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Editor's Column

By Connie

MIXED-UP PHILOSOPHY ON EDUCATION

It appears to Ye Ed that our so-called educators are indulging in a quite complete mixup on the philosophy of education in the Chippewa Hills School District.

During the extensive and elaborate pre-election campaign to raise real-estate taxes in the district from 14 mills (voted) to 18 plus 1 (five additional mills on real estate taxation), we've followed opinions expressed in the school's subsidized newspaper, the Chippewa Hills Courier.

We've found that many on the payroll of the school have been working their heads off, propaganda-wise, for the millage; while farmers, farmers' wives, wage earners and the rest of us have been putting forth the No vote on the question of additional taxation for the schools.

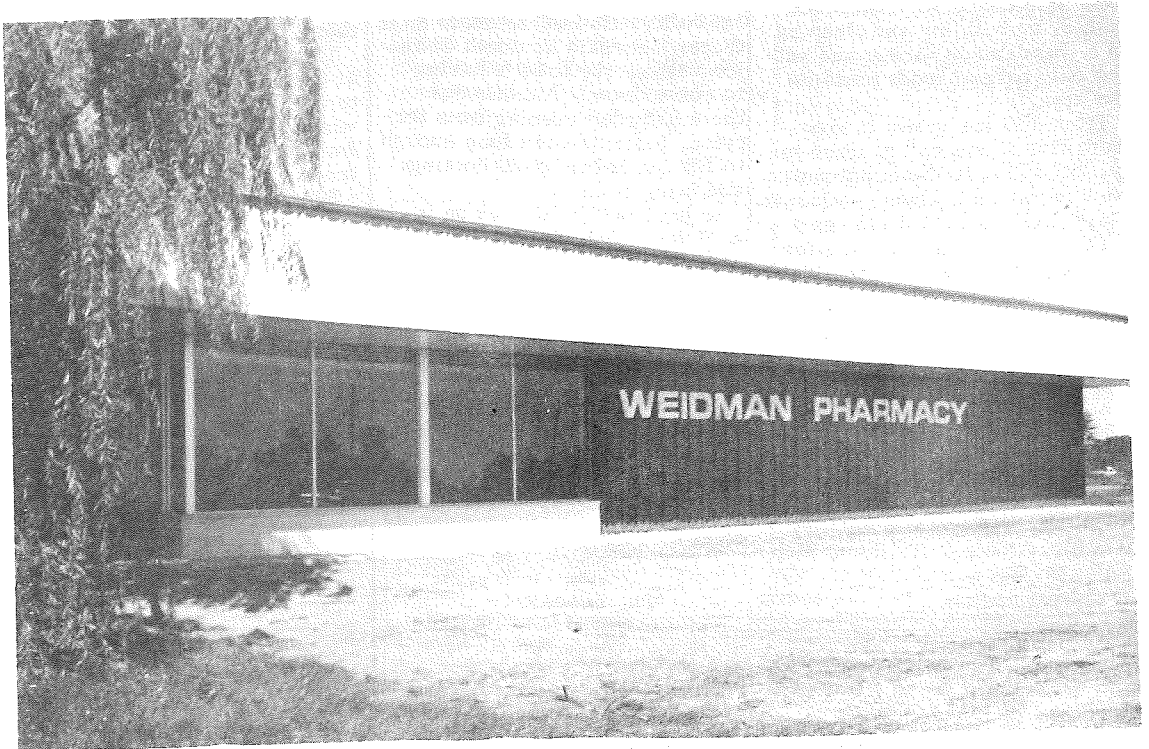
Gary Lowery, Administrative Assistant (whatever that is) for the Chippewa Hills Schools, has really been working this summer for raising the taxation to benefit the school.

In the Aug. 3 issue of the Courier he had a lengthy "CH Financial Questions Answered" dissertation putting forth (once again!) the school's adamant position on more taxes.

In the free-circulation edition of the Courier (August) he had a two-page spread of photos credited to him, of instances of loss by lack of maintenance in all the schools in the district. (Rags in windows at Barryton and Remus Schools; extensive damage to ceilings in the brand-new \$4,000,000 high school, from leakage of roofs, and on and on.)

