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Editor's Column

By Connie

NEXT WEEK WE SKIP AN ISSUE OF THE MESSENGER

So next week all the faithful workers on the Weidman Messenger will take about a 10-day break, after a solid run of three months.

March was the worst, with those blasted five Thursdays in it. We thought that was rather rubbing it in. On the last month of the run, we had to have five weeks!

Anyhow, now we're on "vacation" for a short spell, and we hope everyone enjoys it.

SPRING BIRDS NEED A BOOST ON FEED

During the past week, all the spring birds arrived around here, and were met with snowbanks, frozen ground and beastly cold weather.

They can use a lift from People Feeders, even if it thaws and becomes as the first of April should appear.

At the Archie Jerore home on the Ojibwa Area, a series of very small round feeders hangs on his front entrance-way, and while we were there we saw a positive flock of evening grosbeaks feeding there.

We'd thought we'd lost our grosbeaks, but no. They know where to go to get feed when they need it.

And the Jerores feed them faithfully--with sunflower seeds, yet!--and enjoy the sight of the beautiful birds directly at their front entrance, which is all glass.

In Weidman the only exotic bird we've had in numbers is the purple finch, which is not purple at all but quite bright red on its head and neck.

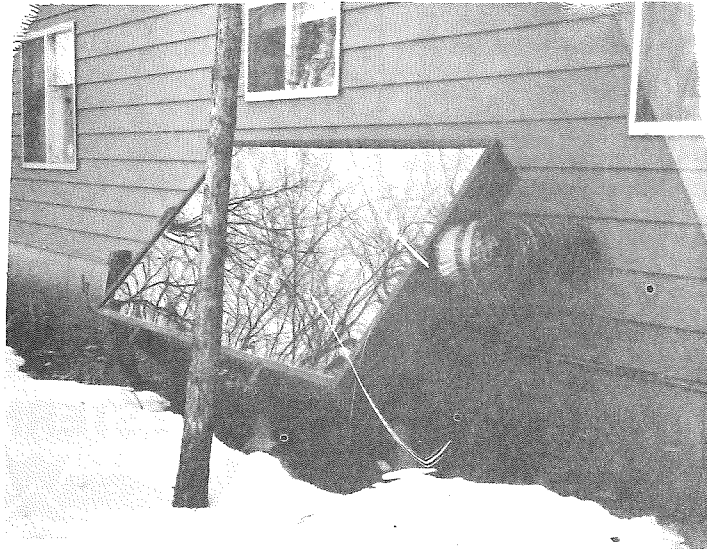
It's about the size of a small sparrow, and it's thrilling.

Meanwhile, we're enjoying the calls of the spring birds, even if they're not enjoying us and our rotten climate.

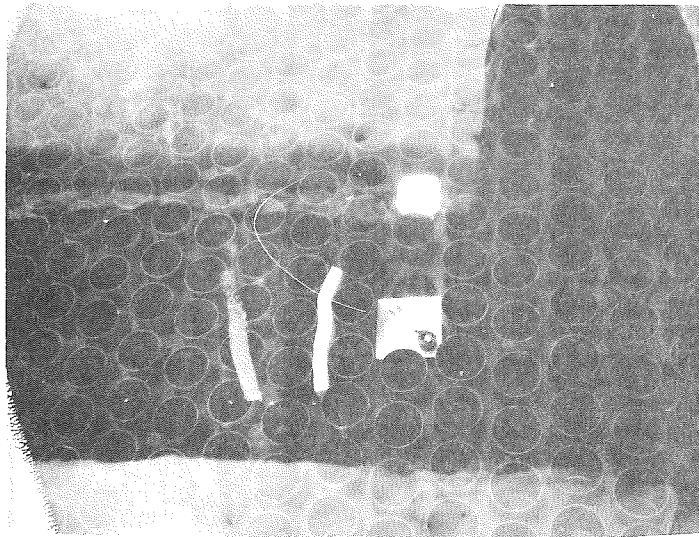
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NEWS NOTES

Wayne Smith of Wolverine called on his father, Clayton,



SOLAR HEATING UNITS--Are the coming thing--and they're coming fast, mainly built by amateurs from free or inexpensive materials. Above is Archie Jerore's 46x74-inch unit, placed unobtrusively on the southeast side of his lovely home on the Ojibwa Area. (White lines showing are not part of the unit, but scratches on Polaroid film.)



