

# The Weidman Messenger

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### YOUR DOG MAY BE PICKED UP IF RUNNING FREE

There's a county law against dogs running loose, with or without licenses. In Weidman the situation is perennially bad, according to Mt. Pleasant officers.

Sherman Township Constable Don Smith reported last week he has had several complaints about dogs running through prized flower beds and breaking down plants.

That's not as bad as running deer, but it is equally illegal. If the public really wants to be rid of stray and wandering dogs, the public will have to be willing to call a law officer, give their names as complainants, and register a complaint against specific dogs. Don tells us that those who called him last week complaining about dogs ruining flower beds would not give their names even to the constable.

The public will have to back up its law-enforcement officers, if the public wants results.

We ourselves will report any dog on our place, and will sign a complaint, after what we went through last fall watching two dogs chasing a mangled deer.

After that, we do not believe in wandering dogs. Stray dogs, by their very situation, should be taken in by the dog warden and put to death; or, in the case of a worthy but homeless dog, a home may be found for it--by the dog warden.

If we truly want to be rid of all kinds of trespassing dogs, we've got to be willing to enter complaints against specific dogs. If we're afraid of hurting someone's feelings and refuse to complain legally--then we'll have trespassing dogs.

They are not happy dogs, or they'd be kept at home with their families. They can do considerable harm, from ruining flower beds to killing deer in packs.

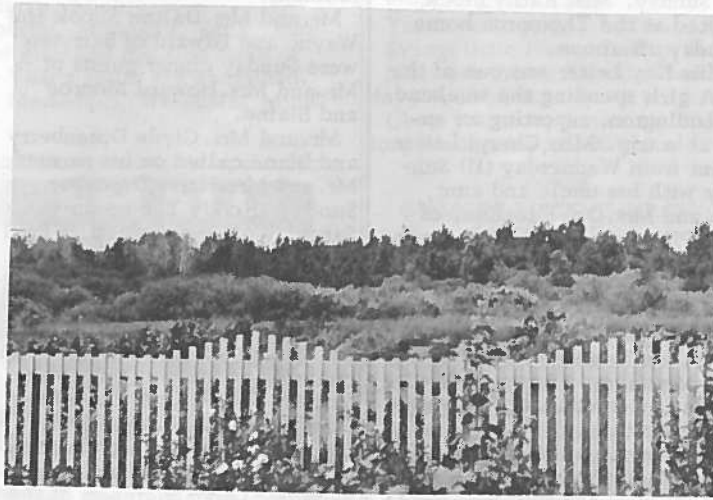
We're dog lovers, ourselves, but we don't believe in dogs running loose. ---0---

### OPEN HOUSE THIS SUNDAY FOR THE CHARLIE LOSEYS

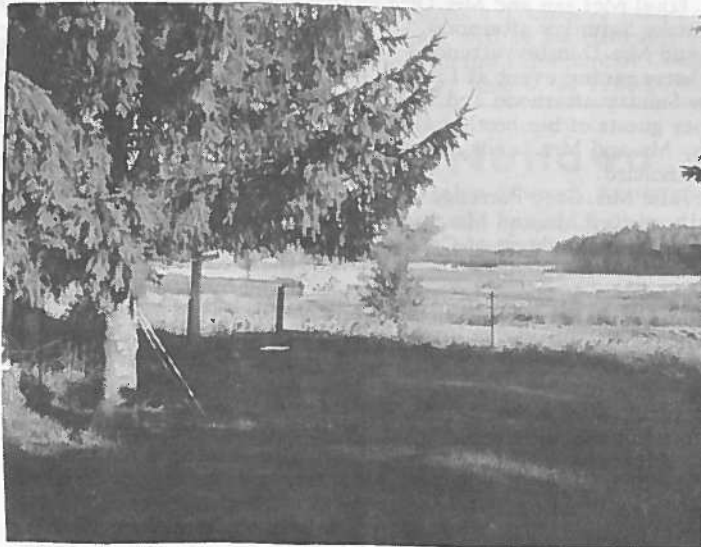
This Sunday, June 4, Open House will be held honoring the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey, one of our most esteemed area couples.

Their many friends will greet them in the dining rooms of the Weidman Masonic Hall, from 2 o'clock to 5, Sunday afternoon. ---0---

### HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



**TWENTY YEARS AGO--**We looked like this, in the back fields of Roe's Acres. The above photo, taken in the 1940s, shows how swiftly Nature takes over when left to herself. Rolla and Minnie Roe and their children had cleared those brush-grown fields in the days before 1920, and by 1940 sumac, tag alder and young trees had taken possession.



**AND TODAY--**We look like this, from the same viewpoint on Roe's Acres. Barely discernible to the left is Alton Allen's home back there, the fields cleared of brush, lake shores cut in, a few trees left, and the island showing. In the old days the public never knew there was an island there, as it was surrounded by swamp and overhung with giant alders.

### LOTS SELLING ON LAKE OF THE HILLS

Two more lot sales were reported this week on Lake of the Hills, on the middle section of the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman of Weidman purchased a lot on the Walter J. Smith place, located between the Wayne Watts lot and the lot bought by Paul Drzuzga of Bay City. This is on the big hill rising to the west of the island shores, and is a beautiful location.

The Hermans' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Del Bongard, of Haslitt, bought a lot on a point of land on the Ohls place,

north of the Alton Allen house on Roe's Acres.

The Bongards are planning ahead for their retirement time, and in ten years or so their house on their Lake of the Hills lot will be their permanent home. ---0---

### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner were Friday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts of North Nottawa. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts and Ruth's sister, Lena. Saturday afternoon the Skinners visited the North Brinton Cemetery and called at the Bert Estes home

## Men in Uniform

Danny Kripa landed in Viet Nam, northwest of Saigon, May 22. He left May 2, and made the voyage by boat. His new address:

Spec/4 Daniel Kripa, US 55-868712, C Battery, 6/77th Art., APO San Francisco 96225.

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Pfc. James C. Dutcher of Fort Hood, Texas, called his folks, the Clayton Dutchers, Tuesday morning to say he lost his middle finger on his right hand at the first joint, in the breech-block of a 105 howitzer. ---0---

### SCHEDULE OF RED CROSS FREE SWIMMING CLASSES AT COLDWATER LAKE

The Isabella County Chapter, American Red Cross, announces its schedule of free swimming classes at Coldwater Lake for this summer as follows:

First session June 26 through July 7, Monday through Friday (except July 4):

9 to 9.45 a. m., Advanced Beginners.

