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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### SHERMAN CITY CHURCH IS TRULY A MIRACLE

That old church at Sherman City constitutes a true miracle. From an old, beat-up, ragged-looking building to a bright, neat little white-painted real church it's progressed since last summer to the true miracle stage, thanks to a small group of dedicated farmers and their hard-working wives in west Sherman Township.

One couldn't have believed, after viewing it last spring, that that dilapidated old building with peeling roof, ragged siding and window-less walls would become a beautiful little church in less than a year.

But it has.

Talk about true religion.

It's non-denominational, which means it's neither Baptist, Methodist, Catholic or any or named religion, but everyday hard-working religion of a universal scope.

It's a miracle church.

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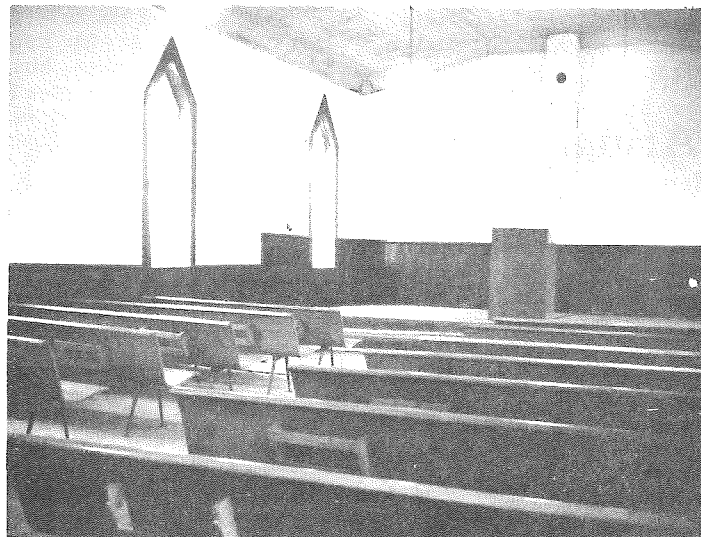
### IT'S DEER COUNTRY ALL OVER WEST ISABELLA COUNTY

It's not only the North Woodruff Road that's endangering the lives of motorists as deer dash madly in front of vehicles, although we do believe the Woodruff Road two-mile stretch just north of Weidman is really the worst.

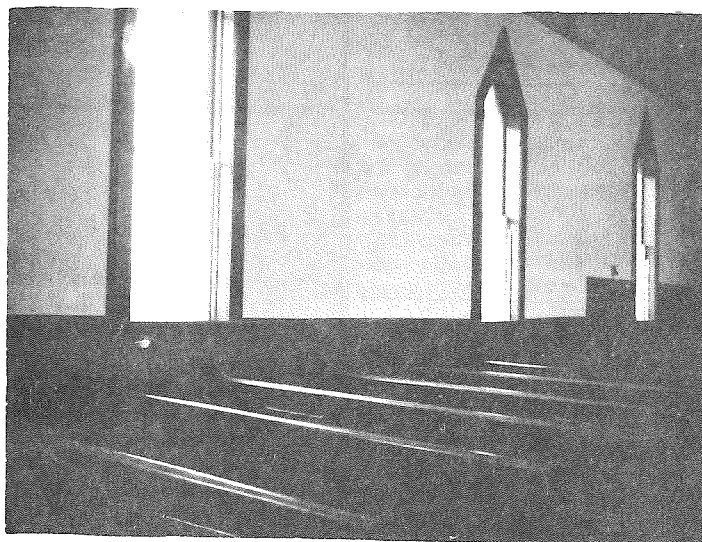
In the two-mile really hazardous stretch of Woodruff Road, there are deep ditches on either side of the roadway, and deer runs crossing the road--which deer will follow whether it's winter or summer.

But other really hazardous spots include all of the area (roads) surrounding the Ojibwa Recreation Area; that small stretch of road south of Weidman where Coldwater Road makes a steep curve around the place where the old railroad used to be; and the entrance to the intersection of Coldwater Road and M-20, which is heavily wooded.

But, in our estimation, Woodruff Road north of Weidman still  
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INTERIOR OF THE SHERMAN CITY CHURCH--Is indeed different today than it was last year. Old theatre seats have been removed and pews bought from the Forest Hill Church cleaned, varnished and installed. Four tall windows on each side of the church are of plain colored glass up to the beginning of the peaks, which are of true stained-glass material and very beautiful. Floors have been sanded and scrubbed; walls have been scrubbed, wire-brushed and varnished. They're still intact in the old-time metal decorative designs. Messenger photo



HERE'S ANOTHER VIEW OF THE SHERMAN CITY CHURCH interior--We tried to get all of the four colored-glass windows on one side, but the old Polaroid wouldn't take in the long stretch of wall and windows.

