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Editor's Column

By Connie

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 40 YEARS, I ATTEND A DANCE

Saturday night I attended the dance at Brinton, courtesy Eldon Bellows, who took me there and brought me home--in his beautiful brand-new car.

On the way to Brinton, on the Brinton Road just north of Minnie Reed's home, Eldon suddenly jerked the wheel to the left, the car did a 75-degree turn at 50 miles an hour, and I nearly landed on Eldon's lap.

Out of the corner of my eye, as I was tossing around on the seat, I caught a glimpse of light-brown in front of the car--a deer.

Eldon did a marvelous job of avoiding hitting the deer and still keep the car under control.

There were three other deer in the left-hand-side of the ditch, he said afterward.

A good job of driving, in a right good car.

It was good to visit with old friends and watch them do the polka, the waltz, and other dance steps this old gal could never accomplish, even when young.

The band was super, the crowd was good, and everyone enjoyed the evening very thoroughly.

It was decided to hold a dance annually at Brinton, reviving, in a sense, something of old-time flavor.

That's good.

I didn't see any teenagers, or even real young folks there. Apparently the disciplined steps of the polka (admittedly a difficult dance, but more fun!), or even the waltz, are beyond their initiative to learn. A twisting, bouncing around, wiggling sort of thing, with or without partners, is apparently more to the taste of the modern young.

They're missing something really good.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR ETHEL BYWATER

Friends of Ethel Bywater may be interested to learn that there



THE POLKA IS A LOT OF FUN--As proved by a lot of people at the Brinton dance Saturday night. The above photo was taken early, before the main crowd had arrived, but the dance was well attended, and the band is engaged for another dance at Brinton next year-- making it an annual affair. Fair enough. Messenger photo



THE DANCE BAND AT BRINTON--Was two musicians, but oh, what a lot of music they did put out! Lighting conditions at the hall were weird for camera work (no offense, Coldwater folks, it's just one of those things a Polaroid camera can't seem to manage), though lighting was very adequate and everyone had a thorough good time, doing some of the old-time dances. Messenger photo

will be a Memorial Service scheduled at a later date. Her step-son, Dale, is at work in Italy, and the step-daughters,

Gala Fusner and Ercel Woodward, will visit Weidman later. Tom Bywater, Ethel's husband, passed away in 1965.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

So next week Ye Ed and her faithful news writers take their quarterly rest break, and there will be no issue of the Messenger for the week of Oct. 6.

So--news writers, take a rest break.

We'll be in the midst of getting that fireplace built in our living room, which we postponed last May after the Michigan Week come-all-yuh, pleading exhaustion and a two-weeks' postponement of power tools cutting through the north wall of the living room, etc.

We can always be doing some of that garden work we've put off all summer.

See yuh in the issue of Oct. 13!

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WEIDMAN PHARMACY TO HOLD GRAND OPENING

The Weidman Pharmacy will have its Grand Opening in its beautiful and spacious new building next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 3, 4 and 5.

Lou Fiorillo, pharmacist and owner, said last week that he's been here five years, starting out in the building now occupied by the Weidman Archery Range.

The new building was put up by Card Construction Company of Mt. Pleasant, which specializes in all-steel construction. It's a gorgeous building, and very spacious.

The new building is located directly across from Baumann's IGA Store, another of Weidman's recent great additions to the business street.

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BANKS TO INITIATE SATURDAY A. M. SERVICE

The Isabella Bank and Trust has announced it will initiate Saturday morning service beginning this week.

Other banks also are going to the added convenience service of Saturday.

The Weidman Bank will be open this Saturday morning, 9 to 12.

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Joan Burden and Jeanne Smith attended the Homecoming football game Friday night at the Chippewa Hills High School.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Helen Alwood and children, Rhoda Livermore, Lori and Becky England and Heather Alwood attended the Homecoming football game at the high school Friday evening.

Fonda Alwood returned home from CMC Hospital last Thursday, after being very ill for several days. Heather and Todd stayed with friends and relatives, and their Daddy, while Mother was gone.

Zena Olger helped tie a quilt at my house. She was here three days. In the afternoon we had dinner at the hall. Some of my kids have been here every day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peacock and Dina were here Saturday afternoon. Ruth Huber and boys took me to the Dick Gott home in the morning Saturday. He has been sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Riggs called

on Zena Olger. Mr. and Mrs. Walt Conley visited her one day last week.

