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INCORPORATION: WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

(Second in a Series of Articles explaining the pros and cons of village incorporation, as hoped for and advocated by the Weidman Business Association.)

PURPOSE OF VILLAGE INCORPORATION

The purpose of village incorporation is to establish a government capable of providing municipal services to the residents within the area on an equitable and efficient basis.

Township government was not designed to provide effectively such municipal services as police and fire protection, public health and public works services.

Rather, township government was designed to provide the minimum of governmental services to rural areas.

Furthermore, the townships cannot equitably provide a higher level of services to those areas which have become urban in character and require such service, and withhold from other areas which do not need such service.

Consequently, if the residents in a rapidly growing area of a township desire efficient municipal services, one of the methods to obtain them is to incorporate the area as a home rule village.

By establishing a village, the organizational structure is created which can provide such services as are needed to develop and maintain a wholesome community.

Village government provides the legal framework for an organization responsible solely and directly to the people it serves.

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Men in Uniform

Here is a new address:
Ovt. E-2 Kenneth Waters, US-55828276, TNG Co. A, 1st Bn., USADESC, Ft. Gordon, Ga. 30905.

Ken had planned on coming home for Easter, but orders were changed at the last minute and he was unable to come.

Pvt. Steve Thren and Pvt. Dale Jennings and Pvt. Daniel Kripa of Mt. Pleasant, were among the servicemen arriving home Good Friday, on furlough after basic training. They are all from Fort Hood, Texas.

Some of these men will return to Fort Hood, some will go to Fort Knox, Ky.

Send us your news of Men in Uniform--they're our local boys!



RETIRING TO HIS GREENHOUSE--B. H. Tranbarger, "Barney" to this area, announced his resignation as treasurer of Sherman Township at the annual meeting recently, but was persuaded by the Township Board to continue through May to help keep the books in order until a replacement can be made. Barney says he will devote his time to his beloved greenhouse, Weidman's Flower Shop, where he helps his wife, Frances, plant, pot, and tend flowers and vegetables.

Barney has served as treasurer for Sherman Township for the past eight years--"And I never had an error on my books," he says with justifiable pride.

Barney has spent his entire life working with figures. As a young man in Indiana, he worked in small-town banks six years, then was secretary-treasurer of the Lincoln Finance Company, an auto loan concern, for 22 years.

He and Frances made a stay in Weidman for a relatively short period thereafter, returning to Kokomo, Ind., where Barney was office manager for a large hardware and building concern.

His was an ideal background for a Township Treasurer, a lifetime as an accountant; but Barney says his eyesight has failed in the past few years and he must give up the job.

Sherman Township citizens are fortunate in having had an experienced accountant to keep track of the Township's finances and tax collections for eight years, we feel.

His many friends will wish him the best of luck with that green thumb (he also has that) in his greenhouse work.

During the years since he and Frances built the greenhouse and established the Weidman Flower Shop, Barney has become an ex-

pert flower arranger and designer, as well as an outstanding designer and maker of weatherproof cemetery floral pieces.

Frances' art training and talent, of course, have been helpful in his work, but Barney did a good job in "taking to it".

Frances, of course, does the wedding flowers and corsages, as well as flower arrangement and bouquet designing.

They plan to have a full line of vegetable plants at the Flower Shop this year, for the first time.

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NEW STORE OPENS IN WEIDMAN

Pitts Television Sales and Service opened for business this week, with their new store remodeled and a complete line of Zenith television sets and Courier CB radios.

Bernard and Yvonne Pitts are managing the store, and Bernard is doing service work on all makes and models.

They also have a complete stereo and hi-fi record players, and radios, of all kinds.

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NEWS NOTE

Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Granger of rural Harrison were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner for pot-luck supper Sunday evening.

Seeks Reelection to To 21st Judicial Circuit Judge Post



Circuit Judge Robert A. Campbell announced Monday that he had filed for reelection as Circuit Judge of the 21st Judicial Circuit, at the Secretary of State's office in Lansing.

The 21st Circuit is now comprised of Isabella, Clare and Midland Counties, but this was changed by the Legislature, and Judge Campbell will seek reelection in the new 21st Judicial Circuit, composed of Clare, Isabella and Gladwin counties.

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BEAVER SUPPER PROCEEDS TO GO TO FIRE DEPARTMENT

A beaver supper will be offered at the Coldwater Lake Bar April 19, Tuesday, with serving beginning at 5.30.

Donations of \$1 per person will be accepted, with the proceeds to go to the Nottawa-Sherman Fire Department.

This is a contribution of the Coldwater Lake people to the worthy fire fighters, and the supper will be prepared by the ladies of the lake.

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BROOMFIELD GRANGE TO HAVE SMORGASBORD

The Broomfield Grange announces a smorgasbord Saturday, April 16, at the Grange Hall on the corner of M-20 and S. Coldwater Road. Perch, ham, and meat loaf are the meats offered in the Grange ladies' complete and satisfying smorgasbord menu.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Saturday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague.

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SMORGASBORD--The Broomfield Grange will offer smorgasbord Saturday, April 16, serving from 5 p. m. on. Located at corner of M-20 and S. Coldwater Road. Adults \$1, children under 12, 50 cents. No charge for pre-school children. Menu of perch, ham and meat loaf, plus all smorgasbord extras.

