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Editor's Column

By Connie

SO WE HAVE SOME EXCITING EVENTS COMING RIGHT UP

So we have a couple of real exciting events coming up soon, beginning with Weidman's first Sidewalk Sale Day, which is set for Saturday, July 30.

Most merchants and business people will have their wares out on the street, and it's expected it will be a fun day as well as a bargain day.

The Weidman Messenger will have a place on the street, with a special offer for new subscriptions. Look for details next week on that one.

Other business places and stores are planning all sorts of bargain offerings to be displayed on the street.

That's Saturday only, July 30.

THAT TORNADO IN OHIO WAS A REAL SNORTEROO

The tornado that hit Fremont, Ohio, June 30 was a real snorteroo, according to newspaper reports that Howard and Olive Johnson, who live there, sent us.

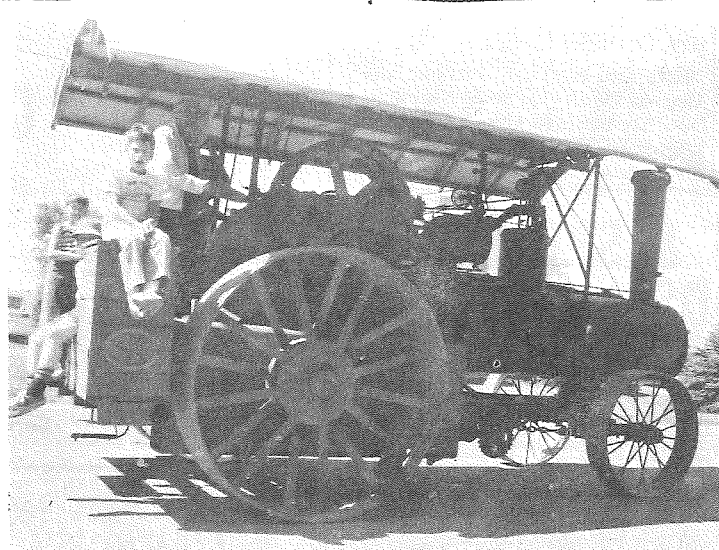
We heard about it on radio and tv, and next day we called Howard's brother, Charlie Johnson, in Mt. Pleasant, to find out if Howard and Olive were okay.

Charlie said he couldn't get through to Fremont on the telephone--just got a recording.

So that evening after the storm down there, we tried calling the Howard Johnson residence in Fremont, and got through. Howard's phone rang, but we couldn't get an answer.

During the following week we received a copy of the Fremont News-Messenger which Howard and Olive sent us. It has photos of the worst damage we've seen by any storm. A twister is something to be feared, no doubt about it.

We're glad that Howard and Olive apparently are all right, though we haven't heard directly from them.



ART SCHROCK'S THRESHING-MAHINE ENGINE--Brought up the rear of the Weidman Day parade, and was a great feature. Art will take his hand-fired ancient engine to the Sherman City Union Church Aug. 5 and 6 to power an equally ancient shingle mill brought up from Hastings by Lynn Mix, owner of the mill. Messenger photo

TINKER SCHOOL REUNION DRAWS BIGGER CROWD

The second annual Tinker-Horr School reunion was held Sunday, following Weidman's celebration days, and was a huge success. An estimated 200 people, old school pupils and

their families, gathered at Mitchell Memorial Park here, beginning to arrive about 10 a. m., and they came from "everywhere, all over," as one of the old students described it. Some came from as far away as Wayne County, 'way down the state.

A sumptuous pot-luck dinner was enjoyed about 2 p. m., and Ernie Putman of Evart furnished music on a tape recorder. A guest book was filled with signatures of old students and their families.

Helen Root, daughter of Francis and Bertha Blodgett, of Flint, contributed a beautiful cake.

The reunion was welcomed by old students of the Horr area,

who later attended school in Weidman as the first consolidation of schools began in the 1930s, when the one-room schools of the area joined the Weidman District.

Everyone agreed it was a wonderful day, and must be repeated next year.

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CORRECTION

Last week we had a feature skit on the ham radio operators who spent a recent weekend at the Coldwater Township Park, referring to them as members of the famed REACT organization.

The ham operators, in fact, are not members of REACT--that's strictly a CB radio operators' group.

