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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### WBA MEETS AT THE COFFEE BREAK RESTAURANT

Twelve members of the Weidman Business Association met at the Coffee Break Restaurant Tuesday at 6.15 for a dinner meeting and to conduct its regular business.

A delicious roast-beef meal was served the business men and women, and it was voted to hold regular WBA meetings at the restaurant. The time of 6.30 was set for future meetings and dinners.

At the business meeting following the meal, plans were discussed for further enclosing of the pavilion at Mitchell Memorial Park. The WBA and Lions work closely together on this project.

Jim Clark is president of the Association this year.

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### SCHOOL NEWS COMES OUT OF CENTRAL OFFICE

We called the Weidman School Monday to ask about pupil enrollment, class organizations, and such, and were informed that the various local schools in the Chippewa Hills School District may not give out news to the press independently.

All news releases, we were told, must come out of Central Office, and they will be uniform for all four schools involved. No independent reporting of events or conditions of any individual school is permitted, we were told.

We missed out on the pre-school publication of bus schedules, as copy came to the Messenger office after this paper was printed.

We would be happy to help keep local citizens informed on school news, but must wait on uniform news releases sent to all papers.

We just wanted you to know that we tried to get our local school news. We are not complaining. The districts voted overwhelmingly for this setup; now we must all pitch in and help try to make it work.

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### ABBOTT FURNITURE HAS NEW STORE SIGN

Abbott Furniture installed a spanking new electric sign over their store entrance, which adds greatly to Weidman's business street. Our business section has an array of impressive business signs, and we are beginning to look really modern.

Abbott's also repainted the huge area of the store building's exterior, another definite improvement.

Weidman is fortunate to have such a well stocked quality furniture on its business street.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



BERT ESTES STANDS IN A FIELD WHERE MILL WAS--At Sherman City. Bert's grandfather built a gristmill and a sawmill on this spot, now an open field on the south bank of the Chippewa River as it enters Sherman City. Bert went back to the old site, with Connie Skinner and Ethel Bywater, a couple of weeks ago, to show exactly where the mill stood. Sherman City once was a bustling, thriving village, with stores, mills, hotels, and the like. Today it is a community of retirees' homes and the memories a few around here have of the town as it was before 1900. Mrs. Bywater has supplied us with a great deal of fascinating material on the history of Sherman City, as she lived there as a little girl. We hope to give you bits of that history in the Messenger soon. Messenger photo

### THUNDER ROAD: ROUTE TO DANGER

(Editor's Note: The following account is from the Sea Tigers, a Sailors and Marines newspaper published overseas. Rusty Alwood sent a clipping to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood, saying this will give us an idea of the road he travels every day.

CHU LAI, Vietnam--Thunder Road, as it's called by the men who travel it, is a lonely, unpredictable and dangerous strip of road linking Hq., 4th Bn., 31st Inf., 196th Light Inf. Brigade, with outlying infantry companies.

The twisting, winding four-mile stretch is patrolled by men of the battalion's AT (Anti-Tank) Platoon. Dipping into valleys and forming hairpin curves around brush covered hillsides, the road is a natural target for Viet Cong snipers and ambushes, and its boulder covered and overgrown edges provide cover for VC mines and booby traps.

"We travel the road 10 times or more each day," says Spec. 4 Larry T. Shetty, "and a day without an incident is rare."

The complete length of Thunder Road is gone over every morning with mine sweepers before anyone enters. But mine-detecting equipment, which can pick up any trace of metal, is of little use for explosive charges

wrapped in banana leaves and plastic.

"We have had many close calls," said Pfc. Vernon J. Stingly, "but two incidents stand out most. The road had been swept and we had gone up and returned twice in our jeep. Shortly after our last trip a Marine AM-TRACK hit a mine that we had previously driven over four times.

"Some days later, we passed over this mine eight times before a heavier vehicle caused it to go off. Both times pieces of plastic and banana leaves were found."

Local Vietnamese have also been victims of VC mining.

Spec. 4 Clarence Leclair recalls waking up one morning "when I heard the guard at the gate yelling for someone to bring a jeep down to the gate. I got up and jumped in the jeep and drove down to the gate. There I saw two badly bleeding little girls and an old woman who had carried them from down the road. One girl wouldn't get into the jeep because she was afraid, so I hurried to get a medic and when I got back she saw the aid bag and got in. We rushed them both to the aid station.

"The old woman managed to tell us there were still two other children out there that were hurt.

