

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

SO THE ELECTION IS OVER-- THANKS THE GODS THAT BE

So Election Day finally came and went, and now we can settle back to some decent listening and watching on radio and television.

To a very large extent, candidates ignored the newspapers and turned their faces (tired of 'em!) and money to television and radio advertising.

So, okay.

I haven't seen a single candidate this year except Edward G. Spayd, who ran for the office of County Commissioner against What's-His Name down in the southeast corner of District Two.

(I haven't seen What's-His-Name, either, during the campaigning frenzy or ever.)

Nobody got everything he wanted, in this election. There were too many Proposals, so that no matter which ones won, somebody was bound to be dismayed or disappointed.

Personally, I split my ballot more this year than I've ever done before--and I've been a ballot-splitter many years.

The choice of candidates was dismayingly flawed, in every instance, far as I'm concerned.

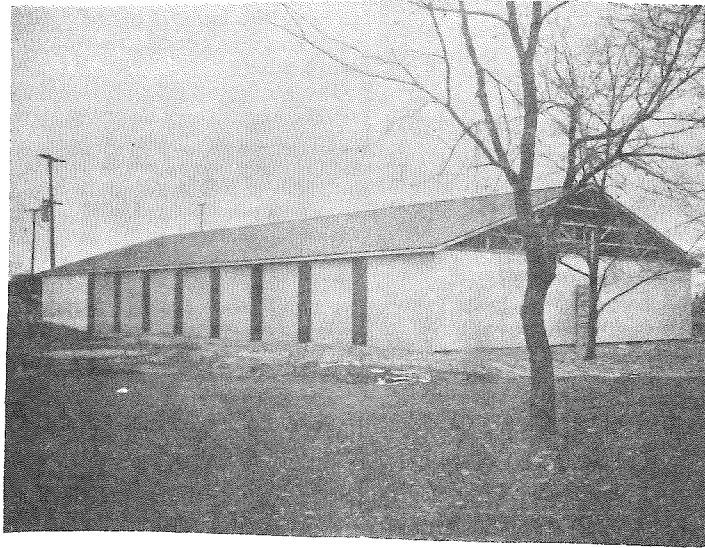
We didn't have much choice, for instance, in our voting for Governor of Michigan, far as I'm concerned. I still think the PPB disaster was a real disaster, no matter what a Wexford County Circuit Judge ruled--just before Election Day. That ruling sort of puts me on edge as to the real meaning of the PBB affair, no matter what the Detroit Free Press didn't say about cattle losses around the state. Farmers shot their best-producing animals just for fun? Or because of poor feed-habits dished out by the owner? I can't buy that.

Anyhow, election is over, and now we can enjoy our radio and tv programs without the blasts from hopeful or defensive politicians.

Thank goodness.

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Maggie Boger entertained several friends at dinner Monday.



THE DIFFERENCE A WEEK'S WORK MAKES: Above is the new Community Building at Mitchell Park here, taken Monday while workers on the job (at the back of the building.) There will be scads of interior work after the shell is completed. There's plumbing for modern kitchen facilities, adequate rest-rooms; There's air-conditioning, electrical work, and finishing.  
Messenger photo



CLARA FOX CELEBRATED HER 91ST BIRTHDAY--Tuesday of last week, at the Medical Facility in Mt. Pleasant. Clara has countless friends in Weidman and the area, who will wish her Happy Birthday.

Clara lived in Weidman for many years, when Ed and Agnes Fox had the hardware store in the old Scott building. She has a host of relatives and friends here and in Nottawa.

## SO WE OFFER SOME REMINDERS OF OLD DAYS

This week we're going back a few years in the life of the Messenger, thanks to Hugh Hobart of California. Hugh sent us some out-of-print copies of some of the old Messengers, for which we're very grateful, and we're sharing some of them with you.

Also in the 1955 issue, the front page of which is shown on our back page today, is a writeup of the beautiful wedding of Miss Joyce Ann Louisell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Sr., and Preston Smith.

Rev Arlo Vandlen officiated. Bruce Middlesworth was best man, with groomsmen Bill Louisell, Jr., and Bob and Dick Louisell. Ushers were George McClain, Jr., and Bob Cross.

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## CUB SCOUTS ACTIVE AROUND HERE

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 11 Weidman Cub Scouts of Den One visited Schafer's Archery Range.

