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Editor's Column

By Connie

THEY USED TO TEACH REAL ARITHMETIC

John Forest pokes around old buildings on the home-place of his father, Frank, and comes up with some priceless relics.

Last week he brought in an 8th grade "Efficiency Arithmetic" book for 8th graders in the then one-room country schools.

The book belonged to Agnes Doherty, a cousin of Mrs. Frank Forest. Its price, marked on a front fly-leaf, was 65 cents.

In an introductory page, the book says, among other things, "When asked what the new workers in his firm needed most in arithmetic, the head of the school for training workers in one of the largest mercantile firms in the country said, "Teach them to add, subtract, multiply and divide." He emphasized what all business men want--speed and accuracy in those four fundamental processes."

The book begins with "review exercises", and among the exercises are these:

Write the following numbers:

Ten thousand ten.

One hundred fifty thousand fifteen.

Two million two hundred thousand.

Sixteen million sixteen thousand and sixteen.

Twenty-eight million four hundred fifteen thousand.

That's just a beginning. There are 15 problems on that page.

Exercise 3 concerns Roman notation. How many of today's 8th graders could read the following?

XVII, XXXIV, XLIV, LXVI, MDC, MDCCCXCVII, MDCCCXVII. (That's just a few of the Roman numerals an eighth grader was expected to translate in first-week-of-school review.)

Still in the "review" section of the front of the book, are the following exercises (we don't quote anywhere near all of them here):

Exercise 5: Subtraction. 98 minus 7; 49 minus 5; 66 minus 5; 67 minus 7; and so on. These

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HARRIET DILLENBECK, BEULAH SCOTT--Honored by their card club last week, as both are planning to leave this area. Harriet and Pat are planning to move to Grand Haven, while Beulah and "Pete" (Glenn) plan to make their home in Florida, perhaps coming back to Michigan two-three months of the summers.

Their card club (formerly known as the Birthday Club) hosted them as honored guests at a dinner last Wednesday evening at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Pleasant.

Pat and Harriet want to be near their two daughters and their families, the Bill, Jr., and Dick Louisell families, in Grand Haven and Spring Lake, in southwest Michigan.

Both couples hope to come back to this area during summers, to visit relatives and friends.

Harriet and Beulah are two of the original members of the card club, which was begun 30 years ago. There are several original members who attend the club, which meets once a month at different members' homes.

Those present for the going-away party at the Holiday Inn included Virginia Embrey of Farwell, Agnes Fox, Helen Flower, Jennie Sprague, Eva Middlesworth, Marilyn Losey, Kate Wood, Bobbie McHugh, and Jean McArthur, all of Weidman.

All Weidman folks wish the two couples peace and happiness in their new homes.

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Garden tomatoes are ripening slowly, in these chilly nights.

MARIE SWINDLEHURST GETS SPECIAL TRIBUTE FROM 4-H

Marie Swindlehurst and Claribel Bentler were Saturday visitors at the Messenger office after attending the Open House for Edmund and Lillian Wonsey Saturday afternoon.

Marie and Ye Ed had a good old chat, as both of us were school-mates in grade-school here in Weidman in pre-historic times.

Marie has devoted her time to her home and children, and after that has come devotion to the 4-H. Club work. She received a special tribute last April 30, on a "This Is Your Life" program given as a surprise for Marie. It was held in the Rosebush church, and put on by the Isabella-Denver 4-H. kids.

Marie also has a handsome document from the State of Michigan, signed by Gov Milliken, commending and recognizing her for her many years in 4-H work.

She is active in the Isabella

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PAT AND HARRIET DILLENBECK--Shown above on their 50th wedding anniversary recently. They're moving to Grand Haven, to be near their two daughters and families there and at Spring Lake. The Dillenbecks came to Weidman in 1947 to take charge of Dillenbeck's Drug Store, a packaged-drug outlet.

Messenger photo

Pat's father, Ray Dillenbeck, and his wife, Blanche, both died in 1948. Both had been incapacitated before their deaths, and Pat and Harriet and the two Dillenbeck daughters, Ruth and Violet,

both married by then, helped care for them. (There was no hospital in Mt. Pleasant at that time.)

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are written reviews, set within a short time limit.

Exercise 8 is Multiplaction. Here are a couple of problems the beginning eighth grader was expected to solve quickly just in "review", before starting the real year's work: 83 times 9; 54 times 6; 87 times 7; and so on.

There are "exercises" in addition, multiplication, subtraction, and division.

