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Editor's Column

By Connie

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE NEXT MONDAY, JUNE 11

Don't forget to go and vote in the Chippewa Hills school election next Monday, June 11. We have had no word from school officials, but the polls usually are open from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m.

Taxpayers in Isabella County, in the Chippewa Hills District, will vote at the Weidman school.

Questions of great importance to the taxpaying public include the proposition for a super swimming pool in the high school, which proposition we snowed under in recent years.

Also a proposal for a bonding debt of four and two-tenths million dollars, to build the swimming pool, build another new school, a "middle" school, and renovate and repair existing buildings in Weidman, Barryton, Remus and Mecosta.

We are already in debt for two and eight-tenths million dollars for the new high school. With a relatively high interest rate on the bonds sold, we will be paying about double that amount, or nearly six million dollars by the time the debt is paid off. Interest on amounts in millions doubles the debt in 28 years.

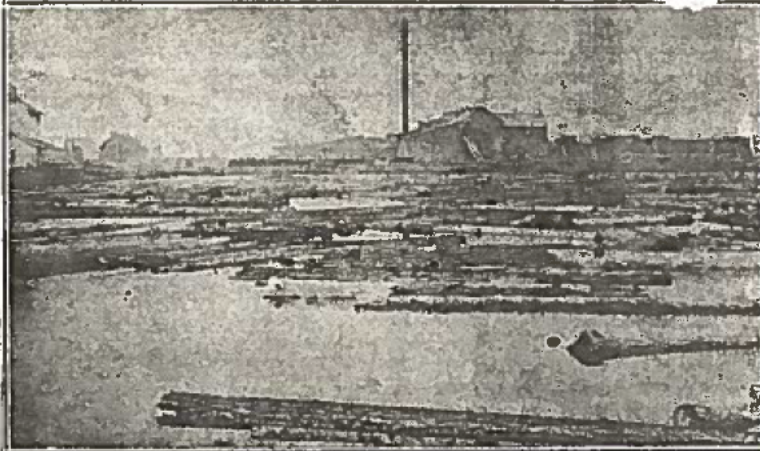
We believe that good schools can be maintained and operated without fancy new buildings; we need buildings adequate for the learning process of students, but we don't need ornate one-story buildings which have been a rich harvest for school-building architects. (Our kids can no longer walk up even one flight of stairs; all new school buildings are of necessity ground-floor-only designs.) (Heating and cooling costs are thus doubled, or thereabouts, but the architects are happy.)

Land owners (taxpayers) will be facing uncounted numbers of voters with no financial stakes in the outcome of next Monday's election in the Chippewa Hills District.

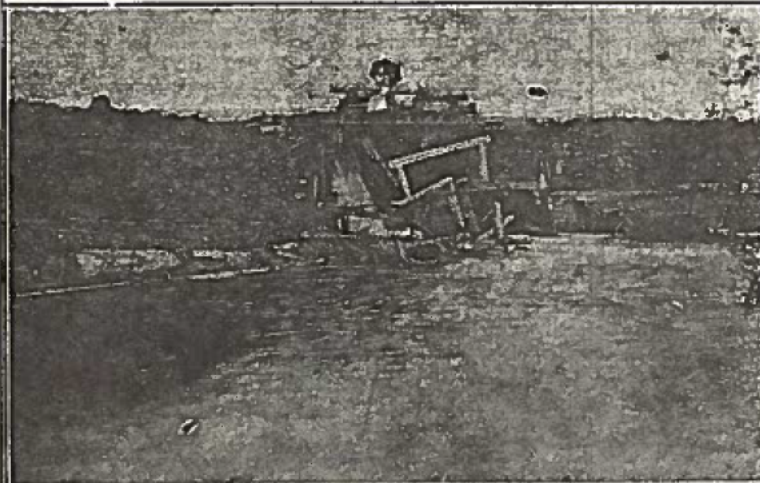
It is important to every land owner (taxpayer) resident of the school district to get out and vote next Tuesday, June 11.

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Rev. and Mrs. Albert Williams of near Perry were Saturday over night and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen.



