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Editor's Column

By Connie

INFLATION CATCHES UP WITH THE MESSENGER

For over nine years the Weidman Messenger has gone along on subscription rates that were fairly high for a small-town weekly paper, though advertising rates were ridiculously low.

During the past two weeks the facts of inflation have caught up with us, in the form of a hundred percent raise in printing costs.

At first we were floored, unable to plan or decide what to do.

We finally decided to see if people really want the Messenger, and we've placed realistic pricing on everything, across the board.

We didn't raise subscriptions 100 percent, but by two dollars a year locally. (Inflation being what it is, a couple of dollars per year isn't much.)

Outside subscribers will pay a little more, and we shall see if our readers want the Weidman paper enough to pay more.

For us it's a matter of survival, maybe. For readers and advertisers it's a decided aggravation.

We feel for all of us.

The big hike in printing costs is occasioned by several factors: There is panic in the printing trade, due to shortages of printing papers and the necessity of raising printers' paychecks as the grocery bills close in on workers' families.

We depend on Canadian mills for 65 percent of our newsprint supply, and the Canadian railroads have been on strike as well as some Canadian paper mills.

Paper mills in the United States are running at full capacity, but they have not enlarged their potentials in recent years and can't supply the nation's needs for paper.

That's the picture nationally. Here at the Messenger we're not certain we can cut it even with the price hikes.

If advertisers and subscribers want to give it a try, we'll try, too.

Thanks for readin' us.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



THEY WALKED 15 MILES FOR MISSIONARIES--Jesse Bunting, 77, and Leona Courser, 76, are shown above after completing a 15-mile walk from Winn to Mt. Pleasant to earn money for a pair of missionaries. They walked from the Coomer United Methodist Church to Mt. Pleasant, sponsored for donations of money per mile. The Coomer church raised \$256 through a walk-to-Mt. Pleasant day involving church members and the UMYF. The money was sent to Don and Cheryl Rasmussen, missionaries to South America. Eighteen youths joined their elders in the walk.

BUSY BEES HONOR MRS. EVALENA HIBBERD

At a meeting of the Drew Busy Bees last Thursday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, Mrs. Evalena Hibberd of Las Vegas, Nevada, was present.

Mrs. Hibberd, 94, is the oldest living member of the organization, which was begun in 1920 by a group of women who knitted and worked for the American Red Cross during World War I.

Mrs. Imogene Forbes, daughter of Mrs. Hibberd, brought her here from Detroit where she was visiting.

The Busy Bees presented the honored lady with a gift.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler of Weidman is the only other living charter member. The members have enjoyed the friendship of ladies of west Sherman Township, and are known for benevolence in time of need.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Orla Allen of Saginaw and Don Green and family were Sunday callers at the Alton Allen home. The Greens have a lot on Lake of the Hills.

ZONING BOARD MEETING DRAWS GOOD CROWD

There was a good attendance at the advertised meeting of the Sherman Township Zoning Board last Thursday evening at the Sherman Township Hall.

The meeting was requested by some land-owners around Lake Isabella, who were to propose that the private land restrictions of that lake be incorporated into the Sherman Township zoning ordinance.

The Lake Isabella group did not show up at the meeting, and an opinion poll was taken which showed unanimous refusal of any such responsibility for the Township of Sherman in a private land development.

The Zoning Board proposed to "forget it," and the people enthusiastically approved the motion.

The subject of building permits in Sherman Township was brought up, with a proposal from Broomfield Township, which charges a \$15 fee for building permits, to lower the fee to \$10 if Sherman Township would raise its \$5 fee to \$10 and the two townships hire a single building permit authority.

Walter J. Smith, inspector for

Men in Uniform

Gary Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker, left last Wednesday for service in the U.S. Navy, on a three-year enlistment. He will be at the Great Lakes Training Station for boot training.

Michael Sprague came home last Thursday night for a week's leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague. Mike is stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. He is a Military Police.

HI-FEVER FOLLIES STAGES KICKOFF PARTY SEPT. 25

Mrs. Pat Jackson, publicity chairman for the Hi-Fever Follies, an annual show benefitting CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, announces a kickoff party Sept. 25 at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Pleasant.