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GULF FUEL OIL--Prompt local delivery. Mitch Abbott, Weidman, ph. 644-3451.
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the Churches

WEIDMAN METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Williams Reynders
Minister

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Deerfield Center Church will meet Thursday, April 14, at 1.30 p. m., in the home of Mrs. Clayton Smith, program by Mrs. Walter Reed.

Bible Study at 7 p. m. and choir practice at 8 p. m. in the Weidman Church.

There will be an evening service next Sunday, April 17, in the Weidman Church, sponsored by the Methodist Men, 7.30 p. m.

The Annual District Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be in Alma, Wednesday, April 20.

Official Board of the Deerfield Center Church will meet next Tuesday, April 19, at 8 p. m. Junior Choir will practice at 7 p. m. and the Senior Choir at 7.30 p. m.

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor

Sunday, April 17, at 7.30 p. m. the church will commemorate its eighth anniversary.

Rev. Frank Schultz, former director of the Galilean Baptist Mission, will be the special speaker.

Refreshments will be served after the service. Everyone is welcome.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

PINE GROVE TABERNACLE
Rev. J. Dobben, Pastor
Special meetings are continuing at the Pine Grove Tabernacle with Rev. Robert Cottle of Barryton, a young, zealous preacher, speaking each evening at 8 o'clock through April 17. He is a fine speaker for youth and age as well. It would do you good to come and hear him, so that you will become established in your experience. There is nothing better than to be on the rock Christ Jesus. We invite the public to come out.

The annual Missionary Rally, sponsored by the Mecosta-Osceola Holiness Association, will be held April 19 at the Pine Grove Tabernacle, three and a half miles north of Remus on M-66. There will be services at 11 a. m., 2 p. m. and 7.30 p. m.

Rev. Richard Adkins, missionary from Kenya, Africa, will be the speaker. The public is invited to attend. Pictures will be shown relating to the field.

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EAST Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger took Dewey's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger, to Mt. Pleasant Thursday, and called on Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted were business callers in Mt. Pleasant Friday afternoon. Mrs. Husted went to have her eyes tested. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Lavier Hatt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Routheaux and Randy of St. Louis spent Easter weekend with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner.

Sunday at noon, Mrs. Miller of Mt. Pleasant called her daughter, Mrs. Harold Skinner, to see if someone wanted to go and get her to spend the Easter afternoon with them and the Routheaux family. She had been staying with her brother, Fred Wardwell. He was better, so she could leave. She returned to Mt. Pleasant when the Routheaux family went to St. Louis.

Sandy Owens and John Sprague of Barryton called on Dale and Joyce Olger Saturday afternoon. Sunday afternoon callers were Terry Sisco and Penny Sowle. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wood and family were Sunday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Chelsea Latham of Weidman, Mike and LaVern Forbes and Stewart Voss were Monday callers of the Dewey Olgers.

Monday afternoon Geraldine Olger took her mother, Mrs. Garold Latham, to her doctor in Clare.

Joyce Olger had a birthday dinner in honor of Wendell Sisco Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sisco and Terry.

Terry Sisco and LaVern Forbes

called on Dale and Joyce Olger Friday.

Kate Isenberg and Thelma Jones of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday night and Sunday at Thelma's farm here, returning Monday to her work in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted motored to Ionia and Edmore Sunday. They called on Raymond's uncle, Clifford Thayer, of Ionia.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted called on Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Barber and family of Clare Saturday evening.

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Two Rivers

Florence Harvey, Reporter

MRS. IDA CRAVEN

A former resident of this neighborhood passed away at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant Friday, April 8.

Mrs. Ida Craven leaves to mourn her passing, one son, Henry, with whom she had made her home for a number of years; and one sister, Nettie Baker.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 12, from the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with interment in the Two Rivers Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Courser were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson of Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ward were Easter guests of their son, Allen, and family of Ovid.

Singleton Moses was a caller of Burgess Case of Barryton Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses were Sunday afternoon callers of the Henry Culf home near Blanchard.

Easter Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tex Schafer were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Earl and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Earl and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schafer and Randy, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Riggles and Jake and Frances and Mrs. Bob Onstott and Christy and Diane were also guests, as were also Mr. and Mrs. Gary Riggles and Vern and Liza.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Letson and Mary and Charles of Lakeview were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey, and son, Tom.

Easter guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and Tom were the Letsons, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stump of Gowan. In the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and Tom and Mr. and Mrs. Stump drove to Chippewa Lake, where they had Easter supper with their son and family, John, Beth, Yvonne and Robin, and also their son, Virgil. They found their son John's ankle not much improved. John will not be able to return to work for another six weeks.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., and Patrick and Jill of Grand Haven, and Miss Janet Dillenbeck of Detroit spent the Easter weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck.

Mrs. Dillenbeck visited her father, Aisher Dent, at the Mt. Pleasant hospital Sunday afternoon. He had had a severe nose-bleed, with 250 degree blood pressure when taken to the hospital.

Mrs. Loretta Schrock returned from the hospital Sunday. Her family, the Rodney Schrocks, were Easter dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith of Riverdale and Mr. and Mrs. Viri Wright of Greenville were also dinner guests of the Schrocks. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock visited his parents Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Arthur Schrock (Annabel) began work Monday as an LPN in the new Medical Center in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and her mother, Mrs. Edmund Owens, her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tetsloff, visited their husband and father, Edmund Owens, at Saginaw General Hospital Saturday evening. Mr. Owens had surgery on his back (laminectomy), Friday morning, and is progressing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baxter and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kowitz, of Flint, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bazaire of North Brinton visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and family Sunday afternoon. Kenny Zill was at the hospital four days with a severe case of tonsillitis.

Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler and Fred and Mary were her mother, Mrs. Lena St. John, and uncles, Clark and Floyd Sowle. They were pleased to have a phone call from their son, Clifton, from Fort Knox, Ky., Sunday evening.

Mrs. St. John took her brother, Clark (Red) and Mrs. Cleo Conley to Lakeview to the clinic Friday, where they all had checkups.

Mrs. Howard Monroe came home Tuesday last week from the hospital and is feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smoke and three children of North Branch were Easter dinner guests of the Monroes. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Campbell and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peterson, and children, of Otter Lake were visitors Friday afternoon. Blaine was absent from school for a week, with flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Courser rural Mt. Pleasant were Easter

Sunday dinner guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson, and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson and son, Ralph, were guests for the day of her father, Manley Oliver, of Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ley, of Conklin, Thursday. Mrs. Ley and son Stuart were Saturday overnight guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Gray and daughter, Melody, of Midland were dinner guests Easter Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray and family of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray and Yvonne were visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Gray and Melody returned this week from visiting his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Gray, at Salton City, Calif. They report Mrs. Virgil Gray quite ill with emphysema, a form of asthma.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry visited his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cluchey, of Rodney Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and Blaine and friends from Monroe called Sunday.

Glen Dosenberry of Detroit spent the weekend at home. He has received word to report for physical for the Armed Forces April 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky called on her sister, Mrs. Mildred De Vary, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ethel McLean spent Easter Sunday with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons called Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Favreau of Holland were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott Dean were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow. Saturday evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were callers.

Dinner guests for Easter were Mrs. Denslow's mother, Mrs. Mabel Cummings, Mrs. Carol Baumgardner and daughters, and Harold Benjamin of Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bates and children of rural Clare were guests at Easter dinner of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and Deana and Michael.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bobroski were in Lansing Saturday of last week. They visited old friends and neighbors at Mullikin, on their return home. Weekend guests were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jessers and daughter, Priscilla, of Sheridan. Their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bobroski, have moved back from Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Kimball and

family of Barryton were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis visited her father, Bert Gross, at a convalescent home at Remus Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis and family were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller and Mary Lou spent the Easter weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thornton of Grayville, Ill. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Carson of Chipton, Ind., on their return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung of Beal City Saturday night. They visited his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stanley, of Barryton Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vinton, Saturday evening, and also on Sunday afternoon. Most all the 'brothers and sisters were home for the day at her parents', making an enjoyable Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley visited at the home of her brother, Andrew Irwin, Jr., of Stevenson Lake, Monday afternoon, bidding farewell to her nephew and wife, Andrew Irwin III, and children, who returned to Chula Vista, Calif., Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley visited Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ward Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cook of Canadian Lakes were also guests.

Guests over the Easter weekend at the Stanley home were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore and Mary Lou of Big Rapids, their son, David, of Saginaw, their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Battle, of Rockford, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Susan and Sandra of St. Johns, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and family.

Most all the Arthur Loomis children called during the week to see their brother, Patrick, before he returned to Fort Knox, Ky. They took him to Clare Thursday, where he left by bus.

Mrs. Ethel McLean and friend, Mr. Koyle, of Barryton called Thursday evening. Mrs. Arthur Loomis and Mrs. Tom Loomis and girls were in Mt. Pleasant Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and Teresa and Jean Ann, and Dennis, who spent the day with them, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Loomis were dinner guests of the Arthur Loomises Easter Sunday. Afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loomis and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Kimball and family of Barryton.

Mrs. Lyle Denslow has been ill

with virus infection and flu, but is feeling better. She visited Mrs. Eva Denslow Monday morning.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wischmeyer of Mt. Pleasant Monday evening.

Mrs. Edward Schafer and sons, Joe and Bob, attended a Safety meeting Tuesday evening. Bob was one of the winners in the Safety Poster contest.

The Coldwater Lake Cottagers Association Board members met at the Dick Harkins home for a special meeting. Charles Zalud of the County Road Commission, Lynn Leet and Walter Nowak of the Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce were guests.

Jerry Joe Schafer stayed Friday night with Rick Klumpp in Beal City. They attended a show in Mt. Pleasant.

Alfred Klumpp of Mt. Pleasant and Rick Klumpp of Beal City were guests at the Edward Schafer home Saturday morning.

Mrs. Geraldine Horan spent Easter week with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Marchiando.

Several families spent the weekend at their cabins, doing their spring cleaning on their cottages and yards.

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SOUTHWEST

Gilmore

Verna Seymour, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Seymour and Kenny, Mr. and Mrs. Elam Seymour, Harley Beck, and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Longton enjoyed Easter dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beck.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce are back home, after spending three months in Florida.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Shaner on the birth of their baby girl, born April 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kent entertained their children and families for Easter dinner Sunday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kent and Ronda of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hatch and family of Jackson, Gary Kent of Maple Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Abbott and girls of Middleton.

We extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Craven in the loss of his mother, Mrs. Ida Craven, who passed away April 8 at Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Don Seymour and Mr. and Mrs. Elam Seymour went to the funeral home Monday evening.

