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Editor's Column

By Connie

MARIJUANA ON CONNIE SKINNER'S LAND!!!

A planting of 500 marijuana plants was discovered on that part of the island owned by Connie Skinner, in Lake of the Hills, during last week, and Sheriff's Department men speedily pulled out every young plant and burned the lot.

Discovery of the planting was made by a random visitor to the island, and Connie immediately called the Sheriff's office at Mt. Pleasant and hollered, "There's a planting of marijuana on my place, and I want it off, now!"

No clues as yet have been discovered as to the identity of the planters of the weed.

Connie herself has not been over to the island in two or three years, so she had no inkling of what apparently goes on over there.

We can imagine some of our "useless punk" young friends laughing their heads off at this fancy trick on the old gal.

But the old gal has a fair track record of catching up with the young punks. So--give the old gal a little time.

One day we'll know just who carefully cleared brush and planted 500 young marijuana plants on the old gal's beloved island.

We'll demand the full exercise of the law, when we do.

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NEW WRITER FOR TWO RIVERS NEWS

We are very pleased to announce that we have a new writer for the Two Rivers-Broomfield news.

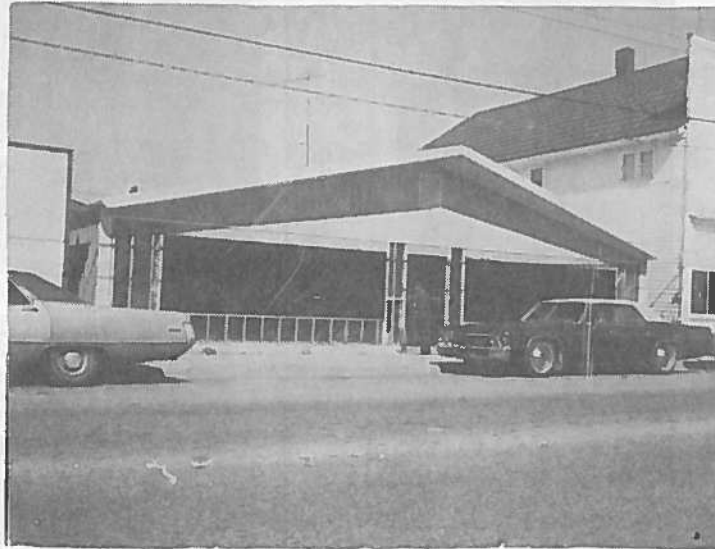
She is Mrs. Raymond Flaughter (Minnie), and her telephone number is 644-3442.

She replaces Blanche Carr, who served many years as the Two Rivers news correspondent, and retired last week on our honor list.

Welcome to the Messenger staff, Minnie Flaughter!

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



THE NEW ABBOTT FURNITURE STORE--On Weidman's main business street, has 5,200 square feet of floor space, on which Abbott's fine stock of furniture will be spread for the public's inspection. The building's front will have a stone facing, not yet on when we took this photo. The entire front of the building, as seen, is windows. Messenger photo



DONALD AND MICK ABBOTT--In front of their new furniture store in downtown Weidman, are happy as they contemplate opening of the new store About the first of September. Don has been in the furniture business 40 years. He will retire the first of the year when Mick will become sole owner of Abbott's Furniture in Weidman. Messenger photo

42 ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES IN ISABELLA AND OTHER COUNTIES

Forty-two persons were arrested last week on drug charges by State Police narcotics agents. Further arrests were scheduled, according to police reports.

Among the 42 were persons from Isabella (the bulk of the arrests), Clare, Gladwin and Gratiot County.

Marijuana sales were the predominant offense, with harder drugs, such as cocaine, with which Robert D. Kulp of Harrison was charged, among the offenses. LSD also was among the drugs allegedly sold by the defendants.

At least three Weidman-area young men were involved in the raids and arrests.

The Isabella County Sheriff's Department was highly instrumental in the investigations, verifications, and arrests.

State Police and Sheriffs' Department from the other involved counties also aided in the long-term preliminaries to the raids and arrests.

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BERNARD AND YVONNE PITTS CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts were honored Sunday with a reception at the Gilmore Church of Christ, on their 25th wedding anniversary sponsored by their children.

