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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### NO COLUMN THIS WEEK

We are skipping our regular column this week in order to get in a raft of Letters to the Editor that have piled up over the past several months.

We have had them all set into type and waiting to go, but never did have room enough for them.

We would like to comment on a couple of them.

Mrs. Lylah Simmers of California wrote weeks ago about writing children's books, and her encouragement from her agent. We do hope the encouragement materializes into reality for Lylah.

The other is a letter from Jack Bellows, on the occasion of Ye Ed's giving him a ride up to the Brinton Hall for the reception for Harris and Annetta Bellows of Calder, Idaho. We think Jack's letter is a very fine expression of several things, and we have wanted to print it and hadn't space.

So--no column this week. Our letter-writers will hereby take over. \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Connie:

A letter came in today's mail from my agent. In brief it said, "Don't get your hopes too high for it is as yet all in the talking stage, but we are negotiating with two different textbook publishers about using extracts from your work if they can't publish the entire books. We wanted to tell you, for your morale, as you work on the next one."

My agent is working on the "book angle" this year, and has three full-length nature books of mine:

"Nature's Babies," in which the "baby" tells the story of its birth, early care and training, and of life within a group of its kind; it includes human interest portions, such as the courting customs, herd organization and parental care.

"Winged Beauty," stories of both rare and unusually beautiful birds all over the world, again with such human interest stories of how the penguins carry their chicks on their big flat feet, and the gorgeous coloring  
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TREVA CUMMINS

SHE WRITES POEMS ABOUT THEIR LIFE TOGETHER--Mrs. Alva Cummins (Treva) has published a book of poetry which is currently selling at \$2.00 per copy. It is an attractively done book, and most of her homespun poems were written in Florida or California, the book points out. Treva and Alva have been married 55 years, and have spent their married life since 1918 on their farm at Horr. We offer congratulations to Treva on her publication of her attractive book.



ALVA CUMMINS

### BARNEY TRANBARGER SUFFERS A FALL SATURDAY MORNING

Barney Tranbarger fell at the corner of his greenhouse on West Airline Road Saturday morning, apparently overcome by heat after hoeing in his vegetable garden.

He suffered a lacerated right arm and elbow, and was taken to the emergency room at CMC Hospital for first aid, then later in the afternoon was again taken to the hospital for cleanup and treatment.

Pieces of sand and gravel were imbedded in the wound, and it required minor surgery to remove them.

He was doing well the first of this week.

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Mrs. Eleanor Lehr of Clare and her daughter, Mrs. Paul Winner, of Traverse City called on Kit Johnson Monday morning

### YOUNGSTER BURIED IN SAND SLIDE AT RIVER

Eight-year-old Tod Whitish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Branson, was literally buried in a sand slide when he and his playmates attempted to dig a tunnel in the sand at the old "highbanks" on the Coldwater River south of town, Monday morning.

The children were tunneling in the sand of the high bluffs on the river when the mishap occurred, according to witnesses.

State police and an ambulance were called, and young Tod was taken to CMC Hospital for observation. He was discharged Tuesday.

The Bob Bransons have a trailer house at the "highbanks" on the Coldwater River, on the back of the Spike Branson place. The Bob Bransons were in Florida at the time of the accident.  
BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Men in Uniform

P. F. C. Gerard R. Straus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Straus, is stationed in California, and loves it there. He also likes his work, driving an ambulance and working at the base hospital. His address:

P. F. C. Gerard R. Straus, [redacted] Letterman General Hospital, P. O. Box 1153, San Francisco, Calif. 94129.

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### FIREMEN CALLED OUT TO PUT OUT GRASS FIRE

The Nottawa and Sherman Volunteer Fire Department was called out Saturday to put out a grass fire on the Lemmon place, formerly occupied by the John Warner family, in Coldwater Township.

About an acre was burned over.

The Firemen were called out about 6 p. m. Monday to a hay fire on Rolland Road about 3/4 of a mile north of the Airline, when two wagon loads of hay being drawn by a tractor started to burn.

Donald Thelen was the owner, and the driver of the tractor attempted to unhitch the first wagon, which was burning, but the fire was too hot for him.

Firemen were on the scene until 10 p. m. Monday night. A bulldozer was called to bury the remaining hay.

About 280 bales of hay were destroyed.

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Dear Connie:

I want to thank you for taking me up to the Brinton Hall. Gerald Dent and I were talking it over about what relation Harris and Annetta Bellows are to me, and decided they are cousins of my father.