Norman Buchel and Ann went to the doctor in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Mrs. George Pitts was admitted to CMC Hospital April 9.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin entertained Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Scott and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Scott and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fletcher and family, all of Freeland; Mrs. Velma Wiggins and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Wiggins and family of Farwell, Mrs. Viola Curtis, and Joseph and William Ockert of Coldwater Lake, Sunday, for Easter dinner and the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Miller and girls of Mt. Pleasant visited the Harry Hardenburg family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis and Mick and Kathy of New Era were Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and children.

Mrs. Bonnie Dutcher attended a party at the home of Lois Clark last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and family were Saturday supper guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman and girls of Lansing were Saturday afternoon and Easter dinner guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Linda Wernette of Remus was a Sunday guest.

Miss Sandy Jones of Remus spent Sunday with the Harry Hardenburg family.

Orville Merrihew has been having a terrible time with a wisdom tooth which is trying to come through wrong side up. He has made several trips to Midland to see his doctor, and is taking medicine to kill infection.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fish and daughters of Pontiac spent the Easter weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and family of Clarkston spent the weekend visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. They were Easter dinner guests of the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and girls of Lake Orion spent from Friday until Sunday afternoon with his folks, the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and children and Jim Dutcher were Easter dinner guests of the Clayton Dutchers. Afternoon luncheon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and son, Chris, of Mt. Morris. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas were Sunday callers. Pfc. Larry Dutcher of Fort Lewis, Wash., telephoned his parents Sunday afternoon to wish them a Happy Easter.

Miss Arlene Van Buren of Bay City is spending her spring vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. She came Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr.,

and children were Sunday callers of the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and Troy of Saginaw spent the Easter weekend with the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and girls visited Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher Saturday evening, and they all called on Mrs. Nora Secord and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Mrs. Robert Hines attended the funeral of Orval Darnell at Mt. Pleasant Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Hines were supper guests of the Dutchers.

Mrs. Jerry Tabor and children of Lansing are spending the week with Mrs. Katie McDaniels and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tibbetts and family of East Lansing from Friday till Sunday, and were Easter dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss, of St. Johns, returning home late Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and children of Belleville and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker of Ortonville and Miss Anna Chaffee spent the weekend with their parents, the Clarence Chaffee family.

Mrs. Katie McDaniels and children and brother, Rudy, spent the weekend with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tabor, and family. Rudy stayed for the week.

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Local Items

Mrs. Buster Smith (Ruth) and daughter, Sharon, of Mt. Pleasant, were Monday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Smith here. They took Mr. Smith to see his doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buck and son, Keith, of Lowell spent the Easter weekend with the Roy Adams family.

Mrs. Charles Zuke and children of Big Rapids were Friday afternoon guests of Mrs. Lydia Snider. They brought her a lovely tulip plant.

Word has been received here of a goitre operation undergone by Ruth (Mrs. Walter) Davy, of Seattle, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bywater spent Friday and Friday night with Bob Bywater at East Jordan. Bob had suffered a hand injury at work, and his parents took him for a drive to Traverse City, where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Curtis of New York were Saturday guests of Mrs. Ethel Bywater. They were in Michigan to visit her father, Ed Carey, in Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. John Sheldon was also a caller.

Lydia Snider and Sandy Spites of Mt. Pleasant spent from Friday evening till Sunday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keiser, in Belding.

Local Items

James Noe suffered a cut tendon on his index finger of his left hand Friday, helping his grandchildren fly kites. He was treated at the hospital, for sewing up of the cut.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shook were Easter Sunday dinner guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Krueger, and family. Richard Shook of Saginaw also was a weekend guest.

Richard Shook left Monday morning for San Antonio, Texas, for a week of library conference, a national meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and son, Jim, spent the weekend with their son, Roger, and wife and baby, in Flushing.

Mrs. Leah Scharrer came home Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus of Flushing, after spending the week there.

Eva Denslow was a Friday afternoon caller of Lydia Snider.

Mrs. Harry Herman called on the John Sheldons Saturday.

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In the Editor's Mail

"PAPA'S OLD FIDDLE"

My Papa's dear old fiddle In money, isn't worth a great deal. As for him, he worships it a little; When he played it was for real.

Played a tune, when work was done, Made ten little kiddies happy, too. It sure gave us all a lot of fun -- Papa held the attention of his crew.

The old fiddle was in a place of honor, Hanging on a nail, so proud and tall. The house caught fire, it was a goner, But Papa snatched the fiddle off the wall.

But the memory still lingers Of that almost fatal day Pape badly burned his fingers Pulling that dear old fiddle away.

Now the dear old fiddle is still. Papa watches television all day. Just hope that some day he will Take it off that nail, and play. By Mabel Chaffee Grand Rapids.

Papa is John Sheldon of Weidman.

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the Churches

FOREST HILL CHURCH OF GOD
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
Young People's Service, 7 p. m.
Evening Worship, 7.45 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday, at 7.30 p. m.

Wedding Invitations

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N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Mrs. Grace Crowley and grandchildren of South Broomfield, and one from Grand Rapids were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Nettie Crowley.

Miss Elsie Richardson of Owosso, Roderick Nicholson and Maycie Cook were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook. Mr. and Mrs. Gail Strong of Elwell were Saturday callers.