Members of REACT, a ham operator pointed out to us this week, have done a lot of good in the way of assisting police in cases of accidents, fires, etc.

Our apologies to both outfits. Both are outstanding groups of dedicated people who deserve to have their stories told straight.

WEIDMAN BUSINESSES TO SPONSOR SIDEWALK DAY

At its regular monthly meeting last Thursday evening, the Weidman Business Association voted to hold a Sidewalk Day, with merchandise displayed on the street and mark-down specials being offered.

The Sidewalk Day will be Saturday, July 30, from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Arts and crafts booths and displays, as well as flea markets, will be welcome, the members present decided.

There are 27 paid-up members of the WBA, and it is hoped a goodly number will participate in the Sidewalk Day.

In other business, it was reported by the treasurer that \$2,000 worth of repairs have been done at the park this year. The money came out of the WBA general fund.

It was also pointed out that the WBA did not sponsor Weidman Tall Timber Days, and will have no part in profits from that huge celebration. All monies handled by all committees belongs to the Weidman Day Committee, a separate entity from the WBA.

On the weekly bingo situation at Maeder's sales barn south of Weidman (a very popular enterprise, by the way), there are only 18 workers left on the committee for the actual weekly work. Workers are needed, it was pointed out. Two workers have resigned, with no replacements.

It was also noted that the WBA will loan picnic tables from the park to Remus for its Centennial celebration this weekend.

It was voted to make a donation to \$130 to pay for shingles on the refreshment stand at the Little League ball park, but not to contribute to new uniforms.

"Kids want to look nice while they're playing, they ought to earn their own money for uniforms," was the consensus of opinion.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schultz of Wisconsin are spending a week with the Gerald Dents.

The Dent reunion was held at the Gerald Dent home Sunday, with about 115 present.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller, Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis and Walter Kirvan were Saturday evening callers at the Dent home. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were Friday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Dent and Mrs. Schultz were in Muskegon Saturday.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence was a Wednesday overnight guest of her sister, Mrs. Myrl Scott.

Mrs. Opal Denslow and Mrs. Nettie Lawrence went to Lakeview Sunday to the Junior Denslow home. Mrs. Denslow was helping her mother move back to her former home in Coldwater Township.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended Busy Bees at Mrs. Ervin Dutcher's last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and girls spent Wednesday and Thursday in Traverse City with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bains.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin are spending a few days at Copemish. Mrs. Martin's father is in the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and Mrs. Flora Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills were Sunday guests at the Pete Wood home. D.J. Whitman spent the week with them.

Mrs. Herman Koos and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koos and daughter were Sunday guests at the Sterling Oplinger home.

Ivan and Clayton Dutcher and Monroe Beckwith took Floyd Dutcher back to Grand Rapids Monday. They brought him to the Losey home before they left.

Monroe Beckwith stayed over night Monday at the Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey have been out to the farm several days, working in the wheat field. Dan Lorenz and family were here Friday, and he also worked in the wheat.

Sunday guests of the Loseys were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Mrs. Marie Smith and Mrs. Emma Middlesworth. Marie and Emma also called on me.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts announce the birth of a new grandson, born to Ron and Janet Apple July 15 in Lansing. He weighed

ten pounds, seven ounces, and has been named Ryan Scott. The Apples will be moving here soon, and Ron will join the McArthur Insurance Agency, and later in the Pitts Real Estate Agency.

Cheerleaders from the Chippewa Hills High School will be going to Firebird Cheerleading Camp next week. They will man a booth at the Remus Centennial this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman and Mrs. Maggie Boger are vacationing in Pennsylvania and other Eastern states this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson spent Sunday at the home of their daughter, Ila Snyder, and family at St. Louis.

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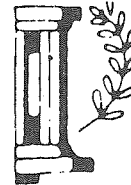
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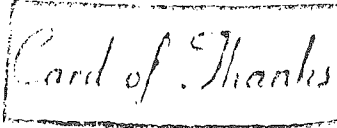
Hills, at her fishing spot. No questions asked.

