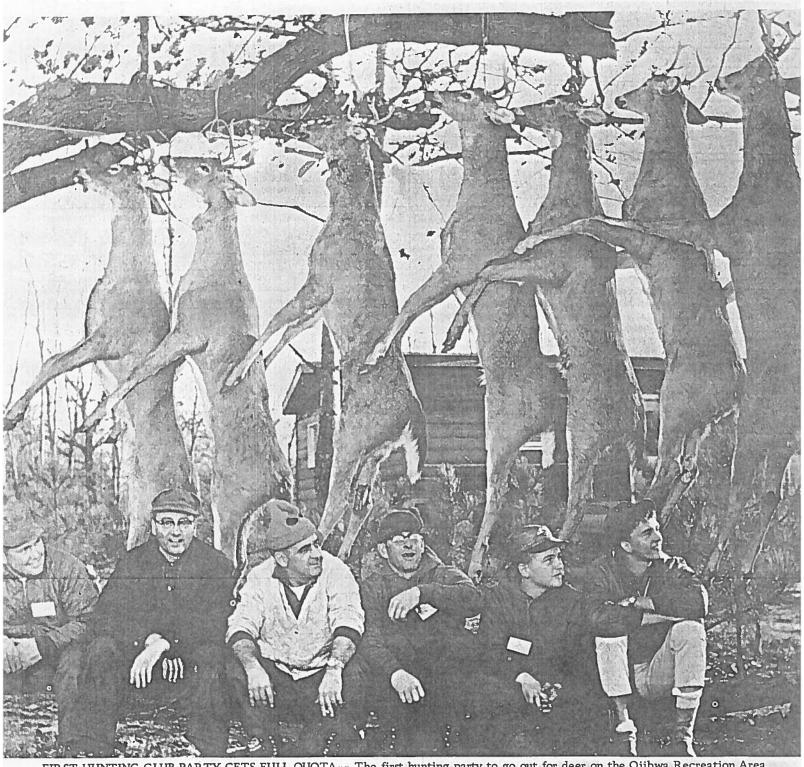
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FIRST HUNTING CLUB PARTY GETS FULL QUOTA— The first hunting party to go out for deer on the Ojibwa Recreation Area got their full quota by 8 o'clock Monday morning. These are men who are members or guests of the Ojibwa Hunting Club, and the results of a conservation program by the owners-developers of Ojibwa, plus controlled hunting, show in the reward of this first party to take to the woods there. Throughout this area, in all woods including and also outside the Ojibwa area, there appear to be plentiful numbers of bucks this year, compared to a scarcity last year. The Ojibwa management has a definite feeding and conservation program which it will follow the coming years. The whole Weidman area showed a marked increase in the number of bucks shot early in the season, most of them two to three years old, a good eatin' age and size. Left to right in the above photo: Dale Tilmann, Beal City; Dick Tilmann, Chicago; Marc Meyers, Pontiac; Fey Gatehouse, Beal City; Russell Tilmann, Beal City; Doug Tilmann, Chicago. Not shown was Lou Gray, one of the seven hunters who got the seven bucks.

Owners and developers of the Ojibwa Recreation Area were jubilant Monday as seven members of their first deer hunting party had a showing of seven beautiful six-point young bucks. "We think this is the only such group in Michigan to fill its quota the morning after season's op-

ening," Richard Tilmann said. He very likely is right. The re (Continued on Back Page)

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NOTICE--Next week's Messenger will be printed one day early so you will get your paper as usual on Friday. (There's no mail service Thursday.) All news writers please mail or otherwise get your copy in one day early so we can make this deadline. Repeat, ONE DAY EARLY on all schedules next week, Thanksgiving week only. Thanx. Connie.

WANTED TO BUY--Windmill in working condition. George Skinner, Weidman, ph. 644-3747.

FOR SALE--Wanda Graham still has lots of toys, ceramics, and jewelry gifts and plastic houseware left to sell. Anyone interested please call Weidman, 644-2170. Oct. 23tf

MAYTAG -- Yes, we have new Maytag Wringer Washers, also Maytag automatics and Maytag Dryers. We can service them. Fox Hardware, Weidman, ph. Aug. 14tf 644-3631.

WANTED -- Three bales rye straw. George Skinner, Weidman, ph. 644-3747.

NOTICE--The George Skinner place in Weidman (the Minnie I. Roe farm) is posted for NO HUNTING. We are protecting wildlife on our wilderness land. There will be no trapping on this place. We are a refuge for rabbits, deer, raccoons, game birds. Audubon people welcome at any time. George Skinner, 2698 Airline Road, Weidman.

NO MAIL SERVICE THANKSGIVING DAY

The Weidman Post Office will be closed all day next Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, Postmaster Harry Herman said this week.

