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Coming up in August

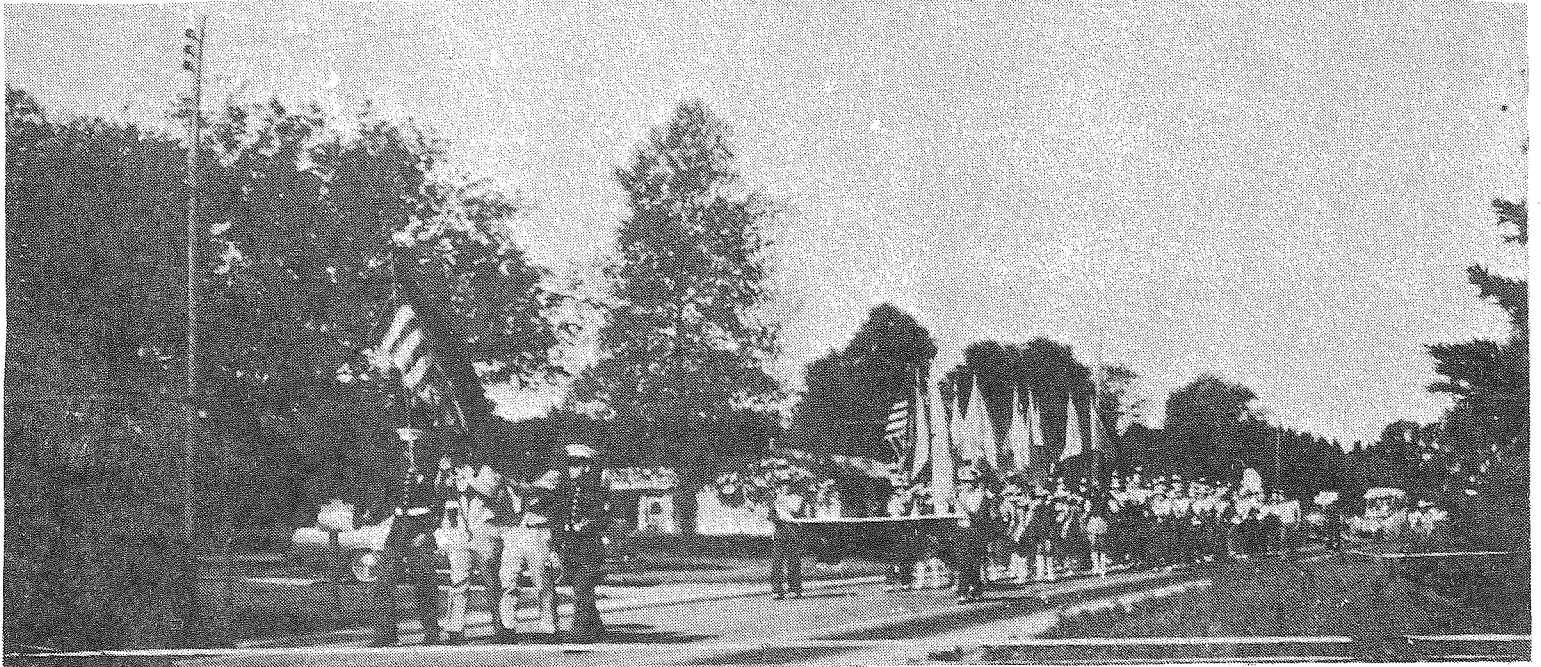
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HERE THEY COME!--The Beal City Band leads off the biggest parade Weidman has ever seen. The Beal City Band is top-rated. It spent three days at the Traverse City Cherry Festival Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with Friday being the big day there. The Beal City Band was featured in the show parade there Friday afternoon. The kids were drenched in a sudden rain shower and had to have their uniforms hastily steam-pressed before their Weidman appearance. They strutted their best --and they're a good marching band!--at the Cherry Festival and were tired by Friday night--but they bailed out of bed Saturday morning and came to Weidman to lead our parade. Hats off to the Beal City High School Band! Those kids are something else--and we mean the best. Beal City folks have been our neighbors and friends since the day John Weidman put up his first sawmill here, and Saturday we saw practically all of Beal City over here to help us celebrate our Tall Timber Days this year. It was the best celebration, with the biggest crowds present, that Weidman has ever had. Saturday had many events, and all were well organized and beautifully scheduled.

Messenger photo

OLD SCHOOL REUNION DRAWS 200 IN SECOND YEAR

The Horr-Tinker School reunion Sunday at Mitchell Park drew about 200 old schoolmates with their families for another get-together, a fabulous pot-luck dinner at 2 p. m., and a day of reminiscing and just plain visiting.

Families began to arrive at the park about 10 a. m. Sunday, and the party lasted till 6 p. m.

Old schoolmates and their families came from all over, in the state and outside.

Music was furnished by tape-deck recordings brought by Ernie Putman of Evart, who organized the idea last year, and put on the reunion with the help of local ladies who once attended the old school.

A guest book was available,

and everyone signed it. Some old students brought their families as far away as from Wayne County.

Helen Root furnished a beautiful cake. She is a daughter of Bertha and Francis Blodgett, and now lives in Flint.

A great day was enjoyed by all the oldsters and their families.

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CLASS OF '37 HOLDS FIRST GATHERING FRIDAY NIGHT

For the first time in 40 years, the graduating class of 1937, Weidman High School, had a "gathering". The reunion was held at Falsetta's Casa Nova in Mt. Pleasant Friday evening, July 8.

