

WE GOT A LOT OF NEWS IN EARLY THIS WEEK

So last week we notified our rural reporters to either take a vacation this week, or get their news copy in to the Messenger office by Saturday.

A surprising number of our faithful writers got in a nice lot of news Saturday, and so we have a newsy issue after all.

We do appreciate this. Not many newspapers have rural writers willing to co-operate so constantly and so completely.

STATE OF THE ROADS LEADING TO WEIDMAN

Last week a woman went to the Weidman Flower Shop to order funeral flowers. She is from the Gilmore area, and has been a Weidman friend and shopper in spite of traditionally difficult roads to our town from the north.

"But I guess this is about the last trip I'll make," she said regretfully. "I had to detour so far, and the detour roads are so bad--I might better just take the blacktop to Barryton!"

With roads next to impassable this fall on the ten-mile strip east to US-27, and with areas torn up on the blacktop south of Beal City, blocking the detour route in that direction, we have done as most Weidman business people have tried to do, except among themselves--politely ignored the situation, and apologized to irate would-be shoppers having to travel these roads.

Now we feel the situation should be brought into the open--we should say right out loud that there is no access-road from the east and north areas into Weidman.

We personally detoured to Mt. Pleasant last week by taking the south road out of town and connecting with the Broomfield blacktop down to M-20. But this road was very rough in the gravel section, and will not stand up under heavy traffic taking it as alternate to the east and Beal City routes to Mt. Pleasant.

In a telephone conversation with Nottawa Township Supervisor Ernest Schmidt, this newspaper learned that the areas on the two blacktop roads which were torn up this fall and have been mainly impassable, were scraped last week and now can be traversed at a slow speed. Ernest said that County Road Engineer Bruce promised that these places on the ten-mile and Beal City blacktop roads would have gravel hauled and spread during this week.

The Nottawa Township Board was out Sunday looking over area roads, including the north road out of Weidman, and consensus of opinion was that work must be speeded on all Weidman and Beal City access roads.

Beal City as well as Weidman has been isolated since the roads were torn up this fall and left with sand fill. The two towns have suffered appreciably in business volume as people have refused to endure these roads in order to get to our stores.

A Nottawa Township Board meeting was scheduled for Monday evening, at which Ernest Bruce promised to appear and answer questions.

Better Than A Letter

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Thanksgiving

May You Have a Bountiful Thanksgiving, and Enjoy the Traditional Family Holiday

Silver Wedding Anniversary For the Otis Denslows

About 85 friends and relatives gathered in the cafeteria of the Weidman Community School Saturday evening, Nov. 23, to honor Mr. and Mrs. Otis Denslow on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Derry Dunn and Mrs. Orrin First of Rosebush, Mrs. Leo Denslow and Mrs. Jay Denslow were co-hostesses for the occasion.

A short program of readings and songs was enjoyed by all, the program being under the direction of Mrs. Jack Thompson.

The serving table was prettily decorated with a floral arrangement, and a cake baked and suitably decorated by Mrs. Derry Dunn. Mrs. Jay Denslow and Mrs. Howard Wood poured, as coffee, tea, cake and cookies were served.

Mrs. Mabel Sides presided at the guest-book.

Dean Denslow presented his parents with gifts and a purse of money, on behalf of the group honoring Mr. and Mrs. Denslow. ---0---

SELDOM DO WE HAVE A CHANCE TO PRINT OLD TIME PICTURES AND ITEMS

This week's Messenger carries a nice lot of old-time pictures and, on another page, a wonderful writeup of old times, including Willard Denslow's obituary written by Fred Kent. Ordinarily this type of reading is crowded out. This week we were caught with our ads down, and herewith give you some delightful reading.

Obituary

JOHN BAZAIRE

John Bazaire, a retired farmer of Coldwater Township, died last Wednesday at the Farwell Rest Home after a long illness. He was 77 years old.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Rev. Andy McNees officiating. Burial was made in the North Brinton Cemetery.

He is survived by two sons, Henry of Barryton and Evert of Grand Rapids; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Fields of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Bertha Cotter of Gilmore; and a brother, Arthur, of Barryton.

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JESSE BURGESS

Jesse Burgess of Mason passed away at his home Saturday night, Nov. 23. He had been in failing health for some time, but was able to get around.

He was in his late 80's, and was the last member of his family.

The Burgesses were former residents of Gilmore Township, owning the farm and building the home where the Eldon Jacksons now live.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 2 p. m. at the Gilmore Church.

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Rural Reporters Back On the Job Next Week

Our faithful rural reporters are requested to send in their news letters as usual beginning next week. We got out this issue a day early so that readers might get their paper early instead of late, as mail routes do not operate on holidays.

So--next week we're back on schedule, with all news on regular deadlines and all reporters expected in.

Thanks, gals.