How would your eighth-grader of today like to "quickly" write down the answer to these (just a small segment of the long assignemtn)?

9 into 81; 7 into 84; 7 into 42; 8 into 96; 2 into 22; and on and on.

The "review exercises" go on and on, in mathematics. The beginning 8th grader is expected to easily multiply 572 by 7; 537 by 8; 329 by 8; and on and on.

Also in "arithmetic" was a section of reivew on "practice problems":

"A man bought a lot for \$1250. He built a house on it that cost \$5275 and then sold the property for \$7000. How much did he gain?" (Simple to us old-time grammar-school folks, but how about today's children?)

And here's one that must have been a stinker to the beginning eight-grader of long ago:

In 1917, the House of Representatives had a membership of 435. If the population of the United States was approximately 100,000,000 at that time, what was the number of people to one representative?

That's just in the "introduction". We'll have some real school-work to quote from in the near future, from that little "Efficiency Arithmetic" book of nearly a hundred years ago. It belonged to Agnes Doherty, a cousin of Mrs. Frank Forest.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if our kids could really "get back to basics?" The sad thing is that no one in the teaching profession today really knows just what the "basics" were.

MARIE SWINDLEHURST

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County Republican Party; past chairman of the Isabella County Farm Bureau Women; and has been rural chairman for the Cancer Drive for many years.

Marie has rolled up quite an outstanding record in public-service work, besides being a farm wife and mother.

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BAND BOOSTERS AND BAND KIDS WORKING TO RAISE MONEY FOR FLORIDA TRIP

Band Booster parents and members of the Chippewa Hills High School Band are already beginning work on raising \$25,000 for a coveted trip to Florida this year, to compete in an international band conclave there.

Their present effort is to sell ads on a community calendar listing birthdays of individual families, community events, etc.

Advertisements sell for 10 cents per copy of the calendars sold. Selling advertisements has begun, with band members (and their parents) soliciting ads from business

people and private citizens.

Interested persons may call Jeanne Smith, tel. 644-2006, or any band kids, who will go to your home and show their proposition.

Kids who work on the project will get refunds.

Further money-raising programs by the Band Boosters and band members include magazine sale in October; acrylic glasses in November; they are very fancy, with etched designs. They are recommended by Band Boosters as ideal Christmas gifts for 1978, which date they will have on them. Members say they will become collectors' items.

This group hopes to go to Florida this coming New Year's Day, and they hope to send a fresh band membership down there again in four years.

Jeanne Smith is president of the Chippewa Hills Band Boosters.

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Pat Dillenbeck was still in the Alma Hospital the first of this week, having surgery on his leg for correction of veins.

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sales. 102 South Adams, Mt. Pleasant. Pearl Dell.
 Sept. 7t1

GRACE PERIOD OF ALL DELINQUENT BOOK BORROWERS
 The Gladys McArthur Memorial Library in Weidman announces a three-months' grace period to turn in overdue library books without penalty.
 The library has over 300 books in circulation (borrowed) this month. Library volunteer workers say they will appreciate it if folks will get the books back--with no overdue penalty during the next three months.
 The library has had many good book donations.

The RIF (Reading Is Fundamental), a federal program, is donating junior and adult non-fiction books, including gardening, flying, and a great variety of other subjects.

Diane Benn, leader and chief sustainer of the Weidman Library, says the library is there for people to use--come on in and use it!

Donations for running expenses and upkeep of the building are always needed. A handy donation can sit in the Weidman Branch of Isabella Bank & Trust, easy to drop in coins or a dollar bill or so.

Local Items

Free distribution newspapers and other material put in newspaper boxes were knocked down and destroyed Saturday night or early Sunday morning, in this area. Some were in Weidman, others to the northwest of town. The steel posts holding the boxes were knocked down, the steel posts bent at ground level.

Mrs. Jeanette Johnston of Rosebush and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Brecht brought dinners from the Beal City chicken barbecue Sunday and enjoyed the meal with Claribel Beutler.

Mrs. Spike Branson, Mrs. Verliia Wilcox and Sue Griffin of Ionia were shopping in Mt. Pleasant Saturday. Mrs. Griffin has been visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Henderson of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson attended the wedding of their niece, Ronda Wedjroski, at Grayling, Saturday.

Thayne and Phyllis Sides and Forrest and Iva White of Lake of the Hills were among the Mackinaw Bridge walkers Labor Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simmer, Jr., and Heather were Labor Day weekend guests of their folks, the Ronnie Spragues. George Looman

and friend, Frieda, of Remus were Saturday evening guests.

