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Editor's Column

By Connie

SUMMER'S GONE

So here it is September, already--and summer's gone.

With 96 degree weather in July and just-above freezing temperatures in August, where was summer?

I guess it was July, period.

Though the last few days of August were plenty hot and humid, we'll admit.

Gardens are maturing--at last!--and now we're frantically canning tomatoes and tomato juice and soup.

Gardens did not act normal, this year. In our vegetable garden, our potato vines grew like Jack's beanstalk, with only so-so crop of the tubers.

Blight was a constant worry, as were also aphids and other garden pests, during the hot and dry periods.

But now we harvest what we've got, and thankfully freeze and can it.

Summer came briefly and brutally (in July), and that was it.

Now if we could just refrain from a super-duper cold winter!

When one Weidman store building is evacuated, any more, it isn't long before it's grabbed up by a new business.

Leon and Carol Schafer (and entire family) are getting ready to open an archery range in the building vacated by the Weidman Pharmacy when it moved to its new building.

Leon and Carol (and family) already have a thriving bait and sport shop in an addition built on the south side of their home.

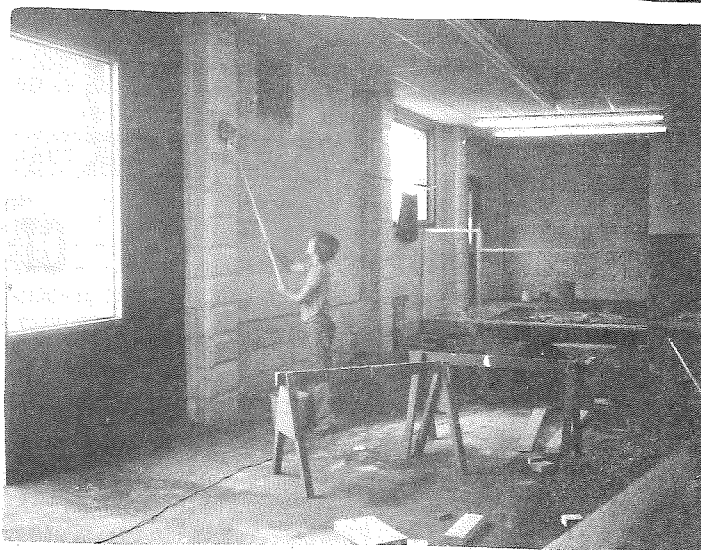
Good for young and energetic business people!

They're keeping Weidman's business street from having even one vacant building.

The old bank building, vacant now, has been purchased by Bernard and Yvonne Pitts, with no definite plans, they say, for any immediate usage.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER



"A FAMILY THAT WORKS TOGETHER..." is the Leon Schafer group, who were busy last week redoing the building vacated by the Weidman Pharmacy, into an archery range. The kids pitched in, helping paint the cement-block walls, while Carol Schafer (below) paints another wall. Arrows will be stopped at the south end of the building by many big bales of excelsior, among which Carol was working Saturday. The Archery Range is expected to open some time this week or next. Messenger photos



DALE TILMANN REPORTS PROGRESS ON LOW COST HOUSING PROJECT HERE

In a telephone interview Saturday, Dale Tilmann, of Tilmann Builders, developers of the important subdivision on acreage

known as the old Dr. Clark place, said Saturday that progress has been made on getting going on his large duplex and apartment building for low-cost housing.

Dale said the first steps (with government agencies) have been

NEXT MONDAY--LABOR DAY AND NO MAIL, BANKS, ETC.

Next Monday, Sept. 5, is Labor Day, a legal holiday, and banks, post offices and all govt offices make the most of it and close up.

So--to our faithful news writers, next Monday will be a problem, as is usual when we have no Monday mails, and we have to ask you to get your news copy in any old way you can.

Thank.

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ANNUAL KC BARBECUE IS NEXT SUNDAY

The annual Knights of Columbus chicken barbecue at Beal City will be next Sunday, Sept. 4, with serving beginning early this year, at 11.30 a.m.

There will be the usual horde of extra attractions, of course, with good cash prizes given away, 10 of them for \$100 each. Other prizes will be offered at other attractions, including the usual ladies' booth with hand-made items ranging from quilts to cushions.

And there will be plenty of games and amusements for people of all ages.

