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Editor's Column

By Connie

WE PUT THE MESSENGER IN MOURNING FOR GEORGE

This week the Weidman Messenger is in mourning for the death of its co-publisher, George Skinner.

Putting a newspaper in mourning on such an occasion has become old-fashioned: But the Messenger itself is old-fashioned, and this issue is the mourning issue for its co-publisher.

In other days, on the death of its editor or publisher, a newspaper ran its date-line section in extra-black outline. It also ran its front page with extra-black column rules.

That is the Messenger this week.

Very few newspapers even use column rules any more, much less go into mourning.

But we do.

Sometimes Ye Ed, on writing this column, or especially after the paper is printed and in the hands of its readers--sometimes, by the thundering silence in response to some of our controversial editorials, we feel we don't have a friend in the world.

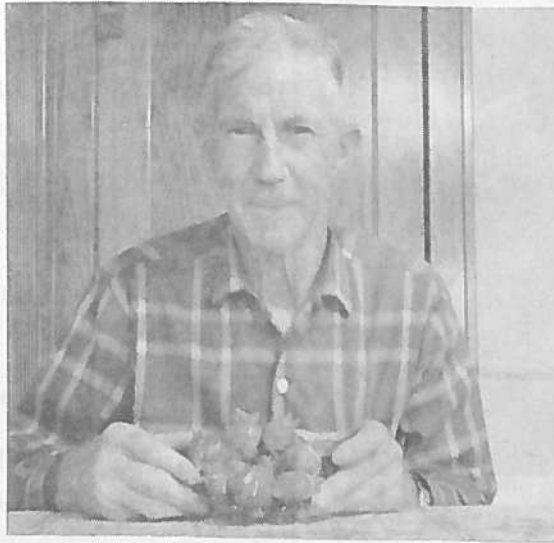
This past week Ye Ed has realized that she and George Skinner do indeed have many, many friends, for they have manifested their friendship and affection in many ways this past week, many in very concrete terms.

We are humbly grateful to all the very many who have so made clear their friendship and affection for us.

A newspaper must be printed and mailed each week in order to retain its second-class mailing privileges. No matter what happens to the publisher's or editor's family, the paper must come out. So--we get out some kind of paper this week, and as we have said in some other times, don't ask us what's in it.

But for several reasons, the Messenger must come out this week.

Connie wants to put here a personal Thank You to the very many folks of Weidman, Mt. Pleasant, and the area between, for their calls and cards of sym-



FRUIT GROWER, FISHERMAN, FRIEND--George Skinner knew how to grow and market fruit, and no one would question his ability to catch fish. He also knew how to make many friends, and during his nine and a half years' residence in Weidman he did just that. He was everybody's friend. The above photo was taken in fortunate times, just a year ago, when he was happily gathering giant strawberries from his well-tended patch of Ozark Beauty ever-bearing plants. At that time he appeared well and happy, and he loved to run that old station wagon up and down the road to town, visiting with people. That was when he was not in his boat, fishing. While he had many friends in retail stores to whom he sold apples during the 1950's, he also had made Weidman his town and everyone in it his friend.

pathy; for the beautiful flowers for George; for the gifts of money to Connie; for the food that was brought to the house in Weidman; and for the countless acts and expressions of sympathy and affection manifested during the past week.

A very special Thank You to J. Stanley Weidman of Durango, Colo., for his letter to us while George was in the hospital, and his very substantial gift and understanding.

Also Connie is grateful to the children of George Skinner, who have been of great help during these past few months.

Also our deepest gratitude to Ruth Momany, who once worked on the Messenger and who has been helping us get the paper out the past month, as a task of friendship and affection.

Also the Adams brothers, who brought up George's boat from its mooring place on Lake of the Hills and bedded it down for the winter.

Also our deep appreciation for the material help and comfort from our sister and brother-in-

law, Frances and Barney Tranbarger, of The Flower Shop, Weidman; and The Flower Shop for the beautiful floral pieces.

Also Rev. Marvin Eldridge, for his appropriate and very beautiful funeral sermon. Rev. Eldridge knew and understood George Skinner.

We are indeed indebted.

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LA RUE BARTLETT DIES UNEXPECTEDLY IN CHICAGO

La Rue Bartlett died unexpectedly Monday, Oct. 27, in a Chicago hospital, where he had been a patient about a week. He had undergone surgery.

His daughter, Mrs. Virginia Baxter, and children left Tuesday for Chicago.

The La Rue Bartletts would have celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in November.

La Rue was the son of Fred and Fannie Bartlett, old-time residents of Weidman.

The family has the sympathy of all.

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GOLDEN WEDDING FOR THE MERLE RATHBURNS

We have received an announcement of an Open House honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rathburn of Flint, on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 1 to 5 o'clock, at 1501 Flushing Road, Flint.

