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Editor's Column

By Connie

FRIENDS BRING US SOME WONDERFUL FISH

It's nice to have friends. Especially fisherman-friends, who maybe go fishing, catch more pike than they want to use, and give a couple of 'em to us, perfectly cleaned and ready for the fry-pan.

Alice Denslow called us from her Lake Windoga home one evening last week and asked if we could use a pike for a fish-fry, maybe with Frances Tranbarger.

Sure we could. So presently Othel came to our door with two just-right-size pike, beautifully dressed, and ready to fry.

Like we said, it's nice to have fisherman-friends. Nice to have friends.

Thanks, Alice and Othel.

WE'RE ON THE PERSONAL SIDE THIS WEEK: NEW CUPBOARD DOORS

So we have to skip the serious side of situations national and local this week, on account we're in the midst of the complete house-upside-down situation occasioned by any carpentry work.

But what we're getting in the way of a new kitchen for old!

New cupboard fronts, formica work tops, the works, plus some extra wiring for lights and other little details. It will be purely wonderful--after it's done.

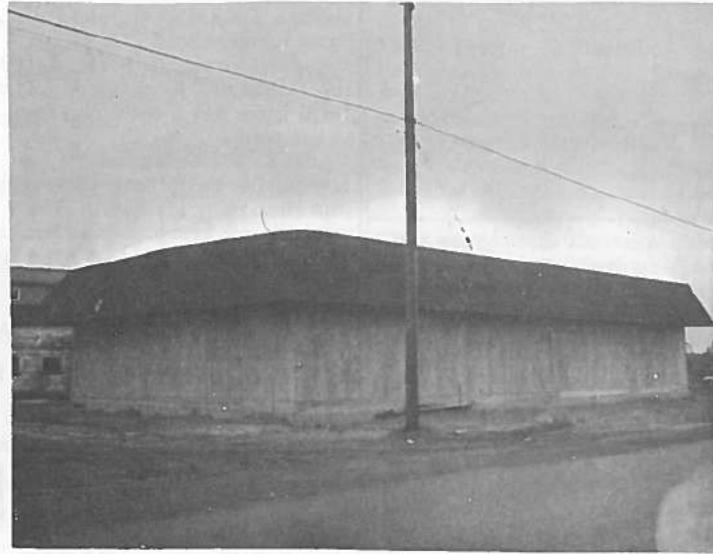
Chet Vore has been doing his stuff on cabinet-work, and the work is beautiful; but a woman's house is turned topsy-turvy by any carpentry work, as any woman knows.

The old kitchen cupboards in the Roe house were built in 1934 by a carpenter named Snyder, who lived with his family north of town, we think in the house that Sam Waters tore down to build his new one.

In their day, they were quite la-de-da. After about 40 years they've had it.

But we're pretty shook up all over the house, and shan't pretend any abilities for deathless prose this week.

We're just disorganized, in the old Roe house, and will get the paper out any way we can.



ALLEN LUMBER COMPANY'S NEW OFFICE BUILDING--Begins to shape up. We'll have further pictures as the building progresses. Meantime, you can get some idea of its size by the background-glimpse of the old Lumber Yard building just behind the new building. Messenger photo

PIG ROAST, BUSHEL-BEAN DINNER TO HIGHLIGHT SNOWMOBILE PARTY FEB. 18

Three whole pigs will be roasted over open-pit fires and a bushel of beans will be cooked in an open kettle at the Elwood Miller farm home Feb. 18 to accommodate snowmobilers and friends from this entire area.

The event started out as a private party, with the Millers furnishing one roasted pig and guests to bring pot-luck for dinner.

Snowmobilers from Barryton, Remus, Weidman, Mt. Pleasant, the lakes areas, and Brinton, Lake and Beal City areas have manifested such anticipation that the day has been dedicated to the Weidman Firemen and 1,000 tickets will be on sale at \$2 each.

Parking space will be provided at the scene.

Jack Crittenden of Remus has donated one pig, and the Lake Rod and Gun Club another. That, with the original pig planned on by the Millers, will make three whole roast pigs, which is a lot of delicious pig-meat.

Dick Cook will furnish potatoes which will be cleaned, wrapped in foil with butter and seasoning and baked by Firemen's wives.