Jo and Julie Latham called on Laura Latham Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham of Blanchard called Saturday.

I attended Open House for Tony and Gregg Parker Sunday at the home of their parents, the Lee Parkers.

Donny Alwood and Jim Kowaleski spent the past two weekends up north near Gaylord, bear hunting.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy attended the very pretty wedding of Dallas McClain and Barbara Whaley at the Weidman Methodist Church Saturday evening.

Jim Alwood drove his mother, Helen Alwood, to the Ann Arbor hospital last Wednesday for her liver checkup by Dr. Henley, the liver specialist.

Ella Adams of Lake and Lottie Pocquette of Coldwater Lake and Mrs. Verna Serymour and three grandchildren were Mon-

day morning visitors of Mrs. Zena Olger.

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WAYNE, JOAN CHARNES ON BUSINESS TRIP TO DETROIT

Wayne and Joan Charnes are attending workshops this week in Detroit, sponsored by the Alcohol and Drug Problem Association of North America.

Wayne works steadily with this association on alcohol and drug abuse, all over the state and beyond.

The workshops are at the Plaza Hotel in the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

While there they'll also attend a performance of Carol Channing in "Hello Dolly!"

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

ARCHERY RANGE REPORTS DRAWING YOUNG AND OLD

The Leon Schafers, owners and operators of the Weidman Archery Range, report that response to their opening of a place of recreation here is 'way beyond their expectations.

"We have everyone, from teenagers to Senior Citizens," Carol told the Messenger this week.

"It's a fantastic response," she added. "We have new people in all the time, and everyone enjoys it to the utmost."

Archery classes are being discussed as an adjunct to the evening adult classes at the school, it was reported this week.

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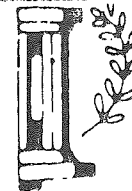
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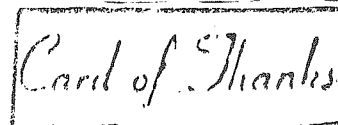
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BYWATER

We wish to thank everyone for your many kindnesses to our step-mother and grandmother.

May God bless her neighbors, Jackie and Wayne Fox, for their good help.

A special thanks to Pastor Vance Dimmick and Mr. Charles Lux for gracious courtesy.

Dale, Colleen and Children,
Lisa and Pat

Obituary

E. FERN VERETTE

E. Fern Verette of Brinton died early Sunday morning at Little Traverse Hospital at Petoskey, after a short illness. She was 60.

Fern was born Nov. 18, 1916, in Brinton, where her father, Al Beers, had been an employee in the old coke ovens of the lumbering days there. Fern spent her entire life as a Brinton resident.

She was employed for 20 years at the Center for Human Development at Mt. Pleasant as a registered psychiatric attendant nurse, and had very many friends both at the Home and in this area.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Eathel Beers; a daughter, Mrs. Douglas (Echo) Godwin, of Farwell; and a brother, George Beers, also of Brinton; and very many friends who will miss her.

Funeral services were held Tuesday of this week at 1 p. m. at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with burial in the North Brinton Cemetery.

The family have the deepest sympathy of their many friends.

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Ten years ago today, we had rain mixed with snow. A few days earlier we had a hard frost and freeze, and gardeners had covered tomatoes and cantaloupes.

Obituary

WILLIAM J. FRANTZ

William J. Frantz, Sr., of Mt. Pleasant, died Sunday at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility. He was 77. He had been ailing a long time.

He was born Jan. 1, 1900, in Anaheim, Calif., and came to this area with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Frantz. Asa Frantz had a blacksmith shop here in Weidman for many years, and was followed in the work by another son, Lou.

Bill was employed by the John-son Oil Company until his retirement. He was a member of the Mt. Pleasant International Order of Oddfellows.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie; a son, William, Jr., of Lamita, Calif., and two daughters, Mrs. Paul (Betty) Clark and Mrs. Leon (June) Young, both of Mt. Pleasant; and nieces and nephews besides 15 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He is also survived by one brother, Glenn, of Weidman.