Don't forget--the big event of the year at Beal City--the Knights of Columbus chicken barbecue is next Sunday--all day.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur attended a baptism party for Eric and Kirk McArthur, at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur. The boys were baptized Sunday at the Weidman United Methodist Church.

approved, and now some legal work is beginning (title opinions, etc.). Tilmann Builders hope to complete all this paperwork this fall.

Dale said he hopes to begin building late this fall or early winter, and will continue on through the cold weather.

According to present plans, there will be six apartments with two bedrooms each, and three duplexes with two apartments to a building.

This is an important step progress-wise for Weidman.

Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

DESCENDANTS OF MONROE

MERRY HOLD REUNION

Descendants of the Monroe Terry family held their reunion Saturday at Houghton Lake, with about 35 members present.

Locally, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sisco and family attended, along with those from far and near:

Virgil Carey of Oregon came last Thursday, to visit relatives and attend the reunion; Freda White of Lansing was there, along with Bertha Blodgett and Doris Himebaugh of Houghton Lake; and others.

Virgil Carey's mother is the former Alice Terry, of Pinedale. *****

Irene Bowen and Connie Fletcher called at the Daggett Funeral Home Friday evening, paying their respects to Edith Touchinski. I called on Connie Fletcher

Monday.

Just a reminder of the Merry Go Round Club, which will meet with Helen Hudson Thursday, Sept. 8, at her home near Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock were at the Grand Ole Opry at Nashville last week, where they accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Verl Wright. Nolan Wright spent the time they were gone with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Butts of Saginaw were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Forbes spent last week up north, where they did some fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beers were in Traverse City and took their grandson, Pat, home, after he had been spending some time with them this summer. They were also at Northport, where they called on her brother, Ralph, who had been hospitalized with a severe heart attack.

Sorry to hear that Art Schrock

is a patient in CMC Hospital at Mt. Pleasant. ---0---

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Vivian Wilson was a Tuesday caller at the Jim Thompson home. In the afternoon Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Thompson called on Jennette Johnston. Lorri and Randy Thompson were Monday morning callers at the Jim Thompson home.

Mrs. Doris Tiani and son spent from Tuesday till Sunday with her parents, the Sterling Oplingers.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on her brother and wife, the Ed Grubbers, at Farwell, Sunday.

Mrs. Pete Wood announces the birth of a granddaughter, Carrie

Danielle, born Sunday morning at 4 o'clock to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills. The baby weighed six pounds, 10 ounces.

B.D. Whitman spent the weekend with his grandparents, the Woods.

Don Losey was a Monday caller at the Charlie Losey home. He was doing some plowing for his father. Clayton Dutcher took the Loseys some nice home-grown carrots Friday. Harold Losey and Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Sunday callers. ---0---

Debbie Miller, daughter of Mrs. Muriel Miller, won a prize for her small dog in the all-breed dog show at the County Fair last week. She also won a prize on her wild-flower book.

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Dora Smith, Reporter

GRINZINGER REUNION HELD AT BERNIE RAU HOME

The Herman Grinzinger family reunion was held at the Bernie Rau home Saturday evening.

Couples attending included Mr. and Mrs. Pete Straus and family of Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Grinzinger of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Fran Miller and daughter, Diane, of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Cluley of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steffke of Beal City, Joe Coughlin of Harrison, Bernice Grinzinger of Saginaw, Rose and Virge Seder of Frankenmuth, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rau, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rau of Beal City.

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Powers and children visited at the Herman Grinzinger home this past week.

Mrs. Howard Johnson of Detroit spent the weekend with relatives around Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schafer of Detroit spent the weekend with Effie Schafer.

Effie Schafer called on Vera Kavanaugh at the hospital in Mt. Pleasant one day last week.

Tillie Schafer spent Sunday at the Jerry Schafer home in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sherlock of Traverse City spent the weekend at the Ed Schafer home at Coldwater Lake.

Maxine Klumpp and Thomas Tolbb were married Saturday, and held their reception at the K. C. Hall in Beal City.

Mrs. Matie Pung died over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen at their cottage on Houghton Lake Sunday.

Louis Rau had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau Saturday.

Friends and relatives of Mrs. Delores Gould had a surprise birthday party for her Friday evening.

Charlotte Slater of Traverse City was home over the weekend.

The people of the parish had a farewell party for Fr. Don Dueweke last week. Father Hart begins here Sept. 1.

We welcome to our parish Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen at Houghton Lake.

Sr. Ramona was a guest of Mrs. Monica Grinzinger Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith had a party for Dan. He has graduated

from college.

A shower was given Sunday for Jane Neubecker.

