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Editor's Column

By Connie

LET'S GET AT THAT OIL AND GAS "RESERVE"

There's a fascinating piece in the November issue of National Geographic, all on untapped and newly-discovered, practically unlimited amounts of gas in hitherto unsuspected strata at great depths.

At least two major oil companies are reported to be planning projects in drilling so-called deep wells for gas--in the 30,000 to 50,000-foot depth areas, hitherto untried by drillers.

Usually, and traditionally, gas wells are relatively shallow drillings. Now oil-company and government scientists have discovered untold stores of natural gas in hitherto unknown and unsuspected rock formations, or "impacted strata" or so far unknown or ignored earth formations.

Now some major oil companies --and a flock of independent drillers--are planning gas wells to depths of 50,000 feet, with variations back to 15,000 and 25,000 wells.

Newly-discovered areas lie practically all over the United States, including Michigan.

Cost of producing and distributing such gas from deep wells is figured less than we're now paying for imported oil from Arab countries.

So, what are we waiting for?

We're waiting for major drilling companies to get going on these newest discoveries of imprisoned gas in hitherto unsuspected strata; and deep strata, at that.

Meanwhile, gas companies, including Michigan Consolidated, keep on raising rates and we poor dummies keep on paying higher and higher gas bills. (I stopped there for a few moments, to light fires in Ma's old kitchen range and in my gold-plated fireplace.)

Wood-burning is our best recourse during the waiting period for abundant (and lower-priced, we hope!) natural gas.

So we burn wood. It's probably the most satisfying heat, after all, of any we have today. Try a fire

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HISTORIC HOMESTEAD---The pioneer house still standing on the Martin and Maggie Boger place in Coldwater Township has been donated to the Historic Village section of the new Isabella County Fair and Exhibition Grounds on Old U. S. -27 three miles north of Mt. Pleasant. The Fair Board says now it will put on some roof repairs and let the old house stand till spring, when it will be moved to the Fair and Exhibition site. The old log house stands in Section 24, Coldwater Township, where Solomon and Margaret Shilling homesteaded 40 acres. The land is now part of the Boger farm.

Old photo loaned the Messenger by Maggie Boger

The Shillings were Martin Boger's grandparents. Byron Bailey hewed the logs for the house, and also built it. Bessie Teall's father, Henry Hammond, built the present Boger home, which has been designated as a Centennial place by the State of Michigan.

The following is a reprint of a description of the 50 years of Martin and Maggie Boger on the old farm. It's from a copy of the Aug. 22, 1974, issue of the Messenger.

MARTIN AND MAGGIE BOGER: FIFTY YEARS ON AN HISTORIC AREA HOMESTEAD FARM

(Editor's Note: We have asked Virginia (Boger) Herman to write something of the history of the Boger homestead farm, on the occasion of the Golden Wedding anniversary of her parents, Martin and Maggie Boger, to be observed this next Sunday, Aug. 25.)

By Virginia Herman
My great-grandparents, Solomon and Margaret Shilling, were the

original homesteaders of the farm on which my parents, Martin and Maggie Boger, now live.

The year was probably 1870 when Solomon Shilling brought his family from Athens County, Ohio, in a covered wagon, and, after a two-year stay near Hastings, Mich., came north and claimed an 80-acre plot in Coldwater Township.

Under the Homestead Act of 1862, it was possible to establish ownership if 80 acres of the land was lived on for three consecutive years.

About 1877 Solomon and his brother-in-law, Washington Brown, walked to Ionia, the county seat, and made application for ownership of the property.

A deed dated June 15, 1877, and signed by Rutherford B. Hayes, President of the United States, was given to establish ownership.

Seven children were brought to Michigan in the covered wagon, and four more were born after they had settled here.

The children, listed in order

from oldest to youngest, were as follows: Louisa (Mrs. Henry Boger), John, George, Mary, Milton, Rose (Haskins, Emma Middlesworth's mother), Emma, Alvia, Orra (Mrs. Orra Sisco), Artemecia (Mrs. Clinton Jones), Artminda (Mrs. John Bazaire).

To shelter the family, a sturdy house was built of logs cut practically on the spot.

The logs were hand-hewn, with axes, and fitted together at the corners of the house.

The logs then were chinked with mortar made of lime and sand that is intact today.

The shaved shingle roof lasted until 1933.

The house was two stories high. The downstairs was one large living room and two small bedrooms. The living room, of course, contained the wood-burning kitchen stove and the large family eating table.

