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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### THERE GOES SUMMER

So this issue is dated August 28, and we figure summer is about over. By and large, it's been a good one for growing things.

Area corn fields are up there with their best showing of tall stalks and plentiful ears, and the grain fields have been harvested with good showings.

For me personally, I feel I just dropped summer right out. I haven't seen my vegetable garden since July 10. Sister Frances brings in the broccoli and summer squash and tomatoes, and the Allen twins have had the unenviable job of keeping it from going entirely to weeds.

I do hope to be able to see the harvesting of my later-planted early potatoes, though. And I don't care if my tomatoes don't ripen for another month--I want to can up some tomato juice, as I'm entirely out of it and I do depend on it for pre-breakfast pickup. (Yes, I've got my own recipe.)

So there goes summer, 1975. Nationally I feel we're going down the drain, but individually we're red-blooded Americans who can take care of ourselves under most any circumstances.

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Greg Allen has been driving my pasteups over to Buyers Guide on Wednesday mornings (Vonnice Allen made the first drive), but with school starting, I'll begin next week on making the drive myself. Yes, I can drive my car (now I'm thankful for the luxury of automatic transmission).

So--school starts next week in the Chippewa Hills District, it's already started in Beal City, and here we go into autumn and head into winter.

Oh, well. We did it before, we can do it again, as they say in the television ads.

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So more marijuana was discovered on the island in Lake of the Hills, and it was duly reported to the Sheriff's office, and Deputy Wayne Sisco came over and pulled it up and had it destroyed.

We have the names of the two teenagers who have been growing



THEY'LL BE ROASTING CHICKENS AGAIN--At the annual Beal City Knights of Columbus Chicken Barbecue, set for next Sunday, Aug. 31, at the spacious K. C. Hall in Beal City. The event annually draws great crowds of people from all parts of Michigan, and the day is livened by games and entertainment.

### NO MAIL SERVICE NEXT MONDAY

Next Monday is Sept. 1, Labor Day, and therefore all postoffices, banks and government offices will be closed.

Messenger news writers are asked--again!--to get their news in any way they can.

There's always the telephone.

the stuff there for how many years we can only guess.

But there'll be no more of it on the island, we can assure you. This latest planting was on the north side, owned by a conglomerate headed by Walt Smith and Calvin Ohls.

Parents who don't know or care what their kids are up to are as guilty--or more so--as the punks themselves.

Incidentally, after last week's paper came out, we received a telephone call, with a young voice saying, "This is one of your useless punks. You've just declared war, baby. Goodbye."

The call also was duly reported to the Sheriff's office.

We have a good lead on the person who made it.

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Have you noticed that there doesn't seem to be much of any publicity, any more, on

the can lid situation:

Suddenly the furor of investigations seems to have vanished, and we settle down to business as usual. With a shortage of can lids.

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Did you see a small item in the Detroit Free Press to the effect that the Ball Company is planning extensive expansion to take on the manufacture of beer cans?

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### WEIDMAN LIBRARY HAS NEW BOOKS

The Gladys McArthur Memorial Library in Weidman has received 25 to 30 new books, it was announced this week.

The books range from science fiction to mystery yarns and non-fiction.

One of the books--and the hottest item on the shelves--is the book, "Jaws," a work publicized as a "shocker" but in reality offers shocker sex. The book is in great demand locally, the library says.

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Candace, Ronnie and Greg Knudson of Trenton spent the weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. Lela Wheatret, and uncle, Don Clark.



FRANK A. BENN

Frank A. Benn died early last Friday morning, Aug. 22, at CMC Hospital, after a very short stay there. He was 86, one of our loved and respected pioneers of Sherman Township.

He was born May 10, 1889, in Sherman Township, and lived in this area all his life. His farm two miles west of town has been an historic dairy layout until recent years, when he quit the dairy business.

His wife, Deborah, preceded him in death in 1969, after a long illness.

He was a life member of the James A. Cliff Masonic Lodge and the Weidman Oddfellow Lodge. He was a charter member of the Central Michigan Community Hospital Board of Directors, and was Supervisor of Sherman Township for a number of years.

