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Editor's Column

By Connie

HERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF SHERMAN CITY HISTORY

So we received a most interesting letter from Nina Carrick, whose mother was "one of the Boyer girls" back in the pre-1920 days.

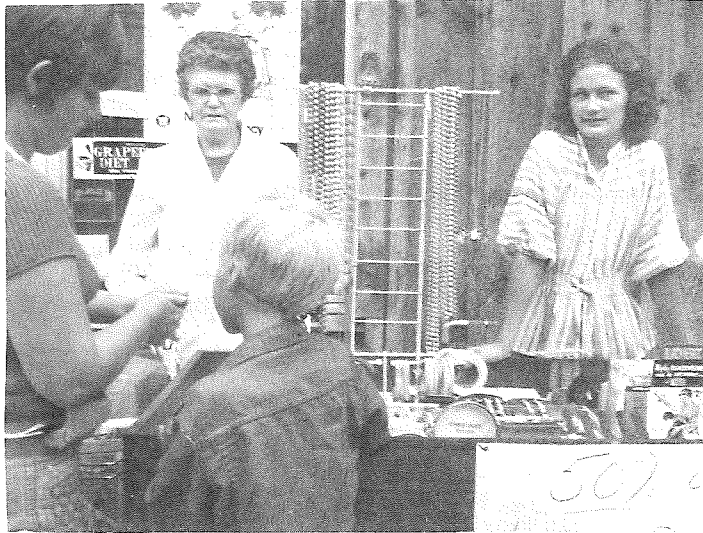
Nina says:

"I found an obituary of my great-grandfather, and he came to Sherman City in 1873.

"There were four settlers, no school, and no roads. They settled a quarter of a mile south of Sherman City.

"The house is now gone, but I think I could show you the location.

"He preached for church when
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AT WEIDMAN'S FIRST SIDEWALK SALE--Last Saturday. Fiorillo's Pharmacy had right smart displays out front, as did most of the other merchants.

SPECIAL--Evelyn Hackney will have her famous bean pot out at the pot-luck dinner at the Sherman City Church work bee this Saturday, Aug. 6., for the noon community dinner. The work bees start this Friday, with a pot-luck dinner at noon, and continue on through Saturday, when the vintage shingle mill from Hastings will cut shingles for the church roof and volunteers will slap them on the church. Everyone is invited to take part in the work bee--and the pot-luck dinners, both days.

The Stanley home on Bridge Street has been sold, and the Oddfellows Hall, which has been up for sale for some time, also is reported sold.



WESTERN AUTO HAD A BIG DISPLAY--In front of their store. Business appeared brisk all day.



BUD'S STORE WAS AMONG THE POPULAR DISPLAYS--As people looked over everything from garden hats to lamps and portable television sets. Messenger photos

A LITTLE BIT OF WEIDMAN HISTORY

Paul Bywater of Pompeii, an old-time Weidman resident, was in the Messenger office Saturday, and he told us about Sadie (Johnson) Bywater, who has been in a rest home and in and out of hospitals with a broken hip and leg the past year or so. Sadie is 83, and she used to be

a Weidman visitor at celebration time, or at times of the Johnson family get-togethers. She is one of the Wilbur Johnson family who were early Weidman settlers, making their home on a 40-acre plot on Johnson Road just north of the Harry Herman home. The Johnson ancestors were also Sherman City settlers. Others of the family included

Will, Charlie, Clifton (Tip), Ted, Mabel, and Ida.

NEWS NOTES

Telephone service between here and Mt. Pleasant and long distance service generally were cut off from about 10 a. m. to about 3 p. m. last Thursday when

a cable was accidentally cut by company workmen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay McCombs of Niles spent Saturday afternoon and over night with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith. They returned home Sunday, after visiting their son, Mike, and family, in Minnesota.

Editor's Column

By Connie
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no minister was available. He died Nov. 3, 1916, at the home of my grandmother, Jennie Boyer.

"I have been doing some research on my 'roots', and am really enjoying it. I have been following the accounts of the restoration of the church in Sherman City, and thought it was an interesting note that Great-Grandfather was involved.

"I also discovered that David and Elmer Hayes (my great-grandfather and great-grandmother) spent their last years with the Boyer family in Weidman, and were among the first members of the Weidman Methodist Church.

