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Editor's Column

By Connie

SEEMS WE MISUNDERSTOOD SOME TOWNSHIP OFFICERS

So it appears we misunderstood some remarks of some Isabella County's Township officers in the fall, about the status of township officials.

We said in the Messenger that a Mt. Pleasant official had said that one day, not too far distant, there would be no more township officials and the township business would be handled by county officials, period.

Township officials say we were mistaken; that while the low pay and ever-increasing paper work demanded by Mt. Pleasant and the township officials, discouraging the township officials, nobody said they would be eliminated.

Frances Tranbarger and I both wrote to County Treasurer Jaynice Bierschbach and to Gov. Milliken, asking for details of any plan of takeover of township offices.

Jaynice Bierschbach telephoned in a state of some agitation, denying any thought of such a thing.

Frances and I each received a letter from Gov. Milliken (or his office, anyhow), dated Feb. 20, 1978, also denying any intent to take away local control.

(It only takes a couple of months to get an answer from the Governor--just write him any time.)

Here's his letter to Frances:
Dear Ms. Tranbarger:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding township officials. I can assure you that the offices of township officials are not going to be eliminated and their duties are not going to be taken over by county officials.

Again, thank you for writing. Kind personal regards. Sincerely, etc., etc., William G. Milliken, Governor.

Well, one way to get rid of township officials is to hound them with ever-increasing paper work and new bookkeeping methods, and keep their pay extreme-
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1968--YOUNG BUD FREDRICKSON--A city-born and bred youngster of 25, took over the Dillenberg Store in Weidman, purchasing it from Clarence and Harriet Dillenberg. Bud was a typical bachelor then, and at first he lived with Bill and Mamie Appelgreen as a roomer, a little later buying a cottage at Coldwater Lake, where he continued his bachelor life.



1978--BUD FREDRICKSON IS NOW A HUSBAND AND FATHER--Of three children; two of them constituting an instant family when he married Virginia Beck, along with her small son and daughter. Now there's a third child in the Fredrickson family at Coldwater Lake--Mahlon Gordon Fredrickson III (Little Bud, we'll have you know). Through these ten years Bud has been a faithful worker in the Weidman Business Association, holding every office in that civic organization; and he's been in the thick of every effort at improvement of Weidman in every respect.
Messenger photos

BUD FREDRICKSON (Continued)

Bud says he'll not be observing his tenth anniversary in the store till this summer, as he's been absent from the store frequently the past few weeks during the illness of Little Bud, who spent eight days in CMC Hospital for treatment of pneumonia. We're happy to report that Little Bud was reported fine and dandy as of Sunday this week, and the family trundled on down to Muskegon to spend the day with his parents, the Gordon Fredricksons II. "We were at the hospital most of the time when Little Bud was there," he told the Messenger gal, "and I didn't spend much time in the store. The store will just wait till summertime, then I'll have my anniversary celebration."

Bud's ten years in the store have been fruitful years, as the store expanded and the place became a gathering for young and old at the old-fashioned soda fountain, which Bud had refinished some time ago.

The Dillenbergs live on their farm-retirement home on Battle Road north and west of Weidman, after spending 21 years as owners of the store. The store had been in the Dillenberg family 50 years. They took over the store from Clarence's father, Ray, and both Pat and Harriet were daily workers there.

Clarence was one of the local businessmen who organized the Weidman Business Association (Chamber of Commerce), and usually he held an office with the WBA. He was in the group within the WBA that made the Nottawa and Sherman Township Volunteer Fire Department possible. (Before that, this town had no fire protection.)

Bud has worked hard, long hours at the store, it's true; but he fitted right into our rural life-ways, and became one of us immediately. (He had never lived in a small town before coming here.)

He sure has fitted in with the rural philosophies, ways and life, and today he is as Weidman as you and I.

(And I've been around here for a long time.--Connie.)

S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

The Grim Reaper claimed another of our beloved old-timers Sunday, March 5. Charlie Losey was buried last Thursday. Our hearts go out to Hattie and the children. There will be brighter days ahead.