He is survived by one son, Robert Benn, of Broomall, Pa.; two daughters, Mrs. Ronald (Barbara) Carr of Ellenton, Fla., and Mrs. Thomas (Betty) Johnson of Horsehead Lake; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Wilbur Benn, of Weidman; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 25, from the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, at 1 p. m., with Rev. Strassner of the Remus Church of God officiating. Burial was in the Forest Hill Cemetery.

His death was unexpected in this area, and he will be mourned by many.

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Mrs. Alton Allen visited her son, Ivan, in Saginaw St. Mary's Hospital Saturday. She reported that he looked pretty well.

## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Carol Dutcher and daughters of Flint called on us Wednesday, and stopped at the Carl Fitzgeralds'. Florence went home with them.

Kevin Thren suffered a broken hand during football practice at the Chippewa Hills School athletic field Friday night, and has it in a cast.

Bob and Julia Dutcher stopped in and had coffee with us Thursday.

Ruth Gatehouse and son, Steve, and Harry and Bea Gatehouse were in Grand Rapids Tuesday. Ruth and Steve did some shopping, while Harry and Bea visited Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crawford.

Lou Ann and Mark Maeder spent Sunday afternoon with her folks, the Harry Gatehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. John Davis and girls of Farwell and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Witbeck of Weidman called on the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family Sunday evening.

Walter and Bob Howe called on Jim Dutcher Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyke and baby of near Shepherd were Tuesday evening callers of Jim and Betty.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bouchey and daughter, Sherri, of St. Johns, called on the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family and on the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. I called on Ervin and Goldie Sunday afternoon and visited them also.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman at Coldwater Lake Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald and Florence attended the wedding of Reva Simkins and Zbigniew Kopacz Saturday evening in Detroit. Florence was one of the bridesmaids. They spent over night with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barkyoumb in Lansing, and had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Terry Dodge of Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family have a house guest from Denmark, Mary Ann Karup, who will be attending Chippewa Hills High School as a Senior.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family visited the Forrest Johnston family Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beutler of Rosebush were Tuesday evening visitors of the Howard Beutler family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher attended a family get-together Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Flachs of Remus.

Harold Losey stopped in a few minutes Sunday evening to visit with me.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tibbetts of East Lansing

Tuesday and Wednesday.

Harold Secord of Holt was in Weidman on business, and had lunch with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher and Patti visited the Theodore Cases Sunday afternoon. They attended the Fair at Mt. Pleasant Thursday evening.

Marian and Mary Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher called at the Crittenden Funeral Home Sunday evening to pay respects to Frank Benn.

Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Owen and family of Midland spent Saturday over night and Sunday with the Robert Dutchers.

Richard, Garry and Jim Dutcher had lunch with us Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardenburgh, Jr., and son took Billy Ransom home to Akron, Mich., Sunday, and visited his folks.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Don Grice of Sanford were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. Lillian Robbins and Etta Bristol of Harrison spent Saturday with them. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine of Midland were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hart of Iron River spent last week with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Smith, and Wally.

Harland Snider is on vacation this week, and the family plan to go to Port Huron to visit their three sons there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague, celebrating Ronnie's and Bonnie's birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ritchie of

Port Huron were recent visitors of old friends in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burden

(Jack) and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hart enjoyed a birthday party Friday evening honoring Jeanne Smith.

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## Obituary

### MARJORIE E. ABBOTT

Marjorie E. Abbott was born  
Sept. 16, 1911, in Isabella  
County, and passed away Aug.  
17, 1975, at Bass Lake, near  
Vestaburg.

She leaves to mourn their loss,  
her husband, Marshall Abbott,  
Sr.; a son, Marshall, Jr., of  
Riverdale; Vera Barnhart of Bat-  
tle Creek, Lois of Edmore, and  
a sister, Dorothy Bunker, of  
Wolverine; two half-sisters and  
two half-brothers; 10 grandchild-  
ren and four great-grandchild-  
ren.

The funeral was held at the  
Stebbins Funeral Home in Ed-  
more, with burial in Memorial  
Gardens at Mt. Pleasant.

Marshall Abbott, Sr., and his  
deceased wife Marjorie were  
quite well known by folks around  
Weidman and the Lake area.

