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Editor's Column

By Connie

WE GET THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT'S ANSWER ON THE CAN LID SITUATION

We received a note from Sen. Robert P. Griffin this week Monday, with the following letter enclosed.

We aren't certain that this answer, like many others, will be acceptable to the housewife who just wants to save food for her family.

Neither are we certain that the average family, especially in rural areas, will cotton to the apparent universal half-derogatory mention of 6.50 million new home gardens plants last spring.

We're supposed to help alleviate the effects of inflation-depression, aren't we? Then we do wish the politicians would quit mentioning the 6.50 million new home gardeners who tried to save food for their families last year.

Anyhow, here's the letter from Washington:

United States Department
Of Commerce
The Assistant Secretary
for Domestic and Inter-
national Business
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Robert P. Griffin
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510
Dear Senator Griffin:

This is in reply to your inquiry of January 27 requesting a report on an editorial appearing in the Weidman Messenger of January 23, 1975. The editorial expresses concern over the 1974 supply-demand imbalance on home canning materials and recommends appropriate action to prevent recurrence of the shortages during the 1975 canning season.

Our comments on the 1974 shortages follow:

CLOSURES (can lids)

Bureau of the Census "Current Industrial Report M34H" reports production of home canning closures as follows:

Production of Home Canning Closures Quantity (1,000 gross)	
1970	8,547,000
1971	11,533,000
1972	11,455,000
1973	7,967,000

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WE TOO FELT THE LOSS OF OUR RAILROAD: With the State of Michigan anguishing over threatened losses of railroad routes, especially through the central and northern areas, we are reminded of our own acute feeling of loss when our trains were discontinued and our railroad tracks torn up, in the early 1930s. In the very early days of Weidman Town, we had a train's arrival every day. Gradually, as the Weidman Sawmills slowed and shut down, trains were sent in a couple of times a week, and then--no more. Old post card photo loaned the Messenger by Grace (Woolworth) Watson of Saginaw.

YOU CAN FISH FOR SUCKERS ON CHIPPEWA, OTHER RIVERS

Walter J. Smith and Howard Rowe have been working through the winter to get the designation of trout stream taken off various creeks, lakes and rivers, this winter, and now announce that the feat has been accomplished.

You may fish for suckers, perch and other early-spring fish this year, as early as you wish, and with no restrictions on the fishing. There are now no "trout waters" in Isabella County; which means that early fishing is permitted on all lakes, streams and ponds.

Even Walker Creek, once a state-famous trout stream, is a trout stream no more.

Fishing from the banks of various streams is a favorite early-spring sport of many in this area, who will welcome the change.

Among streams now open to early fishermen are the Chippewa River, with good spots at the Thompson bridge on the Airline Road, and the Chippewa River just below Horr. Pennington's

Dam also is a good spot for the "rough" fishing of early spring, Walt Smith says.

LENA COLE HAS A WAY TO CAN APPLES WITHOUT THE ELUSIVE CAN LIDS

Mrs. Lena Cole has a recipe for canning fresh apples without the elusive can lids, she advised us this week. Here's her recipe:

Peel apples, slice raw, the round way of the apple (the pieces fit in the can better).

When filled, shake down the can several times and press down with fingers.

Lena uses any kind of can she has on hand, she says: Peanut butter cans, coffee cans, etc.

Lay two 5-grain aspirin pills on top of the filled jar of sliced apples. Fill the can with cold water.

Let the can stand, but not over two days. Put on the cover. In a couple of days, check the can to make sure the water hasn't settled below the apples.

These can be used as fresh apples in any cooking recipe. Many

times they look like fresh apples, Lena says. If they do discolor, it won't hurt, as they come out white when baked, as in pies, etc. Lena has made pies, fritters, and apple sauce with this method.

When about to use apples canned by this method, drain off the water or juice in the can before using.

(Editor's Note: We checked with our expert, who said that persons taking blood anti-coagulants, hemopheliacs, bleeders, or anyone with a history of ulcers in the family should not absorb the effects of the aspirin. Otherwise, he agreed, it appeared to be a legitimate method of saving food without using the conventional canning methods.)

