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Editor's Column

By Connie

YES, WE READ THE TRANSCRIPTS OF THE TAPES

So yes, we have read newspaper excerpts of the Nixon-edited transcripts of tape-recordings of conversations between Mr. Nixon and his insiders at the White House at the time the Water-gate mess was emerging;

And yes, we were appalled at the contents. The conversations, even as edited by the White House, seemed to us the conversations of a gang determined to "keep the stopper in the bottle," as Mr. Nixon put it, at all costs.

This is not our chosen image of the President of the United States.

Aside from the language of the conversations, which is not at all complimentary to the status of a President of the United States, their conversations seem to us to be nothing more than ordinary conniving among a gang in power, determined to keep their power at all costs.

Time and the Congress will determine the outcome.

But the American people will never again have blind faith in any President, in our opinion.

Nixon is not the only President to degrade the office. His predecessors, from FDR on down, have connived with their own insiders; but not on the schemings of raw power.

That's what scares the bejabers out of the majority of Americans who voted Nixon into the White House. *****

So our Jim Hughes of Radio Station WCEN in Mt. Pleasant told the Detroit Free Press all about the town of Seney in the Upper Peninsula--we see by the Free Press.

Nice going, Jim.

One of the nicest things that has happened to us recently was the gift of real, honest-to-goodness Florida fruit brought us by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clarke of the Walker Creek area.

Two of the biggest grapefruit we've ever seen, and half a dozen real tree-ripened Florida

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KIDS PICK UP 1500 POUNDS OF ROADSIDE LITTER--Along the Coldwater Road from Baseline Road to the south, up to the Weidman school house, Saturday. Above, ten-year-old Traci Osborn stands beside the two-ton dump truck her father loaned for the cleanup work. Gary Gatehouse drove the truck, while kids age eight to 14 along the area route pitched in, with the help of Weidman Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. The Cub Scouts hosted a picnic dinner at noon at the pavilion in Mitchell Memorial Park.

The youngsters worked from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. to gather up the truckload of trash along Coldwater Road.

Other groups of Cubs and Boy Scouts did cleanup work in the village of Weidman and its environs.

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NEWS NOTES
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey, Mrs. Choice Foster and Bessie Price of Mt. Pleasant went to Sanford to visit Ina Gillett Sunday. She was reported as improving after a recent stroke.



MMMM--Good! That's what the Weidman Methodist Men's soups are, mmm-good! (Of course, their wives make the soups from prized family recipes; but the men do a superb job of serving it up. Saturday evening's Spring Soup Supper at the Weidman United Methodist Church drew the usual huge crowd of enthusiastic supper guests, from here and also from all around us. Saturday's attendance was among the best of any since the Methodist Men (and their gifted wives) started putting on soup suppers.

Messenger photo

Men in Uniform

Here's the address for Adra Reed, who enlisted recently in the Armed Services:

Pvt. Adra B. Reed, [redacted]
Plt. 2041, G Co., 2nd RTR Bn.
San Diego, Calif. 92140.

Adra is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Reed of rural Weidman.

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WEIDMAN NOW HAS STREET SIGNS

For the first time in its 80 years of platted life, the village of Weidman has spic and span new street signs up for all our platted streets, throughout the town.

Now we can tell exactly where we are, and strangers looking for a local family's residence can find it with the help of the new signs.

The signs were placed recently, and were a result of a suggestion to the Isabella County Road Commission by the Weidman Lions Club.

We look real good.

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NEW SERVICE STATION OPENS IN WEIDMAN

Mr. and Mrs. John (Jack) Theisen of Beal City have opened a Mobil service station here, in the building formerly occupied as a station, at the four-corner intersection of streets in downtown Weidman.

The young couple are leasing the property from Allen Marshall, and have completely renovated the interior (and exterior, too), with clean-up, paint-up jobs and come up with a spic and span service station with a Mobil gas sign out front.

(Many oil companies pulled their brand signs out earlier in the year, so it looks good to see a brand name again.)

The young Theisens opened for business last Wednesday in their spotless and attractive new station.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Starks (Nancy Adams) of Grand Rapids, a daughter, Debbie Sue, weighing nine pounds, eight ounces. She has two sisters, Karen and Amy, at home. Mrs. Helen Adams and Roy Adams are the proud maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Clenard Starks are the proud paternal grandparents.

Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dosenberry from Indiana spent the weekend with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry. Harry's sister, Mrs. Mary Cluchy, of Rodney, was a Monday visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow enjoyed dinner Friday evening at the Texan restaurant in Mt. Pleasant. The Conleys went with Gerald and Mabel Debt Sunday to visit the George Loomis family at New Era.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed and family spent last weekend visiting relatives in Lansing and Grass Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and family. Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hartzler and family were Sunday evening visitors. Sunday morning callers were Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens.

Scott Wilcox spent Monday night with the Schrocks' son, Philip.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Adams at Mecosta. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son were Saturday callers at the Leiter home. Other visitors during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leiter of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller. Mrs. Bonnie Forbes and children were Tuesday supper guests at the Portenga home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill hosted a birthday supper Monday evening for their son, Kenny, who celebrated his 11th birthday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy and family of Grant Center and Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis, and enjoyed ice cream and cake with them, in honor of Ward's birthday. Mrs. Skalitzky called on her sister, Kate, at Big Rapids Monday morning, and was a luncheon guest. Ruby Douglas was a Monday afternoon visitor at the Skalitzky home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot and family. Visitors during the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were last Monday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons, and Elwood plowed their garden for them. Their weekend visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Ted Goodstell and sister from Fenwick. Eddie John was ill with sore throat one day.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and children, Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mrs. Mary Strait were Sunday guests of the Mack Denslows.

Kenny Oplinger returned home Thursday evening from Florida.

Mrs. Myrl Scott of near Evart and Mrs. Pauline Schutt and son and boy friend of Cadillac were Saturday luncheon guests of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins.

Mrs. Opal Denslow, Mrs. Margaret Denslow, Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Flora Wood attended dedication services at the Weidman Nazarene Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Marshall and family were Saturday supper guests of the Benn Johnson family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family were Thursday guests of her parents, the Gerald Dents. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children were Saturday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Dent were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kitt of Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis at New Era.

My callers last week were Mrs. Grace Fitzgerald, Mrs. Bessie Price and Mrs. Ardis Merrihew and Mrs. Lois Losey.

Mrs. Iva Staley of Hartland, a suburb of Pontiac, was a Thursday guest of Mrs. Flora Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were Lansing callers Monday.

Bill Thompson attended a broadcast award banquet at Valley View at Shepherd Friday evening.

Harold and Lois Losey were Monday evening callers at the Charlie Losey home. Floyd Dutcher was also a Monday caller. Mrs. Violet Oplinger was a Wednesday afternoon visitor. Ira Leiter was a Thursday caller. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey, Mrs. Dan Lorenz and Danny and Mrs. Bessie Price were Saturday afternoon callers. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Sunday evening visitors. Patti Losey also called Sunday evening. Nancy Losey called Saturday evening.

(I had a notion to say Merry Christmas to start out my news, Connie. Ha.)

(Ed's note; Well, it almost looked like a white Christmas early Monday morning, Jessie!)

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Mrs. Lucille Smith was hostess to dinner Monday at the White Wagon Restaurant in Rosebush, honoring the 18th birthday of her son, Jim. Her guests were Jim; and her mother, Mrs. Leah Scharrer and Miss Chris Renshaw of Barryton.

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Card of Thanks

I want to heartily thank Dr.
Shurlow and all his staff at the
Clare Hospital for their care
and consideration while I was
a patient there;

I do thank all my relatives
and friends who remembered
me with cards, flowers, and
their visits to me.

May God bless you.

Loretta Lorenz

Card of Thanks

I want to express my heartfelt
appreciation for all the cards
and calls while I was in the
hospital;

Especially my good friends
and neighbors who helped me
in my initial illness, and who
got me to the hospital.

I am deeply grateful to you.

Edna Schultz

WANTED--Old or spoiled hay.
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or 644-3454.

May 9t1

Obituary

HOWARD HASKINS

Howard Haskins of Barryton
died at 7 a.m. Tuesday morn-
ing, May 7, in the Big Rapids
Community Hospital, after an
illness of some duration. He
had been a patient at the hos-
pital a little over a week.

He was born Nov. 18, 1900,
in Coldwater Township (Brin-
ton), and was a lifelong resi-
dent of this area and Barryton.