The reception is sponsored by their children.

The Merle Rathburns both were raised in Weidman. Mrs. Rathburn is the former Queena Gillett, daughter of Dr. Gillett, our old-time local physician.

Their many friends will offer congratulations.

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NEW GARAGE OPEN HOUSE WAS A BIG THING FOR TOWN

The opening of a new auto-repair and used car sales garage here in Weidman Saturday, with the old Sides building repaired and rebuilt and repainted by the young Marshalls who own the new business, was a major event for this town.

The Marshalls have really done a beautiful job on the cement-block building originally built and occupied by T. C. Hampton for a Ford dealership, back in the days of the Model T.

Now it is a beautifully appointed showroom and efficient garage space, with the outside doing the village honor by its spic-and-span appearance.

Prizes were given visitors all through the Open House day Saturday, with the following listed as winners:

Mrs. W.A. Appelgreen, a blender; Wilma Aungst, snowmobile oil and can; Daisy Embrey, snowmobile oil and can; Birdie Abbott, engine tuneup; Mrs. Fred Rescoe, 5-gallons of tractor oil;

Car kits to Marty Albar and Joan Charnes; set of wiper blades to Nina Carrick and Jim Clark; lube job and filters to Denise Albar, Amy Albar, Bill Maeder, Todd Albar, Mrs. Robert Van Kuren, Gaynell Finney, Renada Johnson, Jennie Sprague, Joyce Curtiss, J.P. Bishop, Dan Carrick, Wanda Graham, and Harold Skinner.

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Jerry Judge and Marilyn Hightsman took Mrs. Joe Judge and daughter, Jean, and Mrs. Clara Fox to Cadillac Sunday, for dinner with Marilyn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hightsman.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY--Mr. and Mrs. William J. Frantz of Mt. Pleasant celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Oct. 26, with an Open House sponsored by their children and grandchildren. It was held at the IOOF Hall in Mt. Pleasant, from 2 to 5 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Frantz were married at the Presbyterian Parish by the late Rev. Joseph H. Green.

Many friends and relatives attended the Open House.

Bill and Jessie (Reed) Frantz are old-time Weidman folks, and we join their many other friends in offering congratulations.

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Obituary

GERALD LATHAM

Gerald Latham of Coldwater Township died last Thursday, Oct. 23, at the Clare General Hospital. He was 65.

He was born June 4, 1904, in Broomfield Township, and was a lifelong resident of this area.

He is survived by his wife, Laura; four sons, John and James of Coldwater Township; Chelsea of Mt. Pleasant, and Charles (Gary), with the U. S. Army in Germany; two daughters, Mrs. Geraldine Olger of Coldwater Township, and Mrs. Jeanette Hard of Freeland; and 19 grandchildren; five brothers, Tom of Remus, Carl of Blanchard, Harley of Mt. Pleasant, and Ted and Elic of Williamston.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 25, at 2 p. m. at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Rev. William Rawleigh officiating. Burial was in the North Brinton

Cemetery.

The family has the sympathy of the community.

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"GEORGE"

Our beloved George is gone, Will go out fishing no more; Now we are lonely and alone, For God just knocked at his door.

A blood disorder took him. He slipped peacefully into sleep. Always so full of vigor and vim, It's really hard not to weep.

Had the most beautiful blue eyes, Always stood so straight and tall. He shone, just like stars in the skies And was loved by one and all.

Now he is in that Golden Land, And we really miss him so; We try so hard to understand But he's happy there, we know.

Gave his family so much love, And was eighty-six years old. He's in God's beautiful garden above

Where streets are paved with gold.

(Written by Mabel Chaffee Oct. 23, 1969.)

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

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NEWS NOTES

Ike Hampton of Benton Harbor spent Sunday night with his mother, Edna Schultz.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all the friends and relatives who were so kind and thoughtful during my stay in CMC Hospital:

For the visits, flowers, and cards sent me; and for the Gray Ladies' delivering the Weidman Messenger to my room.

I am deeply appreciative.
 Ambrose Thielen

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends, neighbors and relatives for all the gifts, flowers, cards, money, and all who called to help us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary;

Our children and grandchildren for all the effort put forth to make our day a memorable one.

Again Thanks, and our appreciation to everyone.
 Sincerely,
 Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for all the lovely flowers and for helping to make our Grand Opening a big success.

Sincerely,
 Pat and Allan Marshall
 Marshall Sales & Service
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Card of Thanks

We wish to express our deep appreciation for the very many acts of kindness, help and sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, George Skinner.