Bea, Vada and Jeanette Gatehouse and Kim Thren attended a baby shower for Mrs. Bonnie Gruss Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Voss enjoyed Wednesday afternoon with her sister, Mabel Chaffee.

The Carl Fitzgeralds entertained their daughter, Florence, of Lansing, over the weekend.

Mrs. Tim McGuirk and baby visited her parents, the Leo Gatehouses, Saturday.

Patty Dutcher enjoyed a birthday and slumber party at her home Friday night. Happy Birthday, Patty!

Monroe Beckwith spent last

week with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., and on Friday he and the Dutchers, along with Hattie Losey and Minnie Strauch, visited Floyd Dutcher and Bob Hines at the Veterans' Facility in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., Monroe Beckwith, the Jim, Bob and Gary and Dick Dutcher families and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., attended the funeral of Charlie Losey Thursday at Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Lashway in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler enjoyed Saturday afternoon at the home of the Forrest Johnstons of Rosebush. Forrest remains very ill and weak.

Mrs. Carl Beutler and children spent Sunday afternoon with her aunt, Mrs. Ruth Wolfe, of Alma.

Marion Beutler took her two children to 4-H Club Wednesday evening at the home of Gladys Strong.

Marion informs the ladies of this area they are invited to a Lenten Luncheon Saturday at noon at the Methodist Church in Weidman. Ladies from Remus, Rosebush and Shepherd also have been invited to attend. There will be a speaker.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine of Midland were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. Sunday afternoon the Phillips and Earl and Millie Sanders took a ride and had dinner out.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague and Bonnie Sprague attended a band competition at Manistee Saturday, all day. The Chippewa Hills Band played at 8 a.m., and did very well in the competition. This was district competition, and the band will go on to state finals later.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Touchinski of Marquette were weekend guests of their brother and sister-in-law, the Richard Touchinskis, and girls.

Sadie Zorn is in Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. She is a sister of Mrs. Verlia Wilcox.

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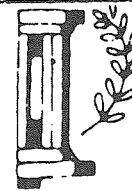
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UNION GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES SET FOR MAR. 24

The Weidman Methodists and Nazarenes are getting together for a Good Friday service at the Weidman Church of the Nazarene. The Methodist minister, Rev. Vance Dimmick, will be the speaker.

The service will be at 1 p. m. on Good Friday, March 24.

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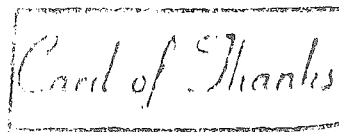
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All persons having claims against said Township are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned on or before the above named date.

Township of Sherman
County of Isabella
State of Michigan

KEITH LOOMIS
Township Clerk
9 Mar t1

Michael Brien of Green Bay, Wisc., and his mother, Mrs. Harvey Brien, of Ithaca, were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. Nina Forbes.



The family of Charlie Losey would like to express our most sincere thanks to all our many friends, neighbors and relatives, who showed their kindness to us in so many ways this past week.

We would like to thank Dr. Kowaleski and the wonderful nurses at the Kelsey Memorial Hospital; the Crittenden Funeral Home; Rev. Marvin Eldridge for his comforting words; the ladies who put on the dinner; and all those who donated food;

Those who sent flowers, gifts of money, and all who helped us in any way.

We especially want to thank Earl and Ed Oplinger, Bill Wilcox and Dick Curtiss, for their help.

All this was deeply appreciated.

Hattie Losey
Harold and Lois Losey
And Family
Theron and Ardis Merrihew and Family
Jerry and Marilyn Losey
And Family
Jessie Rosencrantz

Obituary

JOSEPH M. GRIM

Joseph Moore Grim, editor of the Farwell News and Review, died Sunday, March 12, in the Clare Osteopathic Hospital, after a short illness. He was 74.

Funeral services were held this week Tuesday at 10 a. m. from the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell. A funeral service also was held Tuesday in the Blanchard Church of God. Burial was in the Pine River Cemetery at Blanchard.

He was born in Indiana March 26, 1903, the son of Charles F. Grim and Maude (Moore) Grim.

