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Editor's Column

By Connie

SO WE GOT OUT AN AWFUL PAPER LAST WEEK

So last Monday evening Ye Ed suffered an excruciating sprain of three fingers on her left hand and subsequently made some rather awful errors in the paper.

Worst one was the omission of The Country Arts and Greenhouse at 3231 Fifth Street in Weidman, scheduled for last Wednesday. We're terribly sorry about this, as an Opening ad for any budding business is imperative. The place is located at 3231 Fifth Street, here in town, and it features small house plants, terrariums, dried flower arrangements, plantings, and hand-made items. It's called Country Arts.

Sorry about that.

Monday night our dog Gretch got real excited over a rabbit sitting out on the lawn, another dog passing through, or possibly someone at the back door, so Ye Ed proceeded to let her out into her yard, out the kitchen door (the kitchen is in the north forty).

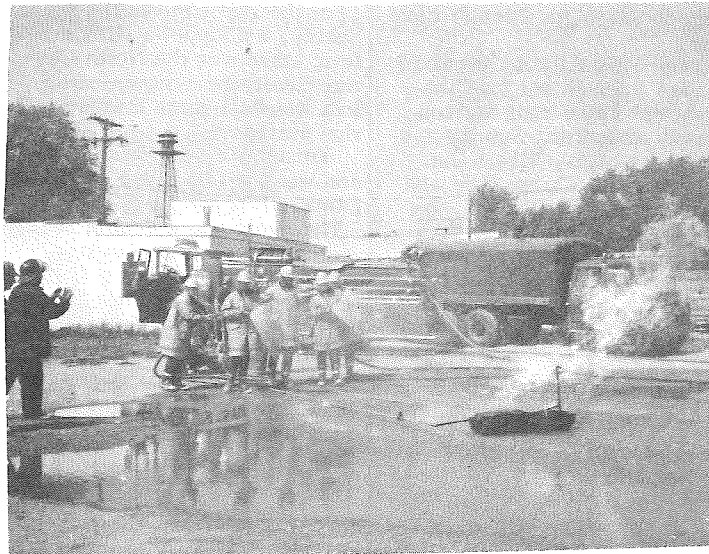
I got as far as the dining room door, and Gretch jumped against me, knocking me hard on the door and, I thought at first (especially next morning when four fingers on my left hand were solid black and responding to no locomotive directives from the brain. Anyhow, they hurt like you-know-what.

Tuesday morning. I said to myself, "How am I ever going to paste up eight pages with THIS thing?"

Well, I got eight pages together somehow, and Wednesday morning made the early dash to Mt. Pleasant to get printed, got back, put the papers through the mailer, got 'em to the post office and news stands, and then folded.

Next day I ran down to Dr. Kowaleski, who said No, they weren't broken, just thoroughly sprained.

So--This week I'm still working under handicap, and do earnestly ask forbearance for any



FIREMEN'S LAST TRAINING--In the 66-hour training sessions at the Weidman School. Above, the Firemen demonstrate the extinguishing of a gas fire, staged in back of the Fire Hall, Saturday morning. The men have just one more test to go through, June 2, at the Weidman School.



THEIR EXPERTISE IN EXTINGUISHING A GAS FIRE--Their last active training test, qualifies the Nottawa and Sherman Township Fire Department as a state Certified Fire Department, a coveted status. Seven-man teams practiced putting out gas fires Saturday. After their certification, any new volunteers to the Fire Department must take the same 66-hour training course. Their graduation as Certified Firemen will take place at the Weidman School at 7 p.m. June 8. Be there to see our Firemen get the recognition they deserve.
Messenger photos

WORK BEE AT FIRE HALL IN WEIDMAN THIS THURSDAY, TODAY

A work bee, with volunteers urgently sought, will begin at the Fire Hall in Weidman today, Thursday, June 1.

First job will be to tear off the old roof (a flat affair, leaking always). Machines and other things inside the Fire Hall will be moved to safety in case of rain after the roof is removed.

The fire siren will be taken off, to be gone about two weeks. The Firemen will receive fire calls on the special telephones installed in each Fireman's home.

Nottawa and Sherman Township each pledged \$5,000 toward the new roof, which will be an A-shaped construction. Firemen will be there helping Jerry Straus, who

contracted for the roofing job, after the old roof is torn off. That job will be done by volunteer workers, and Fire Chief Spike Branson says they can use every minute of every hour any able-bodied man will donate. Taking off the old roof entails a lot of work.