Folks from all over the county are invited to attend this party, meet the professional director, and learn what the show is all about, and offer participation in the show. There is no charge for the party.

Sherman Township, said he had all the work he wanted and refused to take on the populous Broomfield Township portion of Lake Isabella for inspecting sites and issuing building permits.

The subject then was dropped, and the proposition of partnership with Broomfield Township in building inspections and permits was dead.

It was proposed, however, that Sherman Township raise its building permit fees to \$8, and this was approved and adopted.

The subject of small weekend trailer use in Sherman Township was brought up, with a proposal to limit the minimum size of trailers or campers in Sherman Township on lots or acreage owned by city people coming up for weekends and letting their land here go to pot.

A proposal was made to limit the trailer houses or other weekend housing to a minimum of 14 feet in width. Objection to this restriction was made on the proposition that unless like limitations were put on all buildings used for habitation in Sherman Township, there would be a situation of discrimination.

"Doc" Robert Severson of Lake of the Hills suggested the Zoning Board study the situation and offer alternatives at a future meeting.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Leona Courser, with a group from the Coomer Church aged 8 to 77 years, walked 15 miles, from the church to Mt. Pleasant, to earn money for a mission in South America. They started from the church at 9.30 a. m. and arrived in Mt. Pleasant at 4.30 p. m.

The CMB Club met with Mrs. Jack Lieder Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Lieder was admitted to CMC Hospital Friday.

Mrs. Lovica Krueger fell Wednesday and broke her arm, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Flaucher and family were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaucher.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode spent the weekend with her daughter and family, the Joe Gostolas, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Paul Lueder and son, Ralph, visited relatives in Lansing Sunday.

Ward and Emory Dell were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines, in honor of the birthdays of Ward and Minnie.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hines were Mrs. Eugene Flachs and Jeanette and Chris and Mrs. Albert Youngs and Judy Flachs.

The Leland Hineses and the Robert Hoggs were Sunday visitors of the Robert Hineses.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder and the Paul Lueders were Thursday visitors of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Nagy, and had supper Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear and family.

Pennie Plank was a Saturday supper guest of Blanche Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and Harrison and Douglas spent Sunday afternoon with me.

Callers this week included Mrs. Eva Denslow, Mrs. Bessie Teall, Mrs. Edna Schultz, Mrs. Claribel Beutler, Mrs. Lydia Lieder, Mrs. Nina Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kamp, Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Campbell, and Ruth Simmer.

Mrs. John Schupbach and Janet of Mt. Pleasant visited Mrs. Kate Martin Sunday, and they all called on the Philip Meads. Mrs. Loretta Lorenz and Clarence were Sunday callers of Mrs. Martin and Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson attended a wrestling match in Grayling Tuesday.

The Lutheran Ladies' Aid met for the first time with Mrs. Florence Swayzee, near Blanchard.

Sunday callers of Mrs. Nettie Baker were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook took a trip Sunday to the Sleeping Bear dunes and the Traverse City area.

S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Terry of near Traverse City and Mildred Terry visited the Ervin Dutchers Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Hogg spent Sunday afternoon with them. Eloise and Beth Hogg visited Sunday evening.

Mrs. Evalena Hibberd and Imogene Forbes of Detroit visited the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Wednesday afternoon.

Mary Beutler attended Farm Bureau meeting Friday night at the Vernel Bergey home.

Marion and Mary Beutler were in Saginaw Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee were callers of the Harry Gatehouses. The Gatehouses are some better, but Bea has been having trouble with her cuts healing. She was seeing her doctor Monday. They were injured in an auto accident last week.

Edna Merrihew called on me Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Hare and Edna Merrihew called on the Ervin Dutchers Thursday morning.

Mrs. Ervin Dutcher attended Busy Bees Thursday afternoon at Alma Dosenberry's.

Marion Beutler and Mary Beutler attended Busy Bees also.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wernette and Cindy in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyke were Monday evening visitors of the Jim Dutchers. Jim's spent Sunday evening with her folks, the Stan Roomsburgs, of Blanchard.

