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Editor's Column

By Connie

THE CANNING LID SHORTAGE: NOBODY SAYS MUCH ABOUT IT

So the bigger newspapers are finally beginning to take notice of the scandalous shortage of home-canning lids, but no paper we've seen thus far has said much about it. Some words, yes; but sensible explanations and solutions? No.

The Mt. Pleasant Times-News said in its June 18 edition, "Canning Lids Are in Ample Supply." That was the heading of the story.

The Times-News merely quoted Mrs. Nancy Harvey Steorts, a special assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture for Consumer Affairs, to the effect that periodic checks of manufacturers indicate they are working at full capacity.

(Ed's note: What IS their capacity? One machine per company? Possibly two? Nobody has said, thus far.)

All the Times-News story really said was that home canners in the northeast (of the United States) will get lids when the manufacturers deem the area is ready to can.

The Detroit Free Press of Sunday, June 22, carried a four-column heading, "Canning Lid Shortage Strikes Detroit".

Again, the Free Press didn't say much of anything except to accuse housewives of hoarding can lids by the case or truckload, the article would indicate.

A Chatham food store manager told the Free Press, "People are hoarding them, grabbing them off the shelves in unreasonable numbers."

Our own experience, in querying store managers, is that the stores simply have not been getting the lids. Ask Keith Baumann. Ask Vic's Market or any other big store in Mt. Pleasant.

The Free Press did quote a spokesman for Sears, Roebuck stores as saying, the store has plenty of canning jars (as have all stores), but no lids.

"We haven't received any lids in 1975, but don't say that," the Sears, Roebuck man told the Free Press.

All food stores have huge piles of canning jars, complete with tops and lids. But no lids.

We can't see where hoarding



RALPH, LEE, AND DORIS HARRIS, owners of Ralph's Travel Park in rural Zephyrhills, Florida, where many Michiganders spend their winters. Ralph's family were in Michigan to attend a rally of the 40-odd travel trailer owners Saturday at the old Remus Fabricating Corporation plant on the edge of Remus. Messenger photo



WE GOT THIS SHOT OF A COUPLE OF THE TRAILERS-- parked in Remus Saturday for the rally of Michigan trail-erites who spend the winters at Ralph's Trailer Park in Zephyrhills. Shown, left, is Betty (Benn) Johnson and Helen (Beutler) Cotter, whose families enjoy winters at Ralph's place in Florida. It was a great day, with endless tables for dining, and reunions of winter friends from all over Michigan. Messenger photo

could possibly come in, as most stores are limiting all customers to two packages per person on any day they might have a few.

That's hoarding?

See yuh next in the July 10 issue. Hooray.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR THE ERVIN DUTCHERS, SR.

There will be an Open House on Sunday, June 29, from 1 to 4 p. m., at the Masonic Hall in Weidman in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Hosting the event will be their children and grandchildren.

All friends and relatives are cordially invited.

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FIREWORKS IN WEIDMAN FOR FOURTH OF JULY

A beautiful display of fireworks will be open to the public on the evening of July 4 (next week Friday), at 10 o'clock, sponsored by a few active members of the Weidman Business Association.

The fireworks will be set off at the Marina, on the north edge of town, and will be visible from all directions all over town.

Plenty of parking space is available. Y'all come.

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WBA MEETING THURSDAY EVENING, THIS WEEK

A special meeting of the Weidman Business Association, the town's Chamber of Commerce, has been called for Thursday evening of this week, at 8 o'clock, at the Fire Hall.

Any person operating any kind of business, from an office, a store, shop or home, should participate in the responsibility of keeping and bettering the town that gives businesses life and its people business and shopping conveniences.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

John Clark, Jim Strong and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller were Saturday evening callers at the Jim Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Bob plan to attend the wedding of their niece and cousin, Miss Nancy Thompson, and Larry Smith, this coming Saturday, at her home at Drayton Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of their daughter, Mrs. Joyce Chaffee.