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## Card of Thanks

Many thanks to all my relatives  
and friends for the cards, letters  
and prayers received while I was  
in the Medical Facility at Mt.  
Pleasant.

Christina Bierschbach

Mrs. Leila Shook attended a  
family reunion Saturday and Sun-  
day at Bentley, where her father,  
Arthur Taylor, 89, resides.

## Card of Thanks

Folks have been so good to me,  
and so thoughtful, that I seem to  
have to keep on putting in Cards  
of Thanks.

This week my special thanks  
go to Alma Dosenberry for the  
gift of some most delicious rolls,  
and most special of all, a quart  
of real, hand-picked, honest-to-  
goodness wild huckleberries, and  
they were fresh;

Also special thanks to my right  
hand, Minnie Reed, without  
whom I couldn't get out the pa-  
per or keep my place livable,  
and who has done so many nice  
things for me, beyond the call  
of duty;

Also special thanks to Bruce  
Reed of Texas, for his most  
welcome gift;

Also to the Allen twins, who  
also have done nice things be-  
yond the call of paid help.

And to all of you who are con-  
cerned about the old gal and  
how she's getting along. She's  
doing fine, at this moment.

Thank you all.

Connie

## Walker Creek News

Ollie Denslow, Reporter

Mrs. Wendell Peabody and Mrs.  
Wyona Risdon of near Blanchard  
had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle  
Denslow Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Denslow, Sandra  
Schafer, Sharon Corwin, Kyle  
Corwin, Wyona Risdon, all at-  
tended the funeral of Mrs. Mar-  
jorie Abbott of Bass Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis are  
on a 10-day trip in Northern  
Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and  
girls spent the evening Monday  
with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis.  
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis called  
on Virgil and Dorothy Loomis  
one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Theisen  
and children of Mt. Pleasant  
called on Mr. and Mrs. Keith  
Loomis and family.

Robbie Corwin is spending an-  
other week with his uncle and  
aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow.

Visitors at the Earl Clarke home  
were their daughter, Jane Arnold,  
of East Lansing, who spent the  
weekend; and Harold Prentiss,  
also of East Lansing, who spent  
Sunday at the Clarke home.

Opal Denslow called on Ollie  
Denslow Monday evening. Doug  
Smith and Beverly Boakes called  
Sunday. Beverly is from Battle  
Creek.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
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7.30 p. m.

Pot luck dinner third Sunday,  
1 p. m.

U. M. W., 1st and 3rd Thurs-  
day, 3 p. m.

Methodist Men, 4th Saturday,  
6.30 p. m.

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south of Weidman on Coldwater  
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Ladies' Aid meets on second  
Wednesday of each month.

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Evening Service. 7.30 p. m.

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GILMORE CHURCH of CHRIST  
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George Getchel, minister.

Morning Worship, 9.30 a. m.

Bible School, 10.45 a. m.

Evening Worship, 7 p. m.

## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Guess I'd better get a check  
off to you for another year's  
subscription to the Messenger.

Usually, we would have been  
up to Weidman before now, but  
things have been so we have not  
been able to make it.

Had to send Frances a check  
for the urn. My sister said it  
was really nice.

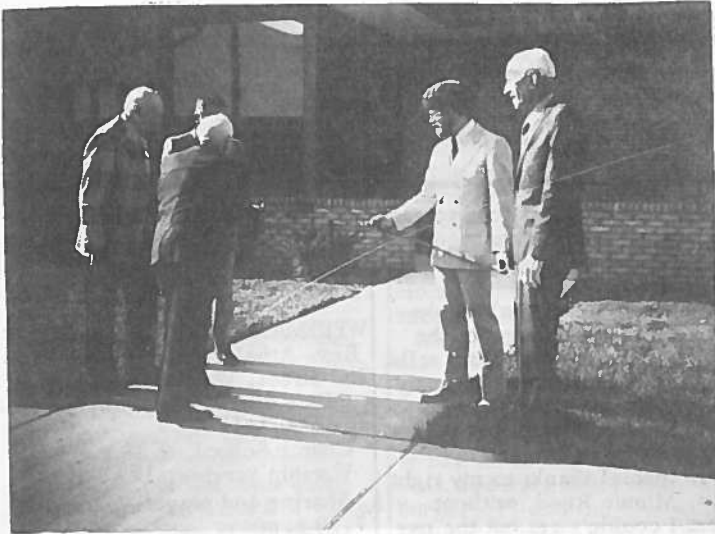
Say Hello to Frances for me.  
Best of luck to both of you.