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## Men in Uniform

### TOM SCHUMACHER SCHEDULED FOR HOME

Dianne Schumacher received a letter from her husband, Tom, last week, saying he was being sent to an Army base in Japan Monday of this week, to be processed out of the country, and then he'll be on his way back to the States.

His wounds are healed well, and he's ready to come home. He said he expected to be back in the States this week.

Dianne doesn't know, at this writing, if he will have a furlough and be able to come home.

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S/4 Kenneth Waters will be leaving Viet Nam soon to come home and be discharged Oct. 5, after two years in the Army.

F.A. Harold Cross of Yorktown, Va., will be discharged Oct. 5 also, after two years in the Navy.

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Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and his brother, Ralph, arrived home safely from Alabama, where they had been visiting Barry. He is scheduled to go to Viet Nam soon. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson report weather was very cold while they were down South.

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Pfc. Steve Thren of Fort Hood, Texas, is spending 15 days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Martin.

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Marine Dick Onstott returned to his base Sept. 4 to Camp Lejeune, N. C., after a furlough spent with his parents. He had spent his year in Viet Nam and is now scheduled to stay in the States till his service is up. He was driving the lead truck in convoys in Viet Nam, in the outfit Rusty Alwood was in.

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We were glad to hear of the safe arrival home of Clifton Beutler from Korea. Mrs. Lena St. John had Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler and Clifton, Fred and Mary as dinner guests the previous Sunday. Clifton will have a 30-day furlough home and will then go to Fort Carson, Colo.

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Harold and Wally Skinner called on Glenn McDonald, Jr., Sunday, who is home on furlough till Sept. 29, when he leaves for Viet Nam.

Here are a couple of new addresses:

Pfc. James C. Dutcher, US-54960997, How. Btry, 1/11 ACR, APO San Francisco, Cal. 96257.

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**N. Broomfield**

Maycie Cook, Reporter

**ENTERTAINS BIRTHDAY CLUB**

Mrs. Nettie Crowley entertained the Birthday Club Tuesday afternoon.

Pepper was played, with prizes awarded. Visiting, and a lovely lunch were enjoyed.

Mrs. Mary Cook, Maycie Cook, Helen Lueder, Vida Lueder, Mrs. E. Rhode, and Marguerite Cook were the guests.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gerwig and baby of Casinova were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook were Sunday afternoon visitors of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson Borders, of Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder were Thursday evening guests of Mrs. E. Rhode and Harold. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola were Sunday callers. Mrs. Richard Lueder was a Friday guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook and family were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Walter of Flint, Mrs. Gladys Walter and daughter, Luella, of Greenville called on Mrs. Maycie Cook and Mrs. Nettie Crowley Saturday afternoon. They lived on the former Wolfe farm several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fanning and small daughter, Michelle, are the new managers of the Van Zandt Store since Sept. 1. They were former Broomfield residents, but had spent the past few years in Cincinnati, O.

Mrs. Eda Van Zandt was a Saturday overnight guest of Mrs. Ettabel Sellers. They attended the Water Carnival at Canadian Lakes Sunday.

Several families from the Lutheran Church here attended the annual Mission Festival service and dinner at the St. Paul's Remus Church Sunday. There was no service at Broomfield.

Miss Alliance Cook entertained the Lutheran Ladies Aid Wednesday evening.

Miss Karen Rhode spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Hilda Sunyog and Fred Green of Detroit called on Mrs. Helen Hartman and Mrs. Theodore Rhode, her nieces, during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rhode and Karen enjoyed a family dinner with the Joe Stevens family at Coldwater Lake Inn Saturday evening. Later the families spent the evening in the Stevens home, where they were served ice cream and birthday cake, in honor of Mrs. Stevens' birthday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth spent Saturday night and Sunday with the Doug Middlesworth family in Lansing.

**Brinton News**

Cora Estes, Reporter

**BRINTON CHAPEL SERVICES HAVE GOOD ATTENDANCE**

There was a good attendance at the Brinton Chapel all last week, when Mr. and Mrs. Rexford, "Aunt Marion and Uncle Bill," of Kent City, entertained with their many musical instruments.

The couple have a large house trailer and travel a great deal, spending their winters in the South.

We hope to have them with us again, as everyone enjoyed their stay here. They left Saturday for Tawas.

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Roy Phenix is in Reed City, at the home of his son, Lowery.

Russell Sisco left Sunday for the southern part of the state, where he is working in the bean harvest.