Mrs. Clara Smith accompanied her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, to Wolverine, where they rented a cabin from Friday till Monday. They attended the wedding of Clara's granddaughter, Annette Smith, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith, Saturday at 6 p.m. She also attended the reception at Indian River. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Blane Block also attended.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES AT SHERMAN CITY CHURCH

Memorial services will be held at the newly rebuilt Sherman City Church this year, for the first time in many years.

Friends and relatives will assemble at the church at 12.30 p.m. Sunday, May 28, and walk to the cemetery with a parade and honor guard from the Farwell VFW.

They will disperse at the cemetery after appropriate short services.

At 2 p.m. there will be services at the church, with an appropriate program.

Several ministers will be there. Rev. Dimmick of the United Methodist Church of Weidman will deliver a sermon.

Other ministers hoping to be present include Father Neubecker, retired priest of the Beal City Church; Rev. John Wright, retired pastor of the Weidman Church of the Nazarene; Rev. Marvin Eldridge, pastor of the Weidman Baptist Church; and Rev. Wayne Lyons, pastor of the Church of God at Barryton. Also invited is the pastor of the Brinton Chapel.

Other details of the program include group singing, special music, a report on future plans for the church, and brochures of the history of the restoration of the church, which will be handed out to those present at the services.

These are the high points of the first service in the Sherman City Church in at least 38 years.

The church property was given to the village of Sherman City in 1904 by Gilbert Johnson, a major lumberman. His wife, Clara, also signed the deed.

Everyone from all denominations is very welcome at the church for the Memorial Day services. An urgent invitation is extended to all people everywhere to attend.

This will be the first service at the church in many years.

Music for the program will be enhanced by an electric organ loaned by an area family.

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Mrs. Leah Scharrer spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Paul Straus, and family, at their cottage on Arbutus Lake, near Traverse City.

## S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Pat Egbert and Mabel Chaffee spent Monday afternoon with Minnie and Ray Flaughter. Minnie is gaining, after surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and children and the Eddie Oplingers spent Sunday afternoon with their parents, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Carl and Grace Fitzgerald enjoyed Friday evening with the Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and the Dean Chaffee family and Mabel Chaffee attended Open House at the Maeder auction house Sunday afternoon honoring the graduation of Kevin Thren.

Doris Wilnot and Mabel Chaffee went to the Tulip Festival at Holland Saturday, enjoying the marching and musical talent of the Chippewa Hills band. There were 15 bands participating, from various parts of Michigan, in the competition, also the bands from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin appeared in the downtown parade,

which was a fabulous two-hour affair. The Chippewa Hills band received A1 ratings all down the line. Good work, kids!

Mrs. Robert Hogg spent Sunday with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Richard Yuncker of Beal City spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher. The Bob and Dick Dutchers and families were callers during the week.

Word was received that Frank Goodrich, a former Weidman resident, is in the Ingham Medical Hospital in Lansing, doing as well as can be expected. He will celebrate his 91st birthday in June. Our prayers are with you, dear friend!

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Holmes spent Tuesday evening with the Elwood Millers. Elwood and Iola spent Thursday and Friday at the Pigeon River State Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowen of Clare

and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski and children were Sunday afternoon callers of the Millers.

Mike Wood, Dan Mills and Eric Bingham left Saturday morning on a Canadian fishing trip.

D.J. Whitman came Saturday evening to spend the weekend with his grandparents, the Pete Woods.

Harold and Ron Losey spent a couple of days last week, working on their corn.

Mrs. Leah Scharrer, Mrs. Violet Oplinger and I spent Wednesday afternoon with Hattie Losey, playing cards.

Friday callers of Hattie were Lois Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz and two children. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Saturday callers. Gerald and Nancy were Saturday evening callers of Hatite.

Hattie Losey was a Sunday dinner guest of the Gerald Loseys.

Cherie Lorenz and Danny and Tracy called on me Friday early evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and Shirley Fox attended Com-

mencement exercises at Ferris State College Saturday afternoon. Bob graduated with a BS degree in surveying. Evening guests were Tim and Sally Workman, Jack and Jan Wood, Jim Strong, and Dean Eldred.

Bill Thompson spent the weekend in Grosse Pointe Woods, a guest of Mike Patten. They and other CMU friends took part in the bicycle marathon on Belle Isle, and attended the Detroit double-header Sunday.

