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Editor's Column

THERE ARE GOOD FISH IN THE WEIDMAN POND

Amazingly, there are very good fish in the Weidman Mill Pond, after its being totally drained (or so we thought at the time) this summer, the stumps and debris showing dry and only the channel of the combined stream of the Coldwater River and Walker Creek showing water.

The George Skinners have been fishing off the south bank at the mill, in a boat, in water which has risen to some depth since the recent heavy rains.

Good bluegills and some very large perch were caught, in water depths of two to five feet. And surprisingly, the fish tasted good.

There have been times when we would not eat fish out of the Mill Pond, as we detected a weedy taste. Now, however, the fish are sweet and good-tasting, no trace of weeds or mud as one might expect.

It is said the Pond will be drained again, and more thoroughly, to allow development, cleaning and deepening of the east side this winter. Right now, however, the fish are there, and they taste good.

And for those from out of town who say, in amazement, "What happened? This is the awfulest mess I ever saw!" when the old stumps and debris are high and

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Obituary

OSCAR DELL

Oscar Dell died Sunday night, Sept. 12, at the hospital at Traverse City, after a long illness.

He was 89 years old in April. He was born April 24, 1876, in the Lakeview area, and had lived around here most of his life.

He was a Weidman resident a great deal of his life. He and his son, Ward, have developed a fruit and bee farm at the north edge of Weidman, which they made into a beautiful place.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Sept. 15, at the Pine Grove Tabernacle, near Remus, with Rev. Jay Dobben officiating. Interment was in the Forest Hill Cemetery.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Wm. Louisell (Vada), Mrs. Milo Handy of Evert (Sylvia), and one son, Ward.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.



THE WEIDMAN POND WAS DRAINED--To allow a resort developer to see what the bottom looked like. It looked like this, only worse on the eastern section, or looking north from the mill. The above photo, by Meryl Graham, is a view from the north road, or the western section of the east Pond. Obviously, the Pond's bed was the remains of a cedar swamp when John S. Weidman put in his first crude wooden dam to hold logs for his sawmill, back in 1893. The dam has been rebuilt a couple of times since, of cement and steel, but the bottom of the Pond remains as the day John S. started backing up waters of the Coldwater River and Walker Creek. The resort promoter, Douglas Hollabaugh, of Lansing, hopes to make a beautiful lake of the east section of the Pond. We hope he does! He proposes to clean out the stumps and debris, deepen it, and subdivide land.

FIRST MEETING OF WEIDMAN PTA SEPT. 21

The first meeting of the Weidman Parent-Teachers Association will be held Tuesday evening, Sept. 21, at 8 o'clock in the school's cafeteria.

Introduction of new teachers will be a feature of the program. Mrs. Pansy Huff, special education teacher, will explain that field.

PTA officers have decided to go back to the "room count," the count of parents present at meetings. The room with the highest number of parents present at any given meeting will be awarded \$2.00 to be used for room decoration or equipment.

Officers this year are Mrs. Rosalin Warner, president; Barbara VanderSys, vice president; Maxine Lofgren, secretary; Alice Lueder, treasurer. Committee chairmen will be announced at the September meeting.

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NEWS NOTE

Leon Haight's new house is progressing nicely, close to the business district of Weidman, and looks very nice.

Obituary

CATHERINE FRANTZ

Catherine (Mrs. Lew) Frantz died at her home here Sept. 8, after a long illness.

She was born Catherine Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin, of Nottawa Township.

On Jan. 31, 1920, she was married to Lewis Frantz, and they lived their entire lives together here in Weidman.

Katie was loved by all who knew her, and the family have many friends who mourn with them.

Surviving are her husband, Lewis; a son, Lewis, Jr., of La-Grange, N. C.; four daughters, Edith McArthur of Weidman, Martha Miller of Grand Rapids, Shirley Van Tassel of Marshall, and Sheila House of Mt. Pleasant; and 20 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in St. Joseph's Church in Beal City, with the Rev. Father King officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.

LIONS CLUB WILL SELL LIGHT BULBS, BROOMS

The Weidman Lions Club's annual light bulb and broom sale will start Sept. 30, in Beal City from 7 to 9 p. m., and continue Friday and Saturday in Weidman, 7 to 9 p. m. Friday, and all day and evening Saturday.

