

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### HERE'S THANKS TO ALL YOU WONDERFUL PEOPLE

Nobody around here knew I was in CMC Hospital from July 11 to July 16, till I got home (the Mt. Pleasant paper carried hospital admissions about a week late), but after I got home I had a deluge of cards and letters and gifts.

Ah, the gifts. All edible, and all delectable. Latest was Clara Smith's gift of over a quart of huge blueberries (which I'm still munching on) and a glass of her crabapple jelly (Paul Fahnestock has an old crabapple tree, a rarity in these days).

Shortly after I got home, Pauline Branson, wife of Fire Chief Spike Branson, called, and said the Firemen and their wives "just thought and thought" what they could come up with for a gift, and finally settled on dinner for me and sister Frances at the Coldwater Lake Inn.

Wow. Now that's a gift!

It wasn't until this past Sunday, Oct. 5, that I was able to face those steps up into the Inn, but Sunday Frances and I enjoyed the Inn's gourmet salad bar plus an entree--a dinner to put one to sleep the rest of the afternoon-- blissfully.

The bill was paid by the Firemen and their wives from their "slush fund," a fund separate from their operating funds supplied by the townships. The "slush fund" is from money earned independently by the Firemen and their wives, and is used for their annual steak fry, needed equipment not budgeted by the townships--and frisky items like 'dinner for Ol' Connie and her sister at Coldwater Lake.

Thanks to everyone for the calls and letters and gifts since my quite stupid accident. I'm on just one crutch at this moment, and now have hopes of one day getting off 'em entirely, and walking something like a human bean.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich both were suffering from attacks of flu this week.



**RAY'S SERVICE STATION TAKES ON MODERN REBUILDING--**  
Ray Battleshaw's service station at the corner of Weidman and Woodruff Roads--the entrance to the village of Weidman--has been undergoing dramatic changes, with an old section torn out and a 30x40-foot new garage building attached to the remodeled office space.  
Messenger photo

This old-time gas station has been an eyesore at the entrance to Weidman for many years, till Ray rebuilt it recently. The rebuilding is not completed, Ray points out: There's a lighted sign to be erected, and the entrance area will be blacktopped.

In the new and large garage section of the station, Ray has installed a hoist for greasing and oil changes for cars, and such work. Minor repairs will be offered. Ray has a car wash section at the back of the new garage section.

Ray also has a used-car dealer's license, and has moved his used cars from his home-lot next to Mrs. Irma Kische's, to the station. He took over the gas station three years ago. He is married, has four children, and has lived in Weidman the past 12 years. He bought his present home eight years ago from Ben Blackmer.

We are pleased to note yet another new development in Weidman Town, with this modernization of the old gas station at the town's entrance, now a glamor spot for the eyes of travelers arriving in our town.

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Mrs. Grace Pitts spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Elaine Esterline, in Farwell.

### (Editorial Opinion) THE "USELESS PUNKS" SAY NO TO A HALLOWE'EN PARTY

Fairly well-known members of a gang of self-styled 'useless punks' have indicated their contempt for efforts of Weidman business people and service organizations to give teenagers a bang-up Hallowe'en party here.

In the early hours of Tuesday morning the "gang" strewed the street downtown with broken pumpkins and watermelons, and used wax to "soap up" windows of most of the downtown area business places.

Obscene words were written on windows with the wax.

Most business places were given smeared-up windows, and the street was littered with smashed vegetables.

That for a Hallowe'en party for Weidman's teenagers.

Members of the "useless punks" gang" are known, and all teenagers are not included in the indignant revulsion of Weidman business people.

We have beautiful teenagers, smart, law-abiding, decent.

And then we have the "useless punks".

The "useless punks" gang is com-  
(Continued on Back Page)

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO HAVE BUDGET HEARING TUESDAY NIGHT, OCT. 14

The Board of County Commissioners will hold a budget hearing meeting Tuesday evening, Oct. 14, at 7 o'clock in Room 124 of the County Building.

The meeting is open to the public. Weidman citizens are being urged to attend, as some items vitally affecting this area will be discussed and decided upon.

Commissioner Della Walker said last week that included in the 1976 budget are five new cars and two new deputies for the Sheriff's Department (a Township Supervisor said the Sheriff needs four new deputies); \$25,000 allocated for spending on the Mt. Pleasant airport, where only private planes land and take off, their traffic affecting perhaps the City of Mt. Pleasant but not the County, and the spending of county tax monies on this project may come under discussion; the county controller, Rogers Morton, is scheduled to stay on his disputed job with an raise, to a nice \$21,000 per year salary.