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THIS IS WHAT MAY HAPPEN TO VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

Soon after a Texas oil well caught fire, the company called in expert fire fighters.

The heat was so great, however, that they could get only within 2,000 feet of the rig.

In desperation, the management asked the local volunteer fire department for assistance.

Several minutes later, a little old fire truck rattled down the road and came to a stop 50 feet from the fire.

The men jumped off the truck, sprayed each other and then proceeded to put out the flames.

The company president was elated, and presented the Fire Chief with a \$2,000 check.

When asked what he planned to do with the money, the Chief muttered, "Well, first we're going to fix the brakes on that damn truck."

(Submitted by Pauline Branson)

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The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department made a run to Lake Isabella at 4.30 last Thursday. It was a grass fire at the airport.

and all boo-boos I may make.
Oh, for the day when I have those three fingers on my left

hand back in working order!

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STILL BETTER THAN A LETTER!

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Bill Alwood and Troy of Saginaw spent Friday and Saturday at the Don Alwood home, to attend the graduation of Bill's brother, Don, Jr., from Chippewa Hills High School. Others to attend were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCain and Peggie of Lennon, Mrs. Orma Kripa of Mt. Pleasant, and the Rusty Alwood family. They all enjoyed cake and ice cream Friday evening after graduation ceremonies, at the Alwood home. Donny plans to work with his brothers this summer, and attend college in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry's family were home for the Memorial Day weekend.

Mrs. Jeanette Hard and boys of Freeland visited her mother, Mrs. Laura Latham. Laura and Jeanette and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Latham and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and family.

Brian Ptak and brother-in-law, Randy Gregory of Mt. Clemens called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak and Mr. and Mrs. John Cramer of Sterling Heights also visited the Ptaks, over the weekend.

Mrs. Helen Alwood attended a bridal shower for her niece, Miss Pam Smith, Sunday, at the home of Mrs. Mary Bowers near Mt. Pleasant. The party was for two of Pam's first cousins also, Brenda Pohl and Marsha Diehl, who will be married in June and July. Pam will be married Aug. 12 in Au Gres. Helen and family attended some Open House parties during the day, for Donny's classmates.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and I attended Open House for Tina Gott at her home near Stanton Saturday afternoon. Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and grandsons, Casey, Eric and Kevin Gott, called on me. We had ice cream and cake, then called on Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen and visited the cemetery in Gilmore.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy

and Linda Loomis and Valerie Moline of Barryton attended special awards given out last Thursday evening at the high school. Cathy and two girlfriends received special awards for perfect attendance this year. The girls were all ninth graders. The Don Alwood family enjoyed the double-header baseball game Saturday at the high school with Manistee. The Warriors won both games, to make them Conference champs this year.

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CHIPPEWA HILLS COPS NCC TITLE FOR FIRST TIME

For the first time in the school history, a Chippewa Hills athletic team won the North Central Conference championship, in a baseball game dramatically won Saturday.

Donny plays third baseman, and was the star hitter of the game.

The event was a double header won 8-7, 7-0 over Manistee.

This is a milestone for Chippewa Hills, whose athletic teams heretofore have wound up in the

basement.

The Warriors played Mt. Pleasant Tuesday. They have a .270 batting average for the team, with Donny Alwood sporting a record .300.

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Local Items

Clara Smith received a telephone call from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilkinson of Ashtabula, Ohio, Monday, to extend their sympathy to Clara, and to see how she was doing. They had just returned from Florida.

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Kowaleski of Remus were last Wednesday afternoon callers of Frances Tranbarger and Ye Ed. Memorial Sunday callers of Ye Ed were Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Skinner of Swartz Creek, who were here to visit graves of the family. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and family.

We are riding over a fascinating batch of pictures and news stories until next week. Bear with us!

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 June 1st 2

COUNTRY ARTS--Greenhouse and Gift Shop, Opening Today, Thursday, June 1. Free coffee and cookies Opening Day. Our special, two 2 1/4-inch house plants, \$1.00. Stop by and see our terrariums, dried flower arrangements, plant hangers, paintings and hand-made items. Country Arts, located at 3231 5th Street, Weidman (take Main Street west, turn left on 5th Street, second house on the right. (The former Doc Clark residence.) Hours 9 to 5.30 Tuesdays through Saturdays.
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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Card of Thanks

A big Thank You to all my friends, relatives and neighbors for all the cards, gifts, flowers and visits to me in the Saginaw Hospital, and since I came home.