Watch for Lions and buy from them. ---0---

WEIDMAN LAUNDROMAT CLOSED FOR RENOVATING

The Weidman Laundryland automatic laundromat will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 29 and 30, Leon McArthur, owner, said this week.

New floors will be laid, and replanning of some drainage will be accomplished in the two-day shutdown.

Weidman Laundryland will be open as usual Oct. 1, Mr. McArthur said.

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NEWS NOTE

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Pickens and daughter of Lansing spent Sunday with Mrs. Aloise Berryhill. Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Berryhill of Marion were also guests.

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FOUND--Two ice spuds, on the Weidman Pond. Owners call 644-3747, George Skinner.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to thank all those who helped us during the illness and death and of our beloved wife and mother, Catherine Frantz.

To those who sent flowers and gifts, and all those who did so much to help the family and our loved one.

We thank the pallbearers; the priest, Father King, for his comforting words; and all those who expressed sympathy in any way.

The Family of Catherine Frantz.

Card Of Thanks

Larry and Shirley Egbert wish to thank the people for coming to their party Sunday, and those who helped set up generators, tents, barbecue pits, etc.

Also the Knights of Columbus for use of their barbecue equipment.

It was a wonderful party.

Wedding Invitations

STOP IN AND SEE OUR LOVELY BOOKS OF PRINTED SAMPLES.

Weidman Messenger

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Nottawa

Amelia Wieber, Reporter

ENTERTAIN ON EGBERT FARM

The Town and Country Tavern entertained over 300 friends and patrons on the Egbert farm Sunday.

The party took place in a center of a section. The dinner was barbecued chicken, baked potatoes, sweet corn and hot dogs, and several different dishes of anything anyone would want, brought in by the people.

Dinner was served in a large tent in the woods on the farm.

The party consisted of dancing to the music of a wonderful band (Woodie's Polka Band) of Weidman.

Fireworks and horse shoe pitching and other activities were the entertainment.

The weather was good, and everyone enjoyed the day.

Mrs. Herb Straus suffered a fractured pelvis bone Friday when she fell on the basement steps. She came home Monday, but will be in bed a month.

Stephen Pasch was home for two weeks, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pasch. Steve is stationed at Quantico, Va., at the Naval Hospital, as a hospital nurse.

Billy Riley, son of Mrs. Louise Riley, is staying with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Faber, and helping them with the work and attending school in

Beal City from there.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin spent a week ago Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. John Faber, and had supper with them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Faber spent Thursday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Neubecker. Mrs. Neubecker was feeling much better, after an illness a while back.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin, Mr. and Mrs. John Faber spent Sunday with some friends in Westphalia. They enjoyed the day very much.

Amelia Wieber is spending two weeks with her granddaughter and family, the Ed Fabers, in Shepherd.

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Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

Russell Wright has sold a lot in the Village of Brinton to Leon LaLondie of Detroit, who intends to build a home there later on. The LaLondies are retired, and are coming back here for their enjoyment.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Metzger of Bailey were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Longton Saturday.

There was an attendance of 15 at the September Farm Bureau

group meeting at the Bert Estes home. The October meeting will be with Mrs. Lena St. John.

Mrs. Ethol Wright, Mr. Lee and Bessie Forbes were in Greenville and Belding Friday.

Sunday visitors at the Bessie Forbes home were Ernest Lee, an aunt, Mable Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Lee of Durand, and Mr. and Mrs. Wes Snider of Durand.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Smitka of Trenton and Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner were Sunday evening dinner guests of Bert and Cora Estes. The Smitkas stayed over till Tuesday.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frantz called on the Gene McArthur family Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Ebelt of Big Rapids is spending the week with her grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight and family spent Sunday in Midland with his family, Mr. and Mrs. John McCreight.

Rev. Richard Kirvan and family of Grant were Sunday callers of his grandmother, Mrs. Emily Wood.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

WEIDMAN LAUNDRYLAND
coin-operated laundry

WILL BE

CLOSED

FOR REPAIRS

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Sept. 29-30

Open Oct. 1

WITH HOURS AS USUAL

Temporary Shutdown for New Floors,
Revamping of some Drainage

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ahlers and family of Adrian spent the Labor Day weekend with the Ted Ahlers. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blind and family of Detroit were also guests, as were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ahlers of Bath.