We want to thank all those who visited him at the hospital and Medical Facility; the Weidman Business Association for the beautiful mum plant at the hospital; and others who sent him flowers

and flower arrangements, especially the Gilmore Merry Go Round Club;

We are appreciative of the food and help at the family's dinner at the Brinton Hall after the funeral; we thank the WSCS ladies of the Methodist Church, and friends and neighbors who sent in food; the ladies of the Brinton community who so greatly helped with their gifts of food and their services at the hall; Borley-Hanel VFW Post and Auxiliary No. 3033 of Mt. Pleasant;

The Crittenden Funeral Home and Jack Crittenden personally for his consideration and understanding;

Rev. Marvin Eldridge for his beautiful tribute to George Skinner, in his funeral sermon;

And Dr. Lionel Davis, and all the doctors, nurses, and other personnel of the CMC Hospital, and the Medical Care Facility, who did so much to help and comfort him;

And all our friends and neighbors and relatives who helped in any way: We are grateful.

Constance Skinner
 Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Skinner
 And Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jones
 And Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Branson
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner
 And Family

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Rev. Father Neubecker, CMC Hospital staff, doctors, Medical Care Facility staff, the Rush Funeral Home, pallbearers, and all friends, neighbors and relatives who showed their kindness and remembrance in the recent loss of our beloved one.

Mr. Peter Schafer
 Sister Marie Alexander
 Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schafer
 Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fox
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schafer

Obituary

GEORGE W. SKINNER
 George W. Skinner died at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility last Thursday, Oct. 23. He was 86.

He suffered from leukemia and heart failure, and died from the latter, unexpectedly, Thursday morning.

He was born in Constantia Center, N. Y., July 27, 1883.

He came with his parents to Michigan as a small child, and his family was one of the pioneer families that took up land after the timber men from Saginaw

cut it over for the white pine.

As a young man he worked in the woods as a lumberjack, and was one of the few remaining real lumberjacks in Michigan.

In the 1930's he wrote a book, "The Axe Thrower of the Tittabawassee," a novel containing a great deal of authentic description of the lumbering operations. The book was printed in Rolla Roe's printshop in Weidman, and it is now on the rare-book list, as very few copies are known to be remaining.

He and his wife, Lizzie (Hamilton), ran a hotel in the old days of Brinton, and later a store. Then they bought the land known as the Skinner Fruit Farm, and the two set out small apple trees and grew a sizeable orchard.

For years they tended the apple orchard, and George worked up a profitable business selling apples bagged to retail stores over the central part of the state.

He is survived by his wife, Constance; two sons, Bennett of Swartz Creek and Harold of Coldwater Township; two daughters, Mrs. Wm. (Mary) Jones of Florida, and Mrs. Harold (Thelma) Branson, of Weidman and Florida; and 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Weidman Business Association.

Services were held Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating.

Burial was in the North Brinton Cemetery, with graveside prayer.

Marie Smith and Viola Sampsell left last Friday for Florida after spending two weeks in this area. Mrs. Sampsell sold her trailer and grounds to Mr. and Mrs. George Keiffer.



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Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Words can't express the sympathy we feel for you, Connie, in the loss of your husband. We also extend our sympathy to his sons and daughters and their families in their sorrow. But we know you will all have many happy memories which will live forever.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Mrs. Gerald Latham, sons and daughters, and their families, in the passing of her husband and their father. He was a good and kind neighbor, and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow and Mrs. Dale Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Showers and Mrs. Kate Darnell of Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City were Sunday evening guests.

Mrs. Vada Conley and daughter, Mrs. Loretta Clark, Mrs. Evelyn Hackney of Weidman, and a friend from Mt. Pleasant went to Detroit Saturday morning where they boarded a plane for Hawaii to spend two weeks.

Mrs. Lena St. John and Mrs. Nina Forbes of Weidman were at the Lakeview Clinic Tuesday.

Mrs. St. John attended a birthday dinner honoring Mrs. Gladys Wilson, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Margaret Hathaway, Thursday. Other guests were Mrs. Maggie Boger, Mrs. Nina Forbes and Mrs. Queen Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler and Mary, and Mrs. St. John were Grand Rapids shoppers Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck were in Grand Haven and Spring Lake, visiting their daughters and husbands and families, the previous weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., and Patrick and Jill, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell were weekend guests of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck visited Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith, of Riverdale, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coon were Sunday evening visitors at the Schrock home.

Mrs. Ida Bazaire of Weidman and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baxter of Flint were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stebelton of Mt. Pleasant visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, and brothers and sisters, Sunday evening. Miss Cheryl Leiter was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Moore of Barryton, enjoying dinner at Mecosta.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Courser and mother, Mrs. Leona Courser,

and Mrs. Ella Cox of Mt. Pleasant and Ralph Thompson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Roddy. We were sorry to hear that Hazen Thompson entered Clare General Hospital Tuesday night. Hope to hear he is better soon!