Mrs. Vera Rombold and daughter were weekend guests of her grandparents, the Sterling Oplingers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Mrs. Susie Chapman and Chad were Sunday dinner guests at the Charlie Gross home in Weidman, celebrating Charlie's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock enjoyed Sunday dinner with Mrs. Margaret Denslow, and an afternoon of visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent Sunday in Big Rapids with the Ray Kirvans. Mabel went to the hospital Thursday for tests.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended the Firemen's annual steak fry at Weidman Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Marguerite Rice and daughter, Tressa, were Sunday afternoon guests of the Earl Oplingers.

Mrs. Marian Brandt of Grant and Gerry Darnell of Dearborn were Sunday afternoon callers of

Mrs. Flora Wood. Saturday evening Mrs. Wood attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Beth Lynn Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood, and Daniel Mills, at Mt. Pleasant. A reception was held at the VFW Hall in Rosebush.

Callers of Mrs. Eva Denslow during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Denslow, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Thrush and Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Denslow. Mrs. Nina Green and Terry were Sunday dinner guests.

Mrs. Elva Parks was a Tuesday morning caller at the Charlie Losey home. Floyd Dutcher brought Alva Cummins over Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Minnie Strauch called to say Earl Dutcher was home from the hospital. Floyd Dutcher called Friday. Harold Losey called Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher called Sunday evening, and Goldie called on me also.

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Walker Creek News

Ollie Denslow, Reporter

Darla and Debbie Packer of Deerfield Center spent the weekend with their uncle and aunt, Dale and Sue Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow called on Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Abbott of Bass Lake visited their daughter at Brower Park Sunday.

Mrs. Lyle Denslow visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. David Thompson, of Bass Lake, Sunday.

Visitors at the Earl Clarke home last week were their sister-in-law, Iris Gilpin, and friend, Mary McKenzie, of Weirton, Canada. Eunice Boland of Oscoda was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harp of Oxford, Mich., and Margaret Harp of Lakeland, Fla., called on the Earl Clarks last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke were Sunday dinner guests of Dallas Sullivan of Hersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Corwin and Robbie and Kyle called on Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow Sunday evening.

Mrs. Thelma Leiter and Mrs. Arthur Loomis called at the hospital in Mt. Pleasant to visit Thelma's father Monday. Arthur

was reported doing real good.

Allen and Scott Wilcox spent the weekend with their sister, Kathy, and husband, the Tony Morales, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Reed and family visited Roy Reed of Hessel, Mich., last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Ron DeVries and family were Sunday visitors of the Leo Denslows.

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Mr. and Mrs. Don Green of Wheeler spent the weekend at their lake lot on Lake of the Hills. Their sister, Mrs. Alton Allen, returned home with them Monday evening. Mrs. Allen planned to visit her son, Ivan, at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Tuesday. Ivan was reported as doing well after surgery.

STOCK CAR RACES
Time Trials 7:00 P. M.
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FLEA MARKET--Every Saturday,
 at the Broomfield Grange Hall,
 located corner M-20 and Cold-
 water Road. Lunch served 11
 a. m. to 2 p. m.
 May29tf

STRAYED TO OUR HOME--
 On May 11, a black and tan
 fox terrier, male, 1 year
 old, lost near Weidman.
RESULTS
 June 12tf

FOR SALE--1966 Ford 289, V-8
 motor, \$50.00. Phone 644-
 3586.
 June 19tf

WANTED--Plumbing Inspector
 for Sherman, Nottawa and Cold-
 water Townships. Must be jour-
 neyman plumber and resident
 of area. Send application to
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 man Road, Lake, Mich. 48632,
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 We promised you last week:
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 er bed or border. A perennial,
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 from.
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 2150.
 June 26tf

YARD SALE--June 26, 27, 28--
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 to Vernon Road, 2 1/2 miles
 west (stone house, south side of
 road). Typewriter, lamps, clo-
 thing, boat carrier, etc. Phone
 644-3586.
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Card of Thanks

I want to thank my many
 friends and relatives for their
 cards, gifts, visits and prayers
 while I was in the hospital and
 since I came home.

