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Editor's Column

By Connie

NEXT THURSDAY IS MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day comes on Thursday this year, and many Messenger readers will receive their paper a day late, as no mail will go out that day.

Only the final delivery will be affected by the holiday. News writers will mail as usual, the ordinary work on the paper will be on schedule, we will print and mail Wednesday.

Most stores in Weidman will be closed Memorial Day.

We have heard of no memorial programs for honoring our dead on Memorial Day in Weidman. No cemetery services have been held here the past several years.

THE WEIDMAN SOFTBALL LEAGUE, PAST AND PRESENT

By John L. Forest
Softball Commissioner

Next Monday, May 27, the Weidman Softball League begins its 16th session at Mitchell Memorial Park in Weidman, with eight teams ready for action. Two games each night, Monday through Thursday, will be offered for viewing entertainment, at 8 and 9.15 p. m.

This sport has provided countless hours of recreation for player and spectator alike, since that long-ago summer of 1950 when the Weidman Business Association first installed lights at Mitchell Park. The field was in use almost nightly, with many loosely-grouped team organizations playing games on a mutual agreement basis, as it was too late in the season to set up a formal league.

In the spring of 1951 the League began its first official season with six teams. Sponsors of those teams were McClain's Garage, Fox Hardware, Shook's Market, Beal City Merchants, Van Zandt's and Rosebush.

Some of the players who took part in that first season were Bob Cook, Harold Rhode, George McClain, Jr., Leo Embrey, Orval Branson, Al Clevenger, Mitchell McArthur, Howard Kolarik, Don Alwood, Wayne Smith, Ray Smith, Harold Straus, and many others. At first the teams played only one game a week, but by the following year the schedule was expanded so that each team got to play twice.

Much of the credit for the early success of the League is due to the efforts of Ross Momany, Sr., who gave unselfishly of his time



VAN ZANDT'S, 1951 CHAMPIONS--First team to win, Weidman Softball League. Back row, left to right: Leonard Lueder, Harold Rhode, manager, Neal Wood, Richard Cook, Don Krueger, Bob Cook, Ivan Hines. Front row: Ross Momany, Jr., Oren Moses, Dick Smith, Earl Oplinger. Missing from photo: Arwyn Carr.

as player, manager, umpire, sponsor and groundskeeper. Almost any night there was a game, he could be found at the park in one capacity or another.

In 1953 he took over sponsorship of Van Zandt's team under his own name, and under his guidance the team won pennants that year and the following one.

Following his death, his widow continued to sponsor the team with the assistance of Harold Rhode and Bob Cook until 1957, when it was taken over by Walt Smith and became known thereafter as Walt's Bait Shop.

A few of the other sponsors who have been represented throughout the years have been Straus Bros., Weidman Merchants, Gatehouse Bros., Thorpe's Heating, Beal City K. of C., Dent's Market, Evert Welding, and others.

In 1958 this writer, who formerly assisted the WBA in rules and schedules for the League, was placed in full charge with the title of Commissioner, a post he still holds.

That same year the League expanded to eight teams for the first time, but due to schedule problems was not a success, and by 1959 had once again reverted back to six teams. That year also marks the first time the park played host to the Michigan Softball Association district tournaments. Seasonal play during that season and the following one was dominated by the Gatehouse Bros. team.

In 1961 the Evert Welders, who had been admitted only that year, became champions, but the following two seasons saw a revived Walt's Bait Shop carry home the prized trophy. 1963 also was destined to be the final year under the old or fast-pitch rules.

Due to difficulties in recruiting enough players, the League did not operate in 1964 or '65, but by the spring of '66 renewed interest was shown, and it was decided to revive the League, using the rules of slow pitch. This is quite similar to the fast pitch formerly in use, but it has some difference, chief of which is that the ball must be delivered at a slow speed, no base stealing is permitted, and 10 players rather than nine are used on a team. Five teams operated that season as an experiment in fan reaction.

This type of ball has caught on with unexpected success from players and fans alike, and throughout the past two seasons has been viewed by crowds unequalled since and in many cases exceeding those of the first years of the League.

Games Monday, May 27, will find Palmer's Idle Hour Bar playing Weaver's Inn at 8 p. m. and Barryton meeting George's Tavern at 9.15. Tuesday night will find Wyman Bar meeting Wilcox Leonard Service at 8 and Beal City Service playing Remus at 9.15.