After Bland and Dana Schafer instructed the boys in safety rules and the proper way to use a bow and arrow, the Cubs practiced shooting. Archery is fun, and the Cub Scouts enjoyed it.

The boys picked up litter along the Airline Road while walking to and from the range.

Scouts participating included Shawn Dent, Jim Reynolds, Jim Cool, Rodney Most, Chris Benn, Greg Maxon and John Nash; Joe Ohanesian, Doug Struble, Mark Stone, and LeRoy Nash.

They were accompanied by their two Den Mothers.

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## HOW'S THAT AGAIN?

(In District Court News): Terry Kenneth Morrow, 29, Dowagiac, \$105 fine and costs, four months probation, must attend substance abuse program for driving wrecklessly. (Morning Sun, Oct. 28, 1978.)

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R. D. Sprague was reported as doing much better the first of the week, after experiencing a mild heart disorder last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick left Tuesday for their winter home in Zephyrhills, Florida.

**SKUNKS INVADE WEIDMAN**

At least the west side of the village of Weidman appears to have been invaded by a number of skunks.

Actually, most of the state, at least from here on north, appears to have an overabundance of the animals.

We have a most clever feature (pictures with story) on the front page of the Houghton Lake Reporter, sent us by Jim Hughes, showing a skunk trying to find a peacable spot in the midst of a small city.

We hope to print it next week if not this.

An oddity about skunks all over the state this year seems to be that they don't let loose with the overpowering skunk defense. So far, skunks have run off or been killed or taken to the Humane Society without fuming, to put it delicately.

The Bill Louisell home-place appears to be a favorite of the animals, as Bill has shot one of them, and figures there are more on his place.

But no skunk perfume.

**In the Editor's Mail**

Hi, Connie--

Hope this finds you well, and that you keep well.

I've had the check ready to send, been waiting to send it when I knew I'd be leaving; it's the 12th, for Florida.

After next week, I'll get on the plane at Detroit and two hours and 15 minutes later I'll be there.

I am glad the weather is so nice. I'll call you when I get back, in five or six months.

Keep well. I think of you often.

Bessie Latham  
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Santa Clara, Ca.  
October 24, 1978

Dear Connie:

While sorting out an accumulation of items I had set aside over the years, I came across three copies of the Weidman Messenger from days gone by.

Perhaps you maintain some sort of archives in which you have

preserved copies of those papers. If not, though, I know of no one who would be more interested in taking another look at those issues than you would. Therefore, I am sending the papers to you herewith to dispose of as you may see fit.

Although we miss much of what he had to leave behind in Michigan in the way of relatives, friends, and what Nature had endowed (except the winter season!) we do enjoy living in this part of the country. We chose to reside where we do because Marian's son and family live nearby in Morgan Hill, and to have the benefit of the agreeable weather conditions which prevail here.

The recent articles in the Messenger about the Chippewa Hills Marching Band have been of special interest to us, for Marian's 15-year-old grandson is a trumpeter in Morgan Hill's Live Oak High School band, and his parents are very active in the Boosters' Club. Like the Chippewa band, the Live Oak band is active in competition, having traveled to White Water, Wis.,

for the past three summers; has accepted an invitation to Miami, Florida, this coming December; and is also expecting to travel to Switzerland next summer.

As an aside, I shall mention that I have had a heart problem during the past year that placed me under the surgeon's knife on two occasions; necessitated my being in the hospital for 42 days, 20 of which were in the ICU; and now requires monthly chemotherapy treatments.

Please remember me to your sister, Frances. Also, she may be interested to know that her lovely painting, which my mother ("Pussy" Hobart) was fortunate enough to win at a raffle, presently adorns one of the walls in our living room.

Sincerely,  
Hugh Hobart

(Ed's Note: Thanks a million for the old Messenger copies, Hugh. We'll be using parts of them from now on (maybe some this week!) and please accept our very sincere wishes for a good recovery and a good life.)

