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## Editor's Column

By Connie

YEH, WE HAD A VACATION. YAHOO.

So we had our semi-annual ten-day vacation during the past two publishing weeks, and we intended to do the ultra-unheard-of: nothing.

We were going to sleep every afternoon till we were ready to wake up, and we were going to amuse ourselves with odd little freakouts like window-washing, and possibly some creative writing.

Yah.

Our first vacation day was spent in Circuit Court, going through the hearing of our lawsuit against Ivan and Alton Allen, for which we'd waited a year and a half after the suit was filed.

We sat in court from 8 a. m. till 1.30 p. m., with three 15-minute recesses but no lunch. By 1.30 p. m. Ye Ed was really tard. It took us five days just to recover from that.

(The Judge reserved handing down his ruling at that time. We're still waiting for his opinion, and that kind of waiting isn't easy.)

Well, then we had several blissful days of afternoon naps, resting up from our first appearance in Circuit Court as a complainant, and also from our first experience in the witness chair.

Then, on Tuesday evening, July 1, George said he had skinned his shin the day before, getting out of his boat, and his leg hurt.

He had a first-class infection. We have spent the days since running down to Remus to Dr. Kowaleski, and in administering epsom salt soaks and changing dressings.

George was a really sick man, the first couple of days of the onslaught of infection. Now, however and thank goodness, he is recovering, can walk, and he can drive his car, and also wash dishes, much to Ye Ed's delight.

All we have to say is, it was a good thing we were on vacation.

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Mrs. Liza Losey and Mrs. Besie Price of Mt. Pleasant were expected Tuesday, to spend a few days with their grandson and nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey.

## Local Items

Ike Hampton of Benton Harbor spent Sunday night with his mother, Mrs. Edna Schultz. Monday morning he left for Grand Rapids, on business.

Paul Fahnstock of Detroit and Weidman called on George Skinner one day last week, and left us a jar of most delicious wild-strawberry jam.

Fourth of July callers of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keiser and children of Belding.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague and Steve of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and Mike enjoyed a chicken barbecue at Lake Isabella Saturday. The event was put on for lake land owners and their guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson and family, all of Mt. Pleasant, spent Sunday with Mrs. Kit Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rathburn of Flint were June 28 visitors of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs celebrated their Golden Wedding Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague of Weidman and Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant attended the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Higbee of Flushing, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Creed and family of Algonac, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus and family of Flushing were callers of Mrs. Leah Scharrer over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Starks and new baby of Grand Rapids drove up last Tuesday, bringing Nancy's mother, Mrs. Helen Adams, home, after a visit with them. They stayed till the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bauer and family of Midland were Sunday evening guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frantz.

Mrs. W.A. Appelgreen entered CMC Hospital July 3, for tests. She was reported feeling better over the weekend, and hoped to come home this week.

Mrs. Charles Gross (Bea) returned home from University Hospital in Ann Arbor Monday afternoon, having undergone surgery June 25 and 26. She was reported as doing fine. Charlie drove to Ann Arbor Monday to bring her home.



MELANIE McCLAIN

Miss Melanie McClain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McClain, Jr., will be one in a party of four participating in Christian Teens Abroad, a national project of the Christian Association of the United Methodist Churches.

Also in the local party will be Becky VanderSys, Virginia Herman, and Margaret Gingrich. The two girls plan to room together in student hostels in the various places in Europe.

They will take a non-stop transatlantic plane at Detroit Metropolitan Airport and fly to Amsterdam, Holland. From there the itinerary takes them to Germany, Chekoslovakia (depending on the political situation), Switzerland, where they will visit Geneva, of course; and Innesbruck in Austria, where the 1967 Olympic Games were held; then on to Paris and other points of interest in France.

"I'll have a chance to use my high school French," Melanie told the Messenger reporter. She has had two years' study of that language.

From France the party will cross the English Channel and visit London, then return home.

Churches, of course, will be major interests in all the lands they visit. They are looking forward to seeing the church where John Wesley established the Methodist religion.

Melanie will be a Senior in the Chippewa Hills High School this fall. She will be 17 on the day the party arrives home.

They will leave July 16 and return Aug. 12.

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Miss Pamela Robinson and friend of Big Rapids were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague.

## Men in Uniform

Pvt. Daniel Fussman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fussman, is in Louisiana finishing out his service in the U.S. Army.

He returned May 26 from Vietnam, surprising his folks by just walking in the door. He had a 30-day leave.

He will be mustered out in December. We'll give you his address when we receive it.