Mrs. Margaret Sisco and mother, Mrs. Whaley, attended Sunday evening services at the Forest Hill Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londie have purchased the Roy Phenix home in the village, and will be moving in soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright visited relatives in Greenville and Grand Rapids Sunday. They left Monday morning for Manistee, coho fishing, for a couple of days.

Mrs. Emily Owens, who passed away in the Mt. Pleasant hospital, was buried in the North Brinton Cemetery Sept. 9.

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**West Gilmore**

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler of rural Barryton visited his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, and his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, last Thursday.

Mrs. Violet Lowery of Pontiac returned to her home Thursday after spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Charlotte Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ewing and son, Dennis, of Saginaw spent several days at their cabin at west Littlefield Lake. The Ewings' son, Terry, and wife of South Dakota, are guests, on leave from his base there. They were recently married.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart called on the Paul Coles Thursday.

Mrs. Lola Sloan of Colorado returned home after several weeks with her sister and family, the Albert Geaslars.

Mr. and Mrs. Claris Allen of Commerce are spending some time at their trailer house.

Sunday visitors of the Paul Coles were Mr. and Mrs. Claris Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa of Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Velma Cole visited her doctor in Rosebush Saturday, and her foot is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday callers of the Paul Coles.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sloan of Charlotte visited their cousins, the Albert Geaslars, several days last week.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

**WEE MISS HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY**

A very pleasant time was had by friends and relatives of Rebecca Vore on her second birthday Friday evening, Sept. 1. A lovely special birthday cake was made by Daisy Embrey. Rebecca's mother's birthday was this week Wednesday.

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## WANT ADS

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.

FOR SALE--17-ft. canoe; 18-ft. pontoon, 18-horse motor; 14-ft. camper; 7-ft. refrigerator, Coronado; also china closet. Mrs. Edward J. Schafer, 4993 W. Jordan Road, Coldwater Lake (south side.)  
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 Sept. 7f

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 Sept. 14t1

FOR SALE, QUILTS--Some finished with dacron filling, some with cotton; also many pieced quilt tops, also appliqued; also baby quilts. Mrs. Tony Schaffer, Beal City.  
 Sept. 14t2p

### Card Of Thanks

I wish to express my deep appreciation for the thoughtfulness of my family and friends and neighbors during my recent stay in CMC Hospital;  
 I thank you all for the calls, cards, fruits, and flowers. Also I wish to thank the hospital staff for their excellent care.  
 Don Abbott

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

### THUNDER ROAD: ROUTE TO DANGER

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The road hadn't been cleared yet and I didn't have any idea where to find them, but the medic and I took off down the road and soon spotted a wounded boy. The medic began to administer first aid and I continued down the road to see if I could locate anyone else. I didn't, so I turned around, picked up the child and brought him back to the aid station.

"We learned later there were only the three of them. They'd been picking berries and had tripped a booby trap planted by the VC. The girl who at first refused to get into the jeep died a few days later," Leclair said.

"A half hour after I'd been on the road, at the exact spot where I had turned around after looking for the fourth child, the brigade's F Troop, 17th Cav., was ambushed.

"Thunder Road is still a pretty bad place to go, but the VC don't control it like they used to. Our platoon and some of the cavalry patrols have shot a lot of Charlies out of those hills."

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 Rusty's year in Viet Nam will be up in November, but it might be December before he gets home. His parents are hoping to see him at Thanksgiving, or at Christmas for sure.

Rusty's address:  
 L/Cpl. R.V. Alwood, 2246083, C.A.C. Lima Hq., Hq. Co., 7th Comm., FPO San Francisco Calif. 96602.

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**NEWS NOTES**  
 Eighteen Methodist men from the Deerfield and Weidman churches attended a Retreat at Lake Louise Camp over the weekend. This was a Central District meeting.

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## Obituary

DENA LOOMIS

Mrs. Dena Loomis died unexpectedly at her home Sunday morning, Sept. 10.

She was born March 24, 1903, in Isabella County, where she lived all her life.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 2 p.m. from the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Interment was in the Bennett Cemetery in Sherman Township.

Surviving are nine children, Otis of Weidman, Monroe of Shepherd, Ernest, Jr., of Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Sumriah Lilly of Bentley, Mich; Mrs. Velma Harkins of Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Dena Wellman of Mt. Pleasant; 20 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one brother, Norman Roy, of Elsie.

Mrs. Loomis was the widow of Ernest Loomis, and they raised their family on their property at the corner of Woodruff and Air Line Roads in Weidman.

The family have the sympathy of all.