A hundred and twenty-seven people signed the guest book, with an estimated 140 present.

Bernard and Yvonne received lovely gifts, and congratulations from their many friends.

In 1935 Don Abbott started work at the Herzog Furniture Store in Saginaw. Later he was manager of the furniture department at Elmore's in Mt. Pleasant for 10 years, before starting out on his own with the store in Weidman.

His son, Mick, started in the furniture store here in 1969, and has progressed to ability of full management and ownership in that relatively short time.

Gary Wernette has purchased the old building (the Fox building) from the Abbotts, and will remodel the interior, for a store of variety items, clothing, and yard goods. He will open his new store later, he said this week.

Beal City centennial awards

BEAL CITY — This is a list of awards from the recent Beal City Centennial:

Antique Awards

Best Antique Picture — Ernest Garrett; First Antique Household — Dee Lawens; First Antique — Mrs. Howard Wendt; Vic Eisman; Best Antique Overall — Dominic Marotti

First Division Awards: Donna Duffield — School room display; Ed Fedewa — Child's tea set; Matt Engler — Table and chairs; Mick Schmalbach — organ; Hildegard Sogge — Misc.; Marilyn Fosburg — Spinning display; Carl Hauck — Farm tool display

Best Business Display — Walt Rau

Best Booth — St. Joseph School

Oldest Tractor — Don Gustavsen

Best Restored Tractor — Mike Carroll

Best Overall Farm Exhibit — Fred MacDonald

Arts and Crafts Awards

Ben Weber — Wood Carving

Agnes Theilen — Quilts

Vickie Block — Plaques

Jean Erway — Ceramics

Rovie Erway — Decorations

Farm Machinery

Display Awards

Steam engines: Art Schrock - Lake; Lynn Mix - Hastings; Paul Hubscher - Mt. Pleasant

One-cylinder engines: William McLaughlin - Mount Pleasant; Don Merrihew - Mount Pleasant; Joe George - Fowler

Best Logging Display: Stanley Meil - Vestaburg; Ron Salois - Clare

Tractor Awards:

Larry Kescoe - Weidman; Dave Kroeger - Gladwin; Lawrence Haak - Chesaning; John Clark - Remus; Randy Karcher - Remus; Cliff Ostrander - Chesaning; Don Schafer - Beal City

Best Farm Machine Display: Arnold Schohl - Beal City; Mike Carroll, Winn.

Most Unusual Farm Display: Ben Weber - Beal City

Costume Awards

Best Men's Costume - Joe Streng; Best Women's Costume - Maggie Yuncker; Best Couple - Glen and Sheila Pasch; Best Senior Couple - Ed and Marietta Wawersik; Senior Women's - Coletta Gross; Senior Men's - Jerome Young

Best Family: First - Stephen Zeien family; Second - Gerald Vogel Family

Special Awards

Oldest Person: Louise Smith of Beal City - 93 years

Youngest Person: Matthew Bierschbach - Born July 15, 1975

(Represents Centennial): Bill Martin



Ed and Marietta Wawersik

Jigging Contest: Herman Grinzinger

Horsehoe Tournament: First - Richard Yuncker; Second - Richard Stevens

Horse Awards

Best Overall: The Modern Pioneers - Mount Pleasant

First place Surrey: Norm Rau - Beal City

First Place Horse: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ley - Weidman

First Place Team and Covered Wagon: Herman Morrow - St. Louis

Beard Contest Winners

Oldest Contestant with beard: Bernie Gallagher - 85 years old

Oldest Contestant with Mustache: Joseph Reihl

Longest Handlebar Mustache: Bernie Riley

Longest Beard: Paul Zuker

Fullest Beard: Tom Bierschbach.

Most Colorful Beard: Aloy Andres

Best Mutton Chops: Larry Rau

Best Celebrity Look-Alike: Norm Vogel (A. Lincoln)

Most Unique Mustache: Matt Engler

Most Unique Beard: Dick Schafer

Best VanDyke Beard: Harold Schafer

Best Goatee Beard: Joe Streng

Funniest Beard Overall: Bill Gross

Best Non-Resident Beard: Jim Quillen - Pewamo, Mich.

