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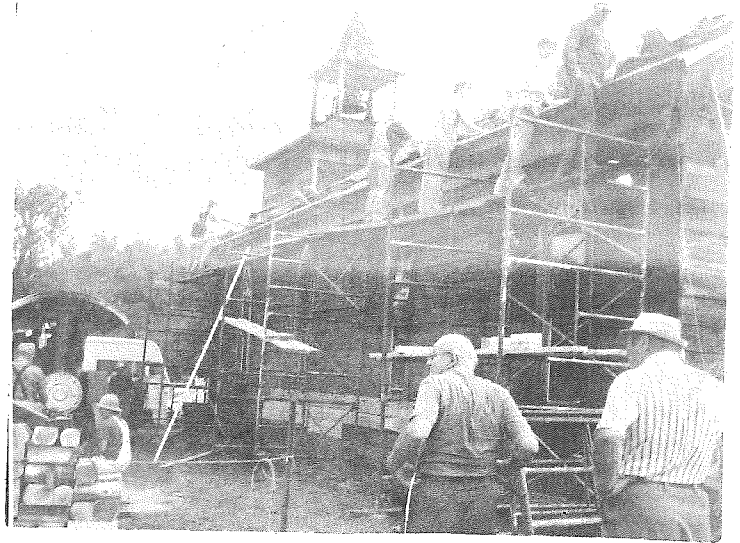
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FRIDAY'S WORK BEE SAW THE BEGINNING OF NEW SIDING
On the east side of the church, while other men laid the newly-cut cedar shingles on the west roof. By Saturday night, the east roof of the church was shingled, too, as that old shingle-mill machine turned out enough units for the men to start nailing fresh-cut cedar shingles on. By Sunday night, the shingles were on, the siding was on, and then the problem of the curved bell tower was considered and tackled--it too had to be freshly shingled. Messenger photos

WORK BEES BEGAN FRIDAY--At the Sherman City Union Church, and continued on and on. Above, men begin putting newly-cut cedar shingles on the west side of the church roof.



AT SATURDAY'S WORK BEE, EVELYN HACKNEY MADE SOUP--
Yep, her famous bean soup in her famous bean-soup pot, done over charcoal fires, outdoors. Ev's soup was greatly appreciated, as usual (she also supplies it for the annual Lil' Mac Pig Roast), and there was plenty of it. Ev worked from early Saturday morning until nearly noon to get her delicacy done just right. Messenger photos

JUST ONE DAY'S WORK--With a little overtime--put all the shingles on the west side of the church roof. Above, men begin putting redwood siding on the back of the church (Saturday).

Saturday morning we saw several skilled men from Beal City working on the old church: We saw Ray Tilmann, and also Jerry Straus, who can pull down \$100 a day as a master carpenter, working with the rest, and the help of these and other skilled tradesmen really put the work ahead. Jerry Straus worked there Friday, Saturday and Sunday, directing the carpenter work between stints of carpentering himself. Messenger photos

More than 300 people enjoyed the country-home-cooked and baked pot-luck dinners Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Go on out. You'll work, but you'll enjoy the company--and the food, yumyum.

Another work bee This Friday and Saturday. Take along tools to help on front and belfrey, and gals, a dish to pass.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Edna Merrihew of Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Monroe of New York called at the Alva Cummins home last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday callers.

The neighborhood was saddened Sunday evening by the passing of Alva Cummins.

Mrs. Edna Merrihew of Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Monroe of New York and Mr. and Mrs.

Hare of Pontiac were Thursday afternoon callers of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Saturday callers were Mrs. Myrl Scott of near Ewart and Mrs. Pauline Schutt and son of Cadillac. Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday dinner guests.

Bill Thompson and Mike Tatten spent from Wednesday through Friday in Upper Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson spent Thursday in Lansing, and called on Mrs. Thompson's mo-

ther. Randy Thompson spent from Thursday evening till Sunday at the Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow returned home Friday night from a 10-day trip to Hawaii. Mrs. Opal Denslow and Mrs. Margaret Denslow also returned home Sunday night from a 17-day trip to the Islands. They all report a wonderful time.