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GET DEER IN UPPER PENINSULA

George McClain, Jr., and the others in a hunting party, returned Sunday from a week of deer hunting near Iron Mountain, Upper Peninsula.

They report having a wonderful time, even though George got no deer. However, four of the party of six did get their bucks.

They said there was plenty of snow, around two feet of it on the ground all the time they were there. They got a 16-inch fall in one night.



WEIDMAN LADIES' FIRST SOFTBALL TEAM. "Eva Carr made a home run on her 45th birthday," Mae notes of this one. Photo loaned the Messenger by Mae (Wolfe) Cotes of California.



TAKEN IN ABOUT 1927 OR 28, in the old parking lot back of Drallette's Store, "is Mae (Wolfe) Cotes' notation on this photo. "The man lived north of Weidman, but I don't remember his name."



DR. GILLETTE and the Simm Triplets. Photo loaned the Messenger by Mae (Wolfe) Cotes of California.

N. Brinton

Mrs. Frank Sisco, Reporter.

(Too Late for Last Week)

The community was saddened by the death of Irwin Scott of Lake. He was shot accidentally the first day of deer hunting. He is the father of three nice little children, and was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Scott of Lake.

Russell Wright and son, Vurl, were lucky the first day of deer season, each having a nice buck. They got both before 7.30 in the morning.

Sarah Gute of Owosso and sons from Grand Rapids have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bud Longton and Elizabeth Conley over the weekend.

Visitors of the F. Siscoes were their son, Harry Brown and family, Tuesday evening; Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Navarre and Mrs. E. Conley and Ruby Stanley and little boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Stanley spent a couple of days visiting Ruby's parents. Don did some hunting with not much success.

Mrs. Sarah Gute, Mattie Longton and Mrs. E. Conley called on John Bazaire at the Farwell Rest Home, and had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tower returned from Flint Thursday. Julia was quite sick with the flu, while in Flint, and wasn't able to attend their granddaughter's wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Brown of Flint were in Brinton Sunday.

Mrs. F. Sisco's grandson, Charles E. Brown, is in Ann Arbor Hospital.

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DHIA Reports

NO. 1 OCTOBER REPORT

Larry Myers, DHIA supervisor, reported 498 cows on test averaging 992 lbs. of milk, 34.1 lbs. of fat at a 3.60 test, for the month of October. Five herds in Clare County with 263 cows averaged 806 lbs. of milk, 31 lbs. of fat and a

38.4 test.

This is the first month for the new fiscal year, and shows four herds averaging over 40 lbs. of fat per cow for the month. High herd was owned by Robert Recker, with 23 cows averaging 48 lbs. of fat, followed by Vincent Moeggenberg with 37 cows at 44 lbs. of fat; O'Brien and Burdick had 29 cows at 41 lbs. of fat and Robert Coon, 48 cows at 40 lbs. of fat.

Next high herd was owned by Cotter and Myers, 27 cows with 38 lbs. of fat, followed by William Florian, 17 cows at 37; Cletus Moeggenberg, 42 cows, also at 37 lbs. of fat; and Howard Penrose with 73 cows at 36 lbs. of fat.

Two new herd members were welcomed into the association in October. They are William Florian of Shepherd and Edward Faber, also of Shepherd.

The annual meeting of the Association is planned for Wednesday evening, Dec. 4. Featuring the program will be colored sliders taken by the local County Agent, of all members in the Association.

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Real Estate Transfers

Furnished this paper through the courtesy of Roy Zingery, Register of Deeds.

Fred A. Grewe and wife, et al to Clyde Young and wife, Lots 99, 100, 101 and 102, Coldwater Lake Shores, Nottawa.

Merle Heckart and wife to James P. Bishop and wife, pt. sw sw sec. 16, Sherman.

Joe Frees to Mrs. Stella Frees, pt. sw nw sec. 27, Deerfield.

Lloyd W. Swindlehurst and wife to Glenn W. Stilgenbauer and wife, ne se sec. 17, Isabella.

Stewart C. McArthur and wife to Othel A. Denslow and wife, pt. se se sec. 10, Isabella twp.

Othel A. Denslow and wife to Pearl I. Wilson, pt. se se sec. 10, Isabella twp.

Lawrence J. Lovell and wife to Silva A. Nelson, s 1/2 nw, sec. 14, Broomfield.

Remus Consolidated Sch. District No. 4 to Chester Vander Ley and wife, pt. sw sw sec. 27,

Broomfield.

Albert Neff and wife to Ral-don M. Pasch and wife, n 1/2 ne 1/4; sw 1/4 ne 1/4, sec. 13, Nottawa.

William Walch and wife to Clair L. Floria and wife, nw 1/4 nw 1/4; s 1/2 nw 1/4, sec. 18, Sherman.