Patti Dutcher spent Saturday over night with Grandma and Grandpa Case.

The Richard Dutchers had Sunday dinner with us. The Robert Dutchers were Saturday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stevens of Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and Kim and Shelly and Clayton and Goldie Dutcher had ice cream and cake at the Robert Dutchers', helping Rex celebrate his birthday, which was Sunday. Callers were Garry Dutcher and children and the Leon Schafers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn had Sunday supper with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Owen and Terri.

The Owenses spent Monday and Tuesday with Bob's, helping on the house.

Mrs. Nile Perry and Grace Fitzgerald spent Thursday with Fern Verette of Brinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Schafer and family visited the Garry Dutcher family Friday evening.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Esther Stanley was reported as improving, after spending

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

A group of children from Beal City went to Detroit to attend a Detroit Tiger ballgame Saturday.

Beal City had its first football game Friday evening, with Ashley. Beal City lost their game.

Mrs. Leo Neubecker entertained relatives from Canada over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mrs. Kate Smith of Weidman, Mrs. Chris Wickenheiser and Gertrude Schafer spent last Tuesday afternoon with Louise Schafer.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday at the Walter Schafer home east of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh left Sunday for Detroit, where on Tuesday they took a plane for a trip to Ireland. We hope they have a nice tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer and Mrs. Joe Pung returned home Thursday after spending a week at Higgins Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Pung spent the weekend touring lower Michigan.

Bernard Smith underwent surgery at the Midland Hospital last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schafer and family and Mr. and Mrs.

Jim Schafer and family spent Sunday with Louise Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cotter and Rose and Henry Schafer attended the funeral of Charles Schafer Sunday afternoon at Farwell.

Mike Gross and friends and family celebrated his birthday Saturday evening.

Ginger Rau was home over the weekend and took care of Brian Gould so his mother, Delores, could work.

Dora Smith was home Saturday. Gertrude Grodsky's mother died in Mt. Pleasant and was taken to Chicago Saturday for burial.

Fred Schmidt visited friends and relatives here the past 10 days. He has returned to Grand Rapids.

Wm. Faber, Sr., entered the hospital Friday.

Herman and Rose Grinzinger observed their wedding anniversary Sunday with dinner in Mecosta, which they enjoyed very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer of Weidman and their daughter, Liz, and husband and Matie Pung went to Higgins Lake for a few days last week. They had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lawens took Mrs. Low from Houghton Lake over to Matie Pung's Sunday afternoon, and they all enjoyed cards.

Gertrude Grodsky of Mt. Pleasant visited Ann and Louise Smith last Tuesday.

Bernie Smith is in the hospital

in Midland, for surgery.

Albina Rau is in the Mt. Pleasant hospital, also for surgery. She was reported improving.

The dance at the K. of C. Hall Friday night was quite well attended.

The family was all home at Walter Rau's Sunday evening to celebrate Brian's fourth birthday. The Fred Goulds, Larry Raus and Ginger Rau enjoyed a pot-luck supper.

Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Charlotte Schafer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schafer, returned to school in Grand Rapids Sunday after spending three weeks' vacation with her family.

Joe and Jane Schafer visited us Friday evening.

The Weight Loss and Control Group had their annual awards night Thursday evening at the VFW Hall. There was a smorgasbord dinner. Judy Schafer attended, and received an award for a weight loss of 15 pounds.

Our son, Robert, has purchased a lot on the east side of the Coldwater River, next to Melvin Schafer's.

Joyce Schafer (Mrs. Robert) will be opening a shop Oct. 1,

selling only hand-made gifts made by any lady having items for sale. It will be known as "The Red Barn".

Sunday Leo and Lucille Schafer and Ed and I went with Walt and Johanna Smith to Edmore and had a smorgasbord dinner at the new Supper Club, then we came back to our home and spent the rest of the evening playing cards.