Nancy and Larry Smith of Grand Rapids were Sunday afternoon callers of the Thompsons.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Jerry Bartlett of Whitehall was a Friday overnight guest of her aunt, Mrs. Lela Whearett, and uncle, Don Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey attended Open House honoring Renee Schafer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Schafer, on her graduation from Chippewa Hills High School. The Embreys called on Mr. and Mrs. Harry Earns in Mt. Pleasant in the evening.

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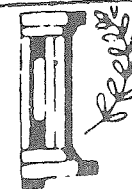
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May 11t3

Sgt. Frank Cornell of the National Guard recruiting office in Mt. Pleasant will be at the Weidman Pharmacy Saturday, June 3.

### LUTHERAN CHURCH TO HAVE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Lutheran Church will hold a vacation Bible school starting June 19 and running through June 30.

Classes will begin at 9 a.m. and continue till 11.30 a.m., Monday through Friday.

All children are welcome to attend, from age four through the 8th grade.

The church is located in Broomfield Township on the Coldwater Road about a half mile north of M-20, or just a few miles south of Weidman.

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KEY CASE--With keys in. Picked up on S. Littlefield Rd. at Harry Pung's homestead. Owner please call Weidman, ph. 644-3507.

May 25t3

### WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN--

This summer? Come join us at Girl Scout Day Camp. We need leaders and girls. All girls welcome. Call 588-9348. Cindy Dent, Camp Director, Mitten Bay Girl Scout Council.

May25t3

YARD SALE--Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Three miles west on Airline Rd., 1 1/2 miles north on Rolland Rd (first gravel road north of Airline). Hours 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Household furniture, knickknacks, machinery accessories, toys, etc.

May 25t1p

## Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who shared our sorrow in our recent tragedy.

The many friends and relatives who called; the beautiful flowers and plants; the memorials and all the cards of sympathy;

Father McKinney, the Daggett Funeral Home, all those who sent food to our homes, and to the people of the Chippewa Lake area for the dinner and their generosity, and all the many other kindnesses that were shown.

Your concern was a source of strength and comfort to us in our time of need. May God bless you ALL.

Steve, Jeanne  
 Mike Metcalf  
 Mr. and Mrs. Duke  
 Metcalf and Families  
 Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood  
 And families

## Obituary

DE WAYNE "SKIP" RENNER  
 DeWayne "Skip" Renner of Farwell passed away May 4 at the Midland Hospital after a very short illness.

He was born Dec. 4, 1931, in Gilmore Township, son of Ross and Thelma Renner. He lived in the area all his life, attending the Farwell Area Schools. He owned and operated Skip's Barber Shop in Farwell for many years.

He was united in marriage to Marcia Thayer Jan. 24, 1964. To this union two children were born, both of whom survive: Christine and Randy, both at home. He also is survived by his wife, Marcia; his parents, Ross and Thelma Renner, of Farwell; and many other relatives, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held May 8 from the Gilmore Church of Christ, with George Getchel and David Maltzan officiating. Burial was in the Gilmore Township Cemetery.

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## Obituary

### VIOLET E. KINDIG

Violet E. Kindig of Shepherd died last Wednesday at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility.

She was 68.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Garber-Berry Funeral Home in Shepherd with Wendell Parman of the Westlawn Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in the Salt River Cemetery at Shepherd.

An Eastern Star service was held Friday at 8 p.m., at the funeral home. Memorials were sent to the Westlawn Church of Christ.

Mrs. Kindig was born Aug. 7, 1909, in Shepherd, daughter of Joseph and Edith Southard. She was a member of the Westlawn Church of Christ, the Shepherd Chapter of Eastern Stars, and the White Shrine of Jerusalem of Alma.

She is survived by a son, Franklin, of Weidman; a sister, Agnes McElveen, of Concord, Ga.; two grandsons, Franklin Richard and Joseph, both of Weidman; and a granddaughter, Mrs. Duane (Valerie) Beltinck, of Mt. Pleasant.

### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Lucille Klein of the Ojibwa Recreation Area called on Mrs. Clara Smith Monday afternoon.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen spent the weekend at their cottage at Houghton Lake.

Mrs. Mag Noble and family of Shepherd had dinner with Louis Rau Sunday.

Mrs. Rose Cotter and Mrs. Franie Tilmann called on Irene Smith one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Schafer went golfing Sunday.