HERE'S A CLOSEUP OF ARCHIE JERORE'S SOLAR UNIT--Beer cans gathered by Archie from celebrations and roadsides. "It's my own idea, gathering up empty beer cans," Archie says, "also it's a good way to clean up the roadsides." Beer cans have to be cleaned, tops cut off, and inside and outside painted black (to absorb the sun's warmth). There are 295 beer cans in his solar unit. Messenger photos

Friday afternoon, at the Medical Care Facility Friday after-

noon. Clayton has a nice number of callers most of the time.

OJIBWA JERORES GET A LOT OF FREE HEAT FROM THE SUN
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jerore of the Ojibwa Area are enjoying a definite boost in heating from Archie's home-made and inexpensive unit; cost, less than \$50.

They have enjoyed 283 1/2 hours of free heat in the months from October, 1977, to the last of March, 1978. This is better than last year, when they realized "only" 262 1/2 hours of solar heat.

When the solar unit goes to work (in other words, when there is any sunlight at all), the gas furnace cuts out, and the heat load is carried entirely (and satisfactorily, too!) by the solar unit.

The "box" part of the unit--the unit is all hand-made, by Archie alone--is insulated with a glass-fiber material. He says the glass cover also could be made of plexiglass, a plastic material.

He spray-painted the beer cans, "And a man in Florida has discovered that dark green paint really is more heat-absorbent than the black," he said.

The "box" itself must be insulated, as the heat units (the renovated beer cans) become extremely hot.

"A man in Blanchard insulated his box with styrofoam, and of course it just melted right down. He had to do the whole thing over."

Archie made his unit in a day's time, getting it all together in just three days--and nearly everything was free!

In the year 1975-76, Archie's solar unit provided 262 hours of free heat for his home. This was upped this year (the sun was out more often) to 283 1/2 hours.

How much do 283 1/2 hours of heat cost, say, from Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, or from oil heaters, or bottled gas? Enough, we agree with the Jerores, to justify seeking further development of solar energy, which is free after installation costs.

Not all of us can make our own solar units, of course. But, with home-made units proving more and more that the sun's heat can

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SOLAR HEATING

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be utilized, free, we believe that the ultimate answer to heating problems, including costs, will be solar energy.

Geoff Allen, a Junior at Ferris State College on a building technology course, began a similar solar unit last year, "But I laid it aside, and only now I'll be working on it in my spare time."

He attended a seminar teaching only alternate energy, sponsored by Jordan College at Cedar Springs. However, he says he gets most of his information from reading Popular Science and Popular Mechanics magazines, and Archie Jerore also absorbs their contents.

Geoff's collector will be four feet wide and 6 1/2 feet long, with a total of 25 square feet of solar collector units. "It's more experimental than for practical use," Geoff said in an interview last week.

He said that blizzards such as we had in January this year would not affect solar units, even placed

on house roofs. "The heat from the solar units, when the sun does come out, would melt off the snow," Geoff said.

"At 45 degrees latitude, 60 degrees longitude, Michigan probably is one of the worst states in the Union," he said. "But we'd save the most money in Michigan with solar heat, which is free, than most any other state, because we have about the longest heating season."

Geoff bought a windmill base some time ago, and has sold it to a man in Winn, who plans to put a rotor on it to run a generator which will supply electricity for his gas-station lighted sign, and also his inside lights. Wind is also free!

"There are passive and active solar-heat systems," Geoff remarked, with 600 patents already on active systems. Many homes now are being designed for solar heating systems."