THE WEIDMAN MILL POND--1894, showing John S. Weidman's sawmill on the west bank, and the reasons for creating the Pond in the first place--logs floating in the water, waiting for sawing into lumber.



JOHN'S. WEIDMAN'S FIRST DAM--At the Weidman Mill Pond. Obviously, it was of wood construction, and crudely made--but it held back water, which was its function.



TODAY, LAKE WEIDMAN--A recreational land development. In John S. Weidman's time--and indeed long after--the word "recreation" may have been in the English language, but it was not in the vocabularies of most of the people of this country. John S. Weidman built the Weidman Mill Pond as a servicer for his sawmill. Today it is a beautiful lake, with subdivisions, and a future as a recreation spot.

Men in Uniform

Here are two new addresses:
2nd Lt. Thomas A. Straus, [redacted]
PSC Box 55399, Mather
AFB, Calif. 95655.

Harold D. Straus R. M. 3, USS
Oriskany, CVA 34, CR Div.,
FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96601.

The men are the sons of Mr.
and Mrs. Steve Straus of rural
Weidman.

Born to Sgt. and Mrs. Leroy
Holton of Killeen, Texas, a
daughter, arriving May 22. She
weighed five pounds, 14 1/2
ounces, and has been named
Kimberly Jean. She has a young
brother at home. She is a grand-
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis
Loomis. Mrs. Holton is the for-
mer Vada Loomis.

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MRS. PAULINE BOGE
CELEBRATED HER 88TH
BIRTHDAY APRIL 28

Mrs. Pauline Boge of Mt. Pleasant, formerly of Beal City, was honored on her 88th birthday anniversary, April 28, with a family dinner party at Falsetta's Casa Nova in Mt. Pleasant.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Louis (Albina) Rau, Mrs. Clarice Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest (Henrietta) Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Leona) Pasch, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn (Edna) Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Boge.

Joseph Boge of Flat Rock and Mrs. Marian Trager of Traverse City were unable to attend.

Mrs. Boge's many friends in this area will join in wishing her Many More Happy Birthdays!

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Mr. and Mrs. Junior McArthur of Brighton spent the weekend with relatives here.

TROUT FESTIVAL KING AND QUEEN IN PARADES

Trout Festival King Jim Hughes of Radio Station WCEN and Queen Roberta Centilli of Houghton Lake rode in the parade during the Bass Festival at Mancelona Saturday.

The King and Queen of Trout, Nationally, are tentatively scheduled to participate in four parades during July: At Lake City, Traverse City, Gaylord and Charlevoix. One also is scheduled in Manton in September.

The Trout Queen will be a National Cherry Queen contestant the last of this month. She will be a Miss Michigan contestant next year.

"I'm not a contestant for King," Jim Hughes said in a telephone conversation Monday.

In Mancelona the pair rode in a white Cadillac convertible owned by Bill Ford, a gas station owner at Kalkaska. Ford told Trout King Hughes, "We'll make a team of it--use this same car in all parades--and I'll try to keep it out of wrecks."

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter attended an Open House at their son's department at the Dow Chemical Company in Midland last week. They were Memorial Day guests of their son, Russell, and family of Midland. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaughter and family were Saturday guests of the folks.

Mr. and Mrs. William Forbes of Brinton and Roderick Nicholson were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Ron Sandelius entered school Monday for a week's training at Weil McLain, Michigan City, Ind., in the field of heating systems. It is in connection with his position at Richards Manufacturing Company in Grand Rapids.

Visitors of Mrs. Nettie Crowley Thursday were Mrs. Paul Lueder and Mrs. E. R. Rhode.

Mrs. Bea Adams and Mrs. E. R. Rhode were Friday afternoon guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder were evening visitors of Mrs. Rhode and Harold.

Violet and Gary Smith spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Leona Courser. Mrs. Courser called on Mrs. Ella Cox Sunday. Mrs. Cox returned to her home Saturday, after staying some time with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Marshall.

Monday guests of Mrs. Courser were her brother, Fred Woodruff, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Woodruff.