Glad you're back Stateside, Dan!

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Pvt. David R. Smith, son of Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith, has arrived home from basic training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He will spend several weeks with his parents.

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Here's a new address: Pfc. Richard S. Straus, US-54992328, Co. A, 5th Bn., 7th Cav., 1st Air Cav. Div., APO SF 96490.

Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Straus. He is in Vietnam.

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Pvt. E2 Thomas Fussman left Sunday morning for Fort Knox, Ky., after spending the Fourth of July weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fussman.

He will be attending Armor School for special training until Aug. 27, then will be assigned for overseas duty.

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## WEIDMAN FIREMEN TO HAVE STEAK FRY JULY 13

The Volunteer Firemen of Weidman, who man the Nottawa-Sherman fire trucks, are planning their annual steak fry for their membership and wives Sunday, July 13, at the Fire Hall in Weidman.

This small recreational gesture is financed from the "slush fund," money the Firemen themselves earn during the year, and which is used for equipment besides the steak fry.

Township money was used to purchase 100 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose with 600-pound test, complete with couplings and needed accessories. They also purchased 200 feet of 1 1/2-inch hose. The hose came at \$1.80 and \$1.25 per foot respectively.

These are only a couple of instances of needed equipment purchases the Firemen make during any year.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

**Beal City**

Dora Smith, Reporter  
**BEAL CITY BAIRNS 4-H CLUB**  
 Denise Yuncker, Reporter  
 The Beal City Bairns 4-H Club held a roller skating party June 24. They had a full bus. Joyce Yuncker and Joyce Schafer were chaperones.

The Bairns are planning to hold a picnic breakfast July 14. We are hoping to see all members present.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neubecker of Milwaukee, Wisc., spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Neubecker.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Anderson and family spent the Fourth of July with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson.

John L. Forest recently paid a visit to his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thomas, in New Baltimore, Mich. He found them both in good health. Mrs. Thomas is a sister of John's father, and is 86 years old. John also saw, for the first time, the place where his grandparents are buried. He had never known either of them. While in New Baltimore, John called on Mrs. Howard McCrimmon's father, Rev. D. Whybeau.

Rudy Dickson and family of Lansing spent the Fourth of July with Coletta Gross and Mike.

Mrs. Louise Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer called on Mrs. Peter Schafer Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuson of Wayne visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Keiffer in Weidman. The Fusons were at Houghton Lake visiting friends, and decided to go to Weidman to see the Keiffers, but it took them four hours to find the town of Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Neubecker spent the Fourth at Kalkaska, attending a school reunion where Leo used to teach.

Mr. and Mrs. George Geholoz of Montcalm Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snider and family of Remus visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer Sunday.

Mrs. Clara Fox spent the weekend visiting her granddaughter up North.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schafer celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary July 4, at their home. All guests reported a nice time.

Ida Tilmann spent Sunday afternoon with Louise Smith.

The Rau family held its reunion at the K. of C. Hall July 4. A good attendance was reported, and all enjoyed the day.

Miss Ginny Rau of Bay City spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schulski and Sister Mary Leonard of Grand Rapids called on Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schafer Sunday. Sister Marie Alexander returned to Grand Rapids with them, after a 10-day visit with her par-

ents, taking care of her mother, who was very ill.

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

Quite a number from here attended Open House for Mrs. McNamara in Mt. Pleasant. She taught school many years here before retiring.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Reed of DeWitt spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pung and family and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Breuer and family are spending this week at Houghton Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tilmann spent the past week vacationing in the Upper Peninsula.

A number from here attended a party at St. Leo's Church basement at Winn Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer of Saginaw spent Sunday at the Peter Schafer home.

Mrs. Louise Schafer, who works in Mt. Pleasant, spent Sunday at her home here.

Sister Marie Alexander of Albuquerque, N.M., is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schafer.

Mrs. Schafer returned home from the hospital last Wednesday.

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

Last week Tuesday Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh took Mrs. Louise Smith, Mrs. Virgil Smith and Mrs. Bernard Smith to Mt. Pleasant to the home of Mrs. Al Rolph, for dinner and to spend the afternoon. Her sister, Olga, of Florida, was there, and all enjoyed the day. Olga's husband, Pat Doherty, suffered a heart attack Sunday morning and is in the Mt. Pleasant hospital.

Gerald Piggott of Westphalia, and his family, spent Tuesday evening with Louise Smith. Mrs. Walter Rau was also a guest.