As ever,  
Lee A. Parks, Lansing

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## Weidman Messenger

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



ON THE OCCASION OF THE BANK'S OPENING--In its brand-new building last May, Ragolt Hauck offered some worthwhile thoughts about the financial history of the town of Weidman. The photo above shows Ray Geasler, Tony Tilmann and Ragolt Hauck assisting Cashier Gary McArthur in the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Following are some of the thoughts of Mr. Hauck, one of the members of the first Board of Directors of the Weidman State Bank, after Floyd Mitchell's death.

#### WEIDMAN--THE TOWN THAT WOULD NOT DIE

Ragolt Hauck offered a thought, on the occasion of the Open House at the new bank building, to the effect that the town of Weidman should have died two or three times in its history, but each time it seemed to have reached its low point, something popped up to save it.

When John S. Weidman closed down his mills here in 1909, the town should have shriveled up and died; for the Weidman Mills were the sole employer of town residents at that time.

But--by 1909, families had taken up homesteads and bought forties, eighties, and 160s in the area surrounding the town, and their trade at Weidman stores kept the town whizzing along at a prosperous rate--for a number of years.

The grist mill, running on water power, supplied the town with electricity, to a certain extent. About 1927, Consumers Power eyed the village, and Floyd Mitchell sold his electricity rights to them (a franchise) for \$1,000.

(Consumers dribbled their power line down the Air Line Road in 1934 as far as the Roe and Kaninsky places (now James Noe's), providing each family bought an electric stove.

Homes serviced, on the Airline, as we remember, were Ina Gillett's, (now thw Wilcox home), Bill Louisell's, the Roes', and the Kaninskys. That's all the homes there were on the Airline

At the peak of John S. Weidman's mills' activities, we had a train in here every day (up to 1912, that we personally remember). After the mills closed the train came in every other day, then once a week, and was finally discontinued in the late 1930s and the track torn up.

With the loss of the railroad, the town of Weidman also lost its Libby pickle station and two potato-shipping houses.

The Holmes Milling Company was a small miller of bread flour and pancake mix that was famous all over the state. Their White Lily bread flour and Log House pancake flour were household staples, not only here but all over Michigan.

By 1950 the pickle factory, potato houses and the flour mill had discontinued their normal business. The mill changed over to electric power from Consumers Company, and there wasn't much of anything one could consider "live" in Weidman.

During the 1950s and 60s, according to Ragolt, the town had lost support of its surrounding area

and was in bad shape.

Floyd Mitchell, president of the privately owned bank here, died in 1949, and state law required the changeover of the bank from private status to "state bank".

"Leon McArthur can be credited with saving the bank at that time," Ragolt said. Leon worked long, long hours at the bank, getting accounts and papers ready for state inspectors to admit the bank under modern laws.

The first Board of Directors of

the newly-organized Weidman State Bank included Homer Campbell of Rosebush, president; A.J. Tilmann, vice president, and Ragolt Hauck vice president; and Joe Stevens, Ray Geasler, Otis Denslow, completing the new Board of Directors for the state bank.

Today the Weidman State Bank is affiliated with the Isabella Bank and Trust of Mt. Pleasant, and is very healthy, indeed.

What brought the town of Weidman  
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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

### LOUISE SMITH COMES HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Louise Smith returned home from CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant Monday, after a week's stay.

Louise is 93, and is doing very well for her age. She lives at home; with her daughter, Dora, to care for her.

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### ENJOY VACATION IN HAWAII

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Weber and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Schafer enjoyed a seven-day vacation in Hawaii, returning home last Friday.

They stayed at Waikiki Beach, and visited places of interest, including Laui Island, where pineapples and sugar cane are raised. It is one of the islands not yet too commercialized, they reported.