(We're grateful to Lena for passing on her secret formula which she has used for many years.)

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith of Barryton were Wednesday evening visitors of their mother, Mrs. Lucille Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and sons of Flint were Sunday morning callers.

Men In Uniform

Douglas K. Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kennedy, has been assigned to Bentwaters RAF Station in England, from the Homestead Air Force Base in Florida.

He is a 1971 graduate of Chipewa Hills High School. His wife, Connie, is the daughter of Helen Bugbee of Shepherd.

Navy Gunner's Mate Seaman Recruit Allen D. Sisco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sisco, graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center at Orlando, Florida.

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BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 16 TABLES IN PLAY

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 16 tables of pepper in play.

Rose Beutler won first prize for the ladies, with Catherine Schaffer second. Matie Pung won low.

Joe Keiffer won first for the men, with Barney Gallagher second and Emil Phillips low.

Agnes Sheahan won the pepper prize. Father Neubecker drew the door prize.

The family of William F. Martin took in a cake celebrating his 83rd birthday. Jello, the cake, and coffee were enjoyed.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be on Thursday afternoon, March 20. Everyone is invited.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

NOTICE

The Merry Go Round Club meeting has been postponed until next week Thursday, March 20, at Wanda Graham's home in Weidman.

Violet Wright, Irene Bowen and I were in Clare Friday, and called at the Stephenson Funeral Home paying respects to Harley Teeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright called on the Ken Tupperts in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

Irene Bowen and Connie Fletcher were in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Senior Citizens held their meeting last week Thursday with 18 in attendance. After a very tasty dinner, the afternoon was spent playing bingo and cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Teeter and family and Mr. and Mrs. George Knorr of Lansing spent some time with their mother, Edna Teeter, after being called here due to the death of their brother, Harley Teeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields and Mr. and Mrs. George Maddox called on their mother, Sarah Fields, and uncle, Tony Bartley, Saturday, and attended the funeral of Harley Teeter at Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright were in Grand Rapids Monday, visiting their daughter, Evelyn, and family.

Linda and Eunice La Londe and

Joe La Londe attended the funeral of their cousin, the former Dora Moore. She was the sister of Alvie Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Powell called on Mr. and Mrs. Homer Teeter one evening last week.

The community extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Harley Teeter, who passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital in Ann Arbor last Tuesday evening, after heart surgery that day.

Jimmy Baler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baler, was scheduled to enter the Clare Hospital, where he was to have surgery Tuesday.

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Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bachelor and family of Holt were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray and family. Mike and Ed Smith of Rosebush were Sunday evening visitors. Rick Vincent of Flint was a Sunday overnight guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Naylor of Southgate were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga and family.

Mrs. Darlene Dargitz and daughter, Christy, of Remus were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky. Sue Denslow was a caller one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barnes at Evart. Their Saturday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Sherman and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wiggins were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilcox and family. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Severson of Lake of the Hills and Mr. and Mrs. Spike Branson were Sunday afternoon visitors. Ronnie and R. D. Sprague were Sunday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow. The Conleys were Saturday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Frieze at Farwell. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman at Crooked Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent.

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The Weidman Post Office will
 continue to accept applications
 for the position of Rural Substi-
 tute Carrier of Record through
 March 31, 1975.

Interested persons can obtain
 information and application
 forms at the Post Office during
 the regular business hours.
 Feb. 13t7

FOR SALE--26 square yards of
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 carpet. Good condition, 14 ft.-
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Mar. 13t1

FISH FRY--Sponsored by the
 Weidman Lions Club at the
 Weidman School Friday, Mar. 14.
 Serving from 5:00-8:00. Adults
 \$2.50, children \$1.00.