A daughter, Virginia, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p. m. at the Stinson-Helms Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with Rev. James Sabo-Schuler officiating. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.

An Oddfellows service was conducted Tuesday at 7.30 p. m. at the funeral home.

Many here will remember the Frantz family, one of the oldest families of old Weidman.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wilson (Marilyn Woodin) of Harrison called on their aunts, Frances Tranbarger and Connie Skinner, Saturday. Marilyn is a daughter of Vern and Dorothy (Roe) Woodin, who had the old Dillon farm in Gilmore for several years, back in the old days. Several of the Woodin children attended the Gilmore School and also the Weidman High School. They have friends around here who may remember them.

One year ago today, temperatures were in the low 70s, with the low being 40 degrees at night. There was pea-soup fog early in the morning, but the sun came out before noon and stayed with us the rest of the day. We'd had several frosts and one big freeze. Trees were brilliantly colored.

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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

No column last week, as this reporter and Otto went to Lansing to the Olds showing of new cars to employees and retirees.

They are really beautiful cars, but too expensive for retirees. Then we spent a couple of days with my sister Faye, returning home last Tuesday.

This past Saturday we went to Gladwin to a cousin's son's wedding Saturday evening. Then Sunday, a family dinner in honor of the cousin's 40th wedding anniversary, given by their four children. Several cousins were present from Dallas, Texas.

Minnie Carpenter returned home Thursday. Since her surgery on her feet, she has been recovering at the home of her daughter, Margaret, at Harrison.

Mrs. Fred Tueck entered CMC Hospital last Thursday for treatment of leg problems.

Ron Gordon and Jim Navarre came Sunday and spent the day repairing Bob Farnam's ham radio beam. They also put up a new antenna. When they finished with the work, they visited Steve Dutcher and his parents, to see Steve's ham station.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and boys had supper with us Monday, and spent the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and Brenda visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss of St. Johns Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Conklin and Carrie of Sanford visited the Robert Dutcher family Sunday. Dawn Dutcher has been ill the past few days, and missed some school last week and Monday of this week.

Clayton and I visited the Walter Howe family Saturday evening, to visit with my sister, Donna, before she goes back to Florida.

Joan McDaniels was hostess at a baby shower for Karen Heckard Monday evening, at Joan's home.

Bonnie Dutcher, Becky and Kaye, Julia and Dawn Dutcher, Linda Dutcher and I attended the baby shower.

Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint and Jim Dutcher and children had Sunday dinner with us.

Toni had dinner with Patti Dutcher and spent most of the day with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman and Mr. and Mrs.

Brian Dutcher and Chad attend-

RON APPLE



NEW IN BUSINESS IN WEIDMAN--Is Ron Apple, formerly of Lansing, husband of Janet (Pitts). Ron has joined his father-and-mother-in-law, Bernard and Yvonne Pitts, in their insurance business here, and is studying to take the state exams for real estate salesman.

Ron is 25, a graduate of Great Lakes Bible College in Lansing, as is also Janet, his wife; he was assistant manager of a finance business, "Creditthrift", in Lansing, before deciding to come to Weidman. He and Janet have a boy, Ryan Scott, four years old. They are living in the Grace Pitts mobile home here on the Airline Road. "I like it a lot up here," Ron said in an interview last week. His favorite sports are tennis, and horses; he said he also likes to fish and hunt. (He was advised by Ye Ed to take the latter seriously, as those are our great recreational occupations here). Messenger photo

ed the celebration at Lumber-jack Park Sunday. Brian took part in their musical program.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sisco and boys of near Wimm visited Steve (Continued on Opposite Page)

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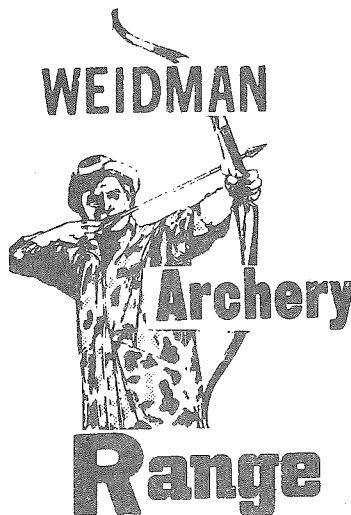
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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Louise Schafer spent Sunday at the Norman Schafer home in Shepherd.

