

Kids' Puzzle Corner

by JP

Hello everybody,

Things have been so busy in Lansing that the puzzle corner was "lumped" for two weeks. Anyway, we're back and I want to thank the folks who sent in their answer to the last puzzle and WON packets of garden or flower seeds.

With the recent plays in Southern Cayuga and Lansing, I wrote a puzzle to see if you could figure out the 3 horizontal words. Send in your answer and you too can win a small package of seeds. Send your entry to **J-P, 204 Wilson Road, Lansing, NY 14882.**

HINT: "The play's the thing."

Ready? SET. GO!!

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Happy Birthday, Dear Neighbor

By Letha Henry

Surely everyone in North Lansing, if not throughout our fair town, knows who Louise Beckley is. She is Mrs. Beckley, she is Mrs. B who lives in the small house at the end of Sharpsteen Road. To some, she is just Louise, Grandma B, or Granny. But to others, she is Weezie. She is grandma with the rocking chair, but the grandma without a watch. She is the grandma who is available to watch the grandchildren or to babysit the dog.

She is the white hair, the white hat, and a purple coat. She is the silver glasses above that wonderful smile and she is the rolling laugh which so often accompanies that smile.

She is the lolly-pops with soft, pliable sticks, so that grandchildren or great-grandchildren who run with them in their mouths will not be hurt.

She is the country cupboard that is always open and always has that extra egg or cup of sugar that the neighbors need. She is the supplier of goodie bags for children and adults who travel - for no one should be bored while riding in a car.

She is the deliverer of special little packages when there has been a birthday or a personal triumph and she is the pound of coffee and a plate of homemade cookies when there has been an illness or a death in our families.

She is the lady who comes to early morning fires with fresh coffee and a few cookies she just happened to have in the freezer. She is the seller of stainless steel at every Auxiliary Breakfast and Election Day Meal.

She is the grape juice maker and the cook of wonderful jams and jellies. She is the preparer of dinners for those who have to work, for everyone should have a hot meal once a day. And she is the maker of "fruit bounce" which still resides in many refrigerators in the neighborhood.

Mrs. B. is the hostess for the daily early morning neighborhood gatherings, and the mediator at Sunday morning family coffees. She was the cook on the corner and the lady who could pump gas. She is the local historian, the archeologist who still knows where the important remnants of the past lie in North Lansing, and she is the newspaper North Lansing never had. She is a psychologist, a counselor, an ear willing to listen, and a shoulder available for you to cry on.



Louise Beckley celebrated her 85th birthday at a brunch with family and friends at the Triphammer Lodge on Sunday, March 9th.

Louise and her husband Fred moved from Perry City to North Lansing to a farm on Weeks Road in 1940 where they resided with their five children. From 1940-1953, they owned and operated the "corners gas station."

After moving to Lansing, Louise was active in the North Lansing Grange #334 and the North Lansing Home Dem Unit. When the No. Lansing Fire Company was organized, she became a charter member of the Auxiliary.

Louise has 17 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great, great granddaughter.

She is the weekly Monday morning trip to K-Mart and a lunch or ice cream at Friendly's. Louise is the companion, "as soon as she gets her bonnet on," for any spur of the moment outing. She is the barterer who will exchange lunch or supper for the grandson who will take her to get a few groceries. She is Marguerite's companion for that once-a-month lunch at the Corners and she is the lifelong companion of many.

Louise is a lady at all times. She is our mother, our grandmother, our great-grandmother or our neighbor - and she is always our friend. For eighty-five years, she has been an excellent role model and example of how to live and enjoy life.

Happy Birthday, Louise.

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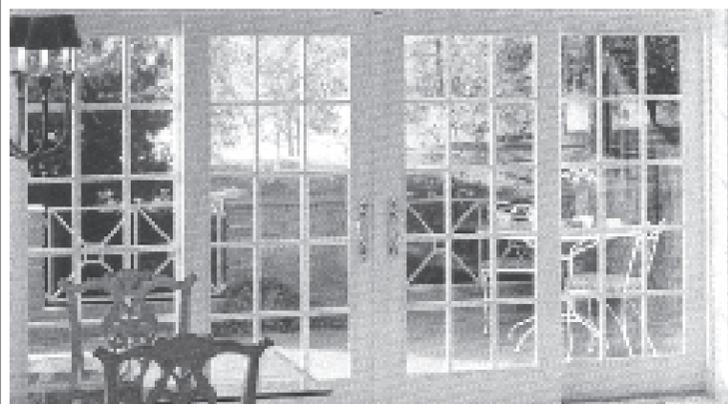
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