9.45 to 10.30, Beginners, eight years up.

10.30 to 11.15, Beginners, five years up.

11.15 to 11.45, Toddlers, 3 to four years.

11.45 to 12.15, mothers.

Second session, July 10-21, Monday through Friday.

9 to 9.45 a. m., Junior lifesaving, 12-15 years.

9.45 to 10.30, advanced beginners.

10.30 to 11.15, intermediate, nine years up.

11.15 to 11.45, Beginners, five years up.

11.45 to 12.15, toddlers, three and four years.

To register, call your local Red Cross office, Mt. Pleasant, 773-3615, located at 518 N. Fancher, for Isabella County residents.

Health certificates must be brought with children the first day of class.

Our local Red Cross Chapter has hired a qualified Red Cross instructor to conduct this program.

Classes are limited. The Mt. Pleasant Red Cross office asks the interested public to call early. ---0---

### MRS. CLARK AND THE ALLEN TWINS OBSERVE THEIR BIRTHDAY TOGETHER

Mrs. Bertha Clark entertained The Ivan Allen family at dinner last Thursday, honoring the birthday of Mrs. Clark and the Allen twins, Gregory and Geoffrey.

A birthday cake made by Mrs. Allen, and ice cream, were features of the party.

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 were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck. Mrs. Dillenbeck and daughters and grandchildren visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Autsin Dent, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and daughter, Lucinda, spent the weekend with the FHA girls at Ludington, where the Barryton group went this year. Mrs. Roland Zill of St. Charles stayed with Larry, Terry and Kenny. Roland Zill and son, Jerry, of Saginaw spent Sunday at the Zill home.

Mrs. Rodney Schrock is working at the Midway Restaurant in Clare. Miss Mary Jane and Eddie visited Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler had Open House for their son, Fred, after his graduation from Weidman High School Thursday evening. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bower of Long Beach, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bishop of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Fay Beutler of Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. Beutler and Mary attended the wedding of his niece, Miss Kathlyn Straus, and James Steinman at Beal City Saturday morning, and the reception later at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Straus.

Mrs. Lena St. John went with Mr. and Mrs. Beutler to a band concert Friday evening at the Weidman High School. They visited the Flake Cemetery at Barryton Sunday afternoon.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky during the week were Mrs. Mattie Longton, Mrs. Frances Beck, and Oakley Dague. Mrs. Kate Darnell, Mrs. Mildred De Vary and Roy Showers were Sunday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Favreau of Holland visited Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott and Michael were Thursday supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow. The occasion celebrated the birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. Finney. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky were supper guests at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Finney, and family, one evening, also to honor the birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss attended the graduation party for her nephew, Ralph Flaughner, a Weidman graduate, at the home of his parents, Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wells and children of Almont were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson held Open House for their son, Craig, a Barryton graduate, last Wednesday evening. Relatives and friends attended. Barry called home from Fort Knox, Ky., when he arrived there, and also on Sunday. Miss Kathy Block visited at the Thompson home Sunday afternoon.

Miss Kay Leiter was one of the FHA girls spending the weekend at Ludington, reporting an enjoyable trip. Miss Cheryl Leiter spent from Wednesday till Sunday with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Del Esterline, of Mt. Pleasant. Carol Loomis was a Saturday overnight guest of Cindy Leiter, and Lonny Loomis of Tim Leiter.

Mrs. Myrtle Pridgeon of the Hamilton Rest Home visited Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson Wednesday afternoon and was a supper guest.

Mrs. Marguerite Coleman was a Wednesday overnight guest, and all attended the Open House for Craig at the home of his parents, the Keith Thompsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Ralph, and grandson Roddy were Sunday dinner guests of Manley Oliver and Mrs. Coleman of Remus.

Mrs. Lyle Denslow called on Mrs. Ethel McLean and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Denslow attended the horse racing event at Lakeview Sunday afternoon and were supper guests of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Abbott, of Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry De Voss and daughters of Conklin over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gray of Midland were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray, Ernest Gray, and Mrs. Ward Loomis were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray and family of Mt. Pleasant. The occasion was the birthday of Ernest Gray, who was 92 years old. Happy Birthday, Ernie!!

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Denise spent Sunday in Big Rapids, assisting their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald De Vries, who moved from Hersey, and purchased a home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Gross and sons of Rosebush visited Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis and daughters called on his father and brother, Arthur Loomis and Vance, Saturday evening. Mrs. Loomis reports her father, Bert Gross, is now at the Hamilton Rest Home and would be glad to see or hear from his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Denslow and family of Freeland spent the weekend with her father and brother, Arthur Loomis and Vance.

Mrs. Nada Beardon of Greenville and Mrs. Dean Brown and

baby visited Mrs. Ethel McLean Thursday. Mrs. McLean and Mr. Koyl had dinner at Mecosta Sunday, and called on Mr. and Mrs. Earl Geasler en route home.

Miss Tonia Gilmore spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Shook and Wayne and Edward of Barryton were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Momroe and Blaine.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and Blane called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, Sunday. Roddy Thompson was a Saturday overnight guest of Paul and Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley attended the Open House graduating party for Marsha Kay, daughter of the Andy Stanleys, at their home Wednesday evening. Mrs. Stanley went with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and Donald Stanley to the exercises at the Barryton High School earlier in the evening. Other members of the family attending the Open House were Mrs. Thomas Moore and Mary Lou, and Mrs. Adelbert Pung of St. Johns, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and David Moore.

Glad to report that Steven, the 16-year-old son of the Andy Stanleys, underwent surgery on his hip at Blodgett Hospital Friday morning and is getting along successfully.

Mrs. Stanley went with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and children, Friday afternoon, calling on the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vinton, of Eight Point Lake. Mrs. Vinton went with them to Evart, where they planted tomato and cabbage plants for spring planting.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and daughters of St. Johns were weekend guests at the Stanley home. Debbie, Darlene and Donna Pung of Beal City spent Saturday afternoon with Susie and Sandy, while Mr. and Mrs. Pung assisted Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung in putting a cement floor in their garage. David Moore spent Memorial Week vacation at his grandparents' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family joined Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and family at the Weidman Park Sunday for a picnic dinner. Due to the cold, chilly weather, we retired to the Donald Stanley home for the afternoon.

### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Bertha Clark received word last week that her brother, Verne Reynolds, was taken very ill and was in a hospital in Holly Hill, Florida. Many here remember Verne, and the Reynolds family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davy and family of Ann Arbor spent the Memorial weekend with his mother, Mrs. Flossie Davy.

## Central Gilmore

Mary Helen Pitts, Reporter  
SHARON PITTS HONORED AT OPEN HOUSE

Eighty friends and relatives called Sunday during an Open House held for Sharon Louise Pitts, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts, in honor of her graduation from the Farwell High School.

Punch, cake and ice cream were served the guests, who attended from Farwell, St. Louis, Lansing, Flint, Marion, Port Huron, Greenville, Saginaw, Midland, Clare, and Mt. Pleasant.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ormiston of Rosebush were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keerby of Kokomo, Ind., visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fordyce the first of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Alex O'Dell of Mt. Pleasant spent Tuesday afternoon and evening with the Fordyces.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts attended the World War I monthly meeting in Clare Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Perry fell last Wednesday and broke her hip. Her brother, Lloyd Pitts, of California, arrived this week.

Stuart Graham entered Bay City General Hospital Monday and had surgery Wednesday.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wood were Mr. Orla Robinson of West Branch, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Harmon and Wellington Robinson of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Force and family of Birmingham, Mrs. J. Force, also of Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Wood and family of Clare, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Davison of Ovid, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Honeywell of Flint, Mrs. Emma White, Mrs. Irene Helrich of Marion, Mrs. Janet Honeywell of Lansing, Mrs. Lena Davison and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Olson, all of Ann Arbor; Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Esterline and family of Big Rapids, Mrs. Elaine Esterline, Mrs. Ina Mae Davison and Rosemary, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davison, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Graham and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts and family. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Davison of Port Huron were weekend guests. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Harmon and Wellington Robinson were also callers Sunday afternoon.

William Agle of Flint visited his sister, Mrs. Mattie Wood, and husband, last week. The Woods took him to Coleman to visit his granddaughter, and enjoyed a chicken dinner en route.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Fordyce of Greenville, Miss Jean Fordyce of Lansing and Mrs. Barbara Hurst of Flint were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fordyce.

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WANT AD RATES: 50¢ per week for ordinary ad; space rates of 50¢ per col. inch for those of longer length. Card of Thanks: 75¢, unless very long. Ph. 644-2000, Weidman.

**LAWN MOWING WANTED**--In Weidman. Anyone in town needing lawns mowed, call Mike Sprague, ph. 644-3580. May 25 t2

**BIG--BIG--BIG**--Tomato plants now ready at The Flower Shop, Weidman. The superb Valiant variety, earliest of all. Plant pot and all, they won't wilt. First come first served. Get yours now.

June 1t1

**RUMMAGE SALE**--At the Oddfellows Hall in Weidman, Opens June 3, from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m., each Saturday through the summer. Those wishing to donate clothing or articles may call Kit Johnson or Vina Bailey, Weidman, any time and they will take your contribution. Proceeds to the Methodist Church. June 1t1

**JUNE SUBSCRIBERS**--Many of our good friends and readers subscribed for the Messenger in June. Many are dated June 12. Some of you are remembering, and are renewing now. We do thank these thoughtful folks. And we only say, to all June subscribers who might forget--DON'T forget us! The Messenger is not an advertising sheet. We are dependent on our subscriptions for our existence. And again we thank you.  
Connie and George.

### Card Of Thanks

I want to thank all my friends and the ladies of the WSCS, who sent me the many lovely cards on my 88th birthday. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.  
Bertha Clark.

**SMALL OR LARGE SEPTIC TANKS**

CLEANED  
500-gal. tank \$20; 750-gal. tank \$25; 1,000-gal tank \$35. New prices for this area.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN SEPTIC TANK SERVICE  
Call Stan Phelps collect, Mt. Pleasant 772-9154, after 4 p.m. or call Don Smith, Weidman, 644-2224.

### Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to relatives and friends for their help and sympathy during the long illness and in the death of our loved one.

We thank everyone for their prayers, and for calls at the house, and all who helped in any way.

Also our thanks to Karen Donley and Jo Sprague for their expert assistance during our loved one's last illness.

Frank Gross  
Ernest Gross  
James Gross and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lofgren And Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cotter And Family

**SIDEWALK ART SALE**--By our Weidman Art Students, Saturday, June 3, beginning 9 a.m. Next to Weidman State Bank. Priced very low to medium. You can find some lovely pictures here for your home.  
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### REBEKAH CARD PARTY

At the regular Rebekah sponsored card party last Tuesday, there were four tables in play.

Prizes were won by Vada Carroll, Cecilia Simmer, Elizabeth Neubecker, Clara Fox, and the door prize was won by Annette Sherman.

Lunch was served by the committee. The next card party will be June 6.

This is an afternoon party. The public is invited to attend.

## the Churches

**FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Rev. Stanley Spires, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Preaching, 11 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship, 7 p.m.  
Evangelistic Hour, 7.30 p.m.  
Midweek Praise Service Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.  
Choir practice, Junior and Senior, Wednesday, 8.30 p.m.

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**GILMORE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
George Getchell, Pastor  
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.  
Bible School, 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship, 7.30  
Vacation Bible School will begin June 12. Be sure to attend (or help).  
Area Men's Fellowship will be held at Barryton June 5, at 7 p.m.

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**WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Church Service, 11 a.m.  
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.  
Our pastor, Marvin Eldridge, goes to Winona Lake, Ill., for Conference Thursday, June 1.  
There will be baptism services at the Lake Baptist Church Sunday, June 4, at 7.30 p.m.

## WEST Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

Mrs. Vera Spiece of Carson City is spending a few days in this area visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Helen Alwood returned home from CMC Hospital Monday, after spending six days there for surgery. Callers at the Alwood home Monday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Benic of Mt. Clemens and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa of Mt. Pleasant.

(Editor's Note: Welcome home, Helen! We're glad you're back!)