A narrow stairway led to the upper level, which was one large sleeping room. At one time a

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Betty Thompson, Reporter (Filling in for Jessie Rosencrantz while Jessie's in the hospital.)

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Opal Denslow were Mr. and Mrs. Berl Denslow and family, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Brownell and family, and granddaughter Karen and her husband.

Garth and Judy Lawrence and Pam spent from Wednesday evening till Friday with his mother, Mrs. Nettie Lawrence. Tracy White was also a Friday dinner guest.

The Mack Denslows entertained 16 members of their family Thursday for Thanksgiving, and also on Sunday.

Debbie Madigan and daughter, Jessica, of Monroe, spent from Wednesday evening through the weekend at the Earl Oplinger home. Saturday afternoon Denny Madigan, Kenny Oplinger and Carol came, and they all had dinner that evening at Edmore, to celebrate the Oplingers' wedding anniversary and Earl's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baines of Traverse City were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller. Thanksgiving dinner guests were their family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls and George Miller of Lansing.

Rick Miller spent the Thanksgiving break from Alma College with his parents, the Norman Millers. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller joined them for Thanksgiving dinner Thursday.

The family of Hattie Losey had Thanksgiving dinner with her. In the afternoon, Hattie and Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew took a Thanksgiving dinner plate to Jessie Rosencrantz at Mt. Pleasant. Later they called at the Don Merrihew home. Hattie spent Thursday over night with the Harold Loseys. Friday, Hattie spent the day with Pearl Dell in Mt. Pleasant, and returned home that evening.

Guests at the Pete Wood home for Thanksgiving dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bingham and children of Louisiana, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mills and Carrie, Mrs. Isa-

bel Pelletier, and Wendy and grandson, D.J.

Thanksgiving Day guests at the Jim Thompson home were Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Wilson and Doug, Greg and Linda, Mrs. Marge Morrison, and Mrs. Nancy Smith, all of Grand Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson of Drayton Plains, Randy Thompson of Holland, Melanie Mayer and Shirley Fox. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ergo of Royal Oak spent from Friday afternoon till Saturday afternoon with the Jim Thompsons.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips.

Mrs. Clara Smith enjoyed Thanksgiving with the family of her son, Ray Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague attended a pre-Christmas dinner with family members, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bellinger. Mrs. Bessie Teall was among the family guests. About 34 members were present. In

the afternoon Mrs. Bellinger hosted a double bridal shower for Pam Lester and Deon Hill. The festive affair was held in the afternoon after the Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simmer and Heather of Gladwin were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. James Sutton of Ashley were callers at the Sprague home last week.

The Gene and David McArthur families enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spence (Jeannie). Edith McArthur was honored with a birthday cake, as Thanksgiving is her anniversary.

Patrick Louisell of Grand Haven was here for deer hunting several days last week, with his grandfather, Bill Louisell.

Thanksgiving guests at the Bernard Pitts home were their children and their families, Mona and David Wood and boys, and Ron and Jan Apple and son, Ryan.

Geoff Allen was a flu victim over the weekend.

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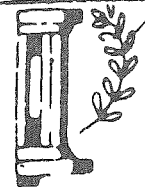
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OLD SHILLING HOUSE

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shed was built onto the north side of the house, to be used as a summer kitchen and in winter it held a good supply of wood for cooking and heating.

"Granny," as Great-grandmother was called by all who knew her, kept her snuff-box and pipe near the back door.

The south door led to the yard, the apple orchard, and the well. Part of the apple orchard still stands, but the dug well, which was only a few feet from the door, has long since been filled in.

The house, which is certainly over 100 years old, still stands on my father's farm.

Living was difficult in those pioneer days. Land must be cleared



THE BEAL CITY BANK IS HOLDING ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY-- Dec. 7, 8 and 9--next week. They'll hold Open House, with a friendly welcome to all visitors, and coffee and cookies made by the Altar Society ladies of St. Joseph's Church. The public is cordially invited to attend the anniversary Open House. Last year Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tilmann (shown above) were honored guests at the bank's opening. Messenger photo



Officers of the parent bank, American Security of Mt. Pleasant, were on hand last year for the opening of the Beal City branch. We expect they'll be there this year, too.

on which to raise food. This was done by cutting the trees in the near vicinity of the house and extending the acreage as need and time indicated.

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NEWS NOTES

Wayne Sisco, our Deputy Sheriff up in Coldwater Township, was beginning to recover from a serious bout of flu. "It was an odd kind," Wayne said. "I never was so sick in my life." Take care, now, Wayne!