Best Overall Beard



QUEEN OF THE CENTENNIAL, VERA KAVANAUGH, with her husband, Ed, who came in second for awards in the oldest men wearing beards. (Ed doesn't look that old to us!)



THE FAMOUS BEER TENT--Where folks gathered to rest and visit. It was a quiet, peaceful place, and the fact that its revenues paid most if not all of the celebration's expenses attests to its popularity. Messenger photo

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and family attended a family get-together, (25 present) at the home of Elwood Miller, honoring Mrs. Ethel McLean, of Big Rapids, Sunday.

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LEGAL Notice

Request has been made to Sherman Township to rezone the following:

Lots No. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 in Block 17; Lots No. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, in Block 28; Lots No. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, in Block 29;

On Weidman Road and Seventh, Weidman Road and Sixth, and Weidman Road and Fifth Streets.

Public meeting Aug. 27, 1975, at 8 p.m. at Sherman Township Hall.

Thayne Sides
 Chairman
 Zoning Committee
 Sherman Township
 Aug. 7&21 t2

Card of Thanks

At this time I wish to thank my friends and relatives for many cards, letters, and flowers, also the prayers that were said for me during the time I was sick in CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, and in St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.

I will always be very grateful.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Pfannes of Evart called on his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes, Sunday evening Saturday evening callers were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon, and Missy and Ronnie, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole. They all dropped in to help Sebastian celebrate his birthday. Mrs. Mahon made a lovely birthday cake.

Sunday visitors of the Paul Coles were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuck and Fred Spencer of Florida, our old neighbor; and his sister, Mrs. Mildred Smith, of Blanchard. Fred plans to spend a month with friends and relatives in Michigan.

Saturday visitors of the Coles were her sister, Mrs. Hilda

Sampson and Patty of Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Ernestine Straus. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee were Thursday supper guests of his sister, Mrs. Zena Olger. Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Allbee and Mrs. Olger were dinner guests of the Paul Coles.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis spent the weekend at their farm.

We shall not forget you, Blanche Carr, and we all know this arthritis in hands, and bad eyes, so keep well.

The Paul Coles spent Monday in Muskegon at Hackley Hospital, where our cousin, Ralph Balkey, had surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes spent Wednesday with her father, and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Walter, at Houghton Lake.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler and Carl and Ellen Geasler were in Ludington last week Wednesday.

Linda La Londe and Shannon spent Sunday with her mother, Irma Bazaire, near Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore have his brother and family from Munising spending some time with them.

Dad and I spent Tuesday with Frank Gute and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Laing in Owosso.

Violet Wright and Shannon La Londe spent from Tuesday till Friday with Evelyn Slupe and family in Grand Rapids.

Ellen and Nora Geasler, Flossie Forbes and I attended Merry Go Round Club at Pauline Wendel's last Thursday. The September meeting will be with Mrs. Thompson Sept. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Gray called on Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe Friday evening.

Annabelle Tryon of Lake and daughter, Wava Swartz, of Ohio, called on Eunice La Londe and Eathel Beers last Thursday afternoon.

Eunice La Londe and I attended the Golden Wedding anniversary party at Farwell for Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Tryon. We also called on Mrs. Whaley at the Vaughn Nursing Home Saturday afternoon.

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Local Items

Miss Carolyn Tibbetts of East Lansing spent several days with her grandmother, Mrs. Claribel Beutler, last week.

Mrs. Emma Tilmann of Beal City was a Sunday visitor of her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Neubecker.

R.D. Sprague called on Clayton Smith Thursday evening.

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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti took Douglas to Tri-Cities Airport early Sunday morning, en route to Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyke and baby were Saturday evening visitors of the Jim Dutchers. Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Joyce and Bobby, and their nephew, Darrell, were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge, Monroe Beckwith of Otisville and Floyd Dutcher had Sunday dinner with us. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Jim and Richard Dutcher were callers. Douglas Dutcher called Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher called Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn attended a family get-together at the Dale Dutcher home east of Mt. Pleasant.