Louise Schafer and Orié Farner came home from their trip in Canada and Niagara Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer spent the weekend in Traverse City with their daughter, Mrs. Wayne Sherlock.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Oscar Schafer home in Winn. Howard Schafer returned Sunday from Battle Creek, where he spent a week with his son, Peter, and family.

Mrs. Anne Dean and Mrs. Patty Daniele of Chicago called on Mrs. June Blasen and Mrs. DeLores Gould Thursday afternoon.

The Beal City Senior Class left for New York Sunday morning.

Mrs. Carol Schafer held a baby shower for Patty Daniele and baby Chad Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau Wednesday evening.

About 200 senior citizens attended a breakfast at the K. of C. Hall Tuesday morning last week.

We welcome to our parish membership Mr. and Mrs. Duane Evans and their children, Dawn and Lee and Mrs. Bernice Yarrick.

Mrs. Emily Goffnet and family visited Mrs. Kathy Rau Sunday evening.

The ladies of the St. Joseph Council of Catholic Women will have a rummage sale June 8-10.

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

Peggy Barz visited Cindy Barz Saturday afternoon.

The Centennial Park committee auction Saturday was attended by a large group in the afternoon.

Don Tilmann called on Al Tilmann Saturday afternoon.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Beal City graduating class of 1978.

Louis Rau visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Sunday evening.

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### GRADE SCHOOL KIDS TO PUT ON ETHNIC FESTIVAL

Miss Ann Miller, teacher of the 5th and 6th grades at the Beal City Schools, announces an ethnic festival to be held May 16 at the Beal City Elementary School.

Children in foreign costumes will perform dances from other

countries. Their performance will begin at 8.45 a.m. and last till 11 a.m.

From 12 to 3 p.m. they will sell fruits from many lands at a bazaar set up in the hallway.

The assortment will include such delectables as soya Paraguaya, a type of corn bread native to Paraguay; Russian pancakes; guava toast, Swedish breads, and delectable desserts made by the children's mothers.

There will be a wide variety of other good things to eat.

The public is invited.

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### BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 17 TABLES AT PLAY

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 17 tables of pepper at play.

Clara Jones won first prize for the ladies, with Kate Martin second and Vera McKenzie low.

For the men, Bill Thelen won first prize, with Elwyn Cluley second and Roderick Nicholson low.

Paula Doren won the pepper prize. Rose Beutler won the door prize.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, May 25. Everyone everywhere is cordially invited.

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### BEAL CITY FFA NEWS ITEMS

Monday, May 15, Beal City High School was the site of the FFA's annual awards program. Many awards were presented.

The local chapter presented three honorary memberships to Howard Strom, Earl Fox and Thomas Cross.

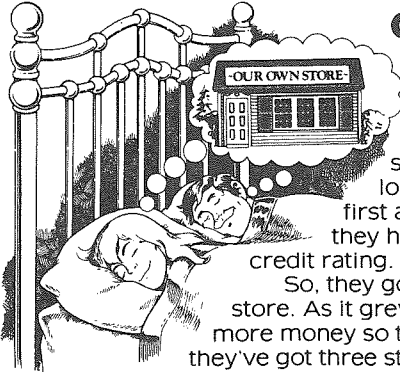
Pres. Mark Pasch and his fellow officers also presented the Greenhand members degrees, top salesmen awards, proficiency awards, and announced candidates from the FFA summer leadership tours.

Dennis Bechtel was presented the Star Greenhand Award, while Mark Pasch received the Star Chapter Farmer Award.

Leadership recognition was awarded Jean Engler and Terry Starr. Scholarship honors went to Brian Straus, Senior, Darlene Pung, Junior, Glenn Schmidt Sophomore, and Scott Schafer, Freshman.



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WEIDMAN SOFTBALL GIRLS ARE DOING JUST FINE

The Weidman Girls' Softball teams are doing just fine, having put on a car wash and rummage sale which netted well over \$200.

The girls need \$200 more for uniforms.

Officers elected included Barb Cook president, Mary Sisco treasurer, Carol Miller secretary and manager, with Betty Baxter and Jerry Smith remaining as head coaches.

The girls are doing well on hitting and pitching, the coaches say. Various neighboring towns have evinced interest in playing the Weidman Girls.

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright attended the funeral of their four-year-old nephew at Hastings Saturday. He was the grandson of Fred Wright.

Helen Strang took Madelyn La Londe to Flint Thursday, where she called on her brother, John, at Hurley Hospital. Eunice LaLonde accompanied them, and spent the day with her sister-in-law, Myrtle La Londe.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beers left Friday for up north, where they plan to do some fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes spent a few days last week with their

son, Mike, at Manistee, where he is now stationed on his State Police duties.