Mrs. Coletta Gross is visiting her daughters, Mrs. Rudy Dickson of Lansing and Mrs. Robert McCabe of Ypsilanti.

Mrs. Wm. Martin is much better at this writing, but still in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family visited Gerald Pung at Edmore Friday. They had their boy, Jimmy, home for a week.

Louise Smith was pleasantly surprised Saturday afternoon when Mrs. Joe Magdalena of Jackson and her sister, Mrs. Charles Smith of Texas, called on her.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen and Ann and Dora Smith went to Saginaw Fair Sunday afternoon.

Miss Gertrude Grodski of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday evening with Louise and Ann Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer started Sunday morning for a week's vacation, taking Mrs. Ida Berg back to Ontonagon. They planned to motor through the Dakotas. Mrs. Andrew Little is caring for the children while they are away.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wood near Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer and family, near Winn.

The banis of matrimony were announced Sunday for the first time between Joseph Thielen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Thielen, and Renea Herrman.

Banns also were announced for Michael Barz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barz, and Sandra Cochran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cochran of Mt. Pleasant. The latter's wedding will be Oct. 2 at 11 o'clock a. m. in Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fralick of Lansing spent several days camping at West Littlefield Lake. They also called on their cousins, the Paul Coles.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ganser and sister, Miss Connie Jo Mossell, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ellsworth Sunday evening.

John Hauck and son of New Troy spent several days at their cabin at North Littlefield Lake.

Sunday evening callers of the Paul Coles were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa of Mt. Pleasant. Helen Kripa called Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shilling of Jennings called on his sister, Mrs.

Charlotte Hart, Friday. Her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Shilling, of Grand Rapids, were dinner guests Sunday, as was her niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Young, of Reese.

Charles Kobel suffered a brain hemorrhage last Wednesday, and died in CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis and nephew, Walter Shaner, and nieces, Charlene Shaner and Linda and Kay Hart made a trip to Copper Harbor over the weekend.

Merry-Go-Round Club meeting was held Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Douglas, with 11 members present.

Next meeting will be Oct. 14, at the home of Mrs. Agnes Fuller and sister, Mrs. Harriette Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. James Vinton have moved on the Harvey Berger place, and Jim has employment at the Clare factory. The Vintons had their first baby, a girl, born Sept. 9, at the Clare hospital.

Mrs. Juanetta Struble called on the Paul Coles Monday evening. The Coles visited Charles Kobel and Beulah Wixson at CMC Hospital, and Lewis Wixson and sister, Mrs. Vinton, at the Clare hospital. Mrs. Vinton and Lewis are niece and nephew of the Coles. Mr. and Mrs. Walt Cappen of Flint visited their uncle and aunt, the Coles, Thursday.

Charles Henry Kobel of East Littlefield Lake passed away Sunday morning at CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wardwell of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Paul Cole, and family.

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North Weidman

DON ALWOOD, JR., CELEBRATES 5TH BIRTHDAY

Several neighbor children, and classmates and friends gathered after school at his home Monday to help Donny Alwood celebrate his fifth birthday.

They all enjoyed ice cream and cake with him, and a treat to take home. Donny received some nice presents for a little boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Miller and family and Mr. and Mrs. Mick Abbott and family attended a birthday party at Brinton Sunday. Mrs. Laura Servoss, grandmother of Muriel and Carol, was celebrating her 80th birthday. Wayne Abbott ran the service station for his brother that day.

Weekend guests at the Jack Burden home were his mother, Lauraine Burden, and two grandchildren, Terri and Sheri, of Grand Rapids. Mr. and Mrs. Gale Burden and family of Lakeview were Saturday visitors.

Wanda Graham took her sister, Bessie Allen, to see her doctor in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Our deepest sympathy to Ward Dell and the Dell family in the passing of their father, Oscar

Dell, Sunday night. He was a grand old friend and neighbor. Helen Alwood and boys used to love to sit and listen to Oscar's stories of his logging days and boxing days. The boys especially were interested in his days when he was a boxer. The events and tales of his older friends and relatives were very interesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham spent Sunday afternoon with Lee Sowle near Clare. Becky and Debbie spent the day with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, and attended Sunday School and church at the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Norm Abbott and Carolyn, Judy and Jerry spent the weekend at Howell with Norman, where he works.