We had thought that maintenance of buildings was part of any school's annual budget obligation. It has not been so at Chippewa Hills.

Aug. 8 Supt. Lavern Alward went to Lansing along with Gary Lowery and Board members Herb Serum of Lake Isabella, Don Hatfield of Remus and Judy Browning (Continued on Back Page)



WEIDMAN PHARMACY MOVES INTO ITS NEW BUILDING--This weekend. It's a big and beautiful structure, built by Card Construction Company of Mt. Pleasant, directly across from Baumann's IGA Foodliner. Pharmacist Lou Fiorillo says he'll have to close up shop next Monday and Tuesday, and urges all prescription users to get refills or necessary prescription service by this Saturday, as he'll be closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. There's a huge parking lot in front of the building, with rear roadway and entrance for deliveries. Messenger photo

WEIDMAN PHARMACY MOVES INTO ITS NEW BUILDING THIS WEEKEND

The Weidman Rexall Pharmacy will be moving into its huge and very beautiful new building across from Baumann's IGA Store this coming Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, according to Pharmacist Lou Fiorillo.

Patrons are asked to tend to getting prescription refills on or before this coming Saturday. The new store will be open for business next week Tuesday.

The new pharmacy has two entries, front and back (the latter for deliveries), and a very spacious front parking lot.

Tile is scheduled to be laid this weekend, and it's expected Lou and his helpers can walk on it and move the store beginning Sunday.

Lou has had a lot of good old-

fashioned volunteer help in getting the new place ready, and it will be another great addition to Weidman Town.

It takes its place beside the impressive Allen Lumber Company's showroom building, and across from the new IGA Store and the new Isabella Bank and Trust Building.

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WEIDMAN DAY MEETING SET FOR TUESDAY, AUG. 23

There will be a meeting of all interested people concerning the celebration of Weidman Days, next Tuesday evening, Aug. 23, at 7.30, in the old bank building, according to WBA President Bud Fredrickson.

All interested people, and all committee members working on this year's project are urged to attend.

BIG VOTER TURNOUT GIVES SCHOOL ITS MILLAGE

An exceptionally large voter turnout gave the Chippewa Hills School its millage Tuesday.

Weidman went for the whole thing, voting 529 Yes to 356 No with six ballots spoiled, for the 19 mills, a raise of five mills.

Weidman also voted Yes for the requested one mill building repair proposal, but that was defeated by other towns.

Mecosta and Barryton both voted against both proposals. All the towns except Weidman voted against the added one mill.

Total vote throughout the district for the 19 mills was 1,722 Yes, 1,373 No, with 41 spoiled ballots.

Totals for the extra mill were 1,533 Yes to 1,662 No.

WEIDMAN BOY SCOUTS HAVE OVERNIGHT CAMPOUT

Tom Olds, the Scoutmaster for Troop No. 692, Weidman Boy Scouts, reported this week that his Scouts completed their first troop activity and overnight campout at Camp Weidman, on Vandecar Road, south of M-20.

The Scouts rode bicycles to the camp, a distance of 11 miles.

Ten Scouts set up tents without assistance, and prepared two meals, supper and breakfast.

Two Scouts, Tom Smith and Lee Shenk, completed work on their Wilderness Survival Merit Badge, by building and sleeping in a hand-made shelter and eating only natural foods found in the area.

Troop 692 has grown in size from five Scouts to 15, since July, according to the Scoutmaster. New recruits are always welcome.

Age limits are 11 to 18 years. The troop meets each Monday evening at 7 o'clock at the Weidman Methodist Church basement.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

WORK ON SHERMAN CITY CHURCH CONTINUES

Work goes on at the Sherman City Union Church, though the big work bees are fairly over, with only a good crew of working men there Friday and Saturday, and ladies with plenty of home-prepared food to serve a scrumptious noon meal.

Siding is fairly well completed on the front end, with only the belfry and big bell the remaining problems over the weekend.

Jerry Straus is scheduled to do the work of rehabilitating the old belfry. He said he could do it there. Jerry said he could do the job without the tower's having to come down. (A crane was there Saturday evening from Barryton, but it was not long enough to lift the belfry off its footings and bring it down.)