The Lutheran Aid met Wednesday evening of this week with Mrs. Ralph Strong. Monday evening a short movie was shown at the church, "Tomorrow Is Upon Us," a film concerning the building program of the different churches and missions.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Foster called on Maycie Cook Sunday evening. They went to Detroit Monday to bring their grandchildren, Connie and Jimmie, for a few days' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Ray of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Perkins of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Lueder were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hogg and families enjoyed Easter dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Flachs of Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook. In the evening, Herman and Alliance Cook and Mrs. Glee Krueger and children and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cook were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shook of Weidman were Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Krueger.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Ray of Charlotte were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder. The Lueders spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lueder of Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson and sons of Holt were Friday evening guests of their grandmother, Mrs. E. Rhode, and Harold. The Rhodes were Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola, and attended church in Mt. Pleasant.

WEST
Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith of Bad Axe spent Sunday at the Ed Kavanaugh home. They were godparents for baby Patrick Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kavanaugh of Midland, when he was baptized in St. Hoseph's Church in Beal City Sunday.

Donald Kolarik spent a few days in CMC Hospital, suffering from a concussion after being hit accidentally by a ball. He was reported recovered and back in school the first of the week.

Miss Roselene Schafer fell and broke her hip last Thursday, and was taken to CMC Hospital. On Friday they operated, and put a pin in it. Roselene will be laid up a long time, and would appreciate cards and prayers from her friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Riehl and all of their nine children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gathered at the KC Hall Easter Sunday. This was the first time in a long while that they were all able to get together, and they had a wonderful time. There were around 75 attending, to enjoy the pot-luck dinner, visiting and card playing through the day and evening.

Miss Jane Ann Maeder spent Sunday and Monday with her cousin, Linda Reihl, of Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh entertained their children and families Easter Sunday at a lovely dinner and card playing later in the day. Their daughter, Kathleen, and family of Chicago were unable to attend the get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brown of Big Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Don Brown of Mt. Pleasant are spending this week on vacation in Florida. Debbie and Susan Brown of Mt. Pleasant are spending the week with their grandparents, the Glen Browns.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmidt entertained their club a week ago Saturday evening. The next meeting will be at the Clarence Pasch home.

Roger Maeder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Maeder, and Eddie Kavanaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh, leave April 19 for their Army physical in Detroit.

Joe Pantenburg and Joe Kremreiter entered CMC Hospital over the weekend.

Easter dinner guests at the Isadore Schafer home were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hudak and family of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer and family of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Neyer and family, all of Mt. Pleasant. Vickie Schafer and Debbie Hudak stayed with their Aunt Roselene Schafer at CMC Hospital Easter Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Halfman and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neubecker and family spent Easter Sunday at the Ray Fox home in rural Mt. Pleasant. They all enjoyed a lovely dinner.

Jim Vogel came home from the Saginaw hospital last week. He is feeling better, and hopes to be able to stay home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lamb and children of Rose City called at the Gary Wernette home Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burman and family, Mrs. Lillian Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Schumacher, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Schumacher and Gene Vincent of Mt. Pleasant enjoyed Easter dinner at the Ollie Schumacher home.

Mary Rahl, 16-year-old daughter of Mrs. Marie Rahl, entered CMC Hospital last Thursday, suffering from pneumonia. She was expected home this week.

Donny and Cathy Alwood were taken to the doctor Monday. They had bad colds and sinus and ear infection.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wernette of Remus were Saturday supper guests at the Gary Wernette home. Easter Sunday the Gary Wernettes enjoyed dinner at the Wernettes' in Remus.

Mr. Leo Smith returned home from the Alma hospital last week, after undergoing a gallbladder operation. She will be laid up a few weeks before returning to her work at Straus Processing Co.

Easter Sunday dinner guests at the Steve Simmer home were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Simmer, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brickner and family of Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cole and family of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. John Corbitt and family of Shepherd, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Simmer and boys of rural Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and family of near Midland were Sunday callers. It was also the seventh birthday of little Pam Simmer.

Mrs. Amelia Wieber left Sunday to spend Easter and a few days at the Walter Houck home in Rosebush.

Mrs. Susan Graham of Rosebush spent Easter Sunday at the Tony Vogel home.

Mrs. Marie Rahl and friend spent Sunday evening at the Norman Vogel home.

Dan Rahl returned home from the Saginaw hospital last week after undergoing surgery on his shoulder. He is wearing a sling, but feels better.

Easter guests at the Jack Cotter home were Mr. and Mrs. Olan Black and family of Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Howell and family of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pung and family.

Easter dinner guests at the Joe Wawersik home were Mr. and Mrs. Dale Folsom and girls of East Lansing.

Miss Mary Lou Sheahan of Arizona is spending two weeks with

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Sheahan. Mary Lou works in a bank in the western state.

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Local Items

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy enjoyed birthday cake at the Don Smith home Sunday afternoon. It was Mary Lou's 10th birthday, on Easter Sunday, and that was the 10th of April. Her Grandma Kische also was a guest.

Joyce Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, spent last Tuesday over night with her classmate, Debbie Riley. It was Debbie's 11th birthday, and they all enjoyed cake and ice cream.

Bill Knudson and family of La-

vonias visited his mother, Mrs. Lela Whearett, and grandmother, Mrs. Bertha Clark, and Don, from Friday till Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark of Saline attended sunrise services at their church and then drove up to spend the day with his folks, Mrs. Bertha Clark and Don, and Mrs. Lela Whearett. They enjoyed a tour of Lake of the Hills project. They saw a large number of ducks, and probably a goose, near the dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cummins and son and Mrs. Robert King and Veva Sheldon enjoyed a lovely dinner with Mrs. Sheldon's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Art Preston, and family, in St. Louis, Sunday.



