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Editor's Column

By Connie

THE WBA: WILL IT LIVE, OR DIE?

Back in 1947 when the Weidman Business Association (our modest Chamber of Commerce) was established, it was composed of a group of earnest business people who believed that anyone who was in business in Weidman owed the village an obligation: Something of his money (dues), and time, and effort.

Among the charter members alive today are Ed Fox, Pat Dillenbeck, Leo Embrey (Florida, retired), Leon McArthur (retired), Gerald Middlesworth (Florida, retired), Trifela Kuehn (Greenville, retired), George McClain, Sr. (Barryton, retired).

Gone are Ross Momany, Ray Shook, Leo Neubecker, Barney Tranbarger.

We worked hard. We got the first fire protection for the Weidman and Beal City areas--the Nottawa and Sherman Township Volunteer Fire Department.

We got the deed to the park, and we developed the park.

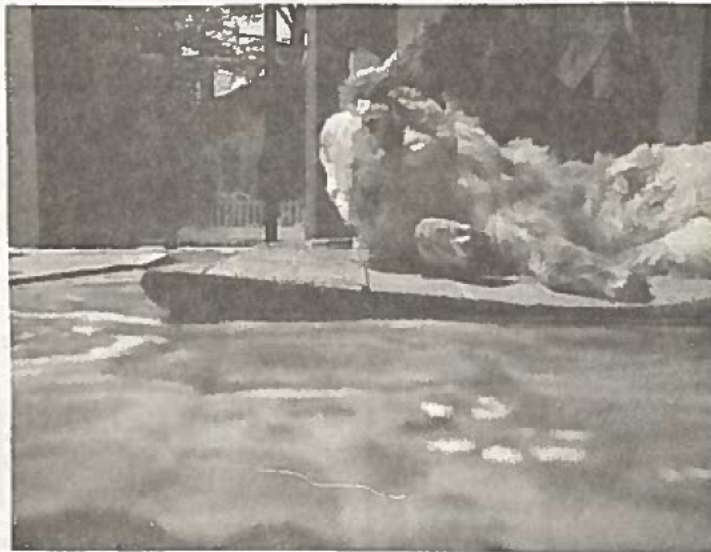
We put on Weidman Day, year after year after year--and if you think THAT wasn't work, some of you young merchants now on the street just try it!

Pat Dillenbeck was perennial chairman for Weidman Day, despite his protests. He always did the job, and did it well. As treasurer he had to go around to every business place and personally collect the annual dues of \$12. He helped in the job of galloping around the business street on Weidman Day and keeping the rides booths in change.

One year Connie Roe volunteered to do the job for one afternoon. She went sprinting up and down the street like a jackrabbit just ahead of the hounds. Afterward she went to bed and slept forty-eight hours.

The original WBA had its hard-core handful of faithful workers, of course. Beside Pat Dillenbeck, they could count on Ed Fox, Leo Neubecker, Barney Tranbarger, Ray Shook, Ross Momany.

Ray attended all meetings faithfully, but he said, as to Weidman Day, "I can't leave my store, but I'll send a hired hand to take my place." That
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"THE ONLY JACKELOPE WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI"--

That's what the man said, anyhow. Oliver Ward brought us this animal which, out in Wyoming, they call a "jackelope," an alleged cross between a jack rabbit and an antelope. This creature definitely had horns, as you can see in the photo. We're not vouching for anything, nor is anyone in the hunting party consisting of Oliver Ward, Bob Kirvan and Leo Denslow, who were hunting snowshoe rabbits south of M-115 last Wednesday, last day of rabbit season. They said rabbit hunting was good.
Messenger photo

WEIDMAN BUSINESS MEN TO PUT ON BAKE SALE

The Weidman Business Association (WBA) is sponsoring a bake sale for Saturday, March 17, beginning at 9 a. m. in the Weidman Rexall Pharmacy.

Donations from the community cooks and bakers (home, that is) are earnestly solicited. The WBA needs working money for such projects as the park here, which is maintained by the WBA for the public's enjoyment.

Each summer the pavilion is booked solid for family reunions and other special occasions. The WBA has the responsibility of keeping the park and the pavilion in good order for the public's use.

