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FIREMEN'S AUCTION SALE
THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

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Editor's Column

By Connie

INFLATION IS HITTING ALL OF US--RIGHT HERE

Last week I found a 14-ounce can of instant coffee on the back of one of my cupboard shelves. It was tagged at \$1.37 per can.

Today that can of coffee costs at least \$3.89 in any food store.

That's just a small example of the cost of everything we eat, use, wear, and do.

Every business feels the squeeze of inflation in its costs. Every business has had to raise prices to stay in operation.

Food store prices are breathtaking--but the costs of everything at those food stores has likewise gone up, and are still on the rise.

Where will it end?

Nobody knows for sure.

One thing that's certain, however, is that there will come a cutting-off point, and it will be rugged for everyone.

So--batten down the hatches, plant your garden, freeze, can and otherwise preserve home-produced food--and do without as many new coats, cars and other necessities as you can.

With \$1,800.00 cars selling for \$5,400.00, and with the grocery sack getting smaller and smaller each week for more and more cash, the average family finds itself in a real bind. So does the self-supporting youngster and the senior citizen.

So--where do we go from here?

Let's ask Jimmy Carter.

Or, for a short-cut, Bert Lance.

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SHERMAN TOWNSHIP FOLKS PLAN WORKSHOP ON CHURCH

A workshop--or probably many workshops--will soon be called to help finish the outside and interior of the old Sherman City Church, begun last fall.

Watch for announcements of the work-bees.

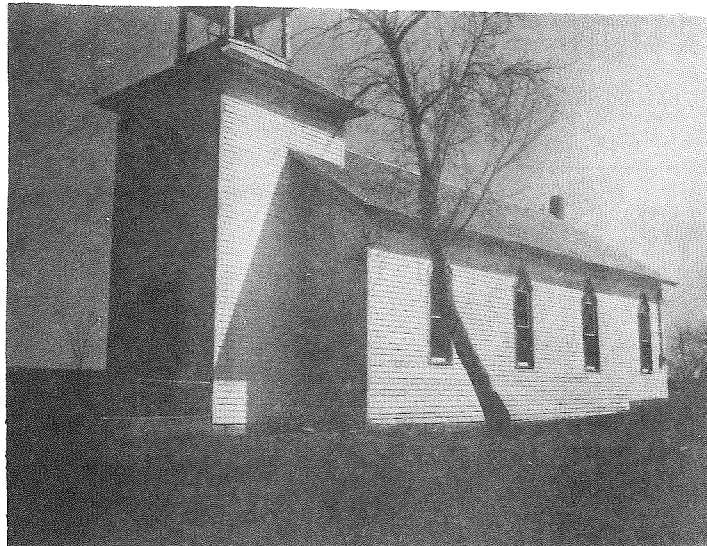
Everyone can do something--and those folks out there in West Sherman Township have shown that it sure can be done.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER



THEY STARTED WITH THIS--At the historic Sherman City Church last summer, those dedicated men and women determined to bring the building back to life. They discovered the beams under floors, and the general structure of the building, were sound, no matter what the looks of it.



TODAY IT LOOKS LIKE THIS--And with colored-glass windows, too! During most of last summer those men and women put in long hours: Tearing off old roofing and siding, replacing window frames, bringing the belfry and historic old bell down to the lawn in front of the church for repair of the belfry; and countless other details demanding man-hours of pure old-fashioned hard work. Cedar trees were cut in private woodlots, run through a first trimming at Maeder's Sawmill (at no charge), and the strips then run through an ancient shingle-maker brought up from Hastings; then work-bee after work-bee with men on the roofs and on the ground working like beavers, to be fed sumptuous noon meals, home-cooked and baked, by the dedicated wives and relatives.

FIREMEN'S AUCTION IS THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

Don't forget that this Saturday night is the big annual event of the Firemen's Auction Sale at Weaver's Tavern in Weidman.

Any unused but usable items around your house may be donated for the auction, and will be appreciated.

Pickup of large items may be arranged by calling any of these telephone numbers, all on exchange 644:

(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.

The Annual Auction is one of the two great events of the year for the Volunteer Firemen, the annual Lil' Mac Pig Roast being the other. The Pig Roast is Isabella County's biggest winter sports event.

So--rummage around your house and/or garage for usable items that can be used in the auction Saturday night.

The Firemen will appreciate any and all donations.