So Jerry said he'd work on it as it was, right up there on top of the church. Area men were on tap to help all they could, of course. Area women would sure feed them, too.

Lewis Bowen did the needed cement work.

Canisters for donations for the church are being placed here, in Bud's Store, and Weaver's Tavern, and also at the Coldwater Lake Inn, and at Lake Station and Beal City.

Good money was realized from sale of various mementos and results of sawing and cutting of cedar wood for the church.

(You can buy baled cedar sawdust, good for dog houses, as it repels all insects, including fleas and ticks. It's stored in Elwood Miller's barn, and is available there.)

There's much yet to be done at the church, besides the exterior: It will have to be re-wired for electricity; window frames will have to be hand-made; and so on.

But the project is a miracle of

dedicated neighbors and friends getting together to save an historic old building.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes returned Saturday from a three weeks' vacation on Gaspe Peninsula in Canada. They spent about a week at Booth Bay, Me., also as part of their vacation trip. They especially enjoyed a visit to a farm near Bangor, Me., which was being turned back to old-time appearances and crop management methods.

Mr. and Mrs. William Knudson of Livonia were weekend guests of his mother and uncle, Lela Whearett and Don Clark.

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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.

WEIDMAN FLOWER FUND--
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July 14tf

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

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Aug. 11t2p

WANTED--A used refrigerator and a small china cabinet or a corner cupboard. Ph. 588-3300.

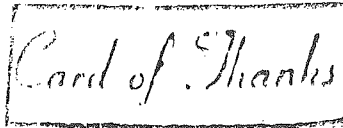
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FOR SALE--3-Speed Sting-Ray Bike, front and back hand brakes, very good condition, \$20.00. Ph. 644-3090. Aug 18t1p

GARAGE SALE--Band Boosters' sale, going on now. Different things daily. Friday and Saturday, shoes and clothing, \$1 a bag. 1/4 mile south of Weidman School, second house east.

Aug/ 18t1

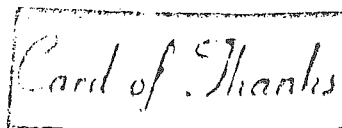
LOST--Two beagle hounds, male adults, black, white, with some brown. Tel. 644-3620. Aug. 18t2p



We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to our many neighbors, relatives and friends for the help and comfort they gave us during our recent bereavement.

Thanks to the ladies who supplied and served the dinner; thanks for the flowers, Masses, and thanks to Father Dueweke for his words of comfort.

The Family of
John Schafer



The family of Alva Cummins wish to extend our appreciation to the Mt. Pleasant Medical Care Facility, Dr. Minster, and nurses who took good care of our husband and father during his illness;

Our neighbors, relatives and friends, the Crittenden Funeral Home;

Thanks to the neighbors who brought in food at the home,

and those who provided the lovely luncheon at the James A. Cliff Lodge in Weidman;

The cards and flowers and money.

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

Wife Mrs. Treva Cummins

Children:

Mr. Willie Cummins

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cummins

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague went to Grand Valley State College west of Grand Rapids Sunday, to bring back Pami, who had spent the past two weeks at music camp there. Pami plays the tuba.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cripps of Detroit spent the weekend with Mrs. Edna Bowein, and took their son, Keith, back with them. He had spent the summer with his grandmother.

Notice

BEAR WITH US!--We plumb ran out of space this week, and are forced to omit several valuable news letters and some local items. We'll hope to do better next week.

Thanks for your patience, all you wonderful gals who write the news, and thanks to Weidman folks who patiently give Ye Ed their items each week. See yuh.