Susan Terry to William Monroe Terry and wife, nw 1/4 nw 1/4, sec. 32, Sherman.

Sequel L. Pitts and wife to Ernest G. Pitts and wife, pt. s 1/2 nw 1/4, sec. 35, Deerfield.

Bernard W. Garchow and wife to Frederick S. Hoyt and wife, Lot 34, Supervisor's Plat of West View Shores, sec. 20, Gilmore.

Harold H. McArthur and wife, to Little Rock Lumber Co., pt. w 1/2 se 1/4, sec. 9, Broomfield.

Susan Terry to Howard Terry, nw 1/4 se 1/4, sec. 32, Sherman.

Susan Terry to Safford R. Terry, sw 1/4 ne 1/4, sec. 32, Sherman.

Edward S. King and wife to Robert J. Myers and wife, Lot 10, Kingbrook Farms, Deerfield.

Wilber M. Bem and wife to Fred Liming and wife, Lot 22, Woodland Sub., Sherman.

Wilber M. Bem and wife to Donald E. Hicks and wife, Lot 21, Woodland Sub., Sherman.

Laura Hyslop to Thomas Hall and wife, Lot 37, Hyslop's Coldwater Lake Add. No. 3, Pt. Gov't Lot 2, ne 1/4, sec. 30, Nottawa.

Silva Ada Nelson to Harris Diehl and wife, n 1/2 s 1/2 ne 1/4, sec. 22; se 1/4 ne 1/4, sec. 15, Broomfield.

Alida Mae Gainsforth to Dr. Herbert A. Bugbee, O.D., w 1/2 sw 1/4, sec. 2, Gilmore.

Elmer W. Kidder and wife to Bernard W. Garchow and wife, Pt. Gov't Lot 2, sec. 20, Gilmore.

Emmanuel J. Derouin and wife to John B. Schultheis and wife, Pt. n 1/2 sw 1/4; Pt. e 1/2 nw 1/4, sec. 17, Gilmore.

Emmanuel J. Derouin and wife to J. C. Clyma and wife, Pt. n 1/2 sw 1/4; Pt. e 1/2 nw 1/4, sec. 17, Gilmore.

Theodore C. Smith and wife to

Clayton A. Smith and wife, Lots 1 and 2, blk. 22, Village of Weidman.

Lewis S. Johnson and wife to Edwin L. Johnson and wife, Lots 1 and 2, blk. 10, Village of Sherman City.

Charles F. Dumon and wife to Willis D. McLachlin and wife, se sw sec. 33, Deerfield.

Senna Robinson to Willis D. McLachlin and wife, Lot 96, Coldwater Lake Shores.

Willis D. McLachlin and wife to Elton McDonald and wife, pt. w 1/2 sw, sec. 25, Deerfield.

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DHIA Report

NO. 2 OCTOBER REPORT

The October report submitted by Walter H. Smith, supervisor, shows 14 herds with 340 cows tested for the month. The average cow made 877 lbs. of milk and 31.2 lbs. of fat. Nineteen percent of cows on test were dry.

Norman Gross with 18 cows led the Association with a remarkable average of 53.2 lbs. of butterfat. This is one of the all-time highs in this group.

Robert Clark was next, with 20 cows averaging 44.2 lbs. of fat, closely followed by Arnold House with 20 cows making 43.1 lbs. of fat. William Block and Sons were next, with 25 cows with 36 lbs. of fat; Robert Clute had 24 cows at 33.3 lbs., and Roy Welsh had 24 cows at 33.

Ronald Ervin owned high-producing cow for the month, at 94 lbs. of butterfat. Six others produced 80 or more for the month, in the following order: Arnold House, a cow at 87 lbs. of butterfat; Robert Clark at 83 lbs., Robert Clark and Norman Gross each owned cows with 82 lbs. of butterfat, while Fred McDonald and Harold

Brooks owned cows at 81 lbs. of fat and 80 lbs., respectively.

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CAROL PATTERSON ON CMC DEBATE TEAM

Carol Patterson, a Weidman Community School graduate, is on the college debate team at Central again this year, and will participate in debates at the University of Illinois Navy Pier Branch tournament Dec. 13 and 14.

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News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower and family were Friday evening guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Showalter, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Branson, Mrs. Maude Wagenman and Mrs. Mary Nutt were Tuesday callers last week of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Nutt of Big Rapids and Mrs. Clayton Eckert of Hersey.

A Sunday School class party was held last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kaninsky. It was a class from the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Mt. Pleasant.

Frank Gross has been ill with a heart ailment the past several days.

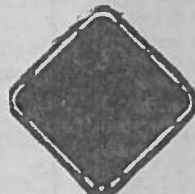
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LOST--Nov. 10, beagle hound, 5 miles north of Weidman. Reward. Dr. Donaldson, Mt. Pleasant, tel. SP3-8821. Nov. 28tip

Calendar of Events

Nov. 28--Regular meeting of Rebekah Lodge cancelled.
Dec. 3--Ladies' card party, IOOF Hall, Weidman, 2 p. m.