Last week's callers at the Pete Wood home were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Schutt, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist, Mrs. Flora Wood, Eleanor Hesch, Isabel Pelletier, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills, and Mrs. Wendy Whitman and D.J.

Mrs. Violet Oplinger, Mrs. Leah Scharrer and I spent Wednesday afternoon with Hattie Losey. Other callers at the Losey home during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz and Danny and Traci, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Mrs. Bessie Price, Mrs. Minnie Rhode and Harold, and Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger served barbecued chicken for their card club Sunday afternoon.

AN OLD TIME REMINDER OF WEIDMAN'S EARLY DAYS

Ruth E. Griffin of Bridgeville, Delaware, and her husband called at the Messenger office Saturday afternoon to attempt to learn a little of her mother's family, the Weidmans.

Ruth's husband is superintendent of schools at Bridgeville, in the east.

The Griffins and Dudley Wetmore, brother of Harriet Wetmore of early Weidman days, have been visiting their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elliott, of Rosebush. Harriet married the Rev. Lyle Elliott, pastor of a Free Methodist Church, in Lansing. He died in 1938. Harriet had passed away before that.

Mrs. Wetmore (Edith Weidman) was the wife of George Wetmore of Vermont, who died young.

In our early days here in Weidman (from 1912 on), Harriet lived with her mother next to the home of Mrs. Mary Rathburn, her sister, both sisters of John S. Weidman.

Ruth Griffin is trying to learn something of her mother's family (the Weidmans), all of whom have died.

Ruth's address: Ruth E. Griffin, 302 Walnut Street, Bridgeville, Delaware 19933.

She'd like to hear from anyone knowing anything about the later generations of the Weidman family.

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All the stained-glass pieces for windows of the Sherman City Church have now been donated.

The circular piece at the front, shattered long ago, will be replaced, dedicated to Dr. Rondot.

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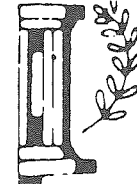
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HOUSE FOR SALE--One mile north of Weidman, then first house west on W. Denver Road. See Andrew Vogel, 4055 W. Denver Rd., Weidman, tel 644-2234. Aug. 11t2p

YARD SALE--Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mobile Home area, 272 Castile Lane, Lake Isabella. Aug. 11t1p

Obituary

JOHN J. SCHAFER
John J. Schafer died at his home in Nottawa Township Aug. 7, after an illness. He was 75.
He was the husband of the late Gertrude Schafer, and brother of Mrs. Louise Schafer of Nottawa, Mrs. Anna Bartlett and Mrs. Philomena Michaletz, both of Chicago. Two brothers and his parents preceded him in death. Also surviving are 18 nieces and four nephews.
Scripture Reading was held at the Lux-Rush Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant at 8 p.m. Tuesday, with a Rosary Service by the Knights of Columbus, also at the funeral home, at 7.30.
Father Dueueke officiated at funeral services in St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Beal City.
The family have the sympathy of their many friends.
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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Visitors of Zena Olger last week were Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee of Farwell and Mr. and Mrs. Sim Riggs, also of Farwell.
Lois Knollenberg and Muriel Miller had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Mick Abbott Sunday after church.
Helen Alwood and Cathy and Helen's grandchildren, Heather and Todd, took Rodney Gott home after he'd spent a week with me, and attended Bible School at the Weidman Baptist Church. I accompanied them on the trip.
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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Obituary