Harris did not know me, but she did when I want up to meet them. She said, "You're Jack, aren't you, Mabel Bellows' boy?"

I said yes. After 46 years, how she would know me I don't know.

That wind a couple of weeks ago moved my trailer over a foot and a half. I was going to wash up the dishes, but decided to go in the bedroom to read the paper. It did do a little damage in the kitchen. I was lucky I was not hurt, and was lucky the house trailer did not tip over.  
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## West Gilmore

Iena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCullum of Paris, Mich., called on Mrs. Charlotte Hart Sunday. They took their sister, Mrs. Violet Lowery, home with them for a few days.

Dorothy Lowery and Ida Reynolds visited their aunt, Mrs. Hart, Sunday evening. Stanley Shaner was a caller.

Breakfast guests of Mrs. Hart were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis, Mrs. Linda Chapman and Amy, and Roxann Hart.

Hugh Douglas, who has been ill for some time, expected to return to his work in Clare Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Brunce of Belding visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, Saturday.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart, Mrs. Violet Lowery and Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Hart and Roxann visited Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Mrs. Helen Wardwell and Mrs. Hilda Sampson visited their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee, Thursday. They found Julius doing fine, since his recent surgery.

The Allbees have moved back home after several days spent with Mrs. Charles Barber of Loomis.

Mrs. Irene Jones went to Charlotte Wednesday and brought her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Purdy, up for a few days' stay with his children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Purdy and Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Stella King.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole received word at 10 a. m. Monday that their grandson, William Ewing, had arrived in Oakland, Calif., on his way home from Vietnam. He had been there a year.

The Coles also received word that their grandson, Charles Mossell, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Alwood near Monterey, Calif. Charles is in the service, at Camp Ord.

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower attended the funeral of their cousin, Bobby Sowle, Tuesday, near Detroit. He was the son of Tessie and the late Robert Sowle, and a brother of Mrs. Floyd Tower.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Merrihew and friends spent the weekend at Littlefield Lake, camping. They also attended the wedding of their nephew, Bobby Tupper, Friday evening.

Nora Geasler and Frances Beck were in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday.

Fern Verette spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Strang at Petoskey.

Bud Blodgett has been helping Lewis Bowen in the hay the past week.

Emily Geasler of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with her par-

ents, Ray and Joyce Geasler.

Vernie Moore of Coleman and her sister, Dora, called on Mr. and Mrs. Virgil La Londe Tuesday afternoon.

Roscoe Wright of Greenville was in Brinton Saturday and Sunday, working on the lot he purchased. It is the former Wilson Wright property, where he plans to move a trailer soon.

Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil La Londe were his sister-in-law, Myrtle La Londe, and her daughter, Alma, and husband; and Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Moore.

Flossie Forbes and Caroline Alston called at the Alvie Moore home Sunday.

Dean Brown is working on his house, located next to his trailer north of Brinton.

Weekend guests at the Russell Wright home were Mr. and Mrs. Veryl Wright and boys of Flat Rock, and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Slupe, of Grand Rapids. They all attended the wedding of Bobby Tupper in Mt. Pleasant Friday evening.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. David Wood of Lansing spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts. David preached at the Gilmore Church of Christ in the evening. He is in his third year at Great Lakes Bible College.

Darcy Pitts has been suffering from mumps the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Knudson of Livonia spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Leila Whearett, and Don Clark. They took their children, except Karen, home with them. Karen is staying this week with her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey had Sunday supper with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blackmer of Broomfield.

Mrs. Pat Hathaway and Mrs. Nina Forbes spent the afternoon Sunday and were supper guests of the Russell Wilsons.

Nina Forbes was a Thursday caller of the Gale Briens of Shepherd.

Floyd Allen of St. Louis was reported as quite ill in a rest home in St. Louis. He is a former resident of Weidman, much liked and respected. Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen visited him Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Joyce Smith spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louise. She returned to her home in New Jersey Tuesday. She was here for her father's birthday.

Ronald Kniffen and family of Lansing spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague spent three days on a weekend at School Section Lake, vacationing.

## HERE IS THE COLT LEAGUE BASEBALL GAME SCHEDULE

Here's the playing schedule for the Weidman Colt League baseball teams:

July 17: Blanchard at Weidman, twilight double, two night games at Mitchell Memorial Park starting at 6 p. m.

