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Editor's Column

By Connie

PARDON US WHILE WE GO INTO POLITICS

With the Isabella County Board of Commissioners doling out \$900 for one week's extra-scout car for the Sheriff's Department (which took two men, an extra car, and which rounded up an amazing number of juveniles, teenagers and adult law offenders), we took a look at the August sessions of the Board of Commissioners, and noted:

It was moved by Commissioner (Wayne Lyon) supported by Commissioner Della Walker, to adopt a resolution requesting the Auditing Division of the Treasury Department, State of Michigan, to audit the financial records (of the County Commissioners) at the earliest possible date.

A lengthy discussion followed. Some of the questions asked were, "Why are we calling in State Auditors, what is the cost, and we want to know where we stand financially before we get too deeply involved in the budget" (for 1976).

Some of the statements made by Commissioners included this: "Perhaps the State Auditors could give us some answers as to where we stand financially, because at this date we do not know."

County Controller Morton said that the financial responsibility for the county is his, and he would be holding a special meeting to go over financial statements.

Moved by Lyon, supported by Walker, to table action on the resolution until the Controller can get more financial data. Motion carried.

As we recall, Della Walker and Connie Smith were screaming for the discarding of the County Controller as being unnecessary financial baggage.

Where are you now, girls?

Incidentally, it was suggested by a Weidman citizen, supported by at least one Township Supervisor, that the office of County Controller should be abolished and the \$30,000+ odd annual cost



AT THE LIVE-WIRE SPECIAL WBA MEETING SATURDAY--We had Archie Jerore (at the table) chairing the session, with assistant Lou Fiorillo sitting next to Isabella County Sheriff Don Gillis. It was a lively meeting, with practically no holds barred.



THE SHERIFF (At left) listens as County Commissioner Wayne Lyons lays out his opinion. Between them is Sgt. Stevens of the Sheriff's Department. Messenger photos

of that office be simply turned over to the Sheriff's Department for proper operating equipment and manpower to protect the County of Isabella.

There's an election a year from this November. It will be interesting to see how the County

Commissioners come out in their promises and pre-election demands for austerity in the operation of the Board of County Commissioners.

Betcha they'll have themselves an interesting time.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

WBA MEETING SATURDAY EXAMINES PROBLEMS, POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

A special meeting of the Weidman Business Association Saturday afternoon drew about 30 local and Mt. Pleasant people to discuss current problems and how to cope with them.

Sheriff Don Gillis was present, as was also Sgt. Stevens from the Sheriff's Department; Ernest Schmidt, Supervisor of Nottawa Township; Lewis Bowen, Supervisor of Coldwater Township; and Wayne Sisco, special deputy on patrol locally, and Wayne Lyon, were among out-of-town guests.

The meeting was called at the request of County Commissioner Wayne Lyon, who represents the west half of Weidman Village and on west into Sherman Township. (Connie Smith, County Commissioner who represents the east half of Weidman Village and the west side of Nottawa, including the west side of the business street in Beal City, said she was too busy and couldn't spare the time to come.)

Commissioner Lyon remarked, in a discussion of law enforcement in this area, that people just won't press charges against law violators, such as drag-racers.

Lou Fiorillo, co-chairman of the committee on law-enforcement aiding ordinances, said that the consensus of Weidman and local area people is simply that we don't have the police protection we need. He went on to say that if the Village of Weidman were to initiate proceedings toward incorporation, it would not solve the problem of today, as the incorporation process would take a year, or even years.

Archie Jerore, also on the committee on enforcement ordinances, chaired the meeting, and, with no opposition to his suggestion, taped the entire proceedings.

Lou Fiorillo said that, with the lake developments surrounding Weidman, more people are coming here, from all parts of the state, mainly from downstate cities. Some are apprehensive at the lack of police protection here, others regard it as the promised land of raising the old Ned
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BROWNIE GIRLS CLEAN UP AIRLINE ROAD

Lois Riggle, leader of the local Brownies, the littlest order of the Girl Scouts, and her girls did a grand job of picking up trash along the Airline Road at the west side of Weidman recently.

These little girls are to be congratulated on their energy, their sense of community service, and their willingness to do a grubby job for no pay.

Both the Weidman Brownies and the Cadets (a next-higher branch of the Girl Scouts) are selling Girl Scout calendars this fall. The calendars are beautiful, and sell for only 50 cents apiece. The girls have been going door to door in their selling campaign.