CARD OF THANKS

Minnie Roe wishes to thank her friends and relatives who have sent or brought her gifts and cards during the past two weeks.

She is feeling better, but we suggest her friends call the office on inquiries for a week or so. Thanks.

Minnie is 89 years old, and it takes a little longer to recover from indisposition, at that age.

She is very appreciative of your kind attention.
Connie Roe
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THEY REALLY HAD SNOW back in the old days. The above old photo was taken probably on the railroad track with the snowplow (for railroad only, in those days) heading south. Photo loaned the Messenger by Frank Bailey of Keego Harbor.

THIS IS ON THE DOGGY SIDE

Russ Sides has purchased a registered doberman pinscher, a beautiful animal, which he says is more for watchdog than for looks.

For our own little mongrel nuisance-dog, Russ had an invaluable suggestion. Has to do with fleas and lice, for which our Blackie seems to have an affinity.

Last spring we had Blackie clipped right down to the hide, to get rid of lice which we'd attempted to battle all winter. Toward fall he started scratching again, and we said to ourselves, "Here we go again!"

Well, Russ said They have a gadget any more you put on

the dog's collar and it drives away the varminths.

We went to Ed Fox's Hardware and sure enough, he has 'em. "Gretel's always worn one," Agnes told us.

It's a wool pad on which you spread some glop from a small salve-box (comes with the outfit) and you buckle the pad to the top of the dog's collar.

It works. You have to renew the glop every ten days, but after what we went through

last winter knowing our Blackie was crawling with lice we couldn't eradicate, we put on the glop with glee. And believe it or not, the little rascal that goes barking around town daytimes settles down on the living room rug evenings.

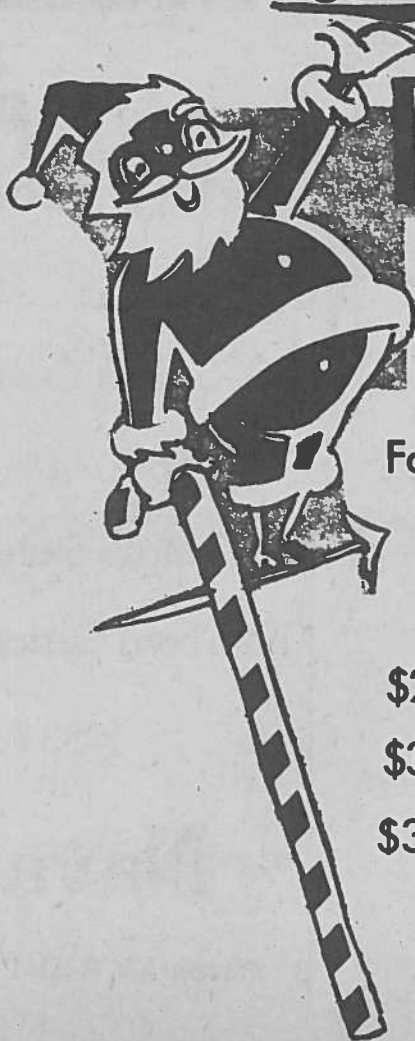
Maybe all other dog owners know about this gadget. Maybe we're the only truly dumb one in the area. Anyhow, here's the information, for better or for worse.

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Green View

Mrs. Wm. Tanner, Reporter.

George Ribar went home to Lincoln Park Tuesday, without a deer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jarman and Owen were in Saginaw Monday evening, supper guests of her brother, Roy Gamble, and wife. They found her gaining after a recent operation.

Mrs. Louise Kent was a last Thursday dinner guest of Mrs. Flossie Jarman and Mrs. Jarman's brother, Bruce Gamble of Lansing called during the day.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts were Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Perry of Midland. Dinner guests included Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fordyce and Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce were Tuesday evening venison-dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas of Littlefield Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Young of Farwell and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Glass of Lansing called Sunday on Mr. and Mrs. Elam Seymour.

(Too Late for Last Week)

Mrs. John Laverty is home after surgery at Alma, still bed-confined.

Mr. and Mrs. LaMont McAlvey and girls of Lansing were up for a little hunting at his parents', Mr. and Mrs. Ed McAlveys', on Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Perry has returned home from visiting her sister, Clara Burgess, at Mason.

Sharon and Marlene Pitts visited the Rosebush School with their grandmother Fordyce Friday. Janet and Nancy Goudie accompanied them home for the weekend and were joined by their mother, Mrs. Ethel Goudie, for Saturday evening dinner. The girls returned home with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jarman and Owen called Tuesday on Mr. and Mrs. Francis Phipps, who is home from the Clare Hospital. He has a heart condition. They found Mrs. Phipps much better after she'd had back mus-

cle trouble.