Garth and Judy Lawrence of Laingsburg and Larry and Cheryl Cummins and two boys of St. Louis were Sunday callers of Helen Smith and Ula Cummins.

Mrs. Edna Bowein was among the many from here attending the chicken barbecue dinner at Beal City Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cripps and son, Keith, of Detroit, were last week guests of their mother, Mrs. Edna Bowein.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts spent the Labor Day weekend in Rockford, Ill.

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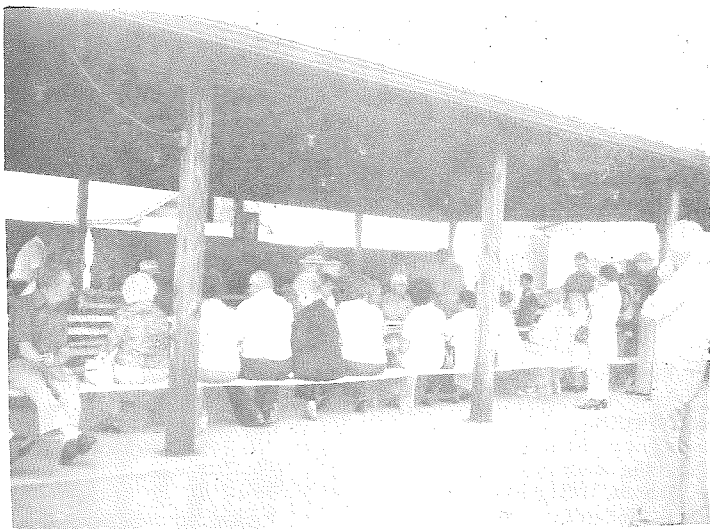
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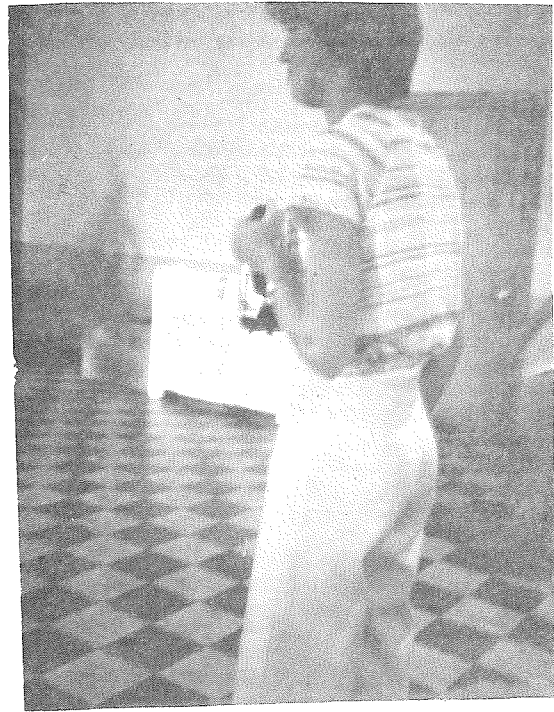




AND THE PIES!--They're all home made by Nottawa women, who really know how to make pies from scratch. There was a wonderful assortment of pies at Sunday's K. of C. Chicken Barbecue dinner, all delicious, all home made in the kitchens of Nottawa women. Messenger photos



BINGO WAS JUST BEGINNING--As we left. Recent years have seen a roofed arcade or mall erected, attached to the hall, where bingo players can get about the serious business of bingo rain or shine. As we took this photo, the first bingo! was called, with Ida Fussman winner. Messenger photos



THEY HAVE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS IN BEAL CITY--And they act as waitresses on tables, and very efficiently, too. We caught this shy but beautiful teenager as she went about her business of refilling coffee cups at the tables.



THE QUILT RAFFLE BOOTH WAS POPULAR--With three very beautiful quilts being raffled off. Two were children's beds' quilts, the other a patchwork or maybe the old-fashioned "crazy quilt" design. All were beautiful.