Active solar systems use pumps or fans over heated water or hot air. The passive system is direct heat from the sun on a solar unit, piped into the home furnace blower and distributed

through hot-air registers.

Geoff bought a used printing plate (paper-thin aluminum) from the Morning Sun for \$1, he said, but later changed his mind about using flat aluminum material and now is planning to go back to thrown-away beer cans.

"Picking them up along the road!" Geoff moaned. "I hate that, but I guess it's the best way, all round."

Archie Jerore says that if impetus could be given to using thrown-away beer cans along roadways it would be a marvelous way of cleaning up our highways.

Meanwhile, back to the drawing boards. The discarded beer-can method is a great one, and

a worthy one; but eventually we have got to have a plant or plants turning out components of solar-heat units, or completed units themselves--and at a decent cost.

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NEWS NOTES

Leah Scharrer and Wilbur Reinart called on Clara Smith Sunday and took her a lovely home-made pumpkin pie. Mr. and Mrs. Bart Helmer of near Remus were also callers at the Clara and Ray Smith homes, Barbara Helmer and friend were also callers.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower attended the funeral of their uncle, Levi Reed, in St. Louis, last Monday afternoon.

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Nottawa Township
Clerk

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KEITH LOOMIS
Clerk
Sherman Township
Mar. 30t1

Obituary

GLENN FRANTZ

Glenn Frantz died early Sunday morning, March 26, at his home here, after a lengthy illness. He was 74.

He was born Sept. 19, 1903, in Midland County, and was the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Frantz, one of the early Weidman families. Asa Frantz and his sons had one of the town's two blacksmith shops in Weidman's early days.

Glenn was a gifted musician, playing piano, violin and guitar, all with grace and ease. He had no formal education in music, playing everything "by ear". His music was sensitive and good.

In his adult life he worked as a welder with the Harrison Welding Co. in Mt. Pleasant. He retired in recent years.

He is survived by two sons, Glenn Darrell of Weidman and Arlen of Mt. Morris; two daughters, Mrs. Harvey (Neita) Blackmer of Barryton and Mrs. Allen (Donelda) Costello of Hersey; and 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Everyone who knew Glenn was his friend, and he was a friend to all. He was one of our vanishing "original" Weidman folks.

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Obituary

WILLIAM GEORGE HUNT
William George Hunt of Owens Road, Osceola County, near Lake, died Friday, March 24. He was 45. He died as the result of an auto accident on the Weidman Road north of Rosebush.

He was the son of Floyd and

Sara Buckley Hunt. He was born in Isabella County March 14, 1933.

He was employed by the Giantway Company. He was a Korean War veteran, and had been a 20-year employee of the Holley Carburetor Company in Clare, before that industry went out of business.

He married Betty Powell July 13, 1957.

He is survived by his wife; six children, Randy and George, Nadene, Wilma, Marsha, and Vickie, all at home; his parents, two brothers, Harland of Lake and Harold of Davison; and one sister, Mrs. Grace Brigner, of Alaska.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday of this week from the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell, with Rev. Wesley Briggs officiating. Burial was in the North Brinton Cemetery.

His family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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The Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Sunday School (classes for all ages), 11 a.m.

Preaching Service, 11 a.m.
(Jr. Church and Nursery.)
Evening Service, 7 p.m.

Rev. Marvin Eldridge is in Florida on a well-earned vacation.

James Carr of Grand Blanc delivered a beautiful message Easter Sunday. Thank you, Jim!

His address is: James Carr, 5431 Skylark Pass, Sun Valley Subdivision, Grand Blanc Mi. 48439.

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Richard Wadsworth, Pastor, ph. 644-3604.

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

GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Corner Coleman and Vande-car Roads, Gilmore Township.
Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.
Bible School, 10.45 a.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

BRINTON CHAPEL

Corner of Brinton and Stevenson Lake Roads.