"Guess maybe I belong to one of the old families in Weidman. It's a great feeling. I'm proud

of our town.

"As ever,
"Mrs. Dan (Nina) Carrick."

In a telephone conversation, Nina (Flower) Carrick said she couldn't be certain if her great-grandfather preached in the Sherman City church, or in homes, as the early settlers did hold church services in their homes before the churches were built.

Any way you look at it, local history sure is fascinating.

In other columns, we have more on the early history of Sherman City, taken from our newspaper files of 1967 and 1968, when Ethel Bywater and Mary Otterbein of Mt. Pleasant brought in pictures and some rather sketchy information on the early days there.

In any case, Sherman City was a thriving, bustling village during the heyday of cutting timber around this area.

When the timber was all cut, the sawmills and other mills

went on to further cuttings and businesses, and the town of Sherman City died rather quickly.

Its life-span was something over 10 years--a short time for a busy town busting its seams, to die and disappear. But it did.

Dr. Rondot remained there for years after the town was gone, rounding out a career of mercy doctoring that took him to cabins and homes in winter and summer, day and night.

One of Sherman City's finest legacies is the memory of Dr. Rondot and his faithful service to early settlers from the west edge of Sherman City to the middle of Nottawa Township.

Now the old church is being restored to its original appearance, with real cedar shingles to be applied this Friday and Saturday,

and, hopefully, siding approximating the old wood going on soon.

New windows will have to be installed also, and several people have donated stained-glass upper parts in memory of family or friends.

It's a good undertaking, for the history of Sherman City should not be lost, nor should its last landmark disappear.

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Mrs. Bessie Teall spent Saturday night at her home on First Street. She returned to the Medical Care Facility, hoping to be home here in a short time.

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox spent last Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ockert at Farwell. Mr. and Mrs. Verne Fuller were also guests of the Ockerts.

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 July 14tf

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 May 17tf

WANTED--Jobs cleaning and hauling anything. Have truck. Ph 644-3025 or 772-1475.
 July 28t4

HUGE GARAGE SALE--Aug. 4 and 5, 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Antiques, ice box, leather platform rocker, high-back mahogany bed, picture frames, many miscellaneous items. One mile east of Weidman, corner Weidman and Littlefield Road. Sponsored by Central Michigan Right to Life.
 Aug. 4t1

HELP WANTED--Waitress, age 25 or older. Ph. 644-2064.
 Aug. 4t2

Obituary

KENNETH E. LYNCH
 Kenneth E. Lynch of Watseka, Ill., formerly of the Mt. Pleasant and Weidman area, died last Tuesday after a long illness.

He was born in Nottawa Township, the son of Ralph and Olive Lynch.

He was a cousin of Rev. Athel Lynch, who lived with the family when they were small children.

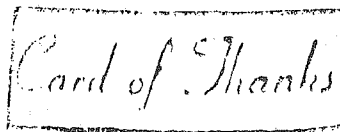
He served in the military from 1941 to 1945.

He is survived by his wife, Henrietta; a daughter, Mrs. Alan (Cheryl) Belohlavek; two sons, Davis and Keith, at home; two sisters, Mrs. Homer (Myrtle) Moses, Mrs. Orval (Thelma Pyrett) Reed; two brothers, Lloyd of Mt. Pleasant and Roy of Midland; several nieces and nephews; an aunt, Nettie Baker.

Funeral services were held Saturday, in Illinois. Mr. Lynch was 59 years old.

His relatives have the sympathy of all.

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We want to thank each and every one of you who flocked in to Weidman last Saturday to take advantage of our first Sidewalk Sale on the downtown business street.

Thanks to all you good people, and to those who put up extra stands for extra items outside the regular business area.

It was a great success, and we are most pleased.

Weidman Business Men

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., visited the Harold Secords at Holt and Percy Secord at Lansing, last Tuesday. They visited Floyd Dutcher at Grand Rapids, and spent over night with Mr. and Mrs. Les Rhodes, Thursday. Saturday they were in Odin, looking up an old school friend, Glenn Place. They spent the night in Mesick. Sunday they visited Mr. and Mrs. Les Rhodes at their place near Iron.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher of Drew Road met Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher of Seattle, Washington, in Grand Rapids, Sunday, and they spent the day with Floyd.