Mrs. Nettie Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lynch attended a surprise birthday party for Mrs.

Thelma Pyrett of rural Weidman. Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook had their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear and children, at their place for Sunday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Borders of Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fiorillo and Mrs. Choice Foster visited Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch at their cottage at Indian Dam near Lake City Sunday.

Miles Loomis entered CMC Hospital last Monday suffering a heart attack. He was still in the intensive care unit the first of this week.

Mrs. Eva Denslow and Blanche Carr visited Mrs. Edith Essenberg in CMC Hospital and Mrs. Howard Monroe at the Extended Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant Thursday.

The C. M. B. Club meets with Mrs. Burton Ward Thursday, June 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin attended the wedding of Miss Judy Moody and Gary Metzger at Dowling, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett have a new grandson, Joshua Richard, born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Updyke.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder visited from Friday till Sunday at the home of Frank Lueder and family in Milford. They also visited other relatives in Detroit.

Mrs. Etta Bellinger and son, Clinton, were Monday callers of Blanche Carr.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

See by the paper that our subscription is again due. Thought we would be up that way and stop in, but so much rain, we haven't gone very far away.

Hope you are keeping well. Carl is doing just fine, for me not too good. But what can one expect when you reach my age?

Thought the picture in last week's paper of Dr. Rondot was very good. He stayed with us one summer, and then went from here to Canada.

Hope to see you soon. Carl and Clara Grewett Mt. Pleasant

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Local Items

Mrs. Helen Smith and Mrs. Ula Cummins attended a wedding shower honoring Steve Johnson and his bride Saturday evening at the Barryton Senior Citizens Hall. The Weidman ladies went to Lakeview Sunday afternoon and called on a friend at the hospital there, who was in serious condition. Mesdames Claribel, Marion

and Mary Beutler, Nina Forbes and Alma Dosenberry attended a dinner and reception at

Clare Tuesday evening honoring OES Grand Committeewoman Nancy Eisenhower.

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June 7t1p

SCHOOL ELECTION JUNE 11

HOBBY EXHIBITORS
Arts and Crafts, Antiques, Stamps and Coins, Jewelry, Fishing Flies, etc., for Hobby Show at Weidman United Methodist Church
SATURDAY, JUNE 30
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Notice

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Nottawa Township Board will be held at the Nottawa Township Hall Friday, June 8, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of discussing feasibility studies for a proposed sewer system for the Village of Beal City.
Bernard Rau
Nottawa Township Clerk

FLEA MARKET--Every Saturday at Broomfield Grange Hall yard, with dinners from 12 to 3 p. m., also home made ice cream. Located corner M-20 and Coldwater Road.
June 7tf

FOR SALE--Four girls' bicycles. Leona Buchel, ph. 644-3508.
June 7t1p

FOR SALE--Two-bedroom house on Coldwater River. Two built-in beds in one bedroom. Carpeted throughout except utility. Large lot. Good fishing and swimming. Edward J. Schafer, 5678 W. Jordan Road, Weidman, Mich. Land contract. tf

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Mar29tf

Weidman Messenger

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Obituary

GEORGE MERRIHEW

George Merrihew died Sunday, June 3, at Kelsey Memorial Hospital in Lakeview, following a stroke. He was 88 years old.

He was born Dec. 26, 1884, in St. Johns, and came to Sherman Township with his parents, Elmer and Victoria Merrihew, when he was four years old. He lived his entire life on the Merrihew farm which his parents homesteaded, retiring only a few years ago.

Orrie was the first child of the Elmer Merrihews born on the Sherman Township farm. His brother Otto was born here, and died at Camp Custer in World War I. His brother Orrie was also born here, and died in October of 1971.

George was loved and respected by all who knew him, and his passing leaves a sense of loss in many hearts.

He is survived by his wife, Edna; three sons, Theron of Rosebush, Gale of Clio, and Roland of Taylor; three daughters, Mrs. Letha Chaffee of rural Weidman, Mrs. Zelpha Small of Smith Creek, and Mrs. Audrey Stanley of Mt. Morris; one brother, Theodore, of rural Farwell; three sisters, Mrs. Edith Neelands of Pontiac, Mrs. Lena Comstock of Lansing, and Miss Eva Merrihew of Leaton; and four stepchildren, 26 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were scheduled for 2 p. m. Wednesday from the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with burial in the Forest Hill Cemetery at Hor.