Mar. 13t1

GARAGE SALE--Children's
 clothes, all sizes; puzzles,
 books, toys, some home made
 items. Dishes. In heated ga-
 rage. 3345 West River Road,
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 March 13t3

GREETINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO ROSEMARY CASSIDY
 At C. M. C. Hospital, Mt.
 Pleasant.
 On Sunday, March 16th
 From Her Family and Friends
 in this area.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullet and
 Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were
 Friday evening guests of Mrs.
 Nina Forbes. Mr. and Mrs. Chas.
 Brien, Jr., of Potterville, and
 daughter, Jeanette, and Mr. and
 Mrs. Alan Bahr of Mt. Pleasant
 were Sunday callers of Mrs.
 Forbes.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Obituary

HARLEY TEETER

Harley Teeter died last Tues-
 day, March 4, at St. Joseph Hos-
 pital in Ann Arbor. He was 46.

He was born May 2, 1928, in
 Clare, and was a superintendent
 at the Essex Company in Clare.

He was a Korean War veteran,
 a member of St. Cecelia's Cath-
 olic Church of Clare, the VFW
 Post in Farwell, and was serving
 as a major in the United States
 Army Reserve.

Surviving are his wife, Lina;
 five daughters, Cheryl, Ruth,
 Mary, Linda, and Brenda; three
 sons, George, Robert, and Wil-
 liam, all at home; his mother,
 Mrs. Edna Teeter, of Brinton;
 three brothers, Harold of Grand
 Rapids, Homer of Brinton, Her-
 man of Alma; and two sisters,
 Mrs. Earl Place of Barryton and
 Mrs. George Knorr of Lansing.

Funeral services were held Sat-
 urday, March 8, at St. Cecelia's
 Church, with Father John Hoog-
 terp officiating. Burial was in the
 church cemetery.

Harley had very many friends
 in Isabella County, centered in
 the Brinton area, who will great-
 ly miss him. His family have the
 sympathy of all.

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Obituary

BERYL (IKE) RUSSELL

Beryl Forrest (Ike) Russell died
 March 9 in Latrobe Hospital, Pa.
 He was 43.

He was born in Weidman Aug.
 24, 1931, and had lived in Penn-
 sylvania the past nine years.

"Ike" Russell was a son of Will-
 Russell, Jr., who was born and
 raised in Weidman, the son of the
 Will Russell who was the second
 rural mail carrier in the history of
 Weidman. Silas Wright was the
 first rural mail carrier here.

Funeral services were held at 1
 p. m. Wednesday, March 12, at
 the Stinson Funeral home with
 Rev. Daren Durey officiating.
 Burial was in Fairview Cemetery
 at Weidman.

He is survived by his wife,
 Virginia; three sons, Dean, Kev-
 in and Bill, at home; a brother,
 Russell, of Muskegon; and three
 sisters, Mrs. Ruth Gervin of Big
 Rapids, Mrs. Hazel Gilchrist
 and Mrs. Bessie Keefer, of Mus-
 kegon.

He also is survived by aunts
 and other relatives in this area.

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EXPIRATION DATE--Of your
 subscription appears each week
 on your address line.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Sir,

We attended the Lil Mac An-
 nual Pig Roast as guests of Mr.
 and Mrs. Bernard Riley.

The people of Weidman and
 Beal City went to a lot of hard
 work and put a lot of effort into
 making the pig roast the success
 it was.

We want everyone to know we
 had a good time, and appreciat-
 ed the good dinner and all the
 refreshments.

For a small community, you
 sure know how to do things in a
 big way. It's heart-warming to
 see a community pull together
 as you do. We wish you folks
 many years of continued success.

Congratulations to Beal City
 on its upcoming Centennial.

Thank you.

Bill and Nancy Abrams
 1087 W. Shelby Road, R1
 Shelby, Mich. 49455

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NEWS NOTES

Don Smith was a lucky winner
 in the Mt. Pleasant Times-News
 basketball contest, correctly
 listing seven of nine game scores
 and picking a 78-73 tie breaker
 for CMU vs. WMU, where the
 actual score was 74-72. Don
 won \$15 for his efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger host-
 ed a birthday dinner Sunday hon-
 oring Ralph Turnbull, Christine
 Herman and Virginia Herman
 for their birthdays in March. A
 nice family day was enjoyed.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

