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Editor's Column

By Connie

DEAR HEARTS AND GENTLE PEOPLE

For nearly fifteen years you and I have kept track of the joys and sorrows, the tragedies and triumphs, and the achievements of the west half of Isabella County, to let one another and the world know of our efforts and how we're doin'.

I personally want to thank every one of you for your co-operation in getting the news in for the Messenger each week; and the business people of Weidman and Beal City who have supported and encouraged the paper.

Now we're quitting, and it's time.

Ye Ed is 77 years old, at this moment wearing the doggoned-est contraption ever devised by man, for a fractured clavicle--the plain old collar bone. It's the most uncomfortable piece of torture we've ever heard of short of the Marquis de Sade.

Not that the doctor ordered it on for torture, but to attempt to hold the busted collar bone in place till it might heal--we hope.

So; this is the last issue of the Weidman Messenger your will ever receive. Some of you will want to keep it as a souvenir; others will read it and say, "Too bad!" and toss it down.

Any way it lands, we are suspending the Messenger after nearly 15 years, as we said before.

All paid subscriptions, and all paid-in-advance advertising monies will be refunded; but give us two or three weeks to get that job done, please, huh?

Thank you all again for your co-operation and support; especially our rural writers, who have been more than faithful.

It's one heck of a lot of work, getting out a weekly paper 48 times a year; and we did it alone except for these past few months since we landed on our backside at our mail box at 7 a. m. Since then, Frances Tranbarger has been the saving grace in getting out the paper on time. She



ZERO WEATHER FEATURED 7TH ANNUAL PIG ROAST--Feb. 18 on the beautiful lands of Elwood and Iola Miller. Above, ticket-takers at the gate: Whitey McCreight, Benn Johnson, Gary McArthur and Jerry Smith. Photo by Ben Weber



HE'S STILL THE CHAMP!--Bill Louisell won the Open Championship trophy last Wednesday evening in the checkers play-offs at Mt. Pleasant. This is Bill's fourth trophy in the checkers tournaments at Mt. Pleasant. He skipped last year's plays, saying "I'm going to give someone else a chance!" But this year he defeated Glenn Warren of Barryton for the Regional Open Championship. Bill can beat just about anybody at the game, and he demonstrates that fact when he plays in the tournaments. Messenger photo

always has done page proof-reading, something no other pa-per does in this day and age.

Minnie Reed has been with us almost from the start, doing the wrapping and addressing on mail-

AREA BUSINESSES KICK IN FOR LIL MAC PIG ROAST

Area businesses really helped on the Lil' Mac Bridge Pig Roast celebration this year (as every year), and the day, though zero-cold, was considered a good one.

Here is a list of area donors:

Murphy's Tavern, Wixon and Dean, Roadrunner, all of Barryton; Byberg's Corner, M-66 and the Airline Road; Adams Trading post, Horr; Weidman Beauty Shop, Clark's Market, Mac Tools, D&R Drive-In Restaurant, Roy Adams, Weidman Pharmacy, Crittenden Funeral Home of Remus, Straus Packing Company, Bud's Party Store, Randell Manufacturing, Ray's Service, Frank Wagerster Farms, Baumann's IGA Store, Weidman Sale Barn, Country Salon, Rice's Grocery, Fox Hardware, Vic's Service Station, A. Schumacher, Bader Milling Company, Weidman Discount Furniture, Navarre Motor Sales of Barryton, Evelyn Hackney, Weidman Western Auto, General Telephone Co., Herman's Garage of Beal City, Thayne Sides, Walt Smith, the Weidman Lions Club, Weidman Business Association, Abbott's Furniture, Isabella Bank & Trust, Weidman Branch, Maylee Chevrolet of Barryton.

The day's roasting of pigs on spits over charcoal fires, the making of huge vats of bean soup, and the prior preparations of wrapping potatoes for baking on the coals and the making of that delicious bread dressing, all constitute a tremendous amount of work and co-operation.

Congratulations to all who were able to pitch in!

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BAND BOOSTERS NEED MONEY REAL FAST

The Chippewa Hills Band Boosters--parents of kids playing in the High School Band--are frantically trying to raise \$9,000 before March 15, due date to a booking company to send the kids to Florida.

All interested should contact Jeanne Smith or any other Band mother.

ing day.