Local Items

Etha Oberlin of Florida spent from Wednesday till Saturday with her cousin, Emma Middlesworth. Other cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacMillian, of Traverse City, came Saturday and took them to Battle Creek to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and family and Mrs. Esther Stanley spent the weekend across the Straits, at the cabin of Dorothy and Glenn Gorby, at Hulbert. The Delbert and Don Pungs also were with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur called on Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cossell in the Horr area Sunday evening. Mr. Cossell had been in the hospital.

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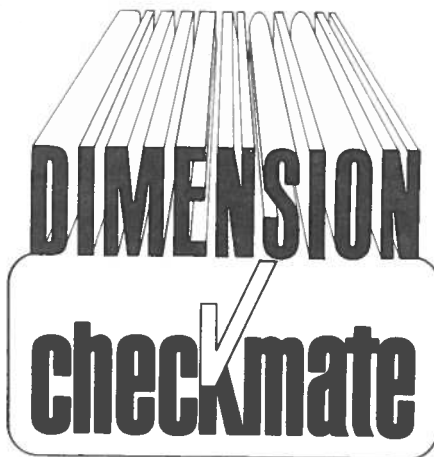
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Senior citizens (age 65 and over) who own homes or rent can estimate from this chart how large a rebate they can expect to claim from the state under the tax relief program that takes effect Jan. 1. Here is how to use the chart: First, find the figure in the left-hand column closest to the amount of income your household will have in 1973. Next, pick the figure in the top row that comes nearest the amount of property tax you are paying on your residence. (If you are a renter, calculate 17 percent of your yearly rent and choose the figure in the top row nearest that amount.) Third, follow the chart. That is approximately the rebate you can expect to claim.

It is to be remembered that this year's tax exemption for Senior Citizens will be made as usual, on your regular tax bills received through the mail.

The above schedule of figuring is for next year, i. e., the taxes figured on the 1973 for payment in 1974. This year's taxes are already figured, but next year

we go into Gov. Milliken's complicated "tax relief" program for Senior Citizens, which demands a state-income-tax declaration even though your income is so low you don't pay state income taxes. The state wants to know all about your income, and it will figure what tax deductions you're eligible for, based on the figures shown above.

We understand everyone will receive state-printed forms this fall for income declarations for taxation purposes next year.

For instance, according to the figures in the above table, a person or couple having \$3,000 annual income or less from any source would be entirely exempt from paying any real estate taxes if his home is not now taxed at more than \$500.

Five hundred dollars is the maximum exemption for any reason, we understand (not that we claim to understand a whale of a lot about the whole thing).

Your property tax is shown in the black type above, at the top of the table, reading across.

Your income is in the first column, beginning with \$1,000, and reading down to catch the figure nearest your annual income.

Clear and simple.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan were Thursday guests.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Snyder of Ithaca were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and family.

Wanda Graham visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott of Stanton, Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent in Farwell Sunday.

Debbie Graham spent Monday night and Tuesday of last week with her sister, Becky, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton of Sherman City were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler spent Sunday afternoon in Lansing, attending the Brooks family reunion.

The Mary Clark family gathered Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey and family in Mt. Pleasant. Barbecued chicken and pot-luck dinner were enjoyed on the lawn. The birthdays of Mrs. Clark and several other family members were celebrated. The Dennis and Carl Embrey families attended from here.

Mrs. Nina Forbes called on her sister, Mrs. Marge Mullet. Mrs. Mullet's husband, Arza, returned home from the hospital while she was there. They all called at the Robert Holt home in Mt. Pleasant. It was the birthday of Robert, Jr.

Claribel Beutler and Edna Schultz called on Nina Forbes and Blanche Carr Sunday evening.

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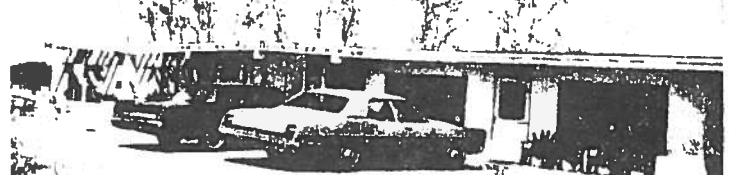
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PHOTOS--We're swamped with pictures folks have brought in for printing in the Messenger. If you want your photo, please stop in and pick it up. This does not mean the old-time photos loaned us for historical pieces. Thanks. The Messenger Sept. 20tf

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Legal Notice

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 Estate of HAROLD W. BRANSON, Deceased. File No. 12096
 NOTICE OF HEARING

Take Notice: On August 23, 1973, the Last Will and Testament of the deceased dated June 1, 1966, was admitted to probate and the administration of said estate was granted to Orval Branson.