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



GREG ALLEN

HE ENJOYS WORKING WITH BLIND PEOPLE--Greg Allen, a Freshman at Michigan State University on a Horticulture Degree schedule, has been devoting his spare hours to help in providing recreational activities for blind people ranging in age from six to 18 years. He has enjoyed roller-skating with them--"Some of them could skate better than I could!" Greg said proudly.

Messenger photo

Greg said that blind people from the Michigan School for the Blind can really adapt to their handicaps; they can develop their other senses. They go around other blind youngsters on roller skating rinks, recognize approached walls, dance together without bumping into other couples, and on and on.

Greg has given them a taste of horticulture enjoyment: making winter cuttings of wandering jew plants in the greenhouse on campus, begonias, and several other greenhouse plants. They want to dig up a garden this spring and plant seeds. They will care for their own gardens, doing the weeding (by touch), watering the plant rows, etc.

"They're just fabulous," Greg said.

One blind student wanted to water a hanging fern in an office. He climbed up on a couch, and Greg told him to feel carefully along the top of the pot so he could tell when the fern had had enough water. "He didn't spill a drop!" Greg said proudly.

Greg will volunteer again next semester if he has spare time. He has been taking five regular subjects besides his volunteer work with the blind. He averaged 3 to 3.5 in all classes. Both Greg and his twin brother, Geoff, who is at Ferris State College in Big Rapids, are high-status students (Geoff earned all A's throughout his Freshman term.)

Greg says he hopes to own his

own greenhouse when he graduates from college--"A solar-heated one!" Greg says emphatically.

The Allen twins plan to have their usual vegetable gardens this year, on their home acres across from the School Forest, and on the acre or so of their grandfather, James Noe, on the Airline Road. The Allen twins are expert and meticulous gardeners.

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S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dutcher of Cadillac spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. Last Tuesday guests of the Dutchers were Mrs. Bob Hogg and Mrs. Mike Simons and daughter, Barbara, of Remus.

Pat Egbert spent the Easter weekend in Lansing with her parents and daughters.

Mrs. Egbert and Mabel Chaffee spent Wednesday at the home of Pat's son and daughter-in-law in Big Rapids. Mabel visited with Russ Lawrence and Kathy (Lawrence) Coon, children of the late Una Lawrence Kent.

Florence Fitzgerald enjoyed visiting her parents this weekend, from her work in Lansing.

Easter dinner guests of the Fitzgeralds were Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacDonald of Grand Rapids, the Milo Henkels, Alice Harker, and the Jim Campbells, all of Mecos-

ta.

Mrs. Jeanine Bauw and daughter, Robyn, of Grand Rapids, and Michelle Bauw, who attends a fashion college in Atlanta, Ga., spent the Easter weekend with Mabel Chaffee. Michelle will return to Georgia after spring vacation April 3. Mabel and her guests attended a birthday dinner at Riverview Apartments in Mt. Pleasant for Rosie Leiter, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines of Barryton enjoyed Wednesday evening with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

The Ervin Dutchers, Jr., enjoyed having their children home for Easter dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler attended sunrise services at the Methodist Church Sunday, also enjoying the breakfast.

Mabel Chaffee and Doris Wilmot attended the Jim Ed Brown show at Chippewa Hills school Saturday evening, along with the Ray and Richard Flaughers. Many from this area also attended this excellent show from Nashville, Tenn.

The Harry Gatehouses enjoyed Easter dinner with their daughter and family, the Bill Maeders.

I wish to thank Connie for printing the article about my career, and for all those who wrote and called, congratulating me. It helped me so much, especially since my great loss of last year.

Thanks again.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ownes and Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coons, at Lake. They stopped at the Gilbert Schrock place and watched

them making maple syrup, which is named the Walker Creek maple syrup, and is really special.

Sunday afternoon callers of Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins were Mr. and Mrs. John Freeze and granddaughter, and friends.

Mrs. Ray Smith had her mother and her children for the Easter holiday.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR THE HERBERT YUNCKERS

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Yuncker are hosting a 50th wedding anniversary dinner and party April 8, at the K. C. Hall.