Men in Uniform

Here's a new address:
Pvt. Stephen Voss, US 549832-72, Co. B, 10th Bn., 5th TNG Bde., 1st Platoon, Fort Knox, Ky. 40121.

Here's another new address:
Walter W. Shaner, US54975260, 1st Bn., ABNO 320 Art. Battery, 82nd Airborne Div., Fort Bragg, N. C. 20307.

Walter will be there till June 10 and then he'll go to West Point, to help train cadets in heavy artillery. He will be at West Point until August or September. He started out in the Infantry, but was transferred to the Airborne, and had three weeks of jumping, which he says he liked.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

A.O. 3rd Class William Hardenburg of California arrived home early Sunday morning to spend until June 9 with his folks, the Harry Hardenburgs, and his grandfather. His ship has been stationed in California, but expects to leave in July for Vietnam again.

A-3rd Class Robert Dell just returned from Vietnam and is spending some time visiting the home folks around Weidman.

Relatives and friends are hearing from Pfc. Terry Schafer quite regularly from Vietnam. Terry has been in the thick of the jungle fighting. Our letters and prayers must keep going for him and all our other boys at the fighting lines.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Martin and other relatives and friends hear regularly from Pfc. Stanley Thren from Camp Evans, near Hue, in Vietnam, unless he is out in the field, and then the letters are held up. Stan will be home in October.

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PARENTS HONORED AT UNIVERSITY DEDICATION OF COLD WAR MEMORIAL

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmidt and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson were among seven couples, parents of servicemen who died in Vietnam, at an Armed Forces Day dedication of the University's Cold War Memorial.

The observation of Armed Forces Day May 18, at the University Center. The parents and their families were guests at a luncheon at the center.

Posthumous awards were made to Pfc. Barry A. Thompson, who died in Vietnam Dec. 20, 1967. His parents were presented his

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S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Callers at the Harry Hardenburg home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook and family and Mr. and Mrs. Chelsea Latham and family.

A-3rd Class Robert Dell and Nora Jean Dell were callers of the Harry Hardenburgs and Emory Dell Wednesday. Bob returns to Alameda, Calif., June 6.

Mrs. Willard Ransom and son, Billy, of Grand Blanc are spending some time with her folks, the Harry Hardenburgs, while Bill is home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yuncker and family spent Friday evening with her folks, the Clayton Dutchers. Garry Dutcher and David, Becky, Richard and Douglas were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called on Mrs. Nora Secord and sons Thursday afternoon.

The Jim McDaniel family called on Mrs. Catherine McDaniel and girls over the weekend.

The Farm Bureau group met with Orval Merrihew at his home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and family called on the Jim McDaniel family Sunday morning.

Mrs. Catherine McDaniel attended the funeral of her sister-in-law's mother, Mrs. May Hallenbeck, Friday in Lansing. While there she visited her sister, Mrs. Raye Van Nocker, and baby.

Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called on Mrs. Ronna Dutcher and family Thursday evening.

Richard and Douglas Dutcher and Fred and Jeff Cobe were last Thursday evening callers of the Clayton Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called on Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher Friday morning. Mrs. Ronna Dutcher and Sandra were Sunday afternoon callers.

Virgil Gatehouse brought his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gatehouse, of Remus, to visit at the Gatehouse homes here Friday evening.

Kerry Thren had surgery at Ann Arbor last Friday, and is in a body cast for six weeks. His mother, Donna Thren, and Mrs. Ma-

rie Thren, are staying in Ann Arbor. Carl Thren is back in the hospital.

Duane Thren and two sisters, Mrs. Bob Recker of Shepherd and Mrs. Sharril Perry of Remus, visited Carl and Kerry at the hospital Sunday.

Mrs. Ruth Gatehouse went to Indiana with Gary Monday. The children stayed with Grandma Gatehouse.

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N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter
Mrs. Joe Stevens, Mrs. Evelyn Engler, Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Maycie Cook spent last Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Ethel Wager to remind her of her birthday. A lovely lunch was served by Ethel, and cards and visiting enjoyed.

Miss Alliance Cook attended a pink and blue shower honoring Mrs. Barbara Stark, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buel Egbert, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines and family of Winchester Dam.