A very special Thank You to
 Dr. Coles and Dr. Wickert and
 their nurses; our daughter-in-
 law Fonda; neighbors Jack and
 Elvah Gott; Don's sister, Orma
 Kripa; and my niece, Joyce
 Smith.

My family and friends are the
 best.

God bless you and keep you
 well.

Helen Alwood

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Obituary

RICHARD M. LOWERY
 Richard Mark Lowery of north-
 west Sherman Township was born
 Feb. 9, 1955, in the Clare Os-
 teopathic Hospital, and had
 lived in this area all his young
 life. He was 20 years old. He
 died Sunday night in a tragic
 auto accident on the Winn Road
 near the Montcalm County line.

He was a 1973 graduate of the
 Chippewa Hills High School, and
 was employed by the Evert Pro-
 ducts Company.

He is survived by his parents,
 Mr. and Mrs. Marshall H. Lowery;
 two brothers, Steven of Evert and
 Pete at home; a sister, Mrs. Eric
 Morton (Cathy) of Flint; paternal
 grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Mar-
 shall Lowery of Barryton, and ma-
 ternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.
 Neil Darnell of Coldwater Town-
 ship.

Funeral services were held at
 1 p. m. Wednesday from the
 Daggett Funeral Home in Barry-
 ton, with Rev. Altha Barnes offi-
 ciating. Burial was in the Sher-
 man City Cemetery.

The family have the deep sym-
 pathy of their many friends.

HELEN M. SHELDON

Funeral services were held Mon-
 day for Helen Mabel Sheldon at
 the J. J. Rush Funeral Home in
 Mt. Pleasant, with Father John
 Thome officiating. Burial was in
 Calvary Cemetery in Mt. Pleas-
 ant.

Mrs. Sheldon was 65.
 She was born April 6, 1910, in
 Isabella County, and had been
 employed as an attendance nurse
 at the Center for Human Devel-
 opment.

She is survived by nine daugh-
 ters, seven sons, three brothers,
 Joseph Wilmot of Weidman, and
 Donald and John of Mt. Pleasant;
 four sisters, and 43 grandchil-
 dren.

The family has the sympathy
 of all.

RUBY (TICE) PREECE

Ruby M. (Tice) Preece of Roy-
 al Oak, a well-known daughter
 of pioneers in this area, and es-
 pecially Coldwater Lake, died
 last week at the Pleasant Manor
 Nursing Home in Mt. Pleasant.
 She was 80.

She was born Sept. 14, 1894,
 in Mt. Pleasant, and was a teach-
 er in the public schools.

Her family built the first sum-
 mer cottage on Coldwater Lake,
 in the 19th Century, long before
 the lake became a resort devel-
 opment.

She is survived by a son, Eric,
 of Royal Oak; four grandchil-
 dren; two sisters, Clara Britshart
 of Ohio and Joyce Young of New
 York.

Rev. Athel Lynch officiated at
 the funeral services. Burial was

at Riverside Cemetery in Mt.
 Pleasant.

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KENNETH HUMMEL

Kenneth R. Hummel of Shep-
 herd died Sunday, June 15, in
 Ann Arbor. He was 64.

The Hummel family was one
 of the early settlers in Broom-
 field Township.

He was manager of Michigan
 Bean Company's elevator in
 Shepherd at the time of his
 death.

Burial was in the Salt River
 Cemetery at Shepherd.

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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.
 Prayer Meeting (Wednesday),
 7 p. m.

We enjoyed a Hymn Sing by
 the Calvary Echoes Sunday eve-
 ning. We had a fairly large at-
 tendance, and lunch afterward.

GARAGE SALE--June 26 and 27,
 1 block east of the school in
 Weidman.
 June 26t1

AUTOMOTIVE CENTER AT
 MID MICHIGAN COLLEGE
 Mid Michigan Community Col-
 lege at Harrison will receive a
 federal grant for the construction
 of an automotive technology cen-
 ter, it was announced this week.

The automotive center will pro-
 vide much-needed space for the
 training of auto mechanics in the
 mid-Michigan area.