Oscar Fedewa of Houghton Lake spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Block are the proud parents of a baby boy born June 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. John Tilmann.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of Big Rapids spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith.

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Mrs. Edwardine Curtis of New York and Colleen Bywater and children of Spain are staying at the home of their father, Edward Carey, in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Carey is in the hospital at Mt. Pleasant after surgery for stomach trouble. He was in intensive care and was slowly gaining the first of the week. The two sisters and children called on Mrs. Ethel Bywater the Fourth of July. They are staying till their father is out of the hospital.

**N. Broomfield**

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Toarmina and son of St. Clair Shores spent a few days with Mrs. Nettie Crowley.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bingham of Franklin called on Mrs. Maycie Cook at the Edmore Hospital and called on relatives here, recently.

Mrs. Minnie Strauch of Mt. Pleasant spent a few days with Mrs. Robert Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Montgomery of Florida had dinner with Harold Rhode Thursday.

Mrs. Lorraine Schultz of Lansing was a weekend guest of her mother, Mrs. E. R. Rhode, and Harold. Mrs. Fred Thompson and children of Holt called Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Crane and Eric of Florida were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook and family enjoyed the holiday weekend in Northern Michigan. They spent Sunday evening with the Dick Cooks.

Susan and Brenda Cook are attending Bible Camp at School Section Lake this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook spent the Fourth weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson Borders of Marion.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold were Sunday guests of the Jon Schultzes of Swartz Creek. In the evening, the Herman Lueders were visitors of the Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bauman and children and Mrs. Bertha Rhode of Mt. Pleasant spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rhode.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder attended the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. Hazel Packard, of Midland, Saturday.

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The Hagerman family reunion was held June 29, at Island Park in Mt. Pleasant. About 150 family members were present. Mrs. Very Hagerman attended from here. Mrs. Helen Cook of Kalamazoo and Mavis Querbach of Allegan, Mrs. Hagerman's daughters, were also present.

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May 1tf

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July 10t1

SMÖRGASBORD--At Broomfield Grange Hall Saturday evening, July 12. Serving from 5 p.m. to 7.30. Chicken, ham, homemade ice cream. Adults \$1.50, children 75¢. Everyone welcome. Located at corner of M-20 and Coldwater Road.

July 10t1

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July 10t1

STRAYED--To the Catherine McDaniel home, a yellow and white collie dog, and a sleek, short-haired and bob-tailed black dog. Latter looks like a Labrador retriever. Owner can have same by identifying and paying \$1 for this ad.

RUMMAGE SALE--July 11 and 12 in Weidman, from four families. Clean clothes, dishes, toys, misc. Reasonable. At the cement block building west of the Gulf Service Station, Weidman. Friday and Saturday beginning at 9.30 a.m.

July 10t1p

LOST--Near Clark's Market, a yellow kitten with blue eyes; female, 4 months old. Any information will be helpful. Call 644-3340.

July 10t1p

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July 10t1

### NEED ANY PAINTING DONE?

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July 10t4

## Card of Thanks

I would like to thank my relatives, friends and neighbors for the lovely cards I received at the hospital and at home.

Also the ones who called on me at the hospital and at home; and several bouquets of flowers my sister, Lena Comstock, brought me. They were beautiful.

George Merrihew

BAKE SALE--Saturday, July 12, at Fox Hardware in Weidman, starting at 9 a.m. Sponsored by Weidman Business Association. Any donation of baked goods will be appreciated.

July 10nc

### AREA LAKES HAVE ANNUAL PARTIES FOR LOT OWNERS AND GUESTS

Both Lake Windoga and Lake Isabella held their annual barbecue parties for lot owners and their guests, Saturday afternoon and evening.

Both lakes report very large attendances, and great enjoyment of lake people getting together.

## the Churches

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST Rev. Lawrence Smith, Pastor Church School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m.

The class in "Churchmanship" for youth will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 13.

The Esther Circle will have its picnic Tuesday evening, July 15, at 6 at the Weidman Park. Husbands are invited.

The McArthur Circle's meeting which was scheduled for July 17 will be held Thursday, July 24, at the church. Lola Reed, hostess.

The choir has set its time of meeting for Saturday evening at 7 o'clock to 8.

The Coomer Church on Vandecar Road, which is now a part of the Weidman Church Circuit, has invited the entire Circuit to its annual picnic July 13, at 6.30 p.m., at the Coomer Church. Bring pot-luck dishes and table service. After the supper, films will be shown on Vietnam. You are invited.

