

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### SO WE FOUND OUT WHAT KIND OF "BEES" BIT US

Peggy Cain called the Messenger Thursday last week and said, "I've just been reading your paper, and I couldn't resist calling and telling you about my own experience, and that of my sister."

Seems they were on a farm near Laingsburg, and the two were picking dewberries, which grow close to the ground, near a wooded area and far from the ordinary places where people go.

"I saw some extra-nice berries," Peggy said, "and reached down my hand to get them, and some bees or something flew up. But the berries were so beautiful, I thought I just had to have them, so I reached again --and we had a swarm of bald-faced hornets after us."

She said the bald-faced hornets are smaller than yellow-jacket bees, but much more aggressive.

They like secluded places, where people don't appear. And if they're disturbed--watch out!

Peggy said the two girls ran for their car--she didn't say if they saved their berries--"And if the car windows hadn't been closed, I think we'd have been killed. Those bees, or hornets, just kept right after us, and stung and stung.

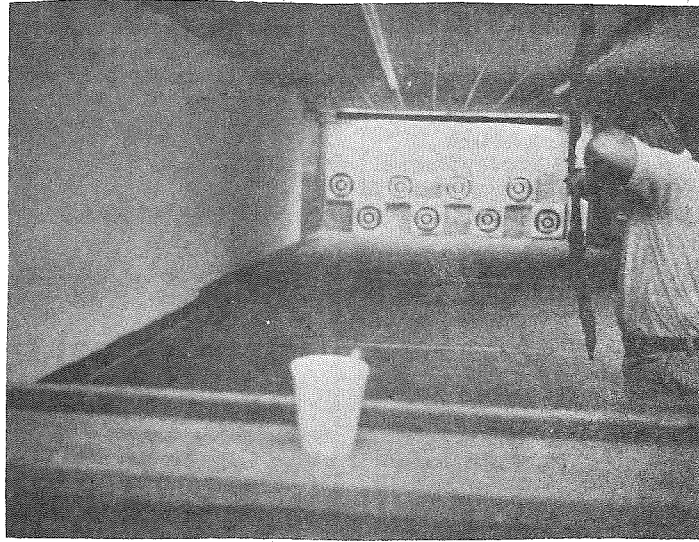
"But we got in the car, shut the doors, and finally got out of there.

"Bald-faced hornets will pursue an intruder," she continued, and really go after one--in a swarm.

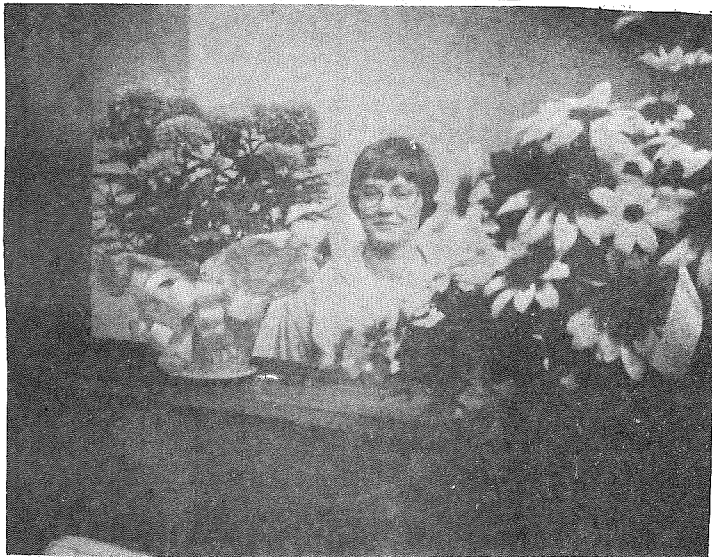
"And that itching you spoke about in your column--that's the sting of the bald-faced hornet, for sure. There's nothing like it in this world!"

Thanks, Peggy. Now we know we've got bald-faced hornets on the island in Lake of the Hills.