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## Obituary

MRS. EMILY OWENS

Mrs. Ed (Emily) Owens of rural Lake, Coldwater Township, died Wednesday, Sept. 6, in the Isabella County Medical Care Facility, after a long illness. She was 86.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. from the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell, with Rev. Jasper Cook officiating. Burial was in North Brinton Cemetery.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Eula LaLonde of Detroit, Mrs. Erma Scott of Lake, Mrs. Eunice Cummings of Lansing, and Mrs. Bernice Bellows of Swartz Creek; two sons, Cecil Owens of Detroit and Edmund Owens of Lake; 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; and a sister, Mrs. Gladys Walter, of Greenville.

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## Obituary

MRS. BIRD M. REDICK

Mrs. Bird M. Redick of Barryton died Tuesday, Sept. 5, in Community Hospital at Big Rapids. She was 86.

She was a lifelong resident of Barryton. She was born Nov. 17, 1880.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2 p.m. from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Larry Beard and Ercel Williams officiating. Burial was in Flake Cemetery in Barryton.

Mrs. Redick is survived by one son, Roger, of Barryton; four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Margaret Denslow and Mrs. Ann Louise Miller spent Sunday afternoon in Ionia, visiting three elderly aunts, Mrs. Lewis Stout of Orleans, Mrs. Edgar Johnson of Ionia and Mrs. Victor Wilson of Portland. They also visited the old Peacock farm at West Sebe-wa, and the store where their father was postmaster and general storekeeper. It was a most interesting and rewarding day.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baclus and Linda of Pontiac were Tuesday supper guests of Mrs. Denslow.

Jim Wright of Pontiac and Mrs. Kathrine Aldrich and Kelly were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller.

Mrs. Bobbie Oplinger and Kenny and Eddie attended a horse show at Remus Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson took her mother home last Wednesday. She had spent several days with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawrence were Tuesday dinner guests in Midland, helping their son, Garth, celebrate his birthday. Alva Cummins was a Saturday caller of the Lawrences.

Brad Martin spent Saturday with Doug Wieschman in Mecosta.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carroll and family and Mrs. Alma Byron and granddaughter, Amy Sue, were Sunday guests of the Joe Martins.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan were Wednesday evening guests of the Gerald Dent family. Friday supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Enlow of Albion, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and family were weekend guests. Saturday supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Enlow, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hoffman, the Carl Miller family of Mecosta, Carolyn Cross and Larry Keith, both of Lansing; and Virgil and Tommy Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family.

Harry Dent spent Saturday in Grand Rapids with his uncle, Walter Kirvan, and family. The Dents returned last Friday from a 19-day Western trip.

Mrs. Carol Johnson helped with the Lions Club supper at the church in Weidman Wednesday evening.

Friday evening the Johnson family visited her sister and family, the Gordon Helmers. Sunday they were guests of her parents, the Earl Blodgetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Denslow spent Sunday afternoon and Labor Day with Mr. and Mrs. Willett Hammond, at their cottage at Bear Lake, near Kalkaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins spent Friday with his sister, Mrs. Nora Jones, at Stanton. Another sister, Mrs. Alice Thacker, and son, Ralph, were also guests. Mrs. Thacker, who has spent some time here, left Monday for her home in California. The

Cummins spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cummins were Sunday supper guests of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Denslow and Eugene and Elaine and Harold were Sunday visitors of his mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow attended Miss Peggy Darnell's wedding in Big Rapids Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines and family were Saturday guests at the Gerald Losey home. Mr. and Mrs. Al Gross and Amy, Mrs. Charles Gross and Charlene, and Miss Sandra Gross and friend of Grand Haven were Sunday guests.

Mrs. Esther Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams of Flint were Sunday supper guests of Mr.

and Mrs. Tracy White.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Suman and Lisa were Wednesday supper guests of her grandparents, the Howard Woods. Other guests during the week were Mrs. Thelma Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and family.

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## Local Items

Clyde Beutler spent Thursday and Friday in Traverse City attending a state meet of county road commissions. He spent Sunday in Port Austin, with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler, on a trip.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler and Mrs. Clyde Beutler returned Sunday evening after spending the weekend with relatives in Raven-

na, O. Sunday afternoon they attended a 50th wedding anniversary celebration for cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Post, of Mantua, Ohio.