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### METHODIST MEN HOLD THEIR ANNUAL BARBECUE

The Methodist Men and their wives of the Weidman United Methodist Church met at the Weidman Park recently for a steak and chicken barbecue and pot-luck supper. It was a very enjoyable evening.

There was a good representation from the Leaton church.

After the supper the group met at the church for a film shown by Robert Strayley of Leaton, on his trip to the Philippines and Hawaii.

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### BYWATER-HOOVER

Miss Carolyn Rose Bywater of Blanchard was united in marriage to Glenn Hoover of Six Lakes Sunday afternoon, July 6, in the Weidman United Methodist Church, with a number of friends present for the ceremony performed by Rev. Lawrence Smith, pastor of the church.

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Don Walker of Mt. Pleasant, a worker for the Migrant Ministry in Michigan, was a caller at the Rev. Smith home Tuesday, July 8, in the interest of migrants working in this area.

Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith attended a meeting for CROP at the Albert Myers home on Belmont Drive in Mt. Pleasant last Tuesday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith attended a Central District Ministers meeting and their families, with a picnic at Lakeview Camp near Six Lakes, Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stenger and sons, Lonnie and Steven, of Kalamazoo spent three days last week with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith, and her brother, Pvt David Lawrence, home on furlough.

## Local Items

The Sprague family reunion was held a week ago Sunday at Mitchell Memorial Park, with about 65 family members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wernette and family were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Riley and family. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Straus and family were afternoon visitors. They brought a birthday cake, honoring Leona's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and family spent July Fourth at the Dinosaur Gardens near Alpena. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bazaire of Chippewa Lake were Sunday afternoon visitors at the St. John home. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy of Big Rapids were also guests. Mr. and Mrs. Berdette Reed of Lake were visitors.

Mrs. Bertha Clark has been transferred to Pleasant Manor in Mt. Pleasant, 400 South Crapo Street, Room 209. She had been staying at the Medical Facility in Mt. Pleasant.

Jean Brew and three children of Wyoming, Mich., were Tuesday visitors of her aunt, Mrs. Lela Whearett.

Blanche Cliff reports that the Coldwater River, which flooded her beautiful landscaping during the rains of June 29 and 30, has receded, leaving a great deal of cleanup but no lasting damage.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lansing of Clare called on Edna Schultz last Wednesday afternoon.

Blanche Carr has moved to Weidman, in the Vina Bailey house.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poet of Clare were Saturday afternoon callers of their aunt, Mrs. Edna Schultz.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey hosted a family dinner July 4. About 30 members of the Clark and Embrey families enjoyed the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Downing, at Tubbs Lake, Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and Grant and Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler and Joe spent the evening with the Beutlers.

Mrs. Hermione Smith and Mrs. Irma Kische had Sunday dinner with the Don Smith family.

Mrs. Bessie Teall attended the 19th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lofgren Sunday evening a week ago, at their home. A nice crowd attended, and the Lofgrens received beautiful gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grantham and son of Bay City spent the weekend with Mrs. Emily Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dent were Saturday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan of Flint were Sunday visitors. Mrs. Irene Caulkins of Rosebush was a Wednesday caller.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

**Two Rivers**

Blanche Carr, Reporter

**HERMAN MARTIN CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY**

Herman Martin celebrated his 81st birthday last Wednesday with his son, Herman, Jr., and family of Lakeview, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller of Westphalia, and Mr. and Mrs. John Meade and family.

They served ice cream and cake. Guests over the weekend were the Stanley Grewetts of Roseville, the Jim Grewetts of Warren, and the Dick Grewetts of Roseville, Norman Vanderbrook of Roseville, and Walter Weaver and sister, and the John Schupbachs.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ward and family of Ovid were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Campbell of Winn and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parsons of Midland were Friday evening guests of Mrs. Blanche Carr.

Rose Marie Moses of Flint is a house guest of the Harold and Arnold Krueger families. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and Rose Marie spent the weekend at Goose Lake.

Blanche Carr and Beth Jackson went to Alma on business Thursday. Blanche has sold her place and bought a house in Weidman.

Dwight Aungst lost a good cow by lightning Friday night. Blanche Carr spent Sunday

night with her daughter and family, the Steve Simmers.

Fred Woodruff was a Wednesday supper guest of Mrs. Leona Courser, his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Roberts and son, Terry, are house guests of the Edwin and Leona Coursers.

Jack Costa of Lansing was a guest last week of the Fred Swans. Lloyd Swan of Flint was a weekend guest of his parents.

