Earl Maeder of Coldwater Lake. Mrs. Maeder and grandson, Vickie, of New Port Richie, Florida, were last Thursday breakfast guests of the Smiths.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider and family attended the Winn celebration Sunday evening. Their boys played during the program.

Joan Snider has been accepted at CMU this fall, after graduating from Chippewa Hills High School.

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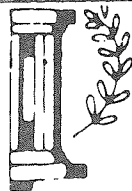
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POT LUCK DINNER FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
 The Senior Citizens group of Weidman announces their monthly pot-luck dinner will be held Tuesday, June 28, at 12 noon at the Masonic Hall in Weidman. Bingo will be played. Prizes were donated by merchants of Weidman.
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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter
 The community extend their sympathy to the family of John Gott, who passed away Friday. Funeral services were held Sunday from the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell, with burial in the Gilmore Cemetery.
 Mr. and Mrs. Vyril Wright and family spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.
 A number from here attended the REA meeting at Beal City Monday evening.
 Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fosburg entertained with a family dinner Sunday, honoring Father's Day. Guests included Carl and Ellen Geasler, Emily Geasler of Grand Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Geasler and family of near Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler.
 Carl and Ellen Geasler called on their aunt and husband, the Paul Millers, Saturday evening.
 Irene Bowen and I called on Connie Fletcher Wednesday, and also called on Lizzie Conley at the Home of Josephine Waid in Lake.

Helen Strang and girls were in Midland last week, where Amy Strang had dental work done.
 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beers of Lansing and Dean Beers of Kalamazoo spent the weekend with their mother, Cora Beers, and called on their father, George Beers, who is a patient at the Mt. Pleasant Hospital for surgery during last week.
 Mrs. Virginia Ackley and boys spent a few days with her parents near Perry during the week.
 Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Tower and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday evening as guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower.
 Jay Strang of Mt. Pleasant called on the Larry Strangs Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Forbes and family spent some time at Cedar Point during the week.
 Emily Livermore returned to work at the Ardis Rest Home last Wednesday, after a three weeks' sick leave.
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Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith enjoyed their first fresh peas from their garden Monday evening.
 Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton and family of Ashley were Saturday supper guests of the Ronnie Sprague family.

Obituary

JOHN A. GOTT
 John A. Gott of Weidman died Friday, June 17, at the Clare Nursing Home. He was 81.
 He was born April 20, 1896, in Clare, and resided most of his life in the Farwell and Weidman areas.
 June 29, 1918, he was married to Elvah Rhynard, in St. Johns.
 He had lived here in Weidman the past 18 years, and had very many friends here.
 He is survived by his wife; four sons, John of Elwell, Albert of Winn, Richard of Farwell, and Carl of Stanton; two daughters, Mrs. Marvin (Bessie) Allen of Farwell, and Mrs. Wanda Graham of Weidman; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Kochensparger of Ashley, and Mrs. Marjorie Dodge of Saginaw; and 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.
 Funeral services were held Sunday, June 19, at 2 p. m. from the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in the Gilmore Township Cemetery.

A dinner was prepared and served by the members of the Merry Go Round Club of Gilmore and Coldwater, and the Birthday Club, at the Masonic Hall dining room in Weidman.
 The family have the sympathy of their many friends. Elvah Gott is a news writer for the Messenger, and we offer our special sympathy.
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Obituary

BEATRICE M. VAN CONANT
 Mrs. Beatrice M. VanConant of Remus died unexpectedly at her home. She was 34.
 Funeral services were held at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Rev. John Bishop officiating. Burial was in the Sherman City Cemetery.
 She is survived by her husband, George; four daughters, Gloria Ann, 14; Loretta, 12; Janice, 10; and Ida, 9, all at home. Also surviving is her mother-in-law, Mrs. Mona VanConant of Greenville; a brother, Henry Neeley, of Belting, and two sisters, Mrs. Bonnie Bell of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Shirley Patterson of Langston.
 She was a 17-year resident of the Remus area. She was born May 5, 1943, in Saginaw County.
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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family visited Claribel Beutler Sunday afternoon.

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NOTICE
 To Messenger news writers-- We get out next week's paper, and then take our last-of-June and first-of-July week's break. Whee. So. Send in your news next week, but skip the first week of July.
 Happy Weidman Day July 8 and 9!