Mrs. Max Gray of Midland visited Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Duane Gray of Mt. Pleasant went to Big Rapids Thursday to make the acquaintance of their great-grandson and grandson, Christopher Duane, born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gray last Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Loren Gray and children called at the Gray home Saturday. The children, Lori, Steven, Kristy and Cheryl, remained over night, spending Sunday with them. Mr. and Mrs. Gray called on Rev. and Mrs. Eldridge Saturday, to see their new baby son.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loomis and family were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters. Miss Teresa Loomis attended a birthday party for one of her classmates at Two Rivers Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Loomis and daughters visited their son and brother, Dennis, at Mt. Pleasant Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dosenberry of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry and Paul and Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jeffers and Priscilla of Sheridan visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John Saturday afternoon.

The Emmonses were supper guests of the Jeffers at the Dairy Bar in Barryton Saturday evening. Mrs. Emmons reported that their granddaughter, Sarah Bobroski, of Lansing, was better.

Mrs. Mabel Cummings of Barryton was a Saturday evening visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Denise. Mr. and Mrs. Denslow and Denise and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald De Vries and children of Big Rapids.

Callers during the first of the week at the Stanley home were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Marshall of Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gorby of Lake Thirteen. Mrs. Gorby and Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and daughters of Lake Thirteen called Friday evening, and the little girls stayed with us while they visited Glenn at the hospital in Mt. Pleasant. He has a blood clot on his leg again. We hope he will soon be okay, as I know there's a big black bear and a nine-point buck waiting there at the "shack" in the Upper Peninsula.

Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Susan and Sandra were Saturday evening supper guests at the Stanley home. Rev. Russell Stanley, Jr., called Saturday evening

and took us to Remus to pay respects to Mr. Skinner.

Sunday dinner guests, honoring Mr. Stanley's and Donald's birthdays, which were Wednesday and Thursday respectively, of this week, were Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley and Joyce and Paul of Mt. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Susan and Sandra of St. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and Debbie and Pam of Lake Thirteen, and Donald Stanley and Michael, Martin, Richard, Sheryl and Sheila of Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ray of Big Rapids (Marsha Kay, daughter of the Andy Stanleys of Barryton) were the proud parents of a son, Sunday morning. He is our first great-grandson. Don't know his name yet.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith and boys of Flint called on their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith, Saturday evening.

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

Among callers of Connie Skinner Saturday and Sunday were

Mrs. Leona Martin of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Skinner of Swartz Creek, Mrs. John Dwyer of Traverse City, and Mrs. Gladys Callihan of St. Johns. Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Granger of rural Harrison were Saturday afternoon guests, and they and Connie were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Tranbarger. The Grangers also attended the funeral Sunday, as did Mary Jean Dwyer, and were afternoon guests of Connie.

Mrs. Edwardine Curtis of New York and her father, Edward Carey, of Mt. Pleasant, were Monday visitors of Mrs. Ethel Bywater.

Weidman Messenger

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Schafer of Saginaw spent the weekend with their father, Peter Schafer. Sister Marie Alexander returned home with them Sunday. She took a plane back to Santa Rosa, New Mexico, Monday, after a three weeks' leave.

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

All their children came home Thursday evening to help Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer of Winn, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer of Beal City. All reported a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer and Mrs. Joe Pung visited Will Pung at the hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Herman Grinzinger and Mrs. Tillie Schafer called on Louise Smith Saturday morning.

Louise Smith spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Ed Zeien.

We hear that Lavina Elias, in the Medical Care Facility at Mt. Pleasant, is walking around with a walker now. Keep up the good work, Lavina.

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

The Wackers, Alfred, Tillie and Dorothy, were up from St. Johns the weekend, and visited relatives around Beal City.

Gertrude Grodski of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with Ann Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keiffer of Weidman stayed a few days with Mrs. Will Pung, and took her to the hospital to see Will.

Jim Smith of Lansing spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and family of Big Rapids spent Saturday in Beal City.

Dora Smith called on Mrs. Ed Schafer Saturday afternoon, to see their chinchillas.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau called on Mr. and Mrs. Dale Noble Sunday afternoon.

Louise Schafer, who works in Mt. Pleasant, spent a two-weeks vacation at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Drager of Wayne visited George and Rose Ann Keiffer of Weidman Wednesday. The four went to Mackinaw City to see the bridge. On their way back they got caught in a snow storm and icy roads, especially around Pelston.

Mrs. Rose Keiffer and Mrs. Emma O'Connor of Carson City visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pung

Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Tilmann is visiting relatives in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer made a trip to Pewamo to visit her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schafer, and family.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

The Benn Johnson family attended a football game at Barryton Friday evening, and they visited his uncle and family, the Marion Johnsons, Saturday evening. Mrs. Johnson and children called on her mother, Mrs. Myrl Blodgett, Sunday.