Money from the auction is used for necessary equipment for the Firemen not provided by the two townships; and for the Firemen's "slush fund", which is used for any necessary occasions including the modest annual steak fry, the only really care-free bash the Firemen enjoy all year.

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JEAN MAY IS CHOSEN SECRETARY OF THE DAY

Mrs. Jean May, secretary at the Weidman Elementary School, was chosen Secretary of the Day by the National Secretaries' Association, its local chapter in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. May was awarded a \$25 Savings Bond, a trip to a Holiday Inn, and a lovely live-plant arrangement for her desk.

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ISABELLA TOWNSHIP FIREMEN SCHEDULE DANCE

The annual Isabella Township Firemen's Dance will be held at the American Legion Hall in Rosebush Saturday, May 6, with dancing and refreshments from 9 p.m. till 1 a.m.

Don't forget Saturday night here!

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oplinger and Mr. and Mrs. Al Straus had dinner Saturday. The Ed Oplingers and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Garrett enjoyed the Oplingers' first wedding anniversary dinner.

Joe Rau was a Sunday afternoon caller at the Ed Oplinger home.

Bobbie Oplinger attended Paul Miller's sale Saturday.

Mrs. Marie Carr was a recent caller at the Sterling Oplinger home.

Bob Thompson spent the weekend at home, from his new job. Bill attended a broadcast banquet at Clare Friday evening.

Mrs. Opal Denslow and Mrs. Margaret Denslow called on Mrs. Tillie Jerore at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant Friday afternoon.

Sunday dinner guests at the Elwood Miller home were their daughter and family, the Richard and Janice Touchinskis and their girls; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Owens and George Miller. The dinner

celebrated Janice's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller of Adrian and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Schrock of Millbrook were afternoon and evening callers of the Millers. They attended the Paul Miller sale in the afternoon.

Theron and Ardis Merrihew were Friday evening callers of Hattie Losey, and took her to their place where she stayed over night. Next day they all went to Clarkston, to the Chuck Tiedeman home, for the weekend.

Saturday callers at the Pete Wood home were Larry Leiter, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills, and Carrie.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Little Ronnie Mahon returned from CMC Hospital Saturday, after several days spent there.

Paul and Lena Cole called on Mrs. Lena Swan at the Medical Care Facility Saturday. Gladys remains very ill.

We also called on Ronnie Mahon, at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes, of rural Harrison, last Wednesday.

Those enjoying waffles and sausages at the home of Paul Cole Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon, and Melissa and Ronnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk went to Kalamazoo to spend the weekend with her parents and her daughter.

Steve Kripa and Jeff Wood called on the Paul Coles Saturday. Ken Allen called Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole called on Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes Tuesday, and took them a nice mess of suckers.

Hilda Sampson and Mrs. Corana Shaner were supper guests of Hilda's sister and brother-in-law, the Paul Coles, Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes of Harrison spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Post called at the Paul Coles' Sunday.

Mrs. Helen Albee returned home Friday, after spending several weeks with her grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilkie, of Bay City, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bukrus spent the weekend at their cabin.

They called on Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes Saturday evening.

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NEWS NOTES

Sue Otney and sons David and Danny of New York State were here visiting her mother, Mrs. Norma Middlesworth, last week week.

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Refreshments will be available. The Sands Band will furnish music for dancing.

The public is cordially invited. Tickets are \$12 per couple.

Come and have a wonderful evening with the Isabella Township Firemen!

Apr. 28t1p

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

One mile west of Weidman on Airline Road. In fellowship with the Central Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

Next Sunday, April 30, we will have a special Anniversary service, commemorating our 20th year. The schedule:

10.30, Anniversary Service. 12.15, Fellowship Meal.

Obituary

CLARISSA LOEDING

Mrs. Clarissa Loeding died at her home on Lake Manatonka in the Ojibwa Recreation Area after a long and painful illness.

She was a brave and sturdy personality, and bore her affliction with patience and grace.

She was loved by all who knew her, and she had many friends in this area.

She was active in working for the Gladys McArthur Memorial Library in Weidman, a member of the Lapidary Club in her area, and had very many other interests.

She was a gifted poetess, with rare insight into the homey aspects of people. Her poems were of deep affectionate appreciation for her every blessing around her, including her garden and her dog.

Funeral services were held the first of this week in Port Huron, where her body was cremated.