Fourteen of the 18 graduates and their spouses were present. All 18 of the class are living.

A social hour was enjoyed from

6.30 to 7.30. A buffet dinner was served. Everett Johnston asked the blessing.

Max Hammond acted as M. C. for the evening. Max was president of the class as Seniors in '36-'37, when they graduated in the old Weidman High School gym.

Each former student introduced his or her spouse and gave a short resume of their lives for the past 40 years.

Those in attendance included Mr. and Mrs. Max Hammond of Ubley, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Straus of Weidman, Mr. and Mrs. James Griffin of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beutler of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Loomis of Mecosta, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Johnston of Woodland, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey of Mt. Pleasant;

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley (Vada Denslow) of Weidman, Mr.

and Mrs. Harold Straus (Dorothea Beutler) of Weidman, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee (Aletha Merrihew) of Weidman, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Klumpp (Lacretia Cook) of Winn, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Embrey (Virginia Letson) of Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood (Gertrude Olger) of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Oberlin (Ruth Hart) of Lansing and Weidman.

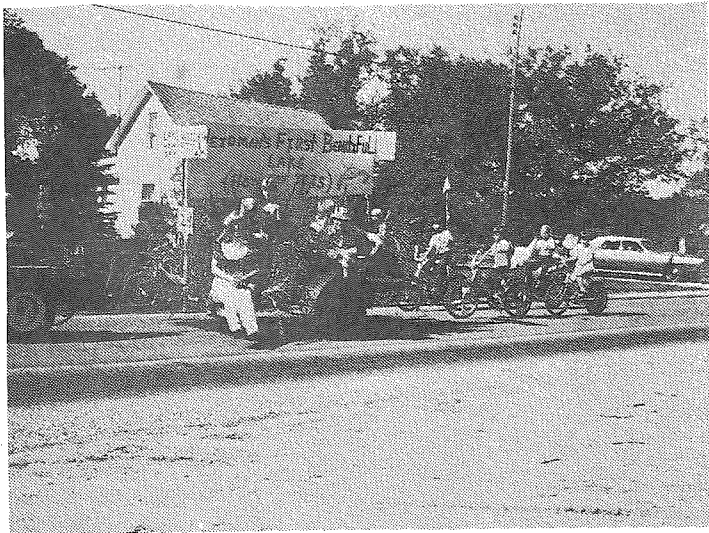
Those unable to attend were Mr. and Mrs. Neil Thompson of Drayton Plains, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Taylor of Mt. Pleasant, George Oberlin of Lansing, and Mrs. Louise Faber Riley of Weidman.

None of the former teachers was able to attend.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



LAKE WEIDMAN DID A SPOOF ON ITSELF--With its float sporting two mermaids (Agnes Fox and Annette Ptak) resting on a pile of water weeds. Below is the float again as it appeared in the two-mile course of the parade. "Weidman's First Beautiful Lake--How Dry It Is!" is the caption. Messenger photo



Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oplinger spent Sunday with her folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Saturday they were skiing at Coldwater Lake. They spent last week vacationing in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended the Tinker School reunion Sunday at the Weidman park.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rau and two boys were Sunday evening guests at the Oplinger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Tiani and two boys were Sunday evening guests at the Oplinger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Tiani and two children spent the weekend with her parents, the Sterling Oplingers. Mrs. Tiani and Mrs. Oplinger attended the Tinker School reunion Sunday at Weidman.

Friday evening and Saturday guests of Bill Thomr were

Carol Ann Martin, Margaret Klock, Tod Overbeck, Bill Basler, and Mike Patten. They attended the Weidman celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wilson of Grand Rapids and Randy and Lori Thompson of Drayton Plains were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests at the Jim Thompson home.

Charles Fahnstock helped out at Weidman during the celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller called on his mother at Big Rapids Sunday.

Sunday guests at the Pete Wood home were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood, Fred Floria, D.J. Whitman, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills, and they celebrated Dan's birthday.

Callers at the Charlie Losey home last week were Elwyn Pennington, Brenda Merrihew, Harold and Lois Losey, Ardis Merrihew, and Monroe Beckwith, who was a Friday overnight guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson returned home a week ago Sunday from a 12-day trip to the west coast. They visited a cousin, Wilma Baxter, at Portland, Ore., and an aunt, Mrs. Ruth Jessup, and a cousin at Whittier, Calif., among other visits. They saw the redwoods.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and boys spent the weekend with his folks, the Gerald Dents.

Gerald and Mabel attended the Tinker School reunion Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cummins came Sunday to see his father, and also to attend the Tinker School reunion. Mrs. Alma White also attended the reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Saturday guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Mrs. Lawrence called on her brother and wife, the Ed Grubers, Sunday, and also called at the Ardis Rest Home to see s sister-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow attended the Tinker School reunion Sunday. Mack said there were over 150 people there, and all had a wonderful time.

Harold Losey came and took Charlie and Hattie Losey to the Dutcher family reunion Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley visited Kim Donley at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp at Blue Lake, near Muskegon, Sunday. Kim plays cello, and participated in a concert there.

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

The Rau family reunion was held Monday at the Coldwater Lake pavilion.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith of Lansing visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Sunday.

The Beal City Band played in the Cherry Festival parades in Traverse City Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and Saturday morning in the Weidman celebration parade.