In all, 24 small girls have been offering the calendars in Weidman the past week. Look at their eager little faces, listen to their happy young voices--and buy a Girl Scout calendar.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and family of Saginaw and Mrs. Dolores Gaudard and Cindy and Nancy of Midland were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. Afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Evalena Hibberd and daughter, Imogene Forbes, of Detroit, and Ivan and Floyd Dutcher were last Monday dinner guests of the Dutchers.

Ivan Dutcher of Mt. Pleasant and Floyd Dutcher were Monday callers at our home.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and family, were afternoon and supper guests of

ours Sunday. Gail Dutcher and sons of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday afternoon callers of us and the Robert Dutchers.

Bonnie Dutcher and children called on us Saturday, and on the Robert Dutchers Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and children called on us Wednesday evening.

Linda Dutcher took Chad to the doctor one day last week. He was having the virus that's going around. Clayton and I both have been having it, and Betty took Kim, Shelly and Mike to the doctor, as they were having throat and ear infections.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McConnell of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday over night with the Robert Dut-

chers. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Joyce and Bob were Friday evening visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines and children visited the Jim Dutchers Monday evening.

The Robert Dutchers attended a reunion at Sanford Saturday, and spent over night with her folks near Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case and Alice Simkins went to Niagara Falls with the Senior

Citizens group Saturday, returning early Monday morning.

Florence Fitzgerald spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Terry Dodge of Lansing. Grace visited Mrs. Bob Decker of Barryton Friday afternoon.

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Mrs. Bertha Summers of Grand Ledge and Mrs. Marge Mullet and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson spent Sunday with Mrs. Nina Forbes. Bertha and Marge were overnight guests.

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BEAL CITY CENTENNIAL WORKERS' PARTY OCT. 4

The Beal City Centennial Com-
 mittee met last Thursday evening
 and planned a Centennial Workers
 party for Saturday evening, Oct.
 4, at the K. of C. Hall in Beal
 City, from 9.30 to 1.30.

The party is sponsored by the
 Beal City Businessmen's Associa-
 tion.

Oct. 2t1

GARAGE SALE--Friday, Oct.
 3 and Saturday, Oct. 4, 9
 a.m. to 6 p.m. Several fam-
 ilies. A stove, toys, children's
 clothing, plants, and some
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 dence.

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Oct. 2tf

Obituary

BETTY M. ELLIOTT

Betty M. Elliott of Mt. Pleas-
 ant, 1970 recipient of the Out-
 standing Citizens Award, died
 Friday, Sept. 26, at CMC Hospi-
 tal. She was 66.

She had retired as director of
 the Isabella County Social Wel-
 fare Department after 26 years
 in that organization.

She was past president of the
 Broomfield Hospital Auxiliary,
 which she helped establish; and
 was instrumental in the organiza-
 tion and development of the Isa-
 bella County Day Center for the
 mentally and physically handi-
 capped.

She devoted much of her time
 to working with Senior Citizens
 of the county, and the Hospitality
 Corner in Mt. Pleasant. She was
 an active member of the Easter
 Seals campaign, the Red Cross,
 and the Zion Lutheran Church.

She was born Nov. 25, 1908, in
 Broomfield Township.

Funeral services were held Sun-
 day, Sept. 28, at 2 p.m., at
 the Zion Lutheran Church in Mt.
 Pleasant, with Rev. Robert Gar-
 rels officiating.

She is survived by one sister,
 Mrs. Joseph (Hulda) Stevens, and
 several nieces and nephews, and
 many friends.

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Mrs. Madge Gillis of Brecken-
 ridge and Mrs. Gladys Bishop of
 St. Louis were callers last week
 at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
 Daniel Bushree.

Obituary

JOHN J. BUNTING

John J. Bunting of rural Mt.
 Pleasant died Sept. 27 at the
 Ingham Medical Center in Lan-
 sing. He was 57.

He was born in Isabella County
 March 12, 1918, and was a resi-
 dent of the area all his life.

He was employed for 28 years
 at Lee Implement in Mt. Pleas-
 ant as parts manager.