Theresa Schafer and Louise Schafer went to Ann Arbor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schafer and Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Ed Schafer home.

Howard Schafer entered the Ford Hospital in Detroit Tuesday.

Sr. Adele left for Owosso last Tuesday, after spending some time with relatives around Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer and children drove north Sunday on a color tour.

Ernest Pohl is in CMC Hospital.

Bradley Norman Gross, son of Steve and Penny Gross, and Bernadette Marie McDonald, daughter of John and Mary McDonald, were baptized in St. Joseph's Church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Delores Egbert, Mrs. Bonnie Gruss and Mrs. Shirley Block hosted a surprise baby shower for Mrs. Lori Egbert last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family attended Jennifer Grace's second birthday party Sunday evening. Jennifer is the daughter of Dan and Agnes Grace.

Robert Skubic and Kathleen Droste were married Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Kathy Rau spent Thursday with her grandmother, Marge Rau.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Debbie and Ginny Rau attended a birthday party for Brian Gould Monday.

Mrs. Elsie McCall visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau and family a few days last week.

The Beal City Varsity football team played Pine River Friday night at Pine River, winning, 19-6. The JVs won over Pine River Thursday night, 26-0.

Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould were Mrs. Emily Goffnett and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Grace and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Rau and Louie called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Wednesday evening.

Louis Rau had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rau, and dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rau entertained Dee Staab of Germany Saturday. She has been teaching a year in the States, and leaves for Germany Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fussman went on a color tour ride Sunday. Jack Rau had a pig roast Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen went to

Houghton Lake over the weekend.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Miss Cindy Walton and grandmother, Mrs. Jessick, visited Velma Cole Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes, Saturday.

The Sebastian Pfannes received word that their little granddaughter, Jennie Yambrick, had stood surgery to have her pace-maker changed, and was doing fine.

Lena Cole called on her new neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Cleland, and Jessica, Wednesday.

Mrs. Bridgette attended a ceramic class Wednesday evening

in Mt. Pleasant. She is the granddaughter of the late Sam Nichols. Sam was our old neighbor and schoolmate.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mossell and Tania spent Friday night and Saturday with their grandparents, the Paul Coles. They returned to South Bend Sunday.

Sunday visitors of the Paul Coles were Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa, and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole returned to their home in Detroit Thursday.

Our sympathy to the family of Fern Verette, who passed away Sunday morning at Little Traverse Hospital.

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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter
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Dutcher Sunday afternoon.

Patti Dutcher was ill over the weekend, and did not go to school Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case visited the Richard Dutchers Sunday evening.

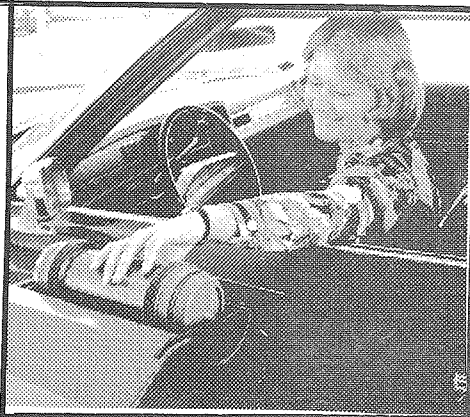
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher, Garry Dutcher and Richard Dutcher were Sunday evening callers at our home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Dodge and sons of Grand Rapids visited the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Robert Hogg was a Thursday caller. Mrs. Flossie Flachs visited Saturday evening, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kohl of Lakeview spent Sunday afternoon.
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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter
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noon with them.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Bob and Mrs. Donna Howe of Florida visited us Wednesday evening.
(Too Late for Last Week)

Mrs. Ervin Dutcher visited Mrs. Mack Denslow Thursday afternoon.

The Amateur Radio Club met with Steve Dutcher last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher were supper guests of the Robert Duthchers Friday evening, helping Rex. celebrate another birthday.

Bob and Julia, Dick and Ervin Dutcher, Jr., all had coffee with us Sunday morning.

Ronna Dutcher attended the wedding of Debbie Slider Madagan at St. Henry's Church Saturday evening, then she and Ervin attended the reception at Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman of Coldwater Lake visited the Duthchers one evening. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited them Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris and Jon had supper with us one night last week.