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## Obituary

### GEORGE BUTTS

George Butts of Barryton died last Tuesday morning at Kelsey Memorial Hospital. He was 97. He was a revered citizen of Barryton, with a long and active record in business and civic affairs there. He was born in 1891 in Fork Township, Mecosta County, the son of Jacob and Josephine Butts, who were pioneer settlers of that area. As a boy he attended the Sage School, after which he attended the Ferris Institute, graduating there on a business course. He moved to Akeley, Minn., where he worked in the office of the Red River Lumber Company. In 1901 he married Irene Richardson of Sherman City, and the young couple lived in Minnesota until he returned to Barryton in 1912. He went into partnership with Perry Brown in a general store operation. A year later he purchased a dairy farm west of Bar-

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## Notice

A copy of the actual use report on general revenue sharing and anti-recession fiscal assistance funds and supporting data for the fiscal year March 23, 1977, to March 21, 1978, is available at the Treasurer's home Monday through Friday, at 6060 N. Wyman Road, Lake, Mi. 48632, for public inspection. Anti-Recession Funds expended: \$391.00 for cemetery labor.

Alma Dosenberry  
Twp. Treasurer  
Sherman Twp.

ryton. He was active in church work, having been baptized in 1900 in the Fork Church of Christ. He and his wife later organized the Church of Christ in Navis, Minn.,

in 1907.

After returning to Michigan, they joined the Barryton Church of Christ.

Mr. Butts served as township supervisor, treasurer and clerk, in various years. He was elected to the Barryton school board in 1918, and served on that board for 50 years.

When the school was consolidated into the Chippewa Hills District, he was elected secretary of the board, and served until his retirement.

His great-grandson is Rick Leach of the University of Michigan football team. Rick is star player on that team and is expected to break the passing record in the last few games of the season at U. of M.

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## Obituary

### BILL B. ADAMSON

Bill B. Adamson of 0622 Fairway Drive, Lake Isabella, died at his home last week Tuesday night. He was 51.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Garber-Berry Funeral Home in Shepherd, with Rev. Wendell Parman officiating.

Burial was in the Salt River Cemetery at Shepherd. Masonic services were held at the funeral home.

He was born May 1, in Mandrill, Okla.

He was a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge, F&AM, Sheba No. 200, Greyville, Ill.; a 32nd degree Mason, Scottish Rites, Belleville, Ill.; the El Khurafeh Temple of the Shrine of Saginaw; the Eastern Stars, Chapter 96, Shepherd; the Westlawn Church of Christ of Shepherd.

He was a veteran of World War II, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Carmine, Ill.

He is survived by his wife, Margie; a son, Ermil of Lansing; a granddaughter, Danielle, also of Lansing; his mother, Mrs. Willie Adamson, of Lynwood, Calif.; and a brother, Doyle, of Fort Worth, Texas.

The family have many friends in the lake area who will mourn his passing.

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### NEWS NOTES

Patrick Louiselle and a friend from Maine spent a few days last week with Patrick's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Louisell. They enjoyed hunting with bow and arrows, but didn't get anything. They did enjoy our beautiful scenery here, and our wooded areas.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## Obituary

### CLARENCE CHAFFEE

Clarence Chaffee died unexpectedly at Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor, after suffering a coronary attack Sunday. He and his wife, Aletha, had been visiting in that area.

Clarence and his son, Dean, owned and operated the Chaffee Farm Service business at their home in Sherman Township, a service devoted to repair of farm machinery.

Clarence was 65. He was born in rural Weidman Sept. 14, 1913, and was a lifelong resident of this area.

He is survived by his wife, Aletha; a son, Dean; four daughters, Mrs. Allan (Patricia) Marshall, Mrs. Larry (Fern) Baker of White Pines, Mrs. Gary (Anna) Boyd of Remus, and Mrs. Howard (Nancy) Howard of rural Weidman;

Also two sisters, Mrs. Harry (Beatrice) Gatehouse and Mrs. Leo (Vada) Gatehouse, of Lake Isabella; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in Forest Hill Cemetery at Horr.

The family have the sincere sympathy of their many friends here.

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## Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all my friends and relatives for the cards, plants and all the other nice things they did for me while I am laid up.

Special thanks to Ardis and Marilyn, who do something every day.

I guess you never know who your friends are until you are out.

May God bless every one of you.

Jessie Rosencrantz

### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips attended the funeral of their niece in Midland, last week Monday. Wednesday they visited their sister in the Clare Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Reichoff of Ludington spent Sunday afternoon with them.