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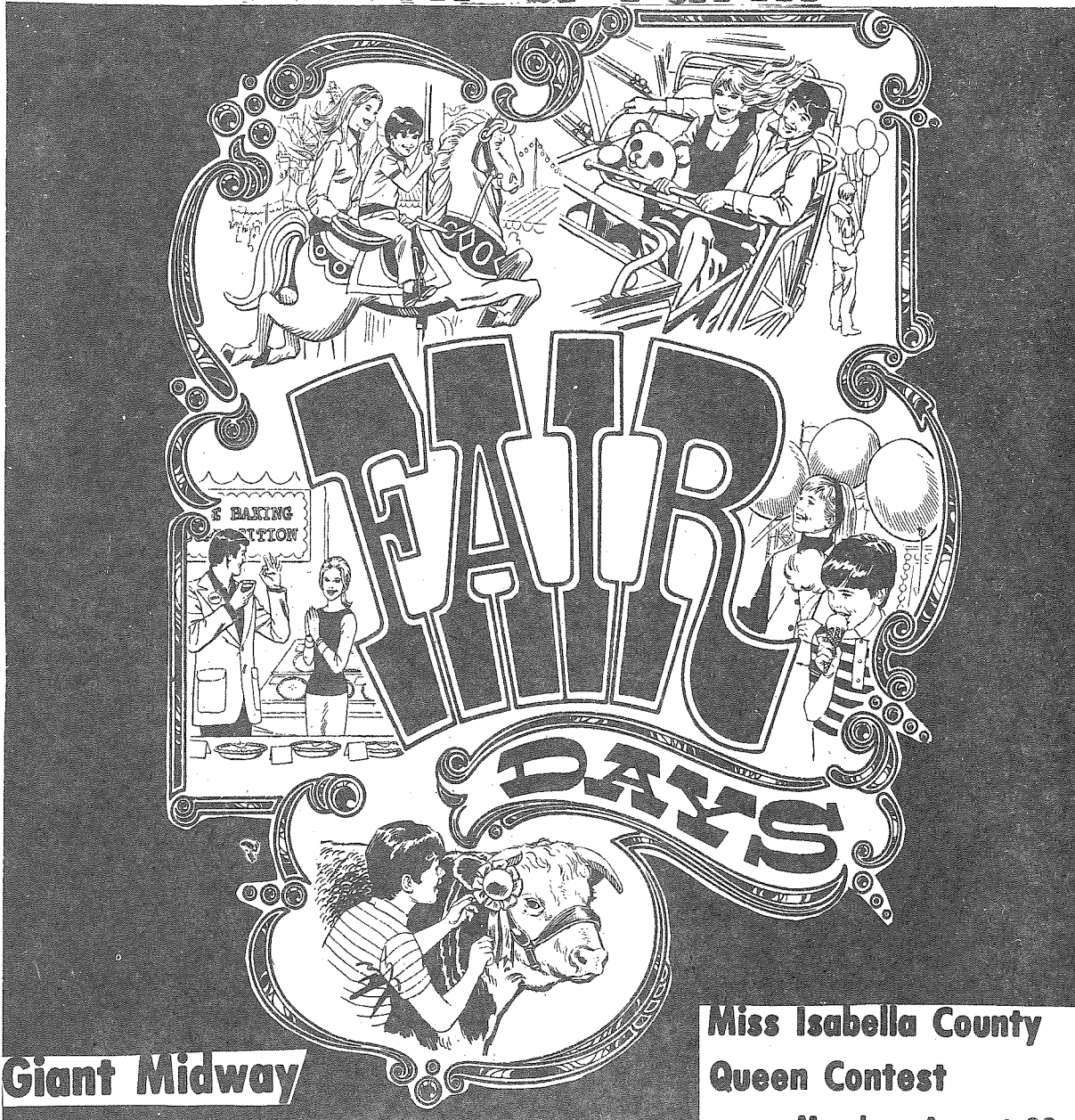
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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

NOTTAWA TOWNSHIP HALL HAS NEW ADDITION

A new addition to the ancient building known as the Nottawa Township Hall is nearing completion.

An ell was built on the west side of the old building, to house a meeting room for township officials and the public on occasion.

With this addition, it will not be necessary to heat the whole hall for a small meeting, such as Township Board meetings.

Among workers on the new addition have been Jerry Straus and Virgil Smith. Another week will see the work completed.

Included in the addition are rest rooms, the first time the old township hall has ever had such facilities.

ED KAVANAUGH FINDS RELATIVES IN IRELAND

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh returned last week from a two week's tour of Ireland. During their journeys around the beautiful isle they learned they had family relatives still in the Auld Country. Ed's father came from Ireland, and they discovered they have quite close relatives over there now.

They were accompanied on their tour of the Emerlad Isle by their son, Ken, and his wife and three children.