Everything, including table furnishings (plates, silverware, etc.), will be furnished. While it has been designated a snowmobilers' meet, the general public is now invited to enjoy three roast pigs, the bean dinner, a day at the Millers', and a sight of the famous Little Mac Bridge, built over the past few years to accommodate snowmobilers only, over the Chipewewa River running through the Millers' beautiful farm.

There will be transportation to the Little Mac Bridge from the Millers' house yards, for those without snowmobiles. Also for those owning snowmobiles but being unable to use them if there isn't snow here by Feb. 18. The meet will be held whether there is snow or not, we were advised this week.

All proceeds will go to the Nottawa and Sherman Township Fire Department.

Set aside Feb. 18 (Sunday) to enjoy a most unique experience and a day of fun, good eating and enjoyment at the Elwood Millers'.

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Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips visited at the home of her brother, Frank Durham, in Flint last Tuesday. Mr. Durham had been quite ill, but was better.

Men in Uniform

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad left last Thursday evening for Norfolk, Va., where Susie and Chad are now making their home while Bruce is stationed there.

Here's a new address:

OT Thomas A. Straus, [redacted], CMR No. 7, Class 73-13, SQI, FLT 14, Lachland AFB, Texas 78236.

Tom says he's kept very busy since he entered the Air Force, working 18 1/2 hour days, but he says he's enjoying it very much.

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CHECK FIRE INSURANCE TO SEE IF YOU HAVE THE \$200 FIRE RUN CLAUSE

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department is asking all holders of home insurance to check their policies and make sure they have the \$200 fire run coverage.

Usual cost is \$2 per hundred for this clause. The Fire Department has been running into difficulties over this item, as many people seem to have only \$100 fire-run coverage, and the Department charges \$200 per fire run.

For \$2 extra you can get this coverage.

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DEER HAZARD ON AIR LINE ROAD

A herd of at least 50 deer has been sighted at regular times crossing the Air Line Road one mile west of Weidman.

Paul Fahnestock, who owns land next to the extensive acreage of Mrs. Vera Campbell in that area, says the herd has a leader, a big doe; and she stands at the side of the road and looks both ways for cars, but there are at least 49 deer following her, and when she elects to begin the road-crossing, the whole herd usually pours right across, regardless of traffic.

Local people, Mr. Fahnestock says, have become accustomed to the herd crossing the road at that point; but strangers ramming into town from the west are likely to tangle with the herd at about 5.45 each day when the herd makes its passage from the Ojibwa area to the wooded lands south of the Air Line.

A Deer Crossing sign is needed.



A History of Weidman

By Constance Roe Skinner

1893

John S. Weidman found a band-sawmill for sale, probably at the Hall Lumber Company's camp at Bundy Hills. He moved the mill to a site on the west bank of a millpond he was creating.

He put in a wood dam at about the same location as the present old mill dam stands on. Before he could put in a dam he had to build the dikes around the chosen area for the pond.

There were no bulldozers, no earth-movers, no power machines of any kind, in 1893. The dikes were built by men with shovels laying build-ups for shores with rocks, earth, and slashings from the mill, hauled by teams of horses.

So far as we can learn, he had no engineer to plan the Mill Pond. Yet his dikes have stood all these years, not one giving way at any point.

The east bank of the Mill Pond

which went out three years ago had been dredged out by Willard Searles with his huge machines, cut through in two places, to drain the Pond for stump removal.

The banks of the Coldwater River and Walker Creek, at the site of the Mill Pond, were covered with a thick growth of cedar trees and the huge stumps of white pine left by the Eddys.

John S. Weidman did not remove any of the stumps. In fact, he dumped tailings from his mills into the water to get rid of them, and today they constitute a serious impediment to "development" of the Pond.

John S. Weidman was not making a lake for recreation purposes. There was no usage of the word recreation in those days. He was creating a pond to float his logs to supply his sawmill. Period.

There was no need to clean out stumps and debris from the Pond's bottom. That would have been

a foolish waste of time in that era.

The Weidman sawmills did not use water power. They used steam power derived from burnings waste cuttings at the mills. The dam was put in by Weidman for the sole purpose of creating a pond in which to float logs for his mills.

Northwestern Nottawa Township was especially rich in hardwood timber. Named in an old account of the situation, by Rolla Roe, were the farms of Will Warner, George Kunkel, and John Faber, "and many others".