Mrs. Ethel Bywater and Mrs. Emily Wood called on Mrs. Bessie Sexton Sunday. Mrs. Sexton had returned from the hospital, after surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and family spent the weekend at Houghton Lake, enjoying a cabin on that big piece of water.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bazaire of north Brinton were Friday supper guests of their grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pyle and son of Flint were Sunday guests of Mrs. Emily Wood.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Heppe of Ionia called on Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Pettingill of Cadillac spent the weekend with the Pungs.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Harless and children of Reynolds, Ind., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schafer and William Schafer of Cadillac called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pung Saturday.

Bernard McIsaac of Detroit spent a few days the past week at the Harold Block home.

Mrs. Peter Schafer is in CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Pung and family entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Engler at a sumptuous supper at the Coldwater Lake Inn last Wednesday evening. The occasion was Steve and Rosie's 20th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Matilda Starr of Munger visited relatives around Beal City the past week.

Mrs. Walter Faber returned home from Ann Arbor last Wednesday, feeling some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer of Winn spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shepherd are remodeling their home.

The Senior Citizens meeting last Thursday was well attended, 13 tables playing pepper. Coletta Gross won the door prize.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mathews at Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bergy are living in Mrs. Leona Simmer's house.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh spent the weekend of Labor Day in Detroit with relatives.

Mrs. Louise Smith and Gertrude Grodski drove to Cadillac Wednesday. Gertrude did some shopping and Louise visited her sister, Mrs. Frank Laubenthal.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith called on Mrs. Smith last week.

Ann Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen attended the Saginaw Fair Sunday afternoon.

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

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## Local Items

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth is spending this week visiting her niece and family, the Tom Stamms, in Saginaw. Flossie Forbes is spending the week with Vada Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pung of Beal City called on Mrs. Bertha Clark Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Abbott and family are nicely settled in the Tollie Thompson house on First Street.

## WEST Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

### MARRIED IN METHODIST CHURCH HERE

Many relatives and friends attended the wedding of Annita Garrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett, and Conrad Williams of Rhode Island, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 9, at the Weidman Methodist Church.

The bridegroom is a Navy man and is stationed in Rhode Island.

A supper and reception were held in the evening at the Chas. Garrett home. The happy couple left immediately for Rhode Island.

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Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips and friends of Lake called on Mrs. Lillian Johnston last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Neubecker spent a few days a week ago with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neubecker in Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wernette and family visited at the Arnold Halfman home one day last week.

Our deepest sympathy to the Helena Laubenthal and Dena Loomis families.

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer and Roselene spent Sunday afternoon with Sister John Baptist at Wright. On the way home they got some peaches and plums.

This reporter enjoyed talking with Mary Pantenburg last week at the Senior Citizens meeting. Mary tells us she was 92 years old Sept. 3. Happy Birthday, Mary!

Everyone enjoyed the picture of Ina Gillet and her pail of blueberries in last week's paper. This was another one of our grand ladies in this area.

Bill Alwood spent Saturday over night with Wally Spence at Lake Windoga.

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## Local Items

Mrs. Leah Scharrer was a Sunday caller of Viola Curtis at Coldwater Lake.

Mrs. Earl Williams and children of Laingsburg and Mrs. Norma Flower of St. Johns were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Vina Bailey.

Mrs. Bessie Teall was recovered the first of the week from an illness she suffered last week. Beth Jackson of Mt. Pleasant was a caller during last week. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Graham of Howell spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Flossie Davy. Anita Graham is staying with Mrs. Pearl Battle till her parents get moved to their new home on the Air Line Road, west of town. Anita is attending school here, in the Fifth Grade.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## NorthWeidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

We were so sorry about the passing of Dena Loomis. The family has our sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Swanson called on Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott one evening last week.

Betty Adams and son, Robert, of Lake, are painting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams' house.

Norman Abbott and family have a horse to ride.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood of Grand Rapids were visitors at the Jack Burden home over the Labor Day weekend.

Mrs. Lauraine Burden of Grand Rapids called on her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden, and family, Sunday.

Mrs. Maude McNutt of Sturgis is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Sexton, for two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sexton and babies and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sexton and son of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thomas of Sturgis were Sunday callers.

Clayton Miller spent the weekend at Lake Louise with the Methodist Men, in Retreat.

Mrs. Miller went with her sister, Mrs. Lois Knollenberg, to take her daughter, Susie, to a doctor

in Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott called on Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen Sunday evening in Farwell. Becky Graham was with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and son Larry called on Mr. and Mrs. John Gott Saturday evening.

Clarence Knollenberg and family of Mt. Pleasant, Tom Kennedy and family of Mt. Pleasant and Muriel Miller and family enjoyed a cookout at the Mitchell Abbott home Labor Day.