They say the country is unbelievably beautiful, plentiful rainfall maintaining lush green fields and beautiful country.

Roads are narrow there, with stone walls on either side, and they had to rent a small car while there--theirs was too wide to fit the Irish roads over the beautiful landscape.

Sonny and Noreen Thelen spent the weekend in Temperance, to visit their daughter and family.

Sister Ermina Thelen is visiting her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Thelen, of Coldwater Lake, on a week's vacation. Sister Ermina leaves Aug. 19 for Beaver Island, where she will be a tutor in a school there.

The Beal City team came in third in the "Krazy Kompetition" at the Sacred Heart Festival.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard F. Schafer and Doug and Mark of Lansing visited Mrs. Veronica Keifer one day last week.

Mrs. Irene Zeien visited Mrs. Kitty Yuncker in the Alma Hospital Friday.

The Beal City Antique Car Club went to Harbor Springs Saturday, to show their vintage autos there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt

attended the Sacred Heart Festival Sunday.

Marie Rahl and Sr. Armena called on Louise Schafer Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould called on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pohl returned home from vacationing in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sheppard entertained company Sunday, in honor of Joe's uncle and aunt's 50th wedding anniversary.

The K. of C. children's picnic and Little League picnic were held Sunday. Everyone had fun.

Elaine Simmer of Reed City called on Anne Smith Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen called on Mrs. Delores Gould Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Blasen visited Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen of St. Johns, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Rau visited Charlotte Slater of Traverse City Friday.

Fuzz Weber moved the grainery building for Fred Zeien Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gross are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould attended the Mt. Pleasant High School Class of 1967 reunion Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ann Dean and daughter, Pat, were up this weekend from Chicago.

Dora Smith had lunch with Anne Smith Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Micheletz, Mrs. Ann Bartlett and Fred Bartlett of Chicago attended the funeral of John Schafer. Mrs. Elizabeth Wickenheiser of Detroit and Harold Schafer and Tillie Greenberg of Cadillac, and Milford Shaw and wife of Lansing also attended.

Sr. Margaret Schafer and Sr. Ermina of Grand Rapids are spending the week with relatives around Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer of Mt. Pleasant spent Thursday evening with Tillie Schafer.

Wm. Schafer and family of Flint and Raymond Schafer and Clarence Schafer of Lansing came for the funeral of John Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schafer of Detroit spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer.

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JOHN FOREST'S VACATION TRIP--RATHER A WASHOUT

John Forest returned last week from his annual vacation trip, a bit disheartened.

In John's words: "I blew a tire near Elk Mountain, Wyo. I changed the tire at a gas station and wound out for four new tires. It sure took a horrible whack out

of the money I had taken from home for the trip!"

John turned around and started back home, then, as the tires cost nearly \$400, which he had not figured in his vacation expenses.

He drove through the states of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and Wyoming, though, before giving up and starting for home.

He enjoyed especially the following visits:

The original Pony Express station and the Pioneer Museum at Gothenburg, Neb; the historic Ash Hollow near Ogallala, Neb., which was the resting point on the Oregon Trail, and also the Mormon Trail, where the trails parted, the Mormons going to Salt Lake Valley and the others to the Orgeon direction, northwest;

Ogallala, Neb., the "Cowboy Capital" of the West. Ogallala was the destination of the cattle "long drives" from Texas north to the railway. This was after the Civil War, and was the destination for the first transcontinental railroad, finished in 1869. At the moment of completion of the railroad, John points out, "the long covered wagons became history."

He visited the statue of Abraham Lincoln, at the highest point of I-80, in the Rocky Mountains between Laramie and Rock Springs, Wyo.

That's where and when his financial troubles began, John said, with the forced purchase of \$400 worth of new tires.

He encountered the first rainfall since spring, between here and Lansing. He had his window open, it jammed, and "when I got home my clothing was drenched," John said.

John says that water is so scarce in the West that no water is served at restaurants unless requested; motels have no drinking cups; in Mimeosta, it's dry ground to eight feet down; on the plains, the corn and wheat looked sickly.

With all his misery on the trip, he said, there was one good happening:

At Annawan, Ill., he lost a loose \$40 cash from his pocket, went back three days later and a bartender gave him the name and address of a man John would meet near the Chicago stockyards. The man gave John his money.