And all along the plain area of the Coldwater River up to Littlefield Lake was a solid forest of cedar trees.

John S. Weidman bought his saw for his mill, built the mill, and then built his house. The

Weidman family lived in that house until their departure for Mt. Pleasant in 1908. The house is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague, and is enjoyed as a solid-beamed enduring and comfortable home.

At first there were men working in the first sawmill who lived on homestead farms in this area. But they had to be fed at noon dinner time.

Mrs. Weidman cooked for the mill workers that first year, and as the mill prospered and grew, and more men were hired, a men's cook house was built, to the east of the Weidman home, and about where the Donald Stanley home stands.

Mildred and Evan Weidman were born in the Weidman house here.

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Address-----

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BIG WHITE CAT--Wanted to know ownership. Cat was being rescued from dogs at our home Monday night, and bit our son. Son is being given rabies shots, we need to know cat's ownership. Please call Jerry Horstman, ph. 644-2552. Reward.
 Feb. 8t1

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the acts of kindness given us during the illness and death of our loved one.

We are grateful for the care he received at the Clare Hospital, from Dr. Shurlock and the staff; To Crittenden Funeral Home; the priests of St. Joseph's for their comforting words; the choir, the Knights of Columbus members, the C.M.B. Club for cooking the dinner, and our many relatives, neighbors and friends for Mass cards, flowers, prayers, donations and food, a special Thank You.

Your generosity will never be forgotten.
 The Family of Peter Lorenz

Obituary

MYRLE BLODGETT
 Mrs. Earl Blodgett (Myrle) died last Tuesday, Jan. 30, at CMC Hospital, after a long illness. She was 69.

She was born Dec. 14, 1903, in Mecosta County. She was a lifelong resident of this area, and had many friends.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2 p.m. from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton, with Arthur Cross officiating. Burial was in the Flake Cemetery of Barryton.

Surviving are her husband, Earl; four sons, Elmo of Mt. Pleasant, Emerson of Grand Blanc, Allan of Flint, and Jerry of Weidman; three daughters, Mrs. Lewis Bowen (Irene) of Brinton, Mrs. Gordon Helmer (Louise) of Barryton, and Mrs. Benn Johnson (Carol) of Weidman; a sister, Mrs. Clara Lutz, of rural Remus; 26 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

A son and daughter preceded her in death.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends.

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Card of Thanks

We wish to express our deep appreciation to the many friends and relatives who assisted us during the recent illness and death of our wife and mother;

Also doctors and nurses of the CMC Hospital, and George and Fawn Daggett, and Rev. Arthur Cross, Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Thompson for songs and music; also the bearers, and the Weidman United Methodist Church.

Thanks, so much.

Mr. Earl Blodgett
 Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Blodgett
 And Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Allen Blodgett
 And Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Blodgett
 And Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Blodgett
 And Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Helmer
 And Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen
 And Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Johnson
 And Family

NEWS NOTES

Several members of the Weidman United Methodist Church attended a Methodist Men's conference at the Edmore church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider spent Saturday and Sunday driving around the countryside.

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
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 Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
 Choir practice 6.30, Thursday.

Central Michigan Association meeting Friday, 7.30 p.m., at First Baptist Church of St. Louis. The theme is "Revival". Speaker is Rev. John Drummon of Covenant Community Church, Detroit. Ladies' meetings, men's seminar.

Youth Rally Saturday, 7 p.m. First Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Athel J. Lynch, Pastor
 Office phone 644-3336, parsonage phone 644-3441.

Church School, 10 a.m.
 Worship, 11.15 a.m.
 Choir rehearsal Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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

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

BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS
 HAVE 14 TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular card party of the Beal City Senior Citizens last Thursday afternoon there were 14 tables of pepper in play.

Veronica Tilmann won first prize for the ladies, with Colletta Gross second.

William Lawens won first for the men, with Austin Dent second.

Harold Schumacher won the pepper prize. Regina Faber won the door prize.

The committee served a nice lunch of a variety of cookies and coffee.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Feb. 15.

All are cordially invited.

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Local Items

Mrs. Bonnie Sprague called on Mrs. Laura Roberts and Kevin of Lake Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Denslow of Remus spent last Monday afternoon with Mrs. Ethel Wager.

Cheryl and Janet Pitts of Lansing spent the weekend at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hill of Holt. On their way home they called on Mr. and Mrs. Clare Oberlin of Lansing.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM COOK

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Beal City was the scene of the wedding of Miss Virginia Straus and William Cook in early November.