The family have the sincere sympathy of their many friends.

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank Rev. and Mrs. Lynch and all the ministers who called on Gary while he was in the hospital.

Thanks to everyone who sent flowers and cards; for all the special prayer groups and the personal prayers.

We really appreciate the long hours our relatives spent at the hospital, waiting with us.

To our children and their families, we just thank God for all the love and comfort you have given us.

May God bless every one of you.

Gary and Lucinda Sprague

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the persons who helped make our Memorial Day parade a success.

We wish to especially thank these following business places for their donations toward the prize money for the contest held before the parade:

Dick's Car Wash, Isabella Sport Center, Barb's Beauty Shop, Loomis Service, Idle Hour Bar, Marshall's Garage, D & R Drive In, The Flower Shop, Weidman, Vic's Service Station, Abbott's Furniture, Mick's Barber Shop, Clark's Grocery, Weidman Beauty Shop, Weidman Rexall Pharmacy, Bader Milling Co., Baumann's IGA, Bud's Party Store, Fox Hardware, Allen Lumber, Family Restaurant, Weidman Messenger, Walt's Bait Shop, Sides' Laundromat, Navarre's Beauty Shop, Weaver's Tavern, McArthur Insurance Agency.

Our thanks to Rev. Marvin Eldridge and Rev. John Wright for their contributions.

Also Ernie Davy's Greenhouse for his flowers for the Veterans' Memorial, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen for their show of horses and wagon; Lake Isabella Riding Stables for displaying their horses; and as always, our deepest gratitude for the Color Guard from Barryton, who are our right-hand men.

Many thanks for the Eighth Grade Chippewa Hills Band and their instructor, Mr. Anderson.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Losey
Lucille Smith.

Card of Thanks

I wish to offer special thanks to everyone who remembered me in their prayers, cards and gifts, while I was in the hospital.

Also special thanks to those who visited me.

Monica Parker

Local Items

Mrs. Lucille Smith and Jim and Mrs. Leah Scharrer spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and sons of Flint.

Gary Sprague was reported as coming along fine, at his home here, after a long stay at CMC Hospital following a heart attack.

EXPIRATION DATE--Of your Messenger subscription appears each week beside your address.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Our community was saddened by the death of George Merrihew early Sunday morning. He was taken to the Lakeview Hospital a week ago last Thursday, suffering from a stroke. His children were here to see him during that time. The family have our deepest sympathy. His funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with burial in the Forest Hill Cemetery.

Our callers over the weekend were the Robert Dutchers, the Dale Dutchers, and the Jim Dutchers, and Richard and Patti, and Garry and David.

The Jim Dutchers visited the Walter Howes Saturday evening and Sunday.

Teresa and Mary Lou Fish visited the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Saturday evening.

The Jim Dutchers called on the Dale Dutchers Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reihl and son are in Canada on a fishing trip for a week.

Bonnie and Cindy Wernette of Greenville and Carol Watson visited the Brian Dutchers Sunday. They called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Ronna Dutcher called on Grace Fitzgerald Tuesday. Grace had just returned from the hospital.

Audrey and Joel Beutler of Rosebush called on the Carl Beutlers Friday. Billy spent Friday over night with Joel, and Mary called on Jim's Saturday and picked up Billy.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case visited the Joe

Cole family of Alma Saturday, and the Cases and Barbara and Carol visited a sister and brother-in-law, the David Keisers, in a nursing home in St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher attended graduation and Open House for their granddaughter, Denise Yuncker, at Beal City High School Wednesday night. Denise was Salutatorian of her class, and did very well with her speech. The speaker, Morley Fraser, of Albion College, was very good. The Richard and Robert Dutchers attended Open House.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., and on me Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family visited the Forrest Johnstons of Rosebush Thursday evening.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Kenny attended Open House honoring Cheryl Ludwig Saturday evening at Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow enjoyed their children and grandchildren at their home Sunday.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Scott to the cemetery at Fountain Tuesday, and also called on friends there. Mrs. Lawrence spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow, Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Flora Wood attended a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Steve Johnson at the Senior Citizens building at Barryton Friday evening.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow attended Open House at Rosebush school Sunday for Mrs. Jacobs on her retirement from teaching, then she was a supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Orrin First.

Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Margaret Denslow attended a Senior Citizens meeting at Rosebush Tuesday evening, and enjoyed pictures shown by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lowery, of Mexico and Central America, where they have spent the past two winters.

Bill and Bob Thompson attended a youths' party at the Kay Warner home near Remus Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent were Sunday supper guests at the Elwood Miller home. Russell McLean was a Sunday afternoon caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children were Saturday supper guests of her parents, the Gerald Dents. Gerald and Mabel called on the Lynn Johnson family Saturday morning, and on her mother Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins and Floyd Dutcher went to Mt. Pleasant Sunday to see Roy Sisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wicken-

hiser of Fraser were guests from Wednesday till Friday at the Wilbur Wright home.

Ed Essenberg and Mrs. Minnie Strauch were Thursday supper guests at the Charlie Losey home. Mrs. Hattie Losey accompanied them to the hospital to see Mrs. Essenberg. Mrs. Louise Allen was a Monday morning caller at the Losey home. Mrs. Violet Oplinger was a Thursday afternoon caller. Mrs. Harold Losey called Saturday. Harold was a Sunday dinner guest. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew called Sunday evening.

Callers during the week at the Paul Miller home were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright, Mrs. Flora Wood, Rev. Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Evans and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Covert.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Jane Fields returned home from Grand Rapids Saturday, where she had spent a week with her son and daughter and their families.

Emily Livermore accompanied Mary Colton to Mt. Pleasant Friday, shopping.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. LeVerne Forbes on the birth of a new daughter, born June 2 at CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Jones announce the arrival of a son, born May 26. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jones of Lake are the proud grandparents.

Emily Geasler of Grand Rap-

ids and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Geasler and family of Ames, Iowa, were weekend guests of their parents, Ray and Joyce Geasler.

Bud Longton visited his doctor at Remus Monday.

Louise Helmer and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen Saturday evening.

Connie Fletcher and her mother, Irene Bowen, were in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday.

Graveside services were held Tuesday afternoon at Brinton Cemetery for Alonzo Roberts, who passed away in Indiana Saturday, June 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen assisted their daughter, Connie, and husband, the Wilbur Fletchers, Friday evening when they moved their mobile home from Clare to Lake Thirteen, where they are now living.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mills of Holly Hill, Florida, spent a few days with their cousins, Don Clark and Lela Whearett. Mr. and Mrs. Mills are former residents of the Brinton area. She was Viola Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey visited Mr. and Mrs. Duane Root at Grand Blanc Sunday, to attend a graduation party for their son, Mike, who graduated from high school. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blackmer and Mrs. Stanley Darnell accompanied the Embreys on the visit.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer drove to Carson City to visit Mrs. Rose Keiffer, and also to Hubbardston to visit her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bradbury, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schafer.

Rose and Henry Schafer went to Big Rapids Sunday to attend the graduation of a niece there.

Mrs. Anna Schafer returned home Saturday after spending a week in Grand Rapids with her sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Williams spent one day last week with her sister, Mrs. Rose Schafer.

Henry Schafer visited his two nephews, who are both very ill in the Mt. Pleasant hospital.

Mrs. Tony Schafer suffered a gall bladder attack Thursday evening, and was taken to the hospital in Mt. Pleasant. She was reported better the first of this week.

Ann Smith and Ginger and Debbie Rau are on a two weeks' vacation.

Louise Smith spent all day Tuesday with her son and daughter-in-law, Gerald and Loretta Smith, in Mt. Pleasant.

One of Donald Pung's little girls broke her arm Saturday, playing outside.