So--we urge all women of Weidman and its area to cook or bake up something for the Bake Sale March 17.

(Our personal donation will be a modest casserole--that's the extent of our culinary ability, but we'll be there with something out of the oven.)

See yuh there.

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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Green and family of Wheeler were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen.

MALICIOUS VANDALISM AT COTTAGE ON LAKE OF THE HILLS IN WEIDMAN

A case of extremely malicious vandalism was discovered by Walt Smith and his father-in-law, Glenn Hart, Sunday, as they were driving around the lake and noticed drapes hanging askew in the Ernie Epps cottage up in the woods.

They called State Police, who investigated, and found entry had been accomplished through a door facing the lake, on the lower deck; the door was simply smashed in, Walt said. Glass was broken in the front door.

Drapes were ripped off window hangings, oven cleaner sprayed on walls, and filth was dropped on the carpet.

The cottage has electric heat. One burner on the cook stove was left on high, but the main switch was turned off. A door was left open to an outside deck.

State police were still investigating the case.

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Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spiece and daughter of Carson City were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls.

Men in Uniform

Here's a new address:

Pvt. Brian Frantz, [redacted]
Co. D, 8th Bn., 4th TNG Bldg.,
Fort Knox, Ky. 40121.

Brian entered the service Jan. 30, on a three-year enlistment in the Army. He is the son of Mrs. Shirley Nolan.

Brian received a commendation from his commanding major for finding and returning a wallet with \$125 in it. The letter of commendation was read before the whole class of trainees, with Brian the honored recipient.

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GEN TEL HAS NEW SYSTEM FOR PIN-POINTING CUSTOMER PROBLEMS

General Telephone is responding more quickly to customer reports of telephone problems in this area, thanks to a new procedure for gathering background information when the problem is first reported, according to Dave Alger, customer service manager for the company.

When customers report telephone problems, repair clerks now ask a series of questions in order to gather as much information as possible about the particular problem, Alger said.

The brief questions, many of which can be answered Yes or No, are designed to indicate where the problem might be located in the complex of telephone switching and trunking equipment.

A study showed that additional information provided at the time a problem is reported would be helpful in providing faster repair, Alger said.

The new procedure is being introduced throughout the company, and affects the Weidman area.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and family of Lake Thirteen and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and Dennis of Beal City were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley.

Dale Bywater and son, Pat, of Midland, spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Ethel Bywater. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Erickson of Grant Center, old neighbors and friends, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Bywater.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter
THEY ENJOYED A MONTH OF FLORIDA SUNSHINE

Mrs. Opal Denslow returned home last week after a month's stay in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Derry Dunn and Jimmy of Coldwater Lake and Mrs. Denslow's sister, Mrs. Russell Williams, of Clare, drove down together.

They saw many interesting places, such as the Cyprus Gardens, Parrot Jungle, the lovely Aquatorium where parrots and porpoises did unbelievable acts; and they toured through the Busch Gardens.

They spent a few days at Homestead, and two miles from the city were lovely fields ready to harvest all fruits; and beautiful gardens of vegetables and strawberries.

They were in Miami, and out to the Keys. They were at the large airport at Tampa, which was a marvelous sight to see. They spent a week in St. Petersburg, and had very good fishing while there.

They drove to Marcos Island, where several condominiums are being built. Some people from Mt. Pleasant have bought apartments in them.

They also spent several days at Punta Gorda Isle, and had good fishing there.

The weather was cooler than usual.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and family and Mrs. Barbara North and family were Sunday guests of the Mack Denslows.

Mrs. Bobbie Oplinger and Mrs. Betty Thompson attended the antique show in Mt. Pleasant Saturday afternoon, for the March of Dimes.

Carl and Ellen Geasler and Mrs. Eva Denslow were callers of Mrs. Flora Wood recently. Mrs. Wood was a Sunday dinner guest at the Vance Wood home. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist. Weekend guests were Mr. and Mrs. Marsden Antcliff and son, Cliff, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Metcalf and Diane Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson took their son, Bill, to Grand Rapids Friday for his checkup. While at Ferguson Hospital they called on Wilbur Denslow, who is a patient there. Bill went back to school Monday for the first time.