The new automotive program
 will prepare the graduate to meet
 all necessary requirement for cer-
 tification as a master mechanic,
 required by a recent Michigan
 law covering licenses of auto me-
 chanics.

The program will serve both the
 person who desires to become an
 auto mechanic and also the cur-
 rently employed mechanic who
 wants to increase his proficiency
 in his occupation.

The program will produce ap-
 proximately 50 graduates a year,
 with another 60 to 90 students en-
 gaged in inservice, upgrading ed-
 ucation.

There will be little difficulty in
 placing graduates in the mid-
 Michigan area, the college says,
 as there are currently more than
 258 automotive service businesses
 employing over 800 persons in
 the area.

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UP SHE GOES-- A NEW FACTORY IN THIS AREA. Skeleton steel beams were in place Saturday as we drove past the site of the Randell Manufacturing Company, located on the Coldwater Road between the Jack and Richard Cook farms. Card Construction Company of Mt. Pleasant works fast, as we saw when it put up the new Baumann IGA food center in Weidman. By the time this paper is out, the construction company no doubt will be much further along with the building. It is located near the Lake Isabella airport runways. Messenger photo

IT'S A STRAWBERRY YEAR
We were overwhelmed last weekend when Agnes Fox brought Ye Ed a quart and a half of the biggest, brightest, most delicious wild strawberries we've ever seen. Cleaned and hulled, too, ready for use.
Agnes said she had picked a couple bushels of the delectable wild berries, and that they grow wild and wonderful in the grass in most selected places.
She and her friends have been gathering bushels of giant-size

wild beauties in the grasslands around the Nottawa Dump, at Coldwater Lake.
"There's enough berries there for everyone," Agnes said this week.
Thanks again, Agnes. We're reveling in the wild berries' matchless taste.
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Otis Kirvan of Oscoda called on his mother, Mrs. Emily Wood Sunday. He also called at the Messenger office, and recalled old times.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Dad and I were in Saginaw Sunday, taking Lillie Maddox home after a two weeks' visit with us and Velma Amy and daughter, Gloria, in Gilmore.

A large crowd attended the Bowen reunion at the Coldwater Township Park Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Place and family and Edna Teeter spent Sunday with Ruth Teeter and family at Clare.

Bill, Mike, Chris and Ronda Livermore participated in the Walkathon Saturday, from Clare to Mt. Pleasant. It was sponsored by the Lake Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary La Londe and boys spent Sunday with his mother, Eunice La Londe. Gary and the boys attended a ball game at Weidman in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe had as a guest from Thursday till Monday, her sister, Helen, from Arizona.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur and family spent the weekend at Mud Lake, near Farwell. They joined the David McArthurs there.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Durham of Ingis, Florida, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine of Midland were Friday guests.

ENGAGEMENT



CYNTHIA MARIE LEITER

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter of northwest Sherman announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Marie, to Danny Joe Blodgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al-len Blodgett of Flint.

They will be married June 28 at the Weidman Baptist Church.

A reception will be held at the Brinton Hall in Brinton at 8 p. m.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Block and family were Sunday callers of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Block.

Mrs. Margaret Smith of Burr Oak is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Gross.

Rose and Clarence Schafer of Lansing called on relatives around Beal City last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bartlett and family of Chicago visited relatives around Beal City and Weidman last week.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Jerry Schafer home. Milo and Ann Eldred were Tuesday evening callers of Mrs. Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and family of Ithaca spent the weekend with Irene Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge and family in Midland.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. Joe Sheppard last Tuesday. Mrs. John E. Schafer was an overnight guest of the Sheppards Tuesday.

Theresa Smith and Kathy and Janice Pung called on Mrs. Louise Smith and Dora Tuesday evening. Kitty Gross was a Wednesday evening visitor. She reported that Bill McGrogan had had a leg amputation.

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer entertained company over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger called on Mrs. Louise Smith and Dora Saturday. Sunday callers were Mrs. Paul Smith and two children of Ithaca, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Fred Gould and two children of Mt. Pleasant, and

Ginger Rau, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Boven of Grand Ledge.

