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Editor's Column

By Connie

NOBODY AIN'T GUNNA KNOW ENGLISH

Words and phrases in other papers that gripe the bejabbers out of me:

None were: Universally used in newspapers. The word none is a contraction of two words, no one; and would you say "No one were hurt in the accident?"

Backyard: Is there a frontyard?

It's (used in the possessive). The word it's is a contraction of two words, it is; but nobody ain't gunna pay no attention nohow to little details like that in getting out daily papers.

The word in its possessive sense calls for "its," with no apostrophe.

Underway: Universally used in most newspapers. Gripe, gripe.

Preventative: A clear ignorance of spelling of English words.

Wounded: "Two bystanders were wounded in the thieves' getaway." Wounded once was traditionally used to describe men in battle, as in wars. "Injured" is the proper word for civilian casualties.

"If worst comes to worst": Another clear example of ignorance of the meaning of English words.

If you already have the worst, then there's nothing that could be worse. The proper phrase is "If worse comes to worst", which makes sense. The other phrase has no meaning at all.

"To whomever wanted to retail" (cars): From the Detroit Free Press. This is a bit more complicated, as it involves phrases in English grammar, which nobody don't know nothing about no more.

Explanation: "To (whoever it was that wanted) to sell cars." Gripe.

"I could care less". That means that you do care some, and so could care less. The phrase originally was, "I couldn't care less," meaning you care not at all now and so couldn't possibly care any less.

"Convince him to go". Again, universally used in daily papers. The word convince has a meaning of proving something; whereas the writer really meant to say,

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THE HOST AND HOSTESS WITH THE MOST AND MOSTEST--

Mack and Margie Denslow are inviting the legions of their friends and relatives to their home Sunday afternoon, June 25, from 2 to 5 p.m. It will be an outdoor celebration for their 60th wedding anniversary. Mack and Margie were married in 1918 in Pontiac, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Wright (Mrs. Paul Miller), and have lived on their beautiful acreage on the Chippewa River--with wooded areas, yet!--most of their married life. Their legions of friends and relatives will be on hand to participate. The Denslows' children will provide a full meal to the visitors. It's Open House (on the lawn, weather permitting), and everyone who knows and loves the Denslows will be there to help them celebrate this momentous occasion. Messenger photo

MARRIED IN WEIDMAN SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Jane Robertson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Robertson and granddaughter of Marie (Smith) Swindlehurst, was united in marriage Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Weidman United Methodist Church to Dennis Cornell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cornell and grandson of Bert Cornell, a former Weidman area resident now living in Barryton.

Jane's matron of honor was her grandmother, Mrs. Swindlehurst, while best man was Bert Cornell. Jan Barbour was organist, and Tina Cornell, the groom's sister, was vocalist for the ceremonies.

Both Bert Cornell and Marie Smith Swindlehurst attended grade school here in Weidman at the same time.

The wedding reception consisted of a picnic dinner in the yard of the couple's new home, the old Maude Wagerman house on Airline Road a couple of miles

west of Weidman.

We're happy to welcome this young couple to our community, and indeed happy to know that the Wagerman house will again be occupied, and improved upon.

Our congratulations to all.

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FIREMEN WORK ON ROOF OF FIRE BARN, READYING FOR NEW A-FRAME

All last week, Volunteer Firemen of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department worked like mad to get the old flat and always leaking roof off and readying the top of the building for the new A-frame roof soon to appear there.

Work involved not only tearing off old roofing, but removal of the siren, and moving the huge water tank on the roof.

As usual, our Volunteer Firemen did a magnificent job.

Jerry Straus has the contract for building the new A-frame roof.

TINKER SCHOOL REUNION SET FOR SUNDAY, JULY 16

The Tinker School (or Forest Hill) annual reunion will be held at Mitchell Memorial Park in Weidman Sunday, July 16, according to late word from the committee organizing the event.

All friends here and elsewhere are cordially invited to attend, whether they attended the Tinker School or not.

Bertha Blodgett and Doris Himebaugh of Houghton Lake and Lillah Sisco of Coldwater Township are arranging the details.

A pot-luck dinner will be enjoyed at noon, at the park pavilion.

Again, all friends are cordially invited to attend.

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DAMITIO, DENSLOW ELECTED TO SCHOOL BOARD

Jim Damitio and Dean Denslow were winners of two seats on the Chippewa Hills School Board in Monday's annual school election.