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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ahlers and family of Adrian called at the Ted Ahlers home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crawford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Buel Egbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Yuncker of Lansing spent the weekend with Fred Yuncker.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Riggles and family spent Sunday afternoon with Fred Yuncker.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Beck and family visited Mr. and Mrs. A. Beck at Coldwater Lake, recently. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kavanaugh and family were also visitors.

Dougie Thielen spent Saturday with his grandmother, Mrs. Lena Bleise.

Dean and Jane Carey and family of DeWitt spent the weekend at the Harold Vogel home. Mrs. Howard Breuer and girls spent Easter Sunday with the Vogels.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keefer visited her brother and sister-in-law in Westphalia, the Joe Bierstetels, last Wednesday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Al Cashen in Hubbardston.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Olson and sons spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Yuncker.

Friends here have been inquiring about Mrs. Blanche Carr of Tampa, Fla. Relatives received word that she is all right. The tornado hit about half a mile from where she was. The kindergarten bus that took the children to where she works was hit and the children hospitalized, it was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McIntyre and family of Dexter and Mr. and Mrs. John Reihl and family of Detroit spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Reihl.

Norman Fedewa spent a few days last week with Ed Fedewa and family. Norm was a dinner guest Wednesday of the Ed Blasen family. Oscar Fedewa spent Tuesday and Wednesday with the Blasens.

Harold Smith and family and Bill Trowbridge and family spent Easter with the Ed Blasen family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Head and the Howard Blasen family were Easter callers of the Ed Blasen family.

Rose Schafer enjoyed Easter dinner with the Ann Schafer family.

Mrs. Clarence Ley, Dean Stalter and family and Henry Ley and family called on Mrs. Leona Simmer Sunday. Leona's son, Clarence Ley, called her from Florida to wish her a Happy Easter, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Simmer and family of Reed City had Easter dinner with Louise Smith and girls. They also called on the Walter Rau and Billy Smith

families.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen and family of St. Johns called on Louise Smith Sunday afternoon.

Virginia Rau spent the weekend with her parents, the Walter Raus.

Miss Mary Rahl, who has been in the hospital, was reported feeling better the first of the week.

Mrs. Leo Gross and Mike Gross spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gross, observing Raymond's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pung and family and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann and family and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pung spent Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Zuker and family of Lansing spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zuker.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau spent Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nobel and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frodl and family of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rau spent Easter Sunday with Mrs. Gertrude Gross.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pung and family of St. Johns spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Dickson and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Leo Gross.

Mike Gross called on Mr. and Mrs. John Gross Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bleise, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bleise and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Theisen and Dougie, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peltier and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cassidy and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Paisley, Mike Horeg and Beverly Peltier and Michael South spent Sunday afternoon and evening with Mrs. Wm. Bleise.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engler had Easter dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung.

Mrs. Fred Zeien, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau, Mrs. Harold Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rau and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rau of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Casmere Rau of West Branch spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau.

Miss Loretta Fox of Rochester spent Easter with her mother, Mrs. Clara Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Pung spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Finnerty of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Kavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Micky Smallbach, and Sharon Kavanaugh and boy friend spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey were Easter dinner guests of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family were Easter dinner guests of her sister and family, the Dale Klumpps.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bunting were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger. Easter dinner guests were their son, Earl, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright of Pontiac spent from Thursday through Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, and the Max Aldrich family.

Mrs. Nina Green and son, Terry, and Chuck Wood of Grand Rapids were Easter dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mrs. Joyce Sheets is ill with flu. Mrs. Margaret Denslow entertained her children at Easter dinner: Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Denslow and family of Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and children of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Denslow of Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and family.

Mrs. Dean Denslow and children spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. Ralph Ehler, of Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and family and Dan Suman were Easter dinner guests of his parents, the Howard Woods. Carol Wood is spending her vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children were Friday evening callers of the Benn Johnson family. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatehouse and family were Tuesday evening guests. Mrs. Carol Johnson and children called on her mother, Mrs. Earl Blodgett, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn spent the Easter weekend in Pontiac. John Thompson and two children of Pontiac spent Friday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson, and his brother, Jim, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and boys and Mrs. Stoll were Easter dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were weekend guests of his parents, the Sidney Lawrences.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Kenny and Eddie were Easter breakfast guests of her mother, Mrs. Edna McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bahr and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fisk and family, all of Copemish, and Mrs. Irene Keck of Ashley were Easter dinner guests of the Joe Martin family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin and Mrs. Alma Byron were Thursday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Myers and family were Easter dinner guests

of her sister and family, the Gale Bells, near Lansing.

Mrs. Betty Thompson went to her mother's home near Lansing last Thursday and brought her mother home with her for a few days.

Mrs. Edmund Owens and Sandra, Mrs. Sharon Schrock and Mrs. Darlene Tetzloff were Saturday afternoon callers at the Elwood Miller home. Mrs. Ethel McLean and Richard Toucinski were Easter guests.

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Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

Coldwater Farm Bureau group met with the Lewis Bowen family Friday evening. The May meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler.

The Jesse Lee family of Ionia and Mr. Lee and Bessie Forbes had Easter supper with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ward of Sears, on Saturday.

Bessie Forbes and father, Mr. Lee, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Elinor Doerr in Mecosta.

Mrs. Fred Whaley was in Big Rapids Tuesday, where she had dental work done.

Keith Durkee of near Farwell spent Saturday and Sunday with his grandmother, Mrs. Fred Whaley. Sunday evening visitors at the Whaley home were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sisco and daughters.