GOD IS GREAT

God is like a Ford--He has a
 better idea.
 God is like Coke--He is the real
 thing.
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 the going great.
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 expect more from Him and
 you get it.
 God is like Pepsi--He has a lot
 to give.
 God is like Dial Soap--Aren't
 you glad you know Him, don't
 you wish everyone did?
 God is like Alka Seltzer--Try
 Him, you'll like Him.
 God is like Bayer Aspirin--He
 takes away the pain.
 God is like Hallmark Cards--He
 cared enough to send the very
 best.
 God is like Tide--He gets the
 stains out and leaves the rest
 behind.
 God is like VO hair spray--He
 holds through all kinds of wea-
 ther.
 God is like Frosted Flakes--He's
 Grrrrreat...

Author Unknown.
 Submitted by
 Ruth Sherlock
 Coldwater Lake

Coldwater Lake

Ruth Sherlock, Reporter
Tel. 644-2310

FLORENCE RUPP SUFFERS BRUISES IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mrs. Florence Rupp has been recovering from cuts and bruises suffered when her car was totally destroyed by a driver who failed to stop at a through road, last week.

Mrs. Rupp was going east on the Weidman Road and slowed as she saw a car coming from the north at a non-through intersection. The car from the north, however, did not stop and hit her car broadside, sending it into a pasture field with Mrs. Rupp trapped under the instrument panel of her car.

She managed to extricate herself, but was badly shaken and had bruises on her left leg and ankle, a back injury, and neck and head injuries, and general bruises.

State Police arrived at the accident scene, and Mrs. Rupp was taken by ambulance to CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, where she spent five hours in the emergency room.

Her car has been replaced by her insurance company.

Loretta Lorenz and Flo Haupt called on Edna Bowein in Weidman Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday afternoon guests at the Wayne Sherlocks' were John Maas and Ken Sherlock. Ruth Sherlock called on Marsha Schumacher and also Judy Tilmann. I was very glad to see Judy is feeling much better. Dianne Tilmann was also a guest at Judy's.

Thursday evening Judy Schafer enjoyed a few games of bowling with some friends.

Wayne and Ruth Sherlock enjoyed cards with Ed, Marge and Bob Schafer, Thursday.

The Ladies of Beal City met Wednesday evening for the Altar Society meeting, and enjoyed pepper after the meeting.

The Wayne Sherlocks called on Dewayne and Edna Wing Friday. They are looking forward to a trip to Florida in the near future.

Ed and Marge Schafer called on the Jerry (Joe) Schafers at Rosebush Friday evening. Other guests were Bill, Lynn and Brian Schafer of Mt. Pleasant.

Don and Judy Schafer and Pat Stahl of Sumner enjoyed an evening of bowling Friday.

Walt and Della Wischmeyer attended the funeral of Lillian Hackett this past week.

Saturday Clarence and Loretta Lorenz visited with Kate and Ray Martin, at the Martins'.

John and Sharon Schafer and children of Bay City called on his folks, the Ed Schafers, and also the Wayne Sherlocks, Saturday.

Wayne and Ruth Sherlock call-

ed on John, Judy and John-John Tilmann Saturday evening.

Ed and Marge Schafer enjoyed a singalong Sunday with Leo and Lucille Schafer, Ed and Irene Fedewa, and Frank and Vera Bierschbach. After their singing session, they went out to eat.

Marge and John Shepherd and children of Mt. Pleasant called on Clarence and Loretta Lorenz Sunday, and enjoyed supper with them.

Bob Schafer and Sharen McCoy of Alma were guests of the Bill Schafers of Mt. Pleasant Sunday evening.

LeAnna Sherlock spent Thursday afternoon with Cheryl, Nanette and Brenda Mathews.

Marge Schafer received a phone call from a very excited daughter-in-law Sunday evening. Jane Schafer won \$500 playing bingo. Congratulations to Jane from all her friends!

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Patti Dutcher celebrated her birthday Friday. The Garry Dutcher family, Robert Dutcher family and the Jim Dutcher family and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case and Burgess all helped her celebrate, and enjoyed cake and ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Case and Dick and Patti Dutcher called on the Robert Dutchers Sunday.