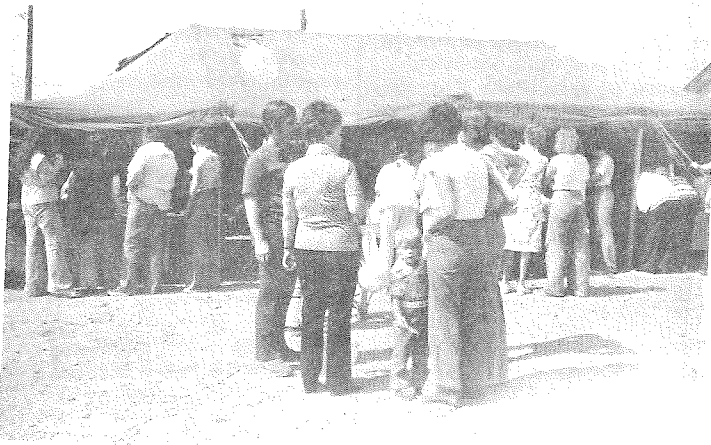
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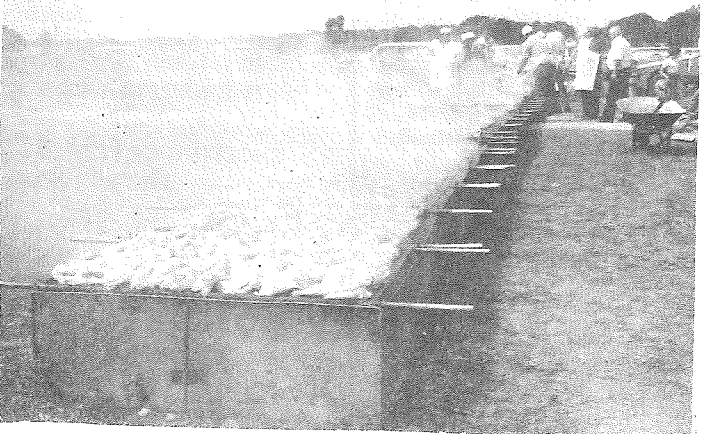
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Messenger Want Ads.



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CHICKENS ON THE BARBECUE PITS--At the Beal City K. of C. annual big chicken dinner. At the near end are raw chickens, which are moved on down the charcoal-fire lines as the roasting process progresses. The Beal City Knights of Columbus men--and their women, sons and daughters--are renowned for their expertise in putting on big affairs like this. They annually assist in the Lil' Mac Pig Roast on the Elwood Miller farm in February, and their know-how in organizing work is invaluable, and highly appreciated.



THEY ROAST POTATOES OVER CHARCOAL, TOO--And then wrap them in foil. Potatoes go straight from the roasting pits to the plate-fillers at the entrance to the K. C. Hall, where it all takes place.

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THE SOUTH FIELD OF THE WEIDMAN SCHOOL--Got a smoothing over and liming and seeding job Friday, as Larry Rescoe rode a borrowed scoop shovel preparing the field for sweetening and seeding. The field has been a nightmare of sandburs, and the Weidman Lions Club figured a good liming and seeding should eliminate the burs. (We told them to put a cow or goat in there in the spring and she (or he) would eliminate the sandburs in one season; but this appeared rather impractical, so the Lions Club got fertilizer and seeding to attempt control of the pests.) Burt Bader made a trip to Mt. Pleasant to get grass seed for the Lions, and Bader Milling Company loaned their spreader. Bader Milling Company gave the Lions the fertilizer and seed at wholesale cost. *Messenger photo*

North Weidman

Llyal Gott, Reporter

KRIPAS STAGE A FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa of Mt. Pleasant held a family reunion at their new home recently. Mrs. Kiyo Alwood of California spent a week with relatives here, and the reunion was for her to meet everyone.

Those attending included Mr. and Mrs. Ed Benic of Mt. Clemens, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCain and Pegge of Lennon, Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and family, and all the children of the Kripas and their families.

Jim Alwood took his Aunt Kiyo to the Tri-Cities Airport to get her plane back home.

She enjoyed her visit very much, and plans to return next summer.

It had been 22 years since relatives had seen her. Her husband passed away last spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and Mrs. Helen Alwood attended the chicken barbecue at the K. C. Hall in Beal City Sunday afternoon.

Bob Smith and daughters, Lori and Connie, and their two girlfriends of Ypsilanti spent last week at his cabin at Skeels. Friday they all had dinner at the Don Alwood home before returning home. Bob and girls called at the Leo Smith home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and family were supper guests at the

Don Alwood home Friday. Todd Alwood spent Friday and Saturday with his grandparents. Mrs. Elvah Gott enjoyed chili with the Alwoods one day last week.

Donny Alwood left for Mott Community College in Flint Monday, to begin classes Tuesday. He will be on the college baseball team while there.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Sister Adele and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger called on Anne Smith and Tillie Schafer Monday evening.

Jim and Janetta Schafer called on Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann Monday evening.

Mrs. Effie Schafer spent last weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Edna Theisen, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Ella Tilmann spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann.