Funeral services were held Tues-
 day, Sept. 30, from Sacred Heart
 Catholic Church in Mt. Pleasant,
 with Fr. John J. Thome officiat-
 ing. Burial was in Calvary Cem-
 etery in Mt. Pleasant.

He is survived by his wife, La-
 donna; four children, Thomas of
 Fort Smith, New Hampshire, Mrs.
 John (Judie) Murawski of Durango,
 Colo., and Charles and Tim; his
 father, Oral Bunting of Two Riv-
 ers; and five brothers and sisters,
 Mrs. Irene Rayborn, Olen and
 Elton, all of Belding, and Mrs.
 Lucille Bollman and Miles Bunt-
 ing.

The family have the sympathy
 of all.

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In the Editor's Mail

Editor
 The Weidman Messenger
 Dear Editor:

At the Sept. 17th County Board
 of Commissioners meeting, the
 subject of police protection for
 Weidman was discussed. It ap-
 pears that county officials are
 sidestepping their responsibility
 by asking Weidman citizens to in-
 corporate, thereby providing their
 own police protection.

The Isabella County Board of
 Commissioners refer to the Sheriff
 as "the chief law enforcement of-
 ficer of the county, whose main
 purpose is the enforcement of all
 laws enacted for the protection of
 lives, persons, property, health
 and morals of the people."

In addition, a Michigan statute
 says the "jurisdiction of the Sher-
 iff to enforce state laws extends
 throughout the entire county and
 does not end at the corporate lim-
 its of a city therein."

Whose responsibility is it? It's
 apparent from the above that
 Weidman, as part of the "entire"
 county, warrants county police
 protection.

Joseph D. Pepper
 RR35
 Mt. Pleasant

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James Sutton and family of Ash-
 ley were Sunday visitors of the
 Ronnie Sprague family. Mr. and
 Mrs. Truman Hinton and daughter
 of rural Remus were Saturday
 evening callers.

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
 (1 Mile West of Weidman)
 Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone
 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.
 Morning Service, 11 a.m.
 Evening Service, 7 p.m.

Central Michigan Association
 of Regular Baptist Churches will
 meet at the Prudenville Baptist
 Church this Friday at 7 p.m.

Several from our church at-
 tended the Brinton Chapel Sun-
 day evening, and enjoyed the
 services. A film was shown on
 Okinawa, and a hymn sing en-
 joyed. A very nice lunch was
 served after the services.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163
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 age 644-3441.

Church School, 9.45 a.m.
 Worship Service, 11 a.m.
 Sharing and prayer, Thursday,
 7.30 p.m.
 Pot luck dinner third Sunday,
 1 p.m.
 U. M. W., 1st and 3rd Thurs-
 days, 3 p.m.
 Methodist Men, 4th Saturday,
 6.30 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.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER



WE'RE PRINTING THIS OLD PHOTO AGAIN, HOPING FOR A NICE, CLEAR PRINT IN THE PAPER. RESPONSE HAS BEEN SO ENTHUSIASTIC, WE FEEL WE SHOULD TRY IT AGAIN, AND SEE IF WE COULD DO BETTER ON THE PRINT: SO HERE IT IS--AGAIN.

WEIDMAN HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1923--Helen (Hauck) Zeien brought us this rare photo of the old Weidman High School in its first building east of town, across the Coldwater River. The graduating class that year consisted of George Smith, Wilbur Benn, Irene Wilson, and Emma Bolinger. Shown in the old photo above, to the best of recollections, are: Leonard Jackson, Paul Roe, Harold Carr, Ray Smith, Frederick Neubecker, R. D. Sprague, Miles Favreau, Donald Kent, Mr. Chase, Superintendent; Quentin Neubecker, Glenn Scott, Henrietta Gardner, Thelma Johnson, Della Fender, Marion Esther Mitchell, Ruby Bolinger, Lyndel Sanderson, Glenn Ferguson, Clyde Johnston, Laura Sheldon, Evelyn Bamborough, Josephine Tomlinson, Mabel Holstead, Irene White, Helen Hauck, Marian Mae Schappner, Elsie Bolinger, Margaret Cahill, Irene Wilson, Louise Grewett, Nellie Nicholson, Frances Roe, Ruth Hibberd, Freda Walters, Kenneth Drallette, William Cahill, Frank Smith, Clarence Holstead, Mrs. Hildreth, Principal, Wilbur Benn, George Smith.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Forbes had a family get-together Saturday evening, with a birthday supper in honor of their son, Danny.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike White and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Tower and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower.