Eight boys from here returned from Mt. Calvary Retreat in Wisconsin last Thursday, after spending five days there.

Oscar Fedewa died July 7. He was the father of Mrs. June Blasen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weber attended the grand parade Friday in Traverse City.

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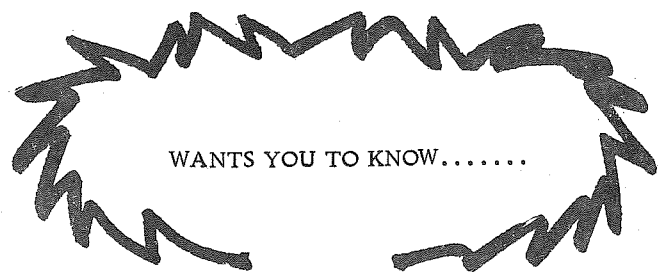
Local Items

A birthday party was held Sunday for John Herman, son of the Tom Hermans. John is five.

Present were his great-grandmother, Mrs. Maggie Boger, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Estes, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Turnbull and boys of Lansing, his parents, the Tom Bogers, and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman.

A beautiful birthday cake was made by Pauline Estes. John received a beautiful lot of gifts.

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Want Ads

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

FOR SALE--15-foot Cherokee boat, with 55-hp Johnson motor, tilt-bed trailer, and cover. In good condition. Ph. 644-2643.

June 16t4

LANDSCAPING--Design and planning. Trees and shrubbery available. New lawns, seeding or sod. Also lawn maintenance. Russ and Jim Alwood, ph. 644-3581, or 644-2647.

May 5tf

WANTED--Wire baskets for cemeteries, prefer 18-inch across top, will take 16-inch. The Flower Shop, Weidman, Tel. 644-3941.

May 17tf

WANTED--Competent housekeeper, one day per week. Could work any day of week. General housekeeping and ironing, in my home. Prefer middle to older aged woman. Call. Ula Dunn, 644-3655.

June 30t2

LOST--Small camera in case, mislaid somewhere here Weidman Day. Finder please call 644-2196.

July 14t1p

B-I-N-G-O
Weidman Business Association
1/2 MILE SOUTH OF WEIDMAN
On Coldwater Road
Every Wednesday Night, 7 p. m.
till 11 p. m.

B-I-N-G-O
Joint Temple Association
413 Coker Drive
Every Saturday Night
6:30 P.M.
3-76-tf

FOR SALE--Cottage-home at Coldwater Lake, winterized, up-to-the-minute lake-front home with 1 1/2 baths, four walk-in closets, two bedrooms. Secluded, seawall, sandy beach. Two back lots. Call owner, Wilbur Reinert, tel. 644-2555, or 644-2068. Or write Box 262, Weidman, 48893.

May 19t3

PIANO TUNING--And service. Russell Merrihew, West Broomfield Road, PO Remus 39340, ph. (Blanchard) 561-4043.
to22Sept. p

WEIDMAN FLOWER FUND--Needs local person to take up monies in town for funerals, etc. Please call 644-3423 or 644-2000.

July 14tf

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW--And Sidewalk Sale in Farwell Saturday, July 30. Persons interested in showing at the Art Show contact Mrs. Virginia Embrey, tel. 588-9961 or 588-2564. No kits or commercial, please.

July 11t2

GARAGE SALE--July 15 and 16, 3 blocks west of Clark's Market in Weidman. Clothes, dishes, and some furniture.

July 14t1

LEGAL

Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING
STATE OF MICHIGAN,
The Probate Court for the County of Isabella.
Estate of Margaret Ann Powelson. File No. 13,038
TAKE NOTICE: On July 21, 1977, at 4:00 P.M., in the Probate Courtroom, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, before Hon. David E. Burrows, Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the petition of Margaret Ann Powelson to change her name from Margaret Ann Powelson to Margaret Ann McTaggart.

Dated: July 1, 1977

Margaret Ann Powelson
Petitioner
913 North West Apt.,
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
48858
Jul14t1p

FOR SALE--Year-round lakefront cottage, complete, redecorated, at 1445 Lake Shore Drive, Coldwater Lake. Call 644-255, or 644-2068.

July 14tf

Card of Thanks

I would like to say a special Thank You to everyone who sent cards, flowers, and the many acts of kindness shown during my stay in the hospital.
Sadie Zorn

Card of Thanks

We at Western Auto Store would like to congratulate the various committees and individuals who worked so hard to make this year's Weidman celebration the greatest we have ever had.

We want to thank the whole people who were here, for their attendance, their work on various projects, and everyone who came, from far and near, to make this the most successful celebration we have ever had. They did a lot for the town of Weidman.

We want to thank Spike Branson who headed the cleanup committee Sunday morning. He and they did a marvelous job.

We all want to thank you all.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Card of Thanks

We want to thank all those who worked so hard to make Weidman's 111th Timber Days such a huge success.

We know a lot of people put in a lot of hard work, and we do appreciate everyone's pitching in to make this a truly great day for Weidman.

Bud Fredrickson
Thayne Sides
Bob Reynolds
(For the Weidman Day Celebration Committees)

\$5.00 REWARD--For return of two old cane fishing poles, taken from Connie Skinner's waterfront lot on Lake of the Hills, at her fishing spot. No questions asked.
July 14t3

Obituary

OSCAR FEDEWA

Oscar Fedewa of Houghton Lake died July 7 in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was 82.