Barbara Wood of Midland spent a few days with Dawn Dutcher. They took her home Wednesday afternoon, and had supper with her folks, then they attended the Midland County Fair.

The Garry Dutcher family had supper with the Robert Dutchers Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and boys called on us one evening last week.

Ervin and Goldie Dutcher visited Bob and Minnie Hines Sunday evening.

The Jack Dutchers went home Saturday morning, after spending two weeks with his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

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WILD WESTERN CATTLE COME TO SHERMAN AREA

Nine head of cattle that escaped from the Pennington property in Southwest Sherman Township are herding with the Harry Dosenberry cows at present, according to latest word.

The cattle escaped and roamed wild in the woods till they became as wary and skillful at evading capture as any wild-western mavericks.

The cattle roamed the woods from the Elwood Miller place to Austin Dent's, Mabel Allen's, Gerald Dent's, and even "cutting" horses couldn't bring them under control. In fact, the cattle became so adept at escaping capture in the woods that horses were virtually useless.

Last word we had was that the cattle were peacefully feeding with the Dosenberry herd--so long as no one attempts to capture them. They are owned by Gordon Slagle, who has contacted state officials as to tranquilizer guns (prohibited), and any other means of capturing the wild animals. ---0---

Mrs. Alton Allen visited her son, Ivan, in Saginaw St. Mary's Hospital last Tuesday.

Two Rivers

Minnie Flaucher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot and Linda and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flaucher Sunday. They all enjoyed dinner at the Edelweiss Inn, near Remus. Afternoon and evening visitors of the Flauchers were Gerda Flaucher and Joyce Pridgeon, Lillian Wonsay and daughters, Betty Worix, and Mary Lou Patrick of Brookston, Ind.

Leona Courser and Dorothy Breuer spent Saturday with friends at Evert.

Ernest Foster of Taylor visited Mrs. Choice Foster last weekend.

Lydia Lueder entered CMC Hospital Friday.

Betty Elliott visited Mildred and Karen Rhode Sunday.

George Dempsey and daughter, Melody Dingman, and children of Gasport, N. Y., spent a few days last week with Mrs. Ella Cox.

John Dickerson and Leah Wright visited Kate and Raymond Martin Wednesday. Leah stayed for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gross of Westphalia visited the Martins Friday afternoon. Janet Schupbach and Connie Sedell were Sunday afternoon visitors.

Elton Bunting and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn of Belding and Dick Rayborn and wife of Detroit were visitors of Pat Bunting over the weekend.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey had dinner at Ferris State College, after which they brought back Chris, who had spent two weeks at music camp there. Chris reports he learned a lot while there.

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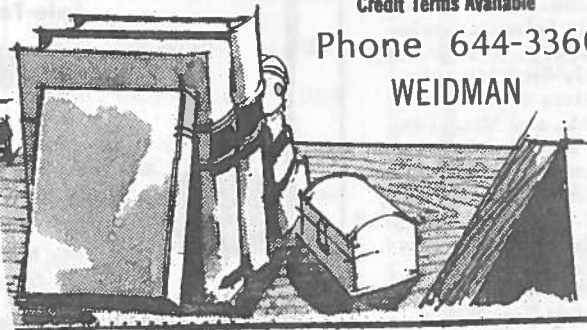
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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Sherry Reihl had a slumber party on the occasion of her birthday, Aug. 13. Her guests were Deb Rau, Denise Tilmann, Sue Schafer, and Donna Klumpp.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday afternoon with the Bob Schafer family.

Denise Tilmann spent Saturday night with Donna Klumpp.

Callers of Mrs. Louise Smith during the past week included Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grininger, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith, Miss Ginger Rau, Don Gould, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Joe Pung, Mrs. June Blasen, Mrs. Walter Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer, Mrs. Tony Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould, Mrs. Louise Schafer, and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell spent Wednesday in Detroit.

Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith Sunday evening.

The Joe Pung Family had their reunion at St. Johns Sunday, Aug. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer and family and Ruth Klumpp called on Tillie Schafer Thursday evening.

Pat Schafer and girls of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Schafer Tuesday.

A beautiful wedding took place in St. Joseph the Worker Church Saturday when Barbara Hauck and Dan Stalter were married. A large reception was held at the K. C. Hall.