ALVA CUMMINS
Alva Cummins of the Horr area died Sunday, Aug. 7, at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant, after a long illness. He was 91.
He was born Feb. 15, 1886, in Montcalm County, but spent most of his adult life on his farm at Horr.
He was married in Montcalm County to Treva Rein of Ohio.
He is survived by his wife, Treva; sons Alvin of Okemos, William, at the old home in Horr; and a daughter, Alma White, also of the Horr area; one sister, Alice Thacker, of California; and four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were held Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 2 p.m. from the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus. Burial was in the Forest Hill Cemetery.
He had lived more than 50 years at his Horr home, earning their living with his work as a barn-builder and stone mason.
He built the south portion of the Weidman School in the 1930s, and also rebuilt several Weidman stores after the 1946 fire: the Dillenbeck Store (now Bud's Store), the tavern next door to Bud's, a gas station, and local lodge buildings.
He also built stores in Remus (the Crittenden Funeral Home among other places), and he also built the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton. And he built barns all over central Michigan.
He was Supervisor of Sherman Township for years, and a member of the County Road Commission.
His wife, Treva, is being cared for by their son, William, at the old homestead at Horr, aided by Alma White.
The area mourns the loss of a good and useful man, who had lived a full and lengthy life.
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The Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Pastor: Marvin Eldridge. Ph. 644-3504.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Bible School Aug. 1-5.

We had a good Bible School this past week. The stories were very interesting, and the children responded with real interest.



THE INTERIOR OF THE SHERMAN CITY CHURCH-- Is in surprisingly good shape, considering the many, many years of neglect, vandalism (all the windows are broken out) and just plain disuse the church has endured. Church officials feel that the floor is solid, the theater-seat pews will do for the nonce, the good wood wainscoting will be sanded and shellacked, the walls and ceilings (the latter with some repairs) will be scrubbed and possibly painted. Otherwise, the interior is good, it's solid, it's usable. It's a miracle, after all these years.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

This community was saddened to hear of the death of Alva Cummins, who passed away Sunday evening at the hospital in Mt. Pleasant. His funeral was held Wednesday at 2 p.m. from the Crittenden Funeral Home. The family have our deepest sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gatehouse and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and

Mark, and Mr. and Mrs. John Maeder attended the Maeder reunion at Birch Run Sunday.

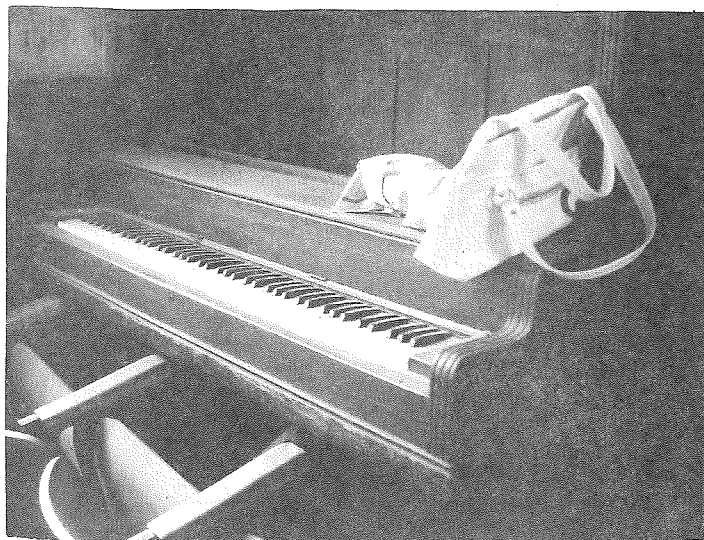
Hazel Sellers of Lansing has been a house guest at the home of cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Steve were dinner guests of the Don Harshmans last Wednesday, and spent the evening with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oplinger and Mr. and Mrs. Al Straus spent the weekend at Drummond Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schafer visited the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and sons spent Friday evening with



THERE ARE TWO PIANOS IN THE OLD CHURCH--One of which may be usable. Above is the piano which probably could be repaired, tuned, and otherwise put in working order. The interior of the church is amazingly well-preserved, considering the fact that all windows have been smashed out and the old building has had no attention all these many years--till now. Messenger photos

Steve.