Kaye, Dawn and Patti Dutcher

all spent Sunday over night with us.

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ST. BERNARD DOG--Want to get good home for it. It is a stray or a stolen dog. Please call the Paul Coles, tel. 644-2088. Dog is mainly white, a male. Nice dog, beautiful. Contact us on West Coleman Road.

Aug. 4tf

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur and son, Rick, spent from Friday till Sunday in Pontiac with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spence, and family. They brought the two older children, Troy and Tracy, back home with them for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Downing of Marion were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Claribel Beutler. Evening callers were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fordyce and Mrs. Neva Rawson of Marion.

Mrs. Mona Wood and children of St. Johns spent Thursday and Friday with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts. Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Cheryl) Barbour of Grand Ledge were Saturday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher in Breckenridge Sunday.

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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Your reporter flunked on getting news this week, as she was all tied up with tragedies, company, and the like.

I received word of the death of a very close friend of ours, in Lansing, Friday evening, and Otto and I went down there, returning the same day.

Sunday we were scheduled to entertain the director of the Daily Vacation Bible School at the Weidman Baptist Church.

Monday we began working in daily vacation Bible School, to continue all this week.

See you next week!

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Editor's Mail

Weidman Messenger
 Dear Connie--

I am enclosing money to renew my paper. I don't drive, and have no way to come to the office. I am eighty years old.

Thanking you,

Sincerely

Mrs. Henry Simmer
 Weidman Route

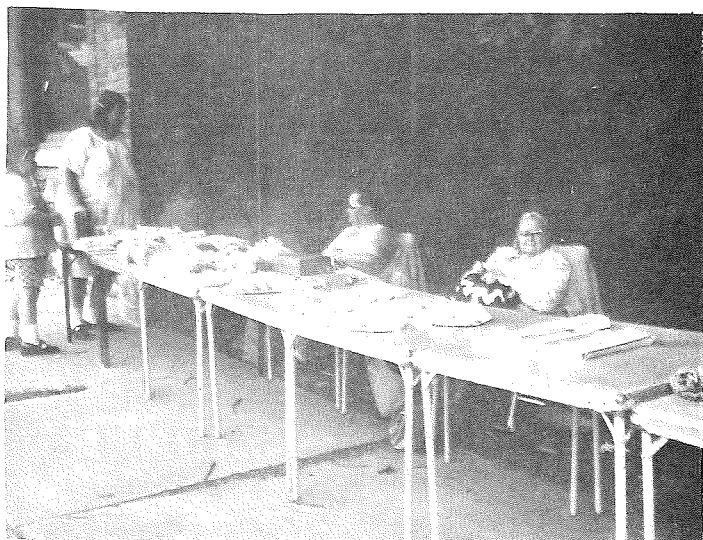
(Ed's Note: WE thank YOU, Mrs. Simmer. Glad you enjoy the paper.)



THERE WERE EVEN FREE KITTENS OFFERED--Male cats, too, cared for by a couple of concerned youngsters. (We do hope they all found homes!)



ANOTHER VIEW OF THE SIDEWALK SALE SATURDAY-- This one is straight down the street, showing mainly the displays from Fiorillo's Pharmacy. Messenger photos



A VERY POPULAR EXTRA DISPLAY--Was the bake-sale spread put on by ladies of the Broomfield Grange. Their bake sales always are sellouts, and Saturday was no exception. Messenger photos

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Callers at the Pete Wood home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Olger, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Radey, Jack Lynch, Duane Pelletier and son, Greg, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carr of Lansing were Sunday callers at the Sterling Oplinger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson were Saturday evening dinner guests of the Larry Smith family in Grand Rapids. Sunday Mrs. Jim Thompson called on the Stanley Ergo family at Royal Oak.

Mrs. Dorothea Straus, Mrs. Esther Bower called on Hattie Lacey and me Tuesday. Other call-

ers last week at the Losey home were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew. Theron and Ardis Merrihew took Hattie to Lansing to see the doctor Wednesday.

