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Editor's Column

By Connie

GEEWHIZ!--NEW MATH GOES KAPUT

According to the Chicago Daily News, textbook publishers are now admitting that for 10 years their books--and the educationists--have ruined the 'rithmetic of thousands of school kids, and at least two book publishers are now putting the "New Math" into limbo where it belongs.

Silver-Burdette Publishers say now that under the New Math students "just didn't get enough drilling and practicing" in simple arithmetic.

"Students could say that nine times eight equals eight times nine, but they didn't have the foggiest idea that nine times eight equals 72," a spokesman for the schoolbook publishing company admitted.

Many of the New Math books

Many of the New Math textbooks were riddled with difficult words, like "commutative and associative properties," incomprehensible to elementary students. Of course, the books were especially hard on poor readers.

"By 1968, we (at Silver-Burdette Publishing Company) knew things about the New Math were really going awry," the spokesman said. "Test scores were coming back showing that kids couldn't even add a grocery bill, and parents were nearing the end of their strings."

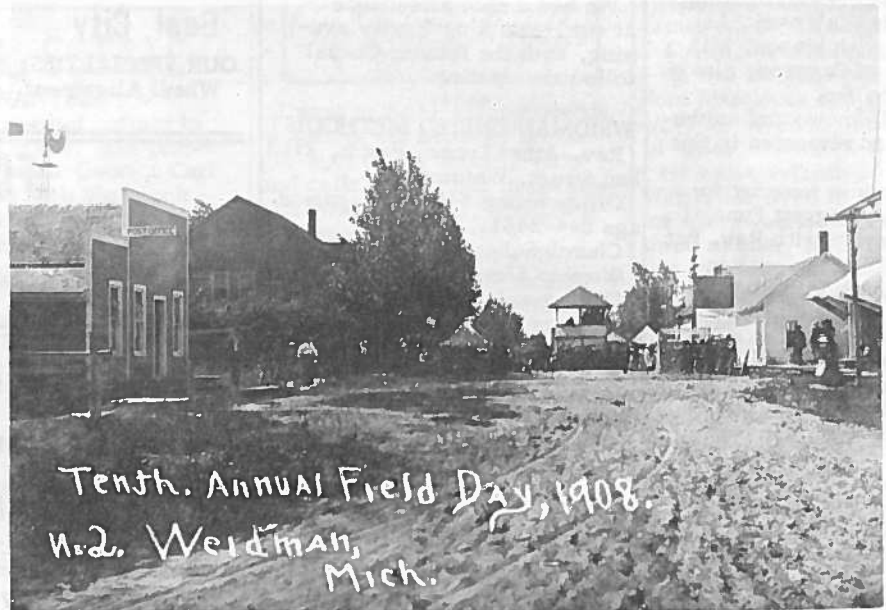
"Drill is not a dirty word any more," he went on. "During the heyday of New Math you could hardly find a teacher who would even say the word 'drill' --it was really taboo."

Addison-Wesley, another textbook publisher, echoed the statements of Silver-Burdette.

Houghton-Mifflin, on the other hand, said its textbooks are okay, that they mixed New Math with old-fashioned arithmetic.

No mention was made by anyone of the tragedy of 10 years of New Math sending kids out into the world unable to add and subtract.

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



WEIDMAN'S FIRST POST OFFICE--Photo taken in 1908.

The view is from East Main Street, looking west toward the present school. Horace Parsons was Weidman's first postmaster, and he built the building shown above (left side, toward camera), later moving it to Third Street, which is now the business street of Weidman, and later moving it again, to the west side of the street. Note the old hotel building next beyond the post office, and the bandstand long a tradition on Weidman's street. All of the buildings shown in this photo were moved or burned down in one of the town's three major fires, and the business street (Woodruff Road, or Third Street) rebuilt. Photo loaned the Messenger by Grace (Woolworth) Watson of Saginaw.

MT. PLEASANT DISCOVERS ORGANIC GARDENING

See by the Mt. Pleasant paper that the Mt. Pleasant Engineering Department has begun an experimental program to see if city money can be saved by substituting leaves for black fill dirt.