July 19: Wynn at Weidman.

July 24: Breckenridge at Weidman, two night games.

July 30: Weidman at Alma, a day game.

The public is cordially invited to attend these games.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

YARD SALE--2-wheel trailer, 1955 Lincoln car, 30-cup coffee maker, misc. Marion Street Barryton, over 1-lane bridge, 2nd house down.

July 15t1p



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April 15 tf

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July 15&22

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July 8t1

IT'S terrific the way we're selling Blue Lustre to clean rugs and upholstery. Rent shampooer \$1 at Fox Hardware, Weidman. July 15t1

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

### Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 Probate Court for the County of Isabella.

Estate of LENA ST. JOHN, Deceased.

It is Ordered that on September 22, 1971, at 9.30 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, a hearing be held at which all creditors of said deceased are required to prove their claims and heirs will be determined. Creditors must file sworn claims with the Court and serve a copy on Fern E. Beutler, Route #1, Lake, Michigan, prior to said hearing.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

Dated June 23rd, 1971

BURKE McCLINTIC  
 Judge of Probate

Fox & Fox  
 102 Hersee Bldg.  
 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
 July 8-15-22

### Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
 Probate Court for the County of Isabella.

Estate of PEARL E. SMITH, Deceased.

It is Ordered that on Wednesday, September 22, 1971, at 9:30 A.M., in the Probate Courtroom, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, a hearing be held at which all creditors of said deceased are required to prove their claims and heirs will be determined. Creditors must file sworn claims with the Court and serve a copy on Mitchell McArthur, Weidman, Michigan, prior to said hearing.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

Dated July 8th, 1971.

BURKE McCLINTIC  
 Judge of Probate.

Fox & Fox  
 Attorneys at Law  
 102 Hersee Bldg.  
 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
 July 15-22-29

### Card of Thanks

It is with the deepest gratitude we acknowledge the expressions

of sympathy, cards, spiritual remembrances, and gifts of food from relatives and friends, on the occasion of the death of our dear sister and aunt, Louise Bengal.

We are likewise grateful to Father Kawka for the inspiring services, Father Thome for his thoughtfulness; to the pallbearers, altar boys, organist and choir of Sacred Heart Church; the Rush Funeral Home, and the Weidman Flower Shop.

All is sincerely appreciated by

Lavina Elias  
 Josephine Bengal  
 Nieces and nephews

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July 15t2

### Card of Thanks

I want to thank all who made my trip to California possible. I enjoyed my trip very much.  
 Jim Gross

### Card of Thanks

We want to offer our heartfelt thanks to Jerry and Clayton Smith who helped us get Barney Tranbarger up off the ground and into the house after he fell Saturday morning.

Our calls for "Help!" brought them both running to our aid, and we are deeply grateful.

Good neighbors are wonderful to have.

Frances and Barney Tranbarger

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the people of Weidman who sent cards and flowers on the death of my father, George B. Nurss, of West Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon (Carol) Miller and Children

### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Looman and Wilma Ritchie at their beautiful cottage at Au Gres. Lois and Hulda graduated from the old Weidman High School together.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

### Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter

#### ELWYN PITTS FAMILY IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Last Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts and Terry of Big Rapids were in a car accident at Battle and Fordyce Roads. Elwyn was going south, the other car came from the east. It hit the left rear end of Elwyn's truck, causing the truck to roll a couple of times, then coming back upright on its wheels and facing north when stopped.

They were taken to CMC Hospital by ambulance. Mary Ellen and Terry escaped with lots of bruises and sore spots, but no broken bones.

Elwyn suffered cuts about the head and broken ribs, and burns and remained in the hospital for two days.

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Mr. and Mrs. Allen Marshall and children and Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and family spent last week camping in Canada.

Callers at the Egbert Fordyce home last week were Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook, Mrs. Flossie Jarman and Owen, Mrs. Ruth Pitts, Mrs. Florence Badgley, Mrs. Donna Fordyce.

This Monday morning Carl Schofield called on the Fordyces.

Merry Go Round Club will have its picnic this Thursday. It was postponed last Thursday on account of threatening rains, but we didn't get much rain. It seems to go all around us.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Seymour and son and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown spent a few days last week, camping at Mesick.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts were Sunday evening luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook, after church.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Seymour spent a few days on a trip to the Soo, and on over to Mackinac Island, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Craven called at the Elam Seymour home Sunday. Elam returned home from the hospital last Friday, feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts and Mrs. Ruth Pitts of Rosebush were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce.