Hazel Carson of Westland is spending the week with her sister and husband, Grace and Don Seymour. She also spent some time with me during the week.

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## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

The Lloy Sperry family were home Sunday for dainner. Mr. and Mrs. Sperry spent some time with their son and family.

Zena Olger is home from the hospital now. She was staying with her daughter, Helen, for three days.

Jo and Jan Latham took their grandmother, Laura Latham, to church Sunday, then to her son's home, Cheil Latham's.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Burkey (her parents). Her mother is convalescing from a broken hip.

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Eldridge attended a pastors' meeting in Alma last week.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler spent Sunday evening with their mother, Mrs. Claribel Beutler. Marian Beutler and children were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Higbee

of Flushing spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs. Leah Scharrer.

Mrs. Pat Doyle of Rosebush called on her mother, Mrs. Leah Scharrer, Sunday evening.

Archie Jerore of the Ojibwa Recreation Area reports he got between 45 and 60 hours of free heat from his modest solar unit during the month of May; which was cold at the beginning, if you remember!

Clara Smith attended the baptism of her great-grandson, David, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith of Wolverine. He is the baby of Mr. and Mrs. David Smith, Wayne's oldest son.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

# THANK YOU!

WE, THE WEIDMAN GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAMS would like to thank everyone who has helped us in our projects this past month.

Our rummage and bake sale held at Baxter's was a success. To those who donated items and baked goods, Many Thanks! Also to Mrs. Tomasic, who stayed all day and helped. Thank You!

To Chippewa Hills Weidman and Mr. Howard for letting us sign for the field and the use of the smaller bats for the younger girls. Thank You.

To Connie Skinner who lets us use the paper for messages and who runs after us to take pictures.

To the business places which allowed us to place cans for donations; who let us use their windows to display our posters; to Schafers' Bait and Sport Shop for donating bats; to Isabella Bank & Trust, Weidman Branch, which allowed us to use their facilities to wash cars. To Bonnie Sprague, Jeanne Smith, Barb Cook and Jerry Smith, who stuck it out all day, rain or shine, to wash cars.

To the drivers, Kay Anderson, Del Lance, Betty Baxter, Carol Miller, who drove the younger girls for the pop-bottle collection.

To our parents, who are just beginning to run us here and there, and do this and that. We love you.

And to all the kind people of the Weidman Area who gave so generously, and showed interest in us as a new team, we say, GREAT BIG THANK YOU! And God bless you every one.

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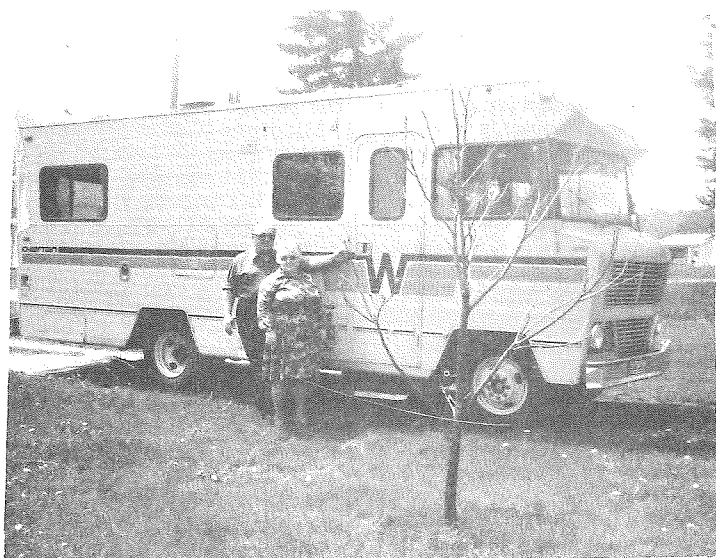
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REV. AND MRS. ATHEL LYNCH--Are traveling for three weeks after his release from the hospital at Holland. He suffered a coronary insufficiency, and was on the verge of a real heart attack at the time he was admitted, doctors said. He spent eight days in the hospital, three of them in the intensive care unit. Now the Lynches are on a three weeks' "forced vacation" and will just wander about Michigan in their fabulous totally self-sufficient traveler vehicle. The travel home is completely equipped, sleeps six, has its own freezer-frig, bath, kitchen and the works. Many here will wish them a happy and restful vacation. They were visitors of Ye Ed last Saturday afternoon on their way up north to their resort area. Messenger photo



HERE'S ANOTHER VIEW OF THE WINDOWS--Of the Sherman City Church. Note the gleaming tops of the pews, which give the church a real feeling of loving worship--which is what a small group of farmers and their wives have created.