Harry Gatehouse came home from CMC Hospital a week ago Thursday, after spending 13 days there.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Smith of Midland visited Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., Sunday.

Florence Hoffman and Clea Navarre visited them Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard of Midland and his mother, Mary Nixon, of Mt. Pleasant, were recent luncheon guests of the Ervin Dutchers.

Clarence Chaffee returned home Sunday after spending over a week in CMC Hospital.

Nancy Howard and children and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Boyd were Sunday afternoon callers at the Chaffee home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Chaffee have named their baby Lisa Ann. She weighed five pounds, 14 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker and Keith, Deanne and Danelle called on us Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and children spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hissong and family of Montague, returning home Sunday afternoon.

The Jim Dutchers spent a week ago Saturday evening with the Brian Dutchers.

Larry Egbert visited Steve Dutcher a couple of times during the week.

Margaret Ash spent last Monday with Ronna Dutcher.

Ervin Dutcher, Jr., called on George Woodin Sunday.

Ervin Dutcher, Sr., and Goldie

called on Ronna Dutcher Friday morning, and took her to the doctor.

Dawn Dutcher spent Friday over night and Saturday with Patti Dutcher.

Ronna Dutcher slipped and fell and fractured her ankle Thursday evening. She has a walking cast on it.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Watson of Grand Ledge spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad. They all called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Neepor of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday evening with the Brian Dutchers.

Ronna Dutcher and Sandra and Kim Thren called on the Eddie Norman family Wednesday evening.

Julia Dutcher took Rex to the doctor in Midland Friday, then Bob joined them after work and they had supper with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Owen. Dawn got off the bus here and had

supper with us. They brought ice cream and cake to help me celebrate my birthday. Richard and Patti joined us.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher were also part of our family to help us celebrate our 44th anniversary Feb. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler of Rosebush visited the Carl Beutlers Sunday.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague took their daughter, Pam, and Billie and Pennie Bruce to a show at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bigelow and children of rural Winn were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague were in Hart and Shelby Saturday, chaperoning Eighth Grade bands from the Chippewa Hills Schools. The kids won a First division rating.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

TILMANN-LA LONE WEDDING WAS IN CENTENNIAL STYLE

The beautiful wedding scene Saturday, March 8, at 6 p. m. when Thomas Joseph Tilmann took Cynthia Lou La Lone as his bride, was totally in the Centennial style, observing the coming Centennial celebration of the Beal City area this summer, July 26 through Aug. 3.

Margie Block furnished wedding music with her guitar.

Girls in the bride's party wore old-fashioned dresses and lace hoods. Men wore cutaway coats, top hats, and beards.

A great number of friends and relatives attended a dinner and reception following the ceremony,

at the K. C. Hall.

Jack Schafer came home from the hospital Friday.

Maxine Klumpp spent the weekend in Chicago.

Al and Ruth Klumpp went to Saginaw on a business trip last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger spent Thursday evening with Tillie Schafer.

Sister Marie Alexander and Sister John the Baptist called on relatives around Beal City last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp and girls spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. McClure in Alma.

Mrs. Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Bob Schafer home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer, Louise Schafer and Everett went to Flint Tuesday to attend the funeral of Cele Schafer.

of Cele Schafer.

Mrs. Emma Tilmann arrived home from her winter's stay in Florida last week, enjoying the plane ride. She spent the months in her mobile home at Tampa, and says she enjoyed the winter down there. ("But I'm glad to be back," she said.) She went to Florida Nov. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau enjoyed supper in Clare Saturday, and then attended the wedding of Thomas Tilmann and Cynthia La Lone.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schumacher are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Simmer of Rosebush called on Louise Smith, and also Mrs. Bill Smith, last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Theisen left

for Florida Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Block returned from their trip, reporting a wonderful time.

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NEWS NOTES

Sherry Eberbach of Lansing and Mrs. Mike Knipfer and two daughters of Big Rapids, and Mrs. Larry Egbert were Sunday visitors of their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Miss Robin Young of Clare spent the weekend with the Eugene McArthur family.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur attended the Tilmann-La Lone wedding at Beal City Saturday evening.