They're hauling the city's huge autumn accumulation of leaves to the city's sanitary landfill and depositing them in windrows, which are sprayed with a bacteria solution and turned at regular intervals to speed decaying action. City Engineer Robert Whitehead says the cost of the experiment will be about \$1,029, with savings to the city of \$3,900, if the leaves could replace all the fill dirt presently bought by the city.

Tree chips, grass clippings and other organic materials could be composted, they be-

lieve, as efficient ways of turning leaves into fill dirt.

Over that in the big town they haven't realized, apparently, that the rich compost of rotted leaves will be worth its weight in gold as garden-growing material.

Ho hum. We've been using leaves for years. Best fertilizer we know of, for gardens of all types.

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NEWS NOTES

Those from here enjoying a Senior Citizens trip and the Ice Revue in Grand Rapids Friday afternoon were Margaret Johnston, Emma Middlesworth and Clarabel Beutler and two granddaughters, Diane and Laurel Beutler. There were two bus loads carrying about 100 people, the largest ever taken. Lunch and dinner at a shopping center were enjoyed.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

WBA MEETING THIS THURSDAY NIGHT, NOV. 29

There will be an important meeting of the Weidman Business Association this week Thursday evening, Nov. 29, at 7 o'clock in the Fire Hall.

All business people of all descriptions are urged to attend. Several very important matters will be discussed and decided upon. New and reinstated members will be welcomed.

The question of Christmas lights, with the Isabella Bank and Trust having donated a huge assortment of beautiful decorations to Beal City and Weidman, purchased from the City of Mt. Pleasant after that place ordered new holiday decorations, will be discussed.

Also discussed will be several projects for the WBA, and the problem of getting local merchants involved in local betterment.

Obituary

ALMON SPENCER

Almon Spencer died early Monday morning at the Kelsey Memorial Hospital in Lakeview. He was 77.

He was born July 16, 1896, in Coldwater Township, and was a lifelong resident of the Brinton and Barryton areas. On his retirement from water-well drilling, which was his life's work, he went to live with his son, Milfred Spencer of Barryton, also a water-well driller.

He was well known and universally liked and respected in this area.

Funeral services were set for 1 p. m. at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton with Rev. Pat Fletcher officiating, with interment in the North Brinton Cemetery.

He is survived by three sons, Milfred of Barryton, Willard of the U. S. Air Force, a career man; and Mirl of Flint; two daughters, Mrs. Minnie Russell of Ewart and Mrs. Fern Platt of Lincoln, Ill.; 22 grandchildren; one brother, Fred, of Ormond Beach, Florida, and a sister, Mrs. Mildred Smith, of rural Blanchard.

His wife, a Delong girl, preceded him in death.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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Obituary

WINNIFRED M. BAKER

Winnifred M. Baker of G4481 Mollwood Drive, Flint, died last Tuesday, Nov. 20, in the Flint Osteopathic Hospital. She was 90.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a. m. Friday, Nov. 23, in the Maranatha Baptist Church in Flint, with graveside services in Fairview Cemetery at Weidman at 3 that afternoon. Rev. David H. Randall officiated at the morning services.

Mrs. Baker (Winnie) was born in Bellevue, Mich., May 5, 1883, and was one of the last of Weidman's pioneer business people, having owned and operated Scott's General Store with her first husband, Adam Scott, till after his death, and then owning and operating a hardware store here with her son, Glenn Scott, until he moved to Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Baker retired in 1953.

Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Marion R. (Genevieve) Gingery of Flint, a son, Glenn D. Scott of Mt. Pleasant, and two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one nephew.

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
(1 mile west of Weidman)
Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, phone 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Service, 11 a. m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p. m.

Choir practice Thursday, 6.30 p. m., at the parsonage.

We had a nice attendance at our Hymn Sing Sunday evening, with the Brinton Chapel folks participating.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2163 2nd Street, Weidman.

Office phone 644-3336, parsonage 644-3441.

Church School, 9.45 a. m.
Worship Service, 11 a. m.
Sharing and Prayer, Thursday, 7.30 p. m.