Mrs. Susie Chapman and Miss Charlene Gross were hostesses at a surprise stork shower Sunday afternoon at the Gerald Losey home, honoring Mrs. Sandra Strazanac.

Mrs. Joanne Cochran was a Friday luncheon guest of Mrs. Marilyn Losey.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and boys attended a Sunday School Hal-lowe'en supper Thursday evening at the Remus Methodist Church. Saturday evening they attended the U. M. Y. F. party at Halls' Corner, and on Friday they attended the last home football game at Barryton. The boys play in the band.

Mrs. Ethel McLean was a Sunday overnight guest of her son, Elwood Miller, and wife. Geo. Miller spent Sunday with his folks. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were Saturday dinner guests of their daughter and husband, the Dick Touchinskis.

Mrs. Flora Wood spent Saturday afternoon with her son, Richard, and family. He is home from the hospital, after surgery, feeling better. Mrs. Wood also made the acquaintance of her great-grandson, Michael Lynn. Mrs. Wood was a Sunday dinner guest of the Vance Wood family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith were Tuesday afternoon callers at the Charlie Losey home. Floyd Dutcher was a Sunday over night guest. Harold Losey was an afternoon caller.

Earl Oplinger, Bill McDonald and Tom Bollman spent from Thursday till Sunday at Rapid River, bear hunting, but no bear.

Mrs. Blanche Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strahle were Sunday afternoon callers of Yours Truly.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Scott were Friday morning callers of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow, Mrs. Joyce Chaffee, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Kent and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee and Mrs. Mary Strait all enjoyed the smorgasbord dinner at the Grange Hall Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Alton Himebaugh and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sisco were Sunday evening guests of the

Mack Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Denslow were Saturday afternoon callers of his mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow. Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Othel Denslow were Saturday supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent were Thursday supper guests of the Lynn Johnson family. Thursday evening they called at the Ralph McCreight home, to see the new house.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Emily Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent, Mrs. GERALINE Johnson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Dobson and children, and Mrs. Gene Dobson and baby of New Era were Sunday dinner guests of the Gerald Dents. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and children, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dent and baby, were supper guests. Steven and Sherri Johnson spent from Thursday till Saturday night with Grandpa and Grandma Dent.

Bill Cummins and Lonnie Kent were Sunday afternoon callers at the Alva Cummins home.

The Alva Cummins and Floyd Dutcher were among local people going to Florida for the winter. They left last week.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

MANY ATTEND THE SMITHS' GOLDEN WEDDING RECEPTION

The 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith was held Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Weidman School cafeteria.

Approximately 200 guests attended.

Out of town relatives and friends came from Dearborn, Kalamazoo, Detroit, Belding, Greenville, Ionia, Carson City, Evart, Barryton, Midland, Wol-verine, Oil City, Bay City, Six Lakes, Coral, Niles, Grand Rapids, Ithaca, and some from Indiana and Ohio.

We add our congratulations to the Smiths, Clayton and Clara.

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REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS SIX TABLES IN PLAY

Six tables of pepper were in play at the last Rebekah sponsored card party last week.

Prizes were won by Will Lawens, Elizabeth Neubecker, Jessie Rosencrantz, with the door prize being won by Clara Fox.

Lunch was served by the committee. The next party will be Nov. 4, at the hall.

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Messenger

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

John Sheldon was a Saturday dinner guest of his son-in-law and daughter, the Raymond Flaughers. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee of Grand Rapids were visitors. Mrs. Flaughter spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. Garold Latham. The Ray Flaughers were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Flaughter and family.

Kathy Emery, Holly Kinnen, Karen Henry and Cindy Warmann of Dearborn were weekend guests of Kathy's grandparents, the Chris Larsons.

Mrs. Dwight Aungst and Marjorie, Earl and Tim were Monday luncheon guests of Blanche Carr.

Blanche had dinner Wednesday with Eva Denslow. She called on Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leider and Mrs. Lovica Krueger Friday. Mrs. Basil Rogers called on Blanche Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strahle of St. Johns were Sunday dinner guests of Blanche.

Mrs. Herman Martin and Raymond recently visited the Herman Martin, Jr., family of Lakeview. Stanley Grewett of Roseville was a Saturday dinner guest of Mrs. Martin and Raymond. Bob and Tom Grewett were afternoon callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Majeroski of Detroit were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Foster and Connie.

Misses Susanne, Janet and Marsha McDonald were Sunday guests at the Edwin Courser home.

Mrs. Berneice Wise was admitted to CMC Hospital again last week.