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**THE WEIDMAN ARCHERY RANGE--Held Open House Saturday and Sunday, with many, many people dropping in to wish them well and congratulate them on their beautiful layout, in the building formerly occupied by the Weidman Rexall Pharmacy. The entire length of the building constitutes the range, as shown in the above photo.**



**CAROL SCHAFFER LOOKS OUT AMONG THE FLOWERS--**

Fellow business people and the WBA sent for the opening occasion Saturday, when the archery range made its first public appearance. Remodeling of the interior was accomplished by the whole Schafer family, including the kids, and the result is a gratifyingly beautifully laid out sports area and equipment shop, with hot sandwiches and coffee available at all times, on the spot. Messenger photos

### BRINTON CLUB'S QUILT ON DISPLAY AT PIN CUSHION

A recently-completed hand-made quilt donated by the Brinton Quilting Club ladies is on display at the Pin Cushion store in Weidman this week.

The quilt will be featured at the old-time Saturday night dance at the Brinton Hall Sept. 24, with all proceeds going to the Sherman City Union Church.

Further information may be had by calling at the Pin Cushion in Weidman.

The dance will feature The Polkalodians from the Redwood Lounge near Montrose, a recording band with very high ratings. Everything from polkas to square dances to waltzes and the modern things will be part of the evening's enjoyment.

Refreshments come with the purchase of a ticket. Tickets may be purchased at Bud's Store and Fiorillo's Pharmacy in Weidman, and from Ruth Gilbert at the Barryton Bank.

For more information, call Eldon Bellows, tel. 588-9554, or Gerald Dent, tel. 644-3850.

All proceeds from the dance will go toward the restoration of the Sherman City Union Church.

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### TWO RECEIVE GENERAL CLASS RADIO LICENSES

Two men from Weidman, Bob Reynolds and Frank Benn, went to Detroit last week and passed the tests for General Class Amateur Radio Operators' licenses.

The General Class license is a standard license for ham operators, allowing them to use 1,000 watts of power to talk to people all over the world.

Both local men have ham operator antennas at their homes. The antennas are just a small amount of wire strung out.

Both men will teach amateur radio classes this fall at the Barryton Building of the Chippewa Hills Schools under adult education schedules.

Normally, amateur radio operators sign off with call letters. Bob Reynolds is WB8TPG, Frank Benn's is ED8LUV.

### Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Randy Thompson and a friend were Tuesday overnight guests at the Jim Thompson home.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended UMW at the home of Mrs. Ruth Hudson Wednesday.

Mrs. Alma Byron was a weekend guest at the Joe Martin home. Gary Moore was a Sunday dinner guest. Mr. and Mrs. Martin served a birthday dinner Saturday, honoring their grandson, Greg, Jr., on his first birthday. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wally Jones, his other grandparents, and Terry Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Martin spent the weekend in Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson were Sunday dinner guests at the Benn Johnson home.

Mrs. Denise Rau and Mrs. Sandy Oplinger were hostesses at a bridal shower honoring Miss Debbie Slider, Sunday, at Mrs. Rau's home. Mrs. Bobbie Oplinger also attended the shower.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger and Mrs. Bobbie Oplinger went to Allentown, Pa., Sunday morning, to attend the funeral of Mr. Oplinger's sister. They returned home Wednesday.

Earl Oplinger spent from Friday till Monday in Upper Michigan, bear hunting.

Mrs. Opal Denslow, Mrs. Margaret Denslow and Mrs. Alma Dosenberry attended the quilting party at the Brinton Hall for the benefit of the Sherman City Union Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Sunday supper guests of the Glenwood Holmes family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jude Simons were Friday supper guests of the Elwood Millers. Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon were Saturday supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Vogel were Sunday callers at the Charles Fahnstock home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Darnell were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow.

Jerry Denslow is a patient in the Mt. Pleasant hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday callers of Mrs. Treva Cummins and Bill.

Sunday callers at the Charlie Losey home were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Gerald Losey, and Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Harold and Lois and Nettie also called on me. Clayton Dutcher called at the Losey home this Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam and Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins were Sunday callers of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence

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Linda Anderson and Beulah Scott of Mt. Pleasant and Florida entertained the Birthday Club Monday evening, at Linda's home. Beulah entertained at her home in Mt. Pleasant at the last meeting.

### Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower are grandparents again, with the birth of a daughter, Jill Erin, to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leiter, the Flowers' son-in-law and daughter, of St. Louis, Aug. 26, at the hospital at Mt. Pleasant. The little Miss has a big sister, Stacy Sue, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson, Mrs. Marge Mull and Mrs. Nina Forbes spent Sunday with their sister, Bertha Summers, at Grand Ledge. From there they went to Ann Arbor, where they visited Jack Powers of Shepherd at the hospital. He is Marilyn Wilson's husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cole of near Remus were Saturday supper guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

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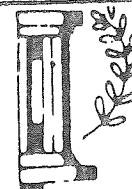
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Sept. 15t1

CHICKEN DINNER--Every Sunday, 2 to 6 p.m., \$2.50 per person. Good old-fashioned music with piano, vocal, guitar, banjo. Non-members welcome. VFW Hall, E. Pickard Rd., Mt. Pleasant.  
Sept. 15t2

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### Obituary

**BERNARD SMITH**  
Bernard Smith of Beal City died at his home Wednesday, Sept. 7. He was 73.

He was born June 20, in Nottawa Township, where he spent his life.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; three sons, Ray of Bad Axe, Steve of Dallas, Texas, and Earl of Weidman; three daughters, Margaret Huffman of St. Clair, Mary Colter of Texas, and Kay Smith, at home.

Also surviving are a brother, Virgil Smith, of Weidman, and a sister, Vera Kavanaugh, of Nottawa; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 10, at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church at Beal City, with Father Harry Hart officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Beal City.

Rosary services were held at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus Friday at 8 p.m. Memorial offerings may be made to the Cancer Society.

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Tim McArthur of Pontiac spent the weekend at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine of Midland were weekend guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Philips. Robert painted the trim on the Phillips' garage and house while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith spent Sunday afternoon at Tubbs Lake, seeing old friends off for home, for another year.

### In Memoriam

**DENSLOW:** In loving memory of our dear wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister, Ruth Gunckel Denslow, who passed away one year ago on September 29, 1976:

So many things have happened,  
Since you were called away,  
So many things to discuss with you  
Had you been left to stay.  
If the world were ours to give,  
We would give it all and more  
To hear your footsteps and see you  
Come smiling through the door.  
We cannot bring the old days back,  
Your hand we cannot touch,  
But we shall never lose sweet memories  
Of the one we loved so much.  
Sadly Missed by Her Family.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank each and every one for the kindness extended to our family in our recent loss of our father and grandfather.

A special thanks to Fr. Neubecker, Fr. Hart, and Mr. James Campbell for leading us in prayer at the funeral home; also to Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil for leading the songs in the church.

We extend a special appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for the Masses and contributions to the Cancer Research Fund; for the beautiful flowers, and the delicious food.

A special thanks for the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted Mrs. Mae Fussman in the preparation and serving of the delicious dinner.

Our sorrow has been lessened by your expressions of thoughtfulness and kindness in remembering Bernard.

The Family of  
Bernard Smith

### Card of Thanks

Thank you all who joined us on Aug. 28th to make our 40th anniversary celebration a very special day in our lives.

The many lovely cards and letters we have received are especially appreciated.  
Ralph and Dorothea Bergquist



THE ARCHERY RANGE HAS A COMPLETE LINE--Of archery-related equipment, the bows and arrows, of course, plus innumerable other items extending even to hunting caps and gloves (as shown above). Messenger photo

## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kramer visited Mrs. Veronica Keiffer one day last week. Mrs. Keiffer made a trip to Hubbardston to see her new home she has purchased there. She called on Mrs. Carl Kramer of Pewamo.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sherlock and children of Traverse City spent the weekend at the Ed Schafer home at Coldwater Lake.

The Tony Schafer family held their reunion at Dream Lake, with 109 members present. Guests from Pinconning, Bay City and Traverse were also there, as well as many from here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Platte of Portland called on Tillie Schafer Saturday afternoon.

Father Neubecker had lunch with Louis Rau Wednesday afternoon.

Kim Pung and Heather Jones spent Tuesday night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung.

Beal City football team played the Merrill-Stanton team last week, with Beal City winning, 7-0.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Platte of Westphalia called on Mrs. Fred Gould and Dora Smith Saturday.

Denise Slater visited Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann Sunday.

Paul Smith and Julie were weekend guests of Irene Smith.

We welcome to our parish Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Garrett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Octavian Martinez and family, and Mr.

and Mrs. Earl Smalley and their family.

