

Thanksgiving

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Editor's Column

By Connie

YES, MY FACE IS RED

So last week, in my Editor's Column, yet, I pulled a blooper that will delight all proponents of easy-on-the-kids schooling.

It was a grammatical error, but let me tell you, it was a typographical one.

Anyone who knew Rolla Roe knew that he was a martinet with his kids so far as English grammar was concerned.

Yes, I know my English.

I'm sorry. Have a good laugh.

SO THE HOLIDAYS ARE UPON US

So already the winter holidays are here, with this week's issue dated on Thanksgiving Day.

And so here comes Christmas, and soon after, the Lil' Mac Pig Roast on the Elwood Miller farm, an annual event as big as any holiday; then Easter will be rushing at us (or is Mother's Day before that?), and then comes the spring and glory be (we hope) another winter will be behind us.

We hope you have had a happy Thanksgiving week.

We have. Our sister, Frances Tranbarger, traditionally supplies the Thanksgiving dinner, while Ye Ed attempts a somewhat like event at Christmas time.

Hope you're as full of turkey and all the fixin's as I am!

A LOT OF DEER TAKEN; TOO MANY ACCIDENTS

A lot of deer were taken from this area so far this hunting season, but there have been too many gun accidents this year.

Deer hunters may get excited; the novice may lose his (or her) head completely, and shoot at anything that moves; and so on.

We do hope the rest of this month will see a lessening of the gun accidents in Isabella County.

Incidentally, the Weidman area (all around us) remains one of the best deer-hunting places in the State of Michigan; even with our fast-growing lake developments and increasing population we're experiencing.

We still have some wildlands



HAPPIEST TEENAGER IN THE COUNTY--Was Ray Ehl, 17, when he got his deer, his first in four years of hunting. Ray said he got the nice buck southwest of Weidman. He is the son of William and Zada Harvey, who live six miles south of Weidman on Pickard Road. Messenger photo

hereabout, and they remain absolutely the best deer-hunting grounds in the state.

THE MICROWAVE OVEN COMES TO WEIDMAN

So the microwave oven arrives in Weidman around the first of December, on sale at Allen Lumber Company's showroom.

We do manage to keep up with the world.

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AMERICAN SECURITY BANK TO OPEN IN BEAL CITY NEXT WEEK MONDAY

The newly-completed building for the Beal City Branch of the American Security Bank of Mt. Pleasant will hold ribbon-cutting ceremonies and will be open for business beginning next week Monday, Dec. 5, according to Jane Eldred, public relations manager at Mt. Pleasant.

Mike Goodyear of Shepherd, now living in Beal City, will be branch manager, with three Beal City girls working as tellers.

Everyone in this area is invited to attend.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

CURTISS CAR WASH CASH BOX STOLEN; CAR WASH INOPERATIVE UNTIL REPAIRS

The outside coin-operated cash box at the Curtiss Car Wash in Weidman is out of business for the moment, as thieves tore the outside coin-box and Dick Curtiss, owner, says the place will have to wait on replacement from the manufacturer of the box.

No arrests have been made so far.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE HOSPITAL

Red Cross volunteers are needed at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant to work at the information desk, the headquarters of Red Cross at Mt. Pleasant said this week.

Hours where volunteers are now needed are 8 to 10 a. m. and 6.30 to 8 p. m., week days, and any time on weekends.

Volunteers should be at least 18 years old, male or female. For information, or to become a hospital volunteer, call 773-7010, Mt. Pleasant.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley, Sr., of Big Rapids spent the weekend with Gerald and Eva Middlesworth.

CHIP HILLS ADMINISTRATORS GET A HEFTY RAISE

Seven administrators in the Chippewa Hills School complex won rather hefty raises last week when the Board of Education voted to raise salaries "not below \$20,000," as Herb Serum, Board member, told the Messenger in a telephone conversation this week.

"We wanted them to be at least at the \$20,000 yearly salary rate," Herb said in a telephone conversation. "They had been serving on a pay level with teachers' salaries." (\$18,000.) Among those receiving at least \$20,000 annual pay (with real nice fringe benefits) were Dick Donley, principal of the high school; Gary Lowery, raised in status to assistant superintendent; and Mrs. Jack Houghton, principal of the Mecosta elementary school.

Serum said there are 210 to 220 teachers in the Chippewa Hills Schools complex who are members of the teachers' union, the Michigan Education Association, which, with the backing of the national teachers' association, has become one of the biggest and strongest unions in the country.