Dora Smith went to the graduation party in the K. of C. Hall Sunday afternoon honoring one of Jerry Yuncker's girls.

Doll Rau called on her mother Sunday afternoon.

Jerry Schafer had a graduation party Sunday afternoon for one of his boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger went to the hospital Sunday afternoon to visit her sister, Mrs. Tony Schafer, and brother, Will Pung. Will was about the same. Mrs. Schafer was

some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gruss hosted a graduation party Sunday afternoon for one of their girls.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

The Beal City schools closed last Wednesday. There were 62 Seniors graduating from high school. Those graduating from this area were Robert L. Schafer, Leslee and Lonnie Block, Charles Welch, and Ruth Ann Zehner. Congratulations, Seniors!

We attended the Senior reception for Charlotte Schafer of Beal City Monday afternoon, Memorial Day, and one for Michael Schafer of Shepherd Friday evening, and Mark Schafer's Sunday afternoon.

We had a reception for our son, Robert, Wednesday evening, after Commencement exercises.

Morley Fraser, director of continuing education of Albion College, gave the Commencement address, "Look to the Horizon", at Beal City High School. He was also speaker for the Shepherd High School.

Robert Schafer began working steady at Delfield Division, Clark Equipment Company, in Mt. Pleasant, as junior draftsman. Robert received his training through the vocational education department at Mt. Pleasant High School.

Don and Judy Schafer attended Commencement exercises at Edmore Thursday evening, to see her nephew, Dennis, graduate. His reception was held Saturday evening.

Bill and Lynn Schafer attended the horse show Sunday at the Mt. Pleasant Wranglers Club, where they had their horses entered.

We visited Tillie Schafer at CMC Hospital Friday and Saturday evenings. She suffered a gall bladder attack Thursday evening.

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LAKE ISABELLA

Lester B. Hall, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leppan, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Serum and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hall were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Frieling Thursday evening. They were entertained by the showing of a series of color slides depicting a period of over six years depicting the development of Lake Isabella, from the pre-dam days to the present, including many shots taken before, during and after construction of the dam and filling of the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hall spent Friday in Benzie County, and brought back Mrs. Hall's mother, Mrs. Bessie Ellis, who has been visiting in that area for a month.

Sunday the Halls and Mrs. Ellis attended the fourth birthday party for their grandson and great-grandson, Christopher Hall, in Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wenzel of Richville were Wednesday and Thursday guests of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs.

James McNicol. The Wenzels were on their way home from a honeymoon trip to Mackinac Island. Mrs. McNicol's mother, Mrs. Bertha Conley of Alma, was a Friday visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Norm Paddock returned last Wednesday from an extended stay in the Detroit area. Mr. Paddock's mother, Mrs. Dessie Paddock, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday, was in the hospital for a major operation. The Paddocks visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Asaro, during the first part of their stay in the area, and then spent time with the patient during her convalescence in her home in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beattie returned last Wednesday after spending the Memorial Day weekend with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Klenk, in Detroit.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague attended an Open House Sunday for Connie Jo Spiece in Carson City, on her graduation from high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and daughters spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Owens of Lake. They visited the Gilbert Schrocks on their way home.

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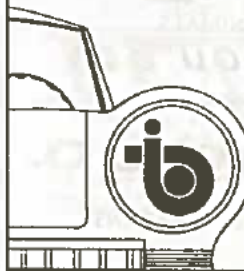
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THE BEGINNING OF A VILLAGE

In 1894 John S. Weidman, having put up one sawmill and starting in business, built his family a home; the big house now owned by the Gary Spragues.

Lumbermen built their homes well, and with good, seasoned lumber, as the Sprague home will attest. Today it is hard to believe that Gary and Lucinda Sprague's lovely home was built in 1894. John S. Weidman's timbers have held.

In 1894-95, from the Weidman house down to the river was a solid buildup of horse barns, a blacksmith shop for Weidman's

horses to be serviced with shoes, a men's shanty and cook house (though Mrs. Weidman cooked for the mill hands during the first year of the family's business here).

There was a nation-wide financial panic in 1893, and by 1894 John S. Weidman's lumber business here felt the squeeze.