Weekend guests of Edna Teeter included her daughter, Hazel, and family, and on Sunday, Ruth Teeter and family. They all called on Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place during the afternoon.

Eunice La Londe and I were in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Blodgett called on Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen over the weekend.

Word was received Thursday of the death of the former Eva Jones, who passed away suddenly at her home at Horsehead Lake Wednesday evening. She was buried at Grand Rapids Sat-

urday. Those from here attending the funeral included Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Geasler, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon McNeilly, Carol Cummings, and Clifford Jones. She was the daughter of the late Clint Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary La Londe and boys called on the Wayne La Londes Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher, Jr., called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen, Sunday. In the afternoon they and Irene Bowen called on Mr. and Mrs. Jude Simons and new son.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Seymour spent Sunday afternoon with Dad and me.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Reed of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and family. Minerva Owens of Lake was a Monday afternoon visitor.

Mrs. Sadie Zorn and sister, Mrs. Fred Wilcox, were in Barryton Saturday.

Jean McArthur was reported as improving nicely, and expected

to be home soon. She has been in CMC Hospital the past couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls were in Lansing Friday.

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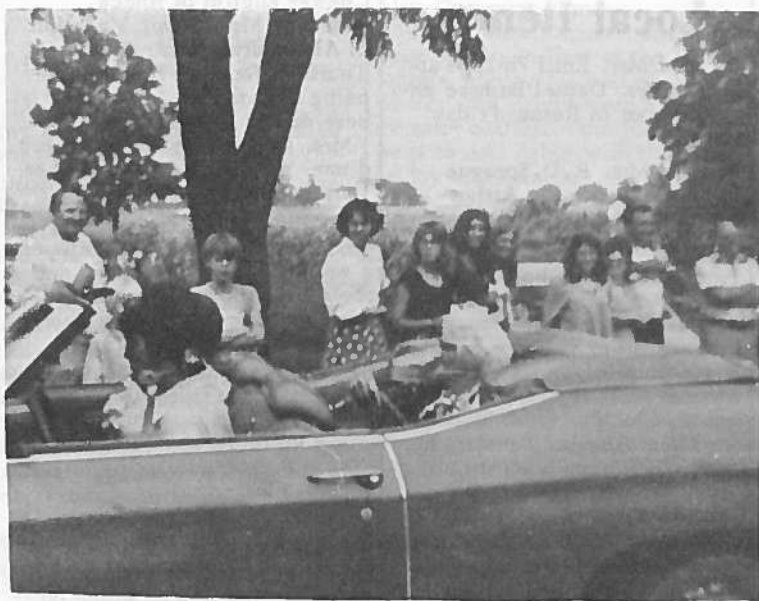
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LOUISE SMITH VIEWS BEAL CITY CENTENNIAL PARADE--
Mrs. Louise Smith (in back seat of the car shown above) enjoyed viewing the big parade during the Beal City Area Centennial celebration this summer. Louise has been in the hospital and in the Medical Facility at Mt. Pleasant for some time now, after suffering a broken hip in a fall at her home.

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Francis Schafer was hostess at a bridal shower last Wednesday evening in honor of Marilyn Powell, who will be married to Tom Gross Oct. 10.

Mrs. Thomas Schumacher called on Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach Monday.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Barz last Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry Grinzinger, Mrs. Leo Gross and Stu Neal of Ypsilanti went to Merrill Saturday to visit Sister Romana.

Mrs. Anna Reihl is in the Mt. Pleasant Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Cashen and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schafer of Hubbardston visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach Tuesday evening.

Sue Neal of Ypsilanti has been spending a few days with Mrs. Henry Grinzinger and Mrs. Leo Gross. Mrs. Grinzinger planned to return and spend a few days with her in Ypsilanti.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith and family of Lansing spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa.

Terry Klumpp entertained a group of friends and relatives with a costume party of the 1950s Saturday evening. Everyone enjoyed the atmosphere and the 1950s music.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McCreery and son, Chris, of Columbus, O., called on Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp Saturday evening. They then joined the 1950s party at Terry Klumpp's.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Al Klumpp home.

Anna Schafer, Edith De Vaney, Louise Schafer and Orelida Farmer went to Mackinac Island Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tschappat of Mt. Pleasant called on Matie Pung Sunday.