Mrs. Ula Cummin's children were all present Sunday, to help celebrate the birthday of their grandmother, Mrs. Helen Smith.



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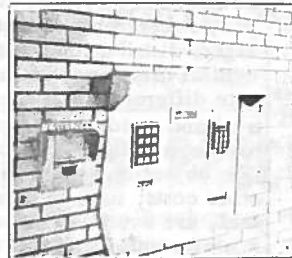
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YOUR HOMETOWN FRIEND.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hyder of rural Remus were honored Sunday when their children hosted an Open House for their Golden Wedding anniversary, at the Remus Town Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook took her sister, Miss Mary Richardson, who is a patient at Pleasant Manor in Mt. Pleasant, to her dentist last Thursday.

Joe Martin called on Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray Thursday. Mrs. Loretta Lorenz and Clarence were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder called on Mrs. Lovica Krueger Sunday. Richard Lueder is hospitalized at CMC Hospital this week.

Mrs. Matilda Starr, Mrs. Leona Courser and Mrs. Ella Cox were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Courser.

Mrs. Gladys Parker visited Mrs. Richard Flaughner Monday.

Mrs. Hazel Willoughby of Detroit was a Wednesday guest of Mrs. Nettie Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder and Roderick Nicholson spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan MacGregor and family have moved to a home near Pleasant Valley.

Mrs. Edward Garrett was hostess at a baby shower for Mrs. Robert Wilson Friday evening, at the Garrett home.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold called at the Ralph Ehler home in Shepherd Sunday.

Miss Pennie Plank of Mt. Pleasant and friend were Thursday evening dinner guests of mine.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Curtiss and Mike and Vicky Tilmann were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox.



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NEW CITIZENS CLUB PROBES UTILITIES COSTS

At a two-hour public meeting March 3, sponsored by the Coe Township Democratic Club, over 50 concerned citizens sat down over coffee with officials of Consumers Power Company to discuss utility rates.

Present at the Valley View Restaurant, representing the utility, were central division manager Gene Waggener, assistant manager Gerald Carvey, and superintendent of energy consulting services Eugene Yehl.

Serving as moderator and secretary were Miriam Ebel and Marie Larson, as hostesses; Meta Edmonds, and Karen Travis. Randall Caszatt, the club's founder, opened the meeting with a brief explanation of its purposes: "Citizen self-help," and announced that other public meetings are planned, the next with Michigan Public Service Commissioner William R. Ralls as guest.

Many citizens present, while acknowledging that times are hard, expressed the feeling that smaller energy customers, especially residential, are today paying more than their fair share of rising fuel costs and plant down time. In reply, the company's representatives pointed to higher distribution costs to residential users, and noted that rate differences between industrial and residential customers had been reduced in recent years. The objection was raised that other costs, such as plant and fuel, are averaged into rates, so it seems unfair not to average distribution costs too. It was also observed that residential customers still pay the cost of lines run in and meters installed, before getting service.

Other questions centered around the fact that generating costs for peak-load far exceed those for base-load, round-the-clock generation. Considerable interest was expressed in the possibility of a revised rate structure in which higher costs caused by customers demanding peak-load service could be passed on to them, whereas customers willing to settle for off-peak service would be rewarded with lower rates based on base-load capacity. This, it was felt, would both encourage conservation and, by making better use of existing plant, cut company costs. Power company representatives noted

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that industrial customers have, so far, failed to take advantage of off-peak pricing, perhaps because of a general reluctance to work nights.

On the feasibility of an inverted rate structure, one that would encourage and reward conservation by charging ever-increasing per unit rates as consumption increased, Mr. Carvey and Mr. Yehl agreed that this was a possibility, although it had been considered and rejected in the past by the Public Service Commission. The audience then expressed some interest in having membership on the Commission be determined by other means than political appointment.