Earl Oplinger, Ernest Schmidt and Lewis Bowen, Supervisors of Sherman, Nottawa and Coldwater Townships, are expected to be present as representing their constituents.

A contingent of Weidman folks is also expected to be present, in light of the recent experiment by the Commissioners in doling out \$900 for the Sheriff to put on an extra man in this area for one week--who rounded up more than 40 lawbreakers.

The detail of better law enforcement for this area is expected to be set before the Commissioners, along with the necessity and/or desirability of maintaining a \$21,000-a-year "controller".

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Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family enjoyed a color tour Saturday and Sunday in the Frankfort and Traverse City area, ending up at the Big Mac Bridge and stayed over night Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Melissa of Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank of Wheeler were Saturday visitors of Mrs. Blanche Carr.

SENIOR CITIZENS ENJOY  
TRIP TO UPPER PENINSULA

BY MARGARET JOHNSTON

Claribel Beutler and Margaret Johnston had a very interesting trip to the Upper and Lower Tahquamenon Falls, in the Upper Peninsula, Sept. 24-25, with the Mt. Pleasant Senior Citizens.

Leaving Mt. Pleasant at 10:30, our first stop for sight-seeing was Castle Rock. In the past, the grandchildren were always in the picture; now it was Granny's turn. Of course, the many steps deter some from observing higher slopes, or, as at the Falls, the deep gorges. But one can always browse around in the gift shops and still enjoy a lot from lower platforms.

Our next stop was at the Soo Locks. We were fortunate to see two freighters passing through, but the most interesting was the visit to the "Valley Camp", which had been converted to an historic site. The ship was still seaworthy, but too small for the present day.

Our guide showed us the ship from the pilot house to the lower regions housing engine rooms and holds. The freighter had carried iron ore, wheat, and coal. The holds seemed like huge caverns. This ship burned coal, thus it had stokers, men working four hours on, eight hours off. The short period of work was due to the intense heat and heavy work.

At least those who have ever read sea stories must know the difference between port side and starboard.

Speaking of these two terms reminds one of where our word "posh" came from. It seems that in old sailing days the journey from England to India, passengers liked to sit away from the sun, so in going to India they sat on the left side, and on returning they sat on the right side, thus port side out, starboard home--posh.

Our Michigan falls have a beauty all their own, amber color of the water, the wild woodland surroundings, even the wildlife.

We took the boat trip, which brings one close to the falls. Then a train of cars pulled by a big earth mover takes us to the falls.

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## FFA honors Beal City parents

On Sunday night, the members of Beal City Chapter of Future Farmers of America held appreciation night for their parents. The evening began with everyone enjoying a pig roast.

Two honorary Chapter Farmer's degrees were given to Francis Engler and Harry Pung. An award also was given to Dennis Pung for outstanding salesman for 1974-75.

The Chapter displayed the National Chapter Award received for safety and superior chapter.

The members expressed their appreciation to their parents for all their help.

In the  
Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Am enclosing check for \$22--\$11 to renew this subscription, and \$11 to send it to Jerry, who is currently working on a new job in California.

And while I am writing, I have two questions that perhaps someone among your readers could answer:

Our son-in-law was interested in seeing so many of the same type of barns on the farms in the area--those with a round roof, and a small window up high in the end. Is there any particular reason, or do they come from any certain nationality? Is there a story behind them?

And, when I was teaching up there in the 40s, some of the children brought me little "corms" of a plant they called California orchid, and Jerry's mother also had some. The plant would have a little purple blossom. Anyone have any of those around?

As ever,  
Mrs. Gerald L. (Helen)  
McArthur  
Wixom, Mich.

(Editor's Note: Well, Helen, I think the barns were built back in the days when tons and tons of hay were stored up there in the rounded top parts, and the small windows may have been simply for ventilation--new hay needs to dry, or be dry, when stored in barns.

Maybe some of our local readers will come up with a better answer.

And what about the "California orchid"? That I don't know anything about. Sorry.

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Dear Connie:

How are you getting along? Hope by now your ankle is all healed and you are fine.

Meant to write before, but as we have moved, have been snowed under with work.