Mrs. Wm. Tanner called on Mrs. Frances Wood Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Perry of Midland took in a couple of days' deer hunting with Jim Pitts.

George Ribar of Lincoln Park has been spending a few days with his aunt, Millie Tanner, and getting in some deer hunting. To date, no luck.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wood were early morning callers Wednesday of Mrs. Flossie Jarman, presenting her with a beautiful birthday cake.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Enclosed find check for another subscription to the paper. Our time is running out and can't miss a copy.

Keep up the good work.

Thank you. Art Kent,
Grand Rapids.

Dear Connie:

Enclosed please find my check for my subscription, which ran out last month. It slipped my mind, as I was so busy.

I enjoy reading it very much. It seems like a letter from home.

My husband, Benjamin Haight, was very ill with cancer for a long time, and he passed away the 14th of October. I don't know if you knew him or not. He lived around Weidman and Barryton for several years.

Edna (Parks) Haight
Lansing.

Marshfield, Wis.,
Oct. 17, 1957

Dear Connie:

Well, here goes my yearly letter to you and the renewal of the Weidman paper, which I enjoy very much.

Had a week's vacation and my sister and her husband from Merrill, Wis., took me to Minnesota for three days. Then I spent four days with my brother and his wife at Rib Lake. The weather was swell and the trees were so pretty. I fished at my brother's every day but they just wouldn't bite. I sat

in the boat so long I sure was paralyzed, but enjoyed every minute of it.

It's kind of chilly now. I sure had a pleasant surprise when Kit and Charlie Johnson and the Leon Smiths stopped to see me in September. It always seems good to see folks from there. Hope I can get up there again sometime to see everybody.

Hope you and your mother stay well---and tell everyone hello.

Sincerely,
Ann Snyder.

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REBEKAHS HAVE CHEERFUL CARD PARTY

A small group of cheerful ladies turned out for a card party last Wednesday afternoon at the IOOF Hall here.

Pepper was played, and nice prizes won by Monica Grinzinger, first, Viola Curtis second, and Coletta Gross low. Blanche Schafer won the door prize.

Each lady going pepper won a small useful gift. The committee served a very nice lunch of tuna salad, cupcakes and coffee.

Another card party will be held Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 3. The Rebekahs hope that changing to Tuesday instead of Wednesday will be more suitable to the ladies.

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Local Items

Leo Wood has been ill for a week, suffering a relapse after flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Rau and Mrs. Clara Fox spent Sunday and Monday in Grand Rapids, observing the Silver Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rau.

Katie Schumacher and Clara Fox enjoyed a fish supper at Beal City Friday evening, it being a high school class project and very well managed.

Ruth Momany spent Thursday in Mt. Pleasant. She called on Mrs. Stan Bronson, had a check-up at her doctor's, and was a luncheon and supper guest of

Mrs. Ross Momany, Jr., and children.

Mrs. Helen Alwood accompanied Mrs. Millie Cale to the Clare Hospital to see her three-year-old daughter, Lois, last Thursday. Lois entered the hospital Sunday night suffering from pneumonia. She returned home Friday, on the road to recovery.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and sons visited at the Will J. Smith and Orval Abbott homes Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gross of Mt. Pleasant (Marilyn Siel) are the proud parents of a baby girl born Wednesday, Nov. 20. She has been named Cynthia Rose. This is the first niece for Barbara Kaninsky.

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Mrs. Helen Alwood, Reporter.

Amelia Wieber spent from Thursday till Monday with her granddaughter and family, the Ed Fabers, of Shepherd.

Mrs. Steve Simmer underwent emergency surgery at Community Hospital last week Monday night. She returned home Saturday, doing satisfactorily. The children, Janet and Rodney, spent the week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Simmer.

Mrs. Zulu Grewett took a turn for the worse last week. Her daughter, Louise, of Cadillac was at the home from Friday till Sunday.

Mrs. Maude Kew and Mrs. Edna Bowien of Detroit called on Loretta Lorenz last Wednesday. Mrs. Mabel Walz called Tuesday afternoon.

Sixteen relatives, friends and old neighbors attended a party at the home of Mrs. Beulah Riley near Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Rose Gardner of Mt. Pleasant was a guest. Games were played and prizes won. Mrs. Beth Jackson won the door prize. Mrs. Riley served a delicious lunch to her many friends, and was very pleased to see her past neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Breuer were last Tuesday supper guests at the Don Alwood home. They were helping Don celebrate his birthday.

Little Nanette Theisen of Mt. Pleasant spent Wednesday with her grandmother, Mrs. Loretta Lorenz. Betty Jo Martin called in the evening.