He married Nina Lovejoy, who survives him.

He was former village president and member of the village council in Farwell. He was owner of the Farwell News and Review; and a member of the Blanchard Church of God.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Charles C. and Joseph L., both of Farwell, and Norman E. of Battle Creek; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Mary) Barnes of Rockford and Mrs. Robert (Ruth) DeSpelder of McBride.

Also surviving are his brother, Paul, of St. Charles; two sisters, Mrs. Louise Reynolds of Florida and Mrs. Gale Graham of St. Louis; and 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Joe Grim was admired by his

fellow country editors for his forthright editorials on whatever subject might be crucial at the moment.

He was courageous and outspoken on all political matters, for which his colleagues respected and admired him.

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Obituary

EDNA MAUDE CUMMINS

Edna Maude Cummins died last Wednesday at the Tri-County Hospital in Edmore. She was 89.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 1 p. m. at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with Rev. Kennard Schaibly officiating. Burial was in the Broomfield Township Cemetery.

Mrs. Cummins was born in Payne, Ohio, Sept. 30, 1888.

She is survived by a son, Arnold, of Remus; two grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Garth Lawrence was a Sunday dinner guest of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. He also called at the Tracy White home.

The Mack Denslows entertained their children and grandchildren Sunday.

D. J. Whitman spent from Saturday till this Wednesday with his grandparents, the Pete Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills and Carrie were Sunday guests of the Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fahnestock spent from Thursday evening till Sunday with his folks, the Charles Fahnestocks.

Bob Thompson attended a convention from Monday till Friday, a week ago, at Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baynes of Traverse City and Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Holmes and Maude Cassidy were Saturday guests of the Elwood Millers. George Miller was a Sunday guest of his folks. The Millers attended the Lions Club fish fry Friday evening in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey took Mrs. Hattie Losey and Mrs. Bessie Price and me to the Lions Club fish supper Friday evening, in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Menard of Alpena were Sunday guests at the Paul Miller home. Elwood and Iola Miller were evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad and Jason, Mrs. Hattie Losey, Harold Losey, and Bridget Dague and I were Sunday dinner guests of the Gerald Loseys.

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Ruby Douglas was a Thursday visitor of Mrs. Emil Phillips.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Albert Lague returned home from the hospital last Tuesday, and is doing fine.

Mrs. Ellen Courter Hall had surgery on her mouth the middle of last week, in an Owosso hospital.

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

Melissa Mahon broke her arm roller skating in the garage. It's the same arm she broke when she was six or seven years old.

Tony Masiwchuk and Steve Kripa were visitors of the Paul Coles Thursday evening.

We're sorry to hear that Elva Gott has been on the sick list, and was in the hospital.

Paul Cole made a business trip to Morley Saturday.

Paul and Lena Cole called on Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes Saturday evening.

Joe Mossell attended a dinner for employees where he works, Saturday evening. He received a Bulova watch, a five-year pin and a 15-year pin with two diamond settings.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and girls, Melissa and Ronnie, spent Sunday evening with the Paul Coles.

Paul Cole called on Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Douglas last Thursday. He found them not too well either. This old age I guess gets

everybody!

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Local Items

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family were Sean and Scott and Jason Embrey of Mt. Pleasant, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey. Their parents were attending the state bowling tournament in Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Brien of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday callers of Mrs. Nina Forbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur attended a birthday party for Andy Fussman Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson of Stanton, at the Wyman restaurant, for the Wilsons' anniversary dinner.

Mrs. Mona Wood and children spent Friday and Saturday with Ron and Jan Apple. Cheryl Barber of Lansing spent Friday and Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips visited their doctor in Barryton Thursday afternoon. They were visitors of the Paul Bigelows at Winn Friday.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

SCHOOL MILLAGE DATE SET FOR JUNE 12

Voters in the Beal City School District will go to the polls June 12 to act on a request for renewal of 13 operational mills. Specific information will be provided voters during a May meeting.

Beal City Schools' biggest budget concerns are negotiating two-year teacher contracts and providing a vocational education facility.

