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OPEN HOUSE AT WEIDMAN TELEPHONE OFFICE

General Telephone Company will hold Open House at the Weidman telephone office on Woodruff Road (in the middle of Weidman's main street, downtown) this Thursday evening, May 11, from 1 to 8 p.m., to show Weidman folks the incredibly complex system that takes our telephone calls, local and long distance.

Featured will be showings of the "telephone cable of the future"--a hair-thin strand of pure glass carrying hundreds of conversations simultaneously.

Also shown will be new and old telephones, special tools, and heavy equipment, according to Bill Buschle, division manager for the company.

"Our customers don't often have the opportunity to see the complex equipment necessary to provide service to each telephone," he said in an interview this week. "And we have too few opportunities to meet our customers. We hope to provide these opportunities at our Open House in Weidman."

It's hoped Weidman folks will turn out to at least call in at the telephone office. How many of us have demanded swift service--and got it--from Bernie Riley, whom many of us have hauled out of bed after a hard day's work to rush to the local office and remove a speck of dust from a complex set of wiring and presto!--give us back our telephones?

Ye Ed has. At 9.30 and 10 o'clock at night, too. (We just can't bring ourselves to go to bed without the safety of a live telephone in our house. And Bernie always comes across.)

So--drap in, Thursday, at the telephone office.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt were last Thursday visitors of Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker.

Relatives of Clayton Smith were here from very many places, for his funeral last week. Clara has had innumerable visitors, cards and letters since Clayton's passing.



SOFTBALL FOR YOUNGER GIRLS--Was initiated last week when a swarm of kids practically filled the baseball diamond at the Weidman School grounds to organize teams and start practicing. "We thought we'd have to draft men to coach them," one of the mother-leaders told the Messenger, "But they're right here, Johnny on the spot, bless 'em!" Above is shown the "Little Girls" prospective softball team, and a happy and enthusiastic bunch they are.

Coaches for the girls' softball teams are Jerry Smith and Cindy Korfel, assistant coach.

Larry Rescoe, Dave Schumacher, and Al Brigston volunteered for coaching the girls.



HERE ARE THE "OLDER GIRLS" ON THE SOFTBALL FIELD--At the school ball diamond--field Saturday. They're a most promising and enthusiastic bunch of kids, and we predict they'll get along just fine in softball.

Equipment and uniforms are needed this year for the start of Little Girls' softball. May 11, 12 and 13; there will be a rummage and bake sale at Betty Baxter's, 6312 Main Street in Weidman,

starting at 9 a.m.

Any donated items for the cause will be greatly appreciated. Contact Betty Baxter at 644-3696 or just drop the items off

AIR FORCE ANNOUNCES NEW PROMOTION PROGRAM

An accelerated promotion program for those enlisting in the Air Force for training in one of four critical specialties was announced this week by Air Force recruiting officials.

Those enlisting before May 31 and selecting technical training in security, munitions maintenance, voice processing or fuel specialties will be eligible for promotion to Airman (E-2) after completing the six-weeks Air Force basic training course at Lackland Air Force base in Texas, recruiting service officials said.

Normally, promotion to the rank of Airman comes after six months in the Air Force.

Promotion increases pay and allowances for persons without dependents from \$564 to \$615 per month, and from \$625 to \$670 per month for Airmen with dependents.

Additional information on the special enlistment options and other Air Force opportunities may be had by contacting the Air Force recruiting offices at 1222 South Mission in Mt. Pleasant, or by calling 772-4864.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

at the Baxters'.

This year there are over 50 young girls from the Weidman area signed up for softball. Betty Baxter will coach girls age 7-10, with Mary Sisco as assistant coach. Barb Cook will coach 11-14-year-olds. Carol Miller is manager and head of all fund raising.

Practice will be Monday evenings at 6.30. Games will be played Wednesday nights at 6.30.

Signed authorization for the use of the Weidman School field on these nights has been granted the teams.

Parent interest and assistance will be greatly appreciated by those organizing the teams. The public is urged to help in any way possible.

"Let's make this a team to remember, by giving your support."

Thank you,
Betty Baxter
Barb Cook
Carol Miller
Mary Sisco

The Weidman Little Girls' Softball League.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

No, I was not sick last week, and I thank the people who asked about me. It was my telephone that was sick.