They climbed a volcanic mountain and otherwise thoroughly enjoyed the sights of Hawaii. The main enjoyment was the swimming in the soft Pacific Ocean at the Islands.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh took their former exchange student and friend, Eija Maukela, to Metro Airport Sunday to board a plane for Helsinki, Finland, her homeland. Eija had spent a month visiting the Kavanaugh family.

The Beal City Business Association held its annual picnic at Coldwater Lake Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Proefrock and family of Reed City visited Mrs. Louise Smith in the hospital Sunday. They stopped in Beal City to visit Ann and Dora Smith.

Elaine Simmer and Dora Smith called on Mrs. Bob Blasen Tuesday afternoon.

Dale Rau spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and family.

Mrs. Effie Schafer and Mrs. Joe Pung and Jack Schafer spent a day last week with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schafer and were supper guests.

Elaine Simmer of Reed City spent from Monday till Wednesday last week with Ann and Dora Smith. Dora called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp and Mr. and Mrs. Mike McGuire of Columbus, O., enjoyed supper at Coldwater Lake Inn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Winn spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Tillie Schafer.

Alfred Klumpp attended a Navy meeting at Saginaw Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Tillie Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer and family of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Ruth Klumpp and daughter, Donna, and Dora Smith enjoyed playing cards Wednesday evening with Tillie Schafer.

## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Jim Carr, director of the St. Louis Baptist Children's Home, preached a wonderful sermon on families, at the Weidman Baptist Church Sunday.

Mrs. Wanda Graham and Sherry and Todd Allen of Grand Ledge and I attended our birthday party at the home of Linda Finney last Thursday.

Debbie Graham took her Grandpa to the home of his son, Dick Gott, then her Aunt Mary and Debbie went to visit her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peacock and Diana, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Marie Scott and the children she is caring for stopped in at our place Sunday afternoon, from Eaton Rapids. She was taking her daughter, Ruthie, to Barryton to spend some time with Sherry Jameson and her sister, Charlene.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gott and Mrs. Don Alwood and Cathy called at the Crittenden Funeral Home Sunday evening to pay their respects to Frank Benn.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and children and Rodney Whaley called at the Don Alwood home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood and Cathy enjoyed supper at the Dan Kripa home last Thursday evening.

Cathy Alwood spent Wednesday at the fair in Mt. Pleasant, with Mrs. Wanda Graham and friends.

Donny Alwood spent the weekend fishing near Horsehead Lake.

Mrs. Carl Williams and son, Bob, and his sons, Ben and Allen, called on Zena Olger one day last week. Doris Ferris spent Monday evening with Zena. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood called Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee called on Laura Latham Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham of Mt. Pleasant were also visitors.

Rusty and Jim Alwood have taken over a tract of Christmas trees on Fred Swan's tree farm, planning to truck them to the South at holiday time. They take truck loads down every year.

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### NEWS NOTES

Durwood and Mary Granger of rural Harrison were Monday afternoon callers of Connie Skinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls attended the Miller reunion at St. Johns Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller accompanied them.

Mrs. Helen Smith returned Monday after a week's visit with relatives in the southern part of the state.

Ula Cummins and Mr. and Mrs. John Freeze enjoyed a picnic dinner in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

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**WEIDMAN: THE TOWN THAT WOULD NOT DIE**

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man out of the financial doldrums, beginning in the 1960s, was the phenomenal lake developments, beginning, as to new lakes, with the Ojibwa Recreation Area and Lake Windoga, followed by Lake of the Hills and Lake Isabella.

The rush of city dwellers to get a piece of country living has continued unabated, even through the present "recession," and it looks as though Weidman will go down in final history as a resort town.

From sawmill to general stores to lake developments.

Today Weidman is doing okay.

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**Local Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family spent Sunday at the home of her brother and family, the Mike St. Germaines, of Harrison.

Rocky Knipfer and wife and two children left Sunday afternoon to return to Oklahoma, after visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich, for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith of Brookville, Fla., were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bushree. This was the first time they had seen one another in

over 30 years. Mrs. Esther Stanley was a visitor of Mrs. Bushree during the week.