Jean and Scott Pung spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder, while their parents were on a trip to their cottage in the north.

Mrs. Ethel Wager, with others from the Senior Citizens group, attended the Tulip Festival at Holland Wednesday.

Mrs. Ettabel Sellers spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Eda Van Zandt.

Mrs. Lorraine Schultz of Lansing spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. E. R. Rhode, and Harold. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola were Sunday afternoon callers.

Roderick Nicholson and Maycie Cook called on their sister, Mrs. Frances Handy, and Mr. and Mrs. Adam Handy, of Evart, Sunday.

Mrs. Gale Krueger, Mrs. Glee Krueger, Gilda and Maycie Cook, Mrs. E. Rhode and Helen Lueder attended a Ladies' Aid meeting at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Remus last Wednesday. Guests were also there from St. Louis, Clare and Hamilton churches. A lovely dinner and social hour were enjoyed.

A choir of 40 students from the Michigan Lutheran Seminary at Saginaw sang at the Broomfield

and Remus churches Sunday morning, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Strong of Elwell were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook were Thursday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson Borders of Marion, and were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Klumpp of Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook and Mrs. Carol Schaffer called at the Herman Cook home Sunday.

April, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilkie, was in CMC Hospital with pneumonia and ear trouble from Tuesday till Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Cook had surgery at CMC Hospital last Monday, and is slowly improving these days. Richard Lueder is also a patient there, suffering a heart condition after becoming ill in church Sunday, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder were Sunday supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams attended the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Will Whitney at St. Henry's Church in Rosebush, Sun-

day. ---0---

Local Items

Mrs. Flossie Davy was reported as feeling some better the first of the week, in CMC Hospital, after transfusions. She hoped to return home this week.

Ben Robbins of Winter Haven, Fla., was a Monday caller of Mrs. Vada Carroll and Mrs. Emma Middlesworth. Mrs. Ethel Soper and Mrs. Ruth Blesch and daughter, Jo, of Barryton were Friday evening guests.

Mrs. Juanita Owen and Mrs. Janet Chastain of Gibraltar visited at the Bertha Clark home from last Thursday till Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus and children of Flushing spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Leah Scharrer. Mrs. Scharrer returned home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell returned from Wayne, N. J., flying both ways for a 10-day visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Preston (Buzz) Smith.

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May 16t2

BARN DANCE--At Fay Forbes residence, Saturday evening, May 25. Bring sandwiches or donuts for lunch. (And we hope for warm weather!)

May 23t1

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May 9t4

In Memoriam

BERTHA M. GROSS

Mother has gone home to rest. It's been one year since you have left us, Mother.

You are in our thoughts each day.

Your always cheerful smile,
Your always happy way
Brightened all our days.

We miss you so, for there's no other

Can take the place of our dear Mother.

We lost so much, when you went home to rest.

Sadly missed by your
Husband, Frank
Children
Grandchildren
Great-grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all those who helped and comforted us in our recent bereavement;

The ladies who served the dinner; doctors and nurses at the Davis Clinic and CMC Hospital; the Crittenden Funeral Home for their kindnesses; our pastor, Father Neubecker, for his comforting words; all those who sent flowers and prayers;

And relatives, neighbors and friends, for their many acts of kindness, and their calls.

The Family of
Mary Reihl.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey called on Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Darnell of rural Mt. Pleasant Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Foster were last Monday visitors of Mrs. Ina Gillett, and made her a garden.

Michael Knipfer and wife and baby spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

the Churches

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

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 22, 23 and 24, we will be having revival services. The time is 7.30 nightly, and everyone is welcome.

Sunday night, May 26, the Brinton Chapel and our church are sponsoring the film, "The Accuser," at 7.30 p. m. Everyone is welcome. The film will be shown at the Weidman Baptist Church.

Local Items

Mrs. Orville Bates and Dorothy and Marty of Clare were Saturday visitors of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Garold St. John, and family. Mrs. Arthur Bazaire was a Sunday guest. Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. St. John visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller of Nottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Riley and family enjoyed dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Straus, honoring the graduation of their son, Tom Straus, from the Beal City High School. Many others were visitors during the day, to congratulate Tom.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Davy were Friday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Riley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and family.

Howard Flower of St. Johns was a Saturday evening caller of Mrs. Vina Bailey.