Her husband, Melvin, is staying with relatives in Port Huron for a time.

Mrs. Loeding will be missed by very many friends in this area.

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Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all our relatives and friends who gave cards and gifts and made our fiftieth Wedding Anniversary a special day.

We especially wish to thank our children, who made our anniversary party possible.

Herb and Ella Yuncker

Notice

Plans for resuming work on the Sherman City Church are about completed. Here are some late details of the plans:

A work bee is being called for this weekend, with all comers welcome.

There are the old seats (theatre style) to take out and regular church pews to put in; a new ceiling will go on, inside floors will be refinished, etc.

All woodwork, including inside window sills, will be redone.

Volunteer work, anyone? There is always a scrumptuous dinner of farm-made delicacies for your reward, besides the satisfaction of helping with a most worthy project.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

CRAIG THOMPSON, DVM, OPENS HIS OWN OFFICE

We've written before about Dr. Craig Thompson, the only veterinary doctor in Central Michigan who would make a house call during the Christmas vacation when my Sadie cat died.

Well, he was with Dr. Stirling at Clare, handling the big animal cases while Dr. Stirling liked the small ones. Now he's on his own.

He has left the Stirling Animal Clinic and opened his own private office, at his home in Clare.

His telephone number (which he can't advertise but I can tell you) is 386-9200.

Good luck, Craig. You're a caring vet.

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In Memoriam

A TRIBUTE

Friends of the Gladys McArthur Memorial Library are saddened by the passing of Clarissa Loeding, a long-time volunteer librarian at the Weidman Library.

Since Clarissa moved to this area, she has been active in the library. She has gone to library workshops, meetings, training sessions; delivered our returned books, plus numerous other duties.

She has given hours and hours of her time as librarian, and has done extra typing, filing, shelving, book processing, etc.--things that keep a volunteer library going.

Clarissa set a good example in everything she did. She did it well.

Though we shall miss her, she has touched us all and we have grown.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie

May these few lines find you just great.

We had a cool to cold and long winter all year, but I imagine it was still better than in the other parts of the U.S.

It has been pretty hot this past week, almost 90 degrees, but cool at night.

I expect to return home about April 29, so please keep the Messenger there.

Love and Best Wishes, Elizabeth Neubecker Florida

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Two years ago today the high temperature was 46 and the low, 30. On the 25th we had an inch of snow, but it melted by the 27th.

On the 28th, night temp. was down to 28, with heavy frost and a real freeze.



A LOT OF EVERGREEN TREE DAMAGE--This winter is evident all through Isabella County. Fifteen-foot pine trees in planted stands are suddenly brown, just one tree among all others; lawn specimens are browning or dead. It is not everywhere or every tree; but it's a surprising number of single trees standing dead in stands of plantings or fields or on lawns. Above, Russell Alwood examines a mature blue spruce tree on Ye Ed's lawn that shows unexplained clusters of browned needles. Messenger photo

Rusty took the state exam for licensed commercial pesticide-herbicide applications on orna-

mental and turf materials. The exam took four hours to peruse and write.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

The family of James Kennedy helped him celebrate his birthday last Sunday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Mick Abbott and sons, Mrs. Muriel Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy and family, Bill Kennedy, and Mrs. Lois Knollenberg and family.

Zena Olger spent a week and a half with her sister, Sylvia Riggs, who lost her husband. She lives in Farwell.

Violet Carr and I attended a Senior Citizens Bible study Friday afternoon at the Baptist Parish house. The next Bible study will be Friday afternoon at 2 p. m., at my home.

My son and wife took me to visit my brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rhynard, of Six Lakes, Sunday after church. We also visited Carl Gott and family.

Becky Sowle spent Sunday night with me, and took me to the doctor Monday morning.

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Rusty says, as to individual branch damage such as on Ye Ed's spruces, it could be because of the drouths of the past two years; rodents (mice, etc.) that may girdle trees just below ground-level so the damage is not visible to the untrained eye.

Also, he said, there are tree diseases which must be eradicated by spraying, and insects.

Evergreens are having a rough time this year.

Rusty and his wife, Fonda, are selling their brand-new house in southwest Sherman and are buying 80 acres in the Winn area, where he plans extensive plantings of Christmas trees. He's renting acreage now to grow his trees, his said.