About 50 people had a working bee at the John Haupt farm Saturday. John had surgery on his knee recently.

The CCW put on a family breakfast Sunday.

Bernie Smith was buried Saturday from St. Joseph's Church. It was a very big funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell attended an ox roast festival in Lansing Sunday.

Theresa Smith spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen went to Detroit for the Voisin reunion Sunday.

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## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Laura Latham and Mabel Chaffee called on their sister, Millie Voss, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Riggs called on Zena Olger. Gladys Williams and two friends called on her one day last week. Her brother, Dewey Allbee, called.

Verna Seymour and granddaughters took Zena Olger to the fair last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Knorr called on Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman Sunday.

My granddaughters took me to see my son, Dick, and Mary Gott, and also Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peacock and Diana, at the Broomfield Trailer Park. Mary Gott called on me today.

Well, here I am, fairly settled in my nice house in Weidman. It's an "older house", but it's a

well-built one, and is very adequate and I think quite pretty inside. My back yard is quite spectacular, with the great weeping willow dominating all, and I've placed outdoor furniture (a little of it) there, and it's very very pleasant. Come and see me, all my old friends--and all my relatives.

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## The Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
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Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday School (classes for all ages), 11 a. m.  
Preaching Service, 11 a. m.  
(Jr. Church and Nursery.)  
Evening Service, 7 p. m.

Last Wednesday we had an appreciation service for our Sunday School teachers.

Theirs is an important part of the evangelistic and educational ministry of our church.

We want to say "Thanks".

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Richard Wadsworth, Pastor, ph. 644-3604.

Sunday School, 10 a. m.  
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.  
Youth Service, 6.15 p. m.  
Evening Worship, 7 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p. m.

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Bible School, 10.45 a. m.  
Evening Worship, 7 p. m.  
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Divine Worship, 10.45 a. m.  
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Corner of Brinton and Stevenson Lake Roads.

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Sunday School, 10 a. m.  
Church School, 11 a. m.  
Midweek Services Thursday, 7.30 p. m.

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# Old Days In Sherman City

The following is a reprint of an old issue of a Weidman paper. It was brought to our attention by Jessie Rosencrantz, to whose attention it was brought by Mrs. Ella Denslow. Needless to say, Mrs. Denslow's yellowed clipping is a prized possession.

BY FRED L. KENT

James Cotter was an early resident of Sherman City and drove tote teams for Amos Johnson, hauling goods from Stanton and later, from Farwell. He moved to Idaho where he died many years ago.

Postmasters at Sherman City were Amos Johnson, Gilbert Johnson, James H. Tinker, J. Monroe Kent and John Cameron. Eugene Walker of Coldwater carried mail on horseback from Millbrook.

Wesley Ellis carried mail from Farwell, Wilson Parmenter was mail carrier from Farwell, Chippewa, Station and Two Rivers; John Kent Sr., from Mt. Pleasant, Robert Aylesworth and John Ferguson from Two Rivers.

Before the G. & A. Railroad was built, two surveys were made to Sherman City. One survey was by way of Horr, and the people were called upon to contribute \$5,000, which was voted on at a meeting of the electors of Sherman in the store building now occupied by Emory Leiter in Drew. The amount called for was voted, but Rosebush and Clare got the railroad. Later, Gilbert Johnson and John Gilbert Johnson and John Cameron secured the

right of way for the F. and P. M. from Brinton to Sherman City, and the company then turned them down.

Dr. Barry soon after selected this place as the terminal of the Mecosta branch, but, disappointed in their former efforts to secure a road, they would offer no inducements, and the road was built to Barryton.

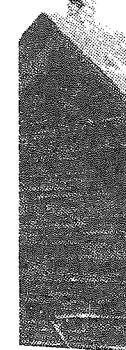
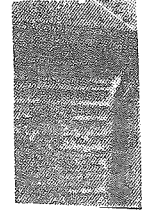
The present school house at Sherman City was built in 1879 by Charles Cole, contractor, and John Thompson Sr., assistant. The first school house in the township was at Sherman City, one-half mile south of the present site, then a frame building was erected and blown away by the cyclone of Sept. 19, 1878. It stood on the site of the present building.