July 14t3

GARAGE SALE--July 21-22, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Chain lamp, end tables, Avon, clothing, bibs, misc. 6138 W. Airline Road, west of Weidman.
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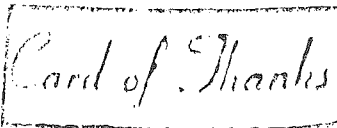


The family of Oscar Fedewa wish to thank their many friends, relatives and neighbors for flowers, Mass cards, and food brought in during our great loss.

A special Thanks to the women who prepared the dinner; the pallbearers; Crittenden Funeral Home, and Fr. Don and Fr. Neubecker.

You will always be remembered.

His Daughter
Grandchildren
And Great-Grandchildren



The Joseph Keiffer family wish to express heartfelt gratitude to all who participated in the funeral services, and all who so graciously assisted in preparing the delicious dinner;

Thanks to all who sent flowers; food to the house; and Father Dueke for his words of comfort.

Mrs. Joseph Keiffer
And Family

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walz of Coldwater Lake and Florida were Tuesday morning visitors at the Messenger office. They were on their way back to Florida after spending a month with their son, Donald, and family of Flint, who have a cottage at the lake.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Linda La Londe was hostess to a Sarah Coventry party last Thursday, with Kay Bazaire as demonstrator.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and family were in Saginaw Saturday, shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Baskerville of Greenville called on Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright Sunday. Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Wright went to the home of their son, Vyr1, near Monroe, where they planned to spend some time with them and other relatives and friends during the next two weeks.

A number from here attended the Centennial activities at Lake over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes and Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Forbes and family spent last week in Canada, doing some fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower spent a few days last week at their cabin at Houghton Lake.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and Brenda drove to the Blue Lake Music Camp Sunday, to bring Dianne home. She had spent the past two weeks at the camp. Dianne, who plays bassoon, placed in the Symphony Band at the camp. About 750 youngsters attend these summer camp sessions. There were other youngsters from Weidman at the camp. The Chippewa Hills School music students did very well there.

Mrs. Don Smith and Mrs. Hazel Spooner had a booth at St. Louis in its celebration last week, for arts and crafts. Louise specializes in stuffed animals and doll clothes. Mrs. Spooner had doll clothes and baby sweaters. They both enjoyed the experience.

Walt Smith reports that he had to pump water out of his Perch Lake to run into the drainage ditch, in order to irrigate his garden, last week. This is the first time he's had to do that, he says. He says his lake has dropped about a foot in depth during the dry spell this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and family and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller spent last Wednesday and Thursday with the Bob Bain family at Traverse City. They say the temperature was about the same there as here--good and hot.

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Branson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatehouse and family all attended the Lee family reunion at Revenna, near Grand Rapids, Sunday.

25TH ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morris

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morris will hold an Open House with a barn dance for their parents' 25th wedding anniversary July 23 from 8 p. m. to 1 a. m., at their parents' home.

All friends and relatives are cordially invited.

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In uniform

Larry Wilcox called his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilcox, from Bentwater Air Force Base near Ipswich, England, Sunday, to tell them he'd just been promoted to E-4, the present military method of ratings.

Larry's work is welding repair on planes. He has visited London, and enjoyed seeing the London Bridge, Buckingham Palace, and the like. He plans on visiting other European cities while over there.

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THOSE WORKERS ON THE SHERMAN CITY CHURCH ARE REALLY WORKING

Those folks out west and northwest of Weidman who are working to restore the old Sherman City Union Church are really working these days.

They held a meeting Saturday, and plans now are for cutting cedar trees on the Elwood Miller farm and others this week Saturday, July 23.

All area men capable of cutting down cedar trees in swampy areas are urged to pitch in and help.

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PLANS GOING WELL FOR SHINGLE CUTTING AUG. 5-6

Plans appear to be going well for the old-time cedar shingle cutting weekend at the Sherman Union Church, according to Gerald Dent, president of the church officers.

Saturday's meeting at the church drew a good attendance, Gerald said Monday, and efforts are being made to "get everyone familiar with what's going on".

Saturday and probably Sunday, July 23 and 24, cedar trees will be cut down, trimmed, and hauled out of the woods by Cecil Darnell's sturdy team of horses.

Radio stations all over the area are being contacted, the Cadillac television cameras will be on hand for the shingle cutting Aug. 5 and 6, and a letter went out to Charles Kuralt of Television Network CBS this week, inviting him to be here.