Recent visitors of Harry and Bea Gatehouse were a cousin, Lulu Alish, of Saginaw, and two lady friends. Mary Swan of Mt. Pleasant spent one morning with Bea.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti and Shelly spent from Tuesday till Friday at Brower's Park, camping.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald and Florence, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gatehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and Laurel and Donald, Mary and Billy Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin and Clayton and I and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee all attended the Woodin School reunion at the

Masonic Hall in Weidman, Sunday, from out this way.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher attended Barbara's class reunion, the Class of '52, at the Lake Isabella Lounge.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited Mr. and Mrs. Collin Renender of Mecosta Wednesday. Mrs. Julia Bowen of Mecosta and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sherry of Florida visited Carl and Grace last week.

Thursday Carl and Grace were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Hank Daniels of Barryton.

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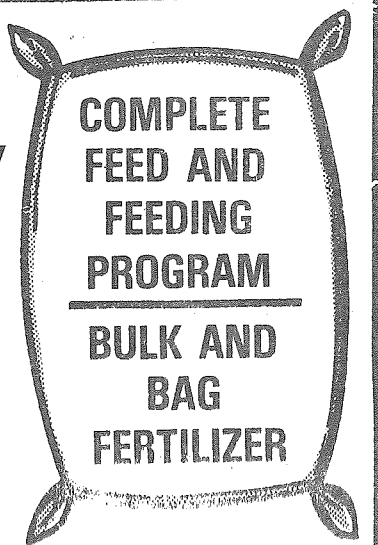
Nina Forbes and Cleo Oligney were visitors of Bessie Teall Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Teall has returned to her home here, and says she's doing pretty well.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Rose Kranz of Howell spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Henry Simmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeien and family Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sheppard went up north Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Sheppard.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuzz Weber are entertaining company from Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simmer and daughter spent Wednesday evening with his mother, Helen Simmer.

The Beal City baseball leagues will have their picnic next Sunday.

Ladies of the parish had a quilting bee at the K. of C. Hall last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family and Mrs. Emily Goffnett and family went to Mr. and Mrs. Don Gould's cottage near Grayling, Saturday.

The Beal City Business Men's picnic was held Sunday on the Coldwater River.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gould of Wisconsin called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen spent the weekend at their cottage at Houghton Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Rau and family of Lansing spent the weekend at Coldwater Lake.

Mrs. Mag Nobel called on Mrs. Irene Zeien Thursday evening.

Mrs. Kitty Yuncker is in the Alma Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and family returned home last Sunday from Tennessee, after visiting relatives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau and family and Brian Gould went to a Walt Disney movie Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pohl went to California to visit their daughter and son living there.

Tillie Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer and Mrs. Haskett drove to Pinconning to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ron Haiderer.

John Schafer of Weidman passed away, and was buried from St. Joseph's Church in Beal City Wednesday.

Sr. Marie Alexander and Sr. Herman Joseph of Grand Rapids spent Thursday and Friday with relatives around Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer spent Friday evening with Tillie Schafer.

Betty Sunderman and Karen and Frank called on Louise Schafer Monday.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. Helen Simmer Monday evening,

and enjoyed a nice visit. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant called on Dora Friday evening.

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BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 14 TABLES AT PLAY

At their regular bi-weekly card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens and their many friends had 14 tables of pepper at play.

Ruth Gallagher won first prize for the ladies, with Monica Grinzinger second and Bertha Schumacher low.

For the men, Isadore Schafer won first prize, with Louis Rau second and Bernard Gallagher low.

Ed Faber won the pepper prize. Bill Appelgreen won the door prize.

A committee composed of Margaret Lawens, Bill Martin, Claribel Beutler, Kate Martin, Anna Schafer, and Tillie Starr served cookies and coffee.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Aug. 18.

Everyone is cordially invited.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Brinton News

Francess Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Verl Wright and family and Evelyn Slupe and family were weekend guests of their parents, Pete and Violet Wright. They attended the Husted reunion Sunday at the Community Hall in Brinton, with 36 attending.

Linda La Londe started work at Gittleman's in downtown Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and family attended the wedding of Linell Allison and Rod Henry at Farwell Saturday evening.

Lorrie was one of the attendants, and also participated in the shower following, at the Veterans' Hall.