Mrs. Rowena Allen and sons, Geoff and Greg, attended an orchid show at Northwood Institute at Midland Saturday. Greg is a Sophomore at Michigan State University, on a horticulture course.

Louis Kau, Mr. and Mrs. Fred

Zeien and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Noble and family had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Funnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips enjoyed Thanksgiving Day in Midland with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams, their nephew and niece.

Terri Touchinski celebrated her eighth birthday Saturday, entertain 10 friends at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls spent Thanksgiving with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller. George Miller of Lansing was also home for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur and Stuart McArthur were dinner guests Saturday evening at the Ojibwa cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tilmann.

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to our many neighbors, friends and relatives, for their assistance during our recent period of sorrow over the loss of our loved one.

Especially to Rev. Eldridge for his loving message and personal concern; the Daggett Funeral Home, the doctor, nurses, and personnel at Mercy Hospital; And the ladies who served the dinner, and for the food that was brought to our home.

God bless you all for your kindness.

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And Family
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Boyd
And Family
Mr. and Mrs. Dean Chaffee
And Family
Mrs. Nancy Howard
And Family

Marie Flower, small granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Flower, landed in CMC Hospital with a high temperature, on the evening of Thanksgiving. Marie

is three years old. Doctors said she had a kidney infection.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur had all their children and their families home for Thanksgiving.

The Branson twin girls, Lori and Lisa, attended Terri Touchinski's birthday party Saturday. Terri is eight years old. About 30 oldsters enjoyed dinner

Thanksgiving Day on the "Food with Friends" program. Hulda Stevens arrived Monday by plane from Chicago, after spending Thanksgiving with her daughter's family there.

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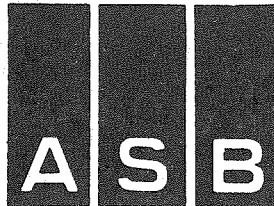


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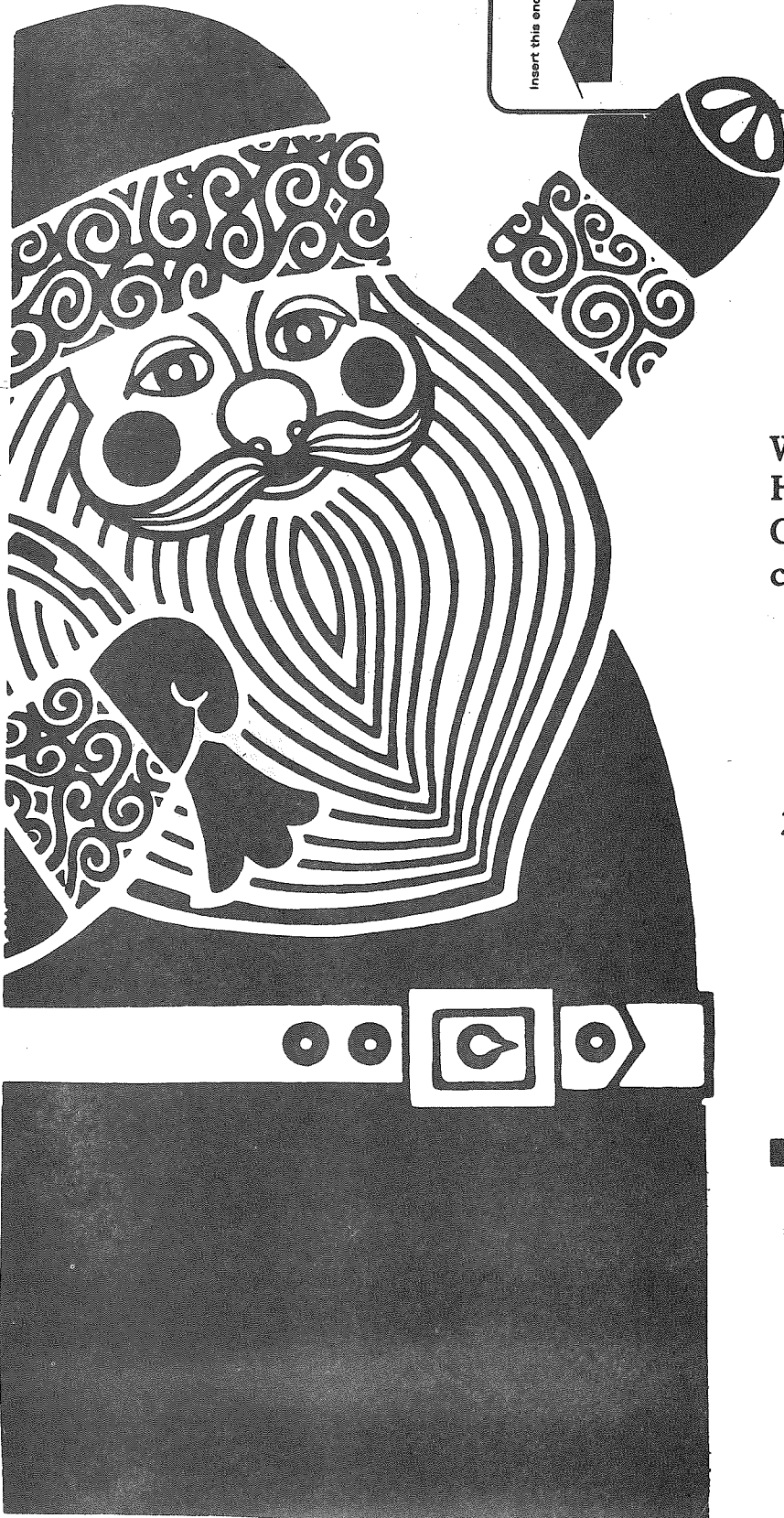
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Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bukrus called on Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Pfannes last Wednesday.