The administrators are not members of the union, he said. Union contracts will run out next spring in this district.

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CHIMNEY FIRE CAUSES DAMAGE TO HOUSE

The Nottawa and Sherman Township Volunteer Fire Department was called to the Joe Martin home in the Horr area last Friday, Nov. 18, to battle a chimney fire.

Between \$2,000 and \$2,500 damage to the house itself was estimated, as the fire burned through the chimney to the wall of the house.

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GET YOUR CALENDAR FREE--IT'S YOUR TAX MONEY

Cong. Al Cederberg lets it be known that he will send, on request, 1978 historical calendars prepared by the U.S. Capital Historical Society.

His address: 2306 Rayburn Bldg. Washington D.C. 20515.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

BUSY BEES MEET

The November meeting of the Drew Busy Bees Club was held at the home of Cleda Navarre of Sherman City.

There were nine ladies present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Margaret Denslow. The Lord's Prayer was spoken in unison, and a poem entitled, "Thanksgiving is Thanks Giving" was read.

After the regular business meeting, several cards were signed to be sent to friends who were sick. There also was a discussion of our Christmas party and gift exchange.

The December meeting will be Dec. 8, at the home of Mrs. Wayne (Lila) Sisco. Each person is to bring a gift for her Secret Pal, and a gift for the gift exchange.

Also bring a Christmas salad or goody to share with other guests at lunch time.

There were many members

absent because of illness. We hope all will be able to attend the December meeting on Dec. 8.

NOTICE--The meeting comes early in the month. Don't miss it! Thursday, Dec. 8, at Lila Sisco's.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan were Sunday callers at the Gerald Dent home. The Lynn Johnson family were Sunday dinner guests. Mrs. Linda Krueger and children were afternoon callers. Gerald and Mabel spent Wednesday with the Krueger family.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley called on the Dents Sunday evening. Mrs. Connie Skinner and Mrs. Frances Tranbarger called on me Sunday afternoon.

Harold and Ron Losey were Tuesday callers at the Charlie Losey home. They both had got their deer. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Thursday evening callers.

Mrs. Debbie Madigan and Mrs. Sandy Oplinger hosted a 26th wedding party at Coldwater Lake

Saturday evening, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger. Several of Bobbie's family, and members of their card club attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller called on Mrs. Maude Cassidy at Farwell Sunday. Robert Bains spent some time last week with the Millers, and did some hunting.

Elwood and Iola called on his mother last Friday.

Mrs. Myrl Scott and Mrs. Pauline Schut and son, Steve, were Saturday luncheon guests of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mrs. Betty Thompson and Bob and Bill attended Keith Strong's funeral Monday afternoon at Mt. Pleasant.

Lance Workman of Big Rapids,

Jim Strong, Doug Brandt, and a friend from Horsehead Lake were Wednesday supper guests at the Jim Thompson home.

Bill Thompson entertained several friends from CMU Friday evening.

Guests during the week at the Pete Wood home were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills and Carrie, and Mrs. Wendy Whitman and D.J.

Mike Wood got his deer Sunday, and Dan Mills got his the first day of deer season.

Bob Fahnestock spent last week with his folks, the Charles Fahnestocks.

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One year ago today we had an inch of snow on the ground. High temperature for the day was 30, low 20.

Thanksgiving Day was on the 25th last year, with rain coming down nearly all day. High temperature was 40, low was 20. It snowed the next day.

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"The tradesman, the attorney, comes out of the din and craft of the street and sees the sky and the woods, and is a man again. In their eternal calm, he finds himself. The health of the eye seems to demand a horizon."
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Local Items

Chester Vore returned from a hunting trip, Sunday, around Thunder Bay area. He came home with a nice buck.

The Branson twins, Lisa and Lori, celebrated their fifth birthday Nov. 18. They are daughters of Spike and Pauline Branson.

WHERE TO BURY A GOOD DOG.....

Two weeks ago today Frances Tranbarger and I drove her old dog, Laddie, to the veterinarian's office in Remus, where the vet determined that Laddie had cancer.

Frances ordered him "put to sleep" painlessly, immediately.

Next day I drove her to Mt. Pleasant to the dog pound and we came home with Pixie, a half-grown what-have-you dog who has been keeping her really busy.