Our new address is: 4944 East Pullman, Muskegon, Mich. 49442. We bought a 14x40 mobile home, and sold our home to Dave and wife. Give our love to Frances, and "God Bless".

Your old neighbors and friends, Elsie and Rannie Campbell (Elsie Bolinger)

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Oct 9tf

Tim McArthur began work Sat-  
urday as night attendant at the  
Best Service Station in Clare, on  
a steady basis.

## Card of Thanks

We would like to express our  
sincere appreciation and thanks  
to our relatives, friends and  
neighbors for their expressions  
of sympathy during this time of  
sorrow.

We especially wish to thank  
Rev. Robert Garrels for his com-  
forting message.

Our thanks to Central Michigan  
Community Hospital Ambulance  
Service, the hospital nursing  
staff, Dr. Nowicki, Dr. Britton,  
Dr. Juhnke, Dr. Klickstein, and  
the Stinson Funeral Home.

Thanks to the Lutheran Wom-  
en's Guild for putting on the  
lovely dinner following the ser-  
vices, and all others who brought  
in food or helped in any other  
way.

Thanks to those who sent cards  
of sympathy, floral tributes,  
memorials to the Lutheran  
Church, Medical Care Facility,  
Central Michigan Hospital Ex-  
pansion Fund, and for all other  
kindnesses.

The Family of  
Betty Elliott

### LOCAL SENIOR CITIZENS ENJOY LOCAL COLOR TOUR

Some of the Senior Citizens of  
this area enjoyed a scenic color  
tour Sunday afternoon, guests  
of the MYF of the Weidman  
United Methodist Church. The  
MYF is sponsored by Mr. and  
Mrs. George McClain, Jr. Af-  
ter a tour drive over the western  
part of Sherman Township and  
part of Mecosta County, the  
WCS of the church served lunch  
in the Weidman church dining  
room.

Those attending included Mrs.  
Bessie Teall, Mrs. Ethel Wager,  
Mrs. Ida Bazaire, Mrs. Ruth  
Ouderkirk, Mrs. Emma Middles-  
worth, Mrs. Claribel Beutler,  
and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahn-  
estock.

The seniors enjoyed a very  
pleasant afternoon.

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Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson,  
Mrs. Marge Mullet and Mrs.  
Dorothy Brien of Ithaca, and Mrs.  
Nina Forbes visited their sister  
and aunt, Mrs. Bertha Summers,  
in Grand Ledge, Sunday.

## Obituary

### NATHAN ENGLAND

Nathan England died Oct. 5  
at the Isabella County Medical  
Care Facility. He was 85. He  
was born in Marion Nov. 24,  
1889.

He came to this area from Sar-  
anac, and spent most of his life  
as a lumberjack.

Services were held Wednesday  
morning at 11, Oct. 8, at the  
Stinson Funeral Home in Mt.  
Pleasant, with burial in Fair-  
view Cemetery at Weidman.

He is survived by his wife,  
Nellie; a son, Roland, of Sara-  
nac; a daughter, Mrs. Wayne  
(Barbara) Ely, of Hanover; bro-  
thers Horace of Grand Rapids  
and William of Tennessee; sis-  
ters Mrs. Bessie Gage and Mrs.  
Alice Conlon, both of Grand  
Rapids; Mrs. Flora Commer of  
Marion, and Mrs. Minnie Yider  
of Brooklyn, Mich.; and six  
grandchildren, including Rich-  
ard England of Weidman, and  
six great-grandchildren.

The family have the sympathy  
of all.

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## Walker Creek News

Ollie Denslow, Reporter

Howard Johnson, son of Char-  
lie Johnson, is still on the criti-  
cal list at Saginaw General Hos-  
pital. He was suffering from an  
undiagnosed ailment.

Visitors at the Burdette Reed  
home Friday evening were Mr.  
and Mrs. Lyle Denslow.

Mrs. Wanda Lamborth of Lake  
Isabella, Mrs. Jeanne Smith and  
Mrs. Thayne Sides of Weidman,  
and Mrs. Lyle Denslow of West  
Vernon Road attended the kick-  
off breakfast at the Holiday Inn  
in Mt. Pleasant Monday at 7.30  
a.m., for the United way drive.  
Several speakers explained pur-  
poses of the United Way funds.  
The breakfast was sponsored by  
several Mt. Pleasant businesses.