Mrs. Florence Ball and family went to Ohio to visit relatives over the weekend.

The Del Mac bike riders went through here Friday morning, on their way to St. Helen's for the night, then on to the Mackinaw Bridge.

Mrs. Emily Goffnett and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Wednesday evening.

The Beal City varsity football team scrimmaged Fowler Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Yuncker and family spent the Labor Day weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry

Yuncker.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Winn spent Thursday evening with Tillie Schafer. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Joe Schafer and children of Vernon were Saturday afternoon callers. Ruth Klumpp spent Friday with Tillie.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Christenson of Florida and Clara Ley of Lansing called on Louise Schafer Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter O'Donnell of Bay City were dinner guests of Mrs. Emma Tilmann Tuesday of this week.

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BEAL CITY CARD PARTY HAS 19 TABLES AT PLAY

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 19 tables of pepper at play.

Martha Sheahan won first prize for the ladies, with Veronica Tilmann second and Tillie Zucker low.

For the men, Jack Cotter won first prize, with Ragolt Hauck second and Bill Appelgreen low.

Margaret Judge won the pepper prize. Anna Schafer won the door prize.

The next card party at the Beal K. of C. Hall will be Thursday afternoon, Sept. 14. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Local Items

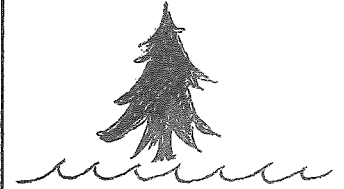
James Neubecker of DeWitt was a Monday visitor of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker.

Marie Swindlehurst of rural Mt. Pleasant and Claribel Beutler were among the many who attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Edmund and Lillian Wonsey Saturday, hosted by their daughter at Uncle Ben's Rest Home just west of Weidman. All enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. Bertha Summers of Dimon-

dale, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson, Mrs. Nina Forbes, and Mrs. Margaret Mullett of Rosebush attended the beautiful wedding of Michael Jesse Weaver and Miss Rhonda Kay Wajrowski. They were united in marriage at the Camp Grayling Chapel Saturday afternoon at 2.30. A dinner and reception were held at the Officers' Club, where a large crowd assembled. Rhonda Kay is the granddaughter of Margaret, and niece of the rest of those attending from here.

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Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and daughters of Lake Orion, the Monroe Dutchers and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dutcher of Clarkston were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crawford of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with the Gatehouse families.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher, the Bob and Dale Dutcher families enjoyed Thursday evening with the Gary Dutchers, celebrating Becky's 16th birthday. Jeanne Denslow spent Thursday night with Becky. Happy Birthday!

Mr. and Mrs. Angus McDonald of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baumann of Big Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Ortwein, Alice Harker, Dorothy Henkels, Cleo Galupski, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Youngquist and the Milo Henkels, all of Mecosta, were Sunday guests of the Carl Fitzgeralds, enjoying pot-luck dinner.

Florence Fitzgerald of Lansing spent Labor Day weekend with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Kniffen and sons, Dale and Ronnie, of Lansing, spent the weekend with Pat Kurtz.

Ronna Jean and Steve Dutcher visited Bob Farnam and his mother at Lake Isabella last Wednesday.

Mrs. Lou Ann Maeder and Mark were Sunday guests of her parents, the Harry Gatehouses. Roderick Nicholson visited Bea and Harry Friday evening.

Jeanine Beauw visited her mother, Mabel Chaffee, over the weekend. Her daughter, Robyn, returned home with her, after visiting her grandmother a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family enjoyed sailing at Higgins Lake Saturday, along with the Bob Tibbetts family of Lansing.

The Drew Busy Bees will meet with Mary Fahnestock of Lake of the Hills Sept. 14.

The Eddie Oplingers and the Brian Dutcher family enjoyed Sunday with the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. In the afternoon, all called on Ervin and Goldie Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and girls of Lake Orion were Wednesday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr. Saturday evening guests of the Dutchers were the Monroe and Terry Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Miller of Detroit spent the weekend visiting former classmates of the Waight School. Harry, Leo, and Hazel Gatehouse, Clayton Dutcher, and the older Sheldon and Darnell children were LeRoy's classmates. He and his wife stayed in the yard of the Leo Gatehouse home in their mobile home during their stay.

Marion Beutler is working at CMU on a temporary basis.

Mabel Chaffee, Jeanine Beauw and Robyn all attended the bountiful dinner at Beal City Sunday, aptly served by young girls and boys of the area; forgetting diets for the day, everyone really enjoyed the feast.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Marie McDonald, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and two boys were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and three grandchildren spent Sunday with the Mack Denslows.