Creditors are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented said fiduciary at R.F.D. No. 1, Weidman, Michigan, and proof thereof filed with the Court on or before November 21, 1973. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereupon assigned to the persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

DATED: August 23, 1973.
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 Attorneys for Petitioner
 Sept. 20t1p

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Obituary

LUCILE M. JONES
 Mrs. Lucile M. Jones of Farwell died last Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant. She was 61.
 She was born July 19, 1912, in Sherman City, and was a lifelong resident of the area.

Surviving are three sons, Jerry of Georgia, Rev. Thomas of North Adams, and James of Farwell; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Roe, of Clare; eight grandchildren, and two brothers, Estel and James, both of Lansing.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday from the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell, with Rev. John Allen officiating. Burial was in the North Brinton Cemetery.

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BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 12 TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular Senior Citizens card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City last Thursday, there were 12 tables of pepper in play.

Edna Schultz won first prize for the ladies, with Hulda Stevens second. Coletta Gross won low.

Ed Faber won first for the men, with Jack Cotter second and Will Lawens low.

Eva Phillips won the pepper prize. Ruth Gallagher won the door prize.

A lunch of coffee and donuts was enjoyed.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Sept. 27. Everyone invited.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
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 Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.
 Morning Service, 11 a.m.
 Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
 Choir practice (Wednesday), 7 p.m.
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Present were Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur and Eric, and Lynda and Bryce Wilcox.

His great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter, of Mt. Pleasant, were honored guests.

Ice cream and cake were enjoyed. Jeff received nice gifts.

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Local Items

Frank Durham of Bay City spent last week with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips visited their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine, at Budd Lake at Harrison, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider spent the weekend at Gaylord, where their sons, Paul and Carl, were playing an engagement. They stayed at the Holiday Inn Saturday night. The boys played at Traverse City Wednesday

night and will be at Gaylord Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay McCombs of Niles, Mich., were Saturday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith. They had been camping at Tubbs Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Touchinski and family of Marquette are spending their vacation at the home of his brother, Richard Touchinski, and family. They all visited their aunt in Manistee Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Wilcox and Ruth Ann Gatehouse spent Monday in Grand Rapids.

Rev. and Athel Lynch called on Mrs. Ethel Wager last Monday evening. Thursday Mrs. Martin Scott of Remus spent the day with Mrs. Wager.

Weidman Messenger

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Some buy it. A gratifying number subscribe to it. Some borrow it. Some loan it out to relatives, neighbors, friends. We don't mind a bit, because

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A History of Weidman

(A Continuation of Last Installment)

By the time he moved away, Mr. Damon had connections with the Weidman Banking Company, the Holmes Milling Company, and was a director of the Isabella County State Bank of Mt. Pleasant. He was instrumental in the building of the Methodist Church in Weidman.

Weidman's first hardware store was built by George H. Fisher.

At one time two hotels operated profitably here, with livery stables as part of the hotels;

Among other early settlers here was Mrs. Anna Schmidt, later legally changed to Smith, who was born in Austria, near Vienna. She came to America in 1902 and stayed in New York City. In 1903 she married Karl Schmidt of Weidman, and came here to live. Mr. Schmidt died five years later, leaving two sons, George and Frank, four and two years old.

Mrs. Schmidt repaired shoes for the village of Weidman, during which time she improved her home and workshop, educat-

ed her two boys, and was a most respected woman here, for her courage and hard work.

Other first-settlers included Charles Woolworth (harness shop), George Drallette, general store (meat market first), Steve Rau, hardware; John Otterbine, barber; Floyd Mitchell, Mr. Weidman's nephew and bookkeeper and clerk in the first supply depot before stores were built. It was the "office building" for the Weidman mills, with basic food staples stored in the back and Mr. Mitchell waiting on food customers between his bookkeeping chores.