He was born in Pewamo Feb. 27, 1895, and was a carpenter by trade. He married the former Theresa McGuirk, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by one daughter, June Biasen, of Beal City; a brother, Ed Fedewa, also of Beal City; a sister, Aurelia Altstaeter, of Mt. Pleasant; and three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held July 11 in St. Joseph's Church in Beal City, with Father Don Dueweke officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Lansing.

He and his family had lived in Lansing, and the family has a burial plot there.

His relatives and many friends will mourn his passing.

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the Churches

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

Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 7 p. m.

Jose Humphrey was at our church Sunday and sang some wonderful songs during the morning and evening church services.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS--

When we "jerk" the business directory ads, as we say in the trade, it's because we have so much live copy that simply must go in.

We immediately go to our Accounts Receivable books and credit all "Yearly Card" advertisers for that week of non-appearance and set your due date ahead one week, each time we do this. You do not lose any weeks of advertising.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott entertained their son, Jim, and family for his birthday. His mother made a beautiful birthday cake, with all the trimmings.

Mrs. Norma McCary of Boyne City visited the Abbott family.

Albert Gott had dinner with me Sunday, and we went for a nice ride in the north of Farwell and Lake.

Mrs. Carl Gott visited me on Tuesday, and left Tina and Christine to help me. Friday afternoon their parents took them home. I watched the parade from Wanda Graham's yard Saturday morning, among several others.

Helen Alwood took me in the evening to watch the Weidman celebration day acts. We had sandwiches at the Band Boosters' stand, then watched the fireworks. I could see them from my house.

Eddie Bobrowski, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons of Barryton, spent a recent weekend at the Don Alwood home. Highlight of his visit was attending the Weidman Baptist Church and see all his friends in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and family parked their trailer at the Tubbs Lake resort camping grounds the past two weeks, returning home Sunday. Many of their friends and relatives enjoyed cookouts and swimming with them during the hot days. The Chum Methner family and Don Alwood family celebrated Fonda's and Jim Alwood's birthdays with birthday cake and a pot-luck supper at the lake.

Many of our friends and relatives attended the Weidman Homecoming, and enjoyed the parade, band, and all the activities that so many devoted home-folks worked hard at for weeks, so everyone could have a good time. We want to thank the Beal City Band for playing for the parade, even though they were very tired, just returning home from Traverse City's Festival.

Mrs. Helen Alwood called at

the Dick Mahon home last week. Mrs. Mahon made a birthday cake for her cousins, Fonda and Jim Alwood, and it was decorated very prettily.

Cathy Alwood called on her friend, Rhonda Livermore, near Brinton, and took her a birthday gift, for her birthday the Fourth of July.

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Obituary

LAURA RUTH OUDERKIRK

Funeral services for Laura Ruth Wark Ouderkirk took place last Thursday, at 1 p. m. at the Stinson-Helms Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant.

She was 81. She had been ill for some time.

She died at the Gratiot County Medical Care Facility. She had been a resident of Isabella County more than 30 years, and a resident of Weidman these past several years.

Rev. Marvin Eldridge of the Weidman Baptist Church officiated at the services. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant.

She was born Dec. 12, 1895, in Bancroft, Mich., daughter of William and Laura Ruth Graham. She was married to Gilbert Wark, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by one grandson, Delwin Wood, of Weidman, and a niece and nephew; and very many friends.

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GEORGE M. HAMILTON

George M. Hamilton of Winn died Sunday, June 26, at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility. He was 79.

He was born Aug. 26, 1897, in Gilmore Township, son of John and Alphretta (Tower) Hamilton.

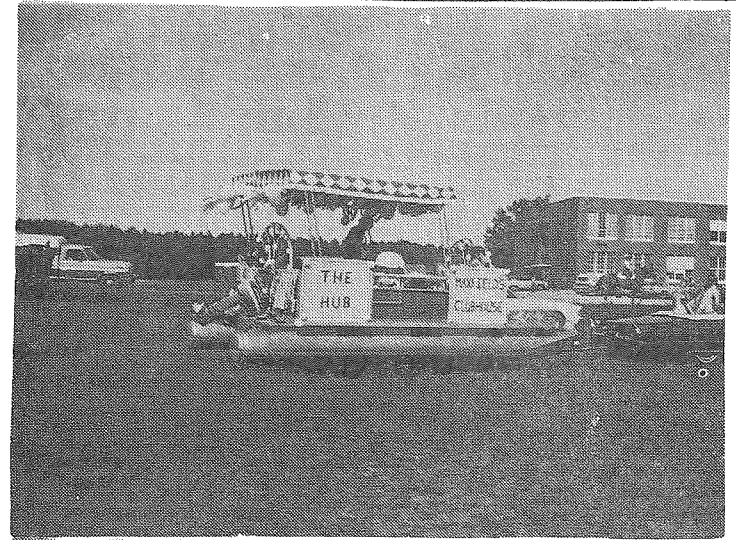
He is survived by four sons, Theron of Washington, John of Taylor, Clarence of Louisiana, and Bruce of Shepherd; four daughters, Mrs. Catherine Dierisk of Riverdale, Mrs. Alphretta Allen of Blanchard, Mrs. Eleanor Warner of Harrison, and Mrs. Carol Ellsworth of Louisiana; a brother, Elmer, of Ionia; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Kennedy of Flint and Mrs. Dora Hulbert of Maple City; 32 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell with C. Hiram Gates officiating. Burial was in the Gilmore Cemetery.