There will be another of those beautiful Centennial dances this Friday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City. The public is invited to the gala affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt and sons, Larry and Glenn, returned from a scenic trip through the Southern States, Saturday. They spent a week on the trip. On their way home they visited relatives in Dayton, Ohio. They got home Saturday.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie,

The picture from Grace Woolworth in your June 19 edition was taken in the summer of 1916, and was the Methodist Ladies' Aid Society as it was known then.

Pictures I recognized, other than those mentioned, are: Iva Smith (Mrs. Earl), Mrs. Dr. Gillett, Mrs. Winnifred Baker, Mrs. Stella Shephard, Mrs. Lant Boyer, Mrs. Ina Gardner, Mrs. Bertie Drallette, Mrs. Sanderson, Wendell Drallette, and I think, Mrs. Fisher.

In the last week, we have had three terrible storms.

Few can jars are here now, but no lids. Now, if that isn't somebody playing politics somewhere, I don't know what it would be called.

As for me, until they can sell lids, they can keep their cans.

Sincerely

Genevieve Scott Gingery
Flint

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart McArthur of Alexandria, Va., are spending the week with their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth spent the weekend at the home of their son, Doug, and family, at Holt, observing the eighth birthday of their granddaughter, Wendy.

Mrs. Robert Tibbetts and daughter, Carolyn, of East Lansing, spent last Tuesday with Mrs. Claribel Beutler. They brought her home from CMC Hospital, where she had spent a week for observation and tests. Mrs. Forrest Johnston of Rosebush brought supper for her mother Saturday afternoon, and spent the evening. Other supper guests were Mrs. Carl Beutler and daughters, Diane and Brenda. Sunday afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler and Mrs. Andrew Willey of Rosebush. They enjoyed a drive to Lake Isabella and southwest Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Reitz and son and daughter of Evansville, Ind., and Mrs. Leland Reitz of Battle Creek were Tues-

day luncheon guests of Mrs. Emma Middlesworth. They were on their way to the Straits.

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Mr. Johns

Congratulations to our President, Mr. Larry Johns, who has been elected as President of the Michigan Bankers Association. It is an honor to have a person from our bank, and our community, in this high office.



Mr. Lampman

Mr. J. Allen Lampman has announced his retirement, effective June 30, as the Trust Officer for Isabella Bank and Trust. Mr. Lampman was very instrumental in the formation of our Trust Department, and



Mr. Wallace

we offer our sincere appreciation for his work in the department and wish him well in his retirement.

Replacing Mr. Lampman as Trust Officer will be Mr. Harold O. Wallace, Senior Vice President of our bank.



Mrs. Hoffman



Mrs. Maybe



Mrs. Held

S.O.S.

(Special Organizational Services)

Isabella Bank and Trust is pleased to add the names of Mrs. Clara Hoffman and Mrs. Mittimaude Held, to those of Mrs. Alice Maybee and Mr. Wallace, as its representatives for its SOS program.

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BOB ENGLER (left) of the Beal City Chapter, Future Farmers of America, is greeted in Washington, D.C., by Bart Brashears of Alex, Oklahoma, national vice president from the Southern Region of the FFA. Bob attended the week-long National FFA Conference program.

The FFA conference program is designed to improve leadership skills, develop an understanding of the national heritage, and prepare FFA members for more effective leadership roles in their chapters and communities. The conference also is a forum for exchange of FFA Chapter activity ideas among members from across the nation.

Besides the training sessions the week's activities included visits to Mt. Vernon Plantation, the National Archives, Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, and other historic memorials in and around the capital.

A highlight of the conference was a morning visit to the office of Congressman Elford Cederberg of the 10th District. Participants also attended a Capitol Hill luncheon featuring a question and answer period with Congressmen and Washington leaders in business and industry.

Bob Engler is 17, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Engler of Notatawa. His vocational agriculture instructor at the Beal City School is Curt Du Vall.

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REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS EIGHT TABLES IN PLAY

At their regular card party for Senior Citizens last Tuesday afternoon, the Weidman Rebekahs had eight tables of pepper in play.