At its last regular meeting, the School Board approved the purchase of a \$3,575 weight machine for physical education classes and athletes. The Board will split costs with the athletic department.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung went with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer to their cottage at Lovell's over the weekend. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith of Weidman.

Mrs. Margie Schafer was a visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block, Saturday afternoon.

Myron Esch has bought the barber shop building (the old Block's Store) in Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fussman's little girl is in CMC Hospital, suffering from pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Tillie Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schafer and boys spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Laney in Gary, Ind.

Sr. John Anne, Sr. Michaela and nuns from another parish are spending spring vacation in Florida.

The Sadie Hawkins dance was held Friday night at the high school. Kids reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goffnett and family have moved to Beal City the past week.

Fred Gould called on Dan Grace in CMC Hospital Thursday.

Ed Kavanaugh is in the Alma Hospital.

Tina Ball was home for spring break from Lake Superior College. She returned to college Saturday.

Bev Schafer, Sandy Klumpp, Deb Rau and Annette Schafer are in Florida for their spring break.

Craig Rau celebrated his second birthday Saturday. He is the son of Larry and Sheila.

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"My family thinks I'm crazy because I like pancakes," a woman told her psychiatrist.

"Well, I like pancakes, too," the doctor reassured her.

"Oh, you must come over!" the woman exclaimed, delighted. "I have trunks and trunks of them!"

LAKE ISABELLA

Helen Klenk, Reporter

Gradually, the snow has been melting, and each day we've seen a few more branches of the small evergreen trees which had been completely hidden until recently. There is still ice fishing going on out on the lake, but most of the fishermen have removed their shanties to safer grounds. Hope these are signs that spring has sprung, as everybody seems pretty weary of Old Man Winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Haggart of Harper Woods were guests of the Norman Paddocks for a few days last week. They were here checking on the progress of their new home on Pequena Drive near Queen's Way. They were a bit disappointed to find that only the basement is in, and construction not yet started on the rest of the house.

Also up for last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moon. They have been busy, trying to finish the house on Crown Point before they move in, around May 1st. We are looking forward to both of these new neighbors on the west end of the lake.

Ruth and Otto Yabs of Carmen Drive have returned from a week's visit with their son and his family in DeWitt.

Another successful fish fry for the Weidman Lions Club last Friday, thanks to all the kind, hungry people who came to dinner. Many thanks to all who helped in any way. (Many hands make light work!) The Lions Club is planning one more fish fry on Friday, April 14, and we hope to see everybody back for that one.

Don't forget to get your reservations in at the clubhouse for the big bash April 1, to celebrate the official opening of the golf course. Prime rib dinner for two, complete with salad bar and one drink apiece for \$17.00.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Word has been received of the death of Effie (Sisco) McCombs of Flint, who passed away Wednesday of last week. Burial was in the family plot at the North Brinton Cemetery.

Glenn Bartlett and family of Lansing called on Mr. and Mrs. George Beers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Forbes and Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow are vacationing in Florida at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holland of Grand Rapids called on their uncle, Tony Bartley, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker were in Bay City Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and family spent the weekend with his brother, Richard Strang, at Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Haenke and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher and Danyell were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen Saturday evening, in honor of Darrel's birthday.

I spent the day with Edna Johnson near Sheridan last Thursday. Violet Wright was in Mt. Pleasant Thursday.

Shannon La Londe spent Saturday night with her grandmother, Irma Bazaire, near Barryton, and Sunday night with her aunt, Dianne, and family, near Chipewa Lake.

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In the Editor's Mail

To the Editor:

It would appear that the article published in the Morning Sun regarding patient abuse at the State Home is lacking in truth.

The article, dated March 1, 1978, by Jim Harger, does not reflect the fact that due process was violated. It does not specifically state that investigators from the State Police Post did not advise any of the subjects of their right of representation and due process under the provisions of the Miranda decision.

It would appear that we have a miniature SS/KGB branch in our midst.