Rusty is in the landscaping and tree business with his brother Jim. They truck Christmas trees to Georgia every year for the trade.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson spent Sunday at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Snyder, of St. Louis.

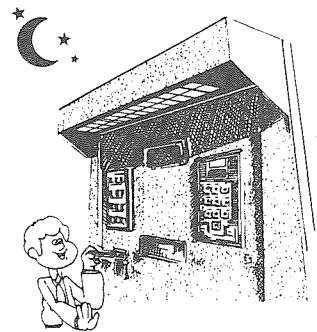
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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

OPEN HOUSE FOR TILLIE ZUKER

The family of Tillie Zuker are holding an Open House at her residence to help her celebrate her 80th birthday May 7, from 3 to 5 p. m.

The family says No gifts, Please!

The Beal City High School Seniors presented the play, "Cheaper by the Dozen," Sunday afternoon. It was very nicely done.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yuncker entertained the Antique Auto Club Saturday evening.

A nice crowd of people attended the Little League dance and

Signup Friday evening.

We welcome to our parish Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gross and daughter, Jill.

The bans of matrimony were announced at St. Joseph's Church Sunday for Mike Straus and Karen Buchel; and for Mike Fox and Cindy Klumpp.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goffnett and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lawens returned after vacationing in Las Vegas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau Wednesday evening.

Ragolt Hauck called on his sister, Irene Smith, Friday afternoon.

A lovely breakfast was enjoy-

ed Sunday morning for our new parishoners.

Theresa Smith called on De-lores Gould Wednesday afternoon.

There will be a quilting bee at the K. of C. Hall Friday, put on by the CCW. It starts at 9 a. m., with pot-luck lunch served at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Clevenger and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schafer went to Detroit Friday to attend the funeral of Ernest Bradshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Fran Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Schafer and Louise Schafer attended a party at the Ron Malish home Saturday evening.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at Jerry Schafer's in Mt. Pleasant.

Cheryl McCrury, Donna Klumpp and Kimberly Schafer had a shower for Cindy Klumpp Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung entertained their club Wednesday evening. Prizes were won by Jerry Schafer and Theresa Gross, high, Bethel Schafer loners, and Bob and Joyce Schafer, low.

Mrs. Fred Hauck of Shepherd called on Mrs. Irene Smith last Wednesday.

Mrs. Bernard Smith had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith and family Friday.

Mrs. Louis Zeien called on Mrs. Irene Smith Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Ed Fussman and Mrs. Frank Theisen are in the Mt. Pleasant Hospital.

Mrs. Tillie Starr called on Bill Martin Sunday afternoon.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

LAKE ISABELLA

Helen Klenk, Reporter

The Isabella County unit of the American Cancer Society kicked off its annual crusade at a meeting Monday, April 17, at Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant.

There were volunteer workers from the entire county. This annual crusade is an all-out effort to provide people with the life-saving facts they need to know about cancer.

The crusade contributions make it possible for the American Cancer Society to forge ahead with its three-pronged program of cancer control through research, education and service to patients.

Kathy Schumacher has been named captain for Sherman Township, and either she or one of her volunteers will be calling at your door between now and the end of May.

Please welcome them, as they have some very important information for you. We also hope you will be generous with your donations when they call, so that someday the long-range goal of the American Cancer Society may be realized: "Wipe out cancer altogether."

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Mrs. Floyd Ferguson of Bay City came up last Tuesday to visit the Emil Phillipps. They drove to Midland Wednesday to visit the Robert Valentines, and Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bushree were their guests, for cards.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Deanna Dunbar and Chris and Pat were weekend visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Beers. Saturday, Deanna, Cora and Chris spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beers in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Geasler spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Don Hyder near Rockford.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pollard called on Mrs. Joe La Londe Monday.

Fay Forbes accompanied Laverne Forbes to Minnesota Monday, returning home Thursday.

Carl and Ellen Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Graham were in Bay City Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker were honored with an anniversary dinner at the home of their son, Keith, and family, in Grand Rapids Saturday, with their four sons, Keith, Larry and John and Jack and their families and their brothers and sisters attending. Twenty-two were present. Congratulations, Ken and Oraulea!