James Sylvester, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Barz, was baptized in the church Sunday.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox visited their son, Bob, spending some time with him last week in Norfolk, Va. They enjoyed a vacation trip on the way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and Judy attended the Williams family reunion at Fowlerville Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Gott and Mrs. Linda Peacock and daughter, Diana, called on us Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Allen of Lansing also called. Mrs. Bessie Allen called Sunday evening and brought her grandchildren to Wanda Graham's to stay a short while. They stayed with us one night.

Visitors at the Joe Ptak home over the weekend were Joe's sister, Theresa, and brother-in-law Jim Magyari, and brother, Leonard Ptak, and friends of Detroit. Barry Ptak and friends of Royal Oak and Betty Hare of Ewart, and Bill Ingells of Big Rapids, and Bob and Paul Reid of Detroit, all were Saturday visitors.

Mrs. Laura Latham spent Friday night with a friend, Mrs. Mabel Larrance, of Littlefield Lake.

Her granddaughter, Jo Latham, spent Saturday night with her, and took her to church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and children returned home Saturday evening from Ohio, where Rusty had been working on a pipeline. Fonda and the children spent the past week with Rusty, in his camper.

The Roy Phoenix family got together for a reunion Sunday, at the home of Irene Bunting, near Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Richard England and daughter were among those attending.

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Walker Creek News

Ollie Denslow, Reporter

Visitors last week at the Howard Monroe home were their son, Blane, and wife, Eva. They spent Sunday night with his parents. Howard's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smoke, were callers. Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Shook of Sanford had lunch with them Monday.

The Busy Bees Club met with Ollie Denslow last week, with 15 ladies present. Four were guests: Darlene Dargitz and children, baby Ryan, and daughter Kathy; and Grandmother Etta Skalitzky of Brinton. Lunch was served on the picnic tables under the maple trees.

The Lyle Denslow family celebrated their youngest daughter's 29th birthday Friday evening. Guests were her husband, Bob Corwin, and Kyle and Robbie; her sister, Darlene Dargitz, and husband, Micky, and children; brother, Dale, and wife, Sue; and their parents and grandparents, Lyle and Ollie Denslow. Otto and Etta Skalitzky were also Friday evening callers.

Mrs. Lynn Snyder called on Ollie Denslow Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clarke of Walker Creek spent three days with relatives at Johannesburg, near Gaylord, last week.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow were saddened by the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Marshall Abbott, of Bass Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott and Mr. and Mrs. Denslow spent 10 days of vacation together this summer. Marshall Abbott is Ollie Denslow's brother.

Sharon Shrock and boys called on her parents Saturday evening.

Kyle Corwin is spending this week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow.

Bruce Reed returned Monday to his home in Texas, after spending last week visiting his mother, Mrs. Minnie Reed, and his relatives around here and in Lansing. Bruce drives a frozen-food truck on a route that takes him to New Orleans, but says he'll be changing his driving schedule soon.

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Mrs. Ula Cummins and Mrs. Helen Smith were in Alma Sunday.

JOHN L. FOREST'S ANNUAL VACATION NOT WONDERFUL

John L. Forest returned early from his annual vacation trip last week, describing it as a "vacation somewhat less than wonderful".

While he traveled much of his planned trip--through Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, South and North Dakota, Wyoming, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and northern Michigan--he encountered car trouble in a definitely uncomfortable place, Buffalo, Wyoming, where he spent a day and night, getting garage men's diagnoses of his car trouble, "new tire in South Dakota, engine heating

up at Buffalo, Wyoming, gasket burned out, motor burned out--new motor in not less than 24 hours in a very small town at the price of \$800."

So he exchanged the whole danged car for another in that town and started for home the next day.

He made 771 miles in one day, from South Dakota to Michigan. He crossed five states in one day, he says. He got back Aug. 11.

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Mrs. Arlin Summers of Lansing spent a couple of days last week with Mrs. Nine Forbes, and they attended the Russell Wilson sale together.