There was a lot of timber here to be sawed into lumber, but nobody was buying lumber during those two years, 1893-94.

An old letter from J. Stanley Weidman (John S. Weidman, Jr.) to Leon McArthur mentions, in

one paragraph, "I enjoyed reading that article about my father's statement about McKinley versus Bryan, and it was the election of McKinley (as President) that changed the economic picture for the Weidmans, and the entire lumber industry, most favorably."

Charles W. Pierce came here with Mr. Weidman, and was his foreman and advisor in the matter of acquiring lands and laying out a village.

For 16 years he had charge of all woods operations. His job was to see that the big sawmill here always had in its pond and yards an adequate stock of logs. He also helped Mr. Weidman lay out a village plat, in 1894, and that plat stands valid today.

His brother, Walter, and Walter's wife did the work at the

cook shanty and bunk house.

Mr. Weidman and Mr. Pierce planned the village streets so that the business section would run east and west, but that was counter-decided early in the growth of the town. The business section grew up on one street, north and south (Third Street, or Woodruff Road as we now know it).

The first business building was that of Mills & Scott Brothers, who made a deal with Mr. Weidman to put up a store with Mr. Weidman furnishing the lumber. No stipulations of size were discussed, and the huge building still stands; and while Mr. Weidman furnished more lumber than he'd planned on, he cheerfully furnished it.

The Mills & Scott Bros. store building was put up in 1894.

That same year John A. Damon came here from Hubbardston and built a store on the corner of Third and Main Streets. The wood building burned in the fire of 1897, with stock of general merchandise (dry goods, groceries, some hardware) and drugs, was totally destroyed in the fire. Mr. Damon immediately purchased new stock and moved his store to a small building about where the Masonic Hall now stands.

By the middle of August (the year of the fire), Mr. Damon had completed the building of a brick store-building, later to be occupied by the Middlesworth family and business, and now by the Jim Clarks.

Mr. Damon was elected county treasurer in 1906 and moved to Mt. Pleasant, and thereafter was active in politics the rest of his life.

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Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p. m.
Choir practice (Thursday), 6.30 p. m.

Lawrence Malone of Grand Rapids showed a film of the Holy Land, Jerusalem, at Sunday evening's service, which was very beautiful and was greatly appreciated by all.

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

Church School, 10 a. m.
Worship, 11.15 a. m.
Sharing and Bible Study on Thursday, 7.30 p. m.
U.M.W. meetings first and third Thursday, 3 p. m.
Methodist Men meetings fourth Saturday, 6.30 p. m.

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Phone 644-3604
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
Choir practice 6.30 p. m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.
Prayer Service, Wednesday, 7.30 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.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown went to Six Lakes fishing Sunday, and caught lots of panfish.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger called on her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee, of Farwell, Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. John Gott called on Clara Wixson the same day and had coffee and rolls with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott attended graduation exercises at Carson City for Connie Spiece, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spiece, Saturday.
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Mrs. Clara Smith called on her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Gould, of Evart, Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Smith of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Lou Harron of Oil City called on the Smiths Saturday afternoon.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Lola Cole of Page, Ariz., is spending her vacation with her sister, friends, and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler called on his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, and his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Geasler and daughter spent the week at their cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Geasler of Remus called on Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler Sunday.

Tony Masachuk and friends spent the weekend at his farm. Roy Donnelly spent several days at his farm.

The Case School reunion will be held June 9 at the Farwell Park.

Velma Cole is spending a couple of weeks in South Bend, Ind., with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell, and nieces and nephews and families.

Sp/4 Charles Mossell went back to Hawaii Monday morning, after several days' leave.

The Paul Coles went to Vassar Sunday and were dinner guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing, and visited their grandson, Pvt. Russell Ewing, who had a weekend pass from Fort Knox, Ky.