Joyce Yuncker came home from the hospital last Saturday.

Kay and Dawn Dutcher called on us Saturday.

Ivan, Ervin and Clayton Dutcher were in Grand Rapids Tuesday to see Floyd. He was in Blodgett Hospital. He has a growth on his esophagus, and was having trouble keeping food down.

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In the Editor's Mail

WHAT IS "NEGATIVE" ABOUT FREEDOM?

During the past few years, it has become fashionable in the media, generally, to refer to any politician who votes against major spending programs as "negative", or "lacking in compassion". Similarly, politicians who regularly vote for vast government social enterprises are regarded as "positive", or "compassionate", or "liberal" (i.e., "for the people".)

To this automatic response, we would pose a rather simple question:

"What is 'negative' about freedom?" Or, to put it another way, what is 'negative' about preserving the right of individual citizens to live their own lives free of the constant interference of government and the excessive burden of its taxation? But then, let's run it around. What, we may well ask, is "positive" or "liberal" about a government that now takes almost 44 percent of the nation's total personal income?

What is positive about a government that runs annual deficits of over 50 billion dollars--and prints money to finance it?

What is "positive" or "compassionate" about a constant inflation rate of nearly 6 to 7 percent --a rate at which half of your life savings are destroyed every 10 to 20 years?

What is "positive" about a government whose regulations now cost consumers more than 100 billion dollars a year?

What is "positive" about government health programs that have singlehandedly driven the nation's spending on health care from 5 percent of the GNP to nearly 9 percent, in just 10

years?

What is "positive" or "liberal" about a Social Security system that is now taking more from the taxpayers than they can ever get back--and is still going bankrupt?

What is "positive" about a public education system that now spends over \$1,500 per year per student--and doesn't teach them how to read, write or do arithmetic?

What is "positive" or "compassionate" about a welfare system that is turning millions of Americans into helpless wards of the state, and encouraging millions of others to choose dependency instead of work?

What is "positive" about a government whose total accumulated long-term debt and obligations are over 5 trillion dollars--more than the total worth of the economy?

What is "positive" about a government energy policy that succeeds only in putting millions of people out of heat and work in the middle of a severe winter?

What is "positive" about more than 4 billion dollars in known welfare abuse, error and fraud?

What is "positive" about a nation where there are nearly 85 full-time dependents or employees of government for every 100 productive private taxpayers?

What is "positive" or "compassionate" about government housing and urban development programs that have only accelerated urban decay and isolated the poor in bleak warehouses?

What is "positive" about a government which is printing money at a rate more than twice as fast as the nation's economy is growing?

What is "positive" or "liberal" about asking government bureaucrats to make decisions for you, which you are better able to make for yourself--and at much lower cost?

What is "positive" about government policies that first create

energy shortages and then demand billions in new taxes to "solve" them, that create a crisis, and demand even more power and control to "alleviate" it?

In short, what is "positive" or "compassionate" or "liberal" about big government, with all its trappings of bureaucratic power, waste and arrogance, and with all its constant threats to individual freedom, privacy and expression?

We think we know what Thomas Jefferson would have said to these rhetorical questions. In 1801 he wrote: "Every man wishes to pursue his occupation and to enjoy the fruits of his labors and the produce of his property in peace and safety, and with the least possible expense. When these things are accomplished, all the objects for which government ought to be established are answered."

Have you ever noticed how often these who call themselves "liberals" use the terms "compulsory" and "mandatory" in their political glossary of social programs?

Warren T. Brookes
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(Submitted by Gordon
Fredrickson, Muskegon
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(Ed's Note: We shall have more on this later.)

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Betty Jo Martin and her sister, Mrs. Irene Keck, spent Saturday over night at Copemish. Mr. and Mrs. Greg Martin are spending a few days vacationing in the Upper Peninsula.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended a UMW meeting last Wednesday near St. Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hammond of Lima, O., were recent visitors at the Jim Thompson home. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson spent Saturday evening at the Chuck Wilson home in Grand Rapids, celebrating Mrs. Wilson's birthday.

D.J. Whitman spent the weekend with his grandparents, the Pete Woods. Mrs. Beth Mills and baby spent from Sunday till Tuesday with her folks.