Floyd Mitchell's rise was rapid, and he was president of the Weidman Bank, owned stock in the Holmes Milling Company and the lumber yard, after the sawmills were gone.

Charles Woolworth came in 1897. George Drallette was here a little before that, buying Gerard's meat market and developing it into a general store; George Middlesworth brought his general store here from Brinton in 1896 or thereabouts.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

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For your enthusiastic support of the paper through the years. We have truly appreciated it. Now we are faced with raises in prices of all aspects of the paper's paid contents, and we are asking if you still want the Weidman paper enough to pay a little more.

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So we shall see if the Messenger can survive the out-of-hand inflation situation we have today. It's up to you, our readers. We thank you.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

4-H CLUB TO SIGN UP PROJECTS

The next meeting of the Brinton Busy Bees 4-H Club will be held Sept. 26 at 4 p. m. at the Brinton Hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend and join the group.

Fall projects will be signed up at this meeting.

Nora and Ellen Geasler and I attended Merry Go Round Club at Florence Wood's at Littlefield Lake last Thursday. The October meeting will be with Pearl Geasler Thursday, Oct. 11.

Emily Geasler returned to Grand Rapids Sunday after a week at home during Ray's stay in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields and family spent the weekend with their aunt, Jane Fields, and uncle, Tony Bartley.

LeVerne Forbes is attending welding school in Midland.

Ray Geasler was reported as gaining since his amputation. He was much improved at this writing.

Dad and I were in Owosso last Friday, where we called on Frank Gute. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Laing of Detroit were also guests for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen and I called at the Coker Funeral Home Friday and paid our respects to Lucile Jones. She was buried in the Brinton Cemetery Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock announce the arrival of a new son, born Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Gratiot Community Hospital in Alma. They were expected home Sunday.

Mrs. Lillie Donald and Howard McDonald called on Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright Friday.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mahon and girls were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Balint Wednesday evening.

Paul Cole had a growth removed from his forehead last Tuesday.

Sorry to hear Ray Geasler lost his limb. Hurry and get well, Ray!

Yours Truly is still having a lot of trouble with her eyes. The doctor reports not much help for them.

Tony Masachuk came to his farm last Thursday for a few days' stay.

Mr. Connell of west Littlefield Lake called on the Paul Coles Friday, and reported his recent wedding. The new Mr. and Mrs. Connell will live at his home on west Littlefield Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. John Balint were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Richard Mahon Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Balint and girls, Amy, Heather and Leslie, were dinner guests of their grandparents, the Paul Coles, Friday. They returned to their home in South Bend, Ind., Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and boys had birthday supper with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth, Mrs. Joyce Geasler being the honored guest, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler, Saturday evening.

Raymond Geasler spent a few days at his cabin. He visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and boys were supper guests of her sister, Nancy Cornell, of Gladwin, Saturday, where they celebrated several birthdays of the month.

George Cornell and friend and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Vander Reed were dinner guests of their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler, Saturday.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott and Shawn of Charlotte spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott, and family.

Micky Abbott was up flying with Walter Graham of the Ojibwa Recreation Area last Monday morning in Walter's plane.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Bywater and Rev. Marvin Eldridge and son, John, played tennis at Island Park in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Conley of Mt. Pleasant called Saturday. Mrs. Sidney Wood was a Saturday visitor, and took the Olgers some vegetables.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich of Lansing spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich. Her brother, Jim Wright, of Clarkston, visited them Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown and baby visited the Max Aldrich home Sunday.

We went to Clare Tuesday on business, and called on Dick Gott.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and Ward Dell went to Evart Wednesday.

Jack Allen, our grandson from Grand Ledge, called on us last Thursday. Vivian Bush of Blanchard called one day last week.

We called on Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen of Farwell Sunday.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Marilyn Powell of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday with her grandmother, Mrs. Kit Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Millis and son, Greg, of Grand Rap-

ids were Saturday callers. Gerald Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and girls of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors.