Mrs. Lolabelle (Loomis) Dill  
of 821 Willow Highway, Grand  
Ledge (48837) has been on the  
critically ill list for the past  
five weeks. Anyone wishing to  
send her cards should do so at  
her home address.

### HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

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Darrel Kirvan of Barryton spent  
Saturday night and Sunday with  
his mother, Mrs. Emily Wood.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirvan of  
Barryton spent Friday night and  
Saturday with her. Mrs. Wood  
was feeling better than she was.  
Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs.  
Harry Dent of Lansing and Mr.  
and Mrs. Sam Basner of Bay City  
and Dorothy Newhall of Barryton.

## the Churches

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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.  
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south of Weidman on Coldwater  
Road.

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, pastor.  
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Worship Service, 10.45 a.m.  
Ladies' Aid meets on second  
Wednesday of each month.  
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### WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Rev. William Hurt, Pastor  
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Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.  
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George Getchel, minister.  
Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m.  
Bible School, 10.45 a.m.  
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

### WEIDMAN HAS BEAUTIFUL AUTUMN COLORS

Autumn colors are spectacular  
around Weidman Town, on the  
wild lands, woodlots and on  
private lawns.

Lake of the Hills is putting on  
its annual show, with burgundy  
oaks, yellow birch and poplar  
trees, and crimson sumac vying  
for attention.

Meadows gleam in Indian  
Summer sun.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith of  
Sterling Heights spent the week-  
end with his mother, Mrs. Lu-  
cille Smith.

Phylli Sides, Agnes Fox,  
Jeanne Smith and Marlene Davy  
attended the kickoff breakfast  
for the United Fund at the Holi-  
day Inn at Mt. Pleasant Mon-  
day, for the Weidman Town  
area.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ockert  
left Tuesday for their winter  
home in the South.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Busy Bees will meet with Betty Thompson Thursday afternoon.

Curtiss Bartley of Illinois is visiting at the Carl Fitzgerald home.

Harold Secord and daughter, Mary, of Holt called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., last Tuesday.

Harry, Bill and Butch Hardenburgh were Sunday callers.

Dale and Larry Dutcher were callers of the Jim Dutchers.

Barbara Dutcher and Patti called on her folks Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children visited her folks, the Stanley Sandersons, of St. Charles, Sunday afternoon and evening.

Erma Meicer of near Midland is spending a week with her grandchildren, the Robert Dutcher family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Maeder and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Chum Methner visited the Robert Dutchers Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and children were Saturday evening visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and children had Sunday supper with them. The Richard Dutchers were Sunday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge were Sunday afternoon callers of the Ervin Dutchers, St.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and sons, Kevin and Keith, and a friend of Keith's spent the weekend at their trailer here. They had Sunday dinner with the Ervin Dutchers.

Ervin and Goldie Dutcher visit-

ed Robert and Minnie Hines Tuesday evening. It was Bob's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint spent Sunday afternoon and had supper with us. Robert Dutcher had Saturday lunch with us. Harold and Kathryn Secord of Holt called on us Friday afternoon. Kathryn called on her uncle, Father Neubecker, while here. Floyd Dutcher was our Friday evening caller. Dale Dutcher and sons of Mt. Pleasant also called. They visited the Robert Dutchers Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., last Monday. It was Goldie's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sisco and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Sisco and daughter called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday.

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## Two Rivers

Minnie Flaughner, Reporter

Kate Martin attended a birthday dinner Friday night at Ruby Schupbach's for her two granddaughters, Joyce Schupbach and Mary Mead. Mrs. Martin visited Loretta Lorenz Saturday evening.

Dorothy Breuer and grandson called on Leona Courser Monday. Mrs. Courser and Ella Cox visited Leona's brother, Fred Woodruff, at the Millbrook Convalescent Home Wednesday.

Ruby Combs of Lansing spent the weekend with her mother, Ella Cox.

Leola Marshall spent a few days this week in Lansing with her sister, Helen Perry.

Sunday visitors of Pat Bunting

were his children, Elton, and son, Mr. and Mrs. Olen Bunting and Irene Rayborn and husband, all of Belding; and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bollman. They all went for a ride up north to see the pretty colors.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder and Helen and Herman Lueder spent Thursday in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder visited Harold Bartholomew Tuesday. On Wednesday, Harold entered CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Duerrstein of California, Mrs. Ollie Blase of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blase of Pentwater spent Thursday with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold. Mrs. Rhode and Harold spent Saturday in Grand Ledge with the Loucks family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook spent the weekend with the Art Cooks in Indiana.