The Sacred Heart Class of '72 had their reunion at the K. of C. Hall Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tilmann entertained company Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Snider visited Mrs. Veronica Keiffer Sunday afternoon.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. John Balent and children, Amy and Heather, and Leslie and Christy, of South Bend, Ind., spent several days with their grandparents, the Paul Coles, last week. The Balents visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk went to Comstock to take their

little grandson home, Sunday, Richard had spent two weeks with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Banus of Farwell called on the Masiwchuks Saturday.

Velma Cole came home from CMC Hospital last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pfannes visited their brother, Bess, and wife, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ganser and children, Jackie, and Mary, and Jennie, and Angela, of Mishawaka, Ind., came Thursday and spent several days with their parents, the Paul Coles.

Mrs. Frank Ewing and daughter, Connie, who came home from Sweden last Wednesday, visited the Paul Coles Thursday.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Ruth Border, visited the Coles Saturday.

Mrs. Helen Allbee is doing fine after her recent surgery, and

doctors give a very good report on her condition.

Mrs. Katie Rogers and Mrs. Freda Schepeter were calling in this neighborhood Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bulkris spent several days at their cabin here.

Joe Mossell and son, Dick, of South Bend, Ind., spent the weekend with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merchant, of Harrison. They called on their parents, the Paul Coles, Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spence and children of Pontiac were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur, and Rick and Tim.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fussman are the proud parents of a new baby boy, born Sunday, Aug. 28, at CMC Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, four ounces, and has been Nicholas John.

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Official charged with embezzling

According to the Aug. 30 issue of the Mt. Pleasant Morning Sun, Delmar Gieseler, Coldwater Township Treasurer the past 16 1/2 years, was arrested and charged this week Monday with embezzling more than \$24,430 from the township's tax rolls.

Delmar, a 63-year-old farmer in the far northwest corner of the county and Coldwater Township, stood mute, according to the Sun, as he was charged with four counts of embezzlement and three counts of falsifying tax records for Coldwater Township.

Even though Delmar Gieseler allegedly has paid back most of the \$24,430 he is accused of embezzling, a spokesman for State's Attorney Frank Kelly said his actions were "still illegal".

Delmar's arrest Monday by the local audit division of the State Treasury Department and the State Police ended a 10-months' investigation into the Coldwater Township books by the local auditing division.

The investigation began in October, 1976, according to the account, when a routine biennial audit showed discrepancies on the tax rolls.

The spokesman said it appeared that \$18,907.97 was missing for the three-year period covering 1973, 1974 and 1975.

Prior to the audit, according to the Sun's report, Delmar was repaying the money taken from the tax rolls, in a period stretching from May 12, 1976, till the five days before the biennial audit Oct. 8.

Although the Sun said it appears he had taken \$18,907 over a three-year period, the spokesman said that all but \$119.19 had been paid back to the tax rolls.

The Morning Sun said there also was at least \$5,523.86 missing from the township treasury for 1976, but it said the figure could reach as high as \$9,479.77. The spokesman said there are also three unsigned and unendorsed checks made out to Gieseler in the township treasury.

Township Clerk Norman Geas-

ler was quoted by the Sun as saying he never doubted Gieseler's honesty when it came to keeping the township's money.

Coldwater Township Supervisor Lewis Bowen was quoted by the Sun as saying he was surprised to hear of the large monetary figures involved.

"I knew they were investigating, but I didn't know it was that big," Lewis is quoted as telling the Morning Sun.

Lewis said he may ask the Township Board of Trustees to ask for Gieseler's resignation if he does not resign voluntarily. Louie's request would be for the next meeting of the Township Board, the Sun said.

"He's a good friend of mine," Louie is quoted as saying, "but I can't tolerate that kind of thing."

Louie went on: "I went to school with him, and I always figured he was honest. He comes from a religious family. When I first heard it, I couldn't believe it!"

According to the Sun, a preliminary examination into the charges will take place in District Court in Mt. Pleasant Sept. 28. Delmar Gieseler was released on a \$70,000 personal recognition bond.

According to the Sun, the penalty for embezzlement carries a fine up to \$5,000 and a prison sentence of up to 10 years.

Charges of forging public records carry a maximum prison term of 14 years.

Neither the State Police, who the Sun said arrested Delmar Gieseler or the prosecutor's office could be reached for confirmation of the Sun's story.

In a telephone interview Tuesday evening, Louie Bowen said, "The Morning Sun people called me last night, and after we got through talking, I told them that they'd told me more about the whole thing than I ever knew before."