Hazel Carson and I attended the fair at Harrison Tuesday.

Emily Geasler of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with her parents, Ray and Joyce Geasler.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knorr of Lansing spent Saturday with her mother, Edna Teeter.

Tracy Spivy of Farwell was a Saturday overnight guest of Amy

Strang.

A number from here visited the Sherman City Church the weekend, where they are re-doing the church, with the aid of interested neighbors. Joyce Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen assisted Saturday and Sunday, from here. The souvenir shingles and old siding with a replica of the building stenciled on went over very well, thanks to Joyce Geasler for the idea, and for the work on them.

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LITTLE MAC PIG ROAST WORKERS TO HAVE WORK BEE, FAMILY PICNIC

Workers on the annual Little Mac Pig Roast will have a work bee and family picnic on the Elwood Miller farm, "Little Mac" Aug. 14, Sunday, starting at 12 noon.

Take a dish to pass and the family.

Work will be done on a new gate and possible tightening of the bridge.

All those who worked in any capacity on the Lil' Mac day are urged to attend this work bee and family picnic.

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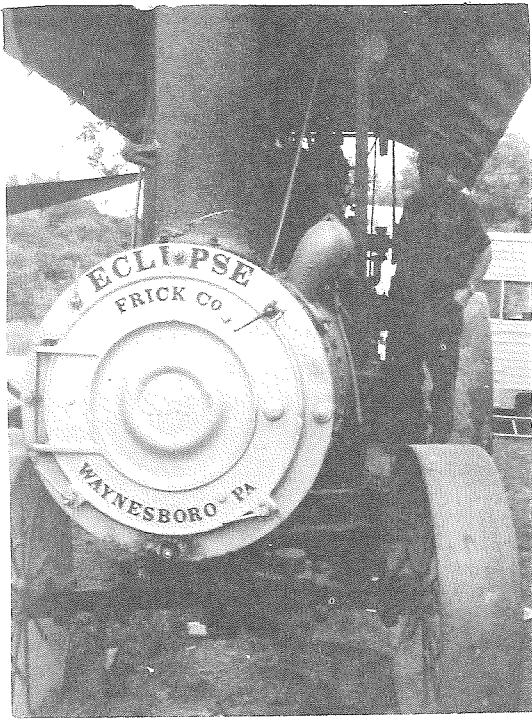
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ART SCHROCK AT THE THROTTLE--Of his old steam engine. Sure! it's pretty dark for the camera, 'way back in there, but we felt we had to have a picture of Art with his machine. "I think I'll just keep on running this old machine as long as I'm around," Art told the Messenger gal Saturday. (We'll bet they'll both be around for some time--and both may be needed, some time in the "energy crisis"'.)



AND HERE'S LYNN MIX OF HASTINGS--Who brought his ancient shingle-cutting machine up for the work-bees at the Sherman City Church. It's a remarkably simple but efficient gadget, taking blocks of cedar wood and shaving 'em off into perfect shapes for roof shingles.

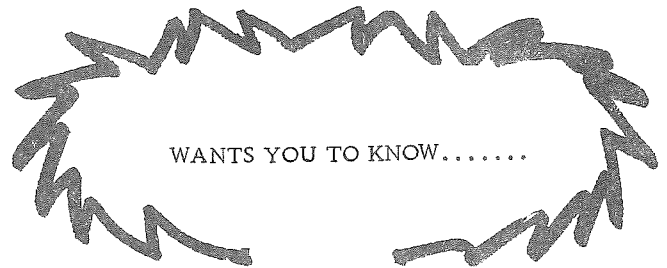
WEIDMAN PARK LOOKS GOOD WITH CETA WORKERS ON JOB
 At the regular monthly meeting of the Weidman Business Association last Thursday evening, it was reported that Mitchell Memorial Park is looking real good--so long as we have someone over there to pick up debris and prevent vandalism. The young workers have done a great job of cleaning and painting at the park. Weidman's first Sidewalk Sale Day went off very well, according to participating merchants.