Mr. and Mrs. George McClain, Jr., and family visited at the George McClain, Sr., home near Barryton Sunday. George Sr.'s sister, Mildred, and family from California are here for a visit.

Elvah Gott and Helen Alwood and Cathy attended the Merry-

Go-Round Club last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Ruby Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Adams called at the Crittenden Funeral Home to pay their respects to Oscar Dell.

Mrs. Loretta Brown and Mrs. Helen Alwood took cup cakes and ice cream to the afternoon kindergartners at the Weidman School to help celebrate the birthdays of their daughter, Terri, and son, Donny. Their birthdays are on the same day, Sept. 13.

Thursday supper guests at the John Gott home were Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGillis of Lansing. Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, Jr., and David of Riverdale called Saturday, and picked strawberries at Dell's. Al Gott and Larry and Mrs. Flossie Allen of Winn called Sunday, and enjoyed strawberry shortcake.

Mrs. Linda Foster and daughter of Two Rivers spent Monday afternoon with Wanda Graham.

Mrs. Jack Burden and family and Mrs. Lauraine Burden and Terri and Sheri of Grand Rapids called at the Lionel Block home Sunday.

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BARGAINS



1964 CHEVROLET BEL AIR 4-DR. 6-cyl., standard shift. Padded dash. Beautiful, one-owner car.

1964 CHEVROLET IMPALA SPORT COUPE Two-tone, white and green. A very beautiful black interior. 6-cyl. engine and standard transmission. Whitewall tires. Real sharp.

1963 CHEVY II STATION WAGON . 6-cyl. Standard shift.

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1961 CHEVROLET BEL AIR 4-DR. V-8. Automatic transmission. Radio. A real sharp, low mileage car.

1961 CHEVROLET CORVAIR MONZA 4-DR. SEDAN Standard transmission. Clean.

1959 CHEVROLET 2-DR. SEDAN. 6-cyl., standard shift.

1961 RAMBLER SUPER 4-DR. SEDAN. 6-cyl., overdrive transmission. Real sharp car.

1961 CHEVROLET BEL AIR 4-DR. 6-cyl. Standard shift. Clean.

McCLAIN



SALES

Phone Barryton 382-5445
Weidman 644-2155



REMUS IN 1878--Paul Lueder loaned us this old photo, pointing out that among the men shown was Valentine Botts, who, Mr. Lueder said, is still living in Remus, his age over 90. Among the business places apparently were a post office and a drug store.

In the Editor's Mail

Dear Comie:

I am sending you some money
For the newsy home-town paper,
And I surely do read it, honey,
Down to the very latest caper.

I read about folks at home,
Hear news of my classmates, too.
And every Friday it will come
If I mail a check to you.

So here it is, with pleasure;
Hope it reaches you in time.
For the little Messenger I treasure,
And bless you with every line.
Mabel Chaffee
121 Elm St.
Grand Rapids
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Local Items

Bill Wilcox has purchased the Abbott Service Station in Weidman, and began work as owner Tuesday. Micky is keeping his tank truck business.

Elizabeth Hilderbrant of Flint is spending a week with her sisters in this area. She spent Monday with Lydia Snider, with whom she will spend most of the time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wer-

nette, a son, Jeffrey Daniel, Sept. 7.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS
(Published in this paper through the courtesy of Donald R. Sandbrook, Register of Deeds.)

Walter E. Tower and wife to Leona K. Lacey, w 1/2 ne sec. 4, Coldwater.

Colletta M. Gross to Raymond L. Gross and wife, w 1/2 se 1/4 sec. 20, Nottawa.

John E. Theisen and wife to Robert W. Pung and wife, east 5 rods of Lots 6, 7, 8, blk. 1, Village of Beal City.

John F. Theisen and wife to Coletta M. Gross, pt. se se sec. 21, Nottawa.

Merle M. Haight to John F. Theisen and wife, pt. ne ne sec. 24, Deerfield.

Florance M. Ball to Donald J. Pantenburg and wife, sw se sec. 33, Nottawa.

Frances A. Going to Leon G. McArthur, Lot 4, blk. 12, Village of Weidman.