Thanks again, dear hearts and gentle people. We'll be among you--we hope--in other capacities than editor of the Messenger.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Helen Strang was in Saginaw Monday. Larry Strang was off work this week, attending classes at Ferris State College in Big Rapids.

Just a reminder of Merry-Go-Round Club being held with Nora Geasler March 8.

Eunice LaLonde, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne LaLonde and Shannon and Dwayne were Thursday supper guests of George and Cora Beers, in honor of Wayn'e birthday.

Russell, Bobby and Micky Slupe of Grand Rapids came to their grandparents, the Russell Wrights', Friday night. Russell and Bobby went on to their cabin at Kalkaska and Micky spent the weekend with his grandparents.

Marvel Sowle has been spending some time with her daughter, Penny, and family, at Grayling,

during the time Penny was being hospitalized.

We have so much sickness among our neighbors. We hope to hear they are soon improved and feeling better.

Irene Bowen is a patient at the Mt. Pleasant Hospital, where she was taken last Thursday. She was reported as feeling some better at this time, being taken from ITC.

Floyd (Buck) Sowle is a patient at the Lakeview Hospital, where he had surgery Friday. Those from here who called on Buck during the week included Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Mike McHugh, the Clifton Beutlers, and the Wayne LaLondes.

Russell and Violet Wright, Carl and Ellen Geasler, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Moore and I attended the Senior Citizens' valentine party at Rosebush last Wednesday. A lovely pot-luck dinner was enjoyed, with dancing and music following, for afternoon activi-

ties.

Nancy Faber of Ashley called on the Gerald Roberts Sunday.

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Poet's Corner

HAND-ME-UPS

When we were young and the children small,

It wasn't no trick at all, at all, To pass their coats and caps and gowns

From one to t'other, called hand-me-downs.

Sometimes the neighbors or uncles or aunts

Would pass along a suit or pants. Of course, 'twas better from out of town, As nobody'd seen the stuff around.

And their Ma did well with what we had.

It stretched our budget and we were glad To get those coats and caps and gowns, And all those things called hand-me-downs.

Now I am old and the children grown,

With children and grandchildren of their own.

And my grandchildren--those great big pups--

I'm wearin' their stuff, called hand-me-ups.

By Rev. John Wright

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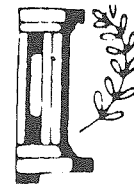
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LOST--Minolta camera, at pig roast Sunday. Reward up to price of camera. Ph. 773-2044. Mar1t1

I NEVER DID TAKE A DECENT PHOTO
So the Mt. Pleasant Morning Sun ran a feature story on the old gal's hanging up the Messenger, in Monday's edition of the Mt. Pleasant paper.
It featured one of the worst photos I've ever had taken. True, I am one of the most unphotogenic people in the world, and can't really blame the little girl reporter--and her photographer--from the Morning Sun.
Only once have I ever had a really good photo. That was back in the 1940s, when Bob Garland, then photo editor for

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Satevepost, came out by plane, landed in George McClains' field east of town, and surprised the Roe family with an early visit.

He took a lot of pictures--and the only decent one of me was out in the pigpen, me at the heads of a couple of healthy fat pigs. I at Post couldn't use that photo, on account the feature of the picture was a wonderful closeup of the pigs' south ends.

Oh, well.
I never entered a beauty contest, anyhow.

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SCOUTS TO SELL THEIR DELICIOUS COOKIES
Entertainment between the projected timed cookie crunching rounds at the Senior High School in Mt. Pleasant March 4 will be provided by Girl Scouts from Mt. Pleasant, Weidman, Beal City, Blanchard, and the CMU Campus Scouts.

Area Girl Scouts will begin taking orders for cookies beginning March 9, continuing through March 19.

LEGAL

Notice

SETTLEMENT NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Annual Meeting of the Township Board of the Township below named will be held at the Sherman Township Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1979
For the purpose of making the annual settlement. All persons having claims against said Township are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned on or before above named date.

PROPOSED USE HEARING--Of Federal Revenue Sharing monies will be held at this time.

Citizens may present written or oral comments.
Amount of unobligated funds, \$1138.00. Amount expected during fiscal year, \$3414.00 \$4,552.00.

Township of Sherman, County of Isabella, State of Michigan.
KEITH LOOMIS
Township Clerk
Mar1t1

LEGAL

Notice

To the residents and property owners of Sherman Township, Isabella County, Michigan, and other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: The Sherman Township Board at a legal meeting of said Board held on February 19, 1979, do hereby adopt the following ordinance to establish the fiscal year for Sherman Township as required under Act. No. 596 of 1978.

