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Editor's Column

By Connie

OLD HOUSES AND DRIED-OUT AIR

Ye Ed has been battling a maddening onslaught of skin rashes, brought on, apparently, by the old Roe house being just plumb dried out.

We've had a puny little humidifier on our gas furnace, but furnace men agree unanimously that it is totally inadequate, in fact--useless.

So, after trips to the doctor and frantic applications of everything prescribed plus everyday skin lotions and the like, we bought a humidifier (free-standing, room-taker-upper) from Fox Hardware, and now are in the process of attempting to loosen up the old house.

We hear of other cases similar to ours, and our advice, in weather such as we've had this winter and last, is to get humidity into the home at any cost. (It costs a bundle.)

Old houses that never have had attention paid to humidification are especially vulnerable to the drying-out process.

And when it hits, it hits hard. You lose sleep nights because of itchy skin rashes that may drive you frantic for half an hour and then suddenly disappear.

Yeah, it's an allergy-type of thing. But it's a thing to contend with, take our word.

LIL' MAC BRIDGE PIG ROAST WILL BE ON!

As you see in other columns of this issue the Sixth Annual Lil' Mac Bridge Pig Roast will be held on schedule, the third Sunday in February, which falls on the 19th.

Hurray for the determination of a small group of citizens who figured the day is more important than a passing irritation presently endured.

There will be a lot of people working frantically on preparations--it's late to begin work on it--and they can use every bit of help they can get--from everybody, old, young and in-between.



IT'S ON!--LIL' MAC BRIDGE CELEBRATION IS FEB. 19!

The Weidman and Beal City Business Associations are sponsoring the Lil' Mac Bridge snow-sports celebration this year, and it will be as usual on the lovely hillsides of the Elwood Miller farm, with Elwood and Iola as usual greetings friends, old and new, and wishing them a happy day. Date is as usual, the third Sunday of February, which this year falls on the 19th. So--Reserve the date, come and have a (snowy) ball on snomobiles, sleds, and the sumptuous roast-pork dinner served up.



THEY'LL BE THERE, AFTER ALL!--Ev Hackney and her helpers will be stirring the huge vats of Ev's famous bean soup all morning, preparing for your enjoyment at mealtime. Come on out!

Donations thus far are slow coming in, but the bushels and bushels of beans necessary for Ev Hackney's delectable bean soup have been donated, as usual, by Jack Cookson of the Elwood Miller farm.

Eight pigs are needed for the charcoal-roasting pits. A few have already been promised--and a pig is a very big donation,

WORK BEGINS IN EARNEST ON LIL' MAC CELEBRATION

Work is beginning in earnest on preparations for the Sixth Annual Lil' Mac Bridge Pig Roast day on the Elwood Miller farm, scheduled this year for Feb. 19.

There's a meeting of workers and the public this Thursday evening at the Fire Hall, when positive plans and designations of work projects will be completed.

The Senior Citizens of Weidman have volunteered to wrap the silverware in the paper napkins again this year, a chore greatly appreciated.

The public is invited to the Thursday night meeting, which is scheduled for 8 p. m.

Community folks really pitch in and go together on helping get ready for the Lil' Mac Day, and this year, while advance planning was dropped, it is believed everything will be well taken care of.

Jeanne Smith of Weidman is in charge of donations. Needed, of course, are live pigs; and any cash donations individuals or organizations see fit to offer.

Workers especially are needed to help with all phases of preparations, and the Weidman and Beal City Business Associations will greatly appreciate all the help they can get, both in donations and one-day work volunteers.

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FIREFIGHTERS CALLED TO LAKE OF THE HILLS HOME

The Nottawa and Sherman Township Volunteer Fire Department had 10 men responding to a fire call Saturday at 6.46 p. m. when an oven fire was discovered but which did no damage other than apparently burning up some food.

The fire was at the home of Philip Comeau on West Channel Drive, on the lake.

No one was injured, and firefighters found the blaze under control upon their arrival. Negligible damage was reported.

Other donations are asked of housewives and businesswomen of Weidman and Beal City, for the home-baked bread, which must be delivered thick-sliced, but-

LIONS CLUB WILL OBSERVE ITS 21ST ANNIVERSARY HERE MARCH 4

The Weidman Lions Club will observe its 21st anniversary as a service club in Weidman on March 4, Harry Herman, secretary, said this week.

The club will hold three fish fries this year, the first one being Feb. 10. Proceeds are used for various charitable activities.