Mrs. Clara Smith celebrated her birthday Sunday, and many local friends and relatives were callers, and took her gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith took her a beautiful birthday cake.

A FEW MORE PRICELESS DIRECTIONS ON "HOW TO DO THINGS," in 1920:

This book was loaned us by Burton Ward, given us the second time by our request. The old book was owned by Clayton D. Ward, and was published by the Farm Journal.

(In the "Stock Medicines and a Medicine Chest," in the farm-animal treatment section of the book:)

"All the medicine in the world will neither prevent nor cure a disease unless the remedy is at hand when it should be used. That is why so many animals die while the owner is making a trip to the drug store for remedies which are so necessary and so frequently used that they should be kept in a definite place in the stock barn."

(Follows a description of a small cupboard for keeping "remedies" on hand.)

"In such a medicine chest, which is best made of grooved lumber to keep out dust and cockroaches, there may be hooks for hanging up syringes, scissors, trocars, clippers, knives, etc.

These are necessary parts of every stockman's medicine kit, for their use is not complicated.

.. A small strip of wood placed on the upper surface of the shelves at the outer edges will prevent the bottles being forced off the shelves.

"The most Necessary Drugs!"

... There are a few remedies

It is neither possible nor economical to keep in such a chest a remedy for every trouble.

There are a few remedies, however, whose uses are so varied that they need to be included in the list.

One of these is tincture of iodine, used to swab out deep cuts and wounds. Ordinarily such wounds heal in a couple of weeks; if they fail to do so, a snag or an abscess may be present, necessitating the services of a veterinarian.

Aloes and linseed oil are almost a necessity, particularly for use in purging a horse. Epsom salts answers well as a purgative for cows and sheep, and castor oil for calves infested with scours. Baking soda can be kept for colic, and some powdered tobacco for worms in horses.

A box of salve, for use on sore teats, is worth having on hand. Just as necessary is a bottle of liniment for use on sprains and bruises.

Copper sulphate, commonly called blue vitriol, has a wide use as a wash and is also used in controlling proud flesh in wounds.

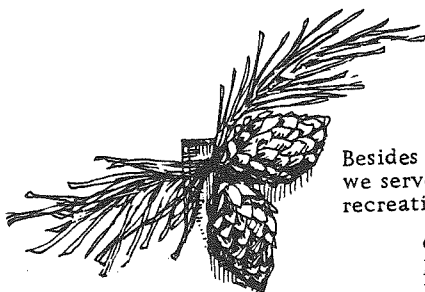
Silver nitrate is entitled to a place on the shelf, because of its use as an eye wash.

Red iodide of mercury is used for blistering, making it into an ointment for use on spavins and splints.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Pete Lorenz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lorenz, celebrated his ninth birthday Saturday, with boys from his school class.

The Band Boosters are putting on a family-style fish supper Friday, Nov. 10, from 5 to 8 p. m., at the Beal City School cafeteria.

Parent-teachers conferences this week for St. Joseph's School.

Our parish is treating the Senior Citizens of the area to a beef dinner Thursday at noon at the K. of C. Hall.

Mrs. Francis Theisen and Mrs. Harold Straus spent a few days in Flint, visiting Mrs. Marie Shanahan.

Jane Zeien celebrated her birthday Monday. Don Gould celebrated his fourth birthday Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Swan and family of Clio visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rau over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and family visited Mrs. Irene Smith of Beal City over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Deb, Dale and Ginny were guests at Donny Gould's fourth birthday party Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnston of Mt. Pleasant spent Thursday with Tillie Schafer. Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp were Sunday guests.

Mrs. Vera Kavanaugh and Mrs. John Kennedy of Detroit called on Tillie Schafer Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer moved into their new home.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Larry had a surprise housewarming for them Saturday evening.

Evelyn, Theresa and Amy Malish of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Schafer Sunday.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey attended the wedding of Jack Maxon and Renee Irwin, at North Bradley, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Knudson of Livonia spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Lela Whearett, and uncle, Don Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson visited their daughter, Marilyn Powers, near Shepherd, Sunday.

When Ye Ed and Frances Tranbarger went out to vote at the Sherman Township Hall something after 8 a. m. Tuesday, a good-sized waiting line greeted us, and more folks kept coming in.