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Moore called on Eunice La Londe Sunday.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mulnix of Carson City Wednesday of last week. On their way home, they called on Mr. and Mrs. Leon Snyder of Ithaca and Mrs. Bertha Young and Lucille Barnhart of Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth were among guests at a birthday dinner honoring Kim Donley, their grandson, at Lake Isabella, Sunday. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goethal of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Donley, Sr., Newell Donley, and Tom Donley, and Mrs. Martha Young of Big Rapids. Kim was 15.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower spent the weekend with their son, Tom, and family, of Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur attended a birthday party for Kirk Lee McArthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur, Sunday afternoon. It was his first birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were callers of Mr. and Mrs. Dick McCann of Midland Sunday afternoon. They also called on Mrs. Frances Hartgrave of Loomis and Mr. and Mrs. Art Dent of Farwell.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barbour of Grand Ledge, a boy, at 8:32 p.m. April 19. He has been named Darragh Michael. He weighed nine pounds, 13 ounces, and was 23 1/2 inches long. He's the fourth grandson, and Bernard says he has a basketball team.

ketball team. Yvonne and Bernard were in Grand Ledge to see the new grandson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Apple spent the weekend with his folks in Alfordton, Ohio.

A vicious type of cold has been "going around" this area the past week or so.

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NURSE ASSISTANT CLASS AT MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE

Mid Michigan College at Harrison is conducting nurse assistant classes at the Clare Nursing Home which began March 27, to continue through April.

The class is for persons interested in being nurses' aides or orderlies. Those completing the class will be issued a certificate as a nurse assistant. Training will be in the techniques and skills of basic patient care, preparing enrollees for employment in hospitals and nursing home.

Classes will be held Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., in the conference room at the Clare Nursing Home, 600 E. 4th Street (US-10) in Clare. Nina Sprayman, R.N., is instructor.

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SHERMAN CITY

By Lori England

(Editor's Note: Lori's mother brought in this paper written by the 13-year-old seventh-grade student at the Barryton Junior High School, which we think is worth printing. Lori is a great-granddaughter of Roy Phenix, an early Sherman City resident, who gave her the information contained in her paper. Lori is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick England of 4112 Woodruff Road, Weidman. She got her material from great-grandpa's recollections.) Sherman City was settled in the late 1700s. It is located approximately 8 1/2 miles northwest of Weidman.

Some of the families that lived in Sherman City were the Phenixes, Myers, Masons, Hates, Sopers, Jonsons, Camerons, Lees, Coreys, Hammels, and MacKerries. These people all lived there in the 1900s.

Sherman City was a lumber town. The sawmill is what drew most of the people there. After the trees were cut down and trimmed of the branches, they were skidded out of the woods and floated down the Chippewa River to Saginaw.

There were three grocery stores, owned by Gil Jonson, Al Mason, John Cameron. There were also many other businesses, such as two shingle mills, a griss mill where flour was ground, a millner shop where hats were made. There was also a cheese shop, saloon, post office, blacksmith, doctors office and three hotels. The Coreys owned one of the hotels.

The towns people built a large building for their business meetings and dances. It was named the Mackabee Hall.

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The people were very helpful to each other. When a family was building a barn all of the other people helped them. It was a big thing when there was a barn raising. All the women cooked dinner for the men who were helping to build the barn.

The school house had only one room. There was only one teacher for all of the grades of a 108 students. The teachers name was Mrs. Hamm. The school was heated with wood, carried in by the bigger boys, the water was pumped outside and carried in also. There was no hot lunch program, each student took their lunch from home. Their school work was done on a slate board and slate pencil.

There was no television or movies, and very few people had ever heard a radio.

After their week of hard work was done, usually on Sunday after church and dinner the people got together and played games. They played baseball, horse-shoes, and potato sack racing. The man and bigger boys played tug-of-war with a long rope.

The ladies and older girls gathered their old rags and tore them into strips, rolled them into big balls ready for making rugs.

They also saved all of their scraps of material for making quilts. All of their sewing was done by hand. A lot of their clothes were made from flour sacks. The little children played games like jump rope, hopscotch marbles, hide and seek, and swinging. Their swings were made with rope and a piece of board tied on a tree branch.

Most of the families in Sherman City planted a big garden. They had to grow enough food to last all winter. The vegetables were canned or stored in the cellar under the house.

The fruits were canned or dried. They also made jams and jellies. They made their own butter with a butter churn and used the buttermilk for baking.