Christine Cook called on Nettie Crowley Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flaughner went on a color tour Saturday. They visited his brother, Glenn, and wife, of Bellaire, and sister-in-law, Neva Flaughner, also of Bellaire.

Thursday Minnie Flaughner and three sisters, Mabel Chaffee, Rosie Leiter and Laura Latham visited their cousin, Helen Glass, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder at Coldwater Lake.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

**CHRISTINA BIRSCHBACH CELEBRATES HER BIRTHDAY**  
Mrs. Julius Bierschbach (Christina) was surprised on her birthday last Wednesday, with a luncheon.

Present were her niece, Rosemary Beachnau, of Gaylord, Mrs. Bonnie Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Bierschbach and boys, Mrs. Dianne Schumacher and children, Mrs. Judy Schumacher and children, Dora Smith, and Barb Bierschbach.

On Tuesday she was also surprised with a birthday supper and party. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wawersik.

They took a complete supper for later enjoyment of the party. Happy Birthday, Christina!

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The children of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gross surprised them on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon.

Paul Smith and family spent the weekend with Mrs. Irene Smith and John Smith.

Mrs. Leo Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bierschbach of Grand Rapids called on Mrs. Julius Bierschbach Thursday afternoon.

Louise Smith was reported this week as about the same, in the Medical Care Facility at Mt. Pleasant. She suffers a lot of pain from her broken hip.

The Beal City Aggies played Lake City there, Friday night, and we won.

The Isadore Schafers and Mike and Coletta Gross went up north on a color tour the weekend, and stopped in Cadillac to visit Coletta's brother, who has been in a convalescent home nearly three years.

The Ernest Pohls and Isadore Schafers spent Saturday evening with Mike and Coletta Gross.

Monica Grinzinger is home after visiting Sue Neil in Ypsilanti. She had a nice visit.

Bill Martin and Leona spent Wednesday evening with Mike and Coletta Gross, playing cards.

Alfred Walker and Miss Dora Walker of St. Johns called on Anna Smith Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keiffer have left for their winter home in Florida.

Albert Lawens of Rock Lake called on Kitty Gross Sunday afternoon. Dora Smith was also a caller and supper guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Martin entertained company Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pung and family moved into their new home west of Beal City Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge and family at Midland Saturday.

They called on Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith and family in Lansing Sunday.

Coletta Gross called on Louise Schafer Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schafer and Tom of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Schafer Sunday.

The Centennial workers had a party at the K.C. Hall Saturday night, and all reported a wonderful time.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Bob Schafer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger called on Louise Smith at

the Medical Care Facility Sunday.

Pete Straus of Missouri came out for the funeral of John Bunting.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Dale Bywater and daughter, Lisa, and Mrs. Curtis, all of Midland, were Saturday evening visitors of Mrs. Ethel Bywater.

Last week Monday Mrs. Edna Bowein attended a birthday party given by Kathy Lord of Mt. Plea-

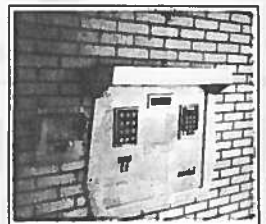
sant in honor of her grandmother, Rose McKeever of Sterling Heights. Other guests present included Kathy's mother, Elaine Salyers of Warren, Mary Jacobs of George Lake, Loretta Lorenz, Kate Martin, Flo Haupt, and Vi Heff of Florida, and Rosie Simmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carroll of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening visitors of Frances Tranbarger. Both are employed at the Elliott Greenhouses, where Pat is general manager and grower.

Please accept our invitation to view the world-wide collection of letter-openers in the display case at our main office.

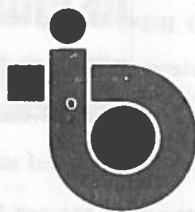
Dr. Charles L. Anspach has graciously consented to loan us a number of openers from his vast collection from many countries of the world. Many of them are of very unique design.

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**Around Horr****Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter**

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow and Jean, Tammie, B. J., Dale and Donna Denslow were Sunday dinner guests at the Robert Denslow home, dedicating their new house.