### BACK TO BASICS

So let's take another look at John Forest's priceless 1917 Edition of "Efficiency Arithmetic", a 65¢ book owned then by Agnes Doherty in Grade 8 in the Nottawa one-room school.

Exercise 7, page 51:

A boy bought a motorcycle for \$70 and sold it at a gain of 20%. How much did he gain?

Ans.: Since gain is always figured on the cost, he gained 20% of \$70. In short form the problem really means: What is 20% of \$70? (answer to that: \$14.00.)

How many 8th grade kids can figure that one out today?

Problem No. 2: A merchant sold a suit costing \$15, at a profit of \$40? What was his (dollar) profit on the suit?

Problem No. 4: On a loan of \$250 for a year, I receive 6% of that sum for the use of the money. How much do I receive for

the use of the money?

No. 5: A real estate dealer sold a lot costing \$1500 at a gain of 33 1/3%. What was his gain?

(And skipping a few.)

Problem 19: A factory employing 40 equally paid operators of machines reduced its force by 25% and increased by 25% the wages of those that remain. Does it pay more or less in wages than before?

Problem 20: Helen spent 35% of her Christmas money on one shopping trip and 28% on the next trip. What percent of her money was left? If she had \$7.40 left, how much money had she at first?

Okay, class that's about enough for one session.

But that's the kind of math a student in the 8th grade, early into the book, was given in 1917.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER



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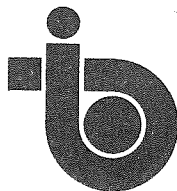
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Hours for donors in the Weidman-Beal City area are Nov. 17, 12 noon to 6 p. m., at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City.

Appointments should be made beforehand, and may be made by calling Mrs. Floyd Hauck at tel. 644-2268.

It is advised that donors allow about an hour for the process. Donors will receive blood pressure checks, pulse rate, and temperature. Also tests for anemia and a medical history are required. Anyone between the ages of 17 and 65 is eligible to donate to this worthy cause. Donors must weigh at least 113 pounds.

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**BANK PERSONNEL TAKE  
COLLEGE COURSES**

Enrollment in banking classes sponsored jointly by the Mid Michigan American Institute of Banking Study Group and Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison was termed a huge success by Wayne Trowbridge, chairman of the study group. "Over 170 area bank personnel was more than we expected," he said.

The college program allows area bank personnel to earn credit toward certificates awarded by the American Institute of Banking and Finance, at Mid Michigan Community College.

The following area folks are involved in the program.

American Security Bank: Lillian Hinkle, Sadie Jewell, Jim Robinson, Kay Coston and Gail Cone.

From the Isabella Bank & Trust: Mary Ann Brewer, Sandy Reihl, Linda Yuncker, Peggy Wheeler, Rosemarie Tyler, Jeanne Schaffer, Judy Thielen, Mary Strom, Judy Geroux, Cynthia Diehm, Kathleen Pollak, Debbie Campbell, Kathy Kennedy, Leo Wickert, Christie Smith, Candy Uebele, Kathy Westphal, Brian Lehnen, Rhoda Straus, and Barbara Bierschbach.

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**In the  
Editor's Mail**

Dear Connie,

I was hoping to be in my own apartment before now, but am still waiting for my furniture to get here.

I really like it here. The weather is beautiful most of the time, although we have had quite a lot of rain lately.

I am sending my check for another year of the paper.

Sincerely,  
Audrey Flaughter

**4-H scholarship funds**

**I**n 1978, \$244,300 in scholarship funds will be distributed nationally to 273 current or former 4-H members who meet eligibility requirements set by the Cooperative Extension Service.

These scholarships are donated by about 50 businesses, corporations and foundations. They are arranged and announced by National 4-H Council, a nonprofit organization administering private support for the 4-H program.

These donors also provide

county achievement medals and expense-paid trips to the 57th National 4-H Congress in Chicago Nov. 26-30 for state and national winners. National 4-H Council offers recognition in the 4-H beef, horse, and swine programs with \$1,000 scholarships to six national winners in each program.

More information concerning these scholarships and awards is available from your local County Extension office. □

**In the  
Editor's Mail**

Dear Connie,

I just finished reading the Weidman paper that Olive Johnson (my sister-in-law in Ohio) sends me after they digest all the news, and noticed that Balm Ames had been in Weidman visiting.