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### NEWS NOTES

Dale Bywater and children of Midland spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Ethel Bywater.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Neubecker, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Neubecker and family of Lansing, returned home Tuesday after a summer week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neubecker of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen left Tuesday for Indian Lake, near Kalamazoo, the Nazarene Church camp ground. They will return Sunday.

## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mrs. Mabel Cummings of Barryton was a supper guest Tuesday of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow, and Denise.

The Busy Bees of Sherman Township spent an enjoyable afternoon at the Denslow home. Eleven ladies were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Roddy and Ralph Thompson were recent supper guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and their daughters and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott and Michael of the Coldwater oil field, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald De Vries and Rhonda, Richard and Paul of Big Rapids, and Denise joined her mother, Mrs. Mabel Cummings, and the former's sisters and husbands and their families at Browsers Park at Stanwood, where they enjoyed a picnic dinner and a lovely afternoon together, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons and Eddie John were Friday overnight and Saturday guests at the home of her brother, Lester Badder, at Sheridan. Mr. Badder is in very poor health. Mrs. Ida McCoy of Grand Rapids and Rufus Badder of Hubbardston were Saturday visitors at the Emmons home. It had been four years since Mrs. Emmons had seen her brother, Mr. Badder. Clyde Monroe called Saturday evening. Mrs. Robert Kirvan was a Sunday caller.

Mrs. Harry Dosenberry visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patterson, at Marion, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters enjoyed a couple of days the previous week in the upper part of Lower Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peeper of Lansing spent most of the week with them. The latter's sons, James and Randy, visited during the week. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and Valerie and David visited Friday evening, and all enjoyed a picnic supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker and Michelle and Penny of Weidman visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane Wednesday evening. Mrs. Walter Graham and Patrick of the Ojibwa Area and Mrs. Elvah Gott of Weidman visited Thursday. Rev. Marvin Eldridge called Sunday.

Steven and Lori, children of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray of Mt. Pleasant, spent from Sunday till Tuesday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray. Mr. and Mrs. Gray took them home, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray and other children.

Ralph Thompson spent the weekend at Hessel, in the Upper Peninsula. Bernard Oliver and son of Cedar Rapids camped at his nephew's, Keith Thompson's, this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Roddy. They have all been making hay, and we've had nice weather for it; but other crops and gardens need rain badly!!

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip attended the ninth reunion of the Class of '62 of the Barryton High School at the Barryton Park Sunday. Visitors during the week at the Schrock home were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock and Veryl Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley were callers. Misses Debbie and Susan Schrock of Farwell spent the week with them, and Debbie will stay the rest of the summer to care for Philip.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and sons, Larry, Terry and Kenny, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Zill of St. Charles, her mother, Mrs. Ida Bazaire, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John of Weidman and Mrs. Norman Langworthy and Dawn of Chippewa Lake enjoyed a picnic and outing at Littlefield Lake Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck visited Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth at their cottage at Coldwater Lake Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haskins of Barryton visited Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzy attended the bingo party at Remus Thursday night.

Mr. Skalitzy and son, Raymond, visited Mr. and Mrs. James Skalitzy at Morley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley spent the week at their trailer at the Winchester Dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schrock of Littlefield Lake visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock Friday evening. Debbie and Susan Schrock spent the weekend with their grandparents. They all went to Riverdale Sunday afternoon, where they visited his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, taking her with them and visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Voss and Christine and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., and Andy Brecht enjoyed outdoor barbecue dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey Saturday. Frances Beck and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Voss visited Sunday at the Voss home.

Mrs. Hazel Willoughby of Utica and Mrs. Wyona Risdon of Blanchard visited Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and family of rural Remus. Mr. and Mrs. Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson Sunday evening.

Harvey Leiter of Hannah Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Max Kimball and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Leiter and Melissa of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Voss and Steven, Jr., of the Ojibwa Area visited Mr. and

Mrs. Warren Leiter and family during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley visited her sister, Mrs. Doris Mitchell, and sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Shepherd, at Clare, Thursday. Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley were supper guests at the Shepherd home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Faber called at the Stanley home Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and family and Susan Barclay called Saturday afternoon.