Fr. S.A. Bur and Rev. Lloyd Van Lente officiated at the evening, double-ring ceremony before an altar graced with vases of white and burgundy mums.

The parents of the bridal couple are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Straus of Beal City and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cook of Shepherd.

Organist Shirley Weber, aunt of the bride, accompanied Fred Steffke, soloist, as he sang, "One Hand, One Heart," theme from "Dr. Zhivago," and "We Have Only Just Begun."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, approached the altar wearing a floor-length gown styled with an Empire bodice of lace over sat-a-poe. Her elbow-length veil of nylon illusion was secured with a pearl crown. She carried a bouquet of white gardenias surrounded with pink roses.

Kathy Bierschbach was maid of honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Bobbie Caszatt and Gloria Kindig. Marie Straus, sister of the bride, was junior bridesmaid. Tricia Straus, cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

The attendants wore floor-

length gowns of velvet and chiffon, fashioned with Empire bodices trimmed at the neckline, cuffs and waistline. The gowns were in varying shades of pink. They carried a single rose with pink streamers.

The bride's mother chose a floor-length lavender gown with brown accessories. The groom's mother was attired in a floor-length navy blue gown with a flowered skirt and navy blue accessories. Both mothers wore corsages of white gardenias.

Serving as best man was Brian Cahoon, friend of the groom. The groomsmen included Joel Caszatt, friend of the groom; George and Dennis Straus, brothers of the bride. Tony Straus, also a brother of the bride, was ring bearer.

Seating the 275 guests were the ushers, Fred Straus, uncle of the bride, and Russell Rhynard, a friend of the groom.

A reception was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Beal City following the ceremony. The Stillwaters supplied music for dancing. Esther Straus and Mildred Ayling cut the cake.

After a Northern Michigan honeymoon, the couple now live at 830 East Main in Owosso.

Out of town guests attended

the wedding from Lansing, DeWitt, Owosso, Indiana, Shepherd, Weidman, Beal City, Flushing, Dearborn, Midland, and Adrian.

Special guest at the wedding was Pauline Boge, great-grandmother of the bride.

The groom is a 1967 graduate of the Shepherd High School. The bride was a 1968 graduate of Beal City High School. Both are 1970 graduates of the Midland School of Practical Nursing. He is employed at McLaren Hospital in Flint. The bride is employed at Flint Osteopathic Hospital.

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NEWS NOTES

Lillian Johnston was a Saturday luncheon guest of Mrs. Emil Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Riechoff of Midland spent Sunday at the Phillips home.

Mrs. Helen Flower and Mrs. Jean McArthur have been visiting their father, John Showalter, of Mt. Pleasant, who is in the hospital there. They go every day.

North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Ezra Rhynard, Dick Gott and Dennis Huber of Farwell spent Monday at the John Gott home. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott, Mrs. Larry Gott and baby, and Flossie Allen, all of Winn, called Monday evening. Mrs. Bessie Allen was also a caller.

Debbie Graham and girl friend of Barryton, Guem Kile, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. John Gott.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Theisen of Mt. Pleasant called on their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger, and took them for a ride, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Norman Abbott called on her daughter, Carolyn Parrish, and brought her two youngest boys, Kevin and Robert, home with her for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbott and baby spent a few days with his parents.

Mrs. Albert Gott of Winn took his parents out for dinner Sunday. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Gillis of Lake.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

The bans of matrimony were announced for the first time Sunday in St. Joseph the Worker Church for Richard Andres, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Andres, and Barbara Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralston Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Breuer, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pung are on a vacation trip to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mrs. Milo Eldred is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer's children while they are on their trip.

Mrs. Louise Schafer, Henry Schafer, Rose Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cotter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cotter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cotter and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Cotter were among relatives from here and the Rosebush area attending the funeral of Christine (Cotter) Cullimore in Lansing Saturday. Mrs. Cullimore was a resident of this area until her marriage, and has many relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schafer of Mt. Pleasant spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Mathews and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schafer spent the weekend in the Upper Peninsula.

Mrs. Pauline Boge returned to Mt. Pleasant last Wednesday after a brief visit with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmidt, and family.