Rex Wood was the Lions' first president; Ed Fox was the second president, and Harry Howard, principal of the Weidman school, is the present president of the club.

The Lions Clubs all over the world are concerned with those who cannot see or have trouble with eyesight.

Projects have included supporting the Leader Dogs for the Blind at Rochester, Mich.; the Welcome Home for the Blind; and contributions to the eye bank at the University of Michigan.

This year, hearing aids will be added to the list.

The Weidman Lions have spon-

sored two Leader Dogs for the Blind, and will take the third one down to Rochester in the near future. So far, none has been accepted as suitable for Leader Dogs.

The Lions contributed \$500 toward the new wing at CMC Hospital; it erected the flagpole at the Weidman school; also at the park here; and the Lions have contributed to and participated in local park projects steadily over the years.

They have sponsored Boy Scouts, and at present are sponsoring a new troop.

They are responsible for getting street signs posted in the village of Weidman; and many more good things over the years.

Anyone having old eyeglasses tucked away in dresser or buffet drawers is urged to contribute them to the Lions Club for use by sight-impaired folks. They may be left at the fish-fry dinner at the school Feb. 10.

Hearing aids, not necessarily in working order, are also solicited by the Lions. The Lions will

have them repaired and pass them on to future users. Those not attending the fish supper may give glasses or hearing aids to any Lions Club member.

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WANDA GRAHAM HONORED BY TOPS CLUB HERE

Wanda Graham was presented with six long-stemmed red roses at the regular meeting (recognition) meeting Friday.

Wanda was best loser of the year. She was also presented with a long-stemmed carnation as a division winner.

In the Stork Division was Elaine Currie of Nottawa, who was also presented with a carna-

tion.

The club was founded 10 years ago by Jeanne Smith, Joan Burden, Bessie Allen, and Mrs. Graham.

Twenty-three members are enrolled locally.

Wally Smith, a teenage member, is the only male member, though men also are welcome to the club.

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The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith was baptized in St. Joseph the Worker Church at Beal City Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Zeigler of Ann Arbor were here, and acted as godparents.

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Jan. 26t1

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Jan. 26tf

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Jan. 26t1

IN MEMORIAM

A tribute of love and remembrance to my beloved husband, Bert Chaffee, who passed away Jan. 27, 1977.

Please, God, forgive my silent tears,
 The secret wish that he were here;
 Others have sorrow, this I know.
 But he was mine, and I loved him so.

Dearly loved and sadly missed by
 His Wife, Mabel.

Today is gone,
 Yesterday once here.
 The wind and I were near.
 All that's left, I fear, is me.

What is time?
 Who are we?
 Stars brighter than the moon--
 Will it all end soon?
 Where will we go?

A lonely road,
 Years untold,
 Silent memories now unfold.
 What will tomorrow hold?
 His Granddaughters,
 Michelle and Robyn Bauw

Obituary

LINUS ANDREW MEAD
 Linus Andrew Mead of rural Weidman died Sunday, Jan. 22, at the nursing home near Sherman City. He was 72.

He was born in Weidman Oct. 10, 1905, and was a local resident all his life.

He is survived by one sister, Blanche Schafer.

He lived on his farm two miles east of Weidman and then north. His brother, Norman, died in 1964.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at 10.30 from St. Joseph's Church in Beal City, with Rev. Father Harry J. Hart officiating. Burial was in the Beal City church cemetery.

A rosary service was held at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus Tuesday evening.

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Local Items

Darryl Pitts spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, from his studies at Great Lakes Bible College in Lansing.

Glenn Frantz is in the Reed City Hospital. He will appreciate cards from his friends.

CARD SHOWER FOR THE CARL GREWETTS

A card shower is being planned for the 55th wedding anniversary of Carl and Clara Grewett of 601 South University Avenue, Mt. Pleasant, for Feb. 4, their anniversary.

Relatives and friends from around here are urged to send them greetings. Both are former Weidman folks, both having been born and raised in this area.

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The Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
 (1 Mile West of Weidman)
 Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday Services
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.
 Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.
 Jr. Church in Basement, 11 a.m.
 Evening Service, 7 p.m.

The church is in fellowship with the Central Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

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1/4 mile south of Weidman School, corner of Coldwater and Weidman Roads.
 Richard Wadsworth, Pastor, ph. 644-3604.