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Marie Smith and Margaret Johnston attended funeral services for Louise Schupbach Sunday. She was 95 years old at the time of her passing.

Pete and Beulah Scott of Mt. Pleasant valed on Marie Smith Friday afternoon.



LAKE ISABELLA'S FLOAT--In the Weidman Day Parade

LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

The holiday weekend gave us a variety of weather. Showers, wind, and it was HOT. Yet a good weekend, between times.

Many activities were planned for the active folk. Many property owners came to just rest, relax, fish, or otherwise enjoy the lake. We noticed the camping area was filled.

This past week, several folks joined together to decorate the Goodalls' pontoon to enter it in the Weidman Day parade, entering it as a Lake Isabella float, Maxfield's and The Hub. Most of the work was done Wednesday evening and Thursday. Our thanks to all who worked on the float, representing the rest of us.

Sorry to report that Julius Guerin has been back in the hospital for the past week or more.

Monday visitors of the Otto Yabs were Ruth's cousins, Monroe and Eva Walter from Missouri; Amy Walter and son, Arnold, from North Dakota; sister Faye Stephenson of Lansing; and grandson Richard Yabs of Lansing, who is here for two weeks.

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Local Items

Mrs. Vera Neubecker and daughter, Jane, returned from Portland, Ore., after spending a week with her son, Ray Neubecker, and wife. They report a very fine trip and wonderful time.

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was called out Saturday morning to quell a grass fire around a shed near the Bishop place on West Weidman Road, where Dick Curtiss has a bulk oil storage place.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler was ill last week, and missed the celebration, the only time she's missed it since 1918.

Obituary

JOSEPH KEIFFER

Joseph Keiffer of Beal City died last week Monday at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility. He was 84.

He was born Nov. 26, 1892, in Ohio, the son of John and Eva Keiffer.

He was a World War I veteran, and spent his last years as a janitor in the Beal City School system.

He is survived by his wife, Veronica; four daughters, Luella Snider of Remus, Mary Ann Kramer of Pewamo, Agnes Bradbury of Hubbardston, and Rita Gesselman, also of Hubbardston; four sons, Gerald Schafer, Bernard Schafer of Lansing, Paul Schafer of Hubbardston, and Thomas Schafer of Pewamo; two brothers, Ed Keiffer of Weidman, and Leo Keiffer of Dearborn; two sisters, Sister Mary St. John of California and Emma O'Connor of Carson City; and 34 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held last week Wednesday at 11 a. m. in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Beal City with Father Don Dueweke officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

He also leaves many friends, who will offer sympathy to his bereaved family.

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Norma McCary of Boyne City was here for Weidman's Tall Timber Days Saturday, enjoying reunion with many old friends. She stayed Saturday night with her grandson in Mt. Pleasant, and attended the Horr-Tinker School reunion at the park Sunday. Norma lived here about 60 years ago. Her many friends were delighted to see her. She stayed Saturday over night with the Don Abbotts.

(More Photos of Weidman Day Next Week)



THE 8 TO 12 YEAR OLD GREASED PIG CHASE--Started out in a fenced-in space between Weaver's Tavern and the Post Office, but the little pig was so overwhelmed by the hordes of youngsters that it just ran into a corner and lay down. The race was moved to the softball field at the park, where again the little pig was surrounded by the swarm of youngsters and easily caught. Messenger photo

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald were Sunday evening visitors of the Ervin Dutchers.

The Ervin Dutchers, Jr., and Eddie and Sandra Oplinger visited the Don Harshmans at Coldwater Lake Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leiter of Hannah Lake visited Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., Sunday.

Chad and Craig Dutcher spent Monday and over night and Tuesday with their grandparents, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., and Uncle Steve.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman were visitors during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and family had Saturday supper with us. Our other visitors during the week were the Richard Dutchers and Patti, the Garry Dutcher family and Diane Pettigrew and the Robert Dutcher family.

Garry, Jim, Monica and Patti all had lunch with me Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and girls and Patti Dutcher visited Ronna and Steve Dutcher Monday afternoon.

Jan Pettigrew of Muskegon spent the weekend with the Garry Dutchers. Her daughter, Diane, had been visiting the Dutchers for a few weeks. Becky and Kaye Dutcher went home with her to visit a while.

The Garry Dutcher family spent the weekend of the Fourth visiting and camping at her sister's, the Jim Hissongs, of Montague. They visited her folks at New Era also.

The 29th Dutcher reunion was held Sunday at Island Park in

Mt. Pleasant, with about 70 attending. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti, Douglas and Monica, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn, all attended.

The Jack Dutchers of Lake Orion camped at the Ervin Dutchers' a few days, and attended the reunion.

Ivan and Clayton Dutcher went to Grand Rapids and got Floyd. He came up for the weekend and stayed with the Ivan Dutchers in Mt. Pleasant, and attended the reunion.

Monroe Beckwith of Otisville stayed with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Saturday, and over night, and with us Sunday over night, and attended the reunion.

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Obituary

LOUISE SCHUPBACH

Louise Schupbach of Mt. Pleasant, a former resident of Nottawa Township, died Friday at CMC Hospital, where she had been a patient for three weeks. She was 95.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p. m. from the Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant with Pastor Luther Albrecht officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant.