Sunday dinner guests, to celebrate Charlie's 84th birthday, were Theron and Ardis Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey, Mrs. Susie Chapman and Chad and Jason. Callers during the day were Beth Losey and a friend, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on me one day last week. Mrs. Pete Wood called on me this week Monday.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schmidt and daughter of Detroit spent the weekend with the Charles Schmidt family.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block attended the funeral of Effie Gray in Manton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Schafer were married in Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant Friday evening, with a reception at Black Creek Conservation Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lane of Gary, Ind., called on Tillie Schafer Saturday afternoon.

Beal City Schools, both the public school and St. Joseph's Parochial, will open very soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Reed of DeWitt attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schafer of Shepherd and Orie Farner spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Tillie Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred visited Matie Pung and Matt Kornexl at the Medical Facility in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Sister Cecelia and Sister Doris (Faber) of Grand Rapids spent a few days this week with their sister, Mrs. Charles Schmidt, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp spent Saturday evening with Tillie Schafer.

Bernita Smith and Leona Martin of Fowler visited Bernie Smith at the hospital last Thursday. They spent the evening with the Virgil Smiths, and enjoyed a nice dinner there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Rau are building a new house near Two Rivers.

Sister Grace Ellen and Sister Theodine visited Bill Martin Sunday.

The Wayne Schafers' club had a hay ride Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson have started work on their new house on La Pearl Road.

Lori Block of Minnesota is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Block.

Kitty Gross called on Dora Smith Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau entertained Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Rau, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steffke Sunday at dinner.

John Teeples spent Wednesday night with Brian Gould.

Mrs. Rosemarie Funnell called at the Louis Rau home Thursday.

Fred Gould helped Fred Zeien work on his pole barn Saturday.

Jane Smith visited Delores Gould and Anne Smith Thursday. Jane has been attending summer

school sessions and living at Coldwater Lake.

Dick Larry returned home Friday, after taking a truck-driving class for four weeks in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen returned home Saturday after spending a week at Houghton Lake.

Jerry Smith and fiancée visited Mrs. Walter Rau and Anne Smith Saturday.

Sister John Ann, the new principal at St. Joseph's School, came to Beal City the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Van Camp and family at St. Johns Sunday afternoon.

Maggie Stewart and Mike Olson were married Saturday evening. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau attended the wake for Effie Gray in Manton Friday evening.

Mrs. Kitty Gross visited Mrs. Veronica Keiffer one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. George Keiffer were Wednesday evening callers.

Mrs. Veronica Keiffer and Lu-

ella Snider made a trip to Big Rapids one day last week.

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WEIDMAN EXCHANGE GETS NEW TELEPHONE CIRCUITS

Work has been completed on two construction projects for General Telephone Co.'s Weidman exchange, Bill Buschle, division manager, announced last week.

Additional circuits have been installed for calling between here and Mt. Pleasant. Due to the steadily growing volume of calls, 12 additional circuits had to be added, at a cost of \$23,779, according to the company.

The placing of 24 miles of buried cable cost \$155,000, the company said this week.

The work was necessary because of increased growth in the Weidman exchange, primarily around lake developments, and increased demand for private lines.

The Weidman exchange encompasses an area of nearly 100 square miles, and serves a total of about 1800 telephones.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Laura Roberts spent Friday with her sister, Loma Speice, at Carson City, and they called on her sister, Dorothy, who has been very ill for some time. She reported her as being much improved at this time.

Virginia Ackley is working at The Ardis Rest Home at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Alston Carson of Taylor and their mother, Hazel Carson, called on me Saturday evening. She remained for a visit with relatives.

Helen Strang and girls were in Saginaw Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright attended the Wright reunion at South Haven Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Klock as host and hostess.

Sorry to hear of the fire at the former Clyde Sloan farm Friday evening, burning the barn.

Merry Go Round Club will meet with Maggie Boger Aug. 11. All members are urged to attend.