Their children are Richard and Joyce Yuncker, Donald and Arlene Cotter, Evan and Joan Yuncker, Donald and Dolores Krueger, and Laverne and Linda Yuncker.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend.

THE KLUMPPS ENJOY HAWAIIAN TOUR

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp and daughter, Donna, and Sue Schafer returned last Monday from a two week's vacation in Hawaii.

They spent one week in Honolulu, Oahu. They toured the island, took a Pearl Harbor and catamaran cruise, attended Polynesian shows, visited pineapple plantations and sugar-cane fields.

They stopped over in California and visited friends in Santa Paula; their niece in Santa Ana, and spent a day in Disneyland.

It was a most enjoyable trip, with weather from 79 to 92 degrees.

New members of our parish are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Probst and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Olson.

Mrs. Gerald Zeien of Shepherd had the Ed Zeien families as Easter dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge and family in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fedewa and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Pohl returned from vacationing in Europe last Wednesday.

Ragolt Hauck, Richard Pohl and Beatrice Sheahan all are home from CMC Hospital.

The families of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Thielen were all home for Easter.

John Fedewa returned home from California, after visiting his nephew.

Mrs. Rosie Pung is in CMC Hospital.

Louis Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeien and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family and Anne and Dora Smith had Easter dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau.

Adrienne Ann Andres, daughter of Dick and Barbara, was baptized last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sherlock of Traverse City spent the weekend with the Ed Schafers at Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzin-

ger spent Sunday at the Fred Steffke home.

Kathleen Clevenger has retired from the Mt. Pleasant Regional Center for Development Disabilities, after 10 years' service. She was honored by her co-workers at a luncheon March 2. Kathleen and her husband, Al, reside on West Beal City Road.

Louise Schafer spent Sunday at the John Sheahan home.

Mrs. Anne Eldred, Pat Mooney of Blanchard and Ruth Klumpp spent Wednesday with Tillie Schafer. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer of Winn were Friday guests.

Mrs. Edward Zeien called on Mrs. Irene Smith in Beal City Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart entertained their children Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Yuncker entertained company Easter.

Mrs. Fred Hauck of Shepherd called on Mrs. Irene Smith in Beal City Wednesday afternoon.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Paul and Lena Cole called on Mrs. Gladys Swan at CMC Hospital last Thursday, Gladys remained very ill.

Larry Straus and Doug Shepherd of Drummond Island called on several friends and relatives the first of last week. The boys had car trouble, so their return home was delayed. They were lucky, as Larry had his Buick down here, so they did their calling with it while the other car was in the garage.

Mrs. Hilda Sampson and Mrs. Coranna Shaner went to Owosso to see Hilda's niece and Coranna's cousin, who had surgery last Wednesday. Ellen Courter Hall, the niece, was formerly of this neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk went to Comstock to the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Smitte, for Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes returned home from Florida last week. They were Easter guests of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ganser and children, Jackie, Mary and Jennie, and Angela, and Mrs. Rose Mossell and children, Shannon and Chuckie, Miss Connie Ewing, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Legue and Audrey and Andy and Adriana, all spent the weekend with their grandparents, the Paul Coles, and Velma. Connie returned to Park College in Missouri Sunday. The Lagues returned to Vassar, and the rest to their home in Mishawauka, Ind., Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Spike Branson had all their family home for Easter dinner.

Local Items

Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Flower were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leiter and girls, from St. Louis.

Mrs. Harvey Brien of Ithaca came and got Mrs. Nina Forbes to spend a couple of days at her home. Mrs. Forbes returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spence and children of Pontiac spent Friday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur.

Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls spent Easter Sunday at the Elwood Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes spent from Friday till Sunday in Indiana, on a vacation trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell enjoyed Easter dinner with their

son, Bob, and family, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts spent Easter Sunday with their son-in-law and daughter, David and Mona Wood, and family, in St. Johns. Sunday evening they attended the Great Lakes Bible College Choir concert at the Owosso Church of Christ. Ron and Jan Apple were also Sunday guests of Mona and David.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sanders were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur are on a two-weeks' vacation and are on a camping trip down south.

Judy and Pamela Lawrence were Friday afternoon callers of Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins.

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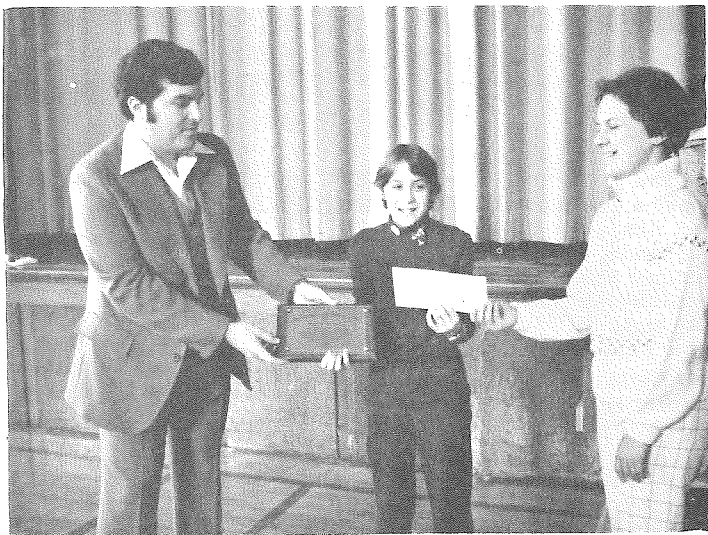
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Shown here are William Nielsen, far left, from the Muscular Dystrophy Association; Michele Brewer, center, Weidman Elementary School Council president, and Diane Benn, from the Gladys McArthur Memorial Library in Weidman. Mr. Nielsen is presenting a plaque to Michele commemorating a \$450 donation from the Weidman School student body to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Mrs. Benn is smiling over a check for \$650 given the library from the students here.



LOOK CLOSELY--And you can see a crocus or two pushing up through thick layers of autumn leaves, while snowbanks surround the flower garden. There are some dark purple blooms out, too, but they just wouldn't show on our photo. The hardy little crocus, the most welcome sight (in Michigan, anyhow) to winter-weary gardeners, start pushing up green leaves through the snow; and little by little the snow recedes and lo!--a flower suddenly appears. Snow generally blankets the Weidman area, as yet. Some open fields are cleared of it, but mainly we still have plenty of the dirtying stuff to last another year or so.
Messenger photo

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
South from Weidman on Cold-water Road.
Edwin C. Schmelzer, Pastor.
Ph. 967-3411.
Sunday School and Bible Class
9.15 a. m.
Divine Worship, 10.45 a. m.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,
I am enclosing my check for \$8.00 for the Weidman Messenger for another year.
That is one paper I read as

soon as I get it. It's the only way I know what is happening to some of my old acquaintances, and what they are up to.

As ever,
Josephine Waid
Lake
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Poet's Corner

THE GIFT

By Clarissa Loeding

Since God has given to me and mine
In measure full and true,
Life, health, and strength, and
glimpse of grace
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ful be
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What right have I to ask of Him
For guidance through my days?

So humbly, then, I'll walk life's
ways
And think on all these things,
That I in favor might remain
Through grace, which God's gift
brings.

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IF GOD WENT ON STRIKE

It's just a good thing God above
Has never gone on strike:

Because He wasn't treated fair
Of things He didn't like.
If He had ever once sat down
And said, "That's it--I'm
through!"

"I've had enough of those on earth
So this is what I'll do:

"I'll give my orders to the sun,
"Cut off your heat supply."
"And, to the moon, 'Give no
more light,'
"And run the oceans dry.
"Then, just to make it tough,
"And put the pressure on,
"Turn off the air and oxygen
"Till every breath is gone."