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Local Items

Beth Jackson of Mt. Pleasant was an Easter dinner guest of Blanche Cliff. Mildred Tompkins of Barryton, who has just returned from Tampa, Fla., is spending a few days with Blanche.

Mrs. Frank Gross was admitted to CMC Hospital Sunday afternoon, for tests and observation. Bertha had not been well for some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Holcomb and family of Pinckney spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. Flossie Davy.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cummins and son of Okemos spent last Wednesday and Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon.

Miss Nancy Adams was an Easter guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clenard Starks, at the home of the Starks' daughter, Gwendolyn, at Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen, Jr., and family of St. Louis were Easter Sunday dinner guests of the Alton Allens, Sr., at Lake Windoga. Teddy Allen stayed over for a few days' visit with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen took Russell Houghton, a resident of Lake Windoga, to the Alma hospital, last Monday, where he expects to stay several weeks, after surgery Friday.

North Weidman

Wanda Graham, Reporter

Little Debbie Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Miller, and Stacy Voss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss, both were in CMC Hospital the first of the week, suffering from pneumonia. Debbie was taken to the hospital Friday, Stacy on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Waters and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday fishing up north.

Several from this area attended the nice Easter services at the Weidman Baptist Church west of Weidman Sunday. This was the second Sunday they had services in the new first-floor building, the services formerly having been held in the basement. The church was filled for the Easter services.

Duane Chapman and children of Mt. Pleasant spent Easter at the Clayton Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Blodgett and family of Farwell were Saturday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett. Sunday dinner guests were Bud, Stanley, Wilma and Elizabeth Blodgett.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kochensparger and sons of Ithaca called at the John Gott and Meryl Graham homes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garold Latham and Jim were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger.

Mrs. Laura Latham enjoyed Monday near Two Rivers, helping her sister, Mrs. Raymond Flaughter, celebrate her birthday.

Mrs. Lauraine Burden and Vickie of Grand Rapids were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden and family. Saturday they enjoyed a nice ride visiting relatives near Altona and Remus. Sunday they attended Easter services at the Weidman Baptist Church.

Henry and Bob Carmen were Wednesday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham and girls. Sunday evening callers were Diane Maeder and Linda and Stephanie Foster of Mecosta.

Mrs. John Gott and Mrs. Meryl Graham and girls spent Monday at the home of Mrs. Marvin Allen of Farwell.

Last week Tuesday guests of Wanda Graham were Mrs. Helen Alwood and Cathy, Mrs. John Gott, Mrs. Jack Burden and Edie, Mrs. Walt Smith, Mrs. Bonnie Blackmer and David, and Mrs. Chel Latham. They enjoyed breakfast of scrambled eggs, hot biscuits, and honey, and lots of coffee.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER
IS YOUR HOME PAPER

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Charlotte Hart, Mrs. Ruby Douglas and Lena Cole were Mt. Pleasant shoppers Tuesday.

Mrs. Maggie Boger, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler are helping care for their mother, Mrs. Joe Geasler, of rural Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Geasler is very ill.

Paul Cole sat up at CMC Hospital Friday night with Fred Wardwell, who is very ill.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole called on Mrs. Cole's nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ferguson, Tuesday evening. They also called on Mrs. Clara Wixson and Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. George Courter and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Courter of Chesaning attended the funeral of their nephew and cousin, David Ferguson, Thursday.

Adolph Stava of Detroit spent the weekend at his farm.

The Coles received word that Mrs. Claris Allen broke through the bleachers at an auction sale and injured her leg.

Mrs. Ruby Douglas visited the Paul Coles Friday.

Miss Alice Rickels of Detroit called on relatives and friends around Farwell Easter Sunday.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Hart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shaner and family and Mr. and Mrs. White Curtis were Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Hockey expected to get the new baby girl they are adopting, on Monday. They Hockeys have an adopted son three years old. Mrs. Hockey is the former Erma Wixson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing and family were Easter dinner guests of their parents, the Paul Coles.

Mrs. Joe Mossell and six children of South Bend, Ind., spent Wednesday and Thursday with her parents, the Coles, and attended the funeral of her cousin, David Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ewing spent the weekend at their cabin at Cedar Bay, Littlefield Lake. Their son, Terry, leaves for the service May 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler visited his mother, Mrs. Joe Geasler, of rural Mt. Pleasant, Saturday, and found her quite ill. Mrs. Albert Geasler was taken ill with flu Sunday.

Fred Wardwell is still very ill.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. John Ervin of Six Lakes spent from Tuesday till Friday with her mother, Mrs. Ina Gillette.

Easter Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell were Ward Dell, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Louisell and family of Mt. Pleasant, and

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., and family of Grand Haven.

Mrs. Kit Johnson spent Saturday afternoon with the Tom Powell family of rural Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Johnson spent Easter Sunday with the Gerald Johnson family in Mt. Pleasant.

Guests of Mrs. Emily Wood dur-

ing last week included Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson, Mrs. Ray Kirvan of Big Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan and Mr. and Mrs. John Pyle and son, all of Flint; and Sherry Kirvan, also of Flint; and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wood of Bay City.

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NO AREA RESIDENTS HURT IN FLORIDA TORNADOES

So far as we have been able to learn, no area residents in Florida were directly in the paths of the tornadoes that swept across that state last week.

The Messenger has received postal cards from the Leo Neubeckers and Ruth Blesch, neither mentioning any storms.