Mrs. Donald Krueger and Tillie Schafer called on Louise Smith last Monday. Delores and Brian Gould of Mt. Pleasant spent some time Sunday afternoon with their Grandma.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Schafer bought Ida Tilmann's house in Beal City, and moved in last week. Ronald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gould and Brian of Mt. Pleasant and Louise Smith enjoyed a fish supper with the Walter Rau family Sunday. Louise stayed all night.

Ann Smith has been in CMC Hospital the past couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Smith and family of Lansing spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blasen and family.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flower and children of Petersburg spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Flower. They were here to attend the wedding of K. C. Charnes and Miss Jeannie Kaye Stenger Saturday in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leiter of Selfridge Field were also guests at the Flower home.

Coldwater Lake

Marge Schafer, Reporter

We went to Midland last Monday on business. Stopped in at Gerald Schafer's in Mt. Pleasant and enjoyed supper with them. Billy was still in CMC Hospital.

Tuesday evening we attended rosary services at the Crittenden Funeral Home for Peter Lorenz, and attended his funeral Wednesday at St. Joseph the Worker Church at Beal City.

Wednesday afternoon we visited my mother, Mable Klumpp, at Ardis Nursing Home. My sister, Sophia Stowell, and Mrs. Lilly of Shepherd were also visiting her. Mom was feeling fine and cheerful.

Jerry and Jane Schafer and daughter, Kelli, called one evening and we had a few games of cards.

Bill and Bob Schafer helped their brother, Jerry, move into his new home on Crawford Road Saturday.

Brian Schafer stayed with me Saturday while his mother, Lynn, attended the Nolde funeral with her mother, Dorothy Maxon. The Noldes are neighbors of the Maxons.

Sunday we called at the Gerald Schafer home and found our grandson, Billy, had been released from CMC Hospital. He wasn't feeling too good yet. His sister, Kelli, was admitted Thursday afternoon, suffering from pneumonia.

We also called on Ralph and Sophia Stowell Sunday afternoon. Ralph was being admitted to the hospital Tuesday for his legs again.

Don and Judy Schafer and daughters called Sunday evening. Their daughters, Josette and Heather, are feeling fine now. They had had the flu.

Received word that grandson Ricky Schafer, son of the John Schafers of Bay City, was in the Bay City hospital, and the rest of the family were sick with the flu.

Happy Birthday to Will Pung, who was 89 years young Tuesday.

Ed Schafer has started painting the KC Hall in Beal City, beginning Monday.

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PINK AND BLUE SHOWER FOR MRS. RONALD LORENZ

Mrs. Max Straus was hostess at a pink and blue shower last Thursday evening, honoring her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ronald Lorenz.

Sixteen ladies attended, and spent a nice evening. Mrs. Lorenz received many lovely gifts.

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NEWS NOTES

Mary Strong of Traverse City visited her cousin, Mrs. Ethel Bywater, Friday afternoon. Her sister-in-law, Ollie Strong, brought her here, and they spent the afternoon with Mrs. Bywater.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of their daughter, Joyce Chaffee, and in the afternoon they attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grewett at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Maxine Keyser, in Mt. Pleasant.

Bill Thompson entered Ferguson Hospital in Grand Rapids last Wednesday, and will be there for two weeks or so. His address: 72 Sheldon Ave., SE., Grand Rapids 49502. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Bob and Shirley Fox called to see him Sunday. Mrs. Thompson attended the funeral of Myrle Blodgett Friday.

Sunday callers at the Gerald Losey home were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey, Jessie Rosencrantz, Mrs. Marie Gruss and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gross. Amy Gross spent the weekend with Beth Losey.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Scott called on Mrs. Nettie Lawrence Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood and Jeff and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Flora Wood. Afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Metcalf.

Mrs. Flora Wood, Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Margie Den-

slow attended Missionary meeting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Wright in Weidman Thursday afternoon. Three boxes of clothing were packed for foreign missions.

Callers at the Paul Miller home during last week were Mrs. Eva Denslow, Mrs. Alma Dosenberry and Mrs. Josephine Waid of Lake.

Sunday guests at the Wilbur Wright home were Elwood Miller, Mrs. Katie Smith, Steve Aldrich and his fiancée, and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith were Tuesday morning callers at the Charlie Losey home.

Mrs. Marilyn Losey and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chapman and Chad were Thursday dinner guests of the Loseys.