Sunday guests at the Joe Martin home were Mrs. Cora Shippee and Jane, Mrs. Lena Martin and Brenda, Mrs. Alma Byron, Mrs. Lillian Byron and children, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carroll of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grewett and family, and Tom Grewett. The Grewetts are from Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Skip Bodell and sister were Saturday callers at the Sterling Oplinger home.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on her sister, Mrs. Myrl Scott, Thursday.

Floyd Dutcher was a Friday caller at the Alva Cummins home. Mrs. Flora Wood and Mrs. Margie Denslow were Saturday afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wood and Miss Shirley Fox were Saturday evening callers at the Jim Thompson home.

Mrs. Grace Fitzgerald called on me Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Stanquits and Mrs. Betty Warren were Saturday callers at the Paul Miller home.

Mrs. Nina Green and son, Terry, of Grand Rapids, Mr. and

Mrs. Kenneth Denslow of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howser of Niles were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock were among several people who enjoyed a color tour after church Sunday, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rescoe and Mr. and Mrs. George McClain, Jr. They spent several hours riding around, seeing the colors, and then at 4 o'clock they went back to the church for a snack.

Ron Losey called on his parents, the Charlie Loseys, Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lutz were Wednesday afternoon callers. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Tiedeman and Christie and Charyl were Saturday evening callers. Floyd Dutcher was a Friday caller. Mrs. Flora Wood and Mrs. Margie Denslow were Saturday afternoon visitors. Harold Losey was a Sunday caller.

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**WE LOST SOME COPY!**

Don't ask how we managed it, but we lost some live copy this week.

Included in the lost was the entirety of the West Gilmore news, which Lena Cole called in early--Saturday, in fact.

Dun't ask what else might have been on that lost page.

Whatever, we're sorry. It wasn't a good week.

**Brinton News****Frances Beck, Reporter**

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Teeter and boys called on his mother, Edna Teeter, Sunday.

Irma Bazaire spent Sunday with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Conley received word Sunday of the death of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Marshall Conley, of Flint, who passed away Sunday after suffering a stroke on Friday.

Micky Slupe spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright. Her mother, Evelyn Slupe, picked her up Sunday on her way home from her cabin near Kalkaska.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holland of Grand Rapids spent Sunday with her mother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Tony Bartley.

Wanda Haenke and boys spent Friday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Laing of Detroit spent Friday and Saturday with Dad and me. We took a drive Friday, enjoying the fall colors, having supper in Clare.

Eunice and Linda La Londe and Linda were shopping in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Nick and Andy Godwin of Gilmore spent the weekend with their Grandma, Eathel Beers.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

**Local Items**

Mrs. Mary Kelsey and Mrs. Blanche Carr visited Mrs. Elsie Aungst and Miss Mary Richardson in Mt. Pleasant, last Wednesday. Mrs. Lovica Krueger of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Eva Denslow were Thursday dinner guests of Mrs. Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen, Jr., and son, John, of St. Louis were Sunday visitors of his mother, Mrs. Alton Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey planned to spend a week in Denver, Colo., to visit their daughter, Mrs. Curtis Baker (Carolyn) and family. They will spend about a week or so on the road, taking their camper.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick and Mr. and Mrs. David Flower enjoyed a color tour in the area of Kalkaska Sunday. They report the colors were beautiful but the leaves were falling fast.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany of rural Big Rapids were Saturday visitors of his mother, Mrs. Ruth Momany.

Miss Pennie Plank and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kelsey called on Mrs. Blanche Carr last Thursday evening.

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for your ready renewal of Messenger subscriptions. Year after year the Messenger goes on, for the simple reason that you folks want it to go on, and are willing to pay for subscriptions to it.

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## Weidman Messenger

## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

### BRIAN PTAK GETS HIS DEER FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR

Brian Ptak, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak, got his deer Sunday in Mecosta County, hunting with bow and arrow.

This is the third straight year that Brian has brought home a buck.

He is a Senior in the Chippewa Hills High School, and a star player on the football team.

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Our deepest sympathy to the Nathan England family in the loss of their grandfather and great-grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak attended the wedding of her niece at Hazel Park over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox attended the 25th wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gross Sunday. About 30 people were in attendance for the happy event.

Ed and Agnes visited his mother, Clara Fox, at the home of Margaret Judge in Winn, Friday.