He was 73.

He is survived by his wife,
Beulah; a son, Howard, Jr.,
of Miami, Florida; a daughter,
Mrs. John (Emaline) Waddell,
of Traverse City; four sisters,
Mrs. Etha Oberlin of Fort My-
ers, Florida, Mrs. Florence
Hutchinson of Battle Creek,
Mrs. Ella Adams of Lake, and
Mrs. Clarabel Brown of Sagi-
naw; and 11 grandchildren and
six great-grandchildren.

He also leaves other relatives,
including cousins, among whom
is Mrs. Emma Middlesworth of
Weidman.

Funeral services were set for
Thursday afternoon at 2 from
the Daggett Funeral Home in
Barryton, with Rev. Isaac Say-
ers officiating. Burial will be
in the East Fork Cemetery at
Barryton.

The family have the sympathy
of their many friends.

REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS 11 TABLES IN PLAY

At the April 30 card party at
the Oddfellow Hall in Weid-
man, there were 11 tables of
pepper in play.

Marge Mullet won high-score
prize for the ladies, with Bar-
ney Gallagher winning high for
the men.

Esther Stanley won the pepper
prize. Floyd Dutcher won low.
Nina Forbes won the door prize.

The next party in Weidman
will be at the Oddfellows Hall
May 14.

All are welcome to attend.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Edna Schultz returned
home from CMC Hospital Mon-
day of this week, after spend-
ing a week there for respiratory
difficulties.

Marge Mullet and Nina Forbes
as representatives attended the
District No. 20 meeting of Re-
bekahs at Farwell IOOF Hall
last Thursday, May 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson
and Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullet
spent Friday evening with Nina
Forbes.

Mrs. James Noe enjoyed a two-
day visit at her home here the
weekend, from her sojourn at
the Isabella County Medical
Care Facility.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McAr-
thur attended the Patty Watson-
Kevin Swan wedding at First
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ant Saturday evening.

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Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kalassa are on a business trip to Florida. Mrs. Ella Cox was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Leona Courser.

Mrs. Choice Foster, Mrs. Besie Price and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey visited Mrs. Ina Gillett at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stevens in Sanford Sunday.

The Chippewa Freshman Band won first place at their concert given in Muskegon Saturday. Beth Lynn Krueger was a participant.

Carl Keanaman and friend, Chris Brown, of Dearborn, visited Carl's aunt and uncle, the Jack Lieders, Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening callers. Mrs. Lovica Krueger was a Saturday overnight guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Smith took a trip to Cadillac and Manton Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Nichols and children and Mr. and Mrs. Fubshop of Saginaw were Thursday guests of the Chris Larsons.

Mrs. Ray Flaughner celebrated her birthday Friday with her sisters, Millie, Laura, Doris and Rosena, and Mrs. Richard Flaughner, Mrs. Ron and Mrs. Ralph Flaughner, John Sheldon, Jr., and Mrs. Florence Maxon as guests.

Roderick Nicholson spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blackmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Myers of Mt. Pleasant visited Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar Sunday.

Herman Cook was admitted to CMC Hospital Thursday with a heart condition. He was in the intensive care unit.

Ray Flaughner returned to his work at Ferris State College after being laid up with a leg injury for several weeks.

Mrs. Emily Martin and Mrs. Mina Garrett visited Mrs. Ruth Keysor of Midland Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keysor and family of Saginaw were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett and family.

Wednesday evening Mrs. Harry Allen attended the Ingham County Extension's annual banquet at Okemos, honoring the Phillipp's 12 Extension Club for 25 years, which Mrs. Allen helped to organize.

Friday Howard Jackson of Mt. Pleasant and Harry and Louise Allen stopped in Middleville, picked up Mr. and Mrs. Russell Solomon and attended the sales in Shipshewana, Ind.

Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kraus of Lansing spent the night with the Allens. Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sandborn of Lansing called. Sunday

Misses Patti and Beth Losey and Tim Jackson and Harry and Louise Allen attended the Michigan Draft Horse Picnic and Field Day at Harry Hughes' place in Allegan.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Loretta Lorenz returned home from the Clare Hospital last Wednesday, after a 12-day stay for treatment of infection of sinuses and complete checkup. She got along fine, and is glad to be home.

Monday morning it looked like winter returned to this area, with snow.