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NEWS NOTES

Murl Mercer and family and the Ronnie Spragues enjoyed ice skating on the Mill Pond Sunday afternoon, also enjoying a bonfire with wieners and marshmallows on the ice, and lots of winter fun.

Visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Allan Blodgett and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Kirvan of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Pagle of St. Johns.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens were Saturday guests of Mrs. Mildred Rhode and Karen. Karen and Mildred spent Sunday with Mrs. Betty Elliott in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and Dixie and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gostola and baby were Sunday visitors of Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mrs. Maycie Cook celebrated her 77th birthday at the Billings Convalescent Home Feb. 4. Her condition remains about the same.

Mrs. Charles Garrett and daughters, Janet and Lynn, attended a baby shower for Mrs. Howard Garrett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett attended the smorgasbord at Wyman Wednesday evening.

Bud Hines came and got his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines, Sunday, and took them to his place at Barryton for dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg and Johnnie spent Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Krueger have a new baby girl, Jennifer June, born Jan. 25.

Mrs. Rosemary Walker and John Martin of Lakeview visited their grandmother, Mrs. Kate Martin, Tuesday. Mrs. John Passeriello and Mrs. Ed Martin and son, Michael, of Saginaw were Saturday guests of Mrs. Martin.

Ray Flaughter returned home from Ford Hospital Wednesday. Visitors during the week at his home were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blodgett, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee, Mrs. Audrey Flaughter, the Ronald Flaughers and the Ralph Flaughers, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilmot.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Rodney were Sunday guests of Mrs. Leona Courser. Mrs. Courser and Mrs. Ella Cox attended the Coomer Ladies' Aid at the home of Mrs. Gretchen Nicholson in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday.

Mrs. Dorothy Breuer was a Saturday visitor of her sister, Mrs. Leona Courser.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krueger and family and Mrs. Lovica Krueger spent the weekend with the Singleton Moses family of Flushing.

Mrs. Richard Larson of Birch Run spent a few days at the Chris Larson home last week. Richard and Patty came for her Sunday.

Mrs. Leon Bunker of Mt. Pleasant was a Monday visitor of her aunt, Mrs. Nettie Baker.

Mrs. Blanche Carr and Mrs. Nina Forbes were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullett.

Little Christopher Cook celebrated his first birthday Sunday evening with his family, the Richard Cooks, Great-Grandpa Herman Cook, Grandma Margaret Freeman, Grandparents the Orves Cooks, and Aliance Cook, Glee and Kathy Krueger, and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear and family and the Jack Cooks.

Frank Vanderbrock of Cedar Springs and Mrs. Katherine Amos of Grand Rapids were Monday visitors of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar. Other visitors during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder, the Paul Lueders, the Clayton Crowleys, and Mr. and Mrs. George Ehrhardt of Newaygo.

Bob Larson tapped his maple trees, and is getting a good run of sap.

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NEWS ITEMS FROM LAKE ISABELLA

Lester B. Hall, Reporter

Mrs. Lawrence Johnson and daughter, Barbara, of Rockford, Ill., spent several days the past week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Fiorillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leppan spent Monday and Tuesday visiting relatives in the Detroit area.

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Schmeltzer and daughter, Esther, of Remus, visited their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Norm Paddock, Sun-

day evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Klenk of Detroit were weekend visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Beattie.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson at Petoskey. Mr. and Mrs. Spike Branson were Sunday evening guests at the Touchinski home. Edith Touchinsky played cards with the Senior Citizens at Beal City Thursday afternoon.

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Meryl Blodgett, who passed away at the Mt. Pleasant Hospital last Tuesday evening. Funeral services were held Friday from the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton with burial in the Flake Cemetery.

Nora Geasler, Violet Wright and I spent the afternoon Saturday with Joyce Geasler, and helped her tie a quilt.

Jane Fields returned to her home in Grand Rapids Sunday for a week's visit with relatives. She has been spending the winter with her brother, Alfred Bartley.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang and girls spent the weekend in Petoskey.

Eunice La Londe spent Sunday with her son, Wayne, and family.

Ellen Geasler has been ill the past week with the flu. She was in Mt. Pleasant to her doctor's one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slupe and family of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

Collin Lowery of Barryton called on his sister, Joyce Geasler, Saturday.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McArthur and son were Sunday dinner guests of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Garrett.