Jim Damitio received 396 votes, while Dean Denslow won with 274.

Jim is owner of the Fox Hardware Store in Weidman, and lives at Lake Isabella.

Dean Denslow is head of the Isabella County Social Services (relief workers), while his wife also holds an important position in the county relief programs.

Losers were Patricia Defever with 229 votes, Neal Brower with 220, Charlene Boerr with 188, and Alan Pitt of Barryton with 134. Eight ballots were spoiled.

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Hi Connie--

Enclosed please find check for \$8, a year's renewal of the Messenger.

Someone sure gave you a bum steer when you were told Floyd Fraley was the one who is buried in Sherman Cemetery who struck the Empire State Building while flying.

It was Mansell Campbell, husband of Mona Wood, who is now Mrs. Gerald Powers of Greenville, Mich.

He was a son-in-law of Carrie and William Wood, also a nephew of Howard Wood.

Nuff said.

Flora Wood
Mt. Pleasant

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Silvernail were Sunday callers at the Elwood Miller home. Mrs. Mabel Allen was a Sunday evening and supper guest. Elwood and Iola called on Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Voss Friday evening, and they called on Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller Saturday evening.

Mrs. Leah Scharrer, Mrs. Hattie Losey and Jessie Rosencrantz were Wednesday afternoon guests of Mrs. Violet Oplinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and daughter were Saturday supper guests of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson were Friday afternoon callers at my home. Miss Eva Merrihew was a Sunday afternoon visitor.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended WSCS at the home of Beth Woods at School Section Lake, and she attended Busy Bees at

Mrs. Margaret Denslow's Thursday.

Saturday evening she helped serve lunch at the Remus church for Tracy Wager's wedding.

Bob Thompson and a friend were Tuesday afternoon and supper guests at his home.

Mrs. Opal Denslow called on her cousins, the Alvin Goodnoes, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow and family spent the weekend at Higgins Lake.

Jerry and Gerry North of Texas spent Monday with their grandparents, the Mack Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sahn were Saturday evening callers at the Charles Fahnestock home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey took his mother, Hattie Losey, to their home a week ago Sunday.

She came home Tuesday. Harold Losey was a caller of his mother. Gerald and Marilyn

Losey took Hattie and me over to the Bruce Chapman home Sunday. Susie Chapman and Chad and Jason called on Hattie

Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were early evening callers.

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S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Mrs. Alma Farnsworth, the former Alma Sheldon, and her daughter and son-in-law and their three children of Phoenix, Ariz., are visiting her brothers and sisters in this area, enjoying family pot-lucks at the homes of Mabel Chaffee, Minnie Flaughter, Doris Wilmot, and the John Sheldons, Jr. They enjoyed visiting and picture-taking sessions. They planned to return to Phoenix Monday evening.

Frank Goodrich of Lansing spent the weekend with his daughter, Pat Egbert. He is feeling better, and enjoyed visiting old Weidman friends.

Pat Sheldon and two small daughters of Cheboygan visited his father, Oren Sheldon, Satur-

day.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Silvernail of Byron Center visited Doris Wilmot Sunday, and enjoyed the family gathering.

The Busy Bees met at the home of Margaret Denslow last Thursday. A business meeting, followed by a lovely luncheon, was enjoyed by the members.

Mabel Chaffee, Doris Wilmot and Linda and Debbie Wernette visited Minnie Flaughter Thursday afternoon.

There will be more news items next week, I promise, but with my sister and family staying with me this week, our recent Georgia trip, and entertaining a heavy chest cold, just couldn't seem to get with it.

Mabel

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Mrs. Leland Taggart of Grand Island, Neb., and her daughter, Mary Lou, of Denver were guests of Mrs. Claribel Beutler a few days this week. They also visited Mrs. Forrest Johnston of Rosebush.

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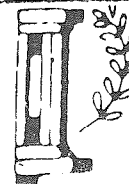
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June 15th

Mr. and Mrs. David McArthur and family enjoyed camping over the weekend at Cedar Crest, on a lake near Harrison.

Card of Thanks

At this time the family of Clayton A. Smith would like to thank friends, relatives and neighbors for all the kindness shown us at the time of our loss of our husband and father, grandfather and great-grandfather;

For all the prayers and memorials, and so many, many flowers; so much money;

Also the money that was sent to the McKenzie Fund in memory of Clayton A. Smith;

And the many, many cards, and the food that was brought to the home.