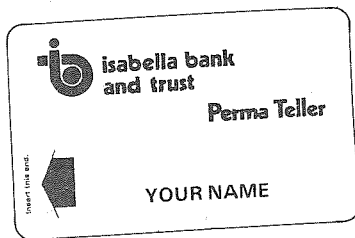
"That was about the only good thing about the whole trip," John said ruefully.

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WAGENMAN REUNION HELD AT COLDWATER PARK

The annual Wagenman family reunion was held Sunday at the Coldwater Township Park, with 57 family members in attendance.

Some came from Ionia, Pontiac, Mt. Pleasant (Flora Wood and her daughter, Dorothea), and Horr and Brinton.

A bountiful pot-luck picnic dinner was enjoyed.

Freda Miller was the eldest member, being 88 years young. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Dutcher and Steve were Sunday evening dinner guests at the Ed Oplinger home. Mr. and Mrs. Danny Midigan were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rau and two grandchildren, Mrs. Marge Roberts of California, and Jim Schum of Lake Windoga were Sunday dinner guests at the Earl Oplinger home, for barbecued chicken.

Earl and Bobbie attended her high school class' 30th reunion at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Bobbie's mother, Mrs. Edna McDonald, was a recent visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Zack Lyons and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thurber were Saturday callers of Mrs. Alva Cummins and Bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Tuesday overnight guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence, and attended Alva Cummins' funeral Wednesday.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee spent Sunday with her folks, the Mack Denslows.

Mrs. Opal Denslow attended the Tice family reunion at Barryton Sunday.

Paul and Norman Miller made

a trip to Johnson City, Tenn., last week, due to the death of Paul's brother, Silas Miller.

Mrs. Betty Thompson's mother and a friend of the family, Fred Williams, spent Tuesday at the Jim Thompson home.

Mrs. Thompson attended Busy Bees at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Denslow Thursday.

Jim, Betty and Bob Thompson spent Saturday in Lansing.

Saturday evening guests of Bob Thompson were Miss Shirley Fox, Dan and Jack Wood, Jim Strong, and Tim Workman.

Mrs. Betty Martin's father passed away Aug. 3. They all attended the funeral.

Mrs. Martin spent some time at Copemish last week, returning home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Louisell spent the weekend with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow were Monday callers at the Charlie Losey home, and also called on me.

Other callers of the Loseys were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey and Ron. Ron stayed with his grandfather while Harold and Lois and Hattie attended the funeral of Alva Cummins. Monroe Beckwith was a Thursday overnight guest. Saturday callers were Ervin and Floyd Dutcher and Mrs. Minnie Strauch.

Mrs. Alma White, Harold and Gerald Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dutcher were Sunday callers at the Losey home.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Joyce Cook and Lyle, Jr., and Penny spent last week with her parents, near Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fields of Grand Rapids spent the weekend

with their mother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Alfred Bartley.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spiece and Connie and Tammy were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Roberts. Lorna called on me during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wright called at the Spence reunion Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Sisco at Barryton.

The Moore reunion was held Sunday at the Community Hall in Brinton. The Wagenman reunion was held at the park east of Brinton, also on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knorr and family were weekend guests of her mother, Edna Teeter.

The Merry Go Round Club was held, with Maggie Boger as hostess, last Thursday, with 14 members and three visitors present. The September meeting will be with Helen Hudson at Midland, Sept. 8.

Funeral services were held for George McCracken at the Corey Funeral Home in Evart last Tuesday. Mr. McCracken passed away at the Veterans Hospital in Saginaw, after a long illness. Burial was in the Brinton Cemetery.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Muriel Miller visited Mr. and Mrs. Mick Abbott Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott called on me Monday evening, and we called on Mr. and Mrs. Steve Leiter.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott called and took me to the Debi-Louie wedding and reception. Saturday Wanda Graham and I visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott and boys of Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Cain stopped to see me Monday before

leaving for his military service in Kansas.

Mrs. Zena Olger attended Debi Graham's wedding at the Weidman Baptist Church Friday evening, and also their reception at the Remus hall. Zena attended the Allbee reunion Sunday. Her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Riggs, called on her Monday.