Louie confirmed the Sun's statement that he would ask for Delmar's resignation from the Township Board.

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Mrs. Claribel Beutler reports the birth of a great-granddaughter, Julie Ann, born to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Johnston of Franklin, Ohio.



SOME INTERIORS OF THE NEW PHARMACY BUILDING---

Opened for business last Tuesday in the big and beautiful structure across from Baumann's IGA Store. The store's area is huge, with many aisles and shelves being filled as time permits the working staff. You can even sit down and rest, as shown in the photo above. Messenger photos

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May5tf

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Aug. 18t2p

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July 21tf

WEIDMAN FLOWER FUND--Needs local person to take up monies in town for funerals, etc. Please call 644-3423 or 644-2000.
July 14tf

FINAL WORD.....
NOTICE--To all having photos, old and new, at the Messenger office: Please come and get them. We have used about all the old-time pictures, but there's a raft of 'em still in the office files. Some belong to out-of-town people, some are wedding or engagement photos, anniversary photos, etc. We will hold them for one more week. Please advise.
Aug. 25t1

Obituary

JULIUS G. GUERIN
Julius G. Guerin of Lake Isabella died Friday, Aug. 19, in the Mt. Pleasant Hospital. He was 66. He was a member of the Grand Blanc Lodge No. 571, F&AM, the Grand Blanc Chapter No. 507, OES, of the John S. Bersey Chapter of the National Sojourners of Lansing.
He entered the Michigan National Guard in 1946, retiring in June of 1970 as Chief Warrant Officer No. 4.
He is survived by his wife, Doris; two step-sons, William and Robert Farnum.
Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 22, at the Hill Funeral Home in Grand Blanc, with burial in Grand Blanc.
The Guerins have many friends in the Lake Isabella area who will be saddened.
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Obituary

EDITH ANNA TOUCHINSKI
Edith Anna Touchinski, who has lived here in Weidman for some time at the home of her son, Richard, and family, died last Thursday at the Gratiot Community Hospital, after a long illness. She was 68.
She is survived by a daughter, Kay Gregorich, of Colorado; four sons, Anthony of Big Bay, Glenn of Marquette, James of Skandia, and Richard of Weidman. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
Also two brothers, Joseph Bingham, Sr., of Marquette and Bryant Bingham of Idaho; and two sisters, Mrs. Phoebe Hill-mer of Marquette and Mabel Bingham, also of Marquette.
Mrs. Touchinski was preceded in death by her husband.
She was loved by all who knew her, and leaves many friends in this area.

Obituary

MARY (MATIE) PUNG
Mary (Matie) Pung of Nottawa Township died at the Medical Care Facility in Mt. Pleasant Aug. 27. She was 76.
She was born and raised in Nottawa Township, where she spent her life. She was born Dec. 2, 1900.
She is survived by a daughter, Vada Tilmann; six sons, Gerald of Edmore, Adelbert of St. Johns, Robert, Donald and John, all of Beal City, and Raymond of Weidman. Also surviving are 34 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were held Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph the Worker Church in Beal City, with Father Don Dueueke officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Beal City.
Matie Pung had countless friends, and many relatives, who will miss her.
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GARAGE SALE--Sept. 2, 3 and 4. 3 miles west of M-66 on 18-Mile Road (near Diamond Lake). Includes dinette set, electric sewing machine, old buffet, girls' clothing, sizes 8-12, ladies' clothing, 8-38.
Aug. 1t1p

Local Items

Mrs. Jeanne Smith and son, Wally, and Joan Burden and Edie attended the Isabella County Fair Friday evening. They met an exchange student from Columbia, S.A., who came home with them and spent the evening with the Burdens. She is living with Nora Quisenberry of rural Barryton.
Mr. and Mrs. David Flower and Mr. and Mrs. Oren Leiter are the proud new grandparents of a girl, Jill Erin Leiter. She was born Friday morning, weighing nine pounds, three and a half ounces. Her sister, Stacy Sue, waits for her new sister to arrive home, dividing her time between her grandparents, this week with the David Flowers here,
Mrs. Claribel Beutler accompanied Mr. and Mrs. James Beutler to East Lansing, where they attended the Brooks family reunion. The Brooks family are descendants of Wm. and Jane Brooks, old residents of Sherman twp.