Busy Bees will meet with Mrs. Mack Denslow March 8.

Mrs. Wilbur Wright announced the birth of a great-grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown Feb. 28. He has been named Patrick Lee. Mrs. Katie Smith was a Sunday guest at the Wright home. Mrs. Wright's sister, Edith, was a Thursday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Merrihew and Brenda were Wednesday callers at the Charlie Losey home, and also called on me. Harold Losey was a Saturday caller at the Losey home, and called on me. He had just returned from a month's vacation in the West.

Mrs. Mabel Sides was a Monday afternoon caller at the Gerald Dent home. Mrs. Linda Krueger and children were Wednesday afternoon and supper guests. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and children were weekend guests. Mr. and Mrs. Dent spent Sunday afternoon with the Lynn Johnson family.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

The Broomfield Grange made \$637 at their March of Dimes auction Saturday at the Grange Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines. Roxanne Hines and Peggy Recker were supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gross of Westphalia were recent guests of Mrs. Herman Martin.

Raymond Flaucher returned from Detroit after a six-day stay for surgery at Ford Hospital. Visitors last week were Ronald and Ralph Flaucher, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot and Linda, Mrs. Fred Swan, Mrs. Jim Cole and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxon, Basil Rogers and Mrs. Myron Johnston.

The C. M. B. Club meets with Mrs. Kate Martin Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cook, Jr., of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Klumpp and Mrs. Terry Krueger and baby were Sunday guests of Herman Cook and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Loomis have returned from a trip through the western states and Mexico. They visited their son, Nelson, and family, of Casper, Wyoming.

Russell McDonald and daughters, Janet and Marcia, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Courser and Cindy, Katie and Chris, and Dale Wyant were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Courser. Mrs. McDonald (Mrs. Tom Courser's mother) is in the hospital for tests.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Nagy returned Saturday evening from a trip through the Southern and Western states.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Loomis visited their son and family, the Wayne Loomises, of Lansing, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett and son, John, Elmer Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Martin were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan McGregor of Milford.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Local Items

Clayton Smith returned home Tuesday from CMC Hospital, after a 10-day stay.

Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins were Lakeview callers last Wednesday. Ula spent Sunday afternoon with friends in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Woody Reed of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchsinki and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon of Brinton spent Friday with

their cousins, the Touchinskis. Sunday the Touchinskis girls spent the afternoon with their Grandpa and Grandma Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Block (Barbara Smith) are the proud parents of a baby girl, Brandi Rae, born March 1 at CMC Hospital. The little Miss weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces. She was born on her father's birthday.

The Ross Momany's visited Ann's sister and husband, Dorothy and Doyle Esch, at Mecosta, Sunday evening.



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Notice

The Sherman Township Board
 of Review will meet Monday
 and Tuesday, March 12 and
 13, from 9 a. m. till 4 p. m.
 at the Sherman Township Hall,
 for the purpose of reviewing
 the tax assessments rolls.

Assessment objectives are for
 50 percent of true cash value
 on Sherman Township real es-
 tate.

EARL OPLINGER
 Supervisor
 Sherman Township

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all
 our relatives, friends and
 neighbors for the cards and
 gifts we received to make
 our Fortieth Anniversary a
 memorable one.

Also thanks to our children,
 Leonard and Patricia Lueder,
 and John and Karleen Pung,
 for the lovely party.

Emil and Edith Lueder

Card of Thanks

I wish to sincerely thank all
 those who sent me gifts, cards
 and flowers while I was in the
 hospital.

A special thanks to our neigh-
 bors who came in and helped.
 Everything is most appreciat-
 ed.

Irene Bowen

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank the many
 friends and relatives who sent
 me get-well wishes, flowers,
 gifts and cards while I was in
 CMC Hospital, and since I
 came home.

They helped to brighten many
 a day.

Minnie Flaughter

LEGAL

Notice

Notice is hereby given that
 the Assessment Roll will be
 open to public review March
 12 and 13, 1973, from 9 to 4
 at the Nottawa Township Hall.