Ministers of early days were Asa Swem, M. E., 1870; James W. Thompson, F. W. Baptist, 1877; Dr. Degroat, U. B., 1876; Charles W. Gardner, U. B., 1880; and James Morden, 1890.

Doctors who have practised in Sherman City were Degroat, 1876; Hughes, 1877; Sherlock, 1879; Taplin, 1884; Wenzell, 1889; Charles and Harry Soper, 1893; and Dr. Rondot, 1908.

The earliest and most widely known doctor in this section, who traveled the roads and trails of Fork, Sheridan, and Wheatland in Mecosta County, and Coldwater, Sherman and Broomfield in Isabella was Jeremiah McKane, who came from Berrien County, Mich., in the early 1870s. He was an old man when he came here, tall and spare; a raw-boned Irishman with a heart as big

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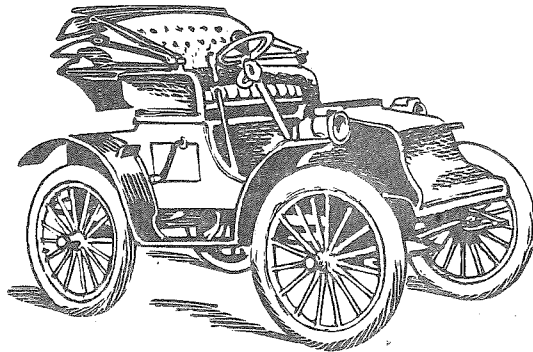
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HISTORY OF SHERMAN CITY

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as a meeting house, and features so homely that they made an impression which stuck as long as the memory of the remedies he employed in his profession.

He always rode horseback in the early days, that he might reach the cabins of settlers over trails or roads unpassable for a vehicle of any kind; and no matter how dark the night, his horse would carry him over roads considered unpassable for man or beast.

W. G. Denslow rode old Doc's little black mare once when he was a boy. Doc had sent him on some mission, we have forgotten what, but on the way they came to a crossway of floating logs. Willard said, "This is the end of the trail." But the mare had faced difficulties of that sort before, and, cautiously stepping on a log, she would sink it, reach for another, and in that way passed over a dangerous place.

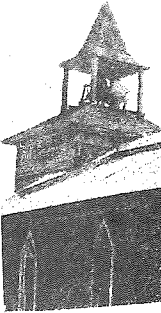
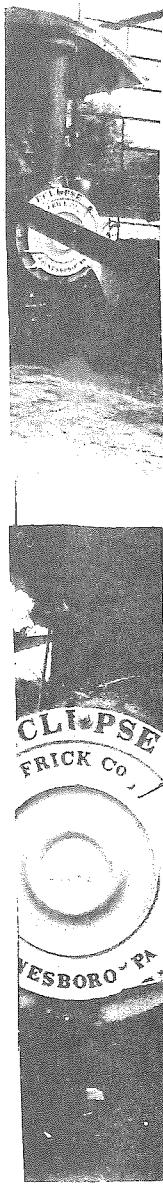
We never knew what became of the black mare, but old Doc later rode a bob-tailed Arabian. He also came into possession of "Old Jeff," a dog as big as a Tin Lizzie, only built on different lines, and homely! Long hair hung from his lean jaws—but he was like his master, a diamond in the rough. He would fight fleas or snooze by the fire while Doc was feeling the patient's pulse, examining the tongue, and dealing out doses of calomel, blue mass, mandrake root or lobelia, as the symptoms demanded. He probably killed as few of his patients as any doctor we ever had in these parts, but as a surgeon it is doubtful if he ever won any medals.

It was more than 40 years ago when the Chippewa River was full of floating, bumping pine logs from the mouth of the "Rat Tail" to the Tittabawassee, and river drivers thicker than no-see-ums in June, that old Doc found one of the river drivers with an ankle out of joint and badly swollen, and called on the writer to hold his leg while Doc performed the operation. I had no great affection for river drivers when a boy,

for many of them ridiculed the settlers, calling them Mossbacks. This fellow was a strahger, but he was a river driver, and I jumped for the chance, also for the leg.

Doc twisted the foot gently to determine if any bones were fractured. I suppose, and the riverman struggled and groaned. But Doc and I were having our innings, and the riverman had to take his medicine. Finally, with a jerk and a twist, the job was done. When the river driver regained consciousness, Doc got a dollar, I got ten dollars' worth of satisfaction, and the patient was lucky to get away with his life.