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**SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY HAS 14 TABLES IN PLAY**

The Senior Citizens card party at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City last Thursday had 14 tables in play, with 58 people attending. Twelve games were played. First prize for ladies went to

Leona Faber, second prize to Evelyn Engler.

First prize, men, was won by Bill Lawens, second by John Faber. Lavina Elias won the pepper prize. The door prize was won by Tony Schafer.

Serving donuts and coffee, the following were on committee: Bill Appelgreen for his wife, Mamie, who was in the hospital; Elizabeth Neubecker, Edna Schultz, Leah Scharrer and Leona Martin.

The next party will be July 17, with a picnic pot-luck dinner at noon.

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Thelma Branson called on her father, George Skinner, Thursday afternoon.

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# Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock and grandchildren, Ed, Debbie and Susan, were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith, of Riverdale. They also visited his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock. Mrs. Schrock reported that Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey are on vacation, and will visit Washington, D. C., and spend some time with their son, Steven, who works at the Pentagon. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler and family and Mrs. Lena St. John enjoyed a picnic the previous Sunday at Big Rock Point, north of Charlevoix, where the nuclear plant is located.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Bert Estes are both in the Lakeview hospital. Mrs. St. John reports that Mrs. Maggie Boger is feeling better, but was still in CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant. Hope to hear they will all be home soon.

Mrs. Otto Skalitzky has been entertaining the flu bug. Hope it doesn't stay too long, as she wants to go on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Showers and Mrs. Kate Darnell of Barryton were recent visitors at the Skalitzky home. Arthur Loomis was also a recent caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., and Patrick and Jill, at Crooked Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck visited Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and sons were Sunday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Zill, at St. Charles. Mr. Zill's brother, Jerry, was home on furlough from Fort Knox, Ky. Mrs. Zill reports her mother, Mrs. Ida Bazaire, is now settled in a house trailer on the Wilcox lots in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley enjoyed a picnic with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Allen at Littlefield Lake July 4. They spent the weekend at Tubbs Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock entertained the following at an indoor picnic July 4: Arthur Schrock and grandchildren, Ed, Debbie and Susan, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Bowen and family of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tetslaff and family of Ionia, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Bowen and Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coon, Mr. and Mrs. Dulby and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen and Connie.

Harvey Leiter of Hannah Lake visited his brother, Ira, and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Peterson of Otter Lake visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Miller of Lansing were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and Denise were Fourth of July dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and family of rural Remus, and all enjoyed the fireworks at Mecosta in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and Blaine of Coldwater Lake visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, and Paul and Keith, during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bobroski and children of Lansing were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons. Misses Kathy and Teresa Tice are spending a week at the Emmons home, while their parents, the Donald Tices, are on vacation.

Mrs. Ethel McLean spent a few days recently with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Miller, of Big Rapids, Mrs. Eva Denslow visited Mrs. McLean Saturday. Sunday visitors were George McClain of Barryton, Mrs. Richard Touchinski of Weidman, George Miller, and Miles Miller.

Visitors the past week at the Stanley home were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Marshall of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and daughters of Lake Thirteen, Donald Stanley and children except Ronnie, of Weidman, and four of the little "D" Pungs of Beal City.

Donald helped his father fill in the driveway which was washed out in the recent rains. Steven and Leon and Ronald of Barryton and their cousin, Merrill, of Mt. Morris, also came over to help.

Some rain!!

Guests during the Fourth of July weekend were Thomas Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and Julie and Sandra of St. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Battle, Francaen and Mary Kay, and Susan Barclay of Wyoming, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and daughters of Lake Thirteen, and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spence, and daughters, of Portland. Callers were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stanley of Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and family of Weidman.

Several of the family enjoyed steak and hamburgers at an outdoor cookout, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber, at their cottage on Coldwater Lake Saturday. Also they enjoyed the ride on the pontoon and in the motorboat. Some of the children got a real good sunburn, while bathing, but all had a good time.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and children spent Sunday with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague.

# NorthWeidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

## DON ALWOOD BUILDING RESORT HOME FOR SALE

Don Alwood is coming along in building a new home on a lot on his place just north of Weidman, with access to the Weidman Mill Pond, or Lake Weidman when it is developed.

The area has been platted, but Willard Searles of St. Johns has the contract for developing, and recent events have put the Mill Pond into a state of flux. It is expected that soon, however, the Pond will be refilled and restocked with the good fish that made it famous all over Michigan at one time.