The tentative figure for equal-
 izing is: Real property, recom-
 mended equalization ratio 50%;
 personal property, recommend-
 ed equalization factor 50%

Signed
ERNEST SCHMIDT
 Nottawa Township
 Supervisor
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Ruby Douglas was a Saturday
 afternoon caller of Kit Johnson.

LEGAL

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 Board of Review will meet
 Monday and Tuesday, March
 12 and 13, from 9 a. m. till
 4 p. m., at the Coldwater
 Township Hall, for the purpose
 of reviewing the tax assess-
 ment rolls.

Assessment objectives are for
 50 percent of true cash value
 on Coldwater Township real
 estate.

LEWIS BOWEN
 Supervisor
 Coldwater Township

Obituary

JOSEPH P. SMITH

Joseph P. Smith of Shepherd
 died Monday, Feb. 26, at
 CMC Hospital. He was 82.
 He was born May 30, 1890,
 in Isabella County.

Surviving are six daughters,
 Mrs. Gretchen David of Rose-
 bush, Mrs. Lenora Allgire of
 Ohio, Mrs. Katherine Breuer
 and Mrs. Frieda Price, both
 of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Josephine
 Cuthbert of Flint, and Miss
 Mary Lou Smith of Mt. Pleas-
 ant; four sons, Edward of Beal
 City, Lyle of Ohio, Earl of
 Alma and Bernard of Shepherd;
 and 39 grandchildren and 44
 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10.30
 Thursday morning at St. Jo-
 seph the Worker Church in
 Beal City. Burial was in the
 church cemetery.

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Leon McArthur was reported
 some better the first of the
 week. He is at CMC Hospital.

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Joyce Hoffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hoffman of Shepherd, and Mark Schafer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Schafer of Beal City, were among four high school students recently honored by the Exchange Club of Mt. Pleasant. The students were recognized for their strong academic achievement and athletic involvement. Mark is an outstanding player on the Beal City Aggies basketball team.

Times-News photo

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Flossie Sellers of the Broomfield area was a last Tuesday caller of Mrs. Ethel Wager. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carrick of Saginaw were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knipfer and family of Lansing spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Mrs. Bessie Price, Mrs. Mary

Clark, Mrs. Rose Funnell and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey and family, all of Mt. Pleasant, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family.

Mary McCarthy returned to her home in Lansing Sunday, after a 10-day visit at the home of Mrs. Emma Middlesworth.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler spent Thursday evening with his mother, Mrs. Claribel Beutler.

They left Saturday for a two-weeks' vacation in Florida. Jane Mengot was a Saturday overnight guest of her grandmother. Mrs. Beutler and her daughter, Jeanette Johnston, attended the antique and art show in Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors of the Russell Stanleys were their grandson and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Battle, and three children of Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and children of Lake Thirteen were recent Sunday dinner

LOCAL AREA CHURCHES PARTICIPATE IN "KEY-73"

Local area churches which are co-operating in the Key-73 project of presenting Jesus Christ to every home in North America will be distributing the Gospel of Luke in the Weidman area starting March 11.

This gospel will be a free gift with no strings attached. Recipients are urged to read it before Easter.

Rev. Athel Lynch, pastor of the Weidman, Winn and Coomer United Methodist Churches, entered CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant last Thursday and is spending part of this week undergoing a series of tests.

In his absence, Dr. Charles F. Pfeiffer, professor of Near Eastern Studies at Central Michigan University, delivered the Sunday morning sermon in the Weidman church.

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

(1 mile west of Weidman)
Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Service, 11 a. m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.
Choir practice 6.30, Thursday.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Athel J. Lynch, Pastor
Office phone 644-3336, parsonage phone 644-3441.

Church School, 10 a. m.
Worship, 11.15 a. m.
Choir rehearsal Wednesday, 7 p. m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Broomfield: Located six miles south of Weidman on Coldwater Road.