ORDINANCE NO. 5
FISCAL YEAR ORDINANCE
Adopted Feb. 19, 1979.

An Ordinance to establish the fiscal year of the Township of Sherman, Isabella County, Michigan, and the annual settlement day for such Township pursuant to Michigan Public Act. 596 of 1978.

The Township of Sherman, Isabella County, Michigan.

THE TOWNSHIP OF SHERMAN, ISABELLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I
Commencing in 1979, the fiscal year of the Township shall extend from April 1st of each year until March 31 of the following year. Any pre-existing Township budget lawfully adopted by the Township Board shall be proportionately extended to coincide with the foregoing new fiscal year periods.

SECTION II
The annual settlement day meeting of the Township Board shall hereafter be held on the 15th day of the last month of the

fiscal year of the Township unless said day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, whereupon said meeting shall be held on the following Monday which is not a legal holiday.

SECTION III
The annual meeting of the electors of the Township where the same has not been abolished, shall be held on the last Saturday in the last month of the aforesaid fiscal year at such time and place as is determined by the Township Board.

SECTION IV
This Ordinance shall take immediate effect. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

KEITH LOOMIS
Township Clerk
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I want to try to express my sincere appreciation to all you wonderful people who have read and appreciated the Messenger through nearly 15 years;

Those who have paid subscription money (which will be refunded, give me time!); those who have written Letters to the Editor;

Everyone at Buyers Guide in Mt. Pleasant, especially the "girls in the front office", and the printers and camera men who have given me wonderful service all these years;

I especially want to thank Shirley Williams (one of the front-office Buyers Guide girls), who has taken my pasteups over on Wednesday mornings lately, thus saving an extra trip from here;

I especially appreciate the cooperation of Weidman area folks who have helped so much these past few weeks: Photos by Ben Weber, R.D. Sprague, and Mrs. Briggson; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, who went to great pains to bring the printed copies back from Mt. Pleasant one blustery day; Dr. Kowaleski at Remus, for his compassion and understanding, and skill; Spike Branson, who plowed out my driveway after the big snow and did not accept any pay;

The business people of Weidman who have supported and encouraged the paper.

If I've left anyone out, please forgive; the old carcass is still in pretty bad shape, and getting out even this one last issue has been a real chore.

Thanks to you all.
Connie Skinner

Becky Vore was one of four students at the Remus school to have a quail to care for.

S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Henkels of Mecosta enjoyed Saturday evening with the Carl Fitzgeralds.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler spent Sunday and were dinner guests of Jeanette Johnston of Rosebush. In the afternoon they all attended a play at the Midland Center for the Arts.

Mrs. Aletha Chaffee visited the Harry Gatehouses Saturday evening.

Pat Sheldon of Cheboygan spent last weekend with his father, Oren Sheldon. Pat, Oren, Alan and Eddie Sheldon and Mabel Chaffee spent Saturday in Grand Rapids, visiting Mrs. Jeanine Bauw.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Rhodes of Grand Rapids were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald spent Wednesday with the Don Carrs of Amble, and were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stephens of Lakeview.

The Eddie Oplingers, Brian

Dutcher, the Les Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald and Mabel Chaffee were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., honoring the February birthdays of Les Rhodes, Carl and Grace Fitzgerald, Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Mabel Chaffee. A delightful luncheon, with ice cream and cake, was served, and the guests had an enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Carl Beutler and children attended a band concert at the Chippewa Hills High School Sunday afternoon.

The 4-H Club held a skating party Saturday at the Elwood Miller farm.

Tragedy struck the Jim Dutcher family last week when their beautiful new home was completely destroyed by fire. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mabel Chaffee spent last Monday visiting her sisters, Laura Latham and Rose Leiter, at Riverview Apartments in Mt. Pleasant. In the afternoon they called on another sister, Minnie Flaughter, at CMC Hospital. Minnie came home Saturday morning. Get well soon, Minnie!

Sorry to hear the Messenger

will be no more, Connie, but you've been active in journalism for many years, and deserve a rest. So have a good time in retirement, and God bless!

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,

As usual we are late getting a card out to you. Now we hear you're giving up the Messenger.

We have wondered how you managed it for so long as you have. But we sure hate to have it come to an end.