She was with the Marsh and Graham Dry Goods Store in Mt. Pleasant from 1928 till it became the E. L. Conrick, Inc., store. She served as secretary-treasurer of that company until she retired in 1963. She was a member of

the Mt. Pleasant Country Club, and had attended Ferris State College.

She is survived by a sister-in-law, Mrs. Joseph (Hulda) Stevens and several nieces and nephews.

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Obituary

ELMER I. RECKER

Elmer I. Recker of Shepherd died Friday, July 8, at Central Michigan Community Hospital. He was 68.

He was born Feb. 5, 1909, in Ohio, to Joseph and Molly Recker.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 11, at 2 p. m. from the Garber-Berry Funeral Home in Shepherd, with Rev. Joseph Dudley officiating. Burial was in the Salt River Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Beatrice; a son, William, of Shepherd; a daughter, Mrs. Carl (Karen) Abbott, of Shepherd; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Also brothers Gilbert, Carl and Joe, of this area, and William, of Shepherd; sisters, Mrs. Otto (Agnes) Loomis, Mrs. Martin (Mary) Toth and Mrs. Frank (Vivian) Forrest, all of Shepherd, and Mrs. Clarence (Helen) Inman of Flint.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brenay at Lake a week ago Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Grice of Sanford were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Thompson of Saranac were also guests. Frank Durham of Bay City was a weekend guest.

Edward Neubecker, Milwaukee attorney, and Bud Fredrickson enjoyed the evening of July 2, at Ev Hackney's Weaver's Tavern. Edward is a real Weidman "boy," having been born and raised here, and now is making good in a big city.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts spent last week in Cincinnati, attending the North American Christian convention.

Darryl Pitts is home for the week, from his studies at Great Lakes Bible College in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague returned home last week, from camping at Tubbs Lake.

The Woodin School reunion will be Aug. 1 at the Masonic Hall in Weidman. All old students of the school are urged to attend. Bring a dish to pass, for a pot-luck dinner.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

HERE'S A PARTIAL LIST OF THE CELEBRATION GAMES

Here's a partial list of the do-in's during the two-day Weidman Tall Timber Days, Friday and Saturday. We probably missed some, and if so, let us know and we'll print 'em next week. Here is what we have now:

On the business street:

Dianne Benn manned a book-sale booth for the Weidman Library; the Boy Scouts staged a (discarded) car smash, with Tom Olger and David Smith in charge;

Senior Citizens had home made crafts, white elephants, and yummy baked goods, with Carol Larry in charge.

Dave White managed the dunking machine. The Masons had a dart balloon game, with Darryl Soper in charge;

The Girl Scouts and Brownies had a yum-yum tree and a wheel of fortune, with Phyllis Sides in charge;

The 4-H Clubs had two booths, one for pitching dimes; with Mrs. Carl Beutler in charge.

A "Reading is Fundamental" duck pond was managed by Charlotte Pogroszewski.

For the concessions, which were many, the Chippewa Hills Cheer Leaders sold hot dogs, cotton candy, snow cones, and Friday had a pop wagon. The Mt. Pleasant Civitan Club loaned its cotton candy machine, to split profits with the girls, who made \$200, according to word from Mt. Pleasant.

Dianne Benn also managed a popcorn wagon for the Library. The WBA had a soft drink pop wagon Saturday, with Janet Ritter in charge.

The Chippewa Hills Band Boosters had a booth selling hot dogs and Sloppy Joes, in the park, Friday and Saturday.

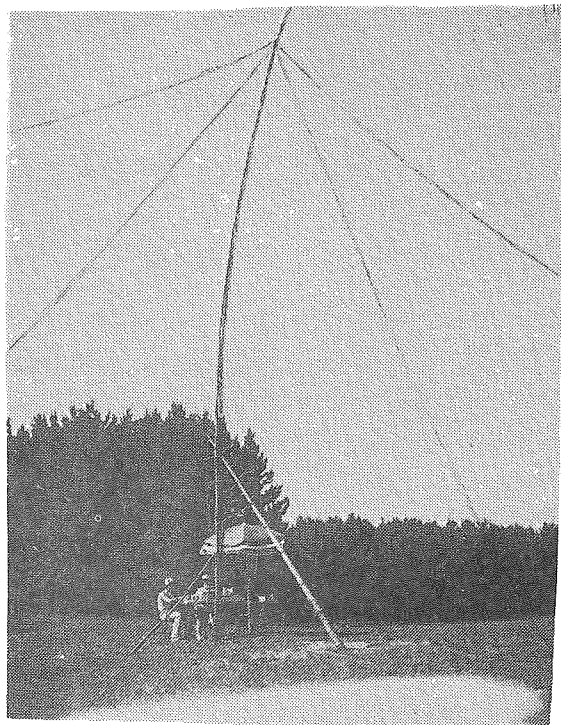
An information booth in front of Pitts office on the business street was managed, with a public address system available, by Agnes Fox, Jeanne Smith and Joyce Curtiss.

Ginny Fredrickson ran the children's games beginning at 12.30 p. m. Saturday, aided by Carol Johnson, Pat and Alan Marshall and Joyce Curtiss. These were very well attended, and the kids had a ball. A penny scramble netted a ribbon and a dollar for first place, second place got a ribbon and a half-dollar, and third place received a ribbon and 25 cents.