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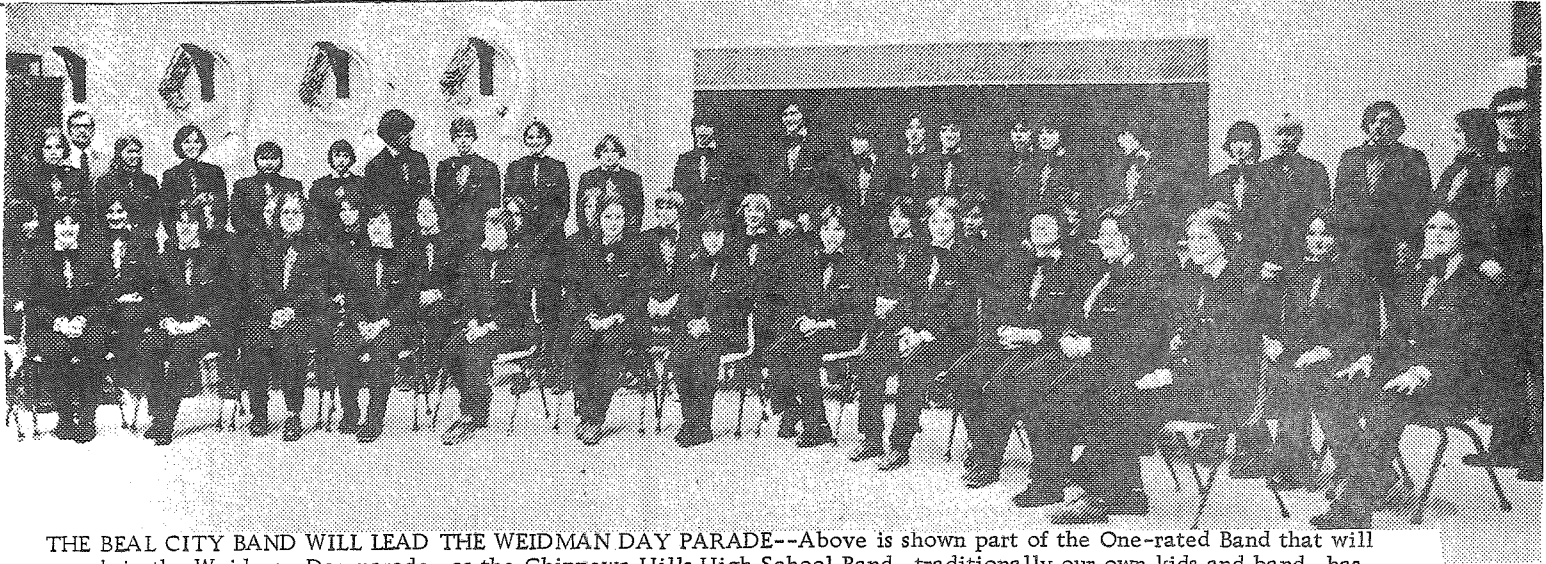
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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



THE BEAL CITY BAND WILL LEAD THE WEIDMAN DAY PARADE--Above is shown part of the One-rated Band that will march in the Weidman Day parade, as the Chippewa Hills High School Band, traditionally our own kids and band, has been declared off-limits by the school administration since the defeat of the millage election. Weidman folks generally are very grateful to the Beal City people and the kids who will help us out on our big day. Photo courtesy Buyers Guide

LOCAL FFA-ERS ATTEND CONFERENCE

Members of the Beal City FFA Chapter recently attended the 1977 Region VI FFA Leadership Training camp at CMU June 14 and 15.

Members of the Beal City Chapter attending included Mark Pasch, Chapter president; Terry Starr, first vice-president; Jean Engler, second vice-president, Darlene Pung, acting secretary; Roger Hauck, treasurer; Greg Coston, reporter; and Eric McDonald, sentinel.

The two-day camp consisted of sessions and group meetings concerning officer training, manners, how to introduce, speaking, getting acquainted, and recreation. The major purpose of the camp is to train the new student FFA officers to be good officers in the coming year. To help in this training, the camp was fortunate in having three state FFA officers in attendance: Butch Wagoner, Colon; Bob Engler, Beal City, and John Byl, Shelby.

Thirteen chapters were represented by 86 FFA members at the camp. In the awards department, the Beal City Chapter received the second-place overall best chapter rating, first place in the almost anything goes games, and Mark Pasch was elected to the regional office of Sentinel.