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor.
Sunday School, 9.15 a. m.
Worship Service, 10.45 a. m.
Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

guests.
Misses Janet and Cheryl Pitts of Lansing spent the weekend at their home here. They also visited their grandfather, Leon McArthur, in CMC Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McArthur of Wixom and Mr. and Mrs. Leon McArthur, Jr., of Brighton also visited Leon at the hospital last week.
Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on Wildan Padgett in Ionia Sunday. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mulnix and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spiece.
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cook of Canadian Lakes and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith of Beal City were Saturday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley. The Stanleys went with them to Riverdale and enjoyed chicken dinner. They drove home through the record fog Saturday evening.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Clara Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox, Mrs. Herman Kremsreiter and Mrs. Margaret Judge were in Grand Rapids Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Matilda Rau.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and Brian had dinner with the Walter Raus Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Finnerty took Mr. and Mrs. Will Pung out for a ride Sunday afternoon.

Pat Schafer came out from Chicago to spend the weekend with relatives in Beal City.

Dora Smith attended the wedding anniversary reception Saturday evening for the Charles Reihls.

Larry Rau went Saturday, March 3, to move his sister, Ginger, from Bay City to Midland, where she is working.

Bernie Smith spent Wednesday morning with his aunt, Louise Smith. They had a wonderful visit. Debbie Rau stayed over night Tuesday. Mrs. Al Rolph of Mt. Pleasant stopped to see her aunt, Louise, on her way home from Beal City Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann, Matie Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger attended the funeral of their nephew, Jewel Gray, in Manton, Saturday afternoon. It was bad driving in the fog that day and evening.

Mrs. Walter Rau and Ginger Rau and Delores Gould spent some time Sunday afternoon with Louise and Ann Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer drove to Grand Rapids Monday to take their daughter, Lori, to the hospital for her checkup. The doctor said she was fine.

Danny Schafer of Detroit spent a few days the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer.

Mrs. Al Klumpp spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. Tillie Schafer.

Mrs. Louise Schafer spent a few days last week with the Lee Sundermans in Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred spent Friday with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer and Mrs. Tony Schafer went to Alma Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCurry.

Mrs. Julius Bierschbach was still undergoing tests at CMC Hospital the first of the week.

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Coldwater Lake

Marge Schafer, Reporter

Well, it was really dreary Monday morning, after the lovely spring-like weather Sunday. Saturday night it was terrible trying to drive in the fog.

Ed Schafer painted Connie Skinner's kitchen woodwork and did finishing work on her new cupboards, last week. (A note from Connie: It's beautiful!)

Last Monday afternoon we were surprised when our daughter and family, the Wayne Sherlocks, drove in from Talbott, Tenn. They have returned to their home in Traverse City to live. They spent Monday night with her brother and family, the Gerald Schafers, of Rosebush.

We called on the Gerald Schafers Monday evening, and enjoyed a few games of cards with the Schafers and Sherlocks.

Josette and Heather Schafer were sick the past week with

colds and ear ache. They had to be taken to a doctor Saturday.

Bill and Lynn Schafer attended the reception for John Schlegel and Yvonne Block Friday evening at the Beal

City KC Hall.

Brian Schafer stayed with Grandma and Grandpa Schafer that evening.

The four daughters of the Max Strauses spent the weekend with Grandma Lorenz. The daughters of the Paul Simmers spent Saturday with her.

Karen and Bob Straus celebrated their birthdays Sunday with dinner at Grandma Lorenz's. Others attending were Johnny and Marge Sheppard and baby of Mt. Pleasant, and Mike and Jim Straus. Mike was home from college over the weekend.

Happy Birthday, Karen and Bob!

Kate and Ray Martin called on Loretta Lorenz Tuesday evening. Vera Kavanaugh called Thursday afternoon. Thelma Bossche and daughter, Jean, were Friday evening callers.

Clarence and Loretta Lorenz and Lois Ritter enjoyed a day of fishing on Houghton Lake Friday. Loretta said she really enjoyed it, and they got a good mess of panfish.

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Visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood during last week were Mrs. Chuck Roberts of Lansing, and Mrs. Mabel Dent called Sunday. Mrs. Wood has been ill with flu.

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Obituary

LINDA SUE MIDDLESWORTH

This community was saddened by news of the death of Linda Sue Middlesworth, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Middlesworth of Laurel, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D. C., who died in an auto accident Saturday night in Prince George's County, Md. She was the only child of the Bruce Middlesworths.