Pot luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p. m.

U. M. W., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p. m.

Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p. m.

WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Rev. John A. Wright, Minister
Phone 644-3604.

Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11 a. m.
Choir practice, 6.30 p. m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p. m.
Prayer Service Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Broomfield: Located six miles south of Weidman on Coldwater Road.

Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor.
Sunday School, 9.15 a. m.
Worship Service, 10.45 a. m.
Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

Local Items

Mrs. Ethel Wager spent Thanksgiving Day with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick. Miss Joyce Smith visited Mrs. Wager Friday afternoon. Joyce was home for the holiday weekend from her studies at the University of Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Smith of New Jersey spent the Thanksgiving holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur entertained all their family at Thanksgiving dinner. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur and family, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur and son, Mrs. Linda Wilcox and baby, and Stuart McArthur of Alexandria, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts en-

tertained all their children and their families at Thanksgiving

dinner.
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 Nov. 22tf

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 Nov. 8t4

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 Nov. 15tff

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 Sept. 27tf

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 Oct. 25tf

Card of Thanks

Dear folks in and around Weidman:

I want to thank you for all the nice cards and letters I received for my birthday.

God bless you all.
 Ina Gillett
 Wyoming, Mich.

EXPIRATION DATE--Of your subscription appears each week beside your address.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank each one who has sent flowers, cards and best wishes during my illness.

Your thoughtfulness and prayers are really appreciated.

Floyd Miller.

Card of Thanks

I want to thank all my friends, neighbors and relatives for the get-well cards, letters, visits and calls while I was in the hospital with hepatitis, and since I returned home.

A special thank-you to Dr. Wickert and staff, my pastor, Marvin Eldridge, for comforting words, my daughter-in-law Fonda, and neighbor, Grandma Gott, for helping to prepare the family's Thanksgiving dinner; to my sister-in-law, Orma Kripa, for visiting my mother, Hermione Smith, at Pleasant Manor, and doing her washing; and to my patient and devoted husband and children waiting for me to get well again.

I appreciate everything very much. May God bless each and every one of you.

Helen Alwood

Obituary

BESSIE MEYERS

Bessie Meyers of Ionia died Monday morning, Nov. 19, at Ionia Manor. She was 79.

She was born Sept. 19, 1894, at Weidman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilcox. She has been employed at McClellans, the Belding silk mills, Ypsilanti Reed and A. C. Spark Plug companies.

She was married to William Whitelock, who died in 1957. Sept. 20, 1960, she was married to Herman Meyers.

She was a member of Women of the Moose, Good Cheer Club, and SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, Herman; two step-sons, Norman and Robert Meyers, of Ionia; one brother, Fred Wilcox, of Weidman; one sister, Mrs. Bernard Griffin, of Ionia; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 21, at 10 a.m. at SS Peter and Paul Church with burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Her family and relatives have the sympathy of all.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Obituary

GEORGE P. BOLINGER

George P. Bolinger was born in Richland, Michigan, Saginaw County, to Alice and George Bolinger on Jan. 24, 1892.

He passed away at St. Lawrence Hospital in Grand Ledge Sunday, Nov. 18, at the age of 81.

He was a life member of the James A. Cliff Lodge No. 424, F & A M, of Weidman.

He was freight agent for the Pere Marquette and C&O Railways for 40 years, and retired in 1954.

He was a veteran of World War I. He lived in Weidman for many years, with his widowed mother, five sisters and two brothers, giving them loving care and devotion. He was known throughout this area as the efficient and helpful "depot agent" by people calling at the Weidman depot for shipments of myriad descriptions. He operated the telegraph instruments at the depot.

He leaves his wife, Elsie; one son, Philip Bolinger, of Vermontville; a stepdaughter, Yvonne Koos, of Grand Ledge; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild;

Also three sisters, Elsie Campbell of Muskegon, Hazel Coughlin of Mt. Pleasant, Beatrice Decker of Montague, and a brother, William Bolinger, of Florida; and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was a loving husband and father.