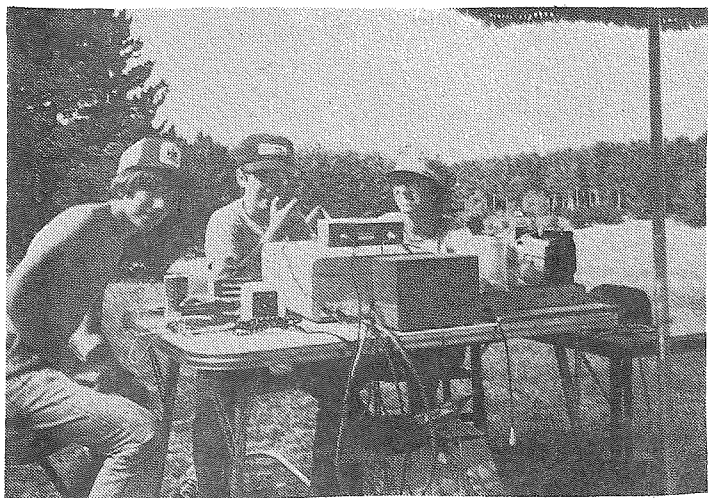
The skate-board contest on the Isabella Bank's sloping cement areas was a knockout, with Karen and Dennis Hayes in charge. There were some outstanding stunts on the boards by the kids.

Sixty-seven dollars worth of prizes were given out, in all, for the children's games. The skate-board contest gave \$15 worth of prizes.

(Continued Next Week)



HAM OPERATORS CONTACTED 162 STATIONS IN 28 STATES
 During their weekend 24-hour period the weekend of June 25-26, at the Coldwater Township Park. Eight amateur operators from Shepherd, Mt. Pleasant and Clare enjoyed the weekend. The ham operators are the core of REACT, the ham-operator organization which has assisted in many crucial rescues by land and sea and lake, and in many various crises.



THREE JUNIOR HAM OPERATORS--Jeff Dale of Mt. Pleasant, Eric Galandt of Shepherd and Dave Phipps of Farwell, also took part in the weekend tryout of ham operators from this area. A 45-foot tamarack tree was cut down and trimmed, to serve as pole support to their antenna. The ham operators are a highly skilled group, unlike the CB-ers; the hams have to undergo quite rigid tests to obtain government licenses to operate.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Tower and family are now living in their home in Brinton.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Bazaire called on Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe one evening during the week.

Helen Strang and I spent the day with my aunt and husband,

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Laing, in Detroit, last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Tower had his sisters, Oneta and Ila, of near Remus, as guests Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Wright and family of near Monroe spent Friday night with the Pete Wrights. They had spent the week at Merrill Lake, near Barryton. They returned home Saturday. Evelyn Slupe and family of Grand Rapids were weekend guests. Mickey



THAT'S A BIG BASS--Gary Bentley, 12, holds a 5 1/2 pound bass caught in Six Lakes west of Weidman by Theresa Bentley Monday evening, June 25, using a rubber worm as bait. The fish's length was 22 inches, girth not measured, but it sure was a big bass. Gary was with the lucky fishing party on the lakes that evening. Messenger photo

spent last week with her grandparents, Pete and Violet.

Li Nell Allison of Farwell spent the weekend with Lori Strang.

Graveside services were held at the Brinton Cemetery for Charlie Moore. He was a brother of Ida Bazaire.

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WOODIN SCHOOL REUNION

The Woodin School reunion will be held the first Sunday in August, it was announced this week. It will be at the Masonic Hall in Weidman.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Local Items

Jerry Middlesworth, son of the Douglas Middlesworths of Fowlerville, is spending a couple of weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth.

Bertha Summers of Grand Ledge spent the celebration weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower had all their children and their families home for the Weidman Day celebration weekend.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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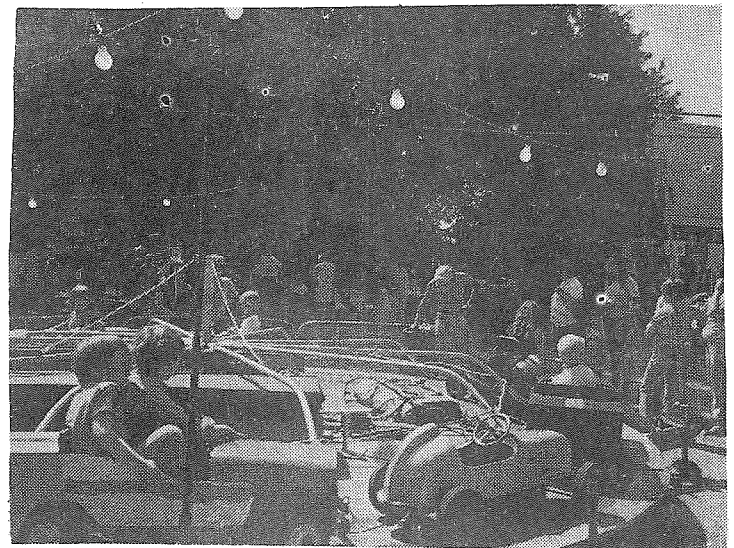
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THEY LED THE WEIDMAN DAY PARADE--And did us all proud. The Beal City Marching Band had just returned from a strenuous three days and nights at the Traverse City Cherry Festival. Here they're shown grouping in readiness to lead the long parade on a two-mile trek through town and back to the school grounds. Messenger photo



THE BUSINESS STREET WAS BLOCKED OFF--For booths and amusement features, which included kiddie rides, a dunking booth, and other good things including a shaded area where the Senior Citizens held forth with a display of crafts. There were places to rest in the shade, this year. Messenger photo

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

FAMILY REUNION AT ALBERT TILMANN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tilmann entertained a family get-together at their home July 3,

with the following people present:

Mr. and Mrs. James Lawler and family of Leaton, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Fox and Tom of Mt. Pleasant, Father E. S. Neubecker of Weidman, Mr. and Mrs. Chris West of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holp of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Neubecker and family, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker of Weidman, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Neubecker and family of Clare, and Mr. and Mrs. John Tilmann and family of Coldwater.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neubecker and family of Milwaukee, who spent several days in Weidman with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker.