Blanche Carr apparently was closest to the twisters, which hit hard in the northern section of Tampa. Blanche spends the winters on the edge of the city.

Ina Gillette received a letter from Blanche, with some newspaper clippings on the storm.

According to the Tampa paper, the tornadoes hit the north and northwest section of that city, where several people were killed and many hurt.

Blanche said the tornado hit a short way from where she lives. She said: "I sat by the table writing, and it was raining as hard as I ever saw it, and the lights went out, but we still didn't know about it till someone called. We went over the other night to see the damage, and it really was a mess.

"It hit a residential district that had real nice homes. Ten were killed and about 300 injured. It went all the way to the east coast. A Delia Green was killed."

Blanche also said, "Dalton called here at 1.30 Monday night to find out if I was all right. He said he had tried for hours. The others had too, as they saw it on tv."

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TO START FILLING LAKE ON OR BEFORE MAY 1

Allen Lumber Company, developers, said this week they plan to begin putting water into Lake of the Hills on or before May 1.

Weekends have become sight-seeing times for people all the way from Mt. Pleasant to Detroit, and all will be delighted to see water in the lake bed.

The sand shore lines, as laid out by Allens, are an alluring detail, in fact the most spectacular, of the project.

Lake of the Hills is shaping up as one of Michigan's most beautiful areas, with a diversity of landscape not often found in a man-made lake project. Lake of the Hills has everything from waterfront lots within walking distance of Weidman's stores, as on the Wilcox place, to secluded wilderness areas in the northwest sector.

The most beautiful shores are those on the Walter J. Smith, Wendell Drallette and Calvin Ohls places, where wilderness remains for the lot-buyer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox and boys were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Krensreiter and family.

MICHIGAN MAN BAKES A PIE IN OREGON

Mr. and Mrs. John Tilmann of rural Mt. Pleasant received word from their daughter, Teresa, now Mrs. Francis Schiller, of North Bend, Ore. The letter is as follows:

We had a surprise happen to us a while ago. You know I am always entering cherry pie contests.

Well, I entered the contest shown in our local newspaper, which was on Washington's Birthday.

Francis had that day off, and came home from fishing and said he was going to bake a pie, too, for the contest, since men could enter as well in the men's division. And he never baked a pie before.

When the pies were judged, Francis became the State Champion baker for the State of Oregon.

Can you believe he won over 150 entries, and that includes the women's division--and I didn't win a thing!

The pies were judged by flavor and texture, and Francis added a capful of lemon and almond flavoring and made the pie all by himself.

The grand prize consisted of a large new tilt-top electric range and a complete sportswear outfit. And also a small cherry tree which he planted in our yard.

(Editor's note: And congratulations, Francis! That is indeed a championship performance.)

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Editor's Column

WE HAVE SOME GOOD HISTORICAL STORIES

We have some good historical material in our "live" files, but haven't got around to the necessary research to present it.

Ye Ed is beginning to recover, but we need time yet to get at these things which we let go far behind in scheduling.

We have a wonderful letter from Mrs. Leon McArthur, Jr., asking about the "Bundy farm", and she sent a picture we hope to print one day. But we need to do some research in determining just where the "Bundy farm" was, if there ever was a "Bundy farm".

As we said in a recent issue of the Messenger, it's our understanding that Bundy Hill was so named for the man who timbered it off, but there probably was a farm called the "Bundy farm," after that.

We'll get at our research chores one of these days.

We also have a wonderful photo from Mrs. Neelands in Pontiac, but again we need to verify its identity.

So--we hope you'll bear with us, till we get back on our feet and our schedules straightened out.

Obituary

DAVID DUANE FERGUSON

David Duane Ferguson, 10-year-old son of Arthur and Marion (Wixson) Ferguson, was born July 17, 1955, at Mt. Pleasant, and passed away suddenly April 4 at Ford Hospital, Detroit.

A student of the Farwell Area School, David is survived by his parents, of Gilmore, two brothers, Neddy Ray and Arthur Michael, both at home;

Paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Ferguson of Lake, and maternal grandmother, Mrs. Edward Wixson, of rural Gilmore; and several uncles and aunts and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Thursday, April 7, at the Gilmore Church of Christ, with burial in the Gilmore Cemetery, with C. Hiram Gates officiating.

The family has the sympathy of its many friends.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McArthur and three children of Walled Lake, and Leon McArthur had Easter dinner at the Holiday Inn. They came over to inspect Bernard and Yvonne's new television store in Weidman, and had supper at the Pitts home.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

FLORIDA WINTERERS RETURNING HOME

Our local people wintering in Florida are beginning to think about coming back home for the Michigan spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Neubecker planned to start after Easter, expecting to be here by the 15th.

A note from Ruth Blesch says she and her daughter plan to be back home in Barryton for the April 14th edition of the Messenger.

Others are beginning to think about coming back up north.

Mildred Garner arrived in Vassar last Thursday, driving up from Fort Myers, her permanent home. Mildred will take a trip to California by bus with her sister-in-law, Vera Hess, after which she will spend the summer with the Skinners in Weidman and her son's family in Vassar.

Other Weidman people are expected to be heard from shortly.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Lydia Snider was a guest of the Richard Sprague family April 6, honoring Richard's birthday. Later in the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Straus and son, Micky, joined them for ice cream and cake.

Mrs. Hermione Smith was a Sunday dinner guest at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood, and family.

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