Kenneth Bollman and wife to George Ensley and wife, Lot 16, Bayou Vista.

Theodore C. Smith and wife to Clarence Talsma and wife, Lot 12, pt. Lot 11, blk. 22, Village of Weidman.

Paul Lueder and wife to Walker and Sons Apiaries, n 1/2 se sec. 14, Broomfield.

Elmer Kidder and wife to Central Land Development Corp., pt. nw nw sec. 20, Gilmore.

Central Land Development Co. to Edward L. Pasch and wife, pt. nw nw sec. 20 (pt. Lot 2, Govt.) Gilmore.

Albert J. Geasler and wife to Ralph G. Turnbull and wife, pt. e 1/2 ne sec. 26, Coldwater.

Leo Morey to Merle Davis and wife, sw ne sec. 33, Deerfield.

Central Land Development Co. to Grant K. Allen and wife, pt. nw nw sec. 20, Gilmore, being

part of Govt. Lot 2.

Roy Johnson and wife to Maynard H. Decker and wife, n 1/2 nw ne sec. 36, Sherman.

Daniel A. McDonald and wife to Robert Louisell and wife, e 1/2 sw se; w 1/2 se se, sec. 4, Gilmore.

Fred E. Miller et al to Arthur M. Fish and wife, ne nw sec. 31, Deerfield.

John Houghton and wife to Robert Duane Bergquist, pt. nw nw sec. 33, Deerfield.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

ANNOUNCING

ADAMS' DRIVE-IN

WILL BE

OPEN

WEIDMAN

The following hours during September and part of October:

CLOSED MONDAYS starting Sept. 13

OPEN Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11 a. m. to 9 p. m.

OPEN Friday, Saturday, 11 a. m. to 10 p. m. Sunday 11 a. m. - 9 p. m.



THIS WAS REMUS IN 1875. The view is looking west, the crooked swamp road running approximately where M-20 now takes you on good blacktop. Modern people cannot visualize the situations of the first settlers in this area, and we are indebted to Paul Lueder for the loan of this priceless old photo. The road was a wagon trail, as you can see, through mucky stretches in the "town". The long building on the left is identified as Aldrich & Roe's Store, with a schoolhouse across the road. Note the rail fence along the "road" in the foreground.

Paul Lueder tells us that his father, Will Lueder, timbered off white pine on the Bundy Hills for Whitney & Remick, big timber operators from Saginaw.

Later, he informs us, his mother cooked for lumberjacks at Bundy Dam, when John S. Weidman was finishing off the timbering job after the white pine had been taken.

Mrs. Will Lueder cared for the three graves of a family named Bennett, who died at Bundy Dam of scarlet fever, a man, woman and child. All her life she kept the three graves clean and marked, and Paul Lueder says he is still carrying on her work at this.

There were stores at Bundy Dam, Paul Lueder tells us, a grocery, drugstore, and others. The Lueder family lived on a farm near Coldwater Lake, and Mrs. Will Lueder walked to and from her work as cook at Bundy Hills each day.

We feel this is a valuable bit of history of our area which should

not be allowed to pass from our knowledge.

Our thanks to Mr. Lueder.

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Local Items

Mrs. Charlotte Hart of Gilmore and Mrs. Carl Grewette of Mt. Pleasant were callers of Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner last week. Mrs. Grewette brought some fascinating pictures of the old Mill Pond with John S. Weidman's logs floating in it. We hope to print some of them one day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Eckert of Big Rapids were Saturday visitors at the Harold Branson home.

Mrs. Theodore Erickson and three daughters of near Paris were Sunday guests of Mrs. Ethel Bywater.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes spent the weekend in Lansing, where Joan attended a school conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gilmo of Houghton Lake spent Sunday with Edna Schultz.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller of Lansing were Saturday evening callers of Emma Middlesworth and Vada Carroll.

Gary McArthur started college work at Central Michigan University Monday. He will stay in Mt. Pleasant this school year.

Ben Elkins of Remus was a Saturday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bailey. Audrey Flaughter of Mt. Pleasant was a Sunday afternoon guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Raub were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Golden in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Reed of St. Louis were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Jim, and Mrs. Leah Scharrer were recent guests of Roger Smith and family of Flushing.