Your visits, prayers and words of encouragement were a big help to me.

Minnie Flaughter

WE STILL HAVE A FEW--Of those BIG, BIG, BIG Tomato plants in Jiffy-pots. Also early Cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli plants. The Flower Shop, on Airline Road, Weidman.
 June 15tf

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Campbell of Muskegon were Sunday callers of Ye Ed. They were here for their annual visit to the graves of their families. George Bolinger is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. George (Elsie) Bolinger of Grand Ledge and Mrs. Edna Merrihew of Barryton were weekend callers of Ye Ed. Elsie was a guest at Edna's home in Barryton.

The children of the William Louisells were here for Memorial Day visits. Dick and Janet planted an evergreen tree on young Bills' grave, a gift from Frances Tranbarger.

Wilma Ritchie and Louis Loo-

man of Northern Michigan were here for their annual visit to the Ritchie cemetery lot. They called on Frances Tranbarger.

Here's another correction from last week's paper. Archie Jerore called to say that we misquoted him as to his May intake of solar heat from his relatively small collector outside his home on the Ojibwa Recreation Area. Archie says he meant to convey to me the information that he got 416 hours of free house-heat from his solar unit from last September through this April. That's a lot of hours of free heat. Wait till you see Ye Ed's solar unit sitting at the entrance door to the Messenger. It's not exactly pretty, except in the eyes of energy-saving conscious householders and businesses. Our gas bills have become astronomical, and even if we get just some boost from our solar unit, we'll count it worth while.

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BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE NINE TABLES AT PLAY

At their regular card party last week, there were 74 persons present, with nine double tables of pepper at play.

Mrs. Clara Jones won first prize for the ladies, with Hulda Stevens second and Mildred Young low.

Louis Rau won first for the men with Elwyn Cluley second and Austin Dent low.

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

Refreshments of cookies, goody bars and coffee were served.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday, afternoon, June 8.

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AT THE SHERMAN CITY CEMETERY--Sunday morning, a good showing of area people walked the hot and dusty mile from the newly-restored church, led by the Farwell Honor Guard of that town's VFW. Shown above is a very small segment of the people. Floyd Fraley, the first soldier from the Sherman Township area

killed in World War II, is buried there. He flew a plane over New York City in a dense fog and crashed into the Empire State Building. Graves in the Sherman City cemetery were nicely decorated, with appropriate flags on all veterans' resting places.

SERVICES AT SHERMAN CITY CHURCH SUNDAY

Gerald Dent acted as host or master of ceremonies, showing a real gift and capacity for the job.

He drew a standing ovation when he asked the congregation if they believed the work and expense of restoration of the old church was worth while.

The congregation emphatically said Yes!!

Margaret Denslow, one of the trustees of the church, gave a lucid and comprehensive report of the work, progress, and future

plans for the church.

Joyce Geasler presented flowering plants to several people. Many were recognized for merit including Ye Ed (we didn't deserve THAT much!) who was presented with a beautiful corsage and a dinner-for-two card personally from Gerald and Mabel Dent.

Others were recognized as outstanding in help in restoration of the old church.

It was a great day, despite record heat readings.

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BRIAN SMITH

BRIAN SMITH GRADUATES AS VALEDICTORIAN AT AU GRES
 Brian Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Dick) Smith of Au Gres is graduating this spring as valedictorian of his high school class.

He had a grade point average of 4.00 out of a possible 4.00 (a perfect record, we'd say).

He has been active in all sports while maintaining his high scholastic record. He has been president of his classes the past three years. He plans to enter pre-med school at MSU this fall.

His father, Dick Smith (brother of Helen Alwood and Walt Smith) has been in the Au Gres schools since 1956. He coached athletics and taught there seven years, and spent the remainder as the school principal. He started his 21st year there last fall.

His older son, Mark, is a student at MSU. His daughter graduated from college as a dental technician.

That's quite a family record!

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SHERMAN CITY UNION CHURCH DEDICATION DRAWS HUNDREDS

The dedication ceremonies of the renovated Sherman City Union Church Sunday drew crowds that packed the small building and had people standing in the aisles and vestibule.