Funeral services were held Friday at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with interment in the Forest Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers included his nephews: Clyde Sellers, Robert Whitney, Richard Whitney, Bruce Bussing, Henry DeRuieter, and David Campbell.

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Obituary

ERNEST J. ZIER

Ernest J. Zier died Nov. 17 at his home in rural Nottawa.

He was born Oct. 26, 1903, in Nottawa, and was a retired farmer.

Services were held at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant with Robert F. Garrels officiating. Burial was in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Charles (Lydia) Wilson, and Mrs. John (Betty) PeBrul of Wisconsin, and a brother, Walter, of Lansing.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bush of Tubbs Lake were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen at a conservation supper at the Barryton Conservation Club.

Thanksgiving guests were the Allen's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jordon and family of Lansing. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Eberley of Barryton.

Mrs. Richard Flaughner was admitted to CMC Hospital Sunday for major surgery. Marty is staying with his grandparents, the Ray Flaughers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner were host to their children and their families for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Lucine Sisco underwent major surgery at CMC Hospital Wednesday.

Oral Bunting was a Thursday guest of his daughter and family, the Ken Bollmans.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Swan and children and the James Coles were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cook and family had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder.

Mrs. Ella Swan is visiting the Russell Swans of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines and family. Beth Hogg was a Sunday visitor of her grandparents.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook were Mr. and Mrs. James Wiley and family of Gregory and Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge of Owosso.

Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar had as Thanksgiving guests Lawrence Toarmina, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lamberti and Eddie of St. Clair Shores; Mrs. Evalena Grant of Carsonville, and the Larry Grants of New Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett and family and Mrs. Ruth Keyser were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keyser and family of Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan MacGregor spent Friday and Satur-

day with the Charles Garretts.

Mrs. Keith Thompson and Mrs. Leona Courser visited Mr. and Mrs. Craig Thompson and family of Lansing Friday.

The CMB Club met and had pot-luck dinner with Nettie Baker Thursday, to celebrate her 85th birthday. There were 19 ladies present.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and family of Wheeler were my Thanksgiving Day guests. Floyd Ferguson and son, Virgil, of St. Louis, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fritz of Coldwater were Saturday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser had their children and families as Thanksgiving guests.

Mrs. Lawrence Johnson and Chris and Carol of Rockford, Ill., spent Thursday till Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fiorillo and family.

Connie Foster visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Foster, of Inkster, and her sister and family, the Reuben Mikitaroffs, of Dearborn, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses and family of Flushing were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger.

The Broomfield Lutheran Church honored its 22 Senior members with special services and gifts, and a bountiful dinner Sunday, at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Krueger and family were Thanksgiving Day guests of the Herman Cook and Glee Krueger families.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Ward and family and the Gary Leiters had Thanksgiving dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ward.

Mrs. Lovica Krueger was a weekend guest of the Jack Lieders. The Lieders were Thanksgiving guests at the Arnold Krueger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner had Thursday dinner with the Richard Flaughers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen were last Tuesday evening visitors of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

LAKE ISABELLA

Lester B. Hall, Reporter

Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Serum were their daughters and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Phillips and daughter, Ginny, of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lee of Mt. Pleasant.

Al Stimet and sons, Bob and Billy, of Birmingham were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leppan, Wednesday to Friday of last week. Saturday guests of the Leppans were Mrs. Leppans' sister, Mrs. Lillian Tradnik, of Detroit, and her daughter, Nancy, of Chicago.

Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hall were the families of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Carlson, son David and daughter Kathy, and their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hall, and son, Chris. The visit was also enjoyed by grandmother and great-grandmother Mrs. Bessie Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Norm Paddock and Mr. and Mrs. James Beattie spent from Monday till Friday last week in the Detroit metropolitan area. The Paddocks visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Asaro, of Sterling Heights, and Norm's mother in Detroit. The Beatties visited their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Klenk, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Steven spent Thanksgiving Day with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Woitdt, daughter Ma-

rie and son Duane, of Shepherd.

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Local Items

Mrs. Ruth Momany spent Thanksgiving Day at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany, and family, of rural Big Rapids. They brought her home in the evening. They attended church here Sunday, and were dinner guests of Ruth.