One would be well advised to take note of the fact that we are a nation of laws, in which all are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

It is sickening that a murder suspect, rapist and thief must be accorded due process, but employees of the DMH are prejudged, vilified, and dismissed without the protection of their heritage under the Federal Constitution.

I should hope that, as this story develops, objective, open journalism will prevail, not circulation-increasing half-truths, as apparently practiced by the Detroit Free Press.

To do less brings dishonor to the profession of journalism.

Respectfully,

Gene L. Cayton
Employee of the
Mt. Pleasant Home
Address, Brinton

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

WEIDMAN AREA DOGS ARE MAULING DEER

The Sheriff's Department has reported seven deer killed by domestic dogs in the Weidman area during the past two weeks.

Until recent days, the snow was very deep and hard-packed, allowing dogs to run over it with ease, but the deer broke through and became bogged, easy prey for the dogs.

Dog owners should make sure their animals are either secured or penned, especially at this time of year.

With the weekend thaw, the dog kill lessened somewhat, as snow melted and softened, giving the deer a 50-50 chance of escape.

If cold weather sets in again, and more snow accumulates, it is imperative for dog owners to know at all times just where their dogs are, and what they are doing.

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WAYNE CHARNES ELATED OVER STATUS OF HUMAN AID PROGRAMS

Wayne Charnes, executor director of Human Aid, a substance-abuse corrections facility, is elated over the recent full state accreditation as an outpatient facility.

His recognition came from the Accreditation Council for Psychiatric Facilities, part of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

Wayne's service-organization has been accredited only on an annual basis the past three years, and the full accreditation means full recognition of the worth of the efforts of dedicated men and women in the facility.

Human Aid serves five coun-

ties, with individual counseling and group therapy for alcohol abusers, and highway safety classes for persons referred there by the courts after alcohol-related incidents.

A new Harrison facility will deal with 12 18-year-old youths who have alcohol problems.

Before the Dec. 13 inspection of Wayne's program, when the accreditation became effective, the staff had to rate services. A Chicago-based inspector rated the program on its professionalism, record-keeping and other aspects.

Wayne said he and his co-workers improved on all aspects of their work, especially client care and follow-up.

The favorable rating is expected to provide a source of revenue for the program if health-insurance carriers are mandated to provide pay for outpatient care in cases of alcohol abuse.

"And if it goes through, we'll be in the front row among substance abuse programs!" Wayne said in an interview Saturday.

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CAR HITS TWO MAIL BOXES, RAMS CONSUMERS POLE

A car driven by Thomas Anthony Davy of 5131 Park Road, Ann Arbor, knocked down two mail boxes and a couple of newspaper boxes on the Airline Road in front of the Jerry Smith home Tuesday morning at about 12.20, according to Sheriffs' reports later.

Frances Tranbarger and the Smiths lost their mail boxes, the Smiths lost a paper-delivery box, and the Consumers Power pole withstood the collision.

Davy's car flipped over on its top after hitting the power pole. The Airline Road, like others throughout the county, was slip-

perry and ice-coated. Young Davy suffered a skull fracture and was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw in critical condition, according to the Elmer Davy family.

He was cited by Sheriff's officers for careless driving.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Bill Alwood and son, Troy, of Saginaw spent the weekend at the Don Alwood home. Don and son, Jim, are spending some time at Salinas, Calif., and expected to be home this week on a plane. Don's brother, Dick Alwood, has been very ill, and the brothers hadn't seen each other for 22 years.

Helen Alwood and grandson, Todd Alwood, visited friends and relatives in the Weidman area Monday. Heather Alwood spent Friday and Saturday with Aunt Cathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Alwood and children attended a wedding Saturday afternoon in Clare.

Zena Olger had a call from her youngest brother and wife in Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Allbee, Sunday.

Albert Gott called and took me out for dinner after church Sunday. My children were here a week ago Sunday, when I came home from the hospital.

My sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGillis, called on me Sunday afternoon.

Joe Ptak is in CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant, suffering from a blood clot in his leg.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lintz, on North Lincoln Road.

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That staff of nurses really tried.

Keeping tabs on EKG,
Watching the monitors, too;
Changing bottles of IV,
Forever asking, "How are you?"