Don is doing well after undergoing spinal surgery, and hopes to be back at his profession as a plumber within the year.

Meantime, he's building a house in a recreation area.

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Mrs. Helen Alwood and three children spent last Tuesday in Mt. Pleasant. Helen attended a small party for Donna Huffman at Cottage 12 at the State Home in the morning.

At noon, Helen and her children took Eddie Sanderson to lunch at the Pixie South. In the afternoon Helen and boys attended the Rebekah card party in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hogen entertained at a family get-together at their beautiful home near Barryton, Sunday. Thirteen relatives enjoyed a pot-luck dinner. They all enjoyed playing horse-shoe pitching with Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak and children of Royal Oak called at the Don Alwood home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith and family of Au Gres spent the long weekend at their house trailer at Coldwater Lake. They called on relatives in and around Weidman and Beal City.

Rusty Alwood spent last week home on vacation from his job on the pipeline. He and Paul and Eddie Kavanaugh spent one day in Detroit, at the races. Eddie and Rusty spent two days going up across the Straits into Canada on their motorbikes.

Mrs. Sam Waters entered CMC last week Tuesday, for surgery Monday morning of this week. Her condition was reported serious the first of the week.

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Mrs. Ethel Bywater left Wednesday, June 26, with Garnet Bywater for Comstock Park, to spend several days with her and Howard. Ethel was brought home by Garnet Sunday afternoon. The Howard Bywaters are doing well, though Howard was suffering from some ailments.



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**Around Horr**

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Curtiss were recent Sunday dinner guests of the Gerald Loseys. Mrs. Janice Gross and Amy were afternoon callers. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Klumpp and Paula were evening guests.

Floyd Dutcher was a recent caller at the Charlie Losey home. Mrs. Birdie Glover of St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Losey of California were recent guests. Bill Cummins was a caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Benn of Shepherd took a completely-prepared moose dinner to the Frank Benn home Sunday, and all enjoyed the meal and the visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent from Tuesday evening through Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson at their cabin at Goose Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan and daughter, Sherry, and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were Friday evening guests of the Gerald Dents. Mr. and Mrs. Dent called on her mother, Mrs. Emily Wood, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family and Rose Moses were Sunday evening callers.

Harry Dent has moved his trailer on the old Marshall Tinker place.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Denslow and family of Rochester, N. Y., are spending a 10-day vacation with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Denslow, and other relatives in Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Denslow left June 28 for Lexington, Ky., where he will attend the University. His school starts Aug. 1.

Mrs. Ethol Wright and sister, Mildred Edgar, of Pontiac, were Sunday callers at the Paul Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Tiedeman and baby of Pontiac were Saturday afternoon callers of her grandparents, the Charlie Loseys. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Sunday evening callers.

Mrs. Flora Wood and Mrs. Margaret Denslow went to Pontiac Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Denslow's brother-in-law, Howard Backus, Tuesday. They returned home Wednesday.

Sunday guests of Mrs. Wood were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist and Mrs. Ethol Wright and sister, Mildred Edgar.

Jack Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson and boys attended a party for Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow at Weidman, a week ago Sunday.

Mrs. Vivian Wilson brought her son, Doug, to spend a few days with his cousins, Bill and Bob Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Emery of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Jesse Beach were recent callers of Jack Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins spent from Thursday evening

through Sunday afternoon with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins. On the Fourth Alva furnished bluegills and Mrs. Alma White furnished strawberries for shortcake. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White and Bill Cummins joined them for dinner at Alva's. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and Bill Cummins were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger spent a week with relatives in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koos and daughter and her girl friend were Sunday guests of the Oplingers. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bunting were Saturday evening guests.

Mrs. Eva Denslow spent Sunday with her brother, Bill Merritt, and wife at Six Lakes.

Mrs. Ruby Williams of Clare spent the weekend with her sister and husband, the Jay Denslows. Sunday they were all dinner guests of the Derry Dunn family at Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Merritt of Florida, who have been spending six weeks in Michigan, called on the Jay Denslows Saturday afternoon, on their way back to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Scott were Wednesday guests of her sister, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam spent from Thursday through Sunday with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry North and family of Blooming Grove, Texas, are spending a couple of weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow, and her mother, Mrs. Joyce Chaffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller called on the Gilbert Schrocks Friday. ---0---

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schrupp of Rhinelander, Wisc., visited relatives here the last week of June.

**Brinton News**

Cora Estes, Reporter

**BERT AND CORA ESTES****BOTH IN LAKEVIEW HOSPITAL**

Bert and Cora Estes of north Brinton have both been in the Lakeview Hospital this week.