Legal Notice

ISABELLA COUNTY PROBATE COURT

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
ESTATE OF WALTER E. WOOD,
DECEASED.

THE COURT ORDERS:

Interested persons may appear May 29, 1968, at 10:00 A. M. at Probate Court to show cause why David E. Burrows should not be licensed to sell interest of estate in lands to pay debts.

Publication in the Weidman Messenger. Court Rule Notice.
Dated May 3, 1968

BURKE McCLINTIC
Judge of Probate

Attorney:

David E. Burrows
123 North Main
Mount Pleasant, Michigan.
May 9t3

TOPS CLUB HEARS ABOUT STRAIN ON FEET

At last week's meeting of the Weidman Hep TOPS Club, Mrs. Wanda Graham gave highlights of a speech in Farwell by Dr. Wagner, a podiatrist from Midland, on how losing weight gives relief to overburdened feet. Several Weidman members had attended the Farwell meeting.

Wilma Gibbs of Barryton was a visitor at the Weidman meeting. Ilene Faber, Doris Wilmot, Caroline Sowle and Rosemary Pung received gifts of aprons for losing 10 pounds.

Mrs. John Engler of Mt. Pleasant won a quilt made by the club.

Irene Zeien was Queen for the week. Pat Schaffer was Princess. Ann Lawler, Reporter.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter
Alva Cummins and Mrs. Alma White called on Mrs. Treva Cummins at the Edmore hospital Sunday. Mrs. Cummins is improving. Mrs. Mildred Terry and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin were Wednesday callers of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Kenny and Eddie attended graduating exercises at the K. C. Hall in Beal City for Miss Marjorie Rau, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow spent Saturday in Lansing with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Denslow, getting acquainted with her new granddaughter, who has been named Lori Ann. She spent Sunday with Mrs. Stuart Denslow and children in Jackson. Mr. Denslow has employment in Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. Denslow and children will join him in June.

Mrs. Vivian Wilson of Grand Rapids came Thursday and took her father, Jack Thompson, home with her for a few days. She brought him home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson attended a wedding reception for

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Knorr at Mt. Morris Saturday evening.

Bob and Bill Thompson spent Saturday afternoon and over night with Tim and Willard Workman at the Roy Hewlett home.

The Joe Martin family and Woodrow Martin were Sunday guests of the Lloyd Carrolls in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Martin and Brad helped Mrs. Lena Martin dress turkeys one day last week.

Mrs. Mana Powers of Greenville was a Saturday morning caller of Mrs. Flora Wood.

Mrs. Wood attended a banquet at the cafeteria of the Weidman school for four graduates from the Forest Hill Church, Saturday evening.

Mrs. Carrie Wood is vacationing at Las Vegas, Nev.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller were Monday shoppers in Saginaw a week ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent called at the Wayne Fox home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Mabel Dent and Mrs. Gertrude Johnson and children were Wednesday supper guests at the

Chuck Roberts home in Lansing.

Mrs. Donna Carr and daughter were Friday evening callers at the Dent home. Mr. and Mrs. Dent called on her mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, Friday.

Gerald Dent and Mrs. Linda Krueger spent Saturday evening in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children were Sunday supper guests of her parents.

Mrs. Mildred Terry called on Mrs. Deborah Benn Wednesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn called on the Wilbur Benns Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Denslow, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denslow and family and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Chaffee were Sunday afternoon and evening visitors at the Mack Denslow home.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson attended Farm Bureau at the Orrie Merrihew home Tuesday evening. Saturday evening they attended the car races in Mt. Pleasant, then they attended a shivaree at the Marion Johnson home, for their daughter.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS FIVE TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular Rebekah sponsored card party last Tuesday afternoon at the IOOF Hall, five tables were in play, and nice prizes won.

Mary Larson won high, Edna Schultz low, Floyd Dutcher pepper, and Russell Wilson won the door prize.

The committee served a delightful lunch of hot rolls and coffee or tea.

The next party will be at the same place Tuesday, May 28. You're invited to enjoy an afternoon with your friends.

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STYLE SHOW IS A SUCCESS

Many mothers and friends attended the 7th and 8th Grade style show of the Homemaking classes at the Weidman school last Friday afternoon.

The girls did real well making their bright-flowered dresses and hats.