Ladies' high-score prize was won by Gertrude Gross, the men's by Jack Cotter. Clifton Anstey won low.

Wilbur Reinert won the pepper prize, while Elizabeth Neubecker

drew the door prize.

Refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were served by the committee.

The next card party at the Rekahs' Hall in Weidman will be Tuesday afternoon, July 1. All are welcome to attend.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Owen Jarman and mother, Flosie Jarman, and a neighbor had Sunday dinner with Zena Olger. They are all from Rosebush. Mrs. Sidney Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson of Mt. Pleasant called on their mother Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Carol Abbott called on Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chapman last Thursday morning.

Albert Gott called on us Saturday. Mrs. Wanda Graham and Debbie took us to our doctor on Tuesday, and again took me Friday and Sunday for shots, as I stepped on a nail Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Raublitz of Rosebush called on Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich and Kelley one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham of Mt. Pleasant and Al Woodbury called on Laura Latham Sunday.

Bill Alwood and son, Troy, of Hemlock spent the weekend at the Don and Russell Alwood homes. Bill's mother, Helen, returned home Friday from the hospital. Bill and son enjoyed supper at the Harris Brown home at Lake Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith and granddaughter, Diane, of Cole-

man, called at the Don Alwood home Sunday. They took them some nice strawberries.

Al Woodbury and Laura Latham went to Deerfield Monday to help with a lunch for the family of Helen Sheldon, after her funeral.

Heather Alwood spent Sunday afternoon at the Don Alwood home, while her parents called on Fonda's mother, Mrs. Connie Methner, at the Mt. Pleasant Hospital. Mrs. Methner has been there since last Tuesday, suffering from a blood clot in her leg. She was feeling much better the first of this week.

Donny Alwood spent Sunday afternoon with the Dr. Kowaleski family at St. Michael's "Fun Day" in Remus. Monday and Tuesday the boys enjoyed fishing with Brian Dargitz of near Mecosta.

Mrs. Mercel Graham and Diane and Pat called on Helen Alwood Monday morning, and took her a home-made loaf of bread for her family. Cathy Alwood picked strawberries for her brother, Rusty, Saturday, so they are enjoying shortcake.

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RALPH'S TRAVEL PARK RALLY AT REMUS

By Arlene Leiter

Ralph's Travel Park of Zephyrhills, Florida, held its first annual summer rally June 21 and 22 at the Wolverine Pipe Fabrication Shop in Remus, hosted by Arlene Leiter.

A hundred and forty-eight people in 40 trailers or campers attended the rally, arriving beginning Wednesday, from Canada, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Florida, and Michigan.

Many enjoyed a campfire Friday evening. A pot-luck dinner at 5 p. m. was served to more than 125 people Saturday.

Organ music was provided by Mary Smith of Mecosta.

Following the Saturday supper, "gag" gifts were presented to appropriate recipients. They included miniature knitting kits, fishing kits, an oar for someone

up the creek, a Michigan fly, and a chain smol' . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Harris were honored with a beautifully decorated cake and a gift for their 23rd wedding anniversary.

A singalong followed the awards, led by Ralph Harris and Harmon Knopf. Dancing followed, with music by Mary Smith.

Pot-luck dinner Sunday was attended by more new arrivals.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Sturgis' wedding anniversary was honored with a cake. Happy Birthday was sung for Mrs. Ethel Knopf.

Further awards included one for the longest rig, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cuelow of near Hillsdale; shortest rig, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McGuire; traveled farthest, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Mack of Bath, N. Y. earliest arrivals, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cotter of near Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Corey of Fremont; 13th arrival, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harris; oldest person, Julius Schictel of Honor; youngest person, Martha McPherson of Petoskey; and latest arrival, Warren Buelow of near Ludington.

Flowers were provided by Eleanor Doerr of Mecosta, beautiful tea roses by Edna Flues of Bay City, and velvety Sweet Williams and peonies by Mrs. Thelma Baker of Remus.

Many went on to other vacation travels. All planned to meet again in Florida, when the snow birds fly south.