In other recognitions, Jean Engler and Roger Hauck were commended for their excellence in the FFA ceremonies. Greg Coston was a member of the winning team.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Downing of Marion were overnight guests Sunday of Mrs. Claribel Beutler. They were Sunday dinner guests of their son, Ronnie Downing,

and wife, at Lake Isabella. Monday they visited his brother, Arthur Downing, at Coldwater Lake. Mrs. Ella Adams of Farwell was

a Monday caller of Mrs. Claribel Beutler.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague attended a Father's Day gathering Sunday at the Arthur Dent home

in Farwell. Many family members were present.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Kramer and Eddie Bradbury of Hubbardston visited Mrs. Veronica Keifer and Mr. and Mrs. George Keifer one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family and Mr. and Mrs. Don Grace and family went camping at Pinckney Park, and also visited Cardar Point, from Thursday till Monday.

Kitty Yuncker was in CMC Hospital suffering from pneumonia early last week.

Cindy Yuncker and Andrew Spence were married Saturday in Beal City--a beautiful wedding. A reception was held at the K. C. Hall in the evening.

Wayne and Connie Schafer and family moved into Beal City last Wednesday. They have purchased the Ed Schafer home just west of the village.

Ed and Mildred Schafer moved into their new home on the river near Coldwater Lake, last Tuesday.

Rick Barz and Mary Clevenger were married Saturday.

Adele Pung was in CMC Hospital a few days last week.

Mike and Carla Schafer have started on their new home on Fordyce Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Michaletz and Mrs. Anna Bartlett of Chicago spent the past week with Louise Schafer.

Mrs. Schafer spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Betty Sunderman and her daughter, Ruth.

The Norman Neubeckers are building a new home at the corner of Weidman Road and La Pearl Road. It will be a large ranch-type home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger drove to Detroit Thursday to attend the funeral of their brother-in-law, Russ Holseth.

Mr. and Mrs. Grinzinger and Monica Grinzinger drove to Westphalia Sunday to attend the Golden Wedding anniversary of Harold and Viola Platte.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Klumpp, Mr. and Mrs. Fran Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Schafer and Louise Schafer attended a graduation party for Ruth Schafer at Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer are the proud grandparents of a baby girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Laney of Gary, Ind.

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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Thursday afternoon we left for Lansing, and spent a very pleas-

ant weekend visiting friends and relatives. We spent Thursday evening in DeWitt with our son, his wife, and children. Saturday noon we attended the World War I Veterans' pot-luck dinner at the Civic Center in Lansing. A good dinner, and renewed friendships. Their Auxiliary has a mem-

bership of 180 there, with the Post probably about the same.

We stayed nights with my sister Faye, returning home late Sunday afternoon, bringing our 12-year-old grandson to spend a week with us.

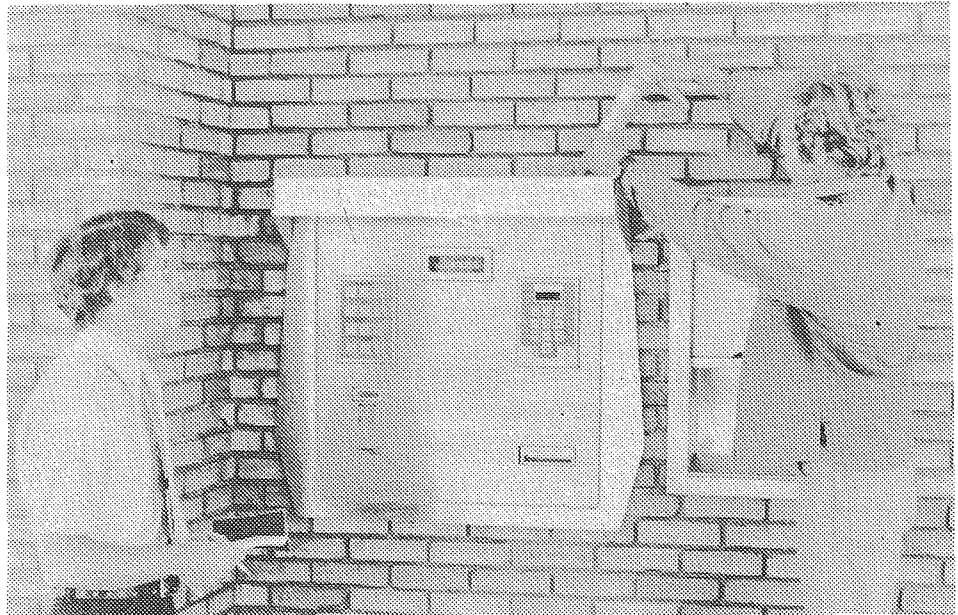
Because of this trip, I have not had time to call for news.