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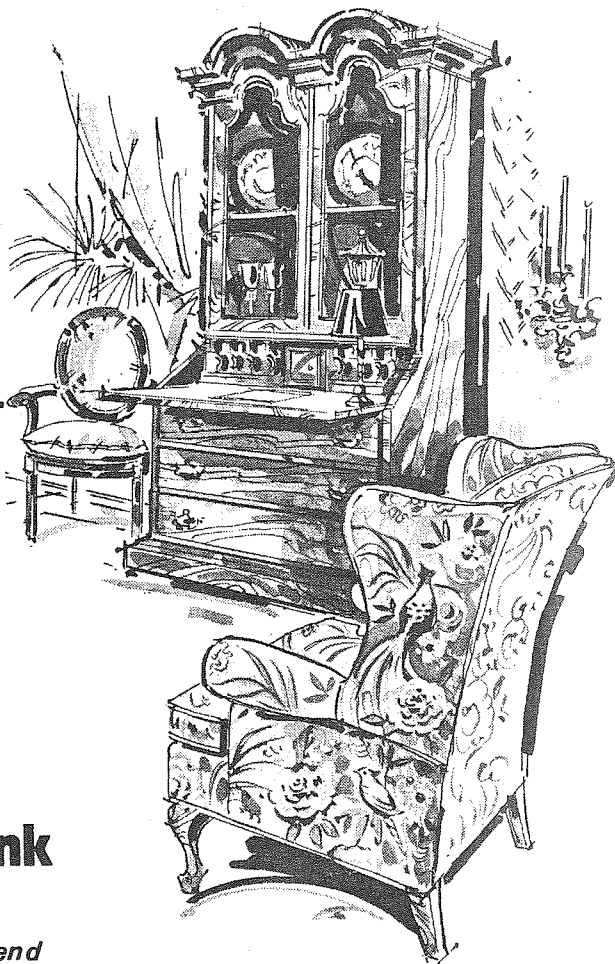
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YOU DON'T SEE THESE OFTEN ANY MORE--This ancient outhouse, or "privy," as we knew them, stands just over the lot line at the Sherman City Union Church. Area folks said it had been moved farther away from the church ages ago, the movers not realizing they were putting it beyond the church property. In any case, it's a rare relic. Messenger photo

LOGS OUT FOR SHINGLES; SAWMILLS CONTRIBUTE BIG

Saturday saw the last of the cedar trees cut on a dozen or so Sherman Township farms, and the last load was scheduled for Weber Bros. Sawmill at Beal City Monday morning.

Both Weber's and Maeder's Mills did shaping and cutting for free, for the sake of those dedicated people in Sherman Township who are restoring the ancient Sherman City Union Church building.

The sawmills contributed the most of any "outside" element in the entire endeavor; Spike Branson was out there as Fire Chief, of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department, one of the three local organizations benefiting from the annual pig roast on Elwood and Iola Miller's love-

ly farm each February.

But the sawmills offered their services voluntarily, and are to be commended for their generosity.

Weber's Sawmill has facilities for shaping the logs into precise sizes for the shingle mill, and cutting them into about 16-inch lengths, ready to go into shingles.

Log-hauling was scheduled to the Maeder Bros. Mill Saturday, with the rest scheduled to be trucked to Weber's Monday a.m. Hauling was done in light trucks --there were no offers of heavy trucks to aid the restoration endeavor.

Sherman Township men have been working the past two weeks, quite steadily, including Sundays, to get the logs out, trimmed, and hauled to the mills in time for the big shingle-making event this Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5 and 6, when an ancient shingle mill will be at the Sherman City Church, powered by Art Schrock's antique threshing-machine engine, a sight and an event for all to take in.

Doyle Voss got his logs out all by himself; he also picked up Jake Conley's. Milton Myers of Sherman City proved to be a real log-getter-outer.

Sherman Township men and women worked Friday and Saturday on the old church building, getting off nearly three sides of the old wooden siding on the

church and nearly a half of the old shingle off from the roof.

New siding has been ordered, and it's expected that extra hands will help put the newly-cut shingles on the roof and slap the siding on the walls Friday and Saturday.

All this work was done and is being done by neighbors around the west side of Sherman Township, with the exception of the big contribution by the two sawmills in Nottawa Township. Milton Myers, who has worked all his life in the woods, helped all week, as did others from the township.

Logs from Maeder's Mill will go directly to a small shingle mill in Chippewa Lake village, to provide shingles to start with Friday morning if the rest are not finished--just a precaution.

Timbers under the church have been checked carefully, and generally were found intact. One small place required replacement of floor timbers.