John Bunting died Saturday morning. He was buried Tuesday in Mt. Pleasant. The family have the sympathy of all their friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Schafer in Rosebush Friday evening.

Beal City Varsity Football Sept. 26, 1975: Beal City 47, Byron 0.

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Two Rivers

Minnie Flaughter, Reporter

Rodney Thompson had supper Thursday evening with his grandmother, Leona Courser. Rodney and his friend came Friday night and took Leona and Susan Courser and Ella Cox to the smorgasbord supper at Winn.

Leona Courser has a new great-granddaughter, born to the Robert Redferns of South Dakota.

John Bunting, oldest son of Pat Bunting, passed away Saturday in a Lansing hospital.

Russ and Becky Flaughter of Midland called on the Ron Flaughers Sunday. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter, were also guests, and Russ took them for an airplane ride. (I really enjoyed it!)

Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar called on Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lovell Tuesday morning.

Nettie entertained the Birthday Club Thursday. Present were Vida Lueder, Helen Lueder, and

Lydia Lieder and Minnie Rhode. Paul Lueder called on Jay and Nettie Saturday.

Evalena Hibberd and daughter, Imogene, of Detroit, visited Mrs. E. R. Rhode Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhode were Tuesday evening visitors.

Mrs. Rhode and Harold attended Betty Elliott's funeral Sunday, and later called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola in Mt. Pleasant.

The community was saddened last week by the death of Betty Elliott.

Mary Jacobs of Lake George is visiting her sister, Loretta Lorenz. Monday Loretta, Mary, and Edna Bowein and Rosie McKeever spent the day at Cathy Lord's in Mt. Pleasant, in honor of Rosie's birthday.

Kate Martin spent the weekend with Ruby Schubach, and they attended Betty Elliott's funeral.

Bob Grewett of Mt. Clemens spent Friday evening with Kate and Ray Martin.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Wolfe of California called on Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur Saturday. They have been visiting in Mt. Pleasant and this area.

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The public is invited to attend. Weidman business people are urged by the Board to present problems and hear the Board's proceedings.

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REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS SEVEN TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular Rebekah card party in Weidman last Tuesday afternoon, there were seven tables of pepper in play.

Lela Whearett won first prize for the ladies, with Russell Wilson winning first for the men. Mary Clark won the pepper prize. Margaret Lawens drew the door prize. Ruth Gallagher won low.

The committee served rolls and coffee.

The next card party at the Rebekah Hall in Weidman will be Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 7. All are welcome to attend.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Pfannes, of Evart, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Curtis of Hopkins spent several days with their cousins, the Paul Coles, last week.

Velma Cole has been on the sick list with flu, this week.

Margaret Straus and Mark Straus both have been on the sick list.

Our sympathy to the Strauses in the loss of their brother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes visited the Paul Coles Saturday evening.

Miss Alice Rickles called on her niece, Mrs. Larry Straus, Saturday.

Mrs. Beulah Pfannes received word that her father, Edgar Walters, remained very ill in Cadillac Hospital.

Miss Elizabeth Merchant is very ill in Saginaw Hospital and was to have surgery Monday.

Lynn Worth spent the weekend at her home, from her studies at Wayne University. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth, and Pam went and got her Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and boys were guests of the Robert Worths Saturday evening, helping Bobbie celebrate her birthday. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

George Cornell visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and Bobbie and friend attended a ball

game at Chippewa Hills School Thursday evening.

Weidman Baptist Church met with the Brinton Church Sunday evening, with an inspiration meeting, and pictures were shown.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

OUR KIDS IN CHIP HILLS MARCHING BAND TO PLAY AT ANN ARBOR

Donny Alwood, Les Shenk, Debbie Graham and Joe and Peter Smith were among the Chippewa Hills Marching Band members to play half-time exhibition at a football game in Ann Arbor Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Yarrick and his band left Friday, and returned home Saturday evening. They all reported a wonderful time.

Visitors at our home last week were Mrs. Ruth Huber and boys of Clare, Debbie Graham, who called Thursday night before the Chippewa Hills Band went to Ann Arbor, as she is in the band.