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THIS ONION REALLY GREW--Mrs. Claire Letson shows a phenomenon from her vegetable garden at her home northwest of Brinton. The onion grew a 40-inch stem, with a cluster of seeds and sets bigger than the onion itself. Messenger photo

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher spent Sunday evening at the Coldwater Lake Inn. George Morgan was the singer that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kent and the Robert Kent family spent Sunday with Mrs. Joyce Chaffee, celebrating Margie's and Joyce's birthdays. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Terry and Mrs. Mildred Terry were Saturday callers at the Denslow home.

Edith Reed of Lansing just returned from a two weeks' vacation in Hawaii. She visited the Islands of Hawaii, Oahu and Maui. She is a secretary at the

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Lansing Business University, the daughter of Mrs. Minnie Reed.

Mrs. Betty Thompson called on Mrs. Magial Denslow Wednesday afternoon at the Lakeview Hospital. Thursday afternoon she attended Busy Bees at Mrs. Alma Dosenberry's. There were 12 members and some visitors present, including Mrs. Evalena Hibberd and daughter Imogene from Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich spent Sunday with her parents, the Wilbur Wrights.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Phillips were Saturday guests of the Paul Millers. Sunday guests were Mrs. Katherine Aldrich and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright.

Callers during the week at the Charlie Losey home were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Terry, Mrs. Mildred Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, and Mrs. Goldie Dutcher. Goldie and Hat-tie came over to see me also.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Johnson were Sunday guests of their son, Benn, and family. Benn Johnson and two boys attended a ball game in Detroit Saturday.

Charlene Gross and Robbie, Mrs. Sandy Strazanac and Kelly and Paula Klumpp and Amy Gross were Sunday dinner guests of the Gerald Losey family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller called on his mother Friday at Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Johansen of Big Rapids were Saturday callers of Mrs. Flora Wood. Richard Wood called Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood were Friday visitors. Mrs. Wood and Mr. and

Mrs. Gerald Wright called on Carl and Ellen Geasler Saturday, and later had supper at a Mecosta restaurant.

Saturday callers at the Alva Cummins home were Mrs. Alma White, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Terry and Mrs. Mildred Terry. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark were Sunday callers.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Grace (Woolworth) Watson of Saginaw spent a pleasant hour with Connie Skinner Saturday afternoon. We showed Grace our old house and Lake of the Hills out our kitchen door, as well as the sit-down fishing site we have created with Frances Tranbarger, where we can walk down to the water and sit in lawn chairs with our cane poles propped up by a specially-designed railing for the purpose. "You've got it made," Grace said.

JOSEPHINE F. WAID

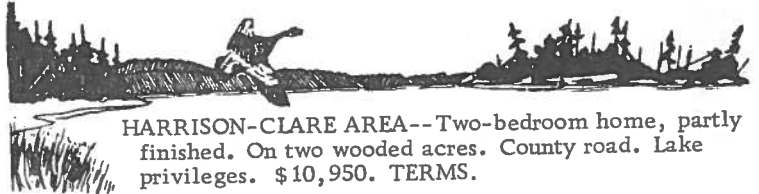
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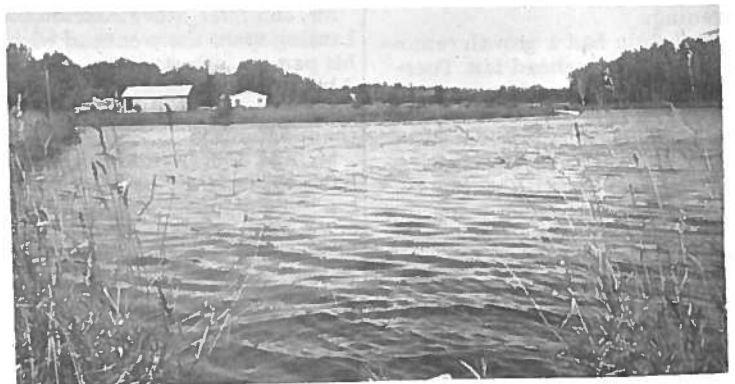
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