To those who never read William Allen White's classic piece on "Where to Bury a Good Dog" (in his master's heart), we recommend you go to the Gladys McArthur library in Weidman and get it.

Pixie (renamed from "Pickels" which Frances didn't care for because of the spelling) disastrously was not house-broken. He learned the rules in one week flat.

He is a rip-snorter, and gives Frances good physical workouts each day, just prying him loose from mischief he's got into.

But he'll be a good dog for The Flower Shop gal.

Laddie was a hard-luck dog from the beginning.

He was born (apparently) on a farm on M-66, planned to be a cattle and farm dog, besides a little huntin'.

But poor old Laddie turned out to be gun-shy, and was desperately afraid of the sound of thunder, denoting to us that he had been forced to be around noisy machines or guns. He never got over it.

He could hear thunder when the human ear could not, and the poor old thing would begin shaking like a leaf, crawling to Frances and pushing against her body for protection.

He was just a hard-luck dog.

For, at the Tranbargers', Laddie had everything a dog could possibly want: Run of the house all day, his mistress' bed to sleep on at night, anything he wanted to eat, etc., besides all kinds of playthings.

But he suffered all his poor old 14 years of life. Deer season was sheer torture to him.

Frances' new dog, Pixie, is something else. Pixie apparently has not been really abused, and definitely is not afraid of anything, which is good for Frances.

But he'll be a problem for another six months or so--he's seven months old at this time.

With her Christmas work right on, he's about all that Frances needs in the way of exercise.

But she has to have a good watch-dog at her place, same as Ye Ed does; and Pixie will certainly be that. He'll be big enough to take on anybody, and like my own Gretch, he's got a

mouthful of teeth that could tear a person to pieces. (He's losing his baby teeth at this time, but the real McCoy is replacing the kid-stuff rapidly.)

Of course, Laddie remains in the Flower Shop gal's heart; but Pixie will be another personality and another protection for her and her buildings.

She had to have him, and immediately.

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 Church School, 11 a.m.
 Midweek Services Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

HOW CAN I IMPRESS PEOPLE WITH THE NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL WITH FIRE THIS YEAR?



Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Larry Strang and Linda LaLonde were successful in getting their deer. Linda got one the first day of hunting.

Eunice LaLonde was the honored guest last Thursday evening with a birthday supper at her home, with her family and grandchildren attending.

Cora Beers and I were in Mt. Pleasant Thursday.

About 75 attended the Thanksgiving supper at the Brinton Hall Sunday evening, sponsored by the Brinton Sunday School.

Jane Fields returned to Grand Rapids Friday, where she was admitted to the Butterworth Hospi-

tal for treatment. She was placed in intensive care.

Dan Beers of Kalamazoo has been spending the hunting season with his parents, George and Cora, and grandmother, Ethel Beers.

Mr. and Mrs. Knorr and boys of Lansing and Harold Teeter of Grand Rapids spent some time last week with their mother, Edna Teeter. Harold was successful in getting his buck.

Irene Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fletcher, Jr., attended a deer-hunters' supper at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gordon Helmer, Saturday evening, near Barryton.

Gerald Roberts and son, Kevin, were in Alma Saturday, where Kevin visited his doctor. He has

been ill for a couple of weeks.

Wendell Roberts of Pontiac has been visiting here and doing some deer hunting. He hadn't had much luck by Monday morning.

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LAKE ISABELLA

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

We are happy to report Mary Betts has been back working for over a week, and her burns are healing nicely.

Minnie Carpenter left the hospital Sunday, Nov. 13, and spent a few days with her daughter at Harrison, but is home now and getting around nicely with a walker, and very thankful to be home.

We've noticed several of the hunters have got their deer. Personally, I'd rather see them in the woods and fields than on top of a car or on the table.

Word has just reached me that Dorothy VanDemark is home now, after another stay in CMC Hospital; this time with pneumo-

nia.

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Cartoon quip in Detroit Free Press: "You're ears have something in common with my floor... waxy buildup."

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Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Vogel are entertaining company from Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schafer have moved into their new house on Fordyce Road.

St. Joseph's School had its feather party Sunday evening.

Cathy Pung and Theresa Smith spent the weekend at Houghton Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Bunting are new members of St. Joseph's Church.

Mrs. Carol Marchiando called on Mrs. Sheila Rau one day last week.

Howard Schafer is home from the hospital.

A lot of hunters got their deer this past week.

Kitty Yuncker is home from the Alma Hospital.