Route service also will be sus-

CHERYL VAN SYCKLE, BURL DENSLOW MARRIED

Charyl Van Syckle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Van Syckle of Barryton, became the bride of Burl Denslow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Denslow, last Friday at Barryton. Rev. Andy McNees performed the ceremony.

Their attendants were Dianne Dague and Bryce McKersie. A wedding reception was held Friday evening at the Rebekah Hall in Barryton, with 200 relatives and friends attending. The couple received many lovely gifts. expected to officiate. Punch, cake, ice cream and coffee were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Denslow are at home at their residence west of Weidman. Their many friends offer congratulations.

---0--WELL CHILD CONFERENCE DATE CHANGED HERE

The Weidman Well Child Conference and regular immunization clinic date has been changed rural Weidman. He was a veteran from Nov. 19 to Nov. 25, the Central Michigan District Health Department announced this week

The clinic will be held as usual Nov. 25 in the Methodist Church basement. ---0---

BUSY BEES CLUB HAS LONG AND HONORABLE RECORD OF SERVICE

During World War I, the women in the Drew area, southwest of Weidman, met regularly to make bandages and do other war worl:.

Among them were Eliza and Mary Beutler, Fannie Bartlett, Susan Terry, Victoria Merrihew, Hattie Latham, Lura Beutler, Evalena Hibberd, Mary Baker, Jennie Doyle, Sarah Embrey, Luella Pennington, and Jennie Boucher.

So many of their last names began with "B" that they called themselves the "Busy B's."

Their meetings did not end with World War I. In fact, the club meets regularly to this day. The women bought the Gleaner Hall on the bank of the Chippewa, where wedding parties, Hallowe'en parties and even a few funerals were held.

At the time of the oil boom, the lot was leased for oil.

Recently the Busy Bee Hall ownership was transferred to Sherman Township. Major repairs have heen made, and again the build-

NORMAN MEAD DIES SUDDENLY

Norman Mead was found dead in his bed by his brother, Linus, Tuesday morning. He had been under a doctor's care for nerves, but had not been known as ill. He was born Aug. 15, 1914.

The two brothers lived alone on their farm two miles east and a half mile north of Weidman, since 1939 when the father, Thomas Mead, died. The two brothers had lived all their lives on the home place.

Surviving are the brother, Linus; one sister, Mrs. Wm. Schafer (Blanche); and two nieces, Sister Josina, a nun in a convent at Wright, near Grand Rapids, and Mrs. James Jarvis of Cadillac; and four nephews, Joseph Schafer, who is custodian at St. Joseph's Church in Beal City; and Herman, Carl and Earl Schafer, all sons of the Wm. Schafers.

Funeral services were arranged for 10 o'clock Friday morning at St. Joseph's Church in Beal City, with burial in the Beal City, Cemetery. Rev. Fr. King was

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Ernest D. Loomis died last Friday morning at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

He was born July 29, 1895, in of World War I. He had lived in Weidman for some time.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with Rev. G. Edgar Schade officiating. Burial was in the Bennett Cemetery near Coldwater Lake.

He is survived by his wife, Dena; three daughters, Mrs. Velma

Harkins of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Sumyrah Lilly of Bentley, and Mrs. Almeda Willman of Weidman; three sons, Ernest, Jr., of Mt. Pleasant, Otis of Weidman, and Monroe of Oil City; a sister, Mrs. Edith Essenberg, of Lansing, and a brother, Miles, of rural Weidman. Also 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. *****

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Mrs. Cora L. Garrett died Saturday, Nov. 14, in CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. She was born March 13, 1873, in Barry County, and was 91 years old at the time of her death.

Rosary services were held Monday evening at the Kenneth Martin home in Beal City.

Funeral services were held Tues day morning at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Beal City at 10 o'clock, with Rev. Father King officiating. Burial was in the Two Rivers Cemetery.

Mrs. Garrett is survived by a son, Elmer, of Mt. Pleasant, and a sister, Mrs. Margaret Ryder, o. Canada; and five grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Local Items

Mrs. Minnie Conley remained in critical condition at the home of her son, Fred Wilcox, in Weidman, the first of the week. She was reported Tuesday as some bet ter, but remained seriously ill.

Ralph Wagner of Burkesville, Ky spent the week here deer hunting. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner were well known residents here up to five years ago, when Ralph retired as an employee of Pure Oil Co. and went to Kentucky. There he has his own drilling rig and is still drilling oil wells. He comes to this area each year for hunting, staying with his sister near Alma.

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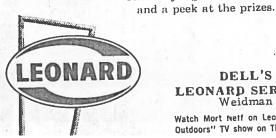
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