The Hub Store appears to be doing just fine, with good supplies of groceries, gas, and most needs of lake residents. They also have the Weidman Messenger on sale there. Last week they sold out on the Weidman paper--they'll have more on hand hereafter.

WEIDMAN BRANCH

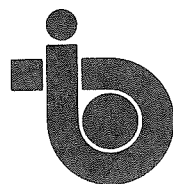
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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Ethel Mae Monroe is in the Mt. Pleasant Hospital, suffering from a stroke which occurred last Friday night. She was taken to the hospital Saturday morning. Ethel Mae has been unable to communicate, and has lost much of the use of her left side. She was taken to the hospital by ambulance, and is in Room 212.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson spent Sunday at the Chuck Wilson home in Grand Rapids, to honor Greg's Open House after his graduation.

Ralph Bergquist and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood were Saturday callers at the Pete Wood home. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock were Father's Day dinner guests at the Nelson Bateman home. Their sons from Taylor and Plymouth could not come home, but telephoned them.

Mrs. Paul Fahnestock is home now, from the Mt. Pleasant Hospital.

Mrs. Betty Thompson was a Sunday afternoon caller at the Earl Oplinger home. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oplinger were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday afternoon callers of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence, and also called at the Alva Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin spent

the weekend at Copemish.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of their daughter, Mrs. Joyce Chaffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller attended a fish supper at Farwell Friday evening, and later called at the Glenwood Holmes home at Lake. They attended the meeting at the Sherman City Church Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rescoe, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family were Sunday afternoon guests at the Gerald Dent home.

Gerald and Mabel called on her brother, Walter Kirvan, and wife Sunday evening, at Barryton. Michael and Chris Dent are spending this week with their grandparents.

Ervin Dutcher was a Monday morning caller at the Charlie Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and Harold Losey were Sunday dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and grandchildren were evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright of Holliday, Fla., are here at their summer home, to spend some time.

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THEY'RE MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore entertained relatives from Shingleton over the weekend, who were here to attend the wedding of Dennis Livermore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Livermore, and

Tammy DeGeers of Lake.

The wedding was held at Clare, with a reception at the Rod and Gun Club Saturday evening.

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CENTRAL MICHIGAN RIGHT TO LIFE MEETS JUNE 28

The regular meeting of the Central Michigan Right to Life will be Tuesday, June 28, at 8 p. m., in Room 153 of the Isabella County Building.

There will be a speaker and program on retarded children, and the handicapped; followed by refreshments.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus and Mark of Drummond Island spent several days at their old home, getting the rest of their goods ready for moving in the next 30 days.

Velma Cole returned home from Sparrow Hospital in Lansing last Thursday, but was admitted to CMC Hospital at midnight Friday. It was expected she would be admitted to Sparrow Hospital again the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk went to Bloomingdale for a few days, to attend a party for her father's birthday, and Father's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Rich Pfannes spent Saturday with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa are entertaining his sister, Elsie, from Ohio, for an extended visit.

Mrs. Orma Kripa helped Yours Truly Friday till it was decided Velma would be taken back to the hospital.

Our sympathy to the family of our friend, John Gott.

Our sister, Mrs. Helen Allbee, and Mrs. Hilda Sampson and

brother, William Wixson, came Friday to help us catch up with some of the work we had to let go while we were making our daily trips to Sparrow Hospital at Lansing to visit Velma.

We are forever grateful to each and everyone who helped make Velma's birthday a very happy one. It sure made her very happy, and meant so much to her. She wanted me to be sure to thank each and every one.

Mrs. Beulah Pfannes went to Flint Tuesday to see her doctor.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Bob Farnum of Lake Isabella visited Steve Dutcher Saturday.

Dawn Dutcher was taken to the emergency room at CMC Hospital Sunday, where she had eight stitches in her arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen called on the Robert Dutchers Sunday. Barbara Dutcher was a Saturday caller.

Patti Dutcher stayed with her grandparents, the Theodore Cases, a couple of days and nights last week.

The Carl Beutlers took Billie to the Irish Hills to a music camp Sunday. He will be there all this week.