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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Margaret Denslow entertained last Tuesday evening with an outdoor supper honoring Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bugbee of Los Angeles, Cal. Mrs. Bugbee is the former Esther Peacock. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller, Mrs. Celia Backus, and Linda Backus. The Dean Denslow family joined the group for dessert.

Esther and Russ arrived in Michigan July 20, and shortly after their arrival Russ suffered a severe heart attack and was admitted to the intensive care unit at CMC Hospital. Consequently, he spent most of the past month in the hospital, except for a few days of recuperation at the home of his brother, Dr. Herbert Bugbee, in Mt. Pleasant. They were able to leave for California Saturday, Aug. 16.

Other recent callers at Mrs. Denslow's were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Peacock and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Allison of Flint, Mrs. Lyndon Davies of Pontiac, Mrs. Ruby Williams of Clare, Mr. and Mrs. Or-

rin First of Rosebush, and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Quigley, of Toronto, Canada.

Mrs. Denslow attended a luncheon last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Bernice Morrison of Rosebush. The guests were former teachers at the Rosebush School. It was a very pleasant reunion.

Carl and Ellen Geasler were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wright of Pontiac were Monday afternoon guests of Mrs. Flora Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist and Mrs. Wood called on Herman Meyers of Ionia Tuesday afternoon, and later called on George Eddy at a convalescent home in Saranac, where he was recovering from a stroke. Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Eva Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Oberlin in Weidman. Later they all attended camp meeting at St. Louis. Mrs. Wood and all her children enjoyed dinner at the Coldwater Lake Inn Wednesday evening, celebrating her birthday.

Mrs. Eva Denslow was a Friday callers of Mrs. Flora Wood.

Wilburn Legree, a singing policeman of Flint, will be a guest singer at the Weidman Nazarene Church next Sunday.

Mrs. Opal Denslow enjoyed visiting friends in Detroit Thursday. Mrs. Ruby Williams called on her Sunday.

Floyd Dutcher and Monroe Beckwith were Sunday callers at the Alva Cummins home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin spent the weekend at Copemish.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson called on Roy Reed a week ago Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gudelsky of Lansing were Sunday evening callers at the Jim Thompson home. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow and Ralph Thompson attended the funeral of Carroll Thompson at New Era Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harrison and son of Bellville were Sunday guests of the Earl Oplinger family.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew called on her folks Wednesday, and took them some garden produce and a half bushel of peaches. The Merrihews had just

returned from a two weeks' vacation in Canada and Wyoming.

While they were in Montana, they spent some time with the Edgar Loomises, the Daniel Loomises, and Mrs. Ethel Clark, who are relatives of Ardis. Other callers at the Losey home were Monroe Beckwith, Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Root of Otisville, Saturday callers, Harold Losey was a Sunday dinner guest. Other Sunday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge, and Monroe Beckwith and Floyd Dutcher.

Mrs. Elsie Bolinger and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan were recent callers at the Sterling Oplinger home.

Mrs. Susan Fahnestock and Mrs. Marian Comraid and daughter were weekend guests at the Charles Fahnestock home. The Fahnestocks attended the Bernard Pitts anniversary reception Sunday.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence was my caller Sunday afternoon.

Frank Benn was admitted to CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday.

GENERAL REVENUE SHARING

ACTUAL USE REPORT

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GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PROVIDES FEDERAL FUNDS DIRECTLY TO LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS. YOUR GOVERNMENT MUST PUBLISH THIS REPORT ADVISING YOU HOW THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED OR OBLIGATED DURING THE YEAR FROM JULY 1, 1974, THRU JUNE 30, 1975. THIS IS TO INFORM YOU OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S PRIORITIES AND TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN DECISIONS ON HOW FUTURE FUNDS SHOULD BE SPENT. NOTE: ANY COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION IN THE USE OF THESE FUNDS MAY BE SENT TO THE OFFICE OF REVENUE SHARING, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20226.