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 Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
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 Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

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FIRE AT McCONNELL HOME MONDAY NIGHT

A fire of unknown origin started in a pile of fireplace wood on the front porch of the Jack McConnell home on Second Street, causing some damage to the porch, with the house itself suffering some water damage.

The fire started mysteriously in a pile of fireplace wood, but Jack McConnell said Tuesday morning that the fireplace had not been used all day or evening so possibility of accidental fire beginning there appeared remote.

Firemen arrived shortly after 10.20 p.m., when Mrs. McConnell roused the family as smoke filled the house.

Jack got water and had most of the fire out by the time the Firemen arrived, but they had to search the house and attic to be certain there was no fire elsewhere than the porch.

"We were really fortunate," Jack told the Messenger Tuesday morning, "in that there's really not a lot of damage, and no one was hurt."

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Editor:

Sending you the rest of your money for I don't know why I did that. My wife said she sent the money to you. I told her that it was \$11.00, not \$8.00.

Connie, can I ask you this: Are you George Skinner's daughter?--For I was about four years old when he came to the house, with two pails and popcorn on Christmas Eve, all dressed up in that mask and red coat and pants. When I opened the door and saw him, I was gone!

Connie, I will give you John's story and some more, for I know so many that you have in the paper.

Thank you.

C.J. Chase
Marion

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Dear Connie:

I enclose the check for another year. I do really enjoy the paper, and I look forward to the news of each of the townships.

I am writing this on my lap and trying to hear the news on tv. We have lots of snow, I would say about six inches or more in some places.

Yours Respectfully,
Clara M. Crowley
Royal Oak

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Bridgeville, Delaware
Jan. 17, 1978

Dear Mrs. Skinner:

It was so nice meeting you this summer, and being able to spend a few hours visiting.

I have had very little success in locating my uncle, Dudley

Wetmore. It seems every avenue of trying has ended in little or nothing.

Recently, though, I learned of a cousin, Merle Rathburn (thanks to a nice lady in Weidman, Emma Middlesworth) and his wife, Queena, in Flint.

This happened just before Christmas, and it was indeed a lovely gift for me to locate my mother's first cousin. (I talked to them by phone, and we have written since.)

Cousin Merle explained that he believes Dudley Wetmore was adopted and took the name of a family he was living with. I suppose this would have taken place when he was a teenager. I know nothing more as to time, where the Wetmores were living, or how this might have come about.

Thanks to you, I have located John S. Weidman IV (or, as he prefers to be called, Buzz Weidman). He is working in Philadelphia, Pa. He's with the brokerage firm of Butcher and Singer, on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. If the weather permits, I hope we will be able, he and our family, to get together the last week in January.

Mrs. Skinner, thank you again for your kindness in aiding in my family search.

Sincerely,
Ruth E. Griffin
302 Walnut Street
Bridgeville, Delaware 19933
HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,

I've moved to Avery, to be near Thelma, as I was alone so much of the time at the ranch, which isn't too good, at my age.

Our winter hasn't been too bad so far. We have had two cold spells which lasted two days each time. One time it got down to zero, and the next it was three below; but we as a rule have very little wind-chill factor.

However, if the wind does come from the east, then we get some of Montana's weather, and that is cold.

Sorry about you losing your kitty. They really become part of the family.

Lovingly,
Annetta Bellows
Box 126, Avery, Idaho
83802

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Smokey Says:



West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Russell Ewing of Vassar called on his grandparents, the Paul Coles, Friday. He also attended a meeting of the Mormon Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Masiwchuk called on the Paul Coles Wednesday.

Mrs. Paul Cole went to Mt. Pleasant Thursday, where she had protein tests. She also called on her eye doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk spent the time with Velma, while we were gone.

We are sorry to hear that both of the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allbee have been in the hospital. We extend them our sympathy.

Velma Cole was admitted to CMC Hospital Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Melissa and Ronnie were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes, Mr. and Mrs. William Pfannes, visited their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes, Sunday.

Paul and Lena Cole were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa Monday. They go to the hospital and help feed Velma, and they visited the Kripas afterward. They go every day.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Sonny Thelen returned home from Veterans Hospital at Saginaw last Thursday. He was reported as doing fine.

Bryan Hotchkiss planned to leave for Temperance, Mich., after spending two months with his grandparents, the Sonny Thelens.

Mrs. Frances Keiffer of Carson City phoned Dora Smith Tuesday evening. She was getting along just fine.

Brian Gould spent Friday night with Eugene Curtiss.

Mrs. Delores Gould visited Mrs. June Blasen Wednesday afternoon.