Cora has been there a couple of weeks now, suffering from pneumonia and complications. She was reported improving the first of this week.

Bert was taken to the hospital Sunday, for observation and a complete checkup.

Both are allowed visitors.

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Maggie Boger entered CMC Hospital, for surgery. She expected to be there this week, though she was better Thursday of last week, and was walking.

Mrs. Kenneth Baker was pleased when her four sons telephoned wishing her a Happy Birthday. Her son, Larry, called from Fort Meade, Md. Her son, Jack, called from Interlochen. Her son, John, called from Watkins

Glen, N. Y. Her son, Keith, called from Wyoming, Mich. All four of Oraulea's and Kenneth's sons have graduated from college and have employment at the above-named places. Oraulea and Kenneth have planned a trip to Glacier Park, Montana, and other Western cities.

Brinton farmers had a good crop of hay but very poor weather to harvest it.

We were glad to learn that the Lake postoffice will have Sunday mail service soon.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Callers at the Clayton Smith trailer home, located at Tubbs Lake, the past week, were Mrs. Gusta Green, Mrs. Normal Hall and son of Detroit, Mrs. Lena Paine and Lew Harrington of Greenville; Cecil Harrington of Wisconsin, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith and family of Ithaca, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith and Barb of Weidman, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Jim, also of Weidman.

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### Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

We had lots of sightseers this past week, with all the high waters. Water entered several cottages around the lake. The Littlefield Road on the southeast corner of the lake was closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wischmeyer had supper Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graham of Mt. Pleasant, who were vacationing at Houghton Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Milton of Mason spent a few days at their trailer home here on the Coldwater River.

Father Neubecker and Father McDuffee called on Peter Lorenz Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ritter and Clarence Lorenz spent the weekend at Indian River in the Upper Peninsula.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Morford also spent the weekend in Upper Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wischmeyer and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Maas of Lansing had supper Saturday at Riverdale. Mr. and Mrs. Maas were spending the weekend at their cottage here.

Other weekend guests of the Wischmeyers were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Geisken of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wischmeyer and family of Alma, and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wischmeyer of Shepherd.

Guests at the Peter Lorenz home this past weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Maeder, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simmer and family, Mrs. Joe Martin, Mrs. Pat Carroll and daughter, Kay, of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Stanley Grewett of Roseville, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perrin, John Lorenz and Mr. and Mrs. Royal Burnell and family of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lorenz and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Theisen and family of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sherlock and daughter, Leanna, of Traverse City spent the weekend with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Schafer, and Josette.

Mrs. Leith McGarrie of Detroit, who was spending the summer at her cottage on the south side of the lake, was rushed to CMC Hospital Saturday night and has been in the intensive care unit. She had a heart attack.

Guests at the Edward Schafer home the past week were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp and daughters, Cindy and Donna, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pung, Mrs. Alice Faber and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Lapham and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Stu Campbell, all of Mt. Pleasant; Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. James Scott and Vicki of Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sinko and boys of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sherlock and Leanna of Traverse

City, Mr. and Mrs. Don Schafer and Josette, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Mead and daughters, Mrs. Joe Marchiando and children, and Mrs. Lawrence Lee.

### S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Louisell of Weidman were Thursday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family.

Mrs. Hope Hare and son, Wayne West, of Northville spent a couple of days recently with her mother, Mrs. Edna Merrihew, and George. Theron Merrihew and Aletha Chaffee were recent callers. Mrs. Russell Stanley, Jr., and daughter, Joyce, of Mt. Morris were Tuesday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Nation were Wednesday visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tiedeman and daughter and Susie Losey were Saturday callers. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Pontiac were last week Monday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Merrihew of Clare and their daughter, Mrs. Jack Horsley, and three children of Newport were Sunday callers of the Orrie and George Merrihews.

Theron Merrihew called on the George Merrihews Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Chris Comstock of Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam of Midland, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koos and daughter and her friend of Grand Ledge were also Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons, Chris and Jon, of rural Merrill, spent from Friday morning till Saturday evening with his folks, the Clayton Dutchers. The Larry Dutchers of Clio were Friday overnight guests. The Robert Dutchers of Midland spent Saturday over night and Sunday. The Richard Dutchers were callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher spent last Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher. Clayton was a caller.

The Don Harshmans of Lansing were callers of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., over the weekend.