Eddie Sherlock celebrated his fourth birthday this week. Happy Birthday, Eddie!

Last week we had a family meeting at the home of Al and Ruth Klumpp. We went over with Bob and Renelda Klumpp. Norm and Viola Schafer of Shepherd and Russ and Pauline Klumpp of Remus were also there.

Thursday Ruth Klumpp and I made a business trip to Shepherd.

Victor Eismann is home again, after suffering a heart attack and spending a few days in the hospital.

Ruth Sherlock worked last week for the Planteroths in Mt. Pleasant.

Lynn Schafer rode her horse in the parade at the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival.

Sorry about no news last week, as I have had the flu. Still am not feeling too good.

Ed Schafer painted the bathroom at the home of Connie Skinner in Weidman Monday afternoon.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan of Flint were Sunday callers of Mrs. Emily Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan of Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirvan of Remus were callers through the

week.

Mrs. Ruth Momany spent Sunday at the home of her son, the Ross Momany, of rural Big Rapids. Her granddaughters brought her home late Sunday night.



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Dora Smith, Reporter

Dee Lawens, Charlotte Weber and Mae Fussman celebrated the birthday of Monica Grinzinger Monday afternoon.

Thelma Kolarik reports she was thrilled to shake the hand of Gov. Milliken Friday evening, when the Governor was in Mt. Pleasant (at the University) at a weekend meeting of Michigan newsmen. The Governor was guest speaker at the Friday evening dinner. "He's much handsomer than his photos show," Thelma said, "and real friendly and just plain nice."

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lorenz and family all entertained company celebrating First Communion in their families Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Rau, Ginger and Debbie Rau, Louise, Ann and Dora Smith went to Reed City Sunday to visit Arnold and Nora Simmer. Arnold was home from the hospital, up and around and feeling pretty good but appeared thin.

Mrs. Matilda Starr of Mt. Pleasant recently returned from a tour of the Southwest. Her trip included 11 different states. She got to visit with her sister in New Mexico, and had a wonderful trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lorenz are the proud parents of a baby

girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gross called on Mike Gross and Mrs. Leo Gross Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith and family spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen and Theresa Smith. Ronald was best man for Douglas Elias' marriage Saturday.

Paul Smith and family of Fenton spent the weekend with Irene and the John Smith family in Beal City.

Douglas Elias was married at 5 p. m. in the Beal City church Saturday afternoon.

Several from here attended the wedding of Frank Tilmann Friday evening in Reed City. Frank is the son of Doris Tilmann.

We had a freeze Monday night. Tillie Schafer was a Sunday dinner and afternoon guest of her son, Walter, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp spent Sunday with the Norman Schafer family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer spent Sunday evening with Louise Smith. Rose Grinzinger called on Tillie Schafer and Louise Smith Saturday.

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Mrs. Karen Donley and Kim and Scott and Mrs. Emma Middlesworth returned last Wednesday after a three weeks' vacation in Florida. Emma visited Etha Oberlin in Fort Myers, while Karen and her children visited her parents, the Gerald Middlesworths, at Bradenton.

Callers of Mrs. Grace Pitts were Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook of Gilmore, and Mrs. Lawrence Dell of Littlefield Lake, and Cheryl Pitts of Lansing. Darryl and Darcy Pitts were Tuesday

supper guests of Mrs. Pitts. Mrs. Elaine Esterline of Farwell was a Friday dinner guest. Mrs. Pitts was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Ruth Pitts of Mt. Pleasant, and spent the afternoon.



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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

4-H CLUB TO HAVE**ACHIEVEMENT DAY MAY 11**

The Brinton Busy Bees 4-H Club will have an Achievement Day May 11 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the Brinton Town Hall.

Parents and friends of the community are cordially invited to attend and examine the exhibits.

Coffee and donuts will be served.

A group of ladies gathered Saturday evening and helped Elizabeth Conley celebrate her birthday, with ice cream and cake. Mrs. Conley was surprised by her two sisters, Josephine Waid and Minnie Wassenschmidt, and Anna Kessel, who arrived with the birthday celebration. Many Happy Returns of the Day, Elizabeth!

Evelyn Slupe and family of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher, Jr., of Farwell attended the wedding of Arlene Sisco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sisco, at Beal City Saturday, and attended the reception in the evening at the K. C. Hall in Beal City.