Pete reports that two in their party got two bucks.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert LaGue and Audrey, Andy and Adrienne of Sebewaing spent Tuesday and Wednesday with their grandparents, the Paul Coles, and Velma.

Albert got a five-point buck last Wednesday.

Tom Cole and Rick Cushman spent several more days at their farm. No luck in the hunting line. Tom called on his uncle and aunt, the Paul Coles.

Mrs. Pat Masiwchuk has been on the sick list.

Mrs. Helen Allbee spent Thanksgiving with her granddaughter, Cora Lee.

Miss Colleen Shaner is in CMC Hospital, suffering an ear infection and staph.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing took a trip to Lansing, where they visited their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ewing. They went on to Muskegon where they visited his grandmother. They returned back home to Mom and Dad and Velma's. The family gathered to have a late Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell and daughter Clara, and Johnny, were here from South Bend, Ind. The Mossells also called on his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Merchant, Sunday evening, at Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa returned home Friday afternoon after a week spent in Gothamburg, Nebraska, with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Milan Anderson. The Kripas also had a late Thanksgiving Sunday with the rest of their family.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Art Schrock left Friday night for Florida, called there by the illness and death of Annabel's mother, Mrs. Sherman Smith. Mrs. Smith died Monday. The Schrocks left by plane.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Speice and daughter, Connie, and Tammy of Carson City were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Roberts. Kevin and Laura Roberts and Ronnie Sprague visited Paul and Jodi Simmer at Gladwin, after Jodi's parents took them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Geasler of Pontiac spent a few days at the home of Carl and Ellen Geasler and did some hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and Gilbert Moon of Battle Creek were at their trailer on Grass Lake Road, hunting. David was

one of the lucky hunters, getting his buck.

Verl Wright spent some time with the Russell Wrights last week, doing some hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Seymour and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Seymour, and Verna Seymour had Thanksgiving dinner with me.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler and Carl and Ellen Geasler were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fosburg Thanksgiving. Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Geasler and family of Lansing called on relatives and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geasler, through the week.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Eunice La Londe were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gary La Londe and boys, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe La Londe and Floyd Sowle. Mrs. Gary La Londe was one of the lucky hunters, getting her buck Tuesday evening.

Frank Sowle spent a few days with his son, Virgil, and boys, up north, hunting.

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S. W. Sherman

Mabel Chaffee, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and daughters of Lake Orion visited several days with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse and the Gary Gatehouse family were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark, Chuck and Rock Knipfer of Oklahoma returned home Sunday, after spending two weeks with Pat Kurtz. They did some deer hunting in this area.

Patrick and Alan Sheldon of Cheboygan spent Saturday and Sunday visiting their father, Oren Sheldon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and two daughters of Lake Orion were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Steve.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sexton and Chad of Harrison were Friday dinner guests of the Leo Gatehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. Quillan Cook of Lansing enjoyed Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr.