Walt Smith made a motion to have one member of the WBA empowered to give purchase orders, as park workers have run up some rather hefty bills for sometimes duplicate tools and materials, this summer. It was agreed that WBA men would move the old piano from the second story of the Oddfellows Hall (which has been sold) to the basement-area dining room of the Masonic Hall, for the benefit of area Senior Citizens.



ABOVE PHOTO MAY GIVE YOU AN IDEA--Of the size and length of the huge belt from the threshing machine to the shingle cutting machine. All power machinery used to be run by belts such as this one, but this is an exceptionally well-preserved and efficient old hooker-upper. Jerry Straus worked out there Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Each day a pot-luck dinner was served by a swarm of hard-working ladies, and well-served, too. The food?--Fresh from country kitchens, and we mean farm kitchens. Ye Ed had a slice of red raspberry pie Friday noon--and when was the last time you tasted red-raspberry pie? Another work bee is scheduled for this week Friday and Saturday, with more dinners served at noon. The front of the church is the project at that time. The bell tower is to be examined for structural wear and tear, Go on out there and be ready to work, if you're a man or a husky teenager. If you're a woman or girl, take a "dish to pass". There'll be more of those scrumptious dinners served each day. Messenger photos

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"GRANDMA POPS A WHEELIE"

Completing the July birthdays of the family--five in all, a steak barbecue was held at the Nelson Bateman's last week. Grandma Zelia Fahnestock thinks her grandson's birthday cycle is the berries, so she tried it out.

Others joining in on the barbecue were Renee Bateman's two brothers, Bob and Ray, and sister-in-law Lola. Ray is from Taylor, Mo. Bob and Lola are from Plymouth. It was a perfect day for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock of Weidman, as it was the first time since their 50th anniversary in 1975 that all had got together. Above, Grandma gleefully tries out the wheelie.

LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Happy ending to a Lost Dog Story! Tuesday, during the thunder and lightning storm, a beautiful Vizlor dog (Hungarian pointer) came to The Hub. She pounded on the door to get in.

The Goodsells took her in, and tried to locate the owner.

Later, Mr. Donley came to the Hub and recognized her as Tosha, owned by the Greg Nelsons. He was notified, and came to pick her up. Owner and dog were happily reunited.

If you lose a dog on the Lake Isabella property, notify Mr. Klensk, our patrolman, as he was the first one called about Tosha, by the Goodsells.

This reporter had a thrilling experience Saturday evening when Walter Graham took her up for her first airplane ride. Our area is beautiful from the air.

I'm ready to go again!

Diane Graham, daughter of the Walter Grahams of Airport Sub-division, has taken a job as an incentive clerk with the GAF Corp. of Warren, Mich.

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Dear Connie,

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AREA COUPLE CELEBRATE 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Saturday at the Sherman City Church Ye Ed met Mrs. William Chapman (Norma DeLong), who with her husband recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The Chapmans attended Saturday's work bee and community get-together at the church. They live near Owosso, and spent the weekend with their daughter, Evelyn Schultz, at Diamond Lake.

They lived in Sherman City 60 years ago (1917), and left about 1927.

Louie Mindel had his store at that time, Mrs. Chapman said, along with a hardware store owned by Mr. Cruze, who also bought cream from farmers bringing it in. Frank Rogers still had his blacksmith, Mrs. Chapman said, with a dance hall overhead. Dr. Rondot still had his office there, and as usual was busy caring for Sherman City folks, besides those from Horr, Weidman, and later, Beal City.

But Cruze closed out his hardware store as families left the village along with the sawmills and jobs. Several had Mindel's Store following the original owner: Frank Williams, Mrs. Herman, mother of Harry Herman, Weidman postmaster, and after her, another person bought the building.

She said that Austin Dent's parents once owned the Mindel residence, just south of the store.