ACTUAL EXPENDITURES		
(A) CATEGORIES	(B) CAPITAL	(C) OPERATING / MAINTENANCE
1 PUBLIC SAFETY	\$	\$
2 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	\$	\$
3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$ 3,474.92	\$ 850.08
4 HEALTH	\$	\$
5 RECREATION	\$	\$
6 LIBRARIES	\$	\$
7 SOCIAL SERVICES FOR AGED OR POOR	\$	\$
8 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	\$
9 MULTIPURPOSE AND GENERAL GOVT.	\$	
10 EDUCATION	\$	
11 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	\$	
12 HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$	
13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$	
14 OTHER (Specify)	\$	
15 TOTALS	\$ 3,474.92	\$ 850.08

THE GOVERNMENT OF SHERMAN TOWNSHIP

has received General Revenue Sharing payments totaling \$2,904 during the period from July 1, 1974 thru June 30, 1975

ACCOUNT NO. 23 3 037 013

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP TWP SUPERVISOR ISABELLA COUNTY WEIDMAN MICH 48893

(D) TRUST FUND REPORT (refer to instruction D)

1. Balance as of June 30, 1974	\$ 1,421
2. Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1974 thru June 30, 1975	\$ 2,904
3. Interest Received or Credited (July 1, 1974 thru June 30, 1975)	\$
4. Funds Released from Obligations	\$
5. Sum of lines 1, 2, 3, 4	\$ 4,325
6. Funds Returned to ORS	\$
7. Total Funds Available	\$ 4,325
8. Total Amount Expended (Sum of line 15, column B and column C)	\$ 4,325
9. Balance as of June 30, 1975	\$

NONDISCRIMINATION REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET

(E) CERTIFICATION I certify that I am the Chief Executive Officer and, with respect to the entitlement funds reported hereon, I certify that they have not been used in violation of either the priority expenditure requirement (Section 103) or the matching funds prohibition (Section 104) of the Act.

Signature of Chief Executive: *Carl Oplinger* Date: *Aug 14 1975*

Name and Title: *Carl Oplinger Supervisor*

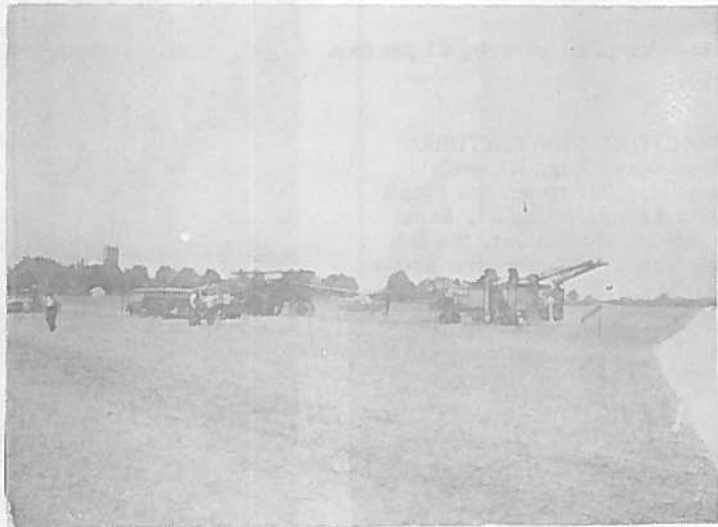
(F) THE NEWS MEDIA HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION. I HAVE A COPY OF THIS REPORT AND RECORDS DOCUMENTING THE CONTENTS. THEY ARE OPEN FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY AT 5050 N. Wyman RD LAKE, MI 48632



FAMILY GATHERINGS--Like this one were the order of the days at the Beal City celebration. Old-time costumes were worn by most local folks, and they were carefully made to the style of the old time, and beautifully worn. Messenger photos by Bud Fredrickson and Red MacLean of Mt. Pleasant.



OUTDOOR SCENES SUCH AS THIS--Were plentiful during the Beal City celebration. Here Henrietta Schmidt displays arts and crafts. Messenger photo



BEN WEBER'S ANCIENT FIRE TRUCK--And an equally ancient threshing outfit ready to do their stuff at the Beal City celebration. Messenger photo by Bud Fredrickson and Red MacLean.