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Mr. and Mrs. Burr Abramhamson of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Ethel Bywater.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

John Smith and boys were callers at the Louise Smith home Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Irene Smith was a Thursday evening visitor. Mrs. Bernie Smith was a Friday evening caller. Mr. and Mrs. Art Proefrock and family of Reed City and Mrs. Profrock and Beverly were Sunday luncheon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Pung called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Rau and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell gave a party at the K. of C. Hall Sunday, for their graduates from Beal City High School.

Tuesday evening Louise Smith entertained four ladies at cards, while their men attended a K. of C. meeting. When the men returned, all enjoyed lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gross and family of Portland called on Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer and Mrs. Joe Pung Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Rita Steig of Midland spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Joe Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lawens of Mt. Pleasant and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rau spent last Wednesday in Holland.

Mrs. Diana Pung and children and Mrs. Matie Pung spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pung in St. Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Schafer of Saginaw spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schafer.

The bans of matrimony were announced Sunday for the first time between William Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martin, Sr., and Katherine Schroeck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Schroeck.

Bob Schafer and Bob Klumpp spent Friday night with 16 Boy Scouts at Saginaw. Saturday night Bill Wentworth stayed with them. They returned home Sunday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moss of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday evening at the Tony Schafer home.

Mrs. Donald Schmidt and son, Timmy, of Fayetteville, N. C., returned home Monday after visiting at the Ernest Schmidt home. Judy Schmidt went with Virginia for a month's visit in North Carolina. Virginia and also Richard Schmidt and wife of Grand Haven attended the Cold War Memorial ceremonies at CMU Saturday, with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmidt, when area service men who have died in Vietnam were honored.

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WEST

Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR SHIRLEY MAEDER

Shirley Maeder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Maeder, celebrated her 11th birthday Saturday afternoon, at her home.

Many girl friends attended, and enjoyed the usual party treats, topped with ice cream and cake.

Shirley received lovely gifts for a young lady.

The new home Herman Schafer is building north of the Weidman Cemetery is progressing nicely. It is good that our young couples are building in our area.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Vogel and family were Sunday afternoon visitors and supper guests at the Gary Wernette home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Gross plan to attend graduation exercises this Thursday evening at Beal City, and later in the evening attend Open House at the Cecil Clare home for their son, Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mahon and Melissa called at the Don Alwood home last Tuesday evening. Melissa is the first grandniece for Don and Helen Alwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hudak and family of Flint, including their son, Dan, home on furlough from the Army, spent Sunday at the Isadore Schafer home. "Happy Wedding Anniversary" to Isadore and Catherine on Saturday, their 41st.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alwood enjoyed fishing with the Alwood children back of the Alwood home Sunday, and were supper guests. Rusty Alwood was home Sunday from his pipeline work around Gaylord.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and children and Mary, Peter and Tommy Smith attended "Blackbeard's Ghost" at Mt. Pleasant Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Straus entertained their club recently. The Bernie Rileys will have the next club, in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gross attended a family dinner at the Ray Tilmann home Sunday in honor of their daughter, Rose, who is graduating Thursday evening from Beal City High School.

Miss Roselene Schafer plans to have her cast off her hand this week. She fell five weeks ago and hurt the hand. She is feeling pretty good at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Martin called at the Jerry Lonergan home in Midland Sunday. Sharlene Thren and Patty Kavanaugh returned home with them, after spending the weekend there. Little Kenny Lonergan came home with his grandparents also for a visit.

Miss Joletta McConnell and Steve Thren spent Sunday in Detroit, attending a baseball game. They also called on an Army buddy of Steve's.

Many relatives and friends have called at the Richard Pohl home recently to make the acquaintance of the new baby, Sharyl Lynn. Sharyl's older sister, Diane, and brother, Tom, were her godparents when she was baptized at the Beal City church.

Mrs. Louise Schafer called at the Fred Smith home Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Helen Alwood and Jim, Donny and Cathy, Mrs. Lucille Smith and Jim and Mary Lou Smith attended a Beginners' Band picnic at School Section Lake

Saturday afternoon.

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EAST

Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Latham were Saturday dinner guests of his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham were Saturday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Latham called Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Irene Jones and Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Branson Monday evening.