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of St. Johns drove to Mt. Pleasant Sunday to visit their niece, Mrs. Helen Alwood. They brought her a beautiful bouquet of flowers from their yard. They also visited another relative, Mrs. Walter Faber, at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller and son, Butch, of Lansing spent the long weekend at their cabin northwest of Weidman.

Bill Alwood has been helping them tear down an old shed and clean up around their yard.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith arrived Monday from their home in Fort Myers, Fla., to spend the summer here and in Mt. Pleasant. They will celebrate their Golden Wedding June 18.

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Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent in Farwell Thursday evening.

## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Kenneth Saunders, who passed away suddenly May 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Otto and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gale Freeze were Sunday guests of the Dwight Aungst family.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses of Mt. Pleasant and Blanche Carr called on Mrs. Nettie Baker Saturday.

Ray and Ralph Flaughter visited his brother, Glenn, of Bellaire, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan are the grandparents of a new baby boy, born to Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Swan of Milan. His name is Craig Allen, born May 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell and Mr. and Mrs. Don Woodruff visited the Keith Woodruffs Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge called on the Stansells Sunday.

Mrs. Chris Larson went to the home of her son, Dick, at Birch Run, and she and the Dick Larsons visited Greenfield Village.

Tom Harris went Saturday by plane to spend the summer with his father, J.B. Harris, in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Green of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Carr of Flushing were Sunday guests of Blanche Carr. Mrs.

Doyle Plank and children and Norman Carr were Monday guests. Mrs. Etta Bellinger and Clinton of Winn and Mrs. Lena Olger of Lansing called on Blanche Carr Saturday. Blanche and Ina Gillett visited Mrs. John Hibberd last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Green and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Carr and Mrs. Blanche Carr called on Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hochrein Sunday.

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## NorthWeidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Marvin Allen called on Mr. and Mrs. John Gott Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, Debbie Graham and Cathy Alwood attended a sale north of Farwell Thursday afternoon. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gott and family in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and Larry and Mrs. Flossie Allen of Winn were callers at the John Gott home Sunday.

A pot-luck dinner was served at the Mitchell Abbott home Sunday. Guests were Mrs. Abbott's sisters and brothers and families of Mt. Pleasant.

The Norman Abbotts have moved back in their house north of Weidman.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs were Saturday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague. They came to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bertha Gross.

## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson and family were Saturday evening guests at the Gerald Losey home. Mrs. Joanne Cochran and Micky were Tuesday evening callers. Mrs. Marilyn Losey and Susie and Nancy attended graduating exercises at Weidman last Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Al Gross and Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, and Don Merrihew and son, Greg, were Sunday callers.

Callers during the week at the Mack Denslow home were Mrs. Mack Lovell, Ford Braman, Mr. and Mrs. John Gunckle, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine White and son, Mrs. Eunice Blackmer, Mrs. Vada Zaduehl and two boys, Mr. and Mrs. Webb Darnell and Mrs. Verena Gingrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and family spent Sunday evening with the Floyd Jackson family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beach and Bobbie and Scherrl of Rockford, and Mrs. Catherine Aldrich and Lynda and Kelly were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller.

The Brownell children expected to leave Sunday to spend the summer with their mother.

Callers at the Charlie Losey home during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Buzek, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Archey, Mrs. Goldie Dutcher, Mrs. Blanche Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, and Don Merrihew and son, Greg.

Callers during the weekend at the home of Mrs. Eva Denslow were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Denslow and Eugene, Steven, Elaine and Harold, Mrs. Wilma Swan, Mrs. Marjorie Swan, and Othel Denslow. Mrs. Nina Green and Terry were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and family were Friday and Saturday guests of his parents, the Jack Thompsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Woods of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Ethel McLean and Clarence Koyle were Sunday guests at the Elwood Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and family attended graduation exercises at Big Rapids Thursday evening. Greg was a graduate.

Miss Susan Fisk was a weekend guest at the Martin home, and accompanied them to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Huff, where they were Saturday supper guests. Bill Lipar of Remus was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin held Open House Sunday in honor of their son Greg's graduation.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn were Saturday dinner guests of their grandson, Benn Johnson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins attended a sale Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Lillian Cummins in Farwell. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cum-

mins and son, Alvin W.A., were Saturday afternoon callers at the Cummins home. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cummins were Sunday callers.

Gerald Dent spent from Monday through Wednesday in New York.

Mrs. Mabel Dent and Harry spent Wednesday evening at the Harold Krueger home, helping Bobby celebrate his fifth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent and Harry attended Open House at the Fred Rescoe home in honor of Janet's graduation.

Aisher Dent and Mrs. Sherman were Sunday callers at the Dent home.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and children spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Denslow. Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and children joined them for Saturday supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Backus and Linda of Pontiac spent the weekend and through Monday with Mrs. Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin were Wednesday afternoon callers of Jessie Rosencrantz. Mrs. Ina Gillet and Mrs. Blanche Carr were Thursday afternoon callers.

Callers during the week at the Howard Wood home were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Denslow, Vern Crittenden, Mrs. Marian Brant, Miss Blanche Cliff, Mrs. Verlia Wilcox, Mrs. Eva Denslow, Mrs. Margie Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist, and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood.

Mrs. Wilbur Benn of Shepherd and Mrs. Fred Liming and daughter of Pontiac were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn. Mr. and Mrs. Del Johnson and son, Duane, of Pontiac were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Johnson and son, Duane, who just returned from Germany, came Saturday to visit their son and brother, Benn Johnson, and family. In the evening they all attended a party at the Harold Krueger home.

Mrs. Opal Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn attended the funeral of Mrs. Bertha Gross in Weidman Saturday.

Several young people from the Baptist Church attended a roller skating party at Lake Monday evening.

Mrs. Opal Denslow and children called on her uncle and aunt, the Roy Huffmans, Thursday afternoon, and then spent the evening with Mrs. Lillian Cummins at Farwell.

Visitors during the week at the Jay Denslow home were Mrs. Ruby Williams and Mrs. Hazel Wallace of Clare, Mrs. Claribel Miller of Rosebush, Mrs. Florence Moore, Mrs. Elsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Harold St. John of Lansing, Mrs. Henry Seisker of Mt. Pleasant, Guy Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. James Grogan of Lake Thirteen. Mrs. Grogan is the former Blanche Thompson. Floyd Dutcher also was a visitor at the Denslow home.