A fund-raising committee was appointed Saturday. Unless given to committee members, who will be identified, donations should be sent directly to Ruth Gilbert, treasurer, care the Central Michigan Bank and Trust at Barryton.

Joyce Geasler is secretary, and all communications should be

mailed to her, at her address, Brinton Road, Lake, Mich. 48632.

Looks like it will be a real event, out there in the woods on several farms along the Chipewewa River and at the old church in Sherman City.

At the shingle-cutting bees, pot-luck country dinners will be served.

Gerald Dent said Monday that volunteers for cutting the trees have been coming in good.

Money is needed for siding and interior restoration, including replacement of all window panes.

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LAKE OF THE HILLS WORK BEE HAS GOOD SHOWING

A work bee called for lot owners of Lake of the Hills last Saturday had a good showing of workers, about 60, including youngsters.

They worked around the entrance tube area of the lake, replacing posts pulled out by vandals. They put three truck loads of rocks around the tube area to prevent erosion.

One crew went back of the Wilcox place and put braces on the wood fence between the lake lots and the Loomis junk yard.

The entrance sign had rotted off through past years, and treated lumber was put in to replace the old wood.

Women and kids cut weeds around park areas and roadsides around the lake.

A picnic dinner was enjoyed after the work was done.

Another work bee and picnic will be held Aug. 27, when it is hoped to do some more rip-rapping on the dam dike area on the east side of the lake.

Also slated for the days is completion of the fence along the Woodruff Road between Vic Jeffries' home on the Bill Ohls place north of town. Vandals have driven around that area, and a gate will be installed to keep destruction at a minimum.

A painting bee also will be held at that time, to paint the rail fence around parks on the northwest side of the lake.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Middlesworth and family of Fowlerville spent the weekend with the Dick Donleys at Lake Isabella.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey were in Traverse City Wednesday and Thursday last week, visiting friends, Mr. and Mrs. C. Fessenden, and picking cherries. They say the black ones they picked suffered from the drought, but they were delicious nonetheless.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler and Mrs. Marian Beutler and Laurel called on the Forrest Johnstons at Rosebush Saturday afternoon. Forrest had just returned from the hospital in Ann Arbor, feeling better. The Robert Tibbetts family of East Lansing were also callers at the Johnston family, on their way home from a northern vacation.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

BRIDAL SHOWER FOR MAXINE KLUMPP

A bridal shower was held last Wednesday, July 13, in honor of Maxine Klumpp, at the home of Alfred Klumpp.

About 39 ladies attended, and many nice gifts were received by Maxine. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Hostesses for the occasion were Cheryl McCreery and Donna Klumpp.

Mrs. Tillie Schafer spent Sunday afternoon at a baptismal party in honor of her great-grandson, Jeremy, new son of Mark and Debbie Schafer.

Beatrice Sheahan and children and Louise Schafer attended a ball game at Merrill Sunday. Beal City won.

Martha Sheahan is home from the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant, and is staying at the Ollie Andres home.

Steve Schafer had a car accident Saturday.

Joyce Schafer was hostess at a bridal shower for Judy Bushey Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Winn spent Thursday evening with Tillie Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer spent the weekend at Jensen Lake, attending the Funnell reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goffnett and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pasch Saturday evening.

Mrs. Carol Larry called on Mrs. Fred Gould Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rau helped Marie Rau celebrate her birthday Thursday evening. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stu Rau.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Rau of Lansing Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell visited at the Louis Rau home Saturday evening.

Louis Rau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norm Rau, had his tonsils out at CMC Hospital the past week.

Fred Gould helped Fred Zeien pour footings for his barn, Saturday evening.

The Class of 1957 held their 20-year class reunion at the Town and Country Bar in Clare Saturday evening.

The Pee Wee League played Thursday evening. The Tigers won over the Wildcats, 9-2. The Tigers are the league champions.

Brian and Don Gould have a new puppy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould visited Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goffnet Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith and Anne and Dora Smith came back

from vacationing in Paradise, Mich., the past 11 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Yuncker Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Thursday evening.

St. Joseph's C.C.W. held its annual pot-luck dinner Tuesday evening.

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A BOY FOR THE TERRY JUDGES

Born to Terry and Donna Judge of Lansing a son, Michael John, June 30. The young man entered the world weighing seven pounds, 15 3/4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Peltier. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Judge.