Sorry you had to grow old with

the rest of us. But all great things come to an end.

But we will always remember, come Thursday--and no Messenger. Sorry for us but very glad for you, to get the very needed rest.

However, should you get bored, a little column in the Buyer's Guide by Connie, would be appreciated.

Thanks for the nice things you have done for us.

As always,
Elwood and Iola Miller

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Two years ago today the high temperature was 28 and the low, six above. The week before, we had freezing rain, then snow.

THANK YOU

Connie Skinner

For your many years of service to the Weidman Community

We wish you good luck and Many Happy Years Ahead!

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Band for their Florida trip.

Around Horr

Betty Thompson, Reporter
(Filling in for Jessie Rosencrantz while Jessie's in the hospital.)

Weekend guests of the Earl Oplingers were Ken Oplinger and Debbie and Jessica Madrigan of Monroe.

George Miller of Lansing spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller. Thursday evening Elwood and Iola and Miles and Frances Miller had supper with the Glenwood Holmes of Lake.

Hattie Losey and cousin, Monroe Beckwith, visited and had lunch with Minnie Strauch Monday. They also visited Jessie Rosencrantz.

The Gerald Losey family, Bruce and Susie Chapman and family and Hattie Losey had dinner last Wednesday with Nancy Dunn, honoring Gerald's birthday.

Marlene Tiedeman, granddaughter of Hattie Losey, had lung surgery last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

The Mack Denslow family: The children and grandchildren, spent Sunday with them.

Mrs. Opal Denslow attended the Harvey Leiter funeral at Remus last Tuesday.

Mrs. Berl (Sharri) Denslow and two daughters left last Friday for Apache Junction, Arizona, where her parents, the Rex Vansycles, are spending the winter. She learned her father had a recent heart attack, and expects to have heart surgery next Monday.

Beth and Dan Mills and family moved into their new home next to the Pete Woods' Saturday. Eric Bingham was a guest of the Woods Sunday.

Sunday dinner guests at the Charles Fahnestock home were Mrs. Mary Fahnestock and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bateman and son.

Bob Thompson was home over the weekend, from his work at Cheboygan. He is still in training to be a County Executive Director for the ASCS under the U. S. Department of Agriculture, but is temporarily operating the sub office at Cheboygan. Bill Thompson was also home over the weekend, from Alma.

This community is sorry that it has become necessary to terminate the Weidman Messenger. It will be greatly missed. However, we join others in wishing the best of health and success in Connie's return to free-lance writing.

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dent. Seems as if you have had your share the last couple years.

Sorry you had to give up publishing the Messenger, but you know we all have to slow up as we get older.

Two weeks ago, uptown, I went to the hospital to get a shot, and stayed for a while, and they let me come home again.

We celebrated our 56th wedding anniversary Feb. 4, very quietly.

Am feeling much better, and hope to be able to be going up town again soon, if this weather warms up again.

The only time I'm really warm is at night, when I crawl under my electric blanket.

Well, just relax and take it easy for a while, and maybe by the time spring arrives you will feel much better and be able to get about again.

As ever a friend,
Clara Grewett

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SUN ECLIPSE HERE WAS AN EXPERIENCE

Monday's eclipse of the sun was quite an experience in the Weidman area, with a rather swift darkening of skies, with a sort of twilight settling over

all, birds seeking refuge in the trees after deciding the feeders were not the place to be, with light like that.

It grew fairly dark here, not night-dark, but twilight, with the sky a sullen gray-blue in the east, and a steely-gray in the north.

Trees--suddenly, it seemed-- cast elongated shadows across the lawns, grotesque in shape and size.

We sat and watched it, and marveled at the plans of the universe as the moon (invisible to the naked eye) edged out the sun.

Thanks Connie...

**We'll miss the
Weidman
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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Friend Connie:

Heard about your recent acci-



MR. AND MRS. TERRY ABBOTT

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weber have announced the marriage of their daughter, Cora, to Terry Abbott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mick Abbott of Weidman.

They were married in the Baptist Church west of Weidman, by Rev. Marvin Eldridge.

The happy young couple have purchased the former Methodist parsonage on Parson Street in Weidman, where they will live.

Terry is employed by Allen Lumber Company, while Cora is secretary for the Weber Bros. Sawmills at Beal City.

They have been honeymooning in Florida.