Harold Skinner wants to thank the people who stopped at the corner of M-20 and Coldwater Road to help put out a fire in his car engine Friday evening. He found out it really pays to carry a fire extinguisher in the car.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Skinner of Belding spent the weekend with his parents. They also called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Baldwin, of near Remus. Pvt. Virgil Harvey called on Wally Sunday afternoon.

Violet Wright called on Esther Skinner one day last week.

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RUMMAGE SALES START

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Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phelps were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fordyce last Wednesday. Mrs. Alma Perry is not too well at this time. She is staying with her daughter in Flint. Her address is 4710 Fleming Rd., Flint. She would be glad to hear from her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. La Vern Perry of Midland were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts. In the afternoon they called on Mrs. Lola Graham and Mrs. Emma Perry.

The Pioneer Farm Bureau met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vanness Cook Tuesday evening, with a pot-luck supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts and family spent the weekend in New Baltimore, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ali Jarman. Saturday they attended an air show at Selfridge Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Seymour spent four days in Gladwin at the home of her mother, while they were having work done on their floors in their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts, Mrs. Lois Graham and Mr. and Mrs. La Vern Perry went to Flint Saturday to visit Mrs. Alma Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Graham, Mr. and Mrs. George Getchel and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Crane went to Jackson Friday night to attend a meeting at the Church of Christ. George Stansburg was the speaker. Later they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perry.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce were Mr. and

Mrs. Wm. Phillips and Mrs. Bernice Cook.

A number of families from the Pioneer Farm Bureau group attended a pot-luck supper May 21 in Mt. Pleasant, put on by the County Farm Bureau women, promoting Michigan Week. The County Board of Supervisors and their wives were invited. The Gilmore Church of Christ Men's Quartet sang three songs, and pictures were shown.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mullett and son, John, were Saturday supper guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips.

Mrs. Claude Wendel of Flint spent the weekend at the farm.

Mrs. Morgenstern of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Buchel.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wood were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rupp of Coldwater Lake Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed McAlvey and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wood attended Open House in Lansing Sunday afternoon, honoring Mrs. Lola Harmon. She is retiring, after having taught school for 40 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dahlquist of Dallas, Texas, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wood Wednesday. Mrs. Dahlquist is their granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Honeywell of Flint visited the Egbert Fordyce and Elwyn Pitts homes Sunday evening. ---0---

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

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Place and family of New York visited his brother and family, the Earl Places. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Norman. Mrs. Myrtle Geasler was feeling a little better.

Mrs. Maggie Boger is home from CMC Hospital.

Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma were dinner guests Thursday of Mrs. Cole's sisters, Mrs. Helen Wardwell and Mrs. Hilda Sampson.

Mrs. Sampson reports her husband, William, is some better, at the tb sanitorium in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baukey of Muskegon spent several days with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole. Mrs. Cole and the Baukeys called on their aunt and Mrs. Cole's cousin, Mrs. Anna Hanner, at the Padgett Rest Home in Lake, Tuesday.

Tuesday callers of the Paul Coles were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan, Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Ruth Border.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ellsworth and Debbie and Doug spent the weekend with the Coles. They returned to their home in Mason Sunday.

Joe Mossell and boys spent the weekend at their cabin at Harrison. They visited their parents,

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole.

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Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

Cora Estes is a patient at the Kelsey Memorial Hospital at Lakeview.

The members of Brinton Chapel and their pastor, Norman Brines, met at the Chapel Saturday and removed all loose stones and brush from the church yard. They plan to hire the east half of the church lot covered with fertile soil.

Mrs. Wilma Sniff of Remus is helping with the work at the Estes home while Mrs. Estes is in the Lakeview hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Latham were shopping in Grand Rapids Saturday. On their way home they stopped for a visit with their daughter's in Mecosta.

A barn dance will be held at the home of Fay Forbes Saturday evening, May 25. All square-dancers welcome.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan and family of Flint spent Sunday with Mrs. Emily Wood. Nancy Kirvan of Big Rapids was also a visitor. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children were Monday callers.

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Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock attended the 50th anniversary observance and banquet of the Pinecrest Christian School of Nursing at Grand Rapids, May 9. They visited his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, of Riverdale, Sunday.

Miss Gloria Stemm of Lake visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Voss were glad to have a phone call from their son, Steven, from Fort Knox, Ky., last week.