A SMALL SEGMENT OF THE 2 1/2-MILE LONG PARADE--Of ancient vehicles and farm machines waits to get in line for Saturday afternoon's unprecedented parade of century-old vehicles and machines and wagons, buggies, and all the old-time features that made the Beal City Centennial celebration the most outstanding of its kind in the United States. No other village of comparable size has ever staged such elaborate and beautiful events, one cascading after another, throughout a week of celebrating that took two years of preparation. The Beal City Area people are indeed to be congratulated on their unique and colorful celebration. Messenger photos by Bud Fredrickson and Red MacLean.

FIVE TABLES IN PLAY AT REBEKAH CARD PARTY

At the Aug. 12 card party in the Rebekah Hall in Weidman, there were five tables of pepper in play.

Coletta Gross won first for the ladies, with Jack Cotter winning high-score for the men. Floyd Dutcher won the pepper prize. Wilbur Reinert won low, and Claribel Beutler drew the door prize.

Sandwiches, pickles and coffee were served by the committee.

The next card party at the Rebekah Hall in Weidman will be Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 26. All are welcome to attend.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR LISA McARTHUR

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur hosted a party for their daughter, Lisa, Sunday, on the occasion of her fifth birthday.

Her grandparents and great-grandmother were guests for the early evening. Ice Cream and cake were served.

Her great-grandmother, Mrs. Rose Showalter, of Mt. Pleasant, was a dinner guest and overnight guest.

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Mrs. Ula Cummins and Mrs. Helen Smith Smith had supper in Barryton Saturday evening, and called on Dimple Delong on the way home.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower attended the Flower family reunion at the Earl Williams home in Laingsburg Sunday. About 15 members of the Flower family were present, and enjoyed the day. Nina Shepard, daughter-in-

law of Mr. and Mrs. Allie Shepard, was a guest of the Weidman Flowers. Nina is the widow of Percy Shepard, whom many here will remember.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur were among the many who attended the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, at the Gilmore Church of Christ, Sunday.

Carroll and Mary Stout of Flora, Ind., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, and attended their 25th wedding anniversary reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips visited the Larry Williams family and their guests at Wixom Lake, and enjoyed dinner with them, Saturday. Steve Riechoff of Ludginton was a Sunday afternoon guest of the Phillipases, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bushree enjoyed cards with them in the evening.

Mrs. Grace Pitts was among those attending the 25th wedding anniversary reception for Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, at the Gilmore Church of Christ, Sunday. She had spent last week with her daughter, Elaine Esterline, in Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith of Sterling Heights and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus and family of Flushing were weekend visitors of Mrs. Lucille Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and family of St. Louis were recent guests of his mother, Mrs. Ula Cummins, and Mrs. Helen Smith. They all enjoyed chicken dinner which they took out to Alva and Treva Cummins, celebrating Alva's birthday, complete with birthday cake.

FAIR WEEK

ISABELLA COUNTY YOUTH AND FARM FAIR AUGUST 18 - 23 MONDAY THRU SATURDAY

ALIVE IN '75!

Island Park - Mt. Pleasant

The CROWN AMUSEMENT Co.

Big Midway Thrilling Rides And Performances

FREE ADMISSION TO FAIRGROUNDS

★ 23 FUN-PACKED RIDES ★

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 7.30 p.m. : Battle of the Bands
The Bob Sanders Show follows.

Thursday, Aug. 21, Livestock Parade and Auction

Friday, Aug. 22, The Rex Allen, Jr. Country Western Show
Two performances: 7.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 22, Tractor Pulling Contests

Saturday, Aug. 23, 1 p.m., Tractor Pulling Contests,
also at 7 p.m.

Two Children's Days, Wednesday, Aug. 20, and Friday.
Prices reduced on rides; bicycles given away. Aug. 22.

Exhibits and judging in the Merchants' Building.

Admission to Fair: Free. Parking charge on grounds, \$1 per day.
\$2.00 for entire week.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS AN EXCITING NEW FEATURE!

In front of the grandstand Wednesday, Aug. 20, with preliminaries beginning at 1 p.m., free to public. Finals at 7.30 p.m., Adult admission \$2, under 12, \$1. Same ticket admits to professional 45-minute concert, the Bob Sanders Show from Nashville, Tenn., directly after Battle of the Bands competition.



BOB SANDERS



SUNDAY SHARPE
With Nashville Music Show



REX ALLEN Jr