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Smokey Says:



Photo by Arlene Leiter

S. W. Sherman
Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Richard and Barbara Dutcher attended a retirement party for Ted Bertolissi from the General Telephone Company Saturday evening. Patti spent the night with her grandparents, the Theodore Cases. They called on her folks Sunday afternoon.

Pearl Case's brother, Ed Buxton, of Flint, passed away Saturday, after surgery.

We had Sunday dinner with Dick, Barbara and Patti. Patti spent Friday afternoon with Kim and Shelly Dutcher, and stayed over night.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman of Lansing called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Saturday.

Steve and Ronna Dutcher called on Emory Dell one day last week. Emory had just returned home from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Saturday, and on Bob and Minnie Hines Saturday evening.

Flossie Flachs took Bob and Minnie Hines for a ride Wednesday, and they stopped in to wish Ervin a Happy Birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and children of Saginaw brought a birthday cake and had supper with Ervin and Goldie Wednesday. That evening, Eloise Hogg and Nancy and Barbara came with cake, and Lois Cain of Grand Rapids came up to spend the evening with them, and wish her Dad many more birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children spent the past week from Sunday till Saturday camping at Cadillac, where Robert attended classes for Dow.

Linda Hardenburgh spent the past month in Florida. She came home Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardenburgh and family of Pierson, Bill Lambert of Six Lakes and Butch Hardenburgh of Mr. Pleasant visited the Hardenburghs and Emory Dell Sunday.

Billy Ransom of Bay City spent the past two weeks visiting his grandparents. Harry and Linda took him home Sunday, and visited the Willard Ransoms.

Clayton and I took a drive Friday up to the Mackinac Bridge, where we spent the night, returning Saturday evening. We took the lakeshore drive to Ludington, then on home. It was cool enough for jackets at the Straits, but as we started back south, we saw the temperature was in the high nineties.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and boys of Mt. Pleasant were late Sunday afternoon callers of us and the Robert Dutchers.

Clayton Dutcher visited his brother, Earl, of Breckenridge, at the Alma Hospital Friday. Earl went home Saturday afternoon.

Frances Fountain of Remus visited Grace Fitzgerald Tuesday.

Grace visited the Robert Deckers of Barryton Monday afternoon.

The Howard Beutlers visited the Forrest Johnstons of Rosebush Wednesday evening.

Marion Beutler attended WSCS at Weidman Thursday.

The Farm Bureau group met with the Carl Beutlers Tuesday evening.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Herman Lueder is a patient in Ferguson Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Fred Cunningham and Mrs. Florence Hart of Detroit were weekend guests of Mrs. Choice Foster. They enjoyed Sunday dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Vandenberg and family of Mt. Clemens were guests of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray last weekend.

Mrs. Martin and Ray and the Charles Garretts attended a graduation party for Linda Simmer at the Paul Simmer home on Coldwater Lake Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson attended a graduation party for their grandson, Nels Larson, of Tuscola, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter spent the week at a cottage on Clear Lake near Farwell. Their sons and their families joined them for part of the time. Mrs. Betty Worix was a Saturday visitor of her aunt, Mrs. Flaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Adra Reed and baby are spending a week's vacation visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook toured Northern Michigan over the weekend.

Mrs. Ella Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Marshall and Emerson Marshall and daughters were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Marshall and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett planned to take their daughter, Mrs. Robert Wilson, and new baby back to her home at Silver Springs, Md., Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ferguson and Virgil and a friend visited Blanche Carr one day last week. Blanche went Thursday and visited her son, Norman, and family, of Merrill, and was a Friday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and family of Wheeler. She was an overnight guest Saturday of Mrs. Helen Campbell of Shepherd.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Neubecker of Lansing spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker. While here they attended the wedding of Kathy Neubecker and Stanley Shaner.

Sister Rosemary Martin, Sr., of Grand Rapids was a Sunday

visitor of her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker.

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50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR H. O. AND ROSE BEUTLER

In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of H. O. (Stub) and Rose Beutler of Rosebush, a reception and Open House will be held at the Town and Country, 1401 N. McEwan, Clare, on Sunday, July 6, from 12 noon till 4 p. m.