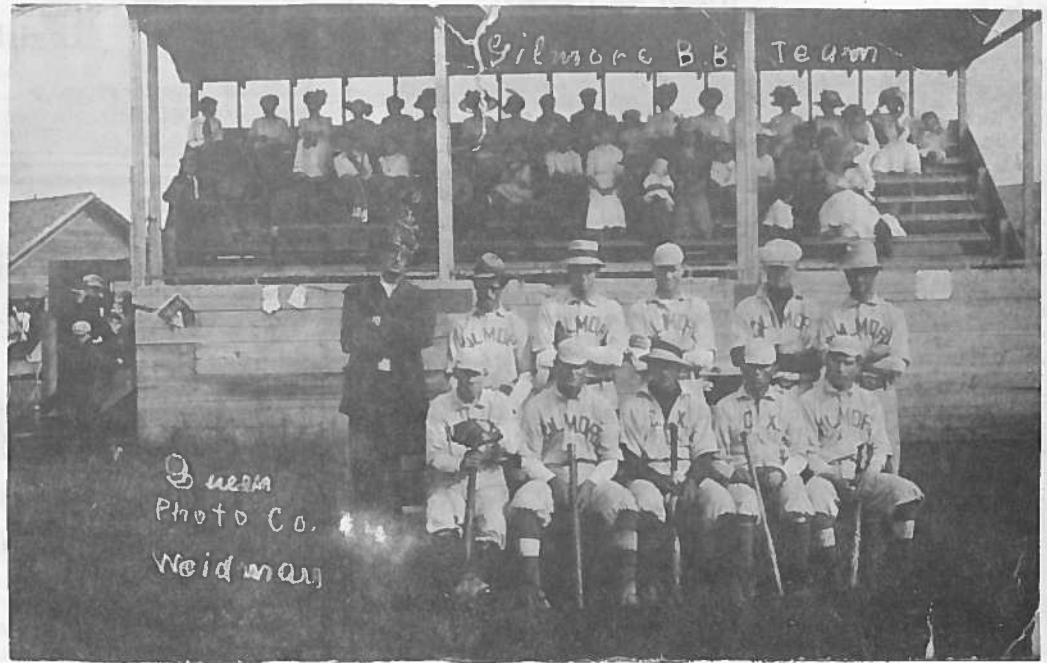
Leila Shook and Bea Gross enjoyed the Traverse City Playhouse offering recently, when they spent a weekend in northern Michigan.

Blanche Carr spent from Sunday till Thursday last week at the God's Acres camp meeting at Newark, Ohio.

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For bringing in your subscription money voluntarily, without any reminders. Frankly, I haven't taken a good look at the list since my accident (I still haven't), and some of you were 'way back to June. Thanks for remembering without any jogging from me. Some subscriptions, we know, are due in July as well as June (and August, September, and so on through the year), and we now take this means of saying Thanks to you who have brought in your subscription money, and saying "Is your subscription due?" to those whose might be coming along about now.

I am truly appreciative to all you folks who take the paper and pay for it. (I like to hear about others reading it, too!).

Thanks again, and maybe I'll get at that mailing list one of these days and start with the old blue-pencil marks on those who may lag behind a month or so.

Thanks to you all!

## Weidman Messenger

**Around Horr**

Jessie Rosencrans, Reporter

Ed Graber of Farwell called on his sister, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran were Sunday evening callers at the Gerald Losey home.

Mrs. Ethol Wright was a Thursday caller at the Paul Miller home.

The neighborhood has lost another older citizen in the passing of Frank Benn. His funeral was held Monday at Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin spent last week at their cabin at Cope-mish. Woodrow Martin will spend this week there.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger entertained his parents, the Sterling Oplingers, at Sunday dinner, honoring his mother on her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark were Friday guests at the Alva Cummins home. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thurber and Mrs. Nettie Lawrence were Sunday guests.

John Thompson was a Saturday luncheon guest at the Jim Thompson home. He was here to pay respects to his uncle, Frank Benn. Dennis Ergo of Royal Oak was a Saturday overnight and Sunday guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent from Thursday till Saturday with the Chuck Roberts and Harry Dent families in Lansing. They called on the Harold Krueger and Lynn Johnson families Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent hosted a fish fry at their park Sunday evening with the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck, and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman.