Dora Smith had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Friday evening.

Mrs. Elsie McCall spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau.

Mrs. Carol Marchiando hosted a painting party at her home last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and Donny visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Gould Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Amy Bierschbach hosted a home interiors party Wednesday evening.

Anne and Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sponseller are the proud parents of a baby girl, born this past weekend.

Karen Pyrette went on a trip to Houghton Lake over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer returned home Thursday from a trip to Valdosta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rau spent Saturday evening with the Herman Grinzingers.

Ann and Milo Eldred called on Tillie Schafer Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schafer of

Detroit spent the weekend with the Howard Schafers.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schafer of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Schafer Sunday.

Bob and Joyce Schafer went to Florida Thursday.

Karen Powell called on Tillie Schafer Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Olson are the proud parents of a baby boy, Brent Michael.

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S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Dale and Gale Dutcher have gone to Florida to visit the Clayton Dutchers for a week. They say it was rather chilly there.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacDonald of Grand Rapids visited Saturday with the Carl Fitzgeralds. Tuesday afternoon and evening guests were the Clayton Stephens of Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Rhodes of Grand Rapids visited her parents, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Sunday. Saturday visitors were the Bill Remington family of Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and kiddies were Sunday visitors at the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., home. Eddie and Sandy Oplinger spent Friday evening with her parents. Thursday evening they all gathered for a second birthday party celebration for Craig, at the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Decker of Barryton were Monday evening guests of the Carl Fitzgeralds.

Sherry and Randy Eberbach of Lansing brought their mother, Pat Egbert, home, and spent the weekend here.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler entertained at a birthday party Thursday evening for their mother, Claribel. All her children were present to enjoy cake and ice

cream. Happy Birthday, Claribel!

Mary and Brenda Beutler spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Schultheiss of St. Johns.

Deanne Beutler attended Job's Daughters installation of officers at Midland Friday evening.

Billy Beutler, along with several other members of the "Impression Five" Club, attended a meeting in Lansing over the weekend. They enjoyed clowns and magic acts.

Steve Dutcher entertained two of his ham radio friends from Flint, and attended a radio club at Barryton, Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher of Clarksville spent Saturday at the Ervin Dutcher, Sr., home.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

FIRE DESTROYS HOME NEAR BRINTON

Fire destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Yates Sunday night. They are an elderly couple, and this community offers sympathy.

The Barryton Fire Department was called, but the house was a total loss.

The home was located a mile west, a mile north and a mile west of here, on Grass Lake Road. It occurred at 1 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher attended the wedding of their nephew, Rod Bowen, Saturday evening, and a shower following. Rod is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Bowen.

Earl Place and Mrs. Teeter were in Clare Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Merrihew and Kelly called at the Russell Wright home Sunday.

Unice La Londe and Helen Strang were in Mt. Pleasant on Monday, where Unice called on her doctor.

Emily Livermore and Cindy called on Bonnie Forbes Thursday afternoon.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oplinger and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Most had supper at the Supper Club in Edmore Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rau were Sunday supper guests of the Ed Oplingers.

Bob Thompson attended Abram Aerial Survey class at Lansing Saturday evening.

Bill Thompson attended the auto show in Detroit Friday.

B. J. Whitman spent from last Thursday till this Tuesday with his grandparents, the Pete Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills and Carrie and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood and Eric Bingham were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and Harold Losey were Sunday dinner guests of their folks, the Charlie Loseys. Gerald and Marilyn were afternoon callers. Bill Dunn and Nancy Losey were evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and children of Grand Rapids were a week ago Saturday supper and evening guests of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Denslow.

Mrs. Opal Denslow attended a monthly pot-luck dinner at Barryton last Thursday. She said

that everyone enjoyed the day very much.

Mrs. Clarabelle Miller spent Sunday evening with Opal.

Mrs. Opal Denslow and Mrs. Margaret Denslow were glad to receive word that Wilman Swan's daughter, Beverlyl, who had had an operation at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., was scheduled to return home Tuesday by plane. They were very pleased that the surgery was such a grand success.

Several from the neighborhood attended the Methodist Church soup supper in the dining area of the Methodist Church in Weidman Saturday evening. It was very graciously put on by the men, Opal said.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Helen Alwood called at the Don Smith home Sunday to see the new baby, and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ziegler of Ann Arbor, who spent the weekend at her parents' home. Baby Luke Jonathan was baptized Sunday in St. Joseph's Church in Beal City. Bill and Joyce Ziegler were godparents. Bill enjoyed some ice fishing on Walt Smith's lake while here.