Do you know He'd be justified
If fairness were the game;
For no one has been more abused
Than God--and yet He carries on.

Supplying you and me
With all the favors of His grace,
And everything for free!

Men say they want a better deal,
And so on strike they go.
But what a deal we've given God,
To whom everything we owe!

We don't care whom we hurt or
harm

To gain the things we like;
But what a mess we'd all be in
If God should go on strike!
(This poem has been requested
many times on Station WPMF,
Pa. It was submitted by Paul
Fahnestock of rural Weidman.)

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Our sympathy to the Alwood family in the loss of Don's brother, Dick, in California. Helen, Jim, and Orma Kripa (the Alwoods' sister) of Mt. Pleasant flew out there Sunday. They called on their safe arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Gregory and Brian Ptak spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak.

Mr. and Mrs. David Williams and children visited their grandmother, Mrs. Zena Olger, Sunday. Mrs. Dora Ferris of Westland is spending this week with Zena.

Visitors at the Lloy Sperry home Easter Sunday were their children and families; some from Flint, around here, and Barryton.

My daughter, Mrs. Bessie Allen, took me to Sunday School, and Wanda Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Gail Sowle (Becky) came to the church also. It was a surprise, and I had dinner with them at Wanda's home. Albert Gott took me to supper with his family.

Carl Gott and friend, Gene, called on me Saturday, and also called on Wanda Graham. They brought us two tulip plants, an orchid, and carnations and some bulbs.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hunt in the death of their son, William, who was fatally injured in an auto accident Friday night. Burial was Tuesday in the North Brinton Cemetery.

Laura Roberts and Lorna Speice attended a pink and blue shower for their niece, Jody Simmer, near Coldwater Lake, Saturday afternoon.

The Wayne La Londe family were Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bazaire, near Barryton.

Larry Strang left from Tri-Cities Airport Sunday for Minnesota, where he will attend school for five weeks. The Strangs were in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Don Lee called on his uncle, Tony Bartley, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Haenke and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher and Danyell enjoyed Sunday dinner with the Lewis Bownens. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Blodgett of Flint were callers during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Forbes entertained with a family supper Saturday evening, in honor of their little son, who celebrated his first birthday.

Jesse Fields and son of Grand Rapids spent last week here, at the home of Tony Bartley, where they did the chores while Tony

was in Grand Rapids taking treatments. He was home over the weekend, returning Tuesday to Grand Rapids, where he will take more treatments. George Cline and Chucky Letson are doing the chores this week, during his absence.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

The Drew Busy Bees will have their first meeting Thursday, April 13. The hostess will be Mrs. Opal Denslow. Don't forget the date, and everyone is welcome.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow spent last Monday in Lansing. She spent the time with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Marjorie Peacock. Thursday afternoon she spent the day with Mrs. Eva Denslow in Mt. Pleasant. She also called on her aunt and cousin at Pleasant Manor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bains of Traverse City and Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Holmes were Friday guests at the Elwood Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Oplinger and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Madigan and Mrs. Edna McDonald were Easter dinner guests of the Earl Oplingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Oplinger were Saturday evening dinner guests at the Joe Rau home.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Friday over night and Saturday guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Tim Workman was a Friday supper and evening guest at the Jim Thompson home. Nancy Smith was a pre-Easter guest Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson spent Sunday with her mother near Lansing.

Jim Stoll of Portland was also a guest at Mrs. Thompson's mother's home. During the time they were away, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ergo spent part of the day with Bob at the Jim Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Don Merrihew and Greg and Brenda, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz and Danny and Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and boys, and Mrs. Hattie Losey had Easter dinner at the Gerald Losey home. The family took Jessie Rosencrantz a nice ham dinner, at her home. Later, Ardis and her granddaughter, Brenda, and Hattie Losey and Gerald and Marilyn Losey all called on Jessie during the afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Opal Denslow had Easter dinner with the Junior Denslows at Lakeview.