We would like to thank the doctors and nurses at the Medical Care Facility, who were so good to him for six long months;

We would like to thank Daggett's Funeral Home, and Revs. Marvin Eldridge and Vance Dimmick for the service, and the ladies who put on the wonderful lunch at the Weidman church.

Also the six grandchildren who were the pallbearers.

And to anyone who helped in any way to comfort and strengthen us. May God bless each and every one of you.

Thank you all so very much. It was all very much appreciated.

Clara Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Cole
And family
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith
And Family
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith
And family
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith
And Family

NOTICE

I have a huge pile of subscription renewal checks on my desk which I have not corrected on the mailing list.

Please give me a little more time to recover from a bum left hand and I'll try to catch 'em up.

Meantime, ignore the old expiration date on your Messenger if you've already sent in your renewal money.

Thanks.

Connie

Denise Cushman of Barryton spent the weekend with Shannon La Londe, on their camping trip to Higgins Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague attended graduation parties at Remus and Holt, Sunday. They stopped in Ithaca and called on Mr. and Mrs. Leon Snyder.

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox attended Open House for Shelley Parker Sunday, on her graduation.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

JANET BEERS MARRIED IN BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY
The Brinton Chapel was the scene of a lovely wedding Saturday at 1 p.m., when Janet Beers became the bride of Nicholas Czupski.

Ceremonies were performed by Pastor Weber of the Brinton Chapel.

A shower followed the ceremonies, at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Beers, with a lovely dinner for a large crowd of relatives and friends attending.

The happy couple received many lovely and useful gifts.

They are making their home near Big Rapids at this time.

Those from a distance who attended the wedding included the Czupski family of near Plymouth, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bartlett of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Don Sisco of Traverse City, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beers and baby of Lansing, Dean Beers of Kalamazoo, and Dianna Dunbar and Pat and Kris of Traverse City.

Congratulations, Janet and Nick!

Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Forbes and family, Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow and family and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe and family spent the weekend at Higgins Lake, camping. Wayne and Linda returned home for the Beers and Czupski wedding Saturday, returning that night.

The Merry Go Round Club met at the Brinton Hall last Thursday with nine members and one visitor present. The ladies tied a quilt during the day. The July meeting will be held at my home July 13, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Cook left Friday for Florida. They were detained in their leaving earlier that week, due to Mr. Cook's being ill.

Helen Strang and I called at the Coker Funeral Home Thursday in respect to Allyne Kraybill.

Linda La Londe started work at the Gittleman's Store in downtown Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Paul Moore called on me Wednesday, and I called on Lillie Maddox at the Elmer Irish home at Lake 13, Wednesday.

Sympathy goes out to the family of Allyne Krabill of Lake, who passed away very suddenly Tuesday evening last week. Burial was in the Brinton Cemetery Friday.

Nora Geasler and I were in Mt. Pleasant Friday.

Weekend callers of Edna Teeter included Ruth Teeter and family of Clare and Mr. and Mrs. George Knorr and boys of Lansing.

CARD PARTY AT BEAL CITY

At their regular card party last Thursday, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 16 tables at play.

Gertrude Gross won first prize for the ladies, with Monica Grinzinger second and Clara Ockert low.

Elwyn Cluley won first for the men, with Albert Ockert second and George Keiffer low.

Frank Bierschbach won the door prize. Joe Streng won the pepper prize. Ruth Gallagher won a special prize donated by Rau's Foodland.

Coffee and donuts were served for refreshments.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, June 22.

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Local Items

Mary Jacobs of George Lake, Mich., and Zephyrhills, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Pat McKeever of Sterling, Mich., and Palmetto, Florida, visited Mrs. Edna Bowein the weekend of June 3, attending the wedding of Carol Straus and Kurt Cotter, staying over till Monday. Also Clarence Lorenz and Lois Ritter were visitors. Jodi Simmer came so we could see her baby, Heather, then we took her to Mt. Pleasant to see her great-grandmother. While in Mt. Pleasant they visited Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lord.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips last Wednesday. Lloy mowed Emil's lawn for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Spike Branson attended Open House for Shelley Parker at the Lee Parker home, Sunday. Shelley graduated from Chippewa Hills High School.

The Dennis Embrey family attended Open House for Kevin Harrison at Breckenridge, Sunday, on his graduation from high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey enjoyed joining a group from Flint for square dancing at Frankemuth Saturday night, part of that town's annual festival.