Gregg Knollenberg and Mark Abbott managed ball teams, entertaining the children.

Mrs. Mitchell Abbott and Mrs. Clayton Miller were in Mt. Pleasant Saturday.

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WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 a. m.  
Church service, 11 a. m.  
Choir practice, 7 p. m.  
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.  
Choir practice Thursday, 7.

p. m.

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## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., and Patrick and Jill of Grand Haven and Miss Janet Dillenbeck of Spring Lake spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck. Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth at Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bazaire of north Brinton visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock and granddaughter, Mary, and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schrock attended the funeral of Mrs. Emily Owens Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Owens was the grandmother of Mrs. Gilbert Schrock. We extend our sympathy to her, and to other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock and Mary and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schrock of Littlefield Lake enjoyed a cookout at the home of their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schrock, of Mt. Pleasant, Saturday evening. The Kenneth Schrocks had been to the Indianapolis races and Expo 67 at Ontario, and showed slides and pictures of their trip, making an enjoyable get-together. The Schrocks also attended the Brinton Sunday School picnic at Coldwater Community Park Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzy. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Louder of Leaton were Sunday afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Burton of Clare were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley and Barry and his faincee, Miss Jane Suman, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Clark and Terri of Weidman. The occasion celebrated Terri's seventh birthday, which was this Wednesday. Happy Birthday, Terri!

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family visited her father and brother, Arthur and Vance Loomis, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Denslow and family of Free-land were weekend guests at the Loomis home.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and Jill, Kathy and Brian of rural Remus were Sunday supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow.

Mrs. Clarence Ley and daughter, Mrs. Larry De Voss, and Maria and Regina of Conklin visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray, Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Caswell of Six Lakes and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City visited Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ethel McLean and friend, Mr. Koyle, enjoyed turkey dinner

at Campbell's Restaurant in Remus Sunday, and visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Geasler en route home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hardie of Doleta, Calif., visited her grandmother, Mrs. McLean, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Earl Geasler and grandson, Douglas McAllister, and Mrs. Bonnie Tiesh and son of Remus visited Saturday evening. Mrs. McLean and Mr. Koyle were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and George.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peeper and sons of Lansing were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis the previous Sunday.

Mrs. Glenn Dosenberry of LeRoy visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Green of Durand were Monday guests of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe. Rev. Ione Lloyd and Miss Vera Allen of Sears visited one day last week.

Arthur Atchinson of Sparta visited Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Harland Shook of Midland visited them Sunday.

Donna, Doris and Dawn Pung of Beal City spent Tuesday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley. Mr. and Mrs. Pung and Debbie, Denny and Darlene came for them Tuesday evening and were supper guests.

Mrs. Ray Elliott of Mt. Pleasant was a guest Thursday, helping Mrs. Stanley can corn and other vegetables. Mrs. Donald Pung and Donna, Doris and Dawn came Friday and canned tomatoes and corn. Our vegetables are really good this year!

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ash and Debbie and Blane, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCoy, of Birmingham, who were at their farm for the weekend, visited Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and Sherry and Shelley of Weidman visited Sunday evening.

## S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Van Nocker and family of Lansing and Melvin Tabor, also of Lansing, spent the weekend with the Catherine McDaniel family.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and Laurel and Clyde Beutler took a picnic dinner and drove to Grindstone City in the Thumb area Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss of St. Johns were Sunday dinner guests of their daughter and family, the Carl Beutlers.

Mrs. Dorothy Chaffee spent Friday afternoon with Beatrice Gatehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatehouse and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kahler of Davison were last Monday callers of the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and sons of Saginaw spent from Wednesday till Thursday evening with them. They all called on the Robert Hines family Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called on Mrs. Nora Secord and sons Friday evening.

Mrs. Virginia Harshman and girls of Lansing called on the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family Saturday evening. The Dutchers were recent callers of Mr. and Mrs. Othel Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey were Friday evening callers of the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker and Keith and Deane, had lunch

with her folks, the Clayton Dutchers, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and Chris of Midland spent the weekend with his folks, the Clayton Dutchers. Mrs. Ronna Dutcher and Sandra were Sunday afternoon callers.

Orville Merrihew went with a group of men from the Weidman Methodist Church to Lake Louise, near Boyne City, for the church's weekend Retreat for Men.

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## Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

(Editor's Note: Esther is back on the job of writing news again, after an absence while she worked at the pickle plant in Edmore. We sure do welcome you back, Esther!)