Heather and Todd Alwood spent

Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Don Alwood home while their mother worked at the Weidman Beauty Shop for Jane Conley who was vacationing in Florida, with friends.

Donny Alwood attended a Snowball dance at the high school Saturday evening. Tami Simon of Remus was crowned Queen for the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson visited their mother, Mrs. Zena Olgger, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gott visited me Sunday. Albert Gott also called. Donna Carr stopped in for coffee Tuesday.

Claribel Beutler had dinner with me one evening last week.

Mrs. Elvah Gott, Mrs. Helen Alwood and Heather and Todd Alwood spent Thursday in Mt. Pleasant, and enjoyed lunch at Wendy's Restaurant.

Mrs. Fonda Alwood and Mrs. Helen Alwood enjoyed the soup supper at the Methodist Church Saturday evening. Rusty Alwood and children called at the Walter J. Smith home.

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Local Items

Claribel Beutler had as guests at dinner at Lake Isabella Thursday evening, her daughter, Margie Tibbetts of East Lansing, and Jeanette Johnston of Rosebush and

her son, Ron. Ron left for Australia Sunday, after a three months leave from teaching in Melbourne. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Brecht enjoyed ice cream and cake at Claribel's home. They were celebrating her birthday. Friday was Margie's birthday. She returned home in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Snyder of St. Louis spent Sunday with their folks, the Russell Wilsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Crosby and his mother of Edenville spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. Gertie Sperry took Mrs. Phillips to Clare one day last week.

Wayne Smith of Wolverine spent Saturday with his father, Clayton, at the Medical Care Facility at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague entertained their family at dinner Sunday, honoring Jodi's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatehouse were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Verlia Wilcox. Ruth Curtiss was also a dinner guest. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jackson and daughter of Mt. Pleasant were afternoon callers.

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NEVER NEVER A MESSAGE TO CHILDREN

NEVER talk with a stranger! **Don't** take candy, money or a gift from a stranger!

NEVER walk home alone at night!

Never accept a ride in an automobile or go close to the car to see who is calling you! (If it is your parents or neighbors they will open the window and call you by name).

Always take the car license number of a stranger attempting to give you an automobile ride. Try to remember what the person looks like. Then tell your parents right away.

Never linger around street corners or go to the playground by yourself.

NEVER, NEVER get in a car with a stranger, anytime, day or night!

Run to the nearest house and knock on the door if anyone tries to bother you.



MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE ANNOUNCES HONORS LISTS

On the Dean's List for honors at Mid Michigan College at Harrison are some area names, listed as follows. The list overall contains 295 full-time students with a 3.0 average grade point or better for the semester, an overall "B" average for each course attempted and completed.

Named from this area are: Michael Bowen and Rhonda Wernette of Barryton; a star (*) indicates students also named on the President's list. Daryl Crowley of Farwell, Ken Cotter, Jr., Diana Recker*, Suzanne Sanders, Mary Ann Voisin, all of Mt. Pleasant rural area; Elizabeth Bowerman, Carl Kowalewski and Thelma Preston, from the Weidman area.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

I used to scoff at the old saying that the older you get, the more you remember things that happened when you were young.

I scoff no more.

Things pop into my memory that I haven't thought about in many years, and for no reason.

For instance: When we were little kids, a hundred years or so ago, we played a game which involved bouncing a rubber ball in rhythm to the following jingle: (The object of the game was to bounce the ball without missing a beat as long as you could.)

One, two, buckle my shoe.
Three, four, close the door.

Five, six, pick up sticks.
Seven, eight lay them straight.
Nine, ten, a big fat hen.
Eleven, twelve, dig and delve.
Thirteen, fourteen, maids are courtin'.

Fifteen, sixteen, maids are fixin'.

Seventeen, eighteen, maids are waitin'.

Nineteen, twenty, my plate's empty but I've had a great, great plenty.

Twenty-one, twenty-two, if you love me as I love you, no knife can cut our love in two. Go north, go south, go east, go west, and find the one you love the best.

Twenty-three, twenty-four, last night or the night before,

Twenty-four robbers came to my door. I went downstairs to let them in and they knocked me down with a rolling-pin.

I went upstairs to get my gun and you should have seen those twenty-four robbers run!

(I can't remember the lines from twenty-five to thirty-eight.)