Helen Smith and Marie Smith called on Hulda Stevens Sunday. Hulda gave them each a beautiful peony. Hulda has beautiful flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens, Linda Goulet and Hulda Stevens plan to attend a wedding in Florida this weekend, when Maxine's daughter, Carla, (Hulda's granddaughter) will be married at Clearwater. The group will fly down from Metro Airport in Detroit. They will return Sunday.

Mrs. Doris Sprague of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. John Waltman of Alabama were Friday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague.

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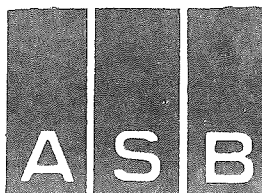
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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Block and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block and Jackie Paisley went to Duluth, Minn., for Leslie Block's graduation. There were 367 graduates in her class.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Block went to a graduation party at the Bill Horan home in Rosebush Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Yuncker had Open House at the K. C. Hall in honor of their two sons, Mark and Marty, after graduation. Everyone had a nice time.

Mrs. Chris Fussman called on Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tilmann Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schueler of Traverse City spent a few days at Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Schueller visited Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Yuncker are driving a new car.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Yuncker and family of Flint spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Yuncker.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Bierschbach Friday evening.

Ed Clevenger hosted a bachelor party for Rob Brickner Saturday evening.

The wedding of Tim Tilmann and Kim Flaughner took place Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Block returned home from Duluth, Minn., Saturday evening, after attending Leslie Block's graduation.

The CCW held their monthly meeting Thursday evening. They held a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, and did real well.

Don Gould II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould, had tubes put in his ears at St. Mary's Hospital Monday morning. He's home,

now, doing fine.

Mrs. Delores Gould called on Mrs. June Blasen Wednesday afternoon.

Gertrude Grodski visited Ann Smith Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schafer spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Zeien are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Grace and Jennifer visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Friday evening.

The family of Louise Schafer celebrated her birthday at the Ron Malish home in Mt. Pleas-

ant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer spent Sunday evening with Tillie Schafer. Mrs. Julia Harding and daughter of Birch Run was a Tuesday afternoon guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp and Donna and Tillie Schafer attended an Open House for Kimberly Schafer at the Oscar Schafer home at Winn.

David Schafer and Melvin Funnell spent their vacation in Canada, fishing.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Local Items

Last Wednesday Vera Straus and Edna Bowein attended a graduation reception for Andy Theisen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Theisen of Mt. Pleasant.

Karen Donley spent four days last week in Detroit as a delegate for the Michigan Public Health Nurses' Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and small son called on his grandmother, Mrs. Clara Smith, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bart Helmer were also callers.

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SOFTBALL GIRLS DO WELL

The Girls' Softball Team, the Blazers, coached by Jerry Smith, lost to Beal City last Wednesday; However, the Bad News Bears, coached by Betty Baxter, trounced Blanchard before a large crowd, 16-12. Our girls are doing well on softball.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Would you like to put this in your paper for me? Lilah has written me so many.

Am now living at Stone Gates Trailer Park in California. Feeling pretty good this morning. I think of all you dear ones there; so give everyone my love. My address now is:

Alice L. Terry, 221 W. Herndon Ave., Pinedale, Cal. 93630.

P. S. -- This took me back to younger days. Wish I could turn back the pages of time and do the same things again.

Lilah Sisco is my daughter. She writes so many nice poems to me of our past, takes me back to old times.

Thank you so much if you have the space.

My poem from Lilah Sisco, writ-

ten April 6, 1976:

Now that you're getting along in years

And it's hard for you to see,
I'd like for you to grab my hand
And take a walk with me.

There are soft and gentle breezes,
The sun is nice and warm;
Just smell the air, how fresh it is
After the summer storm.

Look, there's the roses on the lawn;

Sir Robin in that tree;
He's combing out his feathered coat--

He has a date at three.

Ah! There, beneath the sassafras
There goes Old Mother Rabbit.
She has her children by the gross,
So must be just a habit.

Beneath the quiet, whispering pines,
Let's sit and watch the bees.
There must be tons of honey in those old holler trees.

Here on the bank of Injun Creek,
Let's ketch a frog for bait.
Those rainbows sure would look tasteful

With fried taters on a plate.

The cows have started homeward,
Maybe we should start back, too.
It's been awful nice, dear Mama,
To take a walk with you.