Richard Mahon called on the Paul Coles Monday morning.
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Local Items

Mrs. Esther Stanley went with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and Mr. and Mrs. David Moore, and their families, to St. Johns Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Thomas Moore, who is a patient at the hospital there. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Gale Rowell at Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scharrer and daughter, Jeanie, left Friday morning for their home in Phoenix, Arizona, after spending the past week with his mo-

POLLUTION SURVEY BEGINS JUNE 9 AT COLDWATER LAKE

A survey to determine if there is any pollution on Coldwater Lake will begin June 9, sponsored by the Coldwater Lake Association and carried out by members of the Campus Christian Thrust group at CMU. The young adults will carry letters of identification from the Coldwater Lake Association. They will question residents as to sewage disposal facilities.

Residents are asked to comply with answers, as the Association is engaging in serious efforts to stop pollution possibilities beyond the lake but affecting it.

ther, Mrs. Leah Scharrer, and sister, Lucille Smith, and son, Jim. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus and family of Flushing, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Creed and family of Algonac and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and family of Flint were weekend callers. This was the first time the family had been together in six years.

Gary Thomas of Detroit spent the past week visiting at the home of Lucille Smith and Jim and with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Mert Lone, of

Weidman. Gary's wife and baby son are visiting relatives in Germany.

Visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood during last week included Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan of Barryton, and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls attended an Open House party for Connie Jo Spiece of Carson City Saturday afternoon.

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ALERT AND SPRY AT 93 YEARS OF AGE--Mrs. Etta Bellinger and her son, Clinton, of near Winn, called at the Messenger office Monday afternoon to give us this wonderful photo of Mrs. Bellinger and visit with us a short few minutes. Mrs. Bellinger is petite, very alert, and spry for her age. She said she gets meals for her and her son, does housework, and even gathered a bouquet of flowers Sunday for their home. Below are some of Mrs. Bellinger's thoughts, which she wrote down for us to print in the Messenger (we're thrilled and happy!).

"A few things to tell you. I just recently celebrated my 93rd birthday with my children all at home and some of my grandchildren.

"I live with my son, Clinton Bellinger, near Winn. He has made a home for me the last 22 years. When my husband died, I sold my farm and went to live with him.

"I have been well cared for, and never had to be put in a home, which I am very thankful for.

"I am able to do some housework and cooking and odd jobs. I don't go out much, only for a Sunday dinner, or call on some of my friends.

"Therefore, I am living very happy. I am the daughter of Charles Carr. He was a resident

of Weidman, running a livery barn."

Ye Ed remembers Charlie Carr's livery barn. The Roe family came to Weidman in December of 1912, and Charlie Carr's livery was going strong. A few years later the automobile started appearing in Weidman, and Charlie Carr retired to his farm south of town (the Fred Rescoe place now).

Mrs. Bellinger was born in Clinton County and came to Weidman with her parents when she was a year old. Charles Carr and Sidney Carr were brothers. Asa Carr, Gladys McArthur's father, was no relation to this Carr family.

Clinton Bellinger owns a 400-acre farm in Deerfield and Fremont Townships, and he and

his mother make a happy team in maintaining the home.

Mrs. Bellinger's other children are Veva Strong of Owosso, Mildred Walden of Jackson and Clarence Bellinger of near Lakeview.

Congratulations from us, Mrs. Bellinger! You're purely wonderful.

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WINNERS IN MEMORIAL PARADE CONTEST

Tim Davey won first prize in the Memorial parade May 28 in memorial services here.

Mike Hartzler won second, and Mike Smith third.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott were Saturday evening visitors at the Lee Parker home. Monica returned home last week after a stay in CMC Hospital.

Paul and Carl Snider are playing a two weeks' engagement in clubs in Wisconsin. Allen

Snider played again at the Din n' Racket rink in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent and Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague took their mother, Mrs. Bessie Teall, to Mecosta for dinner Sunday, celebrating her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower attended Open House at the home of the Dick Showalters in Ithaca Sunday, honoring Kay Showalter Burrows on her graduation from Ithaca High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knipfer and family of Clear Lake spent Saturday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodwich.

Mrs. Ethel Wager spent a few days over the weekend in Lakeview, visiting at the home of her son, Robert Carrick. She returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hamilton of Sherman City were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur and family.

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