Mrs. Vera Rimbold and daughter spent the weekend with her grandparents, the Sterling Oplingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey attended the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Blodgett at Houghton Lake, Sunday.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended UMW at the Remus church Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Alma Dosenberry attended Eastern Star meeting at Weidman Wednesday evening. Thursday, Mrs. Thompson attended the Busy Bees' annual dinner at the Barryton restaurant, then they all went to Edna Merrihew's home for their meeting.

Mrs. Thompson spent a week ago Tuesday with her mother, and they attended a Mother-and-

Daughter banquet at Wacousta. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck spent Saturday evening at the Gerald Dent home.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were Sunday evening callers of the Dents. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and Judy of Lansing were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Maeder attended "Star" Night at Lake Isabella from 6 to 10 Sunday evening.

Mrs. Lu Ann Rau and two boys were recent callers at the Earl Oplinger home.

Oliver Bishop, husband of the late Dora Beutler of Dearborn Heights, called this week at the Charles Fahnestock home. Last week callers were Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Grech of Lake Isabella and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rescoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bateman and son were a week ago Sunday dinner guests of her parents.

D. J. Whitman spent the weekend with his grandparents, the Pete Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills and Carrie and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Consolino and children were Sat-

urday callers at the Wood home. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Gary and Beth and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad and Jason, Nancy Losey, Bill Dunn, Harold Losey and Tony Snyder were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Hattie Losey. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and Mrs. Nettie Lawrence were evening callers.

Mrs. Lawrence also called on me.

Hattie Losey spent one night last week with the Harold Losey family, and she called on Mrs. Pearl Dell and Mrs. Minnie Strauch.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Silvernail of Byron Center, in Barry County,

were up for the Sunday work-bee at the Sherman City Church, and stopped to visit with Connie Skinner. Mrs. Silvernail gave Connie a lovely hand-crafted wall piece, for decoration or room deodorizer container. We had a nice visit. The Silvermails have it made, on 40 beautiful acres at Byron Center, a very small town, and their show-type roses are something to see--we viewed them through a color 3-D viewer Roy had with him. They're lovely.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur and sons enjoyed camping at Paris, near Big Rapids, over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. David McArthur and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Willoughby were also in the party.

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BEAL CITY HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HONOR STUDENTS

Beal City High School is pleased to announce the top students in the 1978 graduating class. Sue Schafer is Valedictorian. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schafer, 4350 West Beal City Road. She has been active in 4-H, band, pep band, flag corp and the yearbook staff.

Sue plans to seek employment after graduation.

Salutatorian for 1978 is Sherry Reihl. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reihl, 765 N. Vandecar Road.

Sherry has been a Varsity cheerleader, member of the band, and was on the Homecoming Court.

She plans to attend Central Michigan University in the fall. Graduation at Beal City will be Thursday, May 25, at 8 p. m., in the High School gymnasium.



SUE SCHAFER



SHERRY REIHL

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Phil Garrett is in the hospital. The top of his truck cab fell on him.

Mike Straus and Karen Buchel were married in a very lovely ceremony at St. Joseph's Church Friday evening, with a reception following at the K. C. Hall.

Marge (Block) and Harv Schaffer are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Friday afternoon.

They have another child, a girl, Mandy.

Theresa Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary at the K. of C. Hall Sunday afternoon with friends and relatives.

Louis Rau had breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lawens Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau and family visited a friend in Mt. Pleasant Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer of Saginaw spent Wednesday with the Howard Schafers.

Tillie Schafer and Louise Schafer spent Sunday with the Milo Eldreds of Winn. Mr. and Mrs. Eldred spent Monday with Tillie. Betty Baxter called on Louise Schafer Tuesday.

Ruth Klumpp and Cindy and Donna and Kimberly Schafer were shopping in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rau had a new baby girl Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Brown are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Block are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Weber had a work-bee to build a front porch on their home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Noble and family, Ginny Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family, Louis Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Zeien and family helped Bob Zeien celebrate his First Communion Sunday, at the Fred Zeien home.

Baptized in St. Joseph's Church last weekend were Anna Jane Vogel, daughter of Ken and Emilene; Janel Marie Shaner, daughter of Stanley and Kathy; and Amanda Rochelle Reed, daughter of Adra and Roxann.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright called on their daughter, Evelyn, and family in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Tony Bartley's niece and two girls of Grand Rapids spent last week with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and family were at South Boardman Sunday, where they enjoyed a picnic dinner.

Irene Bowen attended the 40th

wedding anniversary of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Blodgett, at Houghton Lake, Sunday afternoon.

Emily Geasler of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler.

The Geasler family held a family dinner Sunday at the Ray Geasler home.