Mrs. Jeanine Bauw and daughter, Robyn, of Grand Rapids, spent the Thanksgiving weekend with her mother, Mabel Chaffee, returning home Sunday. Robyn was to have her tonsils out Wednesday at Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital. Good luck, Robyn!

Millie Voss visited her sister, Mabel Chaffee, and her guests Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and boys and the Eddie Oplingers enjoyed turkey and all the trimmings at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, and Steve, Thursday.

Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark were Sunday afternoon guests of

the Harry Gatehouses.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald were Thanksgiving dinner guests of their daughter, Florence, in Lansing. The Fitzgeralds were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Henkel of Mecosta. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harden-

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in your wood stove or fireplace and revel in the live warmth.

There's really no substitute for it. (Except, if millions of trillions of cubic feet of natural gas are really brought up from the deep earth, and companies see fit to distribute it at payable prices. Even then, when your gas furnace turns itself off at the command of your thermostat, there's no heat, period. A wood fire gives and gives.)

Wood, for my money, is the answer to high-priced natural gas for heating homes; until enough natural gas is produced (probably years ahead) to give it to us at really reasonable prices.

Even then, we'll light up Ma's kitchen stove and the fireplace now and then, just for pure satisfaction.

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FIRE CALL TO THE DONALD RHODE HOME TUESDAY MORNING

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was called to the home of Donald Rhode in the northwest part of the Weidman Department's fire area Tuesday morning.

Fire damage was confined to the attic, apparently. Cause of the fire was listed as a faulty chimney.

This is the beginning of the fire-hazard season in homes, when chimneys, stoves and fireplaces should be checked carefully for defects.

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MABEL CHAFFEE PUBLISHES HER BOOK OF POETRY

A lovely small book of poetry by Mabel Chaffee is on sale at Bud's Party Store in Weidman, at \$1 each.

Mabel has lovely, heart-warming thoughts, and she puts them on paper very nicely.

The book's title is "In Loving Memory," and dedicated to her late husband, Bert Chaffee.

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CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE HERE FOR FIRST TIME

This year for the first time you can go to a local place and choose your Christmas tree from among freshly-cut specimens.

Russell and Jim Alwood, of Alwood's Landscaping and Garden Center have a nice array of the trees on the Don Alwood place, a half mile north of town.

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THE SOLAR HEATING UNITS ... COMING RIGHT ALONG!

Archie Jerore of the Ojibwa Recreation Area reports he got

55 hours of free home-heating from his solar unit, from Oct. 30 to Nov. 27 this year. Many handymen-home owners are turning to the simple, direct-heat "boxes" which trap the sun's heat or warmth. The solar units are an adjunct to regular heating systems in any home, in this part of the country. We doubt that any house in Michigan could be adequately heated by any kind of solar heat-gathering unit. We have too many cloudy hours and days.

Benn Johnson, of the Weidman Western Auto Store, is completing a large unit for his home a couple of miles west of town.

He has a perfect residential setup for the direct-heat solar unit's use: On his home there's a wide expanse of roof with southern exposure.

Russell Wright of Brinton also has built and installed a large solar unit for his home.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rau and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and family, Dale Rau, Ginny Rau, all had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould called Mr. and Mrs. Don Gould Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Thielen had a work bee on their garage Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gross had their club Saturday evening. Dawn Pung, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Don Pung, had her appendix taken out Saturday.

Paul Thielen was home to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Thielen the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Winn spent Sunday with Tillie Schafer.

Mrs. Evelyn Malish and Amy of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Schafer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith of Mt. Pleasant and Martha Sheahan and Louise Schafer spent Thanksgiving with the John Sheahans.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Joe Schafer went to Traverse City Saturday to visit the Wayne Sherlock family.

Donna Klumpp is spending two weeks' vacation from Ferris State College with her par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp.

Lee and Judy Van Camp and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and Anne Smith Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Thursday evening.

Cathy Rau and Joanne and Marie had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen Friday evening.

Pat and Al Daniele and Chad and Mrs. Carol Schafer and Michael visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould Friday evening.

Denise Slater and Mr. and Mrs. Don Tilmann and Jerry had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Al Tilmann.

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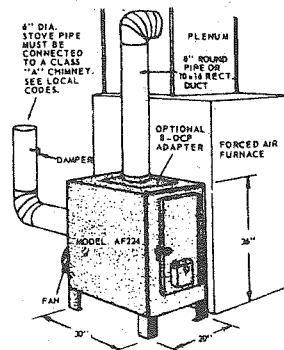
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