Mr. and Mrs. Denslow attended

graduation exercises at Barryton and Open House at the Allen Navarre home Tuesday evening, for their daughter, Linda. She will attend Michigan State University this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawrence met Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Scott at Ewart, and they all went to Scottville to the cemeteries, where the ladies have relatives buried.

The Lawrences were Sunday dinner guests of their son, Garth, and family.

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## N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rhode entertained a party of relatives and friends Thursday evening, in honor of the graduation of their daughter, Karen.

Mrs. Arthur Carrick and Mr. and Mrs. Don Carrick of the Saginaw area called on Mrs. Ethyl Wager Saturday morning. They came to attend the funeral of Mrs. Frank Gross in Weidman.

Roderick Nicholson spent last Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Peters of Ewart, and called on Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hines of Remus in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhode spent one evening last week with Mrs. E. Rhode and Harold. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder were evening callers this week. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Strong and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gale Strong of Elwell attended the graduation at Weidman High School Thursday evening, and later, with other relatives and friends, attended a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Lueder, in honor of their daughter, Kathleen.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Krueger and family attended a Silver Wedding anniversary of relatives at Alpena Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook and Stewart and Sandra visited Mr. and Mrs. Neal Richardson and Mary Sunday evening.

Mrs. Carol Schaffer and children were Sunday afternoon visitors of her mother, Mrs. Glee Krueger.

Vacation Bible School began Monday morning at the Zion Broomfield Church. It will be each morning through the next two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook and family attended the Tulip Festival at Holland last week.

Mrs. Margaret Freeman of Adrian spent the weekend with the Cooks.

Richard Cook went on a fishing trip to Canada with a party of other men several days this week.

Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar had several nieces and nephews from Sparta as Sunday guests. They brought their dinner with them as a surprise. Mrs. Crowley has been under the doctor's care the past few weeks for a heart condition.

## S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koos and children of Grand Ledge were Friday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew. Mr. and Mrs. George Bolinger of Grand Ledge were Sunday and Monday guests.

Theron, Donnie and Greg Merrihew were Sunday callers of the Merrihews.

George and Edna attended the Lions Club fish dinner Friday evening at Remus.

Frank Secord was a Thursday evening caller of the Clayton Dutchers. Floyd Dutcher called Wednesday.

Sandra Dutcher spent Monday afternoon with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Monroe Beckwith of Otisville spent a few days with Floyd Dutcher.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

## ENTERTAIN THEIR CLUB

Mrs. Harold Smith and Mrs. Alvin Andres entertained the members of the Twenty Grand Club Saturday evening.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Bleise of New Brighton, Minn., were home for a few days last week, visiting their mother, Mrs. Helen Bleise. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cassidy, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Theisen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Paisley and Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Don Peltier and Denny, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bleise were Sunday callers. Clara Fox, Catherine Schumacher and Dora Smith were Sunday evening visitors.

The Square Dancers had their annual party and dance at the K. C. Hall Friday evening. A good time was reported by all.

The bans of matrimony were announced Sunday for the first time between Timothy Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martin, and Joyce Gilmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred near Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schumacher at their cottage at Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh returned home from Detroit Saturday, where they attended the funeral of their grandson.

The Senior Citizens will meet Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4 at the KC Hall.

Mrs. Louise Smith spent Wednesday evening with Clara and Kate Fox, and had a nice visit. She spent Thursday evening with Kitty Gross, and Friday evening with Lena Bleise, and found her feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen hosted a graduation party at the KC Hall Sunday afternoon honoring Delores Rau and Donald Smith. They received many nice gifts. A delicious supper was served the guests.

Mary Riley called on Louise Smith Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen and family of St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Simmer and family of Reed City, Mr. and Mrs. Art Profrock and family of Reed City, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trowbridge of Bay City, and family, all attended the graduation party at the hall Sunday.

Mrs. Florence Ball and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Pantenburg.

Miss Ginger Rau and girl friend of Bay City spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau.

Miss Jane Elias of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Elias.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frodl and family of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with Mrs. Gertrude Gross.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Andrews and family of Flint spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Andrews.

Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sheppard Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gross and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung and family.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. Leo Gross Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Trowbridge and family spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen.

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## S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Marion Beutler and Mrs. Reynnders attended a Woman's Society conference meeting at East Lansing Wednesday. Rev. Reynnders took the ladies to Lansing.

This community was saddened to hear of the death of Virginia Saunders. The family has our deepest sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines and Floyd Dutcher spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Mrs. Clyde Beutler and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler on their anniversary Friday evening. Jeanette brought a Baked Alaska for dessert. Here's wishing many more Happy Anniversaries, Marion and Howard.

Mrs. Katie McDaniel and family spent the weekend in Lansing, visiting brothers and sisters.

Pastor and Mrs. Leslie Cox of Reed City were Monday afternoon callers of Mrs. J. Hibberd and Mrs. E. Forbes. Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon and Patricia Davis were Friday afternoon callers.

Mrs. Ronna Dutcher and Steven and Sandra were Wednesday evening callers of the Clayton Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kahler of Davison were house guests of Mrs. John Hibberd and Mrs. Earl Forbes over the Memorial Day weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goodman and Wesley Boucher of Howell were Sunday callers. Ina Gillett and Blanche Carr were Thursday afternoon callers.

Mrs. John Hibberd and Mrs. Imogene Forbes and son, Norman, were Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher.

Mrs. Donna Hines and daughters, Roxanne and Rochelle, were Saturday evening callers of the Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew and Orval attended graveside services at Mr. Pleasant for Herbert Johnston Tuesday.

Misses Linda and Cindy Wernette were Sunday dinner guests

of the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family.

The Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family attended Open House for Dean Chaffee Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew and Orval attended Open House for Miss Janet Rescoe, Miss Judy Johnston and Dean Chaffee, at their homes, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Nora Secord was taken to CMC Hospital Wednesday night suffering a heart attack. She was coming along fine the first of the week. This reporter made several trips to Mt. Pleasant to visit her. Mrs. Barbara Dutcher and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called at the hospital Saturday evening to see her. Mrs. Ronna Dutcher and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and Nancy held Open House after graduation Thursday evening for Dean Chaffee. There were around 50 attending. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and children and Miss Anna Chaffee of Belleville and Detroit were home, and stayed till Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Merrihew were Sunday callers.