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HERE'S THE REST OF THE LIST OF OUR WEIDMAN DAY ATTRACTIONS (With Our

Apologies to Ginny Fredrickson, who went to great lengths not only to manage most of the events, but who furnished us with the lengthy details.)

Bill Riley, Ginny Fredrickson, Russ Branam and other helpers ran the children's greased pig contest. Bill Riley donated two pigs from Straus Meat Processing Company. The pig chases, in all age categories, were not much in the way of contests, as there were too many contestants, and the pigs never had a chance to move about.

The same held true of the adult pig chase--too many men surrounding one lone pig which had no chance to run.

On the other hand, the chicken chase (for children) was a ball, with Russ Branam and Ginny Fredrickson in charge in an army of kids. Seventeen chickens were donated; Tom Voss gave seven, Joe Bommarito gave two, Bud Ward gave six, and there was one more donor.

Linda McConnell had the gong show.

Bill Riley put the grease on the pigs, and Bob Myers was the announcer.

The 7.30 a.m. breakfast at the Methodist Church was a good success, with all food consumed by eager eaters.

Over 40 teams of ponies participated in the pony-pulling contest.

The carnival on the business street had six rides, and was a huge success. Owners said they made more money here in one day than they made at Lake George's three-day celebration.

A First Aid station was set up on the business street, with registered nurses volunteering their time and expertise. They were Mrs. Dave White, Melanie McClain, Karen Donley, Mary DeWitt. There was little call for

help, however; Ginny Fredrickson's small son and a little girl had bruised knees, and that was the extent of injuries here.

The helicopter rides were very popular, and customers kept the pilot busy all day and evening.

Evelyn Hackney and Jim Damitio were in charge of the barbecued chicken dinner at the park.

There was a greased-pole contest for kids in the park, with the winner drawing \$5 for his slippery efforts.

All people in charge of all projects were entirely dedicated to their jobs, and it was the greatest

celebration Weidman ever had.

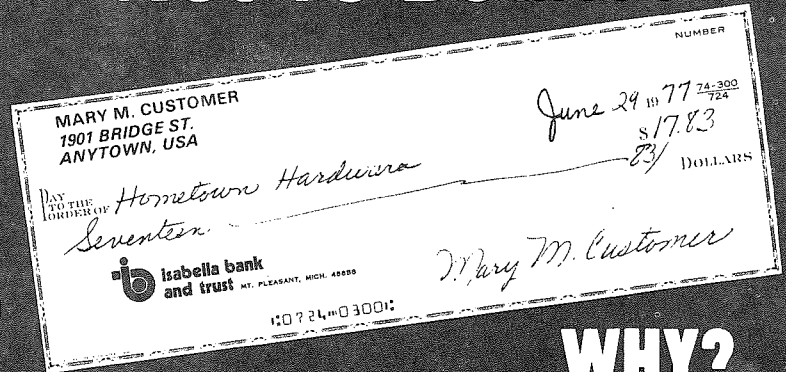
A wonderful display of fireworks topped off the celebration at 10 p.m., managed by Thayne Sides. The pieces were shot off the north shore of Lake of the Hills rather than from Lake Weidman as is usual. They must be ignited over water, and Lake Weidman is dry.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fletcher of Brooklyn, Mich., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth. The Fletchers are Florida friends of the Middlesworths.

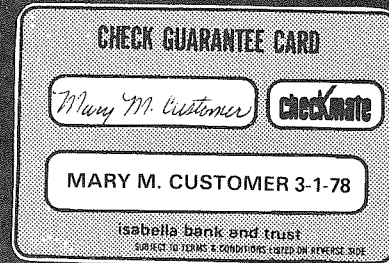
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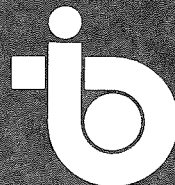
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Poet's Corner

Connie,
I thought you might like to put this poem in the paper, written by Mabel Perkins Holsted, who has made her home near Greenville.

Mabel grew up on a little farm south of the Horr Store, came back and walked around over the old-home area, and was inspired to write this poem.

She made me the gift of it, and I asked her if she would mind if I sent it to you to print in the Messenger if you so desire.