The Messenger will have more pictures and dats on Weidman Days next week.

Debbie Phipps and Philip Schafer spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lane of Gary, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schafer of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Mary Beth Rau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Rau, spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schafer and family went to Traverse City Thursday to the Cherry Festival.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pung and family and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Schafer and family spent the week at Vanderbilt.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger spent the Fourth at the Fred Steffke home.

Tillie Schafer and Louise Schafer spent Sunday at the Milo Eldred home at Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Galgoczi and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp spent two weeks in Jacksonville, Florida, and attended a Moose convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Grace and Jennifer visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family Thursday evening.

The Beal City PeeWee League played Thursday. The Hornets beat the Orioles, 9-2.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen called on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Grace had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hauck and family returned home Sunday from a vacation.

Bernie Smith was home for a couple of hours Saturday, from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Block hosted a retirement party for Harold Block Sunday afternoon. Friends

and relatives enjoyed the day. Miss Gertrude Grodski called on Anne Smith Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Block called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Saturday evening.

The Krentz family visited Helen Simmer over the weekend.

The Old Car Club of Beal City was in the Lake George Centennial parade Sunday afternoon.

The old cars were also in the Weidman parade Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt and Mr. and Mrs. John Schupbach of Mt. Pleasant spent a few days vacationing in Northern Michigan.

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CARL AND DAISY EMBREY--Were a most gracious and handsome King and Queen in the Saturday parade, the biggest and best that Weidman has ever seen--also with the biggest number of spectators the parade has ever had. Messenger photo

Editor's Column

By Connie

TALL TIMBER DAYS WERE BEST

Weidman's Tall Timber Days last Friday and Saturday were the best celebration Weidman has ever put on, if our person-count was anywhere near reliable.

Weidman never had so many people here in one day as were here Saturday; and Weidman never had as well organized and run

schedule of amusement events.

The park was used to full extent, and this was a wise move. Yet the blocked-off business street was crowded all day and evening, as there, too, were many amusement attractions.

The various committees and individuals working on the celebration project are to be congratulated.

Saturday was indeed a great day.

YE ED VISITED WITH

OLD FRIENDS SATURDAY

Saturday Ye Ed hosted Jim Hughes, news director of Radio Station WCEN, at the chicken barbecue at the park.

The barbecue was helped enormously by our friends from Beal City, whose expertise is known all over Michigan, as in their own chicken dinners at the K. C. Hall over there.

Jim and I came out to my house after eating, for tall glasses of iced tea, and Jim demonstrated his solar cooking outfit, a truly marvelous small utensil which uses only the sun's rays for roasting meat on a spit.

Helen Hudson dropped in around five p. m. and had a sandwich and ice cream as an excuse for supper. Helen drove up from Midland for the celebration day.

In the evening we met Bob Gross at the park, who was with a batch of family members. Bob is one of our "old boys", and he has certainly made good as sports writer on the Lansing State Journal, a paper for which Ye Ed ran a linotype back in the old days.

(The linotype has disappeared, replaced by "cold type" produced by computers, on papers such as the Journal and Free Press, with rotary presses so expensive they cannot be junked even as the new age of printing comes upon them.)

Bob said the Journal's type is now all set by computers, but those old presses still roll out the editions on the old letterpress aspect of printing.

It must involve some pretty fancy work in the engraving department--and how happy Ye Ed is that she doesn't have to keep up with the mechanical end of the printing trade today!

Bob said proudly that, until the Journal's Ludlow machines were disposed of, "I could put those type pieces in their proper

boxes in the cases--and I learned everything I know on the old Weidman Messenger!"

Thank you, Bob Gross. You're still a doll and my favorite "boy" even if we did have some rough times back there in your high school days.

Saturday evening we also saw many, many of our friends from Nottawa, and we seem to become closer together all the time.

Good for us.

Our thanks to the Beal City High School Band kids, who were tired from their three-day stint at Traverse City but came over and led our parade.

And our congratulations to all those many who worked to make Weidman's Tall Timber Days a success.

They certainly were.

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LULA McCLENATHAN COMES HOME TO VISIT

Mrs. Marie Smith received a call from Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wolfe of Alma one day last week.

Mrs. Wolfe, formerly Lula McClenathan, had lived in the Fey Middlesworth house (now occupied by Norma Middlesworth) at the corner of Main and Fourth Streets, when a girl (about 1912-1914).

The couple had been driving around in the Weidman area, and Lula stopped by her girlhood home, then inquired of Marie Smith if her home was the former Rathburn house.

This resulted in a pleasant visit to renew long-ago acquaintance at this time.

Many here remember the McClenathan family. The father was flour miller for Holmes Milling Company, and he played in the Weidman Band.

Lula was named for her aunt, Lula Boyer. Nina Carrick is a cousin of Mrs. Wolfe.

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