Mrs. Sandy Smith and children spent the weekend with Mrs. Irene Smith.

Bill Martin entertained com-

pany Sunday afternoon.

Wayne Sherlock of Traverse City spent Wednesday evening at the Ed Schafer home at Coldwater Lake.

Tillie and Louise Schafer spent Sunday at the Oscar Schafer home at Dream Lake, and called at Tony and Sandy's to see their new house.

Pat Schafer of Mt. Pleasant spent Wednesday with Louise Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred spent Wednesday evening with Tillie Schafer.

Theresa Smith called on Dora Smith Sunday evening.

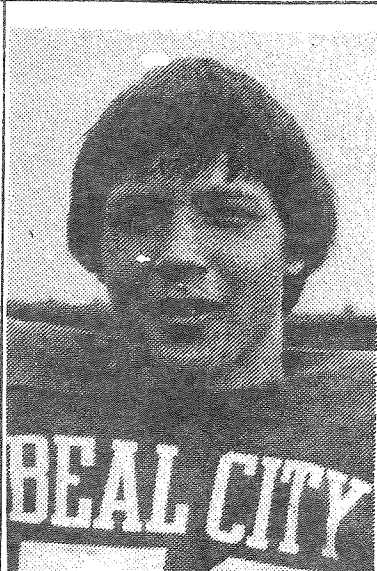
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BEAL CITY AGGIES PLACE FIVE ON HONOR SQUAD

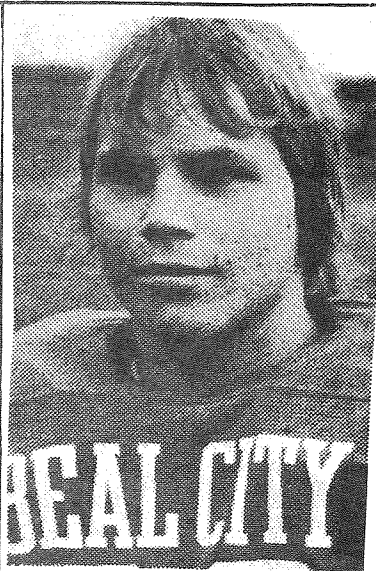
Though their football season was not a smash scoring hit, the Beal City Aggies had five first-string men placed on the Highland Conference first team squad, an honor designation.

Marty Yuncker was a first-team choice as running back. Mark Pasch, Jim Bleise, Greg Bambach and Chuck Ley were the others named to the honor team.

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Greg Bambach



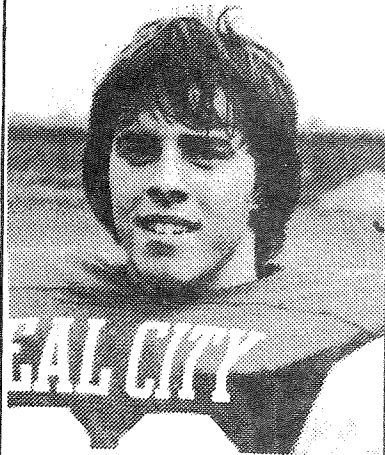
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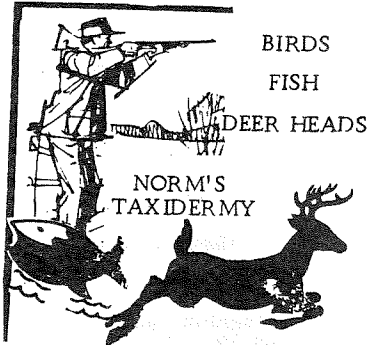


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Parents of the couple are Mrs. Wanda Graham and the late Meryl Graham of Weidman, and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Cain of Mt. Pleasant.

The bride was given in marriage by Lee Sowle of Owosso

(formerly of Clare) a friend of the bride's family.

Becky Sowle of Mt. Pleasant, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and Cathy Miller of Remus served as bridesmaid. The girls wore dresses made of yellow and blue dotted swiss material with white lace insets and sleeves. Raylene Cain of Shepherd made the dresses and the bride's veil.

Calvin Cain of Shepherd, brother of the groom, was best man and Kevin Ouder Kirk of Rosebush served as groomsman. Tom LaForge, currently stationed in Kentucky and Don Bush of Blanchard served as ushers.

The music performed at the wedding was played and sung by Marge Schaffer on the guitar. The piece was called "The Wedding Song."