I attended a toy party at Wanda Graham's one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott called Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Riggs spent Friday and Saturday with Zena Olger. Zena visited her doctor and called at her daughter's home one day last week. She went on the Van Tran and returned on it in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker enjoyed dinner out Sunday evening.

Joe Latham of Mt. Pleasant took her grandmother, Laura Latham, to church Sunday. Al Woodbury took Laura out for dinner at the Rod and Gun Club at Barryton, after church.

Zena Olger went to church and went home with Teckla Roy to spend the day. They attended church in the evening and came home with the Bernard Pitts family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and children were Saturday supper guests at the Don Alwood home. Bill Alwood and friend, Don, of Hemlock spent Sunday in the Weidman area, and did some hunting. They had dinner with his parents. Donny Alwood spent Sunday afternoon at the Kowaleski farm, hunting with Jim Kowaleski.

Smokey Says:**Local Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bushree enjoyed supper in Remus Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague spent Friday with the Arthur Dents. The Andy Bellingers were also guests.

Ivan Allen came home Sunday night, after being in Mexico for treatment. He was transferred there from Saginaw Saint Mary's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Cole of Venice, Florida, spent Monday with Mrs. Claribel Beutler, her sister. They have been spending a month in Michigan.

June Plank of Wheeler spent Friday night and Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Blanche Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey of Mt. Pleasant entertained all the Clark family at Sunday dinner, at their new home on Whiteville Road. About 30 family members were present, including the Dennis Embrey family and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey of Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower spent the weekend at the home of their son, Tom, and family, at Petersburg, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Hinton of rural Remus were Saturday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague were Sunday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and Darcy were Thursday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Chester English of Ithaca.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart McArthur of Alexandria, Va., left last Thursday for their home, after being with the McArthur family here during Jean's illness.

Mrs. Grace Pitts was a Sunday dinner guest at the home of her son, Bernard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides enjoyed a weekend trip to the Soo, and took the famous train ride to Algonia Park Canyon, in Canada. Agnes' birthday Sunday was celebrated. They all enjoyed a special train ride 114 miles deep into Canada. They said the colors up there were gorgeous.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Riggle and daughter are spending a two-week vacation in Texas.

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was called to the Bill Wilcox home on Battle Road at 5.30 p.m. last Thursday. A smoking furnace was found to be not on fire, as to threat to the home was concerned.



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Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Tiani and two children spent the weekend with her folks, the Sterling Oplingers. The Earl Oplingers were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and Miss Shirley Fox and the John Thompson family were Sunday guests of the Chuck Wilson family in Grand Rapids. The occasion was in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of both the John and Jim Thompsons.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended the annual district WSCS meeting at the Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson spent Wednesday in Lansing, and also called on her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson spent a week ago Sunday in Royal Oak with the Stanley Ergos.

Garth Lawrence was a Saturday overnight guest of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Leo Bahr and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bahr were Sunday guests at the Joe Martin home. The two ladies attended a shower at Ashley in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wright are spending some time at the Paul Miller home.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow had the misfortune to fall and crack her kneecap last Tuesday at the Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant. She was hospitalized until Thursday. She went to her daughter's home in Grand Rapids and stayed till Sunday. She is home now, and will be laid up for several weeks.

Garth Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and Duane, and Mrs. Beulah Hazelton of Shepherd were Sunday guests at the

Alva Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Blodgett were Sunday callers at the Benn Johnson home. Mr. and Mrs. Whitey McCraight were Saturday evening callers. Tom Johnson went to Ann Arbor with the band Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Bertha Blodgett, Mrs. Doris Himebaugh and Mrs. Lila Sisco were Tuesday callers at the Charlie Losey home. Floyd Dutcher was a Friday dinner guest, celebrating Hattie's birthday. Harold Losey, Susie Chapman and Patti, Gary and Beth Losey were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Merrihew and Greg and Brenda were Sunday evening callers at the Losey home. Mrs. Lois Losey and Mrs. Bessie Price were Saturday supper guests, and Lois brought the supper.

Mrs. Violet Oplinger, Mrs. Leah Scharrer and Mrs. Hattie Losey were Thursday afternoon callers at my house. Mrs. Bertha Blodgett and Mrs. Doris Himebaugh were Tuesday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist and Mrs. Pete Gingrich were Sunday afternoon callers of Mrs. Flora Wood.