Mrs. Fonda Alwood and children, Mrs. Elvah Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood spent Thursday in Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Hermione Smith joined them for chicken dinner at a Mt. Pleasant restaurant.

Bill Alwood and Troy of Hemlock spent the weekend at the Harris Brown and Don Alwood homes, and hunted in this area.

Wanda Graham and friend, Connie, and Debbie Graham and I went to the drive-in at Evert last Monday after school.

Mrs. Ruth Huber and boys called on us Thursday. Dick Gott called one day.

Don Alwood and John Gott went for a drive up west of Farwell, where Don once lived when he

was a boy, and called on Dick Gott on the way home. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott visited us Sunday.

Mrs. Jean Nichols and Scott of DeWitt called at the Walter J. Smith and Alwood homes Saturday. Mr. Nichols is hunting in Wyoming, for mule deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and Robert and Mrs. Muriel Miller and Debbie called on their father James Kennedy, at the Lois Knollenberg home, where he lives.

Al Woodbury and Laura Latham visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham of Blanchard Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family of Stanton visited us Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Abbott were Tuesday dinner guests at the Norman Abbott home, and spent the evening with them. The Don and Norman Abbotts took Floyd and wife to their plane Thursday, on their return to their home in Oregon. They had spent several weeks here getting acquainted with their half-brothers and sister.

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### FOX REUNION HELD AT NEW HOME OF ED AND AGNES

The Fox family reunion was held Sunday, Sept. 28, at the beautiful new home Ed and Agnes Fox on Lake Weidman, with about 60 family members enjoying the day.

The day was spent in family visiting, with a sumptuous picnic dinner featuring charcoal-broiled steak and chicken, and pot-luck everyting-to-go-with-it.

Clara Fox of Winn was an honored guest, and enjoyed the day very much.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

### JOHN WALSH VISITS HERE AS COMMUNITY OFFICER FOR ISABELLA BANK & TRUST

We had a nice visit with John Walsh of Mt. Pleasant Saturday, who has been appointed community and customers' affairs officer for Isabella Bank and Trust in Mt. Pleasant and Weidman.

John told the Messenger editor he plans on getting acquainted with Weidman people and stressing the local-folks aspect of the Weidman Branch of the bank.

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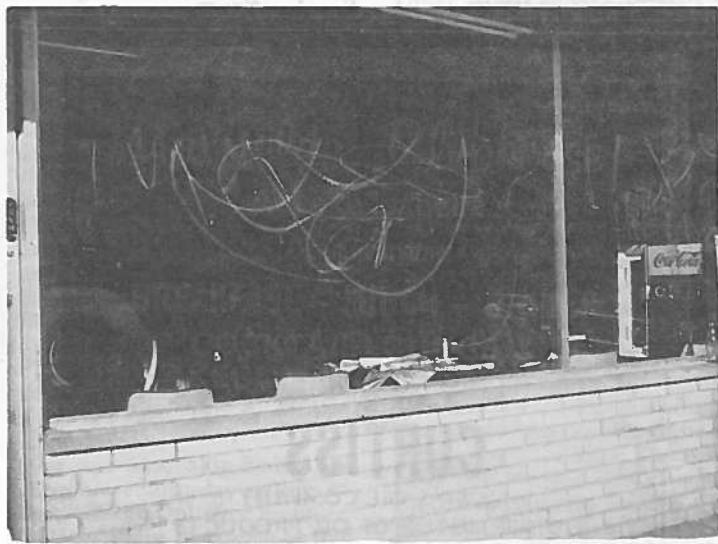
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**THE LAUNDROMAT IN WEIDMAN GOT PLASTERED**--With wax smearings on windows early Tuesday morning, along with most other business places in the concentrated downtown area. Bud's Store was particularly favored with smears. Obscene words were written with wax, and smashed pumpkins and watermelons littered the street. Earnest adults in Weidman were planning to organize a whopping Hallowe'en party for teenagers before this outrage, but Tuesday night's organizational meeting was expected to be a stormy one, with probable changes in plans. Messenger photo

#### WEIDMAN GANG

(Continued from Page 1)

posed of both males and females, young hoodlums all, who have wrecked the pavilion at the park, who hold regular "parties" (beer and hard-liquor orgies) in the park and on the streets of Weidman.

Some of the "useless punks" members come from good families, some are with parents who don't know or care what their offspring do or where they are at 3 a. m.