Mrs. Leah Scharrer, Mrs. Clayton Smith and Mrs. Ted Smith called on Mrs. Wesley Cole in Barryton last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Lydia Snider spent a week with her daughter, Mrs. Robert

Keiser, and family, in Belding, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Radabaugh and children of Lake were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Elliott of Hobbs, New Mexico, visited at the Joe Wilmot home last week.

A flock of a dozen pheasants was seen on the George Skinner place in Weidman (Roe's Acres) this week, the first we've seen the birds in years. Roe's Acres is a sanctuary for wild life of all kinds, and there will be No Hunting postings again this year on the place. We hope to encourage the pheasants to stay around, as an attraction for recreation-area patrons.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keiser and children of Belding were Sunday guests of her mother, Mrs. Lydia Snider. Chuck Keiser and Sandy Spites of Mt. Pleasant were also Sunday guests, and all were supper guests.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Lyle Denslow received a letter from his son Dale's lieutenant-commanding officer, informing him that Dale had been chosen to be a Colonel's orderly, stating

of their baby daughter, Lisa Marie.

Little Shelley Stanley's hands, which were burned about a month ago, are healing real well, for which we are very thankful.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patterson of Marion were Sunday afternoon guests of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loomis and family were Sunday supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxel Gray of Midland were Monday supper guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray. Mr. and Mrs. James Struble and Mr. and Mrs. Les Tanner of Alma visited Thursday evening. Miss Kristy Gray of Mt. Pleasant spent from Tuesday till Sunday with her grandparents. They took

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham, Friday and was a dinner guest.

Jim Latham and Ronny and Johnny Latham were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and family.

Dewey Olger helped Wendell Sisco fill silo on the Martin Boger place.

Esther Skinner and children

N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chilson of Sparta and Mrs. Grace Crowley spent Sunday with Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar.

Several from here attended Mission Festival Church at Remus Sunday. Prof. Harris Koesmeyer of the Lutheran Seminary at Saginaw was the guest speaker. Dinner was enjoyed by all.

The Ladies' Aid met Wednesday evening with Mrs. Richard Lueder as hostess.

Roderick Nicholson called on Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hein of Remus Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Strong of Ellwell called on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook Sunday afternoon.

Richard and Bob Cook went to the Alma hospital Friday morning to replace blood given to Will Cook during surgery two weeks ago. Will returned home Saturday for a few weeks, then returns for further surgery.

Mr. Wilkie, who had surgery in Mt. Pleasant Hospital recently, returned home last week, much improved.

Mrs. Cleo Wiley and Roderick Nicholson spent Tuesday afternoon at Evart with their sister, Mrs. Frances Handy, who had just returned from the Reed City hospital after a severe asthma attack.

Mrs. E. Rhode called at the Will Cooks' Sunday afternoon. Gail Strong and Herman and Aliance Cook also were callers.

Harold Rhode and Gaylord Nelson of Remus attended the Saginaw Fair Monday.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode called on Mrs. Fay Johnson of Remus last week.

Word has been received that Margaret and Ernest Hummel are nicely settled in their new 1965 mobile home in Arizona. Their address is Cave Creek Mobile Home Park, Space 6, Cave Creek, Arizona.

Maycie Cook and Cleo Wiley called on Mrs. Myra Hummel of Shepherd Friday afternoon. Mrs. Hummel had just returned after spending some time in Saginaw with her daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Zandt and son, Gregory, of Hemlock were weekend guests of their mother, Mrs. Eda Van Zandt.

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NEWS NOTES

Queenie Taylor of Mt Pleasant was a Sunday caller of Clara Smith. Ted and Lucille and Jimmie Smith were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Estes and their house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smitka, of Trenton, were Monday morning callers of the George Skinners, to see the new Lake of the Hills project in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey and Mrs. Carolyn Baker and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Duane Root of Grand Blanc.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Alva Cummins returned home from the hospital Sunday. Mrs. Cummins was expected home this Wednesday. Both were injured in an auto accident recently.

Mrs. Dean Denslow and children spent Sunday with her parents in Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and children spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight. Friday evening they visited Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson. Sunday Benn and the boys went horseback riding north of Weidman.