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Walker Creek News

Ollie Denslow, Reporter

Mrs. Ethel Monroe came home Friday. She was getting a little of her sight back, after being in the hospital for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Abbott of Wyman, who were married Friday evening, called on his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow, and the Dale Denslows.

Mrs. Donna Myers of Lake Windoga called on Mrs. Ollie Denslow Saturday afternoon. They were schoolmates in grade school in Rolland Township.

Mrs. Pearl Loomis and Donna Beutler did not stay at Pearl's trailer home in Barryton, as they had planned, the past two weeks.

Ollie Denslow, Mrs. Darlene Dargitz and daughter, Christie, and baby Ryan and Mrs. Sharon Corwin, motored to Lansing to have little Christie's cast taken off her arm Monday. She was getting along fine. They stopped at the Alma Hospital on their way home to call on Mrs. Phyllis Dargitz, Darlene's mother-in-law. She is expected to be there only a few days.

Opal Denslow was sick with the flu last week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and children were Sunday dinner guests of the Bernard Pitts family.

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WBA MEETING

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and breaking laws they wouldn't dream of breaking in the areas they came from.

Wayne Lyon said the County Board of Commissioners will "earnestly contemplate allocating more money for law enforcement" (in Isabella County).

During the one-week operation of the added police protection, Sheriff's deputies arrested some 40 people, including a disheartening number of teenagers, for everything from open beer cans in cars to contributing to delinquency of minors to drunk driving. That one week showed up the need for this area's having better police patrol.

Most of those arrested were our own kids, teenagers driving the roads in early-morning hours indulging in beer and marijuana.

Those 40-odd arrests were the result of just one week's patrolling in the Weidman area.

Sheriff Gillis remarked that Wayne Sisco, who patrols this area on a limited basis, puts in many overtime hours without pay. Coldwater Township pays Wayne \$100 per month and Sherman Township pays him \$50 per month for patrolling in the areas of Lake Isabella, Littlefield Lake, and the Weidman area, as well as Coldwater Township. Coldwater Township, by the way, has been blissfully quiet, since Sisco started on his present job. Sisco also has done much to deal with teenagers in early-morning hours

and in various situations, around the Weidman area.

Sheriff Gillis said that his department has acquired one deputy from the county's sizeable CETA monies, adding that his department did not receive its full quota of the money allocated. Money to operate the Sheriff's Department has to come from the Board of County Commissioners, who are now paying a controller a pretty sum per year and who said in last week's Times-News that the Commission "doesn't know where it's at financially", while attempting to put together a budget for 1976. The Sheriff's budget request to the Commissioners for 1976 is \$289,900, compared to \$168,000 allocated in the 1975 budget. The Sheriff said his department's expenditures this past year have run about \$200,000, with reluctant grants from the Commissioners. He said it takes eight weeks to train a deputy fit to wear a badge, and that his department gets 100 applicants from Detroit for the deputy job.

From here, with the appearance of Fire Chief Spike Branson, the meeting turned to recreation possibilities for teenagers and Weidman's responsibilities in that area.

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WBA BAKE SALE NETS \$80

A bake sale Saturday for the Weidman Business Association netted around \$80, it was reported this week, a very good showing for this time of year.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY TO BE PLANNED FOR TEENAGERS IN THE WEIDMAN AREA

At Saturday's WBA meeting, a specially-called meeting to discuss police protection for this area, the last part of the meeting was turned over to the proposition that the WBA, with the help of parents, the school, and other sources, stage a Halloween party for teenagers.

WBA President Gary McArthur said he would schedule another special meeting, with parents and kids getting together with the businessmen, and the school people, to plan the entertainment.

"Parents will have to supervise the kids' entertainment," Gary remarked.

Archie Jerore, who acted as chairman for the entire meeting,

said we probably should contact the school in our effort toward leaning to help older kids.

Sgt. Stevens of the Sheriff's Department remarked, "Why not ask the kids what they want?"

No solid plans are made as yet, but active members of the WBA and committees (to be appointed) will take over the task of investigating possibilities of a Halloween party for teenagers here.

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START WORK ON UNITED WAY DRIVE

Phyllis Sides and Jeanne Smith enjoyed coffee with Agne Fox last Tuesday morning. They all attended a meeting for the United Way fund drive, at the Weidman School, and they, with Rosie Kremsreiter, will be local volunteer workers.

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