Emma Middlesworth attended a birthday dinner Sunday at McNeilly's Restaurant in Barryton, honoring Ruth Blesch. There nine in the party, and they went to the home of Ethel Soper and enjoyed the afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Creed and son of Algonac and Mrs. Lucille Smith and Jim were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mrs. Leah Scharrer. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus and children of Flushing were weekend guests of Mrs. Scharrer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich entertained 20 family members at Thanksgiving dinner, the most distant travelers coming from Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kniffen and family of Lansing were weekend guests.

Mabel Allen and Connie Skinner were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Frances Tranbarger. Tuesday evening of this week, Mabel treated Frances, Connie, and George Miller to her special "sweet and sour pork," at evening dinner at Frances' home.

Mrs. Nina Forbes spent Thanksgiving Day with the Robert Holt family in Mt. Pleasant.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

Thanksgiving holiday week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh were Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Claud LaFray of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kavanaugh of Southfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Mick Schmalbach, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson and Paul and Mike Kavanaugh. Sunday was Vera's birthday, and they gathered again at her home for an evening birthday dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Faber and family of Rockford were Sunday guests of his father and aunt, Ed and Regina Faber. Marguerite Rittersdorf of Belding was a Friday through weekend guest. Fred Streng and family were Thanksgiving dinner guests of the Fabers.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hauck and children had Thanksgiving dinner with the Harold Raus, and supper with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schafer. Mr. and Mrs. Schafer and Randy had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hauck and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith and family entertained all their relatives at Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa entertained company for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marchiando had Thanksgiving dinner for all their close relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Block and family had Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert, Jr., as Thanksgiving dinner guests. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cole were also guests.

Pat Schafer and brother from Chicago spent the weekend here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Smith and family spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa. The Smiths are from Lansing.

Miss Loretta Fox of Rochester spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. Clara Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pung and family of Hemlock spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and family in Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Snyder of Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and family of Fenton spent a few days with Irene Smith.

Leona Faber and sister, Marguerite Rittersdorf, of Belding, visited Louise Smith Monday morning. Walter and Dale Rau also called. Stewart Merrill called to see Dora Friday afternoon. Louise and Dora visited Tillie Schafer Friday afternoon.

Gerald and Loretta Smith of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with his mother, Louise Smith, and Dora. Sandy Smith

and Julian and Victor of Fenton were afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp entertained at a birthday supper Friday evening for Mrs. Mike McCleary. Present were Mr. and Mrs. McCleary of Alma, Maxine Klumpp, Sue Duffy, and Terry Klumpp.

Sister Marie Alexander and Sister Herman Joseph of Grand Rapids spent the past week with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp and Donna and Cindy drove to Owosso Saturday to attend the wedding of Katherin Griffin and Kenneth Vichy.

Charlotte Schafer of Grand Rapids spent the Thanksgiving weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer.

Mrs. Louise Schafer had Thanksgiving dinner with the John Sheahan family.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Billy and Kelli Schafer spent Thursday and Friday with Grandma and Grandpa Schafer, while their parents, Gerald and Jane, were working and staying with Jane's sister, Linda Kandar, at the hospital in Saginaw.

Judy Schafer and daughters, Josette and Heather, spent three days this past weekend with her sister, Pat Stahl, at Sumner.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday with us. Other visitors were Bill and Lynn Schafer and son, Brian, and Don and Judy Schafer and daughter, Josette, Heather and Jolene Klumpp.

Lonnie Block had breakfast with Bob Schafer Sunday morning.

Loretta Lorenz had Thanksgiving dinner with the Howard Kolarik family.

Clarence and Lois Ritter and Clarence Lorenz spent from Wednesday till Saturday at their place at Indian River, in the Upper Peninsula. The weather was bad and rainy, and they couldn't hunt.

Lois Ritter called on Loretta Lorenz Monday morning.

Sunday Leona Perrin and Loretta Lorenz spent the day with the Bob Theisens in Mt. Pleasant.