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MR. AND MRS. ROBERT WAYNE D'AGOSTINO

Bonnie Jean Brown, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Brown of Mt. Pleasant, and Robert Wayne D'Agostino, son of Mrs. Roberta J. Hashbarger of Flint and Louis D'Agostino of Meriden, Conn., were married July 23 in St. John's Episcopal Church in Mt. Pleasant. Father John Goodrow conducted the ceremony.

Moonyeen Albrecht of Shepherd was organist, with vocal soloist Mary Knapp of Mt. Pleasant.

Mary sang "Oh Perfect Love," and "One Hand, One Heart".

The bride's attendants included Stephanie Holland, matron of honor; and bridesmaids Carolyn Kirchner, also of Mt. Pleasant; Vickie Brown, sister-in-law of the bride, of Harrison; and Patricia J. Lommel, sister of the bride, of Ann Arbor.

Groomsmen were Roger Behrendt of Adrian, Lanny Gengler of Flint, Jon Peterson of Saginaw, and Louis D'Agostino, brother of the groom, also of Flint.

The bride wore a white dacron voile floor-length gown with white embroidery. A single white sweetheart rose was pinned each side in her hair. She carried a Bible in her corsage of white roses and baby's breath.

The bridesmaids wore floor-length gowns of silk crepe in blue, green, coral, and yellow, and carried nosegays of matching carnations and baby's breath.

Special guests included Mrs. Effie Williams, grandmother of the bride, of Walled Lake; Mr. and Mrs. John Kaczor of Meriden, Conn., godmother of the groom.

A buffet reception and dance was held at The Embers following the late-afternoon ceremony.

After a trip to Meriden, Conn., the couple are making their home in Flint. Both are CMU graduates.

A pre-wedding party was hosted by Mrs. Matt Holland, friend of the bride; a shower by Mrs. Steven Brown, sister-in-law of the bride, of Harrison; a shower was given by Mrs. Pat Garety and her daughters Mrs. Joel Hyde and Joan Garety, at their cottage at Sand Point, Caseville; and a recipe brunch was given by Mrs. Richard Kirchner and daughter, Carolyn, friends of the bride, of Mt. Pleasant.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

I have moved to Weidman, at 6182 West Main Street, to the home that was Hermione Smith's. I will have the same phone number, 644-2795. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Leiter of Weidman are purchasing my land and home, and will have their same phone number.

Mr. and Mrs. Wally Spence are the proud parents of a new baby girl, born Aug. 17. Baby and mother are doing well.

Zena Olger attended a birthday party in Midland for a great-great-granddaughter, one year old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Conley. Zena took in the fair Wednesday. Her brother brought her some beans and string beans, to can. Verna Seymour took her shell beans.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and children and Mrs. Don Alwood and Cathy spent a recent Sunday in Bay City. They enjoyed dinner at a nice restaurant and took care of business.

Donny Alwood and three friends from the Remus area returned

home last week from a camping trip at Isle Royale. They reported a wonderful time.

The Don Abbott family had a get-together Sunday at their home.

Jo Latham spent Sunday with her grandmother, Laura Latham.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sowle of Owosso visited Wanda Graham Sunday afternoon. They delivered Debi's wedding.

Weekend callers at the Don Alwood home were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Smith and Scotty of Au Gres, Walter J. Smith and Wally, and Don Smith and girls and Mike Smith.

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BRIAN PTAK DOING FINE AFTER ACCIDENT AT PARK

Brian Ptak, teenage son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak, was reported doing fine this week, returning home from the hospital Saturday.

He suffered a concussion and a sprained ankle, but no broken bones, in a motorcycle accident at Mitchell Memorial Park last week.

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Many from here attended the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist (Dorothea Wood) in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher were dinner guests of the Dale Dutchers east of Mt. Pleasant Sunday, and spent the afternoon with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher visited the Garry Dutchers Sunday evening.

Kaye and Dawn Dutcher and Diane Pettigrew visited me one afternoon last week.

Ronna Dutcher took Ervin Dutcher, Sr., to the hospital Friday for x-rays.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher of Clarkston camped here and visited relatives a week ago. They took Ervin to Emergency and to see his doctor in Midland.

Ervin and Ivan Dutcher were in Grand Rapids recently, and brought Floyd home to spend

four days here, visiting. Monroe Beckwith visited them at the same time. They stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti drove up to Fife Lake last Sunday, and Patti stayed over night with us and came home with us Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Secord of Holt visited us Wednesday afternoon.