We were crowded out on our photos of the Sherman City Cemetery ceremonies, where the Farwell Honor Guard of the Veterans of Foreign Wars led the way and did the honors.

The church program was purely wonderful, and was carried out with grace and dignity.

Invited pastors, who spoke briefly, included Father Neubecker, retired pastor of the Beal City Catholic Church; Rev. Dimmick, pastor of the Weidman United Methodists; and Rev. Marvin Eldridge, pastor of the Weidman Baptist

Church.

It was a great day for all, in spite of 90-degree heat and sun with no breeze stirring.

The work projects on restoring the old church were led by Elwood Miller and Iola and Gerald Dent and wife Mabel, and a score of other couples pitching in since last summer to do hard

work on restoring the church. They did a good job.

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Local Items

Harry Merriot of Florida and his sister, Eva Denslow of Mt. Pleasant, were visitors of Clara Smith one day last week. Birdie Abbott and Nina Forbes, and Lu-

cille Klein of the Ojibwa Recreation Area, and many other neighbors and friends called on Clara during last week.

Gusta Green and daughter, Mrs. Norma Hall, of Dearborn, and Mrs. John Gould of Evart called on their sister and aunt, Clara Smith, and all called at the Forest Hill Cemetery.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

50TH ANNIVERSARY FOR THE EDWARD WEIPERTS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weipert of 725 Rose Avenue, Big Rapids, formerly of Beal City, are having an Open House June 4 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Big Rapids to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

The celebration is hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weipert and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weipert.

They request no gifts, please.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung had a graduation party for Joe and Kathy Sunday, with friends and relatives attending.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schafer spent the weekend with Mrs. Effie Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith and family of Lansing spent a few days at Coldwater Lake.

The bans of matrimony were announced in St. Joseph's Church for Dennis Straus and Darcy Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Proefrock and Elaine Simmer called on Anne Smith Sunday. They are from Reed City.

The Weidman Class of 1941 held their reunion Saturday evening at the Town and Country in Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harv Block, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sponseller Sunday afternoon.

Commencement exercises were held Thursday evening for 60 Beal City High School Seniors.

Friends and relatives were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rau Thursday evening celebrating the graduation of their son, Doug.

Kurt and Maureen Klaus entertained company Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Larry entertained company over the Memorial Day weekend.

Tina Ball is home from college for the summer.

A number from here went to the Indy 500 over the long weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lane of Gary, Ind., spent the weekend with the Bob Schafers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer spent the weekend fishing up north.

The Bob Schafers had a graduation party Sunday afternoon for their daughter, Sue.

The Francis Schafers had a

graduation party Sunday afternoon for their daughter, Jane.

The John Sheahans had a graduation party for their son, William, Thursday evening.

Old-timers were up last weekend to visit Doug, Mary Yeary and Jim McAleese.
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After each class' visit, they proceeded to Bud's Party Store for grape or cherry slush, dished out by Bud and his employees at cost.

The day was a terrific success, thanks to the well-mannered students, the great teachers and the generosity of Mrs. Mary Jones, librarian, and Bud Fredrickson.



THE FIRST GRADE--At the Weidman School enjoyed a day at the Gladys McArthur Library in Weidman and "slushes" at Bud's Store as treats. This was a partial result of their "readathon" conducted earlier this year, and for which they were nicely rewarded. Paulien Estes and Helen Egbert are their teachers. Messenger photo

Throughout the day Thursday, May 25, about 240 Weidman Elementary students visited the Weidman Library.

They learned how to obtain a library card, and browsed the new books purchased with money they earned last March in a read-a-thon. Elementary students do-

nated \$650.00 to the Weidman Library. The money was spent on books of their reading level and interest.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller attended dedication services at the Sherman City church Sunday. George was home from Lansing over the weekend.

Mrs. Elsie Bolinger and Edna Merrihew were Thursday afternoon callers of the Sterling Op-lingers. Aven Putman was a Saturday caller. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koos of Grand Ledge were Sunday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Nettie went to the Brinton Cemetery Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ergo of Royal Oak spent the weekend at the Jim Thompson home. Bob Thompson was home over the weekend, from his job at the Air-Land Survey, at Clarkston.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rescoe and family of Lapeer spent Sunday afternoon with the Charles Fahnestocks.

Dan Mills, Mike Wood and Eric Bingham returned last week after a good vacation trout fishing in Canada. They got a nice mess of trout, and said it was beautiful weather up there. They served a trout dinner Sunday at the Pete Wood home for the fishing party and their families.