Mrs. Harry Herman took Mrs. Ethel Bywater a nice big piece of pie Sunday evening, and visited with her.

A History of Weidman

By Constance Roe Skinner

Here are some items of conditions existing before the sawmill was installed in what is now the village of Weidman:

In 1866 there was wild inflation. Pork was 30 cents a pound; flour was \$22 per barrel; potatoes were \$2 per bushel. Millet was \$40 per ton.

Supplies to the Two Rivers, Drew and Beal City areas were toted from Mt. Pleasant and Millbrook, an overnight trip with a camping-out necessity.

Dec. 30, 1878, J. J. Bennett owned 180 acres (now the Ken Saunders home) on which he paid \$8.45 in taxes, considered high at that time.

James Tinker, owning 80 acres in Sherman Township, paid \$6.57 in taxes that year.

The se se sec. 36, T15N, R6W, was sold for back taxes in 1865 for \$1.40. It was redeemed by

J. J. Bennett Oct. 23, 1869.

Allen Keen, physician and surgeon, at 33 years of age entered the Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York City and attended a six-months' course of lectures, after which he went to Dushville in Isabella County in May of 1878, and commenced the practice of medicine.

In 1883 he entered the Detroit Medical College for a six-months' course of lectures, graduating Feb. 29. He was a doctor in the Civil War.

Before John S. Weidman came to this area, there were settlers in wooded farm areas, and there also were villages all around us.

Brinton was still quite strong, though weakening as the forests around there were cleared to feed the charcoal kilns that made the town a thriving place until the

turn of the century; Two Rivers was an active village; Beal City was an established town; there were post offices all around us, notably the Drew office, the Two Rivers, Brinton and Sherman City offices.

A preface to the now-valuable book, "Portrait & Biographical Album of Isabella County, Michigan," published in July, 1884, by Chapman Bros. of Chicago, has this to say:

"Surely and rapidly the noble men who in their prime entered the wild forests of Isabella County and claimed the virgin soil as their heritage, are passing to their graves."

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RECENT RETIREES AT STATE HOME--Among five recent retirees from the State Home and Training School at Mt. Pleasant were (left to right, above) Mrs. Dorothy Bowers, Carl Geasler of Brinton, and Mrs. Vida Church. The State Home currently employs 800 people.

MARRIED IN MT. PLEASANT SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The marriage of K. C. Charnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes of Weidman, and Miss Jeannie Kay Stenger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Stenger of Mt. Pleasant, took place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church on Watson Road in Mt. Pleasant.

A reception was held following the ceremony, in the church reception hall.

Many relatives and friends, from this area and elsewhere, attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hutchinson of Battle Creek, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Charnes and two children of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. John J. Middlesworth of Drayton Plains were among guests here for the wedding of K. C. Charnes and Miss Jeannie Kay Stenger. Mrs. Norma Middlesworth of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Middlesworth and daughter, Linda, of Laurel, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Middlesworth of Lansing were also among the many guests. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth are spending this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Donley and family. They came up to attend the wedding.

GOLDEN WEDDING FOR CARL AND CLARA GREWETT

A surprise reception was held Sunday honoring Mr. and Mrs. Carl Grewett, at the home of their daughter, Maxine Keyser. The occasion was the 50th wedding anniversary for Carl and Clara.

The Mt. Pleasant Grewetts are former Weidman folks, and have very many friends who wish them every happiness.

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Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Ken Portroff moved her very sick husband home to Flint by ambulance. The family had moved to Illinois to be near his family. After several months of paying rent and other reasons, Ruth Ann, with help of her family, went to her home in Flint and her brother, Larry, and wife will help care for Ken.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson has been very ill with kidney infection, but was some better the first of the week.

Paul Cole came home last Wednesday from CMC Hospital but will go to Saginaw soon for further treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee visited the Paul Coles Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler visited his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger, and his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Sunday evening.

Our sympathy to the family of Myrle Blodgett.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cornell, of Gladwin, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cornell and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Geasler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geasler of Haslett spent the weekend at their cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Geasler of Grand Rapids spent the weekend at their cottage.

Joe Mossell and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Mossell, Mrs. John Balint and girls, Amy and Heather, spent the weekend at the Mossell cabin. They visited their grandparents, the Paul

Coles, Saturday.
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