Now my darling has gone away;
But I'm still thankful, you see.
For he tearfully did pray
To save the life of sister Bea.

God must have heard his prayers
And he did not die in vain;
He walked up those golden stairs
And Sis Bea is well again.
By Mabel Chaffee, 1977
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AREA POETESS INVITED INTO WHO'S WHO IN POETRY

Mabel Chaffee, who has written many nice poems, many of which we have published on these pages, has been invited into the 1978 edition of "Who's Who in American Poetry".

Here's the official invitation: "In recognition of your significant contribution to Poetry, you are cordially invited to be registered in Who's Who in Poetry, 1978."

And here's a letter from Mabel, explaining the situation:

When I was 12 and getting rid of my favorite doll and hair braids, I was forever dreaming of knights, princesses, and far-away beautiful places that I could write about.

I'm afraid I did a lot of day-dreaming of becoming a poetess, but my very first fantastic love story at age 16 did show I had imagination.

When Mother suggested I mail it to "True Story" magazine, the whole family waited and prayed. A few months later, I received word they hadn't been able to use it at that particular time, and had sent it on to "True Confessions". Many months later, I was told my story would not be printed, but did receive a small certificate of merit for my effort, and to keep trying.

Many years later, after marriage and a child, a real true story was written by me. When our five-year-old daughter had conquered lobar double pneumonia without the help of penicillin, the story was printed in a national magazine, along with a check and a

promise of two more stories in the same magazine the next two years, which I did.

My first verse of poetry was written about by brother during World War II, who had become a German prisoner of war.

The poem was popular after being printed in the Sunday supplement of the Grand Rapids Press, while the war was still on (1942). It's my favorite poem.

I still continue to write poetry as a hobby, and many people and even radio and star personalities helped me with my chosen career.

I remember many years ago, Bert and I went to Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn., the trip sponsored by WGRD radio station. Mr. Conrad of the station, and Tom La Belle of the Grand Rapids Press went along on the four-day trip, to cover the festivities. They both read my book of poetry, and when we arrived back in Grand Rapids three of my poems were read on radio shows, and a poem was printed in the Press; and Roy Acuff accepted several of my poems.

Several years later, Johnny Cash and Co. were in Grand Rapids for a show. Mr. Conrad of WGRD was to be the m.c. for the show, and he had remembered the poetry and called me, asking me to send some to him and he would take them to Johnny Cash's dressing room. Johnny sent us two complimentary tickets to the show, and Johnny and June asked us back stage; and Jerry Ford, then a Representative from Grand Rapids, helped me with my copyright material from Washington, D.C.

Over the years, some of my poetry has been read at the Ladies' Literary Guild, and I have been a long-time member of the poetry society of Michigan, and have had about 20 of the poems published.

And just recently, after 40 years of my life had been contributed to poetry, I received a special invitation to be registered in Who's Who in Poetry, '78, from the National Society of Poetry, Inc., of which I am a member.

Who's Who in Poetry will be in libraries and universities the world wide, and I will be among the poets of the world.

Mabel Chaffee
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ISABELLA BANK & TRUST OFFERS NEW SERVICE

The Isabella Bank & Trust of Mt. Pleasant and Weidman has announced a new consumer-oriented loan program, called the personal loan account.

"This loan program will set aside a pre-determined amount of money for use by the customer any time a loan need arises," Richard Bellinger, vice president, said this week.

"Once a personal loan account

is established," he went on, "the customer can draw money from the personal loan account by merely processing a loan activator at any office of Isabella Bank and Trust."

Personal loan accounts are established for the customer with a

minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$10,000.

There is no cost to the customer in establishing a personal loan account, he said.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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ly low for the hours they put in in any given year, minding the township business.

We suggest that township officers, backed, if possible, by a good showing of taxpaying citizens, appear before the County Board of Commissioners and demand a little more share of the county's tax money. (We now get exactly one mill for operation of 16 townships, including all salaries and all expenses incurred by spates of county directives.