Connie, she was my teacher when I was in the first and second grades, and I would like to drop her a few lines, if you happen to have her address. She was a very good teacher, and perhaps she would appreciate hearing from one of the brats she had in school almost 60 years ago.

Glad you folks are enjoying the beautiful scenery that Mother Nature has painted for you. That is one thing I miss here in Florida, but one can't have everything. Temperature's in the 80s today, so guess I shouldn't complain.

Hope you and Frances are both okay.

Gerald C. Johnson  
(Jed)  
Florida

Ed's Note: Sorry, Jed, but we don't have Balm's address, nor could we find anyone here who does. Maybe some kind reader will see this and send it to us.)

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**Brinton News**

Frances Beck, Reporter

Shannon La Londe spent the weekend at the Randy Brownell home in Mt. Pleasant, with the Brownell children, while their parents were in Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and family were in Grand Rapids Saturday, where they did some shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker. Edna Johnson of Sheridan called Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields and daughter, Kris, of Grand Rapids, called on Tony Bartley Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Chase of near Marion called on him Wednesday of last week.

Ruth Teeter and family of Clare spent Sunday with their mother and Grandma, Edna Teeter.

Bobby and Micky Slupe of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright. Callers included Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Merrihew, who were called here due to the death of their brother-in-law, Clarence Chaffee, who passed away Friday. Burial was Monday from the Daggett Funeral Home.

A large crowd attended the Senior Citizens' meeting at the Brinton Hall last Thursday.

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Daryl Pitts spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, from his studies at Great Lakes Bible College at Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. David Wood and boys were Saturday guests.

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

Sunday School, 10 a. m.  
Morning Service, 11 a. m.  
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.

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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

1/4 mile south of Weidman School, corner of Coldwater and Weidman Roads.

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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BRINTON CHAPEL

Corner of Brinton and Steven-  
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**COMPLETE  
FEED AND  
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PROGRAM**

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**BULK AND  
BAG  
FERTILIZER**

# S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

The Grim Reaper called another Brother home. Clarence Chaffee passed away peacefully Friday afternoon in a Benton Harbor hospital. God must really have loved the four Chaffee boys, as He now has them all in His tender care. Clarence was a beautiful, loving man, who was widely known in the entire county for his tractor repair service, which his son, Dean, will bravely carry on. Our hearts and prayers go out to Aletha, the children, grandchildren, and two sisters. Remember, the sun will shine again, we only need to cry before we can laugh again.

Pat Kurtz returned home from Lansing Saturday, after a two-weeks' stay with her parents and two daughters.

Elwyn Pennington and the Wendell Penningtons of Georgia were up for the funeral of Clarence Chaffee, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., spent Saturday in Grand Rapids, visiting Floyd Dutcher and Bob Hines at the Veterans' Facility.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crawford of Grand Rapids spent Sunday and Monday with the Gatehouse families, attending the funeral Monday.

Laura Latham, Rosie Leiter of Mt. Pleasant, Mabel Chaffee, Doris Wilmot and Minnie Flaughner enjoyed lunch together at the D&R Restaurant Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald spent Friday and Saturday in Lansing with their daughter, Florence.

The Brian, Clayton, Ervin, Sr., Gary, Jim, Dick and Bob and Ervin, Jr. families, the Carl Fitzgeralds, the Woodins, Beutlers, Hardenburghs, Lynches and Doremires all gathered at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton over the weekend, and most attended the funeral Monday of a dear friend and neighbor, Clarence Chaffee.

Oren Sheldon and friend and Millie Voss visited Mabel Chaffee Thursday evening. Sherry Eberbach and Pat Kurtz were Saturday visitors.

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## Around Horr

Betty Thompson, Reporter (Filling in for Jessie Rosencra while Jessie's in the hospital.)

This community was also saddened by the sudden death of Clarence Chaffee. The family has our deepest sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Merrihew spent Sunday over night at the Elwood Miller home, to attend the funeral of Clarence Chaffee Monday. George Miller spent Saturday with his parents.

Bobbie and Earl Oplinger and

Floyd and Delores Jackson attended an NFO dance at St. Louis Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist and Mrs. Flora Wood called Sunday afternoon at the Pete Wood home. Leo Mills and Jack Lynch were also callers Sunday.