Mrs. John Hibberd and Mrs. Earl Forbes and son, Norman, attend-

ed the wedding of Miss Kathlyn Straus and James Steinman at Beal City Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ransom and son, Billy, spent from Friday night till Monday night with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardenburg, and family. They all had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook. Butch is working for Jack this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alish and daughter, Mrs. Joyce Eddy, and daughter of Saginaw were Sunday dinner and afternoon guests of the Harry Gatehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. Gatehouse and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gatehouse and Vicki attended Open House for Dean Chaffee Thursday evening.

Luanna Maeder and son, Mark, are staying with her folks while Bill is in Canada, fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxon and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Maxon and daughter of Blanchard called on Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew Wednesday evening.

The Merrihews attended graduation at Big Rapids, and the reception for Dean Chaffee Thursday evening, at the Clarence Chaffee home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lawrence called on the Merrihews Monday evening.



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### ANYBODY REMEMBER JACK LEARY?

Rosie Hogen was visiting her uncle, Art Kent, in Grand Rapids, recently, and came upon an old letter from Jack Leary to Rolla Roe, which Rolla Roe subsequently printed in the Messenger. A clipping was pasted in Art's scrapbook.

We were asked if we remembered Jack Leary, and we said, we were fourteen years old at the time the letter was dated, but the name was familiar, and that was all we remembered.

Well, we inquired a little, and it seems that Jack Leary was a detective, and he came to the town of Weidman, and promptly fell in love with the area.

Jack Leary died possibly in Detroit, and was brought here for burial in Fairview Cemetery. There are those who can lead you to his grave. It has a flag on it, we're told, as he was a veteran, apparently of the Spanish-American War, for in 1916, the year his letter to the paper was dated, this country was not at war--quite--in World War I.

That's about all we could learn about Jack Leary, but we give you his letter to Rolla Roe:

Detroit  
Jan. 24, 1916

Dear Mr. Roe:

Never have I seen expressed in so few words, such a world of truth and feeling. Terse, understanding, and to the point. The enclosed certainly expresses the heartfelt sentiments of at least one wanderer: For wanderer I am, so long as stern fate decrees that I remain away from Weidman.

As a roamer up and down the highways of this old earth, it may, to some, seem strange that my fancy should be held by a little town at the end of a "one-way railroad". But to me, having experienced the daily contact with the natural, whole-souled folk there, it is the most natural thing in the world.

I came a stranger, to most a mystery, and met only kindly regards, and interest, a friendly sympathy and understanding and spirit of good fellowship that captured my regard and holds it willing prisoner.

For in Weidman I found my kind of people. Weidman is home, and in all the rest of the world I am a stranger.

I am just in receipt of the first number of the Messenger to glad-den my eyesight for a long time, and trust that I may not miss a single copy in the future.

The very advertisements have a personal note, recalling as they do the many happy hours spent with the authors. And what memories those names do conjure up.

I'll tell you, Mr. Editor, that when that great day comes, when dreams and wishes come true, I'll gladly trade my castles in Spain for the chance to come

back to Weidman and be "Just Jack".

With a word of good wishes for Weidman, and for you, and with the earnest wish that I may greet you more personally about the time trout-fishing gets ripe.

Very truly yours,  
Jack Leary.

P. S. --Better put that Horr correspondent on space rates, as I have a rather special interest in Horr, and want all the news.

(Editor's Note: "That Horr correspondent" would be Fred Kent, who was writing news for Rolla Roe's Messenger at that time.)  
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### Local Items

During Michigan Week, Mrs. Don Smith took her children on a tour through the Ferro Manufacturing plant at Mt. Pleasant.

Beth Jackson of Mt. Pleasant and Marian Brandt of Grant were last Thursday visitors of Blanche Cliff.

Word was received here that Ethol Wright of Pontiac was in a hospital after suffering a slight heart attack. She was in General Hospital there.

Mrs. Leah Scharrer returned home the weekend after spending two weeks with her daughter and family, the Paul Creeds, in Algonac. Shirley underwent surgery, and was doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and son, Kevin, of Flint spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith.

Mrs. Bertha Clark received 40 birthday cards, in a birthday card shower for her 88th birthday last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Campbell (Elsie Bolinger) of Muskegon Heights were in Weidman Sunday, and called at The Flower Shop. Elsie and Frances and Connie Skinner had a good visit, as both Elsie and Rannie are from this area. Rannie's folks lived at Deerfield Center, while the Bolinger family grew up with the Roes, the Bologers living in the house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. James Noe.

Mrs. Maycie Cook was a Friday caller of Mrs. Ina Gillett. Mrs. Blanche Carr was a Saturday visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen spent Saturday in Wheeler and St. Louis, visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Allen of St. Louis returned home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bywater of Houghton Lake were Thursday callers of Mrs. Ethel Bywater. Mrs. Ollie Strong of rural Remus was also a caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick called on his mother, Mrs. Ethel Wager, of rural Remus Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Carrick and Mrs. Lennie Carrick of Saginaw were Saturday callers at the Dan Carrick home. They were

here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bertha Gross.

Emma Middlesworth and Vada Carroll were Sunday dinner guests of Ruth Blesch in Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Overton of Alexandria, Va., were Thursday callers of Mrs. Vada Carroll. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Looman and Wilma Ritchie of Detroit were also visitors.

Rocky Knipfer and friend, Bryant Clark, both of Lansing, spent the weekend with Rocky's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Mrs. Vina Bailey was a Friday luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson of rural Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Flower of St. Johns have been visiting relatives and friends at Coldwater Lake and Weidman, in their camper.

Mrs. Dawn Flaughter of Alma attended the funeral of Bertha Gross Saturday, and visited with Mrs. Bessie Teall.

Mrs. Flossie Jarman of Rosebush called on Mrs. Edna Schultz Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent were last Monday visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood. Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson and Mrs. Myrtle Pridgeon were callers. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grewett of Mt. Pleasant were Thursday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cooper of Edgewater, Fla., were Saturday visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harden of Pontiac were last Saturday visitors. Sgt. Otis Kirvan of Oscoda and Bob Kirvan were callers. Sunday, Guy Thompson of Manton was a caller, also Mr. and Mrs. Grogen of Farwell.