Mabel Chaffee attended church with her sister, Laura Latham, Sunday. They both visited another sister, Doris Wilmot, in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and Judy went to the Williams reunion at Fowlerville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Huber and boys called on me this Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and family made a trip to St. Johns on business recently. While there they called on Mrs. Margaret Smith, and found her feeling well.

Jim Alwood and Grandma Sprenger of Coleman left last Monday for a visit at Dothan, Ala. Mrs. Sprenger will visit her son, Jerry, and family, and Jim will take care of some Christmas tree business.

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Ruth Yabs, Reporter

PORK CHOP MEMORIAL REACT HAS MEETING AND CAMPOUT
Pork Chop Memorial REACT has kept many area people busy this summer.

August 5, 6 and 7, our campout and general meeting was held at River Valley Camp Grounds.

The following families enjoyed the campfire fun, despite intermittent heavy showers:

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mays of Bel-ding, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hotel-ing of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Art List of Edmore, Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Heckard and son and daughter of Remus, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mays of Lake Isabella and granddaughter, Alene Thurston of Howard City.

Saturday night's campfire en-tertainment of tall tales and vis-iting also included a howling duet--Robert Mays started the pitch while Darwin's beagle dog chimed in. Suppose they will be the next contestants on the Gong Show!

Members from Gladwin, Clare, Montcalm and Isabella Counties held their business meeting, up-dating and revision of the by-laws were passed, which should clarify many situations. New copies are being made for mem-bers.

To kick off the 1977 Steam En-gine Show at Ithaca, the Sagi-naw Valley Live Steam Associa-tion officers, REACT members and families held a pot-luck get-acquainted supper at the Gratiot County Rodeo Grounds.

Pride's the name of the game, as everyone worked in team har-mony, gaining new friends, ex-periences, and sunburn.

A van load of men from the Benn's Convalescent Home at Weidman were given a special spot to view the parade.

There were enough pet pooch-es that the children could have easily held a lively pet parade.

It was interesting to see and watch old machines perform, but even more so to hear visitors relate old memories of working such engines, rolling smoke and steam. At one gate we heard a four-year-old boy as he wrinkled his face, say, "Ack! That stinks! Grandpa, did you used to smell like THAT?"

Saturday after dark the men demonstrated the sawmill and gave a sawdust fireworks for all the exhibitors and workers--a beautiful experience.

Sunday some of us went down at 9.30 a.m. and enjoyed the church service, held on the grounds in the big tent.

Even our junior members help-ed at the gates; ran food and

message errands, sales, and took part in the parades.

The steam show workers were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Leonard and four boys and REACT Queen Caroline, of Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman, two daughters, and REACT Princess Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dean and three daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mays, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick, Windjammer and daughter of Crystal, Mr. and Mrs. Norm Brewer of Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Cox (Toothpick and Aunt Jemima), and Mr. and Mrs. Rob-ert Mays.

REACT members' names miss-ing from the above list had heavy responsibilities for the Weidman and Remus celebra-tions. We are equally proud of them.

An enjoyable time was had by all, and no liquor or beer was on the premises.

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In the Editor's Mail

Aug. 10, 1977
Weidman, Mich.

"All Work and No Play Makes Johnny a Dull Boy." "BULL ROAR!"

After reading the paid adver-tising, pages 12, 13, 14, 15, in the "Chippewa Hills Courier" I say--Don't threaten the Amer-ican people! Rebellion is usually the end result of a threat.

Quoting from If the Millage Is Passed:

"Recall of laid of personnel." (Check that spelling!) "College Prep Courses". (Are they afraid the kids will be smarter than some of the so-called qualified teachers?)

Quoting from If the Millage Fails:

"Driver's Education cannot be offered until a successful elec-tion."

(This sounds like blackmail to me, not to mention brain-wash-ing our kids! I have actually heard many teenagers say, "I can't get a driver's license with-out Driver's Ed." This alone will get a NO vote from me every time, whether my back or any-one else's is against the wall.

GO AHEAD AND SHOOT!!!

Just remember one thing: Those 180 days of schooling need teachers as well as students--so, if this cuts out vacation time for the kids, it's the same for the teachers and all other school per-sonnel.