Marion Beutler attended WSCS at the Weidman Church Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Withum in Kalkaska, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moose of Torch Lake, last Monday.

Florence Fitzgerald of Lansing visited her folks over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and family had Saturday supper with us.

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CASE SCHOOL REUNION WAS WELL ATTENDED

The 26th annual Case School reunion was held Saturday, June 11, in the Farwell High School cafeteria, with 32 present for a delicious pot-luck dinner.

Table grace was given by Floyd Brown.

For the first time, there were no former teachers present. There were 16 former pupils.

All were pleased to see two newcomers to the reunion. They were Fred Spencer of Ormond Beach, Florida, and his sister, Mildred (Spencer) Smith of Remus. Also present were Gertrude (Olger) Wood and husband Sidney of Mt. Pleasant, who had not been with us for a number of years.

Other pupils were Floyd Brown and wife, Dena, of Ada; Lloyd Brown and wife Mildred of Grand Rapids; Catherine (Schneider) Rodgers, Marian Schneider, and Frieda (Schneider) Schaupter, all of Sun City, Arizona; Karolina (Schneider) Pattison of Plymouth; Theresa (Schneider) Pratt and husband Harry of Trenton; Iotha (Ruegger) Romweger of Akron, O.; Verna (Arthur) Seymour, Leona (Seymour) Buchel and daughter, Anna Marie; Paul Brown and wife Lucille and cousin, Leona Brown; Arley Renner and wife Mildred, daughter, Thelma Yats, and her children Kay, Duane and Ricky, all of Farwell; and Helen (Tanner) Hudson of Midland.

Other guests included Warren Phipps of Farwell, Zena Olger of Weidman (mother of Gertrude Wood); Jay Bellinger of Howard City, and J. Egbert Fordyce of Big Rapids.

Jay Bellinger and Egbert Fordyce were the oldest men, and Verna Seymour and Zena Olger the oldest ladies. Plants were given as prizes.

Booklets on the history of Case School, and bars of soap with a sketch of the school on them, by a special process, put together by Frieda Schaupter and her sisters in Arizona, and pens were given as souvenirs.

A former teacher, our beloved Mrs. Anna (Stanley Schofield) Wood, was unable to be with us. We were sorry to hear she was in the hospital. There were others ill, and some in hospitals. We wish them a speedy recovery, and hope they will be with us next year.

A short business meeting was called to order by President Frieda Schaupter. Minutes and financial report of the last meeting were read by Secretary Helen Hudson. They were approved.

Vice president Arlie Rennie told a story that brought a sudden burst of laughter to all by the unexpected humorous ending.

Floyd and Lloyd Brown entertained with accordion music.

All officers were retained for another year. A free-will offering was taken. The meeting was closed by singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again".

The remainder of time was spent looking at pictures, scrapbooks, and reminiscing.

Helen Hudson
Secretary
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LOCAL FAMILY ENJOYS EXTENSIVE TOUR OF EAST

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls, Mrs. Edith Touchinsky, and Pami Sprague as their guest enjoyed a two weeks' tour of the Eastern and southern states, returning home this past weekend.

They drove through and enjoyed visiting Virginia, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York City and Long Island.

Mrs. Edith Touchinski was born in Freeport, Long Island, and the visit there was a sentimental one.

While in New York City they enjoyed climbing up (and down) the Statue of Liberty, visiting the Fulton Street Fish Market, Wall Street, City Hall, and the Battery, at the southern tip of Manhattan Island. They also visited the Bronx while there.

The younger ones enjoyed swimming in the ocean at Cape May, New Jersey, where the party stopped over a couple of days to visit with friends there. They brought home some "Cape May diamonds," remarkable white stones that turn a beautiful blue when heat is applied to them. They also did the Boardwalk while in Atlantic City.

On their way home they visited Washington, D. C., and spent some time at the Smithsonian Institute, and took in all the Washington sights, including the Liberty Bell and the monuments.

They arrived home tired but entirely satisfied and happy with their trip.

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Local Items

Whitey McCreight has recovered from an infection on his hand. His wife, Janet, is home from CMC Hospital, where she had surgery. Both are now doing fine.

The Theodore Cases visited the Richard Dutchers Sunday evening.

Ervin, Ivan and Clayton Dutcher visited Floyd Dutcher in Grand Rapids Monday.