Clarence Lorenz, Joe and Woodrow Martin and Leo Bahr of Copemish returned home Wednesday of last week from their hunting trip up north. They reported rain all the time they were gone, and no deer. They had plenty of fish to eat, though, they said.

Mrs. Loretta Lorenz and Mrs. Madeline Stahl called on Flo Haupt Monday and were dinner guests.

Mrs. Mabel Walz returned home last Saturday after caring for her son Don's family in Flint. They were all ill with the flu.

ELAINE EHLER WINS 4-H CLUB TRIP

Elaine Ehler, a member of the Little Beavers 4-H Club, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ehler, spent three days in Grand Rapids on the State Home Improvement Tour, accompanied by her leader, Mrs. Marion Johnson. Elaine was chosen for the very outstanding job she did on home improvement, home improvement judging, and other activities within her club. ---0---

WCS MEETS WITH 21 MEMBERS PRESENT

The Weidman WCS met at the Frank Benn home Nov. 21, with 21 members and four visitors present.

Plans were made for Christmas giving.

The next meeting will be at the Kenneth Saunders home on Wednesday, Dec. 4, as the Extension Christmas Tea will be held on the fifth. ---0---

Local Items

Mrs. Harold Davy entered the hospital at Mt. Pleasant last Friday for tests and observation. She had had flu. She was reported as feeling better Sunday, and was scheduled for x-rays Monday.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bywater and boys were Rev. and Mrs. Paul Acker of Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Dickson and family of Lansing spent Sunday at the Leo Gross home.

Del Abbott of Middleton called on his mother, Mrs. Bessie Abbott, Saturday evening, and also at the Norman Abbott home. ---0---

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Beal City News

Mrs. June Smith, Reporter.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BEAL CITY FOR LADIES

Home Demonstration club groups in the four northwest townships are planning a Christmas program in the basement of St. Philomena's Church in Beal City Thursday, Dec. 5, from 1.30 to 3.30.

The public is invited. Mrs. George Daggett of Barryton will exhibit her prize old glass collection, and talk briefly on old glass.

Each of her glass pieces on exhibit will be labeled, with the name of pattern and age of the piece.

Mrs. Daggett has had pictures of her collection and holiday settings of old glass published in "Better Homes and Gardens" magazine.

The Beal City group is hostess, and the Sherman club is in charge of name tags.

Coffee, tea, and cookies will be served following the program.

LADIES PLAN HOME REMODELING

Among ladies planning remodeling through help of the county Home Demonstration Agent are Mrs. Frank Schafer, who is interested in added storage for wraps and boots, plus kitchen improvements, according to a dispatch from the county office; and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach is interested in a built-in bookcase and desk area, with future plans for converting a dining room into a den.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Smith spent a week ago Monday afternoon with Mrs. LaVerne Schafer. A/2c Robert Block returned home Nov. 19 for a three-

weeks' leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pung, Mrs. Howard Schafer and Mrs. Al Tilmann motored to Grand Rapids a week ago Tuesday, to see Howard Schafer, who is in St. Mary's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bleise spent last Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schafer of Beal City.

Dick Smith and two children spent a couple of days last week with Mrs. Smith's folks, the Jim Henrys, in Mecosta.

Mrs. Steve Simmer was taken to the hospital a week ago Monday night, and was operated on. She is coming along very nicely.

Henry Simmer was admitted to CMC Hospital last week Friday.

A BOY FOR THE FRAN SCHAFERS

Mr. and Mrs. Fran Schafer are the proud parents of a baby boy born Tuesday, Nov. 19.

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Beal City School News

We have three extern teachers from CMC, Mrs. Shirley Albrant, science and math; Robert LaBarge, commerce, and Richard Hewson, physical education. These teachers will be with us until Christmas vacation.

Coach Albrant announced the All-Conference football team. On the first team from our school are Dick Schumacher at quarterback, Bob Lyon, half-back and Jack Thering at center. Other players honored are Jack Jacobs, Jim Schafer, Dan

Wawersik, Don McDonald and Lee Schafer.

The Weidman High School Chorus, directed by Mrs. Trost, presented a program at our school on last Thursday afternoon. They gave a very good performance.

The date for the opening basketball game, against Harrison, has been changed, from Nov. 29 to Dec. 3.

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PATTY STEWART WAS THREE YEARS OLD

Patty Stewart was three years old Nov. 16. Mrs. Wm. Stewart and Dianne, Patty Elaine and Baby Weldon, and Mrs. Clyde Johnston were Saturday evening supper guests at the Walter H. Smith home, honoring Patty's birthday. A birthday cake, and a lovely gift from Grandma highly pleased the little girl.

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Local Items

Mrs. Eleanor Abbott was a Friday luncheon guest of Mrs. Helen Alwood and Jimmy. Later they called on Mrs. Rita Block.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Nichols of Dearborn were Saturday mor-

ning callers of Mr. and Mrs. Fey Middlesworth. They were on their way north for deer hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood were last Thursday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wood.