Bill and Lynn Schafer and son, Brian, spent Sunday afternoon with her parents, Norval and Dorothy Maxon, of Mt. Pleasant.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Carol Abbott and Mrs. Muriel Miller and family spent Thanksgiving afternoon with the Knollenberg family at Rosebush, and had dessert with them.

Ward Dell spent Thanksgiving with the Bob Louisell family of Mt. Pleasant. Friday Ward visited his friend, Mr. Blake, and also called on his doctor in

Evart.

Al Woodbury had Thanksgiving dinner with Laura Latham.

PFC John Latham and his brother, PFC Mart, got home Thursday at 3 a. m., and went back Monday. They both called on their grandmother, Laura Latham, Saturday.

Mrs. Carolyn Parrish and her mother were shopping in Barryton Monday.

We had Thanksgiving dinner with our son and family, the Albert Gotts of Wimm. Her mother, Flossie Allen, had dinner with us also. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak called on us this Monday morning.

Denise Ptak of Royal Oak visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak, from Wednesday till Saturday. Thanksgiving Day visitors also included Mr. and Mrs. James Magyari, sister of Joe Ptak, and Peter Magyari of near Detroit. Weekend visitors were Mr. and Mrs. John Cramer, (sister of Joe Ptak), also, of near Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak and Brian and Denise visited the Don Alwood home Saturday to see Helen, who had just returned from the hospital.

Bob Smith and son, John, of Ypsilanti spent several days at their cabin near Gladwin, deer hunting. On his way home he visited relatives, including his nephew and niece, Rusty and Fonda Alwood, to meet little Heather Lymm. Bob also

called on his sister, Helen, at CMC Hospital, and visited his mother, Hermione Smith, at Pleasant Manor. Bob has worked for the Ypsilanti Fire Department for years. One of their children graduated from high school and six others are still in school.

Callers at the Don Alwood home the past week were Mrs. Ella Adams of Lake, Mr. and Mrs. George McClain, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak and Brian and their daughter, Denise, of Royal Oak. Helen was improving after her illness, with complete rest at home.

Jim Alwood helped his cousin, Dan Kripa, Jr., with winter farm chores Sunday.

Cathy Alwood returned to school Monday after a week's illness with bronchitis. Her teacher, Jean Houghton, called on her and brought her homework.

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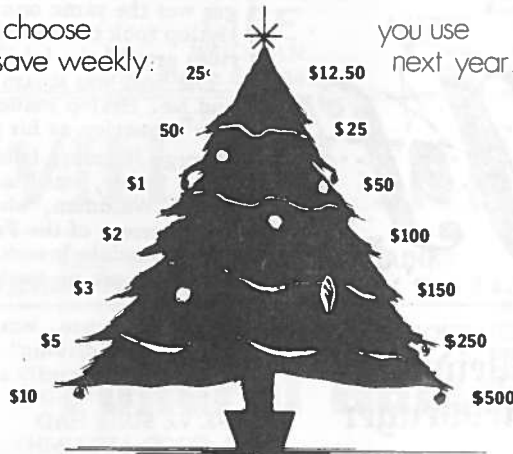
NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith spent Thanksgiving with their granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Paulsen, in Midland.

Mrs. Grace Pitts spent Thanksgiving with the Elwyn Pitts family at Big Rapids. Callers through the week were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Samford of Atlanta, Ga., Elaine Esterline of Farwell and Lynn Esterline and family of Marysville, and Mrs. Mona Wood of Lansing.

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Local Items

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Flower were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower and family of Petersburg and Sgt. and Mrs. Larry Leiter of Selfridge Field.

The family of Mary Clark gathered for Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Clark of Shepherd. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey and Mrs. Arthur Grimm of Shepherd.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler's family had Thanksgiving dinner at the Weidman Masonic Hall. The Jim Beutlers, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and Grant, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tibbetts and two children of East Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Downing, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fordyce, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Mengot and Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Mengot were among the family members.

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EDGAR FORDYCE RODE ON BOAT IN OLD PICTURE.