Charles Fahnstock attended the wedding of a cousin at Newville Aug. 23.

Mrs. Elva Parks and Mrs. Eva Denslow were Monday callers at the Charlie Losey home. Mrs. Lois Losey and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz and Danny and Tracie were Friday afternoon callers. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew called Friday evening, and took her mother some sweet corn, all ready to put in bags and freeze, and a half bushel of tomatoes. Floyd Dutcher called Saturday. Sunday callers were Harold Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bouchey and Sheryl of St. Louis, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Gary.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller attended the Miller reunion at St. Johns Sunday.

Mrs. Ethol Wright was a Friday dinner guest of Mrs. Flora Wood. Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wright enjoyed Friday supper in Barryton.

Mrs. Catherine McDaniel returned Aug. 2 from a two-week's vacation trip to Texas, Mississippi, Ohio, and Kentucky. There were 11 of the McDonalds in the party on the trip, Mrs. McDonald's brother and sister and their spouses and children.

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**Brinton News**

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen called at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus Sunday evening, paying respects to Frank Benn of Weidman. They also attended the funeral Monday afternoon, at which the Oddfelloes Lodge conducted ritual ceremonies.

Mrs. Whaley was at home here in Brinton with her son, Leonard Durkee.

Raymond and Ron Husted attended the funeral of their cousin at Muir Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fields and

family of Grand Rapids spent from Wednesday till Saturday with his mother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Tony Bartley.

Blanche Brown of Florida and Myrtle La Londe of Clio came Monday and spent from then till Thursday with Blanche's brother, Joe La Londe, and wife, and Eunice La Londe. Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Moore spent Wednesday with them.

Bill Livermore spent last week with his grandparents in Wisconsin. His grandparents and aunt brought him home Friday, returning to Wisconsin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler attended a family reunion at Atlanta, Mich., Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and family enjoyed a 10-day vacation trip through parts of Canada and the Eastern States. They report a wonderful experience.



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MARINE PFC ROBIN MCDANIEL

Mrs. Catherine McDaniel of Weidman announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Marine Private First Class Robin McDaniel, to Lance Corporal (Marines) Todd Christopher Maas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Maas of Dallas, Texas.

The wedding will take place Aug. 29 at the chapel on the base at Camp Le Jeune, N. C.

Robin graduated from basic training at Paris Island June 14, and is embarked on a college-

credit course in air ground control.

The happy couple expect to get about a week's leave for their honeymoon.

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**13 TABLES IN PLAY AT BEAL CITY CARD PARTY**  
At the regular card party for Senior Citizens in the KC Hall in Beal City last Thursday afternoon, there were 13 tables of pepper in play.

Ann Schafer won high-score prize for the ladies, with Bertha Schumacher second and Irene Smith low.

For the men, Ed Faber won first prize, with Mike Gross second and Ragolt Hauck low.

Rose Schafer won the pepper prize. Louise Schafer won the doo: prize.

Donuts and coffee were served by the committee, to 54 people present.

The next card party at the KC Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Sept. 4. Everyone is invited.

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## NEWS NOTES

Rev. Carl Allen, son of Mrs. Alton Allen and the late Mr. Allen, has been transferred to Portage, Ind., to preach in the Nazarene Church there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmidt were Sunday visitors of his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey visit-



**THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS (1925)**--Of St. Philomena High School of Beal City held their 50th anniversary class reunion at the summer home of Frank and Loretta Ullrich at Crystal Lake, Frankfort. A wonderful day was spent in nostalgic memories of "way back when," and a bountiful dinner was enjoyed by all. A moment of silence was held in memory of deceased members: Howard Laubenthal, Tom Fox, and Agnes Pantenburg Romes. In the above picture, from left to right, are: Top row, Hugo Martin, Frank Ullrich, John Neyer, Helen Hauck Zeien; bottom row, Leona Faber, Ella Smith Yuncker, Vera Smith Kavanaugh.

ed their aunt, Ina Gillett, at Sanford, Sunday. Mrs. Choice Foster accompanied them on the visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson and Mrs. Margaret Mullet were Sunday evening callers of Mrs.

Nina Forbes. They had attended Oddfellow services at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus for Frank Benn.

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