Mrs. Lena St. John and daughter, Mrs. Clayton Beutler, attended the funeral of Mrs. Cora Herald at Middleton Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. St. John reported that Mrs. Cora Estes entered the Lakeview hospital Friday night.

We are glad to hear Mrs. Maggie Boger is better.

Mrs. Otto Skalitzky accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bazaire and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Sutliff of Flint to Middleton Sunday afternoon where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Cora Herald. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City visited Mr. and Mrs. Skalitzky Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley visited Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Crooked Lake Thursday evening. Miss Terri Brown of Weidman was a Saturday overnight and Sunday guest of her grandparents.

Mrs. Ida Bazaire and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy of Greenville were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and Kay, Cheryl, Cindy, Valerie and David visited Mr. and Mrs. Del Esterline of Farwell Saturday evening.

Miss Cindy Leiter spent Saturday with her cousin, Miss Teresa Loomis.

Miss Carol Wezenski of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson attended dedication ceremonies at CMU Saturday morning, to receive Barry's medals. We hope to hear the peace talks making progress soon, that the deaths of our young men have not been in vain!

Miss Janice Williams of Kalamazoo State College and Miss Kathy Block visited at the Thompson home Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Alma Dosenberry called Sunday evening.

Mrs. Lyle Denslow visited Mrs. Ward Loomis at Sherman City Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and family Sunday afternoon.

Miss Janice Williams of Kalamazoo State College called on

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Ralph visited her father and sister, Manley Oliver and Mrs. Marguerite Coleman, at Remus Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray visited their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray, and family, at Mt. Pleasant one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis and family. They visited his father and brother, Arthur and Patrick Loomis, Sunday.

They were glad to have a phone call from Vance (Mike) from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Mrs. Ray Patterson and Mrs. Blanche Britton of Marion visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Badder of Belding were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow visited at the Otis Conleys' and Otto Skalitzky's Saturday evening.

Miss Lori Jorgensen of Barryton was a Saturday overnight guest of Miss Denise Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Denslow visited her mother, Mrs. Mabel Cummings, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cornell and family of Barryton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe were in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday. Mrs. Monroe's x-ray reports were okay. Mrs. Muriel Miller and Mrs. Carol Abbott called on the Monroes Thursday evening. Arthur Atchinson was a Sunday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley visited her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Irwin, Jr., at Stevenson Lake, and her father, Andrew Irwin, Sr., at the Clare rest home, Thursday afternoon. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Edward Marshall of Coleman.

Visitors during the weekend at the Stanley home were Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and girls of St. Johns, David Moore of Saginaw, Ronald Stanley, Cheryl Leiter, and Donald Pung and children of Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Geasler of Remus were Sunday callers of Mrs. Ethel McLean. Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller were Sunday supper guests. Mrs. Eva Denslow was a dinner guest.

Mrs. Ethel McLean got some asparagus at the Stanley Dague place, Sunday, where the Dagues raise it by the acres.

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THE FAY FORBES FAMILY PUTS ON ANOTHER DANCE

The Fay Forbes family of the Brinton area are planning a repeat of last year's highly successful barn dance, for Saturday evening, May 25.

Last year the young 'uns thought it would be a fun thing, and it was. About 400 enjoyed square-dancing. Mrs. Forbes has coffee ready, you bring sandwiches.

NorthWeidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Blodgett and family of Flint visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys visited Mr. and Mrs. Danny Wernett and family Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Muriel Miller visited Greg Knollenberg Friday.

Albert Gott and Mrs. Flossie Allen of Winn took Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and Rusty for a ride in the north country Sunday afternoon. Rusty returned home with them.

Mrs. Joan Allen of Blanchard attended the Baptist Church Sunday with Mrs. Elvah Gott and Becky and Debbie Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott called on Mr. and Mrs. Sam Waters Sunday evening. Sam is doing nicely recovering from his accident.

Mrs. Bessie Sexton says she feels fine. She went to Sturgis Sunday to visit her mother, Maude Beers,

and other relatives a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott visited relatives in Clare Wednesday, and called on her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGillis, of Lake.

Mrs. Leona Gott, Mrs. Elvah Gott and Mrs. Flossie Allen of Winn were in Cadillac Tuesday afternoon.