A call from Edgar Fordyce revealed that his family, the Fordyces of Gilmore, held a family gathering at Coldwater Lake on Bob Hyslop's landing in 1898, on July 4, and Edgar says he remembers it well, though he was only four years old at the time.

He said everyone was talking about the Battle of Santiago July 3 that year (the Spanish-American War), and he is certain the boat shown in the old picture in last week's Messenger was the same one Mr. Hyslop took the family in for rides around the lake.

The boat was steam powered, and Mr. Hyslop made it a regular attraction at his resort.

George Holmes, Lola Fordyce's father, was blacksmith for Mr. Weidman, who kept many horses, of the Percheron and Clydesdale breeds, for work in woods on lands he owned.

This, of course, was besides the spirited "driving" team for the Weidman family surrey.

WE'VE SURE HAD A GOOD AUTUMN

For once, we've had a lovely autumn. Nobody could fault September and October, two most beautiful months in Michigan this year.

And on Nov. 27, as we put this issue to bed, we have bright green lawns, with our grass growing like anything.

We can hope it gets a good start for spring.

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Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and Judy, Nancy, Lorri and Randy, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson and Doug, Greg and Linda were Thanksgiving dinner guests of the Jim Thompson family.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and Bill and Bob attended Union Thanksgiving services at the Church of Christ Wednesday evening, near Remus. Later they called on Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wager. Sunday evening the Jim Thompsons attended Pioneer Night program at the United Methodist Church in Remus. Other churches took part in the program. A free-will offering went to Eagle Boys' Village near Hersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow and Mrs. Nettie Lawrence attended George Bolinger's funeral Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber of Farwell were Friday afternoon callers of Mrs. Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and children spent the weekend with her parents, the Gerald Dents. Other Thanksgiving guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller were Thanksgiving guests of the Norman Miller family.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran were Sunday dinner guests of the Gerald Loseys.

Jim Wright spent the weekend with his parents, the Wilbur Wrights. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller and family were Saturday evening guests. Mrs. Katie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller were Sunday guests.

Mrs. David Flower returned home last Wednesday after staying a week with her daughter, Jennie Leiter, at Selfridge Field.

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Marge Wardwell and family of Flint spent the weekend at her trailer, and visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee. Julius Allbee was also a Sunday guest.

Tim Wardwell and two friends of Flint called on their uncle and aunt, the Paul Coles, Sunday, and did some deer hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing and daughters, Connie, Carol and Mavis, were Thanksgiving dinner guests of her parents, the Paul Coles. Carol stayed till Sunday, returning home to Vassar with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lague, who spent most of the week with their grandparents, the Coles, deer hunting.

Sunday evening there was a car-deer accident at the corner of Coleman and Woodruff Roads, near our house.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Geasler and daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Geasler spent Thanksgiving at the Raymond Geasler cabin.

Joe Mossell and sons, Tom and Dick, and Mr. and Mrs. John Mossell of South Bend, Ind., were breakfast guests of the Paul Coles Saturday morning. The Mossells spent the weekend at their cabin, deer hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler and boys were Thanksgiving dinner guests of the Robert Worth family.

We are happy to hear Mrs. Bud Blodgett is home from the hospital and doing fine.

Mrs. Orma Kripa and son, Steve, took Velma Cole Christmas shopping Monday, in Mt. Pleasant.

Roy Donnelly spent several

days at his farm.

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Ed Olger is able to sit up and feed himself, after a prolonged

stay in CMC Hospital. He is still hospitalized, but was considered much better this week.

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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

The Dale Gatehouse family had Thanksgiving dinner with her folks. The Gary Gatehouses had Thanksgiving dinner with the Fred Wilcox family. The Duane Thren family and the Leo Gatehouses and Vicki enjoyed dinner together Thanksgiving Day.

The Howard Beutler family had a belated Thanksgiving dinner with her folks, the Stanley Sandersons of St. Charles, Saturday evening.

Steve, Brian and Dean Gatehouse spent the weekend with their grandparents, the Harry Gatehouses, while their folks were north, camping.

The Gatehouse families have been having the flu.