Opal Denslow

MY CHILDHOOD DAYS
By Mrs. Mabel Holsted, Lakeview

I went back home, just yesterday
To meditate a while;
And soon felt tears upon my face
Where once there was a smile

I walked along the winding path
To where the house had stood,
And then sat down upon a block
Where once we chopped the wood.

I thought of good times we had had
With neighbors, now and then,
And the good old-fashioned picnic
At every school-year's end.

Dad's blacksmith shop, a mischief spot,
Had long ago burned down.
The apple tree, dad said "Don't climb"
Was nowhere to be found.

His 1911 Model T
Was quite a sight to see,
When trav'ling through the countryside.
Who drove it?--Only he.

My favorite swimming fishing site
Was nearly hid from view.
The flower hunts I had with girls
Brought memories anew.

I walked to where the barn had stood,
And where I milked the cow,
Then fed the chickens and the

ducks,
And got hay from the mow.

Though it's been many years ago,
There's beauty there to see.
There's friendly folks, the birds still sing;
No family left but me.

I drove home past the country church
Where once we used to pray.
There's no one prays there anymore;
They've moved, or passed away.

On reaching home, I thanked the Lord
For keeping, day by day,
A chance to go and meditate
And hope to meet some day.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith of Mt. Pleasant took his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith to Coldwater Lake last Friday evening for a picnic supper. Clara said they've been having ripe tomatoes from their garden.

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Dear Friend:
Enclosed find check for renewal of the Messenger another year.

I enjoy it. I send some of them to a friend in Arizona, also one in California. It gets around.

Respectfully Yours
Andrew Little
Rosebush

WEIDMAN TALL TIMBER DAYS



ALL OUR LAKES HAD FLOATS IN THE PARADE--As shown by the beautiful show that Lake of the Hills put on. Lake Village sent down its own float, commemorating its centennial. Near as we could figure, that's a hunk of ice and a fishing shanty featured on the float.
Messenger photo

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Ruth Yabs, Reporter

PEE WEE BASEBALL LEAGUE HAS GOOD SEASON

The Pee Wee Baseball League No. 1 of Weidman have had a good season, according to Ken Tueck, who plays on the team.

They won three games and tied two.

Ken received a Certificate of Meritorious Award for outstanding participation in the Mecosta-Isabella Youth League in Pee Wee baseball.

His young sister, Marilyn, received an award for outstanding performance as bat girl. She hopes to get on a girls' team next year.

The Tuecks spent a most enjoyable Sunday afternoon with friends on their pontoon, taking a tour around the lake.

J. W. KRAUSS 41ST REUNION

The J. W. Krauss 41st family reunion was held at Lake Isabella at the camp site.

There are three Krausses left: Ted of Lake Isabella, Charles of Rothbury, Mich., and Ruth Rockman of Detroit. Their families and friends greatly enjoyed the day here.

Some played horseshoes, some played cards, some went swimming. We had a nice lunch. Had a large turnout of family and friends. The day was really enjoyed.

OH, GLORIOUS VACATION TIME "IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME!"

By Elma June Mays

Such titles carry mixed feelings for most people as they have memory flashbacks of experiences and July of '77 is no exception.

Weather makes a good subject. Friday, July 1, as three families started out on a trip, light rain and whipping winds dropped temps to a shivery level, and slowed the "Big Mac" Bridge travel to a snail's pace.

The Joe Mays family of Belding, the Ed Nortons of Sand Lake, plus the Robert Mays of Lake Isabella, managed to travel just ahead of the vicious holiday storms that played hopscotch across much of the mid-west.

Fishing held the usual thrills, and cooling relaxation on torrid days.

Not all experiences were calm, however: Like one night when the Nortons stayed in the rear of Roberts' 5th Wheeler, and let out a warwhoop that shook the rest out of deep sleep when the Fifth Wheel vehicle pitched.

Investigation revealed both cement blocks had tossed the rear

in the air.

Travel on the return trip was aggravated by faulty gas flow, to add to our disgust. We stopped at garages in Rhinelander, Wisc.; Manistique, St. Ignace, asked for help at Gaylord, and none of them would service this new truck on warranty.