A lot of debris was discovered under the church as workmen got under there to check timbers: an old fruit jar dated 1858 with a green Mason top lid on the quart container; and many other mementos, including signs discovered on the outside walls of the building as the old siding came off; one including an advertisement for patent medicine "to cure consumption".

Sherman City was platted for 244 lots by Johnson and Ellis;

doing the north half and Calhoun doing the south half.

Efforts were made during the town's heyday to get a railroad through there, as the crow flies from Barryton. Instead, the rail line was a spur track from Remus to Weidman. Barryton shippers had to send their stuff to Remus, have it changed to other cars and head south for Durand, the railroad center of the state at that time; or for other points.

So don't forget this Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5 and 6, out at Sherman City. You can see an old-time shingle mill making real cedar shingles fresh out of the woods; and powered by Art Schrock's priceless steam engine.

There's a pot-luck dinner both days. Ladies are asked to bring a dish to pass--but tableware will be furnished, according to word this week.

Meat and bread also will be furnished; so, gals, cook or bake up something and take the family for an outing and picnic dinner at Sherman City Friday and/or Saturday.

Extra people wanting something to do can pitch in and help slap the shingles on the roof, and help complete the siding job.

You don't have to work--just work if you want to give a little help.

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Mrs. Nina Forbes spent Sunday afternoon with her sister, Mrs. Marge Mullett.

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The center is designed to prepare persons for employment in the field of automotive and recreational vehicle service. It is well equipped with all newest equipment available and staffed by competent instructors.

Automotive classes offered are as follows:

Basic Auto Electricity; Automotive Engines; Brakes and Suspension; Automotive Accessories; Auto Fuel and Electrical Systems; Automotive Transmissions; Engine Diagnosis and Tuneup; and General Auto Maintenance.

Recreational Vehicle classes offered are Small Engine Fundamentals and Motorcycle Service.

Several classes will be held during the day, some in the evening.

Information may be obtained by calling the college at 517-386-7792, ext. 240.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy and Troy Alwood were Saturday supper guests at the Clyde Emmons home in Barryton. Their grandson, Eddie, returned with them to stay over night and attend Sunday School and church with the Alwoods at the Weidman Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood visited Mrs. Edith De Vaney at Coldwater Lake Sunday afternoon.

Bill Alwood and Troy of Saginaw spent several days with his parents, the Don Alwoods. Bill took his son, Troy, to Cedar Point, Ohio, for a day and night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Smith and sons of Au Gres called at the Don Alwood home over the weekend.

Mrs. Elvah Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood and Troy Alwood attended a home products party at the home of Mrs. Zena Olger Friday evening.

Becky Sowle spent Monday with me. She did our washing while I got news. Tuesday a friend, Hazel Densmore, and son, Howard, were my callers. We enjoyed a picnic lunch in Farwell Park. I was at Bessie Allen's, where they picked me up, then we came back to my son's, Dick Gott's. Howard took pictures of his tame deer, and visited with Dick. My daughter, Bessie Allen, brought me home.

Saturday, Carl Gott and family stopped in on their way to visit friends north of Clare. They

spent the night there, and came here for dinner Sunday. They left their son, Rodney Gott, with me for the week, to attend Bible School at the Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Silvermail of Grand Rapids visited Laura Latham last Wednesday. Mrs. Jeanette Hard and son, Wally, spent the weekend with her.

Laura Latham and Jeanette Hard and son, Wally, called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger Monday. Jeanette and son returned home Monday.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Velma Cole returned home from the Medical Care Facility last Thursday, feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk called on the Coles Thursday.

We are very sorry to hear Joe Wood is ill, in the Alma Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and girls, Melissa and Ronnie, were also dinner guests of the Kripas.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Ruth Border, called on the Paul Coles Wednesday.

The Paul Coles called on the Bess Pfannes Saturday, and got a bushel of nice sweet corn.

Pearl Geasler visited her doctor in Clare Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and girls returned from a two weeks' tour last Tuesday.

The new owners of the old Douglas place are busy getting ready to move in soon.

Mrs. Helen Allbee spent Sunday with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee.

Miss Collette Shaner spent Sunday night and Monday with her grandmother, Helen Allbee.

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NEWS NOTES

Robert Showalter of Tennessee and Mrs. John Showalter of Mt. Pleasant joined the McArthur family at dinner at the Mitchell McArthur home Monday evening.