Dr. McKane died at the home of his son, Lewis, near Barryton, in 1897.



(Editor's Note: The above is a replica of a "Supplement" to the Weidman Messenger, pointing out that that was a reprint "from an old issue of the Weidman paper". It doesn't say if the "old issue" was Rolla Roe's original Weidman Messenger, but we presume it was, as Fred Kent wrote the Horr news and special historical pieces such as the one above, for Rolla Roe, back in the old, old days. References to "the present school house", and "It was more than 40 years ago," of course refer to the time when Fred Kent wrote the original pieces, and Rolla Roe (we presume) printed them.

Actually, the happenings related here were long, long ago.

We are indebted to Flora Wood of Mt. Pleasant for this quite priceless piece of history of Sherman City.

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Floyd Ferguson of St. Louis and Ted Nutt of Texas were last Wednesday afternoon callers of Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins. Garth and Judy Lawrence of Laingsburg were Sunday dinner guests. In the afternoon Mrs. Cummins and Mrs. Smith called on Nettie Lawrence.

BRUSH FIRE CALLS OUT DEPARTMENT

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was called to a brush fire on the river flats east of the Chester Vore residence Monday, when a trash fire "got away" and swept through dry weeds and brush.

No damage was done, and the Firemen stopped the blaze before it menaced mobile homes north of there, along the river.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell and daughter of Spring Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Louisell, Jr., and children of Grand Haven spent the weekend with their folks here, the Wm. Louisells.

Rose McKeever of Sterling, Mich., spent the weekend with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Edna Bowein. Vera Straus was a caller.

Marie Smith attended a reunion of her old school which she taught years ago, at the Union Township Building at Mt. Pleasant, Sunday. She enjoyed renewing acquaintances with old pupils and neighbors, and the bountiful pot-luck dinner. The Union Township Building is on the site of the old school Marie taught.

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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Diane and Laurel Beutler were in Harrison Saturday evening for a Job's Daughters installation.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler visited Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston of Rosebush Sunday evening. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Saunders Tuesday evening.

Joyce Yuncker entered CMC Hospital Friday afternoon for treatment of a blood clot.

Becky Dutcher spent Friday over night with Jeanne Denslow.

Ronna and Linda Dutcher attended a bridal shower for Debbie Slider at the home of Denise Rau, Sunday afternoon. Sandra Oplinger was co-hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher were fishing at Montague Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris and Jon of Mt. Pleasant were helping Jim on his new house Saturday. Julia and Gail Dutcher visited Betty Dutcher during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman of Coldwater Lake were dinner guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., one evening last week.

Frank Benn and Bob Reynolds of Weidman called on Steve Dutcher Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and family had supper with the Jim Beutlers of Rosebush Saturday.

Diane and Laurel Beutler were clowns for the muscular dystrophy show.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sander-son of St. Charles visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler Satur-day.

Ronna Dutcher called on the Richard Dutchers Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case were Sunday evening visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dutcher visited them Saturday evening.

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## LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

Minnie Carpenter entered CMC Hospital last Thursday, for surgery on her feet, to relieve the pain of an arthritic condition. A call from her Sunday indicated that she was doing nicely. She has been up and walking, with help. All her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Don't forget the big dance a week from this Saturday night, Sept. 24, at the Brinton Hall, benefit the Sherman City Union Church. Old-time dances, including waltzes, polkas, square dances, and also the modern ones. Tickets include the dance, refreshments, door prize. The Brinton Quilting Club's beautiful new quilt will be on display.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Crook and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe, were at Cedarville one day last week, where they visited relatives.

Violet Wright called on her sister, Mrs. Ken Tupper, Saturday at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky left Saturday for Drummond Island, where they are doing some fishing.

Connie Fletcher and Irene Bowen were in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Evelyn Slupe and family of Grand Rapids called on her parents, Pete and Violet Wright. They were en route home from her cabin at Kalkaska.

The Merry Go Round Club met with Helen Hudson at Midland last week Thursday, with 12 members attending. The October meeting will be on the 13th, with Frances Beck.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fields of Grand Rapids spent from Thursday till Saturday with his mother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Tony Bartley.