Mrs. Alice Gross will enter Ford Hospital Dec. 3 and undergo surgery after several days of tests. Her address will be Care Ford Hospital, West Grand Blvd. Detroit 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ohls called on Mrs. Martha Wilson last Friday evening. Mrs. Wilson has just moved here from Grand Rapids. She moved into the house next to the Leon Parks place.

Marilyn Goeman of Mt. Pleasant attended church in Weidman Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wood and family, and was a dinner guest.

Bobby Kaninsky has been ill with croup.

Rex Wood was successful in getting his deer the first day of the season. He was hunting near Gladwin, and bagged a nice spikehorn.

Fred Snyder, who has been ill with a heart ailment, showed little improvement the weekend.

Last Thursday luncheon and

afternoon guests of Mrs. Don Thorp were Mrs. Ray Baxter and children.

David Thorp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Thorp, celebrated his first birthday last Wednesday, with a family party. His grandparents, the Frank Thorps, were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wood and family were last Thursday evening guests of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Erskin, of Vestaburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bywater and boys were Friday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Lois Jarrett of Mt. Pleasant.

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Weidman Messenger

Home Paper for the West Half of Isabella County

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CONSTANCE ROE, EDITOR

Weidman, Michigan

Dear Reader

Of the Weidman Messenger:

The Weidman Messenger comes to you each week, packed with news and information about your community.

We know that the Weidman Messenger is a "Little Paper" that is trying to do a big job. We're just about bursting our seams trying to get in all the news of local happenings, the news or organization activities and other things of interest.

All of this is just fine, except for one thing. We have a great deal of special features we'd like to print, some old-time pictures and writings, and so on. Ordinarily we just don't have room in the pages for this, as our news coverage is so complete for our area, and news comes first. But we can't put on more pages until we have more advertising. No newspaper can run more pages than its ads will pay for.

Here's where you can help make your newspaper a bigger and better one. Each week merchants advertise in this newspaper. They do so in the hope that you will read their messages, come to their stores and buy the many items of special value they offer. This advertising is what pays the major part of the cost of bringing you this newspaper each week. If you trade with the Weidman Messenger Advertisers they will appreciate your business, and will use the Messenger columns more frequently, and with larger space. Then we can print more pages, get in more news and you'll like the paper still better.

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WEIDMAN METHODIST CHURCH

Ruth Momany, Reporter

No Bible study is scheduled for Thursday, due to the holiday.

Choir practice next Saturday at 8 p. m. Please be prompt.

MYF group meets Sunday evening, Dec. 1, 7 o'clock.

Christmas cards are now available.

News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Schultz were last Wednesday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stephenson of Clare.

Mrs. Wm. Ohls attended Missionary Society meeting at the home of Mrs. Flora Wood last week Wednesday.

Echoes of the Old Days
From a 1917 Copy of the Messenger
Featuring Rolla Roe's Editorship
and Fred Kent's Writing

Herb Lawrence of Shepherd brought us a copy of Rolla Roe's Weidman Messenger of Sept. 14, 1917. One of the main features of the issue was the obituary of Willard Denslow, written by Fred Kent. Fred Kent wrote the Horr news in those days, and also contributed many pieces of gifted writing. We reproduce his writing of the obituary:

It is with said regret that it becomes our duty to record the sudden death of Willard G. Denslow at 10 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, Sept. 11, 1917.

Mr. Denslow had been failing in health for many months and had expressed his belief that he would not live long. He, with his family, met with relatives at his father's home in Remus on Sunday, when he was in his

usual health, but Monday he was not feeling well and about noon had a bad spell with his heart. The doctor was called, and he rallied, only to have a return of the malady on Tuesday morning, when at the hour above mentioned, surrounded by his wife and children and brothers, William and Grant, and other near relatives, he crossed the great divide. Conscious to the last, he fell asleep without a struggle.

Willard had been a resident of this township since he was 13 years old. His kind, obliging nature won friends and held them, and it is safe to say that no man in the township would be so sadly missed and deeply mourned as he.

He was born at Jamestown, N. Y., Aug. 8, 1863, and came to Lenawee County, Mich., with his parents when three years of age; and to Sherman Township, Isabella County, Sept. 20, 1876.

The family first settled on what now is the Cecil Ryckman farm, north of Thomas Doyle's, later moving to the Will Thompson, Jr., farm near the outlet to Six Lakes where the children grew to maturity.

Willard and his twin brother, William, helped their father improve the farm summers and worked in the lumber woods winters.

When a young man he clerked in Carpenter's general store in Farwell for a time, and often regretted that he had not chosen business instead of farming for a vocation, as farming was distasteful to him.