Senior Citizens met last week Thursday at the Brinton Hall with a very nice crowd. The next meeting will be June 1, with the Rosebush group invited as guests. A delicious dinner is on the menu. Come and bring a friend and enjoy the day visiting.

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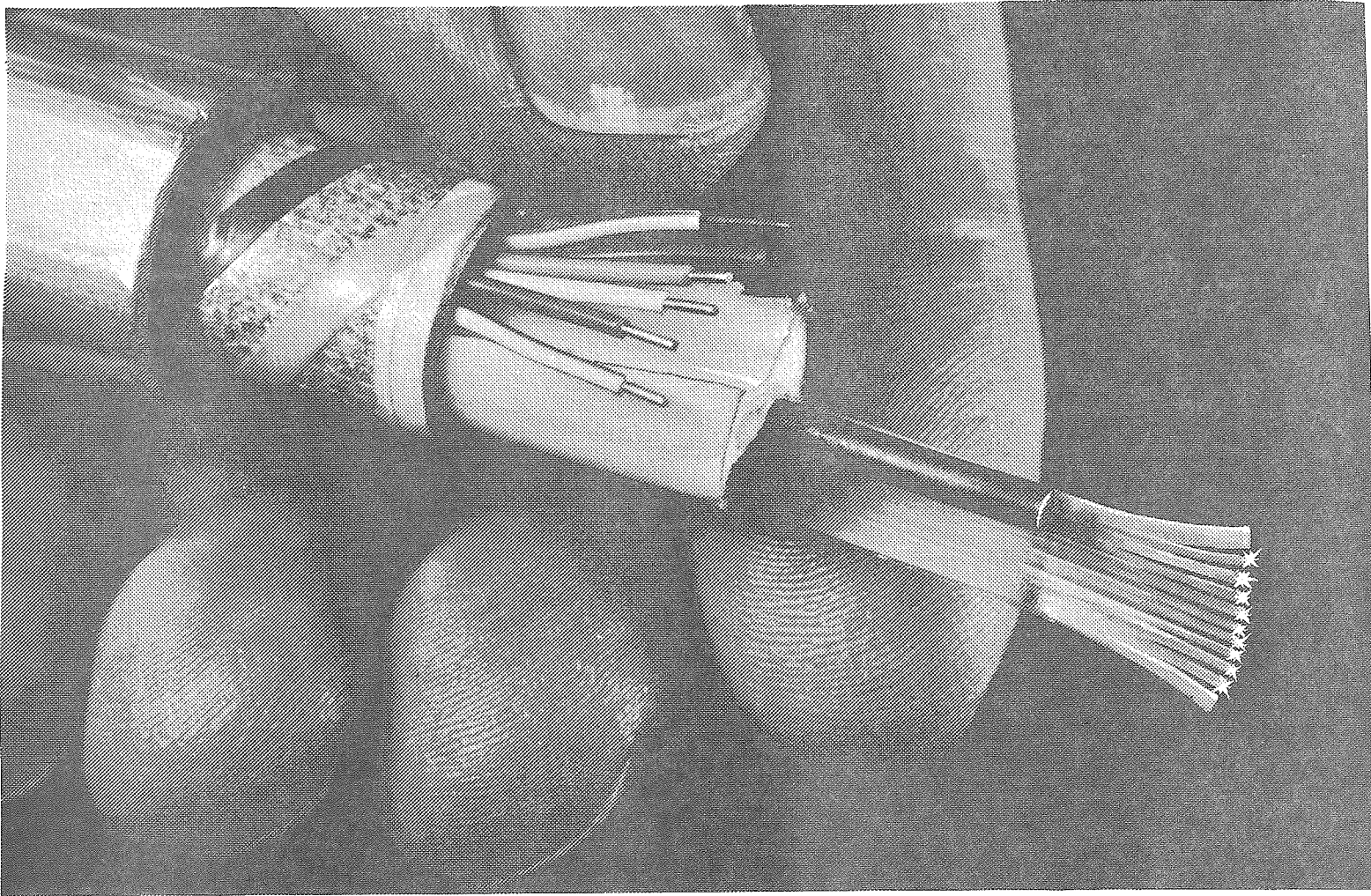


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have questions answered about your phone service. Bring your family and friends. Refreshments will be served.

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PLACE	WEIDMAN OFFICE	

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Apr27t2p

MAY 14--Chippewa Hills Band Boosters will be serving Swiss Steak Dinner at the High School Cafeteria, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Special prizes for Senior Citizens and children under 12. \$3.00 for Senior Citizens and children, and \$3.75 for adults.