Buz and Joyce Smith of New Jersey spent last week with her parents, the Wm. Louisells. All

their children were home for the weekend. Lou Ann and family were guests of the Louisells, and Lou Ann attended her school reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Davis of Lansing were Saturday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague.

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LOUIE MINDEL'S STORE IN SHERMAN CITY--"Built quite some time before 1900," according to Mary Otterbein of Mt. Pleasant, who sent us the old picture and some information in 1967 and 1968, along with Ethel Bywater of Weidman, who was deeply interested in preserving some of the history of the old town that disappeared.

The store building was put up by Gilbert Johnson, big-time lumberman who timbered off the areas around Sherman City, built sawmills and saw the village become a bustling, growing town.

Then the timber was all cut-- pffft!--like that; and Gilbert Johnson moved on, the mills closed and were torn down, the stores and other businesses folded one by one and finally there was no town there at all.

The above building originally was a two-story affair, but the second story was destroyed in the cyclone (tornado) of Sept. 18, 1878, and the building was made into a one-story store.

In "The History of Sherman Township" by Fred Kent, who had a store at Horr far back in the old days also, he says, of the development of Sherman City:

In the fall of 1869 E.K. Woods, Giles Gilbert and Amos Johnson built a log store on the Sherman side of the town line, at Sherman City (named after the Civil War General Sherman).

Later, Mr. Johnson became sole owner, and built a two-story building on the present site of L. C. Mindels' store, which was blown to pieces by the cyclone which also carried away the school house and other buildings, doing \$10,000 worth of damage. (A great sum in that day.)

Johnson went on to buy timber from area settlers, and he built a sawmill and one or two other logging mills; Bert Estes' grandfather built and ran a gristmill and also a sawmill on the east bank of the Chippewa River,

which ran through the settlement.

The town boasted, among other businesses and professions, a post office, hardware store, implement store, two sawmills, creamery or cheese factory, the grist mill, three hotels or boarding houses, a blacksmith shop, a meat market, grocery store, doctor's office and home, a Masonic Hall, and other buildings.

In 1901, when Ethel Bywater's parents, the William Hatchers, located in Sherman City, the town already was disintegrating as timber harvests tapered off and finally were no more in that area.

In 1901 there were only two stores left, and a doctor's office. The Masonic Hall was abandoned.

The Oddfellows Hall also was abandoned, and the second story was cut off to make it a one-story church building, the land deeded the church officers "and their successors" after the turn of the century.

Today Sherman City is a place of pleasant rolling farm lands and a handful of old homes kept up and lived in today.

It's a pleasant place, but there is no sign of the busy, thriving village that lived about a decade or perhaps a little more, back in the timbering days.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Flower attended a presentation of "The Diary of Ann Frank" at the University at Mt. Pleasant last Thursday. Their nephew had the role of Peter Van Daan, a Jewish boy in the grouping of Jews attempting to escape the Nazis before World War II.

Robert Showalter and family of Martinsville, Va., spent a few days this week with his sisters, Mrs. David Flower and family and Mrs. Jean McArthur and family, while staying with his mother, Mrs. John Showalter, in Mt. Pleasant.

CLASS OF '52, WEIDMAN HIGH SCHOOL, HOLDS REUNION

The Class of 1952 graduating from the Weidman High School met a week ago Saturday evening at the home of Ken and Bonnie Schafer on Whiteville Road in Mt. Pleasant, for a pot-luck dinner at 7 p.m.

Present, besides the hostess, Bonnie Grace Schafer, were Betty Wurtz Schafer, Peggy Graham Jackson, Lois Cook Graham, Anna Esch Momany, and their husbands; Milford Lueder, LaVerne Boge and Stuart Denslow and their wives.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick, who accompanied the old graduating class on their trip to Washington, D. C., in 1952.

The evening was spent in catching up and comparing notes with one another.

Everyone was reluctant to leave and the group has planned another get-together in five years.

Letters from those unable to attend were read.

The group says Many Thanks to Ken and Bonnie for a wonderful evening.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bahr of Mt. Pleasant were Thursday luncheon and evening guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith visited their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Gould, in Evert Sunday.

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