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parker and Steve called on Mr. and Mrs. Don Lofgren Sunday evening.

Jim Latham and Diana Beach called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger Sunday afternoon. Sunday evening callers were Mike Forbes and Richard Irish of Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger were Wednesday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham.

Mr. and Mrs. Latham and Jim Latham and Diana Beach called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger Saturday evening, to watch Miss America on television.

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### NEWS NOTE

Mrs. Vera Tvorik visited her friend, Ruth Nickerson of Vestaburg, in Gratiot Hospital in Alma Sunday.

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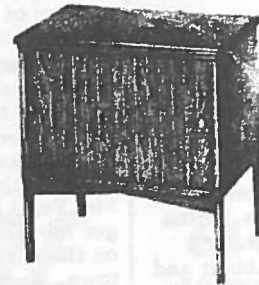


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A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS AT SHERMAN CITY--Above is the Sunday School class of Nettie M. Hatcher, taken in 1922 or 1923. Identified among the children, but not in sequence, are the following: Ercel Bywater, Albert Lee, Mary Lee, Ethel Mae Shook (Monroe), Lulu Loomis, Alene Loomis, Lois

Rodgers. And, of course, Nettie Hatcher, standing, behind the children. This priceless old picture was loaned the Messenger by Ethel (Hatcher) Bywater.

We have a wealth of material on Sherman City history, which we shall be presenting shortly. We probably will start with Fred Kent's history of Sherman City, which was printed way back before 1920. We have a picture of one of the mills at Sherman City, and a picture of one of the several stores the town had at one time.

We'll run these as we have space in the paper, now and then. ---0---

**Local Items**

Beth Jackson of Mt. Pleasant spent Thursday night with Blanche Cliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edmonds are spending a month in Montana, visiting their daughter's family. They expect to stop off at Iron River and visit her sister, when they return.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Royal Harrison and family in Breckenridge.

Mrs. Maxine Swartzendruber and Hubert Bunker of Carson City and Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Jewett of Detroit spent Sunday afternoon with the Charles Halfman family.

Mrs. Ted Smith was absent from her work at Ray's Shopping Center from last Tuesday till Monday, when she returned

to work. She has had pains at times since she underwent back surgery five years ago.

Mrs. C. J. Watson (Grace Woolworth) of Saginaw paid us a visit last Saturday, and we had an old-fashioned gab-fest. Grace was her usual modest and charming self, and we two old Weidman school acquaintances found many remembrances to talk over. She and her husband are retired, but Grace said he is very busy, taking care of income property they have acquired through the years. "He does plumbing repairs and everything," Grace said, and we mentioned our envy of such ability. "You have to do it yourself, if you want to come out even," Grace said. Both had taught years in the Saginaw schools, Grace going back to teaching during the teacher shortage, and she taught for 21 years. Grace entered her subscription to the Messenger, to keep up on people and developments around the old town.

Her father, Charles Woolworth, had the harness shop in Weidman when the Roes came to town in 1912. He had a good store, and we remember clearly the spirited wooden painted horse that stood at the doorway of the harness shop, showing off the Woolworth harnesses.

George Skinner says Mr. Woolworth hired one man in his shop, who made the harnesses, right here in Weidman. Doesn't seem possible.

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## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter  
Dr. David Schaub of Bellingham, Wash., and Elizabeth and Helen Schaub of Green Bay, Wis., spent a recent weekend with their sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Frear. They spent the Labor Day weekend in Green Bay. Mr. and Mrs. Frear accompanied them.

C. Dorothy Schafer and Helen Brewer spent last week in New York and Rhode Island states. Helen was planning on selling her home in Rhode Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Morford are enjoying a three weeks' vacation trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sherlock of Fine Lake spent a recent weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gross were Saturday evening callers.

Rod and Terry Klumpp of Mt. Pleasant, Rick Klumpp of Beal City and Jerry Schafer enjoyed a campout a week ago Saturday night.

Our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Helena Laubenthal of Beal City, who died recently.

Mrs. Ed Schafer received word her brother-in-law, Bernard Faber, was in St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw. He was operated on for tumor of the brain and came through fine. At last report he was progressing slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wischmeyer are now residents of Coldwater Lake, having moved in a week ago. Their guests that Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Maas of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Wischmeyer and children and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wischmeyer of Alma, and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Wischmeyer of Shepherd.

Edward Schafer and son, Jerry, painted Walter Schafer's cottage at Jensen Lake. Mrs. Schafer and Bill and Bob accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mathews are the proud parents of a new daughter, born Aug. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Ragolt Hauck in Beal City Monday evening.