Mr and Mrs. Pat Bunting were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended an NFO meeting in Mt. Pleasant Thursday evening

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson were Tuesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson.

Mrs. Deborah Benn returned home last Tuesday from the hospital. Sunday callers were Mrs. Erma Arnold of Clare, Mrs. Ellen Thompson and Mrs. Rose Benn of Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald of Gray Lake were Friday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey and Jessie Rosencrantz. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dell of Littlefield Lake were Sunday afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith and his cousin and wife were Sunday afternoon callers of the Charlie Loseys. The Gerald Losey family and Harold and Ron Losey were dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cummins were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawrence were Sunday dinner guests of their son, Garth, and family. Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew were Sunday evening callers at the Lawrence home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cole and Mark of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday supper guests of the Joe Martin family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Klumpp and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cummins were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist were supper guests.

Mrs. Emily Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cooper were Thursday afternoon guests of the Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cummins were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Denslow.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Blanche Carr was a Saturday visitor of Ina Gillette.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith enjoyed a trip to Canada and the Upper Peninsula lately.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Ray Flaughter was admitted to CMC Hospital last Friday.

Miss Helen Saunders spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Saunders and Darcy at Fife Lake. Mrs. Kenneth Saunders attended a WSCS workshop at Farwell and Lakeview last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn of Royal Oak were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ege of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Grewett and daughter, Mrs. Norman Vandle Brooks, of Detroit spent the weekend at their cottage on Coldwater Lake. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin and Mrs. Margaret Grewett and Marion.

Herman Martin got word of the death of his brother, Leo, of Norwalk, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. John Faber went to Westphalia Wednesday and visited Bill and Mary Goodman and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Neuenburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Foster spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Detroit and Ann Arbor, visiting his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold McMillan, and other friends and relatives. They

went to Beulah Saturday for fruit. Mrs. Dwight Aungst visited Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ida Hunt, to see her nephew, Gaylord Hunt, who is to be sent overseas soon.

Mrs. Cora Box of DeWitt visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Courser Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger expected to go to Detroit Tuesday and to Ann Arbor Wednesday for a checkup for little Carl.

Mrs. Beth Jackson of Mt. Pleasant was a Sunday guest of Mrs. Blanche Carr.

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Local Items

Mrs. Wayne Smith and children of Wolverine and Wayne Smith of Greenville spent the weekend at the Clayton Smith home. Wayne is still working in Greenville for a short time, but the family will live in Wolverine.

Leon McArthur spent Saturday afternoon with his son, Gerald, and family, at Walled Lake. Sunday he spent with his son, Leon, Jr., and family, at Brighton. Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family were Sunday guests of the Leon McArthurs, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Appelgreen were Sunday visitors of relatives in Lansing.

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Weidman

Editor's Column

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dry on the Pond's bottom; to the out of town folks, we say, That obviously was a cedar-swamp area, where the Pond is.

And it was dammed up by a lumberman, John S. Weidman, for the sole purpose of providing water to float his logs.

Nobody had heard of "recreation land" in those days. The big project was to cut timber, and get it to the sawmills. Nobody had ever heard of cleaning out a lake bed before it was flooded.

So--we have a mess at the bottom of Weidman Pond. That was revealed for sure this summer; but there's no use blaming the original builders of dams here, as lake bottoms were of no concern to anybody. The project was to get water to float logs.

This is what has happened and is happening to the Weidman Pond, then. Yes, it looks awful, when it's drained. Yes, it will be a terrible job to clean it up.

But that's our choosing, so to speak. We live now in an era of "recreation areas", where the era of yesterday was timber, any way you could get it. So--we believe and hope that the Weidman Pond will be cleaned up and made into a recreation lake.

Today's cleanup jobs are not to be blamed on yesterday's citizens. Today's demands are the opposite of yesterday's, that's all. So let's not blame the cedar-swamp aspects of the Pond's bottom on anyone. That's the way they operated then; this is the way we demand to live now.

In any era, you have to work for what you want.

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WORK ON LAKE OF THE HILLS DAM STARTS THIS WEEK

Work on the dam structure for Lake of the Hills in Weidman began this week, with the engineer here Tuesday to designate exact location for beginning structure of the dam.