Most of the people raised chickens. They sold the eggs that they didn't need to the stores as well as their extra butter, vegetables, fruits, or traded them for other things like shoes, material, dishes, pots, and pans, sugar, seeds, pipe tobacco & etc.

The church and three homes are all that's left of Sherman City. The church is now being restored by some local people in the surrounding area. When my Greate Grandfather was about six years old he watched his father and another man hang the bell in church steeple which is still hanging there.

These facts were told to me by my grate grandfather, Roy Phenix, who was born at his folks home on Sept. 3, 1896 in Sherman City.

The End
Lori's teacher marked her

place report" A good.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes entertained at a pot-luck dinner Saturday, honor of Sue Otney, daughter of Mrs. Norma Middlesworth. Present were Mr.

and Mrs. Dick Donley and sons, Mary Middlesworth and son, Jerry, of Fowlerville, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth, and Mrs. Emma Middlesworth and K. C. Charnes and Vivian Kile of Mt. Pleasant.
Mrs. Edna Bowem attendea the Gold Key banquet at Mt. Pleasant High School April 19.

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WBA TO BUILD COMMUNITY CENTER AT MITCHELL PARK

At its April meeting last Thursday evening, the Weidman Business Association voted to okay a building at Mitchell Memorial Park here large enough to house all needs of local groups, such as Senior Citizens, Scouting groups, and all citizens of the Weidman area, including the regular weekly bingo games sponsored by the WBA.

Money from past bingo games will largely finance the project, with Isabella Bank & Trust taking a mortgage only on that part of the park the building will stand on.

Ultimate cost of the building is estimated at between \$30,000 and \$35,000, with a good slice being given as a first

incentive by the bingo games and the bingo committee of the WBA.

A building of about 16,000 square feet is contemplated, with the shell going up first. Outside construction will be of metal entirely, with no windows.

Prices on shell only or completed buildings will be sought by the committee in charge of that detail.

A motion was made and passed to have vice-president Bud Fredrickson appoint a committee to care for preliminary details. The motion was passed, by secret-ballot vote.

A motion also was passed to use the park facilities for the building, according to findings of the appointed committee.

Appointed to the committee

were Dick Curtiss, Whitey McCreight, Mick Schmalbach and Lou Fiorillo.

The committee will seek bids from several companies for the building. Dennis Riley, of the DeWitt Lumber Company of Blanchard, was present, and gave figures and structure illustrations on a building such as will be needed.

"The purpose of the park (for public use) will not be affected, except for the better," Mitchell McArthur remarked, at the close of the session.

The next regular meeting of the Weidman Business Association will be the first Thursday in May, at 7.30, at the Fire Hall.

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MARIE SMITH HONORED AT OLDSTERS' MEETING

Marie Smith of Weidman was named along with 10 others as Volunteers of the Month at a

county-wide gathering of Senior Citizens last Wednesday evening in the cafeteria of the Mt. Pleasant High School.

It was a big celebration, with George DePuy being named as

honored volunteer for the year among Isabella County oldsters.

Among those from this area attending, besides Mrs. Smith, were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson, Nina Forbes, Marge Hathaway, Leah Scharrer, Wilbur Reinert, Helen Smith, and Edna Bowein.

Carl and Ruth Lorentzen, Jim and Mildred Beatty and Steve and Emily Stevens attended from Lake Isabella.

It was a big celebration, and Marie was named Volunteer of the month for April.

Hulda Stevens and Claribel Beutler were also honored.

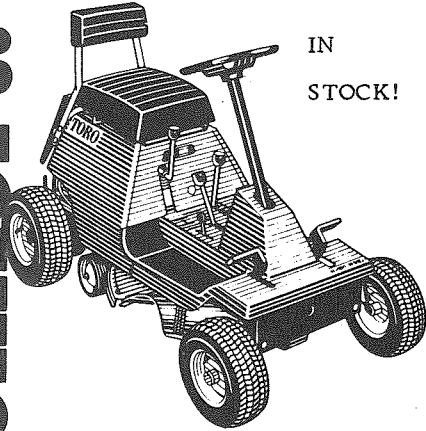
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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Edna Bowein attended a bridal shower for Karen Buchel Tuesday, April 18, sponsored by the Vera Straus family. The party was held at Karen Straus' home on Remus Road.

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox was honored Monday by her children, on her birthday. They and their families gathered at her home in the morning for coffee together, then went to Mt. Pleasant for a birthday dinner.

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