While working at Konkle's Mill at Glenwood (now Titus), he became acquainted with Miss Myrtle Konkle and May 3, 1885, they were united in marriage by Justice A. J. Stancil of Two Rivers. This union was of short duration, consumption claiming the bride in a few months.

Sept. 17, 1889, he married Miss Eva Thompson, oldest daughter of William and Adelaide Thompson of Sherman. They at once commenced house-keeping on the farm where they have since resided, excepting 18 months' residence in Weid-

man while conducting a store in the Damon building.

Besides holding the office of township clerk and treasurer, he was serving his 21st term as Supervisor of this township at the time of his death.

He leaves two sons, McKinley aged 17; and two daughters, Mrs. Elsie Kent, wife of Darcy Kent, and Adelaide, wife of Ray Darnell; and eight grandchildren, all of Sherman; his aged father, J. H. Denslow of Remus, and three brothers, William L. of Horr, Grant H. of Grand Rapids, and Eugene of Benton Harbor, and other relatives and friends.

"How much the heart may bear and yet not break!
How much the flesh may suffer and not die.
I question much if any pain or ache

Of soul or body brings our end more nigh:
Death chooses his own time;
till that is worn,
All evils may be borne.

We wind our life about another life;

We hold it closer, dear, than our own:
Anon it faints and falls in deadly strife,
Leaving us stunned and stricken and alone.

But, ah! We do not die with those we mourn.

This, also, can be borne."

In the Sept. 14, 1917, issue of the Weidman Messenger appears some items of interest to us in this atomic age.

They are the items of life in and around Weidman, just as today's Messenger is a record of our present-day doings hereabouts.

In the 1917 Weidman items we find that:

Beanery girls can obtain board at reasonable rates at the Weidman hotel. --adv.

Chas. Woolworth and George Bryant are displaying Oakland and Reo cars at the fair this week.

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Geo. Bryant and Geo. Hamp went to Lansing, Sunday, returning Monday with Reos.

Mrs. Cordelia Reynolds of Mt. Pleasant and granddaughter, Miss Lela Clark, visited the latter's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Clark, over Sunday.

Good work horse for sale. Wt. about 1400. Inquire of Ad. Scott.

The bank is putting in a new heating system.

G. C. Fisher is reshingling his store. The old shingles were bought 22 years ago. (In 1895.

Wm. Reed and Miss Myrtle C surprised their friends Sept. 5 by becoming Mr. and Mrs. Reed. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Holmes, formerly of Weidman, now at Leaton, and the happy couple left at once for Lake Odessa, returning Wednesday. They will be at home to their friends on the Reed farm south of town. The Messenger extends congratulations.

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Mrs. Blanche Carr, Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan returned from a hunting trip to McMillan, in the Upper Peninsula. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Carr stayed with the Martin children while they were gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Leiter.

Little Kathy Bunting is staying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting, while her mother, Mrs. Elton Bunting, of Belding, is in Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. Their son, Paul, is ill with scarlet fever at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Carr visited their daughter, Mrs. Steve Simmer, at CMC Hospital, where she underwent surgery last week Monday night.

Norman Carr of Flint spent the weekend at his home here.

A group of ladies, friends of Mrs. Nettie Baker, gathered last Wednesday at her home to help her celebrate her birthday anniversary. Coffee, cake, and ice cream were served, and she received some nice gifts. We all wish her many more happy birthdays.

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BROOMFIELD HAS EXTENSION CLUB

Broomfield home makers organized an Extension group through the assistance of Mrs. Rufus Westbrook and Mrs. Lenora Harrison, who met with the group and explained the Extension program, and showed articles made at the Christmas Workshop lesson.

Broomfield club's officers include Mrs. Maynard Strong, chairman; Mrs. Harris Diehl, vice-chairman; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Chum Methner; and project leader, Mrs. Floyd Burgess.

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SEPTEMBER REPORT

Walter H. Smith, Supervisor of the Association, in the September report shows 14 members owning 335 cows on test. The average cow produced 820 lbs.

of milk and 29.3 lbs. of fat. The average cow was fed 7 lbs. of grain, approximately 7 lbs. of hay and 10 lbs. of silage for the month, in addition to pasture.

Norman Gross led the group with exceptionally high production. His herd of 18 cows averaged 51.3 lbs. of butterfat, one of the all time high records. A close second was Robert Clark with 20 cows at 48.1 lbs. of fat, followed by Arnold House with 18 cows at 40.8. The next high were William Block and Sons with 25 cows at 34.3 and Robert Clute, 24 cows at 32.1.

Robert Clark also had the highest producing cow at 94 lbs. of fat, as well as the 4th highest at 72 lbs. Arnold House had second and third highest cows both producing 77 lbs. of fat, followed by Norman Gross with a cow at 71 lbs. of fat.



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