She was a Junior in the Laurel High School, an all-A student. She and her parents were here for the recent wedding of K. C. Charnes.

Linda Sue Middlesworth was born July 24, 1956, in Arlington, Virginia, and spent her short life in the Washington, D. C., area.

Surviving are her parents, Bruce and Ola Middlesworth; her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth, of Florida; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Steckly, of Imlay City, Mich.; and her great-grandmother, Mrs. Ed Pohler, of Imlay City.

Friends may call at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton Thursday and till noon Friday.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Weidman United Methodist Church, with burial in Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.

The family has the sympathy of all.

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Obituary

SADIE McNEILL

Mrs. Sadie J. McNeill of Mt. Pleasant died Feb. 25 at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility after a long illness. She was 87.

She was born July 4, 1885, in Gilmore Township, and after her first 30 years she moved to Mt. Pleasant, where she was a former employee of the J. C. Penney store.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Order of Eastern Star, the VFW Auxiliary, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving are a son, Carl, of California; one grandson and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held last week Tuesday in Mt. Pleasant, with burial in the Gilmore Cemetery.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward Marshall Friday afternoon, and were supper guests. They were tapping maple trees in the woods there.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Feb. 25 at the Weidman School. Their children served a lovely dinner and had a beautiful cake with a lighted bell. The cafeteria was decorated very prettily. A nice crowd turned out to wish them many more years.

Diane Blubaugh spent Thursday and Friday over night with Betty Dutcher. The Robert Dutchers called on them Saturday afternoon. Connie and Brenda Methner visited Sunday morning and took Shelly home with them for the day. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyke were Sunday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew visited the Dewey Kirvans of

Barryton Thursday morning.

Chris and Lena Comstock of rural Blanchard were afternoon visitors of the Merrihews.

Mr. and Mrs. John Warner visited the Carl Fitzgeralds Thursday evening.

Irene Wernette of Remus spent Sunday afternoon with Donna Thren and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher visited the Dale Dutchers Thursday afternoon, and they all had supper with the Robert Dutchers of Midland, and attended a trailer and mobile home show at the Civic Center in Saginaw that evening.

Beth Hogg visited the Ervin Dutchers Sunday afternoon. Dick and Patti Dutcher called on them one evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad had Sunday dinner

with the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Butch Hardenburgh was an afternoon caller.

The Robert Dutchers spent Saturday and Sunday with the Clayton Dutchers and the Richard Dutchers. The Garry Dutchers and Jim Dutchers were callers.

Denise Yuncker and Kenny Pung visited me Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Nancy Howard and baby called on the Gatehouse families Saturday.

L. V. Case of Litchfield was a Sunday morning visitor of the Richard Dutchers. The Dutchers called on the Ivan Hineses Tuesday evening. The Dale Dutchers visited us Monday morning.

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Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Burley and children, Kathy and David, of Hazel Park were weekend guests of their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak. Mrs. Deborah Atyeo and son, Danny, of Lansing were also weekend guests of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich report they have a new grandson, born Feb. 28, who answers to the name of Patrick Lee. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown of north Brinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrish and children of Corunna called and had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott Sunday. Judy Abbott spent the weekend with Betty Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Theisen of Mt. Pleasant called on the Ed Olgers Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and Flossie Allen called on Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gott Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Rhynard of Farwell called on Mr. and Mrs. John Gott Sunday evening.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Carl and Ellen Geasler were in Mt. Pleasant Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slupe and family of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Moore called on Eunice La Londe Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen were in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday, where Irene called on her doctor.

The Livermore children have been absent from school with the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Blodgett and daughter called on Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen Saturday.

Helen Strang and Marilyn Fosburg accompanied the Fourth Graders from Chippewa Hills School to Grayling, where they spent the day at the museum.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Metzger of Bailey spent the day Tuesday with Dad and me, in honor of Dad's birthday.

Ray Geasler called on his doctor in Mt. Pleasant one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hyder and boys of Rockford were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Cummings.

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BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 14 TABLES IN PLAY

At the Beal City Senior Citizens' regular card party last Thursday afternoon, there were 14 tables of pepper in play, a better showing than recent afternoons of card playing. Some who had been ill with flu had recovered; but there were still many unable to attend because of illness.