Mrs. Helen Hartman was a Saturday dinner guest and Arnold Krueger and children and

Mrs. Lovica Krueger were Sunday supper guests at the home of the Jack Leiders.

Mrs. Nettie Baker has been quite ill with flu. Her niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses, of Mt. Pleasant, took care of her.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Garrett took their son, S/3 David Garrett, to Metropolitan Airport in Detroit Tuesday night, where he boarded a plane for Adaka, Alaska, for Navy duty.

Linda Aungst spent a few days, Tuesday till Sunday, in Lansing, where she attended a special series of meetings of the Church of God at De Witt.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Swan and son, Craig, of Milan were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan. They all went to Midland Sunday to help Mrs. Russell Swan celebrate her birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Seybert, Jr., and son, Joe, visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl V. Seybert Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr spent Sunday evening with Blanche Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harvey of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweet and family were Sunday guests of Mrs. Charles Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser and children and Mrs. Leona Courser and Mrs. Ella Cox were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson, to honor the Edwin Coursers on their wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ward and children of Ovid are spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Leiter and daughters spent the weekend visiting relatives in Battle Creek.

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Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

Lewis Corneil and daughter, Mary, of Leavering, Mich., called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce Saturday afternoon.

Sympathy is extended to the families of George Skinner and Gerald Latham.

Friday some of the neighbors picked Raymond Wood's car. Raymond is still in the hospital but is doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce attended the WWI dinner and meeting at Clare Sunday.

The Pioneer Farm Bureau met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fordyce of Farwell last Monday evening.

Don't forget the Merry Go Round Club meeting Nov. 6 at the home of Marilyn Fosberg. The annual bazaar will be held that day. The meeting is being held a week early.

Callers at the Alvin Wood home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kidder, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Badgley and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rupp.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fordyce of Saginaw called on Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts and Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts Saturday evening.

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N. Broomfield

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. George Skinner and other relatives in the passing of Mr. George Skinner recently.

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

Mrs. Glee Krueger and Aliance Cook called on Mrs. Maycie Cook at the Edmore Hospital recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Waters of Delton spent Friday with Mrs. Nettie Crowley.

Mrs. Laura Fritz of Mt. Pleasant spent Thursday with Mrs. E. R. Rhode. Afternoon callers were Mrs. Jean Smith and son, Mrs. Bea Adams, and Mrs. Martha Fanning and Michele.

Mrs. Clara Cooper and Mrs. Bessie Sanders of Riverdale visited Mrs. Helen Hartman Tuesday.

Many farmers have enjoyed seeing the thousands of wild geese going south this fall.

Mrs. Lyda Lueder called on Mrs. Paul Lueder Wednesday.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. E. R. Rhode were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and Mike and Dixie of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Bonne Loucks and Kathy of Lansing, in honor of the coming birthdays of Bonne Loucks and Harold Rhode.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Steeve of St. Louis spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Strong and family of Flint were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Lueder.

Terry Lueder spent Sunday in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Lueder were hosts to the young people of the Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church Sunday evening. The young folks greatly enjoyed the evening, which included a hay ride.

Mrs. Lyda Lueder called on Mrs. Roy Strong Wednesday. Mrs. Strong suffered an injury

some weeks ago. Glad to say she is improving.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and family of Sheridan were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and Larry of Wimm were evening luncheon guests.

Mrs. Hermione Smith had Sunday dinner at the Don Alwood home. In the afternoon Hermione, Helen and Cathy and Mrs. Eileen Abbott attended the funeral of George Skinner at Remus. George will be greatly missed by his family and friends in this area. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Mrs. Elvah Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood called at the Daggett Funeral Home Saturday to pay their respects to Garold Latham. They also stopped at the home to see Mrs. Latham.

Recently Helen Alwood visited Lavina Elias and others at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Linda England and daughters and Mrs. Helen Alwood attended a party for Mrs. Elvah Gott given at the home of Wanda Graham, Monday morning. Mrs. Pearl Jack of Howard City was present.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott were host and hostess at a Halloween party Saturday evening at their home for the neighborhood children. Everyone had a very good time.

Little Treasa Alwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alwood, celebrated her first birthday Sunday. Relatives and friends called through the day, for ice cream and cake, and took gifts for a sweet little girl.

Rusty Alwood and Eddie Kavanaugh spent the weekend home from their jobs near Flint. Don Battle and John Whaley were also home with their families.

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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

We extend our sympathy to the families of George Skinner and Garold Latham.

Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley and two children of Mt. Morris spent Saturday over night and Sunday with the George Merrihews. They all attended the opening of Marshall's Garage on Saturday.

Ricky Merrihew and friend of Taylor were Saturday callers of the Merrihews.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and Joyce and Bobby of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with the Garry Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Dobbson and children and Mrs. Marilyn Dobbson and baby were callers. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher had Sunday supper with them.