All relatives and friends are invited to attend the joyous event, which will be hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Arland Howe (Marion), St. Clair Shores, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kester (Betty), Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Watson (Elayne), Rosebush, and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Ostrowski (Jean), of Clare.

Stub was born and raised in Weidman, and the couple have very many friends and relatives here. All are cordially invited to attend.

The family requests no gifts, please.

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Mrs. Sue Embrey, Lois Clark and Sandy, Mrs. Mary Clark, Mrs. Tilly Embrey and Mrs. Ruth Funnell went to Lansing Friday to visit Mrs. Charlotte Funnell at the Ingham County Medical Center. Mrs. Funnell had had surgery and is home now, doing fine.

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MILWAUKEE JUDGE WILL ATTEND BEAL CITY'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Municipal Judge Ted E. Wedemeyer, Jr., of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will be an honored guest at the Beal City Centennial celebration July 26 through Aug. 3.

Edward Neubecker, an attorney in Milwaukee, sent the following copy of a resolution of the City of Milwaukee in relation to Beal City's upcoming centennial celebration:

Titled "Resolution to honor Beal City, Michigan, on its 100th birthday, July 26, 1975."

Whereas, Beal City, Michigan, will be 100 years old on July 26, 1975; and

Whereas, Beal City will be celebrating its birthday from July 26 to August 3, 1975; and

Whereas, its residents have consumed Milwaukee made products for the past 100 years, and have a cultural link with the City of Milwaukee; and

Whereas, Many residents of Beal City have visited the City of Milwaukee and toured our industries; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the City of Milwaukee officially congratulates the Village of Beal City on its 100th birthday; and, be it

Further Resolved, That it is the wish of the residents of the City of Milwaukee that Beal City's birthday celebration be an overwhelming success; and be it

Further Resolved, That the Honorable Ted E. Wedemeyer, Jr., Municipal Judge, is hereby designated as the official representative of the City of Milwaukee to the Centennial Celebration.

Introduced by Keven O'Connor, Fourth Aldermanic District, City of Milwaukee, July 26, 1975.

Beal City will have other distinguished visitors, of course; but this nod from the City of Milwaukee is heartwarming, to say the least.

Beal City, it seems, is getting near nation-wide publicity on its well-prepared celebration of its Centennial.

Committees have been working for the past two years in preparation for the event, which will be the most exciting seven days of celebration the county has ever seen.

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THREE KILLED IN AUTO CRASH SUNDAY NIGHT

Three people died in an auto crash at 10.48 Sunday night, according to Isabella County Sheriff's deputies, and a fourth was listed in critical condition Monday. The accident occurred at a curve in South Winn Road 900 feet north of the Montcalm County Line (South County Line Road).

Killed in the two car head-on collision were both drivers, Richard M. Lowery and Judy Conrad of Winn, and a passenger in the Conrad vehicle, Jeffrey Tice, five years old, of South Winn



SUNDAY'S STORM WAS A NEAR TORNADO HERE-- With the west half of Michigan counties under tornado watch Sunday evening and night, the Weidman area was hit by a violent thunderstorm about 10 o'clock, with some hail and twisting high winds. Shown above is a very large black cherry tree (choke cherry) at the Harold Tremain home on West Main Street in Weidman. The size of the tree can be realized by the figures of the boys on the upper trunk, taken Monday morning. There were reports of trees downed in the northwest area of Lake of the Hills in that storm, also. Messenger photo

Road.

Tracie Tice, five years old, was listed in critical condition Monday in Saginaw St. Mary's Hospital. Rev. Kathleen Nicker-son of Remus and Cindy Curtiss of Blanchard were in fair condition in Gratiot Community Hospital Monday.

Richard Lowery was alone in his vehicle. All five persons in

the Conrad car were injured or killed.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Jr. (Whit), and son David of Grand Rapids were Sunday guests of Frances Tranbarger. Frances hosted noon dinner at the Cold-water Lake Inn for them and Connie Skinner.

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