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**GOLDEN MEMORIES OF CASE SCHOOL**

By Frieda (Schneider) Schaeper, a graduate of 1925.

(Editor's Note: The following nostalgic account of school days in the Case School was read at a reunion of that school by the author.)

Memories are what we store in our minds--mostly as children or in our youth. Who can deny that anyone who attended the Case School at any time in their lives has but fond memories of that period and really enjoyed a privilege that very few enjoy in this present day? The privilege of going to a country school where the three "Rs" were taught with vigor and lasting qualities. Where they learned respect for their country and flag, and sang the hymns each morning, that represented the history and culture of these United States.

Remembrances of the teachers are filled with admiration and awe, at their ruggedness and stamina to endure the hardships they faced--getting to school in all kinds of weather, their capabilities in coping with children of all ages, from very young to grown teenagers, their versatility of interests and knowledge, great enough to meet every challenge.

Children nowadays would consider the country school a hardship when compared with the heat-controlled rooms, modernized facilities and school buses to transport them to and from the schools. How could one make them know what they are missing or have missed, in not knowing a school like our beloved old Case School?

Reminiscing brings back the miles walked to get there, some farther than others, but far enough to have the chill winds cut your face on a blizzardy morning, the frigid cold creep through your heavy coats and stockings and underwear on an icy morning, and the frost nip your toes and fingers so when you got to your destination you were blue and stiff. But on the warm days, what glorious times to play in the deep snow banks on the way home, finding the deepest one, or making snow-angels in a patch where no one else had been. During lunch time and recess time, everyone would rush out after eating a hurried lunch carried in a tin bucket, to slide down the hill which was directly in front of the school towards the road, with the flagpole set right at the bottom of the hill. Many times someone would head right into the flagpole and take a good spill. Not everyone had a sled, and the kids would pile two or three deep on the sleds to get a ride down. How many remember sitting on the big old coal schovel and riding it down, straddling the handle, with another smaller child on their laps? And at night the kids would carry water in

every available bucket and splash it on the hillside so it would be good and slippery for the next day. Then there were the games of "fox and geese" played on the fresh snow.

Remember the spring days when you would take time to find pollywogs in the water down in the swamp, go looking for the first trailing arbutus blossoms, see the birds' nests take shape and later take peeks in to see if there were any eggs, and still later to see the birds that were hatched when the eggshells were found down on the ground. Picking the first May flowers, winter-green berries, etc., when taking a short cut through the woods. As soon as the weather permitted, to play in the school yard such games as "pom-pom-pullaway," "May I?" or "anti-I-over" the woodshed. There was a short stretch of sidewalk in front of the wooden porch which ran across the front of the building, where the girls skipped rope or played jacks on the porch. The older children found so much enjoyment in playing baseball. It seemed the game never ended. When the bell rang, everyone would rush back to classes and at noon and recess they took their positions just where they left off and the game went on. The big trees served as bases. Sometimes everybody would go down the road a way and slide and jump down a big sand bank on the side of the road.

Who can forget the Christmas programs with the huge Christmas tree and real candles lit. The last day of school programs, the picnics with freshly squeezed lemonade and home-made ice cream, the ice being then brought in a buckboard wagon covered with sawdust straight from an ice-house, that had been stocked with ice cut from the lake in the winter. And, the luscious cakes the mothers used to make--real cakes, not from a package, with thick, rich frostings.

These are only some of the happenings that each shared in. There were many incidents, joys and sorrows, that had their effects individually, but all were a part of forming hardy, honest people with basic fundamentals. As the years slip by, contact with teachers and schoolmates may be lost but in memory each has a special spot and there is a kinship that will not be lost.

I personally am grateful for the opportunity of sharing the "togetherness" of the Case School Reunion, and I hope you have the same fond Golden Memories in your hearts too.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mrs. Ted Smith is now working part time at the Weidman post office, as a sub clerk. Mrs. Daisy Embrey also serves in her usual capacity as sub clerk.

**EAST Coldwater**

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and Dale, and Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Burns and Chan Olger of Belding were Friday guests at the Ed Olger home, honoring Chan's birthday. He is Ed's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and Dale and Joyce attended a wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. William Theisen of Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Geasler and family of Lansing were dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler, Sunday.

Esther Skinner and children were Wednesday dinner guests of her mother, Elana Miller, of Farwell. Mrs. Miller came home with them to spend the weekend and attend graduation exercises Thursday evening, and accompanied Esther to Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening for installation of officers of VFW Auxiliary No. 3033.

Jim Latham called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger Tuesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham were Wednesday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Olger attended graduation exercises Thursday evening at the Weidman school, then went to the home of their cousin, Ralph Flaughter, for a graduation party.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted attended Homecoming at Highland Church near Marion Sunday afternoon. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Richard Salisbury of Marion Monday evening.

**Brinton News**

Cora Estes, Reporter

The Leonard Durkee family of Farwell were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Bernice Whaley, honoring their mother's birthday.

Mrs. Lillie Maddox came back to her home Friday to spend the summer. Her grandson of Saginaw is staying with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and children were Sunday guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baker

Mrs. Flossie Forbes came home from the Lakeview hospital, and at present is staying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Geasler.

Visitors at the Tom Latham home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Willis Lee of Durand, Mary Ade of Vernon, and Della Nelson of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker entertained their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wood, of Kalkaska, on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Bessie Holmes is spending this week with relatives in Battle Creek.

Mrs. Margaret Sisco and lady friend left here Saturday morning on a week's trip to the state of Mississippi, where her husband, Russell Sisco, and partner are working in the bean harvest.

Visitors during the week at the Bert Estes home were Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner, Vickie Brass of Lansing, Adolph Stave of Detroit, and Mrs. Lena Nelson of rural Marion.

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## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Mrs. Edward Schafer and Mrs. Joe Marchiando and children called on Mrs. Robert Tatro in Winn and Mrs. Milo Eldred near Blanchard Thursday.

A group of teenagers from Beal City enjoyed a game of volleyball with the Schafer boys Friday evening.

Guests at the Schafer home Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Walt Wischmeyer of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Joe Marchiando and children.