Mrs. Robert Ash and Debbie called on Mrs. Ronna Dutcher and Sandra Sunday afternoon. Sandra went to the show with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee and Nancy and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Chaffee drove to Belleville Thursday evening and spent the night with Miss Anna Chaffee. Then they all drove to Fort Mead, Md., and visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baker and son, returning home Monday morning. They reported the weather was very warm all the time they were gone. The Larry Bakers expect to be home some time in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher

and Douglas were camping near Mesick from Wednesday till Friday afternoon.

Bert Chaffee called on the Harry Gatehouses Saturday evening.

Lake Isabella celebrated over the Fourth with a chicken barbecue, and opened its new golf course.

Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called on Mrs. Jessie Rosencrantz Monday evening.

### Central Gilmore

Mary Helen Pitts, Reporter  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fordyce and Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips at their Coldwater Lake cottage July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rupp, Elaine Esterline, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Esterline and daughter, Brenda, were dinner guests at the James Pitts home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts and

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

Mrs. Bernice Cook was the guest of Mrs. Cecile Busche. The dinner was in honor of Bernice's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips, Mrs. Lena Davison and Mrs. Inez Bentley were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook hosted a family get-together Saturday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Renner and daughter, Carol Bryant, and her husband Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Cleland Cook and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Graham.

### NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Roger Smith and boys of Flint spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Jim. The occasion was Kevin's fifth birthday and Mike's second birthday. Roger was unable to be here because of his work.

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IN THE FLOODS OF JUNE 29-30 THE MILL DAM LOOKED LIKE THIS--Unprecedented waters sent the level of the Weidman Mill Pond up and up Sunday and Monday, June 29 and 30, and the dam at the Mill was what you'd call but full. Messenger photo taken at roadside at the mill



RUSH OF WATERS INTO THE SCUT DRAIN FLOODED THE ROAD between the mill and Harry Herman's home. The great influx of water, beside torrential rains Sunday, June 29, was largely caused by the letting go of Gray's dam at Gray's Pond in Coldwater Township, which feeds into Walker Creek and so comes on down to the Weidman Mill Pond.



DIKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE MILL POND GAVE WAY-- in two places, one around the point from the above photo, sending tons of water rushing into the Scut Drain which runs along the mill road on the north side, crosses under the road and empties into the Coldwater River below the dam. Cottagers at Coldwater Lake suffered doubly because of this break in diking.



THE BREAK IN THE DIKE WAS NOT REPAIRED, and the Mill Pond was drained--again. Fishing was just beginning to pick up at the famous old Pond, after two years of undisturbed water depth. Above Messenger photo was at the east side of the Pond, at the Mill. That's a mess of weeds you see here, with some pools of shallow water in places in the Pond. But it is drained.

**Local Items**

Jim Hughes, news director of Radio Station WCEN, was a last Tuesday guest of the George Skinners, for panfish and strawberry shortcake supper. He was here to view flood damage caused by heavy rains over that weekend. He did some on-shore fishing with George, and landed his first carp; in fact, two of them.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ervin of Six Lakes spent Sunday afternoon with her mother, Mrs. Ina Gillett. Mr. and Mrs. Elrude Carlson and granddaughter, Mrs. Gillett's great-great-granddaughter, were also visitors. The Carlsons are from Lakeview.

Sorry we had to omit copy this week, including news and some deathless prose by Connie.

**OPEN HOUSE FOR BILL AND MARIE KANINSKY**

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Benn (Rosalie Kaninsky) of Shepherd are sponsoring Open House honoring the birthdays of Bill and Marie Kaninsky, Sunday, July 20, from 2 to 4 p. m., in the Coe Township Hall across from the IGA Store in Shepherd.

A family pot-luck dinner will be held at noon, and after 2 o'clock the very many friends of Bill and Marie Kaninsky will be welcomed.

Bill will be 75 years old, his wife 74.

All those people who remember Bill appearing with baskets of fresh-baked goodies, at their doors in times of sickness or death or other grief, will want to drive to Shepherd and say Hello to him and Marie.

**FIREMEN CALLED TO TWO FIRES AT COLDWATER LAKE**

During the heavy electric storm of June 29, Weidman Volunteer Firemen were called to the Paul Jones home in the Glee Clark cottage at Coldwater Lake.

Lightning had hit an electric line. Not much damage was re-

ported.

Another run was made to the Gale Davis cottage that Sunday when fire was noticed by neighbors. Nobody was at the cottage, firemen said.

Damage was confined to burns in the floor and smoke damage. The fire apparently started from a fuel-oil furnace.

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