These hoodlums would not benefit from an expensive Hallowe'en party as envisioned by the Weidman Business Association, the Nottawa and Sherman Firemen, and the Weidman Lions Club.

These are hard-core hoodlums,

and Tuesday night's meeting to start organizational proceedings toward a great big beautiful Hallowe'en party was expected to change from its original philosophy of "giving our teenagers something to do", i. e., provide entertainment.

The "useless punks" gang provides its own entertainment, night after night here, after normal people are long in bed.

It's time we weed out the "useless punks" and put a stop to their drinking parties on business property, destroying property, and generally living lives of degradation.

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Mrs. Mitchell McArthur (Jean) returned home last Wednesday after being in CMC Hospital for three weeks.

#### DORIS SISCO INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT SUNDAY

Doris Sisco, for many years a mainstay in the food stores of Ray Shook and of late the big Keith Baumann IGA Store, was critically injured Sunday in an auto accident in Cadillac, according to sketchy reports here Monday morning.

Doris suffered multiple injuries and was transferred to Saginaw St. Mary's Hospital, where her condition was listed as critical, with surgery impossible until her condition stabilized.

Doris also has multiple fractures, as of ribs, pelvis, and internal injuries.

She had not regained consciousness as of Tuesday.

Roy Adams, driver of the car, also was in serious condition, suffering internal and body injuries, in the Cadillac Hospital.

Doris has countless friends here who will wish her luck and a good recovery.

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#### WEIDMAN SCHOOL AGAIN PARTICIPATING IN COLGATE-PALMOLIVE BOXTOP DRIVE

The Weidman Elementary school again is participating in the annual Colgate-Palmolive boxtop drive, in order to obtain needed film strips and other audio-visual materials, especially in the sci-

ence and social studies areas.

The Colgate-Palmolive Company will supply cash to help buy the materials, in exchange for proofs of purchase of 12 well-known Colgate products.

The school has set its goal at \$500 for the drive.

The school will receive from two to 40 cents for each boxtop, label or tear strip, depending on the size of the product.

Products qualifying include: Ajax All Purpose Cleaner, Ajax Cleanser, Ajax for Dishes, Handi-Wipes, Palmolive Crystal Clear Automatic Dishwasher Detergent, Irish Spring Soap, Dynamo Laundry Detergent, Baggies, Curad Plastic Bandages, Cold Power Laundry Detergent, Axion Pre-Soak and Detergent Booster, and Wash 'n Dri.

Persons interested in the Weidman School may give proofs of purchase to any Weidman student, or drop them off at Baumann's IGA Store in Weidman, or the Weidman Rexall Pharmacy, where there will be collection boxes.

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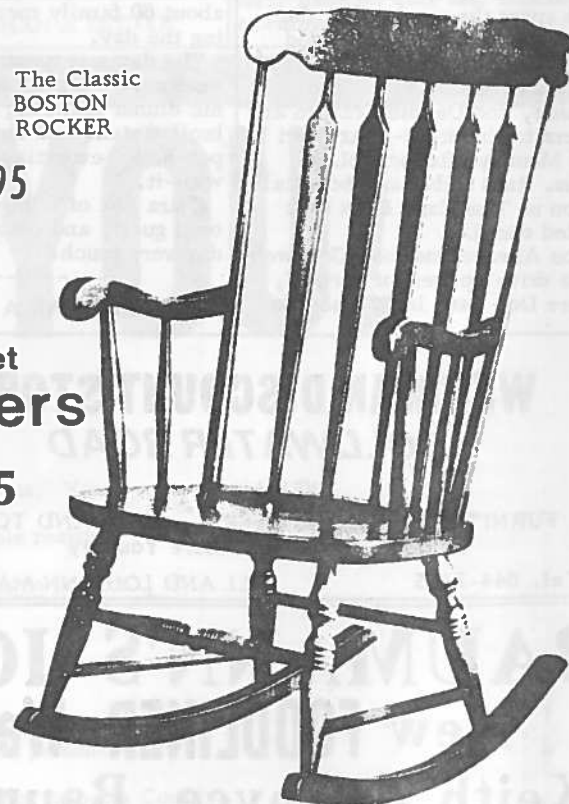
Frank Durham of Bay City was a weekend guest of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine were Sunday visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were in Midland Friday to visit her sister.

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