Jim and Pat Strong, Melanie Mayer, and Shirley Fox were Saturday evening guests at the Jim Thompson home.

Mrs. Opal Denslow spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Ruby Williams, of Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller and Mabel Allen called on the Eldon Bellows family Sunday evening.

Mabel Allen spent two days over the holiday weekend with the Elwood Millers.

Robert Fahnestock and daughter, Cindy Green, and son, Bob, Jr., spent last week with his folks, the Charles Fahnestocks.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and daughter, Judy, spent the weekend with her folks, the Gerald Dents. They all were Sunday dinner guests at the Lynn Johnson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan called on the Dents Sunday evening. Mabel said they have made several trips to the Alma hospital to visit Pat Dillenbeck.

Austin and Ida Mae Dent were Monday morning callers at the Gerald Dents'.

D.J. Whitman spent from Friday till Monday with his grandparents, the Pete Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills went to Auburn, Ind., Saturday, returning Sunday.

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox and Mrs. Sue Greenho were Monday callers at the Paul Miller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and I spent part of Sunday afternoon with Hattie Losey.

I was among relatives enjoying Labor Day dinner with the Gerald Losey family.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe had her two sisters from Arizona as guests last week.

A number from here attended the parade at Farwell Monday, Labor Day.

I called on Irene Gilbert in Farwell Friday.

Catherine Letson and Ruth McPherson were Mt. Pleasant shoppers Friday. Ruth returned to her home in East Jordan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fields and daughter, Kris, of Grand Rapids, called on their uncle, Tony Bartley, last week, spending the day

with him.

Lorna Speice and daughters, Tammy and Connie, of Carson City, spent the day with Laura Roberts and Kevin, and enjoyed a birthday dinner in Mt. Pleasant in Kevin's honor Wednesday.

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THE DILLENBECKS SELL THE "DRUG STORE"--(Now Bud's Party Store) to Bud Fredrickson, newcomer fresh out of Muskegon. That was in March of 1968. Weidman folks were saddened when Pat and Harriet left the business street, but welcomed the young new owner. He was just 25 years old, born and raised in a city, with no previous experience with us country people. Yet Bud fitted right in, and has been one of the hardest workers in the WBA on all its projects; and he is "there" on any worthwhile civic movement concerning the town of Weidman. He is now married, with two step-children, a lovely little girl and a boy--and now he and Jinny have a son of their own, Little Bud. Ray Dillenbeck, Clarence'

father, bought the original store building from John Otterbine, and at first operated just an ice cream parlor (remember that, all you old-timers?). O. J. Baker had bought the "drug store" from Erie

Thompson, but the business failed. Thereafter, Ray and Blanche Dillenbeck established a packaged-drug (patent medicines only) store, which flourished. Now it's Bud's Party Store, with

liquor license inherited from Ray Dillenbeck, plus the original soda fountain and countless additions to the store's desirability.

Bud's Store no longer carries patent medicines, as Lou Fiorillo's new and impressive Weidman Pharmacy, with Lou a licensed pharmacist, takes care of all the needs of any modern pharmacy.

Both Bud's Store and Lou's Pharmacy are good additions to the town's business street.

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THE DILLENBECKS TO MOVE
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Pat and Harriet were married in 1925, and thereafter spent two years in Grand Rapids, where Pat worked for the Hayes Manufacturing Company as man in charge of production for the planning department. Later he was in charge of all extrusion at the big plant of Reynolds Aluminum Co. there.

Meantime, they had acquired the farm home where they spent happy years till Pat's health began to fail. This was the old Bert Kent farm; and they have made it into a model and modern country home of impressive dimensions.

This Saturday they're having an

auction sale at their beautiful country home, selling off everything on the place--tools, lawn machines, household items, the works.

They have an apartment nicely furnished in Grand Haven, with treasures from the old home here.

After the sale they plan to stay with Gerald and Mabel Dent, Harriet's brother and sister-in-law, a few days.

Pat Dillenbeck was one of the handful of businessmen who organized the Weidman Business Association; he held various offices, usually treasurer, the toughest job, in that organization, through all his years in business here.

He was with the group within the WBA that made the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department a reality; and he helped in decision-making in buying Weidman's first fire truck. He also was one of the hard workers in securing the deed and starting development of Mitchell Memorial Park.

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The Gene and David McArthur families spent the Labor Day weekend camping at Bluegill Lake, near Rodney.

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