Rusty Gott of Winn visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, the weekend. He mowed the lawn, tilled the garden, and attended church and Sunday school.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harner of Wycoming, Mich., were Saturday afternoon visitors of Frank and Ernest Gross.

Mr. and Mrs. Fey Johnson and family spent the weekend in Fruitport, visiting friends.

Mrs. John Sheldon entered CMC Hospital Friday for transfusions.

Mrs. Lawrence Graham (Ilah Davy) underwent major surgery at CMC Hospital Monday morning. Diana Wildman and Pearl Battle are helping care for the two children, Anita and Joey.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter
BIRTHDAY DINNER SERVED FOR FAMILY ANNIVERSARIES
 Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer and sons of Bay City spent Sunday at the Edward Schafer home. A birthday dinner was served.

Those in the Schafer family celebrating birthdays last week were Edward; his son-in-law, Wayne Sherlock; daughter-in-law, Judy Schafer; and grandson, Ricky.

Judy was not able to be with them, as she and Don were on their way home and didn't arrive until Monday morning.

BIRTHDAY PARTY HELD FOR PETER LORENZ

A birthday party was held last Wednesday evening for Peter Lorenz.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simmer and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lorenz and children of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lorenz and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Theisen and children of Mt. Pleasant;

Mrs. Max Straus and children of Weidman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haupt, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin and son, Ray.

Pete was 70 years young. Happy Birthday, Pete!

Mrs. Joe Marchiando and Mrs. Ron Schafer attended a state bowling tournament at Grand Rapids a week ago Saturday and Sunday.

Timmy Marchiando, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marchiando, had the misfortune to fall and cut his head Friday afternoon. He had 12 stitches taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jacobs of George Lake returned to Michigan after spending the winter in Florida. They spent from Tuesday till Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lorenz.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klumpp were called to CMC Hospital

Thursday evening. Their father, Otto Klumpp, of Shepherd, was taken there with a serious heart condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wolfersberger entertained her brother, Bruce Urie, and his girl friend, Madeline Okerman, of Battle Creek, Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Rupp returned home last week Monday after spending 10 days in Grand Rapids, at the home of her daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sherlock of Kalkaska spent Saturday and Sunday at the Edward Schafer home. Joe Schafer went with Wayne to Adrian Saturday to get the Sherlocks' furniture.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer and son, Joe, called at the hospital Saturday afternoon to see Grandpa Klumpp. In the evening they enjoyed supper with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pankhurst and family of Mt. Pleasant. ---0---

Two Rivers

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin called on friends around Barryton last Monday. Mrs. Doris Jones of Mt. Pleasant took the Martins to Farwell to visit their father, Leander Bierschbach, at the Ardis Rest Home. He was quite well, they found.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin and Raymond were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lorenz. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jacobs of George Lake were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin called on Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Garrett Thursday afternoon. Saturday they had supper with John Faber. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening guests of the Martins.

Mrs. Marian Johnson, Mrs. Janet McCreight and Cathy and Mrs. Ernest Courser attended a Mother-Daughter Banquet Friday evening at the Coomer Church. They represented four generations.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Courser called on Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wag-

ester of Broomfield, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ward and family of Ovid spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ward.

Mrs. Blanche Carr and Mrs. Norman Carr of Shepherd visited Mrs. Nettie Baker Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Letson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweet and family of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harvey and family of Grand Rapids came Sunday, and the family had a farewell dinner honoring their son and brother, Pvt. Virgil Harvey, who left for Camp Pendleton, Calif., Tuesday morning from Tri-Cities Airport.

Men in Uniform

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 medals, the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Capt. Donald F. Schmidt, who died in Vietnam June 20, 1967, had been awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star previously.

Mentioned at the ceremonies were two men from Bay City and one from Gaylord.

The parents were guests of the ROTC at the University.

Barry's citation reads as follows: "The President of the United States of America has awarded the Bronze Star Medal posthumously to Private First Class E-3 Barry A. Thompson, US54967424, Unit-

ed States Army, for Outstanding Meritorious Service during the period 24 October, 1967, to 20 December, 1967.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on the Harlan Spragues of Mt. Pleasant Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman visited his sister, Mrs. Herman Comer, of Evert Sunday. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Herman and daughter at Horsehead Lake Saturday evening.

Mrs. Joe Bleise visited Mrs. Bernard Riley Sunday evening.

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