Mrs. Godelieve Purtil of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer Wednesday afternoon. Other callers, in the evening, were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham, and Mrs. Betty Klumpp and children of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wischmeyer of Lansing called at the Walter Wischmeyer home Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wischmeyer attended a wedding in Merrill Saturday.

A group of boys enjoyed a campout with the Schafer boys Saturday night.

Mark Schafer spent Saturday and Sunday with Robert Schafer.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey and daughters were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey, and sons. Other callers, Monday, were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweet and family of Mt. Pleasant.

William Harvey returned to his work in Lapeer Monday after spending the weekend with his parents and brothers, the Charles Harvey family.

Charles Harvey and Virgil Harvey entered CMC Hospital Monday afternoon, Charles for treatment and Virgil suffering a ruptured appendix. Both were doing nicely.

Ann Lindsey and mother of Lake were all day Tuesday guests of Florence Harvey. They went to visit Virgil and Charles Harvey at CMC Hospital while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey are the proud grandparents of a baby girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harvey of Grand Rapids on Wednesday, Sept. 6. The young lady has been named Shirley May.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Costa of Lansing were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lorenz and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses of Mt. Pleasant spent Monday evening with the Herman Martins. Mrs. John Schupbach and daughters were Monday guests. Last week Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Grewett, Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbrook, and the Richard Grewetts of Roseville were guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Bunting and family and Mrs. Kenneth Bollman of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday supper guests of the Oral Buntings. Mr. and Mrs. Bunting visited Cleon Bunting, who is ill in Lansing, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children were Sunday guests of the Gerald Dents.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Woodruff, the Keith Woodruffs, Fred Woodruff and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brahams were guests Saturday evening at the Blaine Stansell home. Mr. and Mrs. Stansell called on Mr. and Mrs. George Kerry of Thompsonville and visited friends in Traverse City, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Aungst and family, Mrs. Elsie Aungst, and John Freeze of Mt. Pleasant attended Church of God revival services at East DeWitt.

Blanche Carr was a Saturday and Sunday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Campbell of Winn, and attended church services at East DeWitt Sunday. Verne Foster spent the weekend at the Methodist Mens' Retreat at Lake Louise.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses and Mrs. Theresa Bunting called on Mrs. Nettie Baker Saturday.

Miss Anita Garrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett, and Conrad Williams of Tacoma, Wash., at present with the U. S.

Navy stationed at Newport, R. I., were married Saturday at 12.30 p. m. in the Weidman Methodist Church. They left Sunday to make their home in Providence, Rhode Island.

Clarence Stump of Grand Rapids was a Thursday afternoon caller of his sister, Florence Harvey. He also called at CMC Hospital to visit Charles and Virgil Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey and children of Chippewa Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Claire Letson and children of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweet and children of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harvey and son of Lansing and Clarence Stump of Grand Rapids were Sunday callers of Florence Harvey and son. They all went to Mt. Pleasant in the afternoon to visit Charles and Virgil Harvey in CMC Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses were among the callers of Nettie Baker the past week.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and family attended the wedding of Peggy Darnell and William Thompson in Big Rapids Saturday evening.

Mrs. Irma Kische and Mrs. Hermione Smith were Sunday dinner guests of the Don Smith family.

Mrs. Bertha Zuke and children of Big Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Straus and children were Sunday callers at the Gary Sprague home.

## Men in Uniform

(Continued from Page 1)

A-3-C Brian W. Dutcher, AF-16936112, 636 Security Police Sq., Box 281, APO San Francisco, Cal. 96274.

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The Clayton Dutchers have received several letters from their son, Jim. He is in Viet Nam, about 22 miles north of Saigon. He says Charlie is quite active around there.

The Ervin Dutchers, Jr., received letters from Brian, and he is stationed in the Philippines and expects to be there for the next year and a half.

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Mrs. Bud (Brenda) Tabor and three daughters, Johanna, Raynell and Lori Ann, came from Newfoundland Friday night and will spend a short time with Mrs. Catherine McDaniel, while they are getting their house ready to move into. The two older girls will attend school here, as the husband, Bud, is to leave for Viet Nam by the end of this month.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stevens of Sanford were Wednesday visitors of her mother, Mrs. Ina Gillett. Maycie Cook was a Thursday afternoon caller. Blanche Carr was a Friday visitor. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boerema of Wyoming, Mich., were Saturday guests. Ed was doing some fixing on Ina's house.

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