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## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Donny Alwood spent Thursday till Friday at the Gary Gatehouse home. He stayed with Tommy Abbott Saturday night.

Jim Alwood worked in the hay for his uncle, Dan Kripa, three days last week.

Mrs. Laura Latham visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham of Blanchard from Friday through Tuesday of this week.

Becky and Mike Leiter visited the Wiley Knollenbergs at Rosebush Sunday afternoon.

Cathy Alwood, Rhonda Sides, Deana St. John and Laurel Butler were among the little girls attending Lucinda Gatehouse's birthday party Saturday afternoon at the Dale Gatehouse home. Games, treats and cake and ice cream were enjoyed. Lucinda received many nice gifts.

Fourth of July guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Adams were Mr. and

Mrs. Harold Miller of Montrose, and son, Bill, on a weekend pass from Fort Knox, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Loviska and children of Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams, Sr., of Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams, Jr., and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Embrey and children. Eugene Hamilton of Ionia was a Tuesday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Milan Anderson and daughter and Mrs. Dorothy Anderson of Nebraska spent last week at the Dan Kripa home.

Friday, Mrs. Helen Alwood and children called to see her niece, Diane Anderson, and new baby. The Andersons and Mrs. Helen Mahon and Melissa called at the Alwood home one evening last week.

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## Local Items

Frank Goodrich spent Saturday in Grand Rapids attending a safety meeting for the Hooker Motor Freight Company, from which he is retired the past 14 years, but is always asked back to attend the safety meetings.

Mrs. Wanda Graham and two daughters, Debbie and Becky, and Mrs. Bessie Allen of Farwell returned home Sunday night from Washington, D. C., where they attended an international TOPS Club convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Querbach of Allegan spent the Fourth of July weekend with her mother, Mrs. Vera Hagerman. While here they built her a new porch on the front of her trailer home.

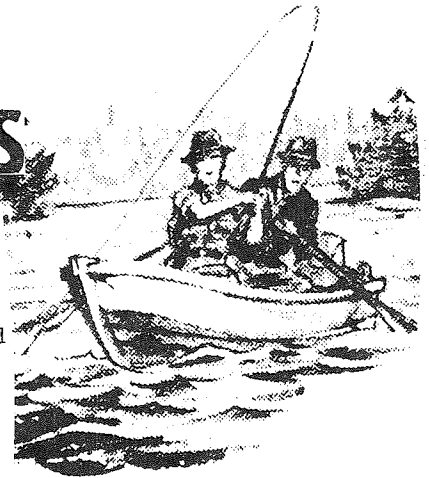
BETTER THAN A LETTER

## LAKE OF THE HILLS

We are listing all of Connie Skinner's lots on Plat No. 3, Lake of the Hills, eight lots in all.

These include large, beautiful residential lots, and also two lots zoned for business on Airline Road, with easement to the lake waters.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

### BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MRS. LOUISE SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau hosted a birthday party honoring the 89th birthday of Mrs. Rau's mother, Mrs. Louise Smith, Sunday. Present were Mrs. Smith's brother and her sisters, and several neighbors, 15 in all.

They spent a very enjoyable afternoon and Mrs. Rau served a delicious supper.

Mrs. Smith received many gifts and everyone had a lovely time.

Mrs. Smith is still doing fine quilting at age 89, and is remarkably active and alert.

Congratulations, Louise!

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Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred of Blanchard spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer and Mrs. Joe Pung spent last Wednesday in Portland.

Mrs. Tony Schafer spent last Thursday with the Walter Schafer family in Mt. Pleasant. She also called on Mrs. Pauline Boge.

Mrs. Gertrude Schafer spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Louise Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp and family attended the Klumpp reunion at Island Park in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

The K. C. had their annual family picnic at the KC Hall Sunday. All reported a good time.

Mrs. Ed Fedewa called on her aunt, Louise Smith, Monday, and took her a quilt to quilt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Engler went on a trip Sunday.

Friday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Al Shurtliff of Detroit visited Louise Smith, on their way home from a trip up North. Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tilmann, Jr., of Arizona and his mother, Ida Tilmann, called on Mrs. Smith, and they had a nice visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Keiffer spent the Fourth of July evening at Crystal Lake, to watch the fireworks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Keiffer made a trip to Detroit for the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pung had their cottage painted last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bierschbach spent the weekend in Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeien had a birthday party for Louise Zeien Saturday.

Frank Gross of Grand