May 4t1

Tuesday's weather--cold and windy. Cheer up--I've seen 10 inches of snow in May.

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Notice

There will be an Open Discussion on Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, estimated to be \$4,500, Monday, May 15, at the Sherman Township Hall.

KEITH LOOMIS
Sherman Twp. Clerk

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LARRY KAPPLER--Will pick up used car bodies free. Ph. Mt. Pleasant, 773-3487, after 3.30 p.m.

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WANTED--Copies of the Weidman Messenger at the time when Fred Kent was writing the Horr news. Write Art Silvernail, 9014 Byron Center Ave., Byron Center, Mich. 49315.

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May 11t3

WEIDMAN LITTLE GIRLS'--Softball Team Rummage and Bake Sale May 11, 12, 9 a.m. till ? At B. Baxter's, 6312 W. Main, Weidman. Donated items greatly appreciated. Contact Betty at 644-3696. Proceeds to buy equipment for the girls.

May11t1p

THE CHIPPEWA HILLS--Band Boosters will serve a Swiss Steak Dinner at the High School Cafeteria on Sunday, May 14, from 12 to 3 p.m. Take Mother out for dinner on Mother's Day! Adults \$3.75, Senior Citizens and Children 12 and under, \$3.00.

May11t1p

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

A POP BOTTLE DRIVE--To help buy much-needed equipment for the new Weidman Little Girls' softball team will take place this Saturday, May 13, during the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone having bottles to donate please call Betty Baxter at 644-3696. The girls collecting bottles will be the 7 to 10 year old team members. Thank you.

May11t1

Obituary

CLAYTON A. SMITH

Clayton A. Smith died Monday, May 1, at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant, after a long illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. last Thursday from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton with Rev. Marvin Eldridge and Vance Dimmick officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.

Clayton was born Feb. 21, 1898, in Sherman Township, where he spent his life. He married Clara Haviland Oct. 27, 1919.

They have lived in this area all their lives, and both are loved by all who know them.

For years they lived on a farm near Horr, and spent eight years on the farm where Flora Wood lived until she went to Mt. Pleasant.

They lived in Weidman over 20 years, and have very many friends here.

He is survived by a daughter, Melicca Cole; three sons, Ted Smith of Mt. Pleasant, and Ray of Weidman and Wayne of Wolverine; and 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Alger of Flint. A baby son, Virgil, preceded him in death at age three.

Clayton was loved by all who knew him, and the many friends of Clayton and Clara will mourn with the family.

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The Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Our church enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist Robert Luby this past weekend. He showed films, and preached on the history and reliability of the Bible.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

We hear so much of the unpleasant things young people do. I want to emphasize a nice thing that happened to me Saturday morning.

About 10 a. m. I had a flat tire on my car, and as I prepared to put on the spare, two young men about 13 or 14 and one about 17, stopped and offered to change my tire.

They took over and jacked up my car, and changed my tire in seconds of time.

I wanted to pay them, but one of them said, "That was just a friendly gesture."

They deserve a medal. God bless American young people.
Paul Cole

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cole returned to their home in Detroit, after several days spent at their farm.

Our sympathy to the family of Clayton Smith. Also our sympathy to the William Swans, who lost their home by fire while she was at the Medical Facility caring for her very ill mother-in-law, Gladys Swan, and Bill and his dad, Lester Swan, were at the funeral of their sister-in-law and aunt, Mrs. Hattie Swan. They lost all their belongings.

The Paul Coles and Velma vis-

ited their old friend, Mrs. Rhoda Allen, last Tuesday.

The Paul Coles celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary Wednesday.

The Kripa family presented them with a combination radio and record player. We are very proud of it.

Our sympathy to the family of Gladys Swan, who passed away last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Eleanor Hamilton Warner remains in CMC Hospital, but is gaining slowly, since her recent surgery.

Supper guests of the Dan Kripas Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Ronnie called on the Paul Coles Saturday evening. Supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa.

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WORK GOES AHEAD AT SHERMAN CITY CHURCH

Work-bees last weekend made great improvements on the interior of the Sherman City Church, as volunteers cleaned side walls with wire brushes and proceeded with the job of painting them. The interior is expected to be finished by Memorial Day, when first services will be held in the old restored build-

ing.

Craig Turnbull, a college student, and a professional painter, is doing most of the painting. He's doing it free of charge.