Ray Fahnestock entered CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant a week ago, after spending four days trying to find out what was wrong. He was taken by ambulance to the Midland Hospital for observation. Some of the family visit him every day. His wife and her brother, Roy, go every day. Charles Fahnestock spent Friday with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger spent the weekend east of Prudenville.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on her sister, Mrs. Myrl Scott, Sunday. On her way home she called on Mrs. Edna Merrihew in Bar-ryton.

Mrs. Alma Dosenberry will be hostess to the Drew Busy Bees on Wednesday, Oct. 12. Everybody is welcome to attend. Please notice the new date.

Mrs. Ardis Merrihew was a Saturday dinner guest of her folks, the Charlie Loseys. Sunday dinner guests, to help Hattie celebrate her birthday, were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz and Dannie and Traci, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Beth, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad and Jason.

My callers last week were Mrs. Rosa Leiter, Mrs. Donna Houghton, Mrs. Connie Skinner, Miss Eva Merrihew, and Mrs. Shari Lorenz.

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Local Items

Wm. Frantz of Mt. Pleasant passed away Sunday at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant. He was a son of the Asa Frantzes, old-time residents of Weidman, and many will remember him.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler went to Midland last Wednesday with her grandson, Ron Johnston, who took her to see her doctor. They spent an hour at the Center for the Arts at the Dow Foundation exhibits.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips enjoyed supper at the Wagon Wheel at Rosebush Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Lley Sperry

were evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips.

So cold weather came early this year--in usually gorgeous September. Will October give

us Indian summer? Already the Weidman area is flaunting its autumn show of colored leaves. Lake of the Hills has spectacular soft-maple trees.

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A SMALL CORNER OF THE NEW PHARMACY--In Weidman, where there's plenty of space for the usual myriad drug-store items beyond the prescription and over-the-counter areas. Lou Fiorillo and his employees were hard at work putting finishing touches on shelves and tables when this photo was taken last week. Messenger photo

BRINTON DANCE WILL BE AN ANNUAL EVENT

At the first old-time dance at the Brinton Hall Saturday night, it was voted to make the event an annual affair, so enthusiastic was the good crowd attending.

The Polkaodians from near Montrose, down by Saginaw, furnished lovely music for real old-time dancing, from waltzes to polkas (very popular, and there were some fine dancers there) to square dances, and they'll even furnish modern music for modern dancing if requested.

The prized and beautiful quilt made for the occasion by ladies of the Brinton Quilting Club was won by Lois (McClain) Hines of Barryton; Joyce Geasler was the original winner of the quilt drawing, but she returned her ticket and the quilt, for another drawing, and Lois won.

Vada Conley won a bug lamp; Mrs. Charles Fahnestock won a Daisy yard mole repellent. Various other prizes were offered and enjoyed by the winners. Several \$5 gift-certificate cards were won by various people, including Ye Ed.

The dance was a benefit affair, for money to complete the renovation of the Sherman City Union Church.

Eldon Bellows said Sunday morning that the dance went over very well, but as yet he hadn't had time to compute the profit-loss figures.

New windows for the church (special framed, pointed at the top) are expected to be completed this week, and when they arrive, another work bee will be held at the church to get the installation done.

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OPEN HOUSE FOR TONY AND GREGG PARKER

Open House was held Sunday by the Lee Parker family for their two sons, Tony and Gregg, both home on leaves from the U. S. Army.

Tony arrived from Korea Sept. 17, after spending 13 months there. The Open House honored his graduation on finishing his schooling by correspondence. He received his diploma through the University of Hawaii.

To make the reunion complete, Gregg Parker, also in the Army, stationed in Germany, arrived home for a few days. He will be flying back this week for another 22 months of Army service.

Many friends, and the various relatives and their families, attended the occasion.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

NEWS NOTES

Emma Middlesworth, Claribel Beutler, Marie Smith and Don Clark and Lela Whearett went to Wyman for dinner Sunday. They had dessert at Lela's home on their return.

Frances Tranbarger and Connie Skinner enjoyed dinner Sunday at Coldwater Lake. The occasion was Frances' birthday.

George Fussman has begun work on a fireplace for Connie Skinner.

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