Bob Thompson spent the weekend at home from his work in Jackson.

Callers at the home of Margaret Denslow this past week were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller of Barryton, Mrs. Teresa Allison and daughter, Terry, of Lapeer, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and children of Grand Rapids. Sunday evening Margaret enjoyed a telephone call from her son, Dr. Stuart Denslow, from Alaska, where he is presently employed on a Regional Planning project. He said the temperature there was 47 degrees, and that the weather had been nice there all fall.

Monroe Beckwith visited Hattie Losey and other relatives in the area this past week.

Wednesday, Clayton and Goldie Dutcher, Monroe Beckwith and Hattie Losey visited Floyd Dutcher in Grand Rapids.

Ardis Merrihew was a caller of her mother, Hattie Losey, Saturday. Sunday, Gerald and Marilyn Losey and Gary, and Bruce Chapman visited Jessie Rosencrantz at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant.

Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller were Ruby and Leo Menard of Alpena.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and family celebrated an early Christmas Sunday, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Del Johnson, at Horsehead Lake.

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### BAND BOOSTERS ACTIVE IN RAISING MONEY

Due to hard work by many people, the Chippewa Hills Band Boosters were able to meet the deadline for first payment of \$3,360 for their projected trip to Florida Disney World in April.

The second payment, of about \$8,000, is due in December.

Cash contributions, the Band Boosters point out, are very welcome, are tax deductible, and can be made at the Isabella Bank & Trust, Weidman Branch, and at Central Michigan Bank & Trust in Remus, Mecosta and Barryton.

Band Boosters have been selling candles, and they've sponsored an afternoon of bingo, co-sponsored the Green Grass Cloggers, and they'll be selling light bulbs in November.

In December, they'll have a double bazaar and bake sale in conjunction with the annual Christmas concert by the Junior and Senior High School bands. The concerts will be presented Dec. 5 and 10.

Donations for the bazaar and bake sale may be left at the homes of Jeanne Smith, Judy

Krueger of Broomfield, or taken to the next Band Boosters' meeting Nov. 20 at the High School, in the band room.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Brien of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday evening with his mother, Mrs. Nina Forbes.

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## They Started Up the Paper Again

ALLYS AND CONSTANCE ROE reactivated the Messenger in 1952. Their project: To get the paper out in three days' time and have four days each week for keeping house, gardening, and writing free-lance for magazines.

Allys died in 1953, and Connie has got out the paper since. Frances Tranbarger, the youngest Roe child, operated the linotype until the changeover to the offset method. Dick Louisell and Bob Gross, along with George Steib, were after-school-and-Saturday helpers on the ads and makeup, in the old shop.

The present working force is Connie, acting as editor, publisher, sweeper-outer, and pasteup hand, and Mrs. Virginia Baxter typing out the news columns on the IBM. Mrs. Clara Smith comes in Wednesday afternoons and helps fold the edition.

Papa Roe, who "Never Struck It Rich" in Satevepost, would never recognize the modern Messenger plant.

## "Papa Never Struck It Rich"



ROLLA E. AND MINNIE I. ROE, who founded the Messenger in 1912. They both worked on the paper every day, setting type by hand. They came to Weidman with six children (the other five were grown and earning their own way) and they raised the six and established their home here. The Messenger was suspended during World War I, but reactivated in 1952.

Rolla Roe died May 30, 1942, but Mrs. Roe still reads the page proofs, and is hale and hearty at 87.

The Messenger never again will have as competent and well-loved editor as Rolla Roe. The Messenger goes on, but times are

changed. The world of Rolla Roe and his old-time Messenger is gone.

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## No Messenger Without Him

BILL OHLS (left), inspects the giant camera he put together for the Messenger on its change from letterpress to offset printing. Bill uncrated the thing and proceeded to assemble it from a printed instruction sheet. He got it right the first try.

Back in the days of the old printing plant, before the camera, Bill kept the linotype running when we swore it had quit for good; and ditto with the old galloping cylinder press.

He is our head maintenance man when it comes to keeping the paper going.

The Messenger gives him a big hand and a hearty, "Thank you, Bill!"

Also on our list of credit where it's due are George McClain, Jr., and Ted Smith, when he was working full time, at one spell, on the paper.