What I would really like to know, as an interested parent, is HOW MUCH did four (4) full pages of paid advertising cost?

In closing I would like to say, I JUST HAD TO PUT IN MY 13¢ WORTH!

Mrs. Nelson (Renee) Bateman

Flint, Mich.

Please extend me another \$1 worth of Messenger.

I keep quite well, but my eyes are not good any more; but at 93 1/2 years, I don't expect to be perfect any more.

Edith Kennedy

Flint

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kane enter-tained Mrs. Don Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Donovan Miller of Laingsburg at dinner Saturday. The Donovans are Mrs. Kane's brother and sister-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. DeVere Hill en-tertained their daughter and her new husband from Owosso for the weekend.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist

The children of Ralph and Dorothea Bergquist of Mt. Pleasant are hosting a 40th wedding anniversary reception Sunday, Aug. 28, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant.

All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend. The couple say please, no gifts.

Mrs. Bergquist is the former Dorothea Wood, daughter of Mrs. Flora Wood of Mt. Pleasant, formerly of Weidman.

The Bergquists' children are Robert and Irene Bergquist and Richard and Janet Potter.

Editor's Column

By Connie
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of Canadian Lakes.

They were advised by the State Department of Education to get going on another election Sept. 28 if the August millage election should fail to produce the moola.

According to our own Dick Donley, formerly of Weidman but now of Lake Isabella, who has been appointed high school principal, there will be special accent on English courses in the high school.

We maintain that grammar has got to be learned and forgotten (that is, become part of one's inner mental processes) before high school age is reached. But we are attempting to treat the illness after it has become entrenched, so to speak (and so to mix metaphors), by trying to correct English in the high school classes.

English grammar has got to be learned before a kid graduates from the eighth grade, or he ain't gunna know English, no-how.

An example appeared in the August free-circulation (school subsidized) edition of the Courier. It's in a letter written by an "8th Grade Student", and it says,

in the second paragraph, "If your child has a poor education, who's fault is it?"

Whose fault is it indeed, we wouldn't know (except the whole kit and bilin' of the schools' curricula kooks).

There are many elective courses at the high school that could and should be eliminated.

One comes to mind that we are acutely aware of, and familiar with (and you can page Winston Churchill on that dangling preposition).

There's no public high school under the sun that can hope to keep up with the fantastic advances and daily changes in the methods of producing the printed word today.

Any high school which boasts a printshop and printing courses is wasting taxpayers' money and students' time, for the printing industry is daily making changes toward complete computerized telechromatic production of the printed word.

I see it weekly, at Buyers Guide in Mt. Pleasant, where I get the Messenger printed on a fair-sized Davidson offset press, now obsolete.

And there is no earthly need for or advantage in journalism courses in high schools. College is the place to learn basics of journalism--but before that there

is a vital need for knowledge of the English language.

Let's have a little sense in the English departments of high schools.

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OLD NAMES FOUND UNDER COVERING AT SHERMAN CITY CHURCH

Eldon Bellows brought in a yellowed, tattered sheet of heavy paper Sunday, to show us what workers found under the wall coverings in the vestibule of the Sherman City Union Church last weekend.

Here's the list of names that were semi-legible: (All were written in pencil, with no date, but they were put there a long time ago.)

Paul Bywater, who was shot but not killed in a bank hold-up when he worked in a Midland bank in the 1930s;

Clyde Williams: Gertie Martin; Claire Corey; Jim Navarre, father of Alan Navarre of Barryton; James Navarre; May Lansing; Earl Graff; Frank Lyons.

The church officers have been given a few priceless gifts: A horse collar from Dr. Rondot's stable, and a whiffle-tree; a painting by Vic Doyle, showing the church and Dr. Rondot's office.

Incidentally, there were a number of just plain visitors at the church Saturday, some from quite far away.

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OUR SPECIAL THANKS--To Mick Abbott for loan of his truck, Chester Vore for the beautiful job on interior finishing, Allen Lumber Company for the good supplies; Dick Sexton, Ernie Pitts, who built the septic system; also Dan Leiter, for electric work; and many other local people who worked for various companies.

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