Now the 16 township have to divvy up one measly mill among them for everything, while seven mills goes for divers and various county this and that.

How many of us would like to

talk to that Board of County Commissioners, the value of which is unknown to us hicks over here in the country.

The Board of County Commissioners is Mt. Pleasant staffed and Mt. Pleasant oriented. The rest of the county can go hang. (I don't even know who my "representative" is, on the County Board. I have never seen or heard from him.)

So--let's hang on to our township officers, people we know and trust (and if we don't trust 'em we can toss 'em out at the next election), and who know us and care about us.

They're all we've got in personal contact with the government that taxes us more and more--and more.

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Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips.

EMMA MIDDLESWORTH WILL BE 86 MARCH 31

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth will observe her 86th birthday March 31. She is our oldest living real Weidman resident, having come here in 1914 as the bride of Fey Middlesworth. Emma was born and raised in the Brinton area, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haskins. Mr. Haskins was a power in county politics for many years.

Emma has lived here since 1914, never leaving the village for long.

She has countless friends here who will wish her many more birthday anniversaries.

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HARRISON COLLEGE OFFERS CLASSES FOR CPR LEADERS

A seminar for CPR instructors will be held Friday, March 21, at Pierce Hall, Room 123B, on the campus of CMU at Mt. Pleasant, sponsored by the Bay City region of the Michigan Heart Association in co-operation with Mid Michigan Community College at Harrison.

The seminar will begin with registration at 8.45 a.m. and will last till about 4 p.m.

Prerequisites for the seminar are age of not less than 18; proof of successful completion of either American Heart (Michigan Heart) or Red Cross CPR course within the previous 12 months, or cur-

rent instructors' cards needing renewal.

More information may be had by contacting Tom Older, MMCC tel. 386-7792, ext. 263, or Mike Crenshaw, 808 N. Euclid Street in Bay City, tel. 684-7910.

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WEIDMAN DAY MEETING SET FOR MARCH 30

A meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, March 30, at 7.30 in the old Weidman Bank building, to decide if people are interested in continuing the celebration.

"We just need people there to say if they're interested in carrying it on," Bud Fredrickson said Tuesday morning. "If enough folks aren't interested, then we'll just call it off."

Bud has headed management of the celebration the past two years. "Anybody wanting the job is welcome to it," Bud told the Messenger gal this week.

"We need people to help in the organization of events, management of concessions, the works," Bud said. "At this stage, though, we just need to know if people are interested in Weidman Day."

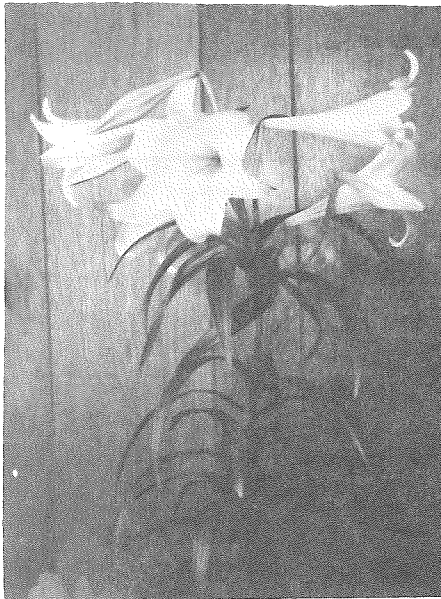
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Elvah Gott, our North Weidman news writer, was reported improving this week, after a stay in the hospital at Mt. Pleasant for treatment of strep throat and a relapse of a flu illness.

EASTER



Easter Is Early This Year: It's Sunday, March 26



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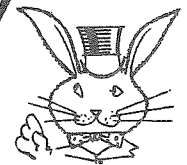
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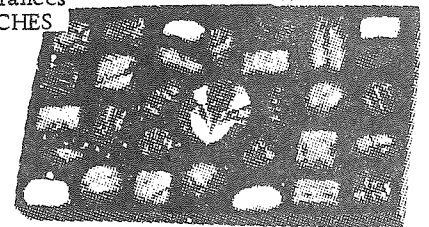
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