Helen Strang and Emice La Londe were Mt. Pleasant shoppers Friday evening.

The neighbors and friends are pleased to see Madelyn La Londe home from the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant, where she has been convalescing from a broken hip.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fields and family of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with their mother, Sarah Fields, and uncle, Alfred Bartley.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Zena Olger is home, and her sister, Myrtle Decker, of

Oxford, is staying with her. We are glad to have her home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham called on Mrs. Laura Latham Saturday afternoon. Laura and her other sisters helped Minnie Flaughner celebrate her birthday Thursday.

Mrs. Viola Wright took her daughter, Kay Aldrich, to the beauty shop at Lake Isabella for a permanent on her birthday, then her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright, took the family, Max, Kay and Kelly, out for dinner Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich of Lansing were also in the party.

We called on our doctor in Clare Friday afternoon. Wanda Graham took us. Dick Gott called Saturday and took his Dad home with him, and I attended the annual meeting of the Regular Baptist Children's Home Saturday afternoon.

Albert Gott of Winn called on us Sunday, and took us for a ride in the North. Leona Gott was working.

Wanda Graham called and took me to Weidman Monday morning of this week.

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the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School, 20 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

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JIM HUGHES ROUNDS OUT HIS YEAR AS TROUT KING

Jim Hughes, news director of Radio Station WCEN at Mt. Pleasant, rounded out his year's reign as National Trout King April 27 when he crowned Don Ingle of Baldwin as the 1974 National Trout King at Kalkaska during the annual Trout Festival there.

Jim had reigned, with the Trout Queen, during innumerable parades and celebrations in Michigan towns throughout the year.

Ingle is a free-lance writer and broadcaster. His queen is Jean Cassidy of Gladwin, who

received her crown March 30. Both are expected to attend the Farm Bureau Women's smorgasbord during Michigan Week, at Mt. Pleasant.

In a fishing contest at the trout festival, Robert Juhnke, brother of Dr. L. W. Juhnke of Mt. Pleasant, caught a five-pound trout and was first-prize winner.

This was Jim Hughes' ninth consecutive year of attendance at the National Trout Festival at Kalkaska, covering for Radio Station WCEN.

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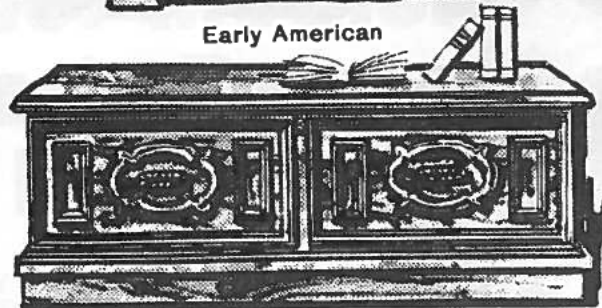
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Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon and Paul Cole made a business trip to Barryton Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan visited the Coles Wednesday afternoon. Paul Cole did some work for Dr. McArthur Monday and Tuesday last week.

Tony Masachuk spent a few days at his farm. Tom Cole spent several days at his farm. He reports that Mrs. Cole has not been feeling well. Tom is touring Michigan showing pictures of blind skiers in Colorado, and other activities of the blind. The Masonic Lodge is sponsor of the project. Tom held a meeting in Mt. Pleasant for the Lions Club Thursday evening. He also held one in Lowell the last of the week. He also brought the pictures here and showed them to his cousin, Velma Cole, who enjoyed them very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa also enjoyed the pictures at the Cole home, seeing that the blind can do those things. Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Pfarmnes spent the weekend in Flint with their son-in-law and daughter and family. Tony Masachuk visited his father and brother and family at Ludington Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfarmnes called on the Paul Coles Friday. Dan Kripa returned home from CMC Hospital Friday.

Darrel Worth started work as assistant manager at School Section Lake Friday. He spent several nights with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth. Miss Bobbie Worth has moved home with her parents for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bonger, and brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Sunday.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were early Mother's Day dinner, guests of the Ronnie Sprague family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family attended the Mt. Pleasant Lions Club chicken dinner at Island Park.

Mrs. Ida Bazaire is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Thelma Baxter, at Chipewa Lake.