Bonnie Forbes attended funeral services Saturday for her uncle, Bernie Smith, at Beal City.

Roscoe Bellows and Ed and Bernice Bellows spent a couple

of days at Nashville, Tenn., this summer.

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Jean Vore has been placing can-isters in Weidman stores, for con-

tributions to the Jerry Lewis tele-thon for "his children" (nation-wide) suffering from muscular dystrophy.

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

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And we do hope that, next time we beach a boat over there we don't come across them.

They're like nothing you ever encountered before.

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### WEIDMAN NEEDED A PLACE LIKE SCHAFFERS ARCHERY

We have long felt that youngsters here have great advantages over many others: We have lakes and rivers within reach of our kids for summer swimming and winter skating, if they want to exert themselves.

But there has long been a cry for "recreational projects" for Weidman.

Mitchell Memorial Park is equipped with rides and slides for the very young, a softball diamond for athletic teams, and there's a basketball hoop at the pavilion that any kid or group can use any time.

Yet vandalism at the park is nothing short of scandalous. The proposition that we must provide "recreation opportunities" for our teenagers has been going around for years.

Now, with the opening of the new Weidman Archery Range, kids can go and try their skill at hitting the bullseye, with sandwiches and hot coffee and soft drinks available right on the spot.

There's always been talk of "building a community building to provide recreational facilities for the kids".

The town is developing, on its own and by independent personal enterprise, recreational opportunities.

For those youngsters who insist on pot-'n'-beer parties, we feel they'll have to find their own places to light.

Weidman is growing, in recreational facilities.

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### AREA STUDENTS WILL APPEAR IN COLLEGE PLAY

Mid Michigan Community College Community Theater announces its cast for its Oct. 27, 28 and 29 production of "Bats in the Belfry".

Lead roles are shared by four old spinsters who operate the Ogilby Conservatory of Music.

Miss Pennyfeather, Miss Appley, Miss Fitchitt and Miss Maffitt will be portrayed respectively by Carol Morris of Weidman, Lynn Sprague of Harrison, Carolyn Montini of Lake, and Cheryl Bay of Barryton.

The invisible (or not so invisible) Mr. Ogilby will be played by Steve Eaton of Harrison.

The ladies' niece, Pamela, who is not really their niece (but

if she isn't their niece, who is she?) is played by Roberta Root of Houghton Lake. Pamela's fiancée, Oliver, will be played by Mike Bowen of Barryton. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wescott, will be played by Bill Klein of Lake and Irene Blackledge of Farwell.

Other interesting character roles in the play are these:

Officer MacDougal is portrayed by Kevin Spencer of Harrison; Miss Fairfax by Sharon Keysor of Harrison; Rev. Barnaby by Garth Terwilliger of Farwell, and the "Friends of Folk Music", two teenagers recreating the '50s', by Laurie Shanahan of Clare and Duane Kleinhardt of Harrison.

"Bats in the Belfry" will be a family-fun Halloween event not to be missed. Performances are Oct. 27, 28 and 29.

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## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

A little late with my renewal of the Messenger. It's really easy to do.

I have wanted to come up to Weidman, but so far haven't felt quite up to it. I have hopes of feeling better soon.

I've had six years of retirement, with fair health most of the time, so who am I to complain?

Good luck to you, and say Hi! to Fances for me.

As ever,

Lee Parks  
Lansing

Dear Connie:

Would you please print this Card of Thanks, and bill us? The writeup and picture were lovely, better than Morning Sun. They left out the most important line, as usual.

Our party was a real success, such a big crowd in spite of the storm. People from all over the state. Wish you could have joined us, but realize you are very busy.

It was a real "Happy Day."  
Dorothea Bergquist  
Mt. Pleasant.

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### BAND BOOSTERS SPONSOR PHOTO SITTING SESSION

The Chippewa Hills Band Boosters are sponsoring a photo sitting session open to the public this Sunday, Sept. 18, at the high school beginning at noon.

Appointments may be made by calling 644-2266 or 644-2147.

A family color portrait 8x10 inches is set at \$4.00.

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Mrs. Iva Konkright of Rochester, Mich., and two daughters spent all day last Wednesday with Lela Whearett. Mrs. Konkright is Lela's sister-in-law.

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