**Local Items**

Pat Dillenbeck is in the Gratiot Community Hospital at Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Snyder and children of Raleigh, N. C., were Wednesday and Thursday visitors of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower spent Sunday in St. Louis, at the Larry Leiter home, celebrating the birthday of Stacy Sue, who was four years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts were in Flora, Ind., to visit old friends the Stouts, from Friday till Monday afternoon.

Lloy Sperry was a last Monday visitor of the Emil Phillipses, and mowed their lawn for them. On Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ferguson spent the afternoon with them. Wednesday Mrs. Phillips went to Coleman with friends.

Karen Heckart and daughter, Bobbie Jo, were Sunday evening visitors at the Ronnie Sprague home. Laura Roberts of Lake was a Monday visitor.

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# Editor's Column

By Connie

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constitutes the worst threat. Friday evening we called Kathy Ling's residence in Mt. Pleasant (she's a member of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners, which voted, at its last meeting, not to do anything about possible doe season in this area, until the commission "heard from the townships.")

We're afraid we sort of took poor Kathy's head off on that one; what's the matter with taking lawmen's word for it that our deer herd here needs thinning out a little; and besides, the County Commission isn't going to "hear from the townships"

As we told poor Kathy in no uncertain terms, township elected officials are too busy attempting to avoid complete burial under paperwork imposed on them by county and state officials, to be able to take time to state their individual views on our deer herd over here; and besides that, how much do the township officers necessarily know about the size of our deer herds?

Anyhow, we got it off our chest and onto Kathy Ling's shoulders. Not that we expect the County Commissioners to do anything

about it. The County Board of Commissioners is made up of Mt. Pleasant citizens and those living so close to that city that we outlanders don't count.

At this time, we outlanders really have no representation at the county level.

So--back to the deer population over here. When someone is killed in a car-deer accident, maybe something will be done.

Too bad that a human life must be sacrificed (as well as countless deer) before we get action on it.

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**WEIDMAN TO HAVE A MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

A Memorial Day parade will be staged in Weidman again this year, on Monday, May 29, beginning at 9 a. m.

The parade will form and start at the Methodist Church parking lot, with lineup at 8.45 a. m.

All groups and organizations are invited to march in the parade. Prizes will be given for the best decorated bicycles.

The parade will go from the Methodist Church to the park, where appropriate rites will be performed.

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**LILLIAN WONSEY, MINNIE O'BRIEN ARE MICHIGAN WEEK MINUTEMEN**

Lillian Wonsey and Minnie O'Brien, both from this side of Isabella County, have been

named Isabella County's choice for the state's Minute Man Awards in Lansing and Mt. Pleasant.

Both have been very active in Farm Bureau Women's work, especially in the FB Women's annual Michigan Smorgasbord, initiated at the urging of Jim Hughes, news director at Radio Station WCEN in Mt. Pleasant.

Since Jim was named this county's Minute Man in 1971, he has had the honor of nominating candidates for the awards.

Lillian and Minnie will receive the state honors at Lansing this Thursday, while they received the county awards at the Farm Bureau annual smorgasbord in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday evening.

Dwight Reva's Sewing Center, Dave Ritten, Del's Photo, Mt.

Pleasant Police Officers' Association, and the Mt. Pleasant Optimist Club all received local achievement awards for the year.

Michigan Week has been an active event for over 20 years. Since 1971 Jim Hughes has been active in the county's part in it.

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**LIFE SAVING TECHNIQUE DISTRIBUTED AT COLLEGE**

Mid Michigan Community College's Allied Health Division is currently distributing the instructional chart of the Heimlich-Technique-Maneuver to all establishments, businesses, institutions and organizations in Clare and Gladwin Counties that dispense food and/or beverages.

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# for Memorial Day

MONDAY, MAY 29

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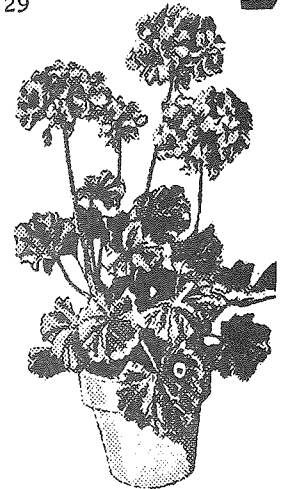
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