D.J. Whitman spent the weekend with his grandparents, returning home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent attended the services at the Sherman City church Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis of New Era were Sunday overnight guests of the Dents. Gerald and Mabel called at the Alma hospital Monday to see Pat Dillenbeck, who was reported improving.

Harriet Dillenbeck spent Wednesday over night with the Dents.

Callers of Hattie Losey during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey, Nancy Losey and Bill Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and Hattie's cousin, Monroe Beckwith, who was a Thursday overnight guest, and Sunday overnight guest, and took Hattie to Tracy Whites', to visit them and Treva Cummins.

Mrs. Marjorie Peacock of Lansing and Mrs. Zella Lowery Dewey of Birmingham were Sunday overnight guests of Mrs. Margaret Denslow. They came to attend the Memorial Day services at the Sherman City church.

Scott and Kerri Baker of Grand Rapids were weekend guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Denslow, while their parents, the Keith Bakers, spent the weekend in Boston, Mass., with Dr. Gary Denslow and family.

Margaret Denslow will entertain the Busy Bees at her home June 8. Everyone is cordially

invited.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe attended her brother's funeral on Monday.

Hazel Carson of Westland spent from Tuesday till Friday with me. Wednesday we spent the day in Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knorr of Lansing spent the weekend with their mother, Edna Teeter.

Irene Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher and Danyelle attended the parade at Sherman City Sunday, and in the afternoon attended Open House at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Helmer in honor of their son, who graduated from Chipewa Hills High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott and Susan spent the weekend with their mother, Flossie, and Don Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler entertained with pot-luck dinner Sunday, when the St. Johns cousins gathered at their home and had a very enjoyable afternoon, visiting, and a delicious dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Verl Wright and family came Sunday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fields called on Alfred Bartley Saturday.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

(Omitted Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes spent Saturday evening with the Paul Coles.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward and Danny of Detroit spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk.

Sunday visitors of the Paul Coles and Velma were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk and Bob and Debbie and Danny Ward, Mrs. Beluah Wixson, and Miss Ruth Borders.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvein Eldridge and Debbie and Doug and Danny and Harley, of Pottersville and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa were also our visitors.

Mrs. Doris Allbee is home from CMC Hospital, feeling much better.

Sorry to hear that Mrs. Mabel Bearse fell and hurt herself.

Your reporter had a bout with the flu the first of last week.

The Paul Coles attended a birthday party in South Bend, Ind., last Thursday and Friday. The honored guests were Joe Mossell, Velma Cole, Virginia Gansser, and Clara Mossell and Shannon Mossell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mossell and Johnny and Tanya spent Friday night and Saturday with their

grandparents, the Paul Coles. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell left Saturday morning for a trip to Alabama to visit their sick friend, Mrs. Deannie Knudsen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith spent the weekend at Wolverine, and took home a nice mess of mushrooms home to their mother, Mrs. Clara Smith.

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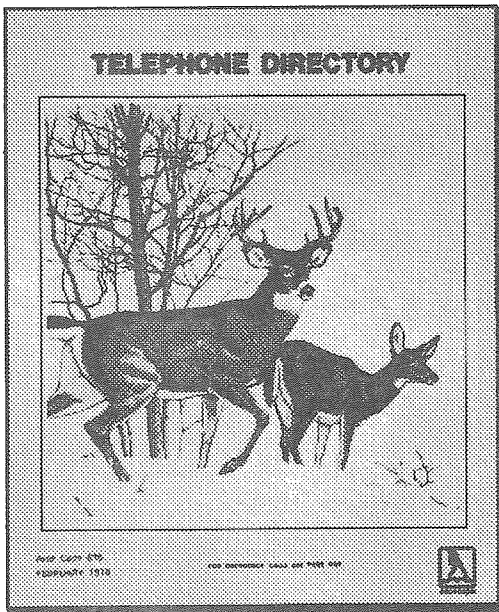
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The management of General Telephone pledges to its customers to do its best in continuing to provide good quality telephone service despite the strike our union has called.



You can help us maintain this service by looking up phone numbers in the telephone directory rather than calling directory assistance first. Although our management employees are working extra long hours to provide as near normal service as possible, we sometimes find there just aren't enough of us to do the job you've come to expect. If the number you need is not in the directory, of course don't hesitate to ask us for it.

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