Then, as a result of trying to keep movin'--it balked again near Gladwin. We pulled over and the men took the air cleaner off and told E.J. to try to start it. Flash flames shot from the engine, and we bailed out.

Thank heavens we had a fire extinguisher. We believe some consumer complaint letters are being formed.

Let it never be said of any of our citizens that we would show such lack of responsibility in carrying out a job as travelers pass through our area.

But now we're home, trying to beat the heat--with the rest of the nation!

Minnie Carpenter is back home after spending three days at CMC for surgery to correct some arthritis conditions of her hands and elbows. She is feeling fine.

Julius Guerin is still in the hospital in Mt. Pleasant, condition about the same.

Ruth and Otto Yabs spent Sunday afternoon taking a beautiful pontoon trip with Edna and Dwaine Turner around the shoreline of our lake. This is a beautiful trip.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Julia Dutcher entered the Midland Hospital last Wednesday, and had surgery on her knee on Thursday. She came home Sunday.

Mrs. Ervin Dutcher entertained the Busy Bees at her home Thursday afternoon. There were 17 ladies to enjoy a picnic lunch and visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., had Sunday dinner in Mecosta, and called on Minnie Snyder of Chippewa Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher called on us Sunday afternoon. The Jim Dutchers were Saturday callers. Bob, Rex and Dawn called Friday evening. Dale, Chris and Jon visited us Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Elling of Napoleon, Ohio, ham radio friends of Steve's, called at the Ervin Dutchers' Jr., Wednesday. Sandra and Ed Oplinger visited Sunday. The Don Harshmans were Thursday callers.

Steve and Ronna Dutcher visited the Brian Dutchers at Coldwater Lake Friday evening.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

NEWS NOTES

Carolyn (Embrey) Baker was expected, with her family, to arrive from Denver, Colo., some time this week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl

Embrey. She is looking forward to visiting with old school friends. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur and family spent last week camping at Brower Park, beyond Big Rapids. They enjoyed swimming and fishing on the lake.

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CALLING ALL MEN WITH CHAIN SAWS AND BRAWN

Workers striving to save the old Sherman City Union Church announce plans for a cedar-tree cutting bee this Saturday, July 23. Men of all faiths (or no faiths) who are able to work in cedar swamps and can take chain saws for the job are urged to join those earnest folks west of town who are attempting to re-shingle, re-side and restore the old church building, meeting at the church at 8 a. m., where Elwood Miller will assign workers to various woods on neighborhood farms out there.

To get to Sherman City, here are the directions:

Go north on the Brinton Road

(west of town) to the Vernon Road, turn west on Vernon Road till you come to Sherman City, a matter of a very few miles. You'll see the old church standing on the edge of the old ghost town.

Workers are asked to take sack lunches. A noon dinner was discussed by the promoters of the church's restoration, but the idea was discarded as it was realized that the men will be working in isolated places on various farm woodlots over several miles, and it would be too difficult to get them back for a country dinner. To have that, they'd have to have the men all in one place, obviously, and it was considered a too unstable proposition.

Men willing to donate half a day or more to cutting down cedar trees for the fresh-cut cedar shingles on the old church should contact Elwood Miller, if possible, beforehand. Otherwise, just be at the Sherman City Church at 8 a. m. Saturday morning.

Aug. 5 and 6, Friday and Saturday, have been set for the shingle-cutting operation, with Lynn Mix of Hastings bringing up his ancient shingle mill to be powered by Art Schrock's equally ancient steam thresher-engine.

During those days of shingle-making, pot-luck dinners will be served on the church grounds, with seats in the church available for diners.

Maeder's Sawmill will cut the raw cedar trees into three-sided pieces for the shingle-making. Volunteer workers will nail the newly-created old-fashioned shingles on the church's roof that same day, it was planned

this week.

If you're reasonably young and able to work in the woods about one day, you are urged to join this neighborhood effort.

It's a real worthwhile thing.

At the shingle-making bee Aug. 5 and 6, television cameras are promised to put on film the entire operation, and radio stations have also been invited to be there.

Let's all be there--for us women, taking a dish to pass and being at the church before noon is no great effort.

Ye Ed plans to be there, with one of her less noxious recipes--she hopes. (I'll have you know I can make bread by Minnie Reed's recipe, and toss up a mean casserole, so there.)

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gooseman of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and family.

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