The whippoorwills are calling now,
Evening is drawing nigh.
We'll walk again another day,
But, for today, goodbye.

All my love
Your daughter, Lilah.

P. S. -- Remember when we used to go to the river and play all day, and eat fried potatoes, fish and bread and butter, and how happy we were? What fun we had!

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Dear Connie,

Pardon my familiarity, but that's the way I always see you addressed, so I assume that's the way you like it.

I attended my Uncle Clayton Smith's funeral, and read some of your back issues of the Messenger at Jennie Sprague's (my cousin's), and it made me think, maybe some of your readers could and would come to my rescue.

My name is Mary Kline, daughter of Grace and Daniel Kline of Coldwater Township.

James Cornelius and Mary M. Hammond were my grandparents.

George W. Brown and Esther Jane (Powell) Brown were my great-grandparents.

I would certainly appreciate information on these families, and pictures, which I could have copied and originals returned to the owners.

I would like more information

especially of the Browns and Hammonds. I have no pictures of any of them, and only one faded picture of my mother, who died when I was less than two. Then I lived with Grandma Hammond until she died, when I was about six.

I'm sure there must be some of your present residents who could supply me some details on these families.

I've been on these family histories since the early Sixties, but I lack so much, especially in biographies. A appreciate obituaries too, they often give me information I'd never expect to find, and to me they mean so much.

Synopsis: Brown.

George W. Brown and Esther Brown had six children, Nancy A., 11-18-1853, married Charles Robbins, had at least two children.

Melinda Robbins, 1-28-1882. George W. Robbins, 2-22-1884, only record.

Mary M. Brown, 9-24-1856, married James Cornelius Hammond (my grandparents). Empson C. Brown, 2-12-1861, no record. Minerva Brown, 10-5-1863, no record.

Thank you.

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

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey spent the weekend with their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Root, in Grand Blanc. They attended Open House for their niece, Kay Darnell, daughter of

the Jay Darnells, in Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon. In the evening they called on Bessie Price.

Pat Dillenbeck returned home from CMC Hospital Sunday.

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MR. AND MRS. GERALD SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, June 18, at a 10 o'clock Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant, and an Open House at the Union Township Hall, corner of Lincoln and Pickard Roads in Mt. Pleasant, from 2 to 5 p. m.

Relatives, friends and neighbors are cordially invited to attend. It will be hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Kirvan, Mr. and Mrs. William Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Massey, and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Grnya.

The happy couple request no gifts, please.

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50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR THE CLYDE EMMONSES

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons of Barryton will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with Open House at the Barryton Senior Citizens Center, from 1 to 5 p. m., June 25.

All friends, relatives and old neighbors are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmons are well known in this area, having been Sherman City residents for years.

Their Golden Wedding anniversary party is sponsored by their relatives.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

"Persuade him to go."

Any more. A "modern" distortion of two perfectly good words. The expression is composed of two words, not one.

And then there are the pronouns following prepositions. A Harvard graduate sat in my living room and remarked confidentially, "Between you and I..."

A preposition used in any way demands the objective case; but

with nouns, the case does not necessarily show up. With pronouns it does, and how!

Nine out of ten college graduates, unsure of proper case in usage of prepositions, frantically grab at the nominative case, thinking it sounds erudite. To the old-fashioned person grounded in grade-school English grammar and word usage, it sounds godawful.

Yuk.

(For the information of high school and college grads, all the prepositions demand the objective case, whether followed by a noun or pronoun.)

Then there's the "myself" ad-dict. "There will be no one at the camp except my wife, Senator Hoople and myself."

Obviously, even those in high places, and opening their traps in public speaking at every opportunity, don't know their prepositions and their usages.

The safe (they think) refuge is to use "myself" rather than "me" or "I", of which they are unsure.

Another gripe is on newspapers' use of the words lay and lie.

Lay is a transitive verb, meaning an action involving something or someone else. Lie is an intransitive verb, meaning an action with no reaction.

In this week Monday's edition of the Morning Sun, there's a big feature on the front page on a pair of pheasants, the female killed by a car.

The writer-photographer said, of the female, "A hen pheasant --his mate--lays dead..."

What did she lay? "She lays dead". A dead what? Egg?

Journalism departments in colleges no longer teach journalism students the tools of their trade. The tools of a writer's trade encompass the English language, its usage and also meaning of individual words.

End of sermon.

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