Clayton and Ivan Dutcher called at the Alma Hospital Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and Becky and Kaye and Deanne Yuncker and Donna Havens camped at Fife Lake from Thurs-

Bea Gatehouse. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Gatehouse of Remus were Sunday evening visitors.

Mary Swan and Minnie Flaugher were recent visitors of Bea Gatehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis of New Era visited the Garry Dutcher family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., called on Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman at Coldwater Lake Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oplinger visited her folks Sunday.

The Brian Dutcher family were Saturday evening guests. Steve visited the Brian Dutchers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and Susie and Cindy of Lake Orion came up Saturday to spend the week with his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Their daughter, Debbie, came up Sunday and stayed over night, returning to work Monday.

The Jack Dutchers visited the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti attended a Case reunion at Lake Isabella Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mercer of Saginaw visited the Robert Dutchers Saturday afternoon.

Julia Dutcher was visiting in Midland last Friday.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson, Mrs. Nina Forbes and Mrs. Marge Mullett spent Sunday in Grand Ledge visiting their sister, Mrs. Bertha Summers.

Mrs. Gusta Green and grandson, Glenn, of Dearborn had Friday supper with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith accompanied their son and wife, Ray and Jean, to a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Keith Helmer at the VFW Hall in Six Lakes, Saturday evening.

Cal Breuer gave Claribel Beutler and Jeanette Johnston and son, Ron, a ride in a small plane Friday morning, showing them the Weidman lakes areas, Rosebush, and the Mt. Pleasant fairgrounds. Claribel said it was a wonderful experience, and the country around here is beautiful from the air.

SSENGER

Kate Martin was 80 years old in January, and is doing fine, we learned in a telephone conversation last week. Kate is one of the few remaining pioneer

residents of the Two Rivers area, and is an expert source for historical facts of the times when Two Rivers was a small but bustling town.

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WALT'S PICKLES TAKE PRIZE AT FAIR

Walter J. Smith entered a can of his famous dill pickles at the County Fair last week, and drew first prize in the Open Class division.

Walt is famed locally for his gourmet cooking of wild game and birds, as well as for his prowess in pickling.

Congratulations, Walt!

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NATURE CENTER SPONSORS SOLAR COURSE

Jordan College and the Chippewa Nature Center believe home owners can reduce heating costs by harnessing solar energy.

To that end, they are co-operatively offering a mini-course entitled, "How You Can Build, Install and Understand Solar Heating Systems", to be held at the Chippewa Nature Center at Midland Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21 and 22.

Participants in the course will receive a manual, blueprints, handouts, instructor consultation, and meals. Registration for the course is now open on a first-come, first-served basis.

Jordan College, a small liberal-vocational arts school, located in Cedar Springs near Grand Rapids, constructed its first solar building (on any col-

lege or university campus in the midwest) in 1975. Its Research and Development Department is credited with two inventions now marketed by industry: a central air-handling system, and a solar absorber panel.

Recently a \$123,000 grant was received by Jordan College from the Energy Research and Development Administration to construct a liquid transport solar system, the only such grant awarded a midwest college.

Another grant, from the Dyer-Ives Foundation, has enabled 2,700 school children to tour the Jordan campus solar projects this year, and over 700 people have attended their solar mini-courses held statewide this year.

Registration forms and further information are available at the Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S. Badour Road, Route 9, Midland 48640, or by phone, (517) 631-0830.

A free solar energy program, open to the public, will be held Friday evening, Sept. 16, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Delta College Lecture Theater.

The program is jointly sponsored by Delta College, the Chippewa Nature Center, and Jordan College.

SSENGER

Thursd

buffet reception and dance held at The Embers following the late-afternoon ceremony. After a trip to Meriden, Conn., couple are making their ne in Flint. Both are CMU duates.

pre-wedding party was hosted Mrs. Matt Holland, friend of bride; a shower by Mrs. Ste-

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Mrs. Frances Hartgrave of Loomis was a caller of the R.D. Spragues and Mrs. Bessie Teall last Wednesday.

Mrs. Vera Straus and daughter, Terry, were last Monday visitors of Mrs. Edna Bowein.

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fussman are building a new home in the Finnerty-Schafer subdivision at Coldwater Lake, on Jordan Road. They have sold their house in Nottawa Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts spent the weekend in St. Johns, visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David (Mona) Wood. Ron and Jan Apple spent the weekend in Alvorden, Ohio, with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine of Midland spent Friday and Saturday with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips. They laid new linoleum for Mrs. Phillips while they were here.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bushree from the Ojibwa Area spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips.



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