She said that at first, few children attended the newly-built Sherman City School (Sherman

Township District No. 1), and the cyclone (tornado) blew it down in 1868. School then was held in the Sherman City Union Church, she said, till a new school building could be put up.
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SHERMAN CITY CHURCH STANDS JUST AS IT DID
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THIS IS MARIJUANA--Confiscated by Sheriff's Deputies Wayne Sisco, Dan Mitchell and Sgt. Stevens Saturday morning at a location in Sec. 10 of Rolland Township. Seventy-two of these 30-gallon trash bags were filled with the ripe crop.



THIS IS MARIJUANA--As pulled out of the bag a little by Sheriff's officers for this photo. The ready-to-harvest crop was evaluated at over \$55,000, street value. Officers had the place staked out for some time.

Philip Earl Schaeffer, 29, was arraigned in District Court in Mt. Pleasant Monday morning on a charge of possession of marijuana, and released on \$100 bond.

He was bound over to District Court in Mt. Pleasant for trial this Wednesday, Aug. 10, before Judge Douglas Dehn.

Sheriff's officers acted on a tip early this spring, and have had Schaeffer's place staked out ever since. They acted Saturday evening.

Schaeffer was said to have raised his crop scientifically, using soil tester, fertilizer, and an ir-

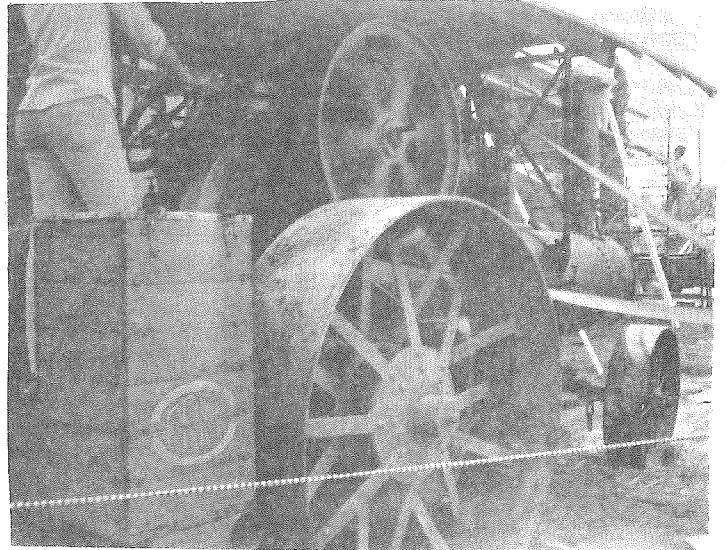
rigation system. The marijuana plants were hidden in the middle of a large vegetable garden with high-growing vegetable plants on the outside edges, hiding the marijuana plants.

Schaeffer is said to hold a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry, and also a BA in science.

Sheriff's officers burned the huge crop of "grass" Monday at the property of one of the Sheriff's Department men. The burning process was a tricky one, but it succeeded.



THERE WERE RELIEF OPERATORS--On the ancient shingle mill Saturday, relieving Lynn Mix, who brought the mill up from Hastings for the three-day job of providing cedar shingles fresh from cedar trees, for the roof of the Sherman City Church.



THE HUGE STEAM ENGINE OWNED BY ART SCHROCK Also had relief helpers, as attested by the glimpse of a young man at the throttle. Messenger photos

THEY'LL BE MARRIED THIS FRIDAY EVENING

Mrs. Wanda Graham announces the approaching marriage of her daughter, Deborah Susan, to Cpl. Alan Lewis Cain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Cain of Mt. Pleasant.

The wedding will be this Friday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Weidman Baptist Church, Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating.

A reception will follow immediately at the Remus Town Hall.

The happy young couple will leave Saturday for Fort Riley, Kansas, and will spend their honeymoon at Mt. Home, Idaho, with his brother and sister-in-law.

In January they will leave on an 18-months' tour in Hawaii.

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DISABLED VETERANS CAN GET HELP

David R. Van Hill, field service officer of the Disabled Veterans, will be at the Clare VFW Hall Friday, Aug. 12, from 1 to 3.30 p.m., to assist veterans and their dependents.

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