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Friendship from a mailbox
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From those who truly care;
A friend in need is a friend indeed,
Whose cheer makes you aware.

That others do have problems,
On paper they confide.
True friendships grow from letters,
New hope is tucked inside.

Mabel Chaffee



GORDON AND BEULAH LOOMIS

Friends and family are cordially invited to join in the celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Gordon and Beulah Loomis (nee Sisco) at an afternoon buffet and evening dance being held March 3 at 4 p. m., at the I. B. E. W. Hall, 5205 So. Pennsylvania Avenue, Lansing.

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Our church wishes to say Thank You to Connie and the Weidman Messenger for including our church news free of charge for these 20 years of our church's history.

THANKS

Connie

FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO WEIDMAN AND THE COMMUNITY

We just want to say we appreciate the work and effort you've put in over nearly 15 years in getting the news and events and achievements of the Weidman-Beal City Area out to folks outside--and to us here, of course.

Have a Good Rest!

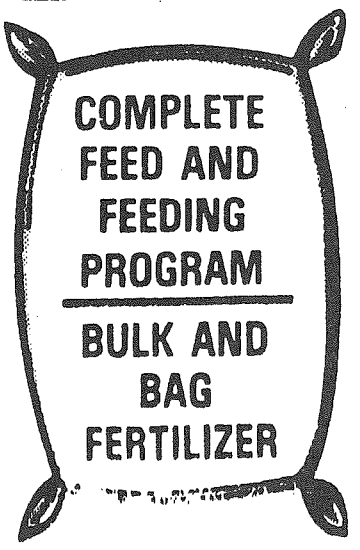
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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie and Frances:

Sure glad to read in the paper where you are feeling some better after your nasty fall.

Our weather has been on the chilly side, but to date we have had 8 1/2 inches of snow (so our water treatment plant reports). We have been able to see several bare spots on our lawn all winter (which is a far cry from last winter!). But I really like snow, as it does make it look like a whole new world.

Howard has been feeding the birds all winter; sunflower seeds, cracked corn, and some wild-bird seed. When the bluejays and cardinals sit out there eating on the snow, it's a pretty sight.

Howard has one large bird-feeder where they can rest on

top and also on the inside. One morning he opened the drapes and on top of the feeder sat a raccoon, eating. He took another look, and one was on the inside, eating. The one on the inside put his two front feet up on the window sill and looked in at us. Later, Howard looked out in the driveway, and here were three more. Howard said it was the mother raccoon, with her four young, about a year old. At night Howard puts about four piles of corn for the rabbits to eat. Last evening we had company, and about 8.30 p.m. we looked out, and the rabbits were busy eating.

So you see, Connie, we are busy with what wild-life we have around.

Hi to Frances, and try to keep well.

Howard and Olive Johnson
Fremont, Ohio

Three years ago today the high temperature was 25 and the low, 20. We had sleet and snow that day; and on the next, freezing rain. The week before, the red-wing blackbirds came back, and the regular blackbirds, or

grackles.

One year ago today the high temperature was 23 and the low, ten below. The week before, we had two inches of new snow, and snow flurries thereafter for two days.

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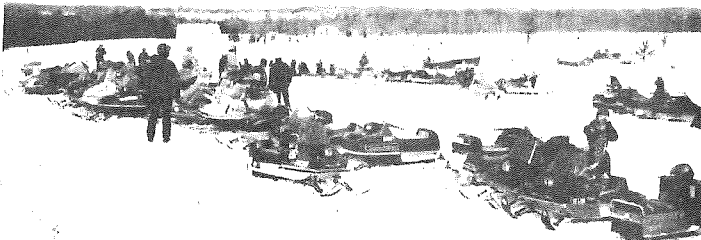
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AT THE 7TH ANNUAL PIG ROAST--Pine-stump roots were used to heat the huge vats full of delicious bean soup.



SNOWMOBILERS--Were out in force, as usual, at the Pig Roast on the beautiful Miller farm. Photos by Ben Weber.

NOTICE!!!

CONNIE SKINNER
SUNDAY, APRIL 29, '79
2 ~ 4 p.m.
New Weidman Comm. Bldg. **DAY**

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- In appreciation of the many years of dedicated service to the Weidman and Beal City area as Editor-Publisher of The Weidman Messenger.
- A Special Day set aside for her many friends to say "Thank you".
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- Short program at 3:00.

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