Rick McArthur was among four students from the Chippewa Hills High School's shop department to take part in a state-wide competition of high schools May 7, at Ferris State College. Four shop students from each school were chosen for the event.

METHODIST PASTOR MOVES TO ALLEGAN COUNTY

Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch moved to their new pastorate in the Casco United Methodist Church near South Haven, the first of this week.

His address, for the next two months, is cor. 64th and 197th Streets, South Haven.

He preached his first sermon there last Sunday, with a nice attendance at the church.

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WEIDMAN DAY PLANS
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Sunday, July 10, the day after Weidman Day, has been set for the second annual reunion of old schoolmates from the Horr School. It will be at the pavilion, at Mitchell Memorial Park.

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Editor's Column

By Connie
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--they're only sent out to our lot owners, and they're not really journalism, but I thought you might like to see one.

Thank you for a lively and interesting visit.

Judy Browning

(Ed's Note: Well, Judy, I have looked over your paper, and I must say it's a beautiful job of presentation and printing. Lake lot owners should be so lucky!

(And blessed be, there was only one small grammatical or spelling error in the whole sheet--a most refreshing experience. Area papers not only mangle the King's English but cripple the modern American version of it.

(At least you're literate--and I think whatever gods may be for that. And thanks for your letter. I only get hard and tough when I feel deeply about tax monies going down the drain. (Drap in any time!)

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Aubin of Standish were weekend guests of her sister, Mrs. Leah Scharrer. Geraldine Stranahan of Flushing and friend were Sunday visitors. David Reinert of Mason and his father, Wilbur Reinert, were Sunday dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Doyle were evening visitors.

GOOD TURNOUT AT SHERMAN CITY CHURCH REORGANIZATION

There was a very good attendance at Saturday afternoon's reorganizational meeting at the Sherman City Church, and officers were elected to make the site and building a live and usable asset to the west side of Isabella County--and Barryton.

Officers elected included Gerald Dent, president; Craig Turnbull, vice president; Joyce Geasler, secretary, and Ruth (Plumpton) Gilbert of Barryton, treasurer.

Trustees were elected as follows: Elwood Miller and Marshall Lowery for three-year terms; Miles Miller and Margaret Denslow, two-year terms; and Norman Miller, a one-year term.

The next meeting at the Sherman City Church is scheduled for Friday evening, June 24, at 7 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend and see what a group of interested people are attempting to do there: Raise enough money for a new roof, siding and window-glass for the church. The interior is remarkably preserved, the small-length pieced hardwood floors intact and the hardwood pews in good shape.

Interested women spent an afternoon there scrubbing floors and polishing pews, and otherwise cleaning the interior that has withstood wind and weather these many years.

The church is a beautiful example of solid old good-lumber carpentry, built with prime materials donated by old-time lumberman Gil Johnson, who had a sawmill in Sherman City 'way back when it was a booming logging town, with sawmills, hotels, stores, and other village appurtenances of those days.

Gil Johnson, a rich man, gave

the land on which the church was built (and no doubt the prime lumber for its construction, although there is no record of the latter;) and was a Sherman City resident until the timber was cleaned out in that area, and then moved on. Sherman City died when the last sawmill closed down.

There was a Dr. Soper in Sherman City when no doctor was available in this entire area. Dr. Rondot followed, and he tended all of us, from Brinton and Sherman City to Weidman and Beal City.

Sherman City is definitely an historical ghost-town, and the preservation of its picturesque church is the great concern of many in this area.

You're invited to attend that meeting Friday night and hear what's been accomplished so far (quite a lot!) and what future hopes and plans might be.

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WINN CELEBRATION DRAWS RECORD CROWDS

The celebration at Winn last week drew record crowds through all their days and evenings of entertainments, and one of their big drawing attractions was a midway with carnival rides.

The small village of Winn was packed with crowds through the days and nights of its entire celebrations.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons were our Sunday dinner guests. Richard Dutcher was a caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and sons visited his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Harvey Leiter of Hannah Lake was a caller of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Steve Dutcher attended a bachelor party for Al Straus Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and family of Saginaw spent from Friday till Sunday with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and family of Lake Orion spent Sunday and Monday with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and family spent Saturday over night with them. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., visited Saturday evening, and again Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Les Rhodes of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with them.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey attended an Open House graduation party honoring Anna Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark of Shepherd, Sunday. They called on Bessie Price of Mt. Pleasant in the evening.

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