Volunteers are working now on putting in pews obtained from the abandoned Forest Hill Church which have been donated to the Sherman City project at a cost of \$35 each. Seats will have donors' names on plaques, and will be varnished before Memorial Day.

A walk from the Sherman City Cemetery (about half a mile) is being planned as the beginning of the Memorial Day services. Services will be held in the afternoon, the hour to be announced later.

Urgent invitations to pastors of all denominations hereabout are being issued by the dedicated group restoring the old building. The pastors will appear on the Memorial program.

Work-bees are continuing each weekend, and volunteers are urgently invited.

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Obituary

SIMEON F. RIGGS

Simeon F. Riggs of Farwell passed away Saturday, April 8, at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. He was 74.

He was born July 24, 1903, in Indiana, son of Frank and Agnes (McCormick) Riggs.

He is survived by his wife Aylvia; two step-sons, Tony Valdez of Devil's Lake, N.D., and Frederick Widman of Alma; two step-daughters, Mrs. Beulah (Ray) Agle of Farwell and Mrs. Adella (Kenneth) Baker of Shepherd; a brother, Marion, of Alma; three sisters, Mrs. Esther Peck and Mrs. Anna Rockefeller of Alma, and Mrs. Celia Bigelow of Breckenridge; and 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and many other relatives.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 10, at 1 p. m. at the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell, with Rev. D.M. Dickinson officiating.

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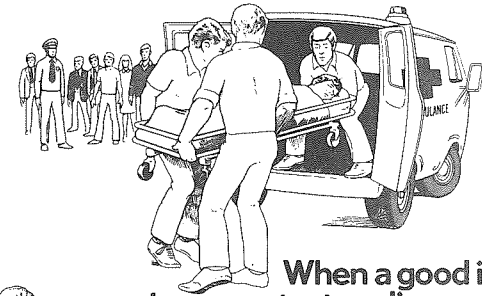
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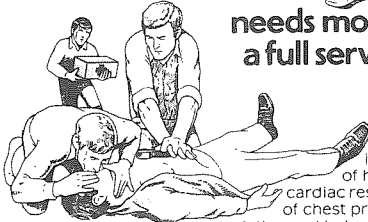
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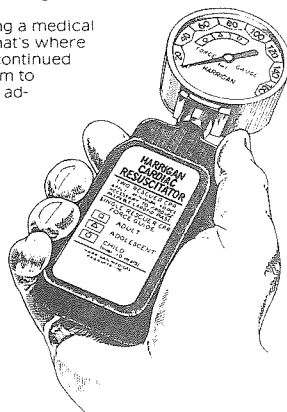



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Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crawford of Grand Rapids spent the week-end with the Harry Gatehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Knipfer and daughter of Big Rapids enjoyed Sunday afternoon with Pat Egbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Silvernail of Byron Center visited Mabel Chaffee Sunday, also visiting other friends and relatives in this area. Roy spent some time with his grandfather, Fred L. Kent, at the Horr Store, as a teenager, after his father, Art Silvernail, an aerial balloonist, was killed.

Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald of Grand Rapids enjoyed Friday evening with the Carl Fitzgeralds. Mrs. Fountain of Remus spent Sunday with Grace. Carl entered CMC Hospital Tuesday, suffering a blood clot on his leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler attended a farewell party Sunday for the Rev. Pohley at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Ron Kniffen and son of Lansing spent the weekend with her mother, Pat Egbert.

The Clayton, Bob, Gary, Jim and Dick Dutcher families attended the wedding of Miss Debbie Yuncker at the Beal City church Saturday. Also attending the wedding and reception were Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and the Brian Dutchers.

Monroe Beckwith of Otisville and Ivan Dutcher of Mt. Pleasant enjoyed visiting at the home of the Clayton Dutchers during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sanderson of St. Charles visited the Howard Beutlers Saturday.

The Darnell, Sheldon and Kent cousins will meet with the Carl Embreys in Weidman Tuesday for a pot-luck dinner and an afternoon of visiting. Attending from Grand Rapids, Grandville, White Cloud, Remus and Weidman, will be members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Florence Fitzgerald of Lansing visited Carl Fitzgerald at the hospital Sunday. Get well soon, Carl!

Lou Ann Maeder enjoyed Sunday afternoon with her parents, the Harry Gatehouses. Warren Leiter visited Bea and Harry on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., spent Sunday afternoon with the Bud Hines family, and Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines.

Mabel Chaffee received word that her sister, Minnie Flaughter, is doing fine after back surgery, and will be home this week. Keep up the good work, Minnie!