Mrs. Audrey Bushree is home from the Ann Arbor Hospital, where she had surgery on her ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell attended the funeral of his brother, George Louisell, at Elk Rapids, Tuesday.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and Debbie, Cindy and Susie of Pontiac spent the weekend with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Ervin and Goldie Dutcher visited Clara Smith at Kelsey Hospital in Lakeview, who celebrated her 91st birthday May 1. They visited her the 28th of April.

The Dale Dutchers of Mt. Pleasant called on us Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen of rural Midland spent the weekend with the Robert Dutcher family.

Julia Dutcher spent last Tuesday visiting her folks and grandmother near Midland.

Alma Dosenberry, Claribel Beutler and Marion and Mary Beutler attended an Eastern Star meeting at Blanchard last Thursday.

The Howard Beutlers attended the soup supper put on by the Methodist Men at Weidman Saturday night.

Howard Beutler and children took Marion out for birthday dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald visited the Eldon Thompsons of Mecosta Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wernette of Greenville visited the Brian Dutchers Sunday. They all called on the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family in the afternoon.

The Jack Dutchers visited the Ervin Dutchers Sunday evening, on their way home.

Callers during the week at our house were Tim and Randy Yuncker, Richard and Patti Dutcher, Garry Dutcher and children, Robert and Rex Dutcher, the Jim Dutchers, and Rusty Alwood.

Kim and Shelley Dutcher visited Patti Dutcher Sunday afternoon.

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JIM SMITH MAKING GOOD WITH HIS DRUMS

Jim Smith appeared Friday evening with the well-known Western singer, Dave Dudley, from Nashville, Tenn., at the Edgewood Gardens in Owosso. His mother, Mrs. Lucille Smith, accompanied him to Owosso. His brother, Roger Smith, and wife, of Flint, also were present. Jim and his mother spent Friday night with the Rogers Smiths, returning home Saturday morning. Jim will play his drums next month at the Democratic convention in Grand Rapids.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Alton Allen spent Friday night at the home of her son, Rev. Carl Allen, and family, of Midland, and attended a Mother-Daughter Banquet. Rev. Carl has been on a missionary trip to Barbados Islands, returning home Tuesday of this week.

Editor's Column

By Connie

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oranges. Yummy.

You can't beat those Florida grapefruit for juice and flavor, and likewise the oranges.

You can't beat the Clarkes, either, for honest-to-goodness friendship and just plain love for people. They're tops. They have a summer home on Walker Creek which they dearly love, and they spend winters in Florida. They got back last week and found everything at their Michigan place okay-- "Just like we left it," Mrs. Clarke said gratefully.

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RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA TRIP AND VISIT WITH FOLKS

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague returned home Saturday from a trip to California.

They left here April 19, heading west, accompanied by Gary's sister, Catherine Schumacher, of Lansing.

They visited the Spragues' daughter, Mrs. Jerry Bazaire, and family; and saw the sights at Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, and went down to Tijuana in Mexico. They fished in the Pacific Ocean, and thoroughly enjoyed the California climate.

May 1 they flew to Kansas City, Kansas, where their son, Mike, met them (he's stationed at Fort Riley nearby), and they spent from Wednesday till Friday afternoon with him.

They visited the Eisenhower Museum and Library, and other notable places.

While in California they visited Gary's sister, Dollie Bower, whose son and wife took her to the Sprague's daughter Sally's home in Santa Ana.

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RETURN FROM 10-DAY EUROPEAN TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts are home from their 10-day European trip, sponsored by their insurance company. They arrived at the Detroit airport a 5.45 Saturday afternoon, and stayed over night at the home of Yvonne's brother, Gerald McArthur, in Wixom, then had dinner with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Apple, in Lansing, before coming on home. They report that Paris in the spring this year was cold and rainy, but beautiful, with trees in bloom according to tradition. They spent four days in London, crossing the English Channel in a hovercraft. They experienced a bus accident on their way to the Channel when a car behind them rammed the bus, scattering glass over occupants. The Pittses were not among those injured.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kurtz of Doster, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert of Brinton

Road, with callers Mrs. Ronnie Reynolds and three children of Lansing, Mrs. Patrick Leiter and Michael Knipfer and two

children of Big Rapids. Gene Taylor of Bentley spent three days last week with his sister, Mrs. Leila Shook.

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