Concerning alternate sources of energy, it was stated that Consumers Power does have a research program, but that Michigan is not favorably situated to make efficient use of solar, wind or geothermal energy. A question on water power elicited the response that high operating costs had caused the closing of Consumers' small hydro-electric facilities, at best no more than three percent of their generating plant. The company still feels that nuclear power is the most promising source of cheap energy.

At the end of the meeting, when Randall Caszatt asked what we all could look forward to in the next 12 months, Gerald Carvey acknowledged a bleak outlook: Short term, rising prices; long-term, changing life styles.

Despite this grim prognostication, many present seemed to feel that a rate structure altered to reward conservation and round-the-clock use of plant might ease both the company's and their own problems.

It was also acknowledged that any redesigning of rate-structure would have to come from either the legislature or the Public Service Commission.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

I am sending a check for the Messenger.

Am glad to be missing the ice and snow up there, but it has been quite chilly here. It was down to 40 degrees last night (March 3).

Some of the Weidman people that are here have visited Fey and Lela, so we get the pleasure of seeing them, too.

I couldn't spend this money for anything I would enjoy more than the Messenger.

Laura Latham
Punta Gorda, Florida.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague were Saturday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Kirvan of Oscoda were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood.

Mrs. Grace Pitts attended services at the Gilmore Church of Christ Sunday morning, and went home to Farwell with her daughter, Mrs. Elaine Esterline, for lunch and dinner.

Mrs. Rowena Allen took Mrs. Helen Smith to Grand Rapids Monday, for a checkup.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Allen and sons and Mrs. Alton Allen attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Green in Wheeler, Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Green entered the hospital at Saginaw Monday for surgery for gallstones.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler was a Sunday dinner guest of the Carl Beutler family. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler and Joel.

Mrs. Mary Beutler and Mrs. Claribel Beutler attended an honorary session of the Middleton Chapter, OES, at the VFW Hall in Perrinton, honoring Mary Alice Snyder of the Middleton Chapter, last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey and family and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark and family, all of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark and family of Weidman enjoyed a snowmobile outing Sunday, with a snowmobile safari and lunch with Sue and Dennis on their return.

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ACCIDENT VICTIMS RECOVERING SLOWLY

Dale Maeder returned from CMC Hospital Sunday. He was treated for injuries incurred as his car hit an icy spot on the Mill Road in Weidman last week and struck the abutment of the second bridge east of the mill. His daughter, Betty, is with him at the Norman Abbott home.

His wife, Paula, who was seriously injured, was taken by ambulance to the Midland Hospital Tuesday for treatment by a bone specialist.

Visitors at the Joe Ptak home over the weekend were her aunt, Viola Ingalls, of Ewart, and a cousin, Richard Ingalls, of Wayne.

Mrs. Zena Olger still has her company. Her niece, Mrs. Hattie Van Warmer, took her mother, Myrtle Decker, and Hattie's husband, Norwood, to her sister's while they went shopping one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and Robert and Mrs. Muriel Miller and Debbie visited Mrs. Lois Knollenberg of Rosebush Sunday.

I saw my doctor Monday afternoon of this week.

Dick Gott of Farwell called on us one day last week. Mrs. Kay Aldrich also called. Arnold Allen of Lansing and Albert Gott were Sunday visitors.

Jim Alwood heard from his friend, Bob Fox, from Norfolk, Virginia. Bob is in the Coast Guard, and is doing very well. His cousin, Bob Kolarik, is stationed a few miles from him. The weather is in the 60s and 70s there. Bob hopes to be home in July for a 10-day leave.

Mrs. Helen Alwood spent some time with her mother at Pleasant Manor last Thursday, and took her out for dinner. Helen also called on Mrs. Cora Shippee in Mt. Pleasant. The ladies used to work together at the State Home before Mrs. Shippee retired.