Thirty-nine, forty, here comes Shorty. Shorty told me to count to forty, so here I go: One, two, three, four.....

While this is no earth-shaking memory, it bothers me that I can't think of the complete jingle. Can anyone supply the missing lines?

A (couldn't do without it) Messenger Reader.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Monday visitors of their son-in-law and daughter, the Richard Touchinskis, and their girls. George Miller was a Saturday

afternoon visitor. Mrs. Jude Simons and Mrs. Olin Bowen were Saturday morning callers.

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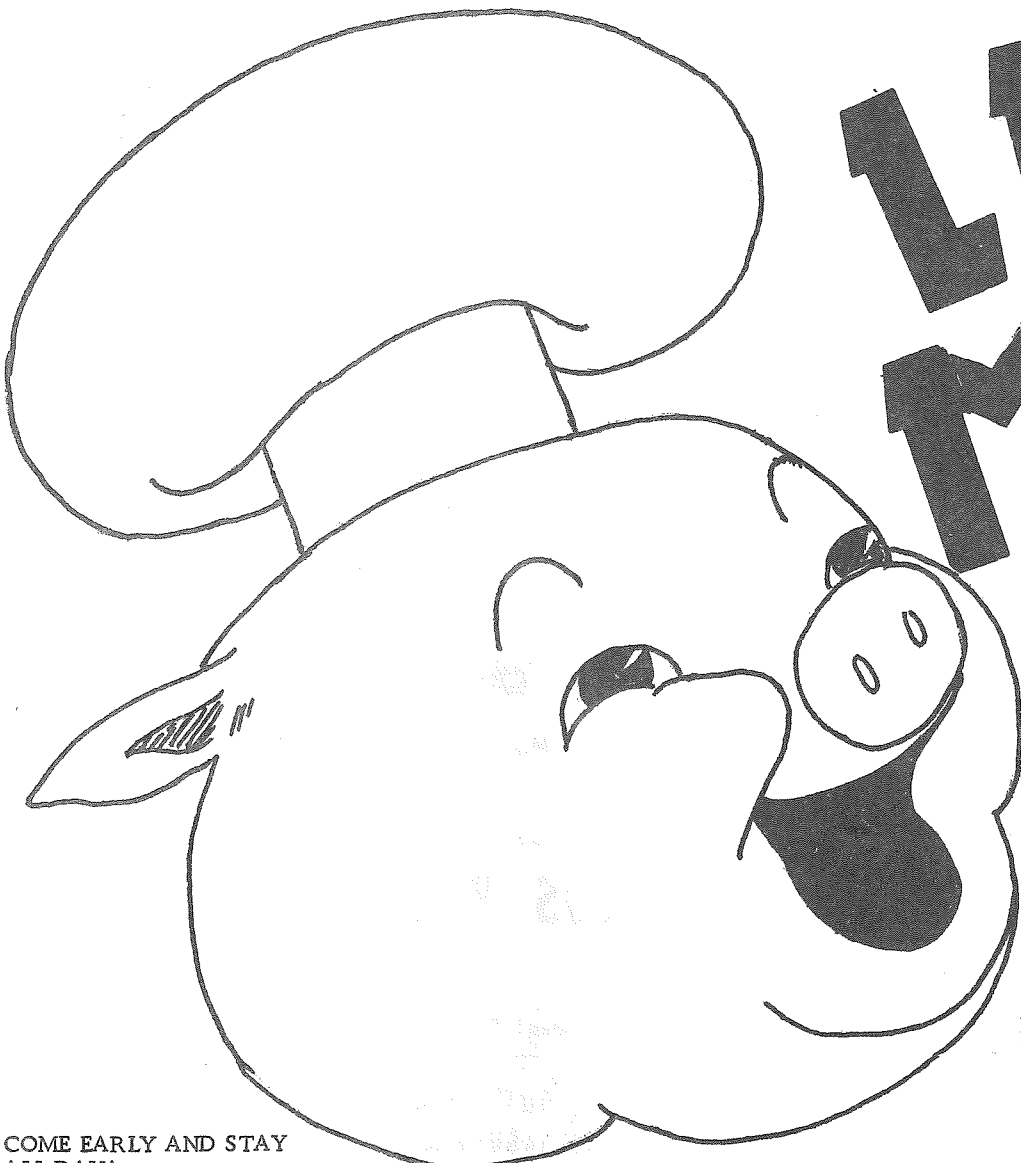
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