Opal Denslow reports sighting 172 deer in a cornfield belonging to the Denslow brothers. The deer appeared to come from the north evergreen stand of timber.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bateman and son of Lake Isabella spent Easter with her parents, the

Charles Fahnestocks.

Mrs. Isabel Pelletier and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills and Carrie were Easter dinner guests at the Pete Wood home. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood were afternoon callers.

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Recent visitors of Mrs. Clari-

bel Beutler were Mrs. Mildred Terry of rural Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Brosebro of Sears, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Johnston of Franklin, O., and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and Grant of Rosebush.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson spent Easter Sunday with Ila and Jim Snyder at St. Louis.

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All relatives and friends are invited to attend. The couple says "No gifts, please".

FIREMEN'S AUCTION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 29

The annual and much-enjoyed Firemen's Auction is set for Saturday evening, April 29, as usual at Weaver's Tavern in Weidman.

Donations are solicited, and they include everything and anything except clothing.

Baked goods (home done) are in crucial demand.

The annual Firemen's Auction makes some money, which goes into the "slush fund", which is really not as slushy as it sounds.

The "slush fund" often pays for much-needed gloves, hats, and other equipment for our volunteer Firemen.

If you have something to donate to the auction, and want someone to pick it up, you may call these numbers:

(All on Weidman exchange). 644-3507, 644-3501, 644-2147, Or 644-3640. All of these numbers are Firemen's homes, and they will arrange for pickup. Have a good time April 29!

BETTER THAN A LETTER

BURNING PERMITS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

After some controversy over a news item in county papers last week relating to obtaining burning permits this year, the matter was finally settled Monday.

The news releases indicated that residents of this area would have to call a Harrison number to get the permits.

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was approached as a possible source, but the Firemen felt (and rightly!) that they had enough on their hands without the paper-work of issuing burning permits.

Reports were that the Sheriff's office in Mt. Pleasant will handle requests for permits from some township adjacent to the Mt. Pleasant area.

So--the Messenger called the Sheriff's Department Monday, and Capt. Sweet said there was no reason why Coldwater, Sherman and Nottawa Townships should not be able to get burning permits from the Sheriff's office.

Much simpler than long-distance

calls to Harrison.

Burning permits are required on all trash or leaf-burning operations by anyone in the county. The only exception is if you're proposing to burn trash in a barrel with a cover.

This is the beginning of the spring cleanup season, and all persons planning to burn trash of any kind--including brush--are required to obtain a burning permit. There's no charge for the permit; but the penalty for starting an outdoor fire without one constitutes a misdemeanor which is subject to a cash fine.

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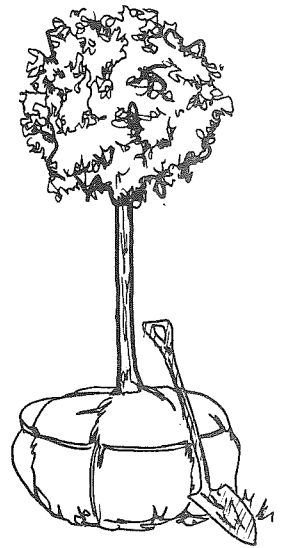
NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith took their father, Clayton, to spend Saturday night at their home here. They took Clayton to his own home Sunday morning for

Easter dinner at noon, and he enjoyed spending the day there. Ted Smith of Mt. Pleasant took Clayton home Sunday morning. He returned to the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant late Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Wayne Smith and son, Bobby, and daughter, Susie, of Wolverine, were Easter dinner guests of Clara and Clayton. Clayton had received two beautiful Easter lilies as gifts.

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth enjoyed Easter dinner at the home of the Gerald Kiles in Mt. Pleasant. K. C. Charnes was also a guest of the Kiles' daughter, Vivian.

Norma Middlesworth, Hulda Stevens and Marie Smith enjoyed Easter dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn. Hulda and Marie spent the evening with the Richard Stevens family.



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