Mrs. Marchiando's niece had the misfortune to fall from a porch. She had to have an operation for a ruptured spleen. She is the daughter of the Bill Horans.

Elizabeth and Helen Schaub of Wisconsin spent the Memorial Day weekend at the home of their sister, Mrs. Scott Frear.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Erb and children of Williamston spent the weekend in the Schafer cottage.

Quite a few of our friends spent the Memorial weekend at their cottages. Welcome back!

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Garrett Sunday.

Al Klumpp and son, Terry, and Ed Schafer and sons, Don and Joe, spent Saturday working on their lots on the Coldwater River.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Morford spent the Memorial weekend at their cottage in Upper Michigan.

## Obituary

BERTHA GROSS

Mrs. Bertha Gross died last week Tuesday, May 23, in CMC Hospital, after a long illness. She was a patient sufferer, and spent as much of the last year of her life as possible at her home, with her loved ones.

She was universally respected and loved, and the community feels a great loss. She had lived in Weidman 64 years, and her friends are legion.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 27, from the Weidman Methodist Church, with Rev. Williams Reynders and Rev. Arlo Vandlin officiating. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery at Weidman.

Besides her husband, Frank, she leaves to mourn their loss her two sons, Ernest at home, and James, of Wayne; and seven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

The family has the deepest sympathy of all.

**Weidman  
Messenger**

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

## Obituary

MRS. KENNETH SAUNDERS

Mrs. Kenneth Saunders died suddenly Saturday, May 27, at the family's summer home at White Pigeon, following a heart attack.

Virginia A. Saunders was born at Long Lake, Mich., July 4, 1911.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, May 31, in the Weidman Methodist Church, with Rev. Williams Reynders and Rev. Arlo Vandlen officiating. Interment was in the White Pigeon cemetery, with graveside services at 3 p. m.

Surviving are her husband, Kenneth Saunders; two sons, K. Stephen Saunders of Mt. Pleasant and R. Stuart Saunders, a student at Michigan Tech at Houghton.

Also one daughter, Helen L. Saunders, a student at CMU; and two grandchildren, one brother, Ralph Eymmer, of Winter Park, Fla., and two sisters, Mrs. Wilma Winger of Howe, Ind., and Mrs. Tressa Browning of Buchanan, Mich.

The Saunders family have lived in their pleasant country home just south of Coldwater Lake for a number of years, and the survivors have the area's deepest sympathy.

Mrs. Saunders was a district officer of the WSCS and a district officer of the Wesleyan Foundation at CMU. She was a member of the Weidman Methodist Church and an active church worker.

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## HISTORY OF SHERMAN TWP.

By Fred L. Kent

OLD DAYS IN SHERMAN CITY

The following historical account of Sherman City, written by Fred Kent, was printed in the Oct. 15, 1953, issue of the Weidman Messenger. It was among a package of old Messengers sent us by Nelson Wiley of Pontiac, who came upon them while gathering up treasures such as this which had been kept through the years by his wife, Izora.

In the 1953 edition, the Editor's comment says the article was brought to our attention by Jessie Rosencrantz, to whose attention it was brought by Mrs. Ella Denslow, who had a copy of the original printing of the Fred Kent piece, in the Weidman Messenger of Rolla E. Roe.

We print it again, as it is very valuable historical material, and we feel that contemporary citizens should know about the beginnings of our township and its various villages.

BY FRED L. KENT

James Cotter was an early resident of Sherman City, and drove tote teams for Amos Johnson, hauling goods from Stanton, and later, from Farwell. He moved to

Idaho, where he died many years ago.

Postmasters of Sherman City were Amos Johnson, Gilbert Johnson, James H. Tinker, J. Monroe Kent, and John Cameron. Eugene Walker of Coldwater carried mail on horseback from Millbrook.

Wesley Ellis carried mail from Farwell; Wilson Parmenter was mail carrier from Farwell, Chipewa Station, and Two Rivers; John Kent, Sr., from Mt. Pleasant, and Robert Aylsworth and John Ferguson from Two Rivers.

Before the G. & A. Railroad was built, two surveys were made to Sherman City. One survey was by way of Horr, and the people were called upon to contribute \$5,000, which was voted at a meeting of the electors of Sherman, in the store building later occupied by Emory Leiter of Drew.

The amount called for was voted, but Rosebush and Clare got the railroad.

Later, Gilbert Johnson and John Gilbert Johnson and John Cameron secured the right of way for the F. and P. M. from Brinton to Sherman City, and the company then turned them down.

Dr. Barry soon after selected this place as the terminal of the Mecosta branch, but, disappointed in their former efforts to secure a road, they would offer no inducements, and the road was built to Barryton.

The present school house at Sherman City was built in 1879

by Charles Cole, contractor, and John Thompson, Sr., assistant.

The first school house in the township was at Sherman City, one-half mile south of the present site, then a frame building was erected and blown away by the cyclone of Sept. 19, 1878. It stood on the site of the present building.

(Editor's Note: We have noticed several allusions to "the cyclone of 1878," which leveled, apparently, Sherman City. If anyone has information on that cyclone, we'd like to print it.)

Ministers of early days were Asa Swem, M. E., 1870; James W. Thompson, F. W. Baptist; 1877; Dr. Degroat, U. B., 1876; Chas. W. Gardner, U. B., 1880; and James Morden, 1890.

Doctors who have practiced in Sherman City were Degroat, 1876; Hughes, 1877; Sherlock, 1879; Taplin, 1884; Wenzell, 1889; Charles and Harry Soper, 1893; and Dr. Rondot, 1908.

(We shall continue this account in another issue.)

## OPEN HOUSE FOR GARY THOMAS' GRADUATION

Open House was held at the Ted Smith home Thursday evening, honoring Gary Thomas' graduation from the Weidman High School. Gary has been making his home with the Smiths.

About 35 friends and relatives gathered to congratulate Gary. He has enlisted in the Army, and will go June 3 for his physical exam.

May 31 through June 6

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lb. pkg. 10¢

AMERICAN LEADER

**TOMATO 25¢**

JUICE 1 qt., 14 oz. can

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LB.

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**SOUP 6 for \$1.00**

Mushroom and Chicken noodle 10 1/2 oz. can

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**BEEF STEW 24 oz. Can 49¢**

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