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

The family of Don Abbott had a Welcome Home party at the home of Micky Abbott Sunday. A pot-luck dinner was served. All had a nice time. Don and wife got home last Tuesday.

Carol Abbott attended a stork shower at the home of Lou Ann Leiter Sunday afternoon, honoring Lori Leiter.

Albert Gott took me for a ride Sunday to Chippewa Lake. We visited Bud and Harley Drake and their wives, then to home for dinner and church.

Eddie Bobrowski of Barryton spent last week Sunday at the Don Alwood home, and attended the 20th anniversary of the Weidman Baptist Church, including services at the church at 10.30 and a pot-luck dinner and fellowship at the Weidman school cafeteria at noon. In the evening, Mrs. Alwood and son, Jim, and Eddie attended a sing hymn and film, "Peace Child," at the Brinton Chapel before Eddie returned home to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons, in Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood visited Mrs. Ella Adams at Lake one day last week. Ella returned recently to her home after spending the winter in Arizona. The Alwoods also called at the Lawrence Finch home near Farwell on Maple Grove Road, where Don lived as a young boy. They also stopped at the Reuben Tigner home and talked with Raymond Tigner, Jr.

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NEWS NOTES

Terri and Debbie Touchinski spent Saturday morning with Ginger and Holly Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Monday dinner guests at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski, and girls. Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker returned home from Florida last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth spent the weekend with the Doug Middlesworth family at

Fowlerville.

NOTICE

A general meeting for everyone interested is scheduled for May 20, for nomination and election of church officers, consideration of bylaws, etc., at the Sherman City Church at 2 p.m.

This is an important meeting, as it is a legal procedure to keep the church property as a non-denominational church.

All interested persons are urged to be present.

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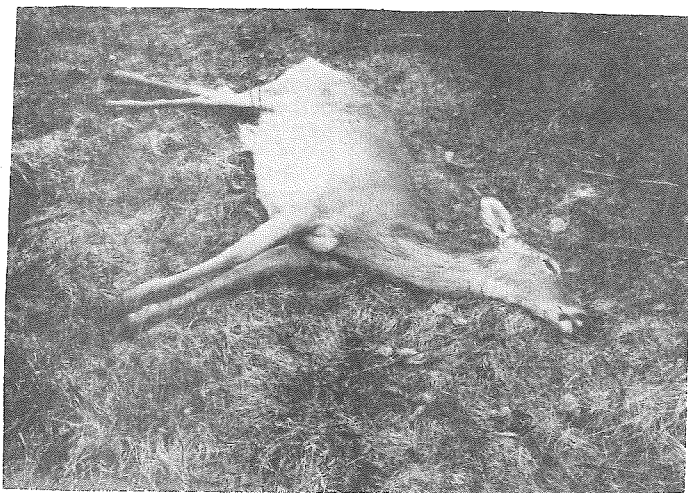


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THIS DOE KILLED ON NORTH WOODRUFF ROAD--Last Thursday night was near to delivery of at least two fawns. Myrtle Shanteau called Ye Ed, who did extensive research on the situation, and found, after pestering everybody from the Sheriff's Department to State Police and back to Wayne Sisco, that all of Isabella County is over-populated with deer, and driving on all roads out of towns is hazardous to your health and that of the deer. Messenger photo

THIS AREA OVERPOPULATED WITH DEER HERDS

All of Isabella County has been designated over-populated with deer herds, according to police and conservation departments.

In April of this year there were exactly 23 car-deer accidents in Clare and Isabella Counties.

State police cover Clare, Isabella and Midland Counties in their counts of car-deer accidents.

Considering the almost overwhelming number of deer herds hereabouts, Sheriff's men consider the car-deer accident low.

It is true that the west half of Isabella County long has been known as prime deer-hunting areas, with little or no publicity state-wide. Consequently, the deer herds have grown.

They have grown to alarming numbers, in view of automobile traffic on all Isabella County roads.

Around Weidman, one Sheriff Department man said, "Go in any direction and you're in heavy deer-populated areas. The wonder is that more car-deer accidents have not occurred."

There is some consideration of an extended and more wide-spread opening up of doe season next fall.

Deer love corn fields, or any cereal plantings. They'll cross any roads, pop up out of any ditches, and zoop over to the good feeding, regardless of on-coming cars.

Car-deer accidents may be cut down if the doe season is widened next fall to include more areas than have been available in the past, according to law men.

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