The Joe Blodgett and Raymond Battleshaw families and the Don Florian family of Flint, and Mrs. Hazel Battleshaw and daughter, Kathy, spent 10 days on a vacation in Florida. Ray Battleshaw suffered a heart attack while there and has been in the intensive care unit in a hospital in Florida. His wife, Charlene, and mother, Hazel, and sister, Rosemary, stayed with him, and the others returned home Saturday evening. We hope Ray will improve quickly, so he can return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and Heather enjoyed rabbit supper at the Don Alwood home last Monday evening. Heather stayed over night and the next day. Her mother and Karen Hayes went with Mrs. Diane Nelson to see her ba-

by at an Ann Arbor hospital. The baby returned home Thursday, the first she has been home since she was born in December.

The Chippewa Hills Schools bands went to Shelby Saturday for an all-day competition. Donny Alwood stayed over night with Greg Jehmzen at Rodney, and they enjoyed fishing Sunday on Blue Lake.

Mrs. Elvah Gott, Wanda Graham and Debbie and Helen Alwood and Cathy attended a home products party at the home of Bessie Allen near Farwell Friday evening.

Steve Kripa of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon and evening at the Don Alwood home, and attended church with them.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Sunday afternoon callers of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger were Saturday evening guests at the Bill McDonald home near Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin spent the weekend with her father, Leo Bahr, at Copemish.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller were Sunday afternoon callers at the Elwood Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight were Friday evening guests of the Benn Johnson family.

Mrs. Johnson called on their grandmother Johnson Friday morning at the St. Louis rest home.

Bob Thompson accompanied Tim Workman to Detroit Wednesday, returning Thursday.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended the UMW Society at the home of Mrs. Wanetta Gingrich in Remus, Wednesday afternoon. Sunday callers of the Thompsens were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fuller and children of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller spent the weekend at their mobile home here.

Mrs. Nina Green and son, Terry, and Miss Debbie Lane of Grand Rapids were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and Duane were Sunday callers at the Alva Cummins home.

Ivan Dutcher and Chad Chapman were Tuesday callers at the Charlie Losey home. Harold Losey was a Sunday visitor. He was snowmobiling.

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NEWS NOTES

Charles (Zeke) Shanteau, Jr., was injured recently when he was helping saw a car in two and half of it fell on him. He suffered a fractured back, and is wearing a brace. He was in CMC Hospital several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany and

son, Ken, of Big Rapids spent Sunday afternoon with their mo-

ther and grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Momany.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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Preliminary data suggests that in 1974 the rate of production rose more than 10 percent over 1973, a low year. It is our understanding that when raw materials were available, manufacturers worked six days a week and three shifts a day in an effort to satisfy demand. Factory inventories stood at record lows. Industry informed us that all available home canning equipment had moved or was moving to retail stores. Despite this effort, sources within Government and industry agree that jar lids and caps remained in short supply throughout 1974.

Demand for home canning materials has increased 170 percent due, in major part, to planting of around 6.50 million new family gardens in 1974. Supplies of tin plate, the basic raw material for jar lids and caps, continued tight primarily as a result of a substantial reduction in imports. Production of closures had to compete for scarce tin plate with manufacture of other products. Although shipments of domestic tin plate were running approximately 9.8 percent above 1973 in the final quarter of 1974 and manufacturers were scheduling further output increases for the remainder of the year, jar lids :

and caps remained in short supply during the final months of the 1974 canning season.

We expect greater tin plate availability in 1975. Tin plate producers should share in the increased availability of certain steel products brought about by the decline in demand for steel from the U. S. automotive, appliance and housing industries. Reduced demand abroad makes an increase in steel imports likely. Overall, tin plate supply should meet the 1975 needs of closure (jar lids) producers there by assuring an adequate supply of canning closures for the 1975 season.

To meet the demand swollen by the planting of 6.50 million new home gardens in 1974, the glass container manufacturing industry increased production of home canning jars and lids in the second half of 1974. It is our understanding that this industry has planned further increases to satisfy the full anticipated demand in the 1975 canning season.

If you have need for any further information, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,
John P. Hearney
For Samuel B. Sherwin
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Domestic Commerce

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KATHY BROWN

Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Brown, Vandecar Road in Gilmore, are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kathy, to Larry Crawford of Memphis, Tenn., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crawford of Lake Butler, Florida. The wedding date has been set for May 3, and will take place in Lake Butler, Florida.

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