A reception was held at the Town Hall in Remus. Julie Gott attended the wedding book. Fran Yarnell and Lois Dingman cut and served the wedding cake. Various friends and relatives of the bride served at the dinner.

CHIP HILLS PLACES THREE ON CONFERENCE SQUAD

The Chippewa Hills Warriors, while not handing out a very impressive football season record this year, did manage to have three first-team men named to the Highland Conference first-team squad.

They are Craig Griffis, Al Cook and Kevin Thren.

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Kevin Thren



Al Cook

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Lena Cole, Reporter

Alfred Lague and Roy Cline are staying in the Coles' annex, and they did some deer hunting all week. Alfred belongs to the Big Brothers, and Roy is his Little Brother. He enjoyed being in the woods last week. Their home is in Vassar.

Fred Deming spent the weekend with them.

Miss Ronnie Mahon of Detroit spent the weekend with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon. Ronnie called on Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa Sunday.

Lucky deer hunters at the Tom Cole farm were six hunters and six deer. The Pete Bukrus' farm had three hunters and three deer at their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes visited his sister, Mrs. Anna Hoskie, at the hospital Friday. Mrs. Hoskie remained a very sick woman.

Tom Cole called on his uncle and aunt, the Paul Coles, Saturday.

Fred Deming and Albert LaGue were dinner guests of the Paul Coles Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa called Sunday evening at the Coles'.

As yet there has been no news on the breakin at the Tom Coles', or the trailer house on the corner of Woodruff and Stevenson Lake Roads.

Yours Truly has been having

lots of trouble with her eyes.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing and Paul, Lena and Velma Cole expected to spend Thanksgiving in Washington, D. C., with the Ewings' son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Ewing, and family.



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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine of Midland came up Friday and painted the kitchen for their aunt, Mrs. Emil Phillips. Frank Durham spent the weekend with his brother-in-law and sister.

Bessie Teall is still in the Isabella County Medical Care Facility at Mt. Pleasant.

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MR. AND MRS. EUGENE McARTHUR



A SURPRISE PARTY FOR THEIR 37TH ANNIVERSARY--Was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Jack McConnell, the McArthurs' next-door neighbors, last Wednesday evening. It was a grand party, attended by their close friends. Messenger photo

The McArthurs have six children, four boys and two girls, and six grandchildren.

Gene and Edith met on a blind date on Weidman Day 34 years ago, and somewhat later they eloped to Indiana and were married.

They lived at first with his parents, the Ray McArthurs of Broomfield, who were neighbors of Dan Carrick's parents for years.

When they moved into Weidman Gene worked for George McClain, Sr., as a mechanic in George's garage here, and later he began work with the County Road Commission, driving the big trucks. He still drives those big old trucks to this day.

Before starting work on the roads, Gene worked as maintenance man for the school buses of the Sherman Township Rural Agricultural School, Weidman's village school and high school.

Edith was born and raised here, a daughter of Lou and Katie Frantz. (Dr. Gillett did the honors at her arrival in this world, Edith informs us.)

Gene has been a long-time member of the Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department, serving at present as Assistant Chief.

They're a good family.
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Mrs. Wayne Smith of V. line spent a recent weekend with her mother-in-law, Clara Smith. Wayne and son, Bobby, called on Clayton at the Medical Care Facility Saturday.

Local Items

Mrs. Claribel Beutler attended the wedding of her granddaughter, Annette Beutler, daughter of the James Beutlers, and Robert Lewandowski in the Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant, Saturday evening.

Clayton Smith was undergoing therapy at the Medical Center



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in Mt. Pleasant. He was expected to be home for the day for Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith in Mt. Pleasant. Clara and his children have been visiting him daily.

Bruce Middlesworth of Laurel, Md., was expected to arrive on Wednesday, to have Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth. The Doug Middlesworths of Lansing also were expected home for the day.

David Embrey observed his 14th birthday last Thursday evening, when his parents, the Den-

nis Embreys, took him out to supper in Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Mary Clark was also a guest, as was Mrs. Carol Embrey and sons and Mrs. Dennis Embrey and son, Brian.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur returned home Saturday evening after spend a few days at the cabin at Kalkaska. Also in their party were Doug McArthur and Stuart McArthur of Alexandria, Va.,

Darryl Pitts and girl friend spent the weekend with Darryl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, from their studies at Great Lakes Bible College in Lansing.

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