Mrs. Pat Ransom and boys of Flint and Linda Hardenburgh spent a few days with their folks, the Harry Hardenburghs. Bob Dell and Bill Hardenburgh were Monday visitors.

Harry Hardenburgh came home from the Saginaw hospital last Monday, and went back this Monday for a checkup.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case and Burgess were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and family. The Dutchers visited the Cases Saturday evening.

Emory Dell entered the Edmore Hospital Sunday.

Mrs. Ervin Dutcher has been having the flu the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and baby had Thanksgiving Day dinner with the Chum Methners.

Floyd Dutcher spent last Monday over night with us, then Clayton and Ervin took him to Tri Cities Airport Tuesday morning early, where he took a plane to Florida, his winter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn and the Dale Dutchers attended the 50th wedding anniversary of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Owen, at Midland, Saturday.

The Robert Dutchers had Thanksgiving dinner with her folks, the Glen Owens. They and the Dale Dutchers called on us Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and Kevin and Karen had Thanksgiving dinner with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. They came up Wednesday to attend the funeral of George Bolinger, and stayed until Friday.

Beth Hogg called on the Ervin Dutchers Sunday, and told them their big shepherd dog got hit and killed by a car in our heavy Sunday afternoon traffic.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and girls of Flint spent Saturday afternoon and over night with the Clayton Dutchers. The Jim Dutchers and Dick Dutcher also had Sunday dinner with us.

Randy Allen and Keith Dutcher

of Clarkston had supper and spent the evening with the Ervin Dutchers, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and family called on the Jim Dutchers Thursday afternoon. The Jim Dutchers spent Thanksgiving evening with her folks, the Stan Roomsburghs, of Blanchard.

The Jim Dutchers visited the Walter Howes Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wernette and Cindy of Greenville and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Sandra had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad.

Cindy Wernette spent the rest of the week with Brian's, and her folks came up Sunday and got her. They called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Bill and Butch Hardenburgh visited Steve Dutcher last Monday.

Brian Dutcher and Robert Dutcher both got their bucks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti visited the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and Kevin and Karen were Thursday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse and Mr. and Mrs. John Maeder were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark.

Luann Maeder and Mark spent Sunday afternoon with her folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee were evening callers of Harry and Beatrice.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and Heather Lym had Thanksgiving dinner with Fonda's folks, the Chum Methners.

The Jim Dutcher family called on the Bob Dutchers Sunday evening.

Robert Dutcher went to New York on business for the Dow plant, Monday, to spend most of the week.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. David Livermore entertained her sister and family from Wisconsin over Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields and family of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson and girls of Sheridan called on Tony Bartley and his sister, Jane Fields, Sunday.

Flossie Forbes spent from Sunday till Wednesday with her granddaughter and family, the Don Hyders, of Rockford.

Carl and Ellen Geasler were in Ionia one day last week, where they attended the funeral of their cousin, the former Besie Wilcox.

Dad and I spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Don Seymour. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Moon of Battle Creek spent Thursday evening with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher, Jr., of Farwell and Mr. and Mrs.

Darrel Haenke and boys of near Blanchard spent the holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen.

Jane Fields accompanied her nephew, Willard Spencer, to Lakeview Wednesday evening, where they called on Almond Spencer at the Lakeview Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Wright and boys spent the holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright, and did some hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baker of Grand Rapids spent from Wednesday till Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker.

Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen included the Haenkes of Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher, and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blodgett.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Godwin and boys were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Eathel Beers and Fern Verette.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss Cooper and baby of Barryton were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Tom and Jo Waid at Lake. They all drove over to the tragic home of Ben and Myrella Jezewski of near Harrison, which Jo had sold them recently. Mr. and Mrs. Jezewski died in the home fire at 3 a. m. Their two children escaped through windows.

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Ethel Bywater spent Thanksgiving Day with her step-son and family, the Burr Abrahamsons, of Mt. Pleasant. They came and got her, and brought her home.

Mrs. Jean Brew and daughters of Comstock Park and Mrs. Glee Clark of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Lela Whearett and Donald Clark, at a belated Thanksgiving dinner.

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