This will be a very large cement and steel structure, with a 35-foot spillway and adequate construction throughout. It will be picturesque, also, as it is deemed a much larger dam than the Winchester dam, for instance. The Winchester dam, built by the Conservation Department when the Martiny Lakes were created by that agency, is a pretty thing, and also picturesque. The dam for Lake of the Hills will be on that order, with a much larger spillway and larger construction throughout.

Workmen were timbering and brushing out on the Walter J. Smith and Drallette lands to the northwest of town this week, where a great deal of work is necessary to prepare the lake bed for flooding in the spring.

S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

ENJOY TRIP TO FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Jim left early Friday morning for Fort Knox, Ky., to get Larry. He has a two weeks' leave from the Army, after basic training, and will report back to Oklahoma the 24th of this month. While at Fort Knox, the Dutchers visited the Patten Museum, which has all kinds of guns and tanks, used by both the American and German armies in World War II.

They also saw where the gold is kept, and visited My Old Kentucky Home, and saw the beautiful old furnished rooms with their 15-foot-high ceilings, and the old carriage shed with three real old carriages in them.

They also saw some of the Kentucky horse farms, with their pretty white board fences.

They called on the Charles Secords at Dimondale Sunday afternoon, on their way home, and also stopped and visited Walter Howe at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Nora Secord and sons, and the Richard Dutcher family.

They arrived home late Sunday night, tired and sore after so many miles of riding, but happy to get home safe after all the rain, from Saturday noon till Sunday, in those Kentucky hills, as Hurricane Betsy was moving across the country, and it sure rained hard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis and son, Dennis, of Pontiac called on the Ervin Dutchers Sunday afternoon. They brought Dennis up to attend college at Mt. Pleasant. Floyd Dutcher called Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Minnie Hines and granddaughter, Chrissy Flachs, spent Monday with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher spent Tuesday evening with the Clayton Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew visited the Frank Maxons Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lawrence spent Wednesday with the Merrihews, and on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Merrihew called on Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker visited their parents, the Clarence Chaffee family, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hibberd Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler and Mary took Mr. and Mrs. John Hibberd to the dinner at the Rod and Gun Club at Barryton Sunday.

Bill Cummins visited Orville Merrihew Sunday afternoon, bringing along his violin and playing it for them, which they enjoyed very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook and family visited her folks, the Harry Hardenburgs, and Emory Dell, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dell of

Littlefield Lake called on the Hardenburg and Dell family Friday, and Emory Dell and Opal Hardenburg went with them to Pierson to visit Emory's other daughter, Jean, and family, the Carl Hardenburgs.

This community wishes to extend its sympathy to the family of Oscar Dell.

We were shocked to hear of the death of Charles Henry Kobel of Littlefield Lake, early Sunday morning, as he and his wife, Florence, had visited us only last Monday evening.

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HIBBERDS' 68TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SEPT. 16

Mr. and Mrs. John Hibberd are observing their 68th wedding anniversary Thursday, Sept. 16, this week.

This loved and respected couple have countless friends who will be offering congratulations.

The Hibberds were married in 1897, and have lived in their Sherman Township home since.

Relatives are planning a family observance of the day.

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WEIDMAN METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE
The Woman's Society of Christ-

ian Service of the Weidman Church will meet Thursday evening at 8 o'clock instead of in the afternoon as announced in the bulletin.

The Deerfield Center Church will be the setting for a Bazaar Friday, Sept. 17, and Saturday, Sept. 18, starting at 9 a.m. They have about 600 items, many of them hand-made. Come and do your Christmas shopping early.

The Central Sub-District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will hold their Local Officers' Training in the Deerfield Center Church Sunday afternoon, beginning at 1.30 and closing with a Communion service from 5.30 to 6 p.m. Everyone is to bring a sack lunch, and the local MYF will furnish coffee, milk and cookies and soft drink for an afternoon snack.

There will be a Fellowship dinner in the Weidman Church following the morning service Sunday, Sept. 19.

FOREST HILL CHURCH OF GOD
Rev. Henry Hulbert
Pastor

Young people of the Church will have a hay-ride Friday evening, meeting at the home of Steve Stark at 7.45 p.m. After the ride they will meet for refreshments. Rev. and Mrs. Hulbert and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker are chaperones for the party.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Sept. 15 through 21

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