Mae Fussman won first prize for the ladies, with Leah Scharrer second.

Joe Lawens won first for the men, with Isadore Schafer second.

Mary Clark won the pepper prize, Rose Beutler the door prize.

The next card party at the Beal City Knights of Columbus Hall will be Thursday afternoon, March 15. Everyone everywhere is invited.

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"SUN RISE, NOT SUN SET"

Dear Connie:

Maybe sometime you could find room for this article. We will be moving there in June.

He retires the last of May. It isn't much of an article, but it shows the mixed emotions one has at retiring and locating elsewhere, leaving many years, and loved ones, behind. Also having to dispose of many precious possessions that just won't fit in a small retirement home.

Love
Mabel and Bert
Chaffee
Grand Rapids

In about three months we will be moving back to Weidman for our retirement, after living in the city for 32 years.

We were both born and raised in the Weidman area, and I'm very grateful for the farm family into which I was born, and the persons who surrounded my cradle; my pioneer grandfathers, and the little school house; to Leon and Gladys for their love and kindness through my high school days;

And of course I found a particular boy there, who has been the companion of all my dreams and adventures this past 40 years.

And where we kids sought to trace a rainbow after a summer rain. I remember the beautifully blended colors, and how our hearts leaped at the sight of it. This we remember about the place we are coming home to.

We'll miss the grandkids, our neighbors, the stores, and even the noisy city; but sitting on our porch looking out at the river and the beautiful scenery will soon erase any loneliness we may encounter at first.

There are so many things to make life sweet. Like peace and quiet of the country, and chasing rainbows.

By Mabel.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson and Mrs. Marge Mullet were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. David McArthur and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spence and family and Larry's parents, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beutler were Friday even-

ing guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur, for ice cream and cake honoring Ricky's birthday.

Mrs. Gusta Green, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hall of Dearborn and their son, Glenn, from Kalamazoo, where he teaches, spent Friday night with Mrs. Clara Smith and called on Clayton Saturday afternoon. Clayton has been in CMC Hospital for observation and tests.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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was all we needed, on Weidman Day--just extra hands.

Later hard workers were (if we may say so) Connie Roe, Flossie Davy, Evelyn Hackney, Frances Tranbarger, Jim Palmer, among others.

Besides getting a public park for Weidman, and the Fire Department, we got the first Christmas decorations for the town.

That's how we used to work, in the WBA. Will today's young merchants, many living away from Weidman, have the nerve and patience to serve the town in which they're making

money?

Or will the WBA just die a quiet death?

There were exactly four members at the last meeting of the Weidman Business Association.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler called Saturday on Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Patterson at Eight Point Lake. They also called on Mrs. Joan Hummel.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler called on her mother, Mrs. Jim Cornell, Sunday, at Gladwin.

Mrs. Laura Latham visited Mrs. Pearl Geasler Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Bobbie Worth spent the weekend at her home, from her studies at Mid-Michigan College.

Mrs. Hattie Mahon and Mrs.

Pat Lamp, Dick Mahon and Paul Cole made a trip to Sault Ste. Marie Saturday, to pick up Mrs. Mahon's son's belongings at the college there.

John Geasler and daughter, Kay, and a couple of her girl friends spent the weekend at their cabin.

Raymond Geasler spent Monday and Tuesday at his cabin.

Hilda Sampson had tooth extractions Friday.

Tony Masachuk and several friends from Detroit spent the weekend at his farm.

Albert Geasler called on his cousin, Ray Geasler, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mossell and Dickie and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma spent the weekend in Vassar, with the latter's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing. The Mossells returned to their home in South

Bend Sunday evening.

Roy Donnelly spent several days at his farm.

Those helping little Melissa Mahon celebrate her birthday Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa, and the Paul Coles and Velma.

Florence Badgley and Alvin Wood were married Saturday, Feb. 24, at the parsonage of the Gilmore Church of Christ.

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NEWS NOTES

Visitors during the week at the Russell Stanley home were Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Hampton and daughter, Mrs. Emory Wall, of Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. James Irwin of Rosebush, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phenix and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and Donna of Beal City.

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