Vicki Martin and Cindy McDaniel spent from Wednesday till Sunday afternoon with Vicki's parents in Muskegon.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and Dena of Clio spent Saturday over night with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Simkins. They were Sunday callers of the Clayton and Richard Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Roderick Nicholson spent Wednesday evening with Floyd Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardenburgh and Judy were Friday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ransom and sons of Flint. Judy spent the weekend with them, and Butch drove down Sunday after her.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher. The Clayton Dutchers were callers.

Mrs. Ezoa Strong of Mt. Pleasant was a Sunday dinner guest of the Ervin Dutchers.

The Ervin Dutchers had Sunday supper with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Olson and Mrs. Neil Wetbeck and baby were Sunday afternoon callers of Mrs. Barbara Dutcher.

Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and granddaughter, Kaye Dutcher, called on the Charlie Loseys and Susie Chapman Monday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley were Saturday callers of the Clarence Chaffees.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Dell of Middleville and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hardenburgh and family of Pierson were Saturday visitors of their father, Emory Dell, and the Harry Hardenburghs.

Mrs. Marion Beutler and chil-

dren spent Saturday and Sunday in St. Charles with her folks, the Stanley Sandersons.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler of Rosebush were Sunday evening callers of the Howard Beutlers.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Comstock of rural Blanchard were Saturday afternoon callers of the Orrie Merrihews. Orrie has been feeling better the last couple of weeks. He will celebrate his 81st birthday Nov. 2. It would be nice to have all his friends send him a birthday card.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and sons of Saginaw spent Saturday over night and Sunday with the Ervin Dutchers.

Bob Tabor of North Carolina visited his sister, Catherine McDaniel, and family from Sunday till Tuesday. Ricky Merrihew and friend, Ron, of Taylor, called at the McDaniel home Saturday.

Robyn McDaniel spent the weekend with Elaine McConnell.

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the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Service, 11 a. m.

Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.

Our special meetings seem to have been a real success. Many decisions were made. The program and preaching were very interesting.

We had overflow crowds nearly every night.

Choir practice Sunday evening, 7 o'clock.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Lawrence Smith, Pastor
Church School, 10 a. m.
Worship, 11 a. m.
M. Y. F. Sunday evening 6 o'clock.

Thursday, Oct. 23, McArthur Circle.

Thursday, all day: The women of the Methodist Church will gather for a house-cleaning in the church kitchen. Anyone wishing to help is welcome. Bring a sandwich, or if you like, you may bring a dish to pass.

Monday, Nov. 3: Church Administrative Board, 7.30 p. m.

The church Conference was held Thursday evening, Oct. 23, with Rev. Wm. Wiltse in charge. This was a church conference of the circuit of Weidman, Winn and Coomer churches. The pastor, Rev. Smith, reported on the nominations for the various offices for the churches, and they were so elected. The new officers will take office Jan. 1, 1970.

Rev. Wiltse gave a very interesting devotional message. Following the conference, the group had refreshments in the church

dining area.

BROOMFIELD ZION LUTHERAN
Located six miles south of Weidman on Coldwater Road.
Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor.
Sunday School, 9.15 a. m.
Worship Service, 10.30 a. m.
Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Located four miles west, one-half mile south, one-half mile west of Weidman (Forest Hill Church).
Thursday prayer service, 7.30 p. m.
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
Evening Service, 7 p. m.

ATTENDS DISTRICT MEETING
Wednesday, Oct. 22, Mrs. Lawrence Smith attended a District get-together for the ministers' wives of the Central District, at the District parsonage in Mt.

Pleasant.

Mrs. Wm. Wiltse, as hostess, served a lovely noon meal.

The time was spent getting better acquainted with some of the new residents, and a business meeting.

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BOYS' CLUB TO MEET THIS THURSDAY NIGHT

The Weidman Boys' Club, led by Jerry Hostman, will meet in the Methodist Church basement this Thursday evening, Oct. 30, at 6.30.

This is a change in time, and all youths are asked to note, and to attend the meeting. This is not a church group, but a local civic undertaking.

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Thursday evening dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith were Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Wiltse of Mt. Pleasant.

Mary Starr was a caller of Ruth Momany last Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

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Pabst Blue Ribbon	14	10
Wentworth IGA	13	11
Household Applian.	13	11
Coleman Furn.	12	12
Central Concrete	12	12
Schlitz Beer	12	12
Lowery Northern	11	13
Weidman Bank	11	13
Marchiando & Rau	11	13
Beal City Service	11	13
Giant Super Mkt.	8	16

High Team Series: Lowery Northern 2977. High Team Game: Pabst Blue Ribbon 1080.

High Indv. Series: Ron Neubecker 574, Cub Roher 570, Bob Lyons 547.

High Indv. Game: Bob Wohlscheid 226, Roy Adams 221, Cub Rohen 213.

GUYS & DOLLS
Oct. 24, 1969

Bleise & Straus	22	10
Foster & Moore	22	10
Ecker & Eldred	21	11
Thon & Blake	18	10
Lawens & Pantenb'g	16	16
Lyon & Wilson	15	17
McArthur & Andersn	15	17
Bierschbach & Zill	14	18
Blehm & Moore	14	18
Nolte & Cook	12	20
Sharrar & Mattonen	10	22
Green & McConnell	9	19

High Team Series: Lawens & Pantenburg 2358. High Team Game: Blehm and Moore 844.

High Series, men: Bob Lyon 572, Mitch McArthur 541, Mel Foster 535.

High Game, men: Mitch McArthur 214, Bob Lyon 213, Loren Eldred 193.

High Series, women: Jan Moore 475, Alberta Bleise 468, Mickey Blehm 463.

High Game, women: Alberta Bleise 202, Jan Moore 184, Mickey Blehm 180, Gert Nolte 180.

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BROOMFIELD GRANGE NEWS

Mrs. Eunice Blackmer, Community Service Chairman. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blackmer of Broomfield Grange 1757 attended the 96th State Grange convention in Ionia as subordinate delegates.

Broomfield Grange 1757 took second place on Community Service again this year, and brought home another \$50 bond.

Our Grange is small, but we try to give a helping hand wherever needed.

We have given three quilts to people who have lost their homes by fire or explosions this fall.

Our Grange is small but growing. We had three new members at the last meeting, and have two more applications for this Friday night.

The Grange motto is, "As long as your stay green you keep growing."

Broomfield Grange is trying hard to keep up with the motto.

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PIONEER FARM BUREAU MET OCTOBER 20

The Pioneer Farm Bureau of Gilmore Township met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fordyce Oct. 20, with 16 members and one visitor, Mrs. Bernice Cook, present.

A short business session was conducted by Chairman Wm. L. Phillips.

Our secretary, Laura Cook,

gave a good report on the Isabella County annual meeting she attended, and also reported we won a turkey, so all agreed to have a turkey Thanksgiving dinner.

Mrs. John Laverty invited us to have it at her home. It will also be our regular meeting, Nov. 10.

Discussion topic, "Review of School Tax Laws," was led by Egbert Fordyce.

A reading was given by Bernice Cook, "Man: Greatest Machine," which we all enjoyed.

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MERRY GO ROUND CLUB MEETS EARLY, NOV. 6

The Merry Go Round Club will meet early, on Nov. 6, at the home of Mrs. Marilyn Fosberg north of Brinton.

The club's annual bazaar, a delightful event, will feature this meeting's program.

The club is meeting early in November on account of the deer season.

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Real Estate Transfers

Earl N. Runyon To Donald A. Myers & Wife, Pt. NW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ of Sec. 13, Sherman Twp.

Metropolitan Real Estate, Inc. To Marathon Oil Company, Pt. Outlot A, Lynnwood, City of Mt. Pleasant.

Harold E. Wenzel & Wife To

Lester H. Jones & Wife, Pt. NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ of Sec. 22, Isabella Twp.

Archilles Marks & Afrodete To City of Mt. Pleasant, Pt. Lot 4, Blk. 14 Original Plat City of Mt. Pleasant, Pt. SW¹/₄ NE¹/₄ of Sec. 15.

Truman O. Hale & Wife To Kenneth H. Brooks & Wife, Lot 25, Schueller-Bierschbach Plat, Nottawa Twp.

Eddie L. McAivey & Wife To Lester Wendel & Wife, NW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ of Sec. 28, Gilmore Twp.

Donald J. Gimmy & Wife To Manuel Martinez & Wife, Lots 115, 116, 117, 118 Fraker Allen Add., Village of Shepherd.

Glenn J. Stacy & Wife To Consolidated Apartment Corp. Lots 9, 10, 11 Blk. 3, Burch's Sub., City of Mt. Pleasant.

Est. of Lorentz T. Hansen To Consolidated Apartment Corp., Lot 6, Pt. Lot 3, Blk. 4, Hopkins

Add., City of Mt. Pleasant.

Dewey J. Wiseman & Wife To Eugene McBride & Wife, Pt. S¹/₂ NW¹/₄ of Sec. 26, Chippewa Twp.

Dewey J. Wiseman & Wife To Russell J. Emlinger & Wife, Pt. N¹/₄ W¹/₄ of Sec. 26, Chippewa Twp.

Rex W. Williams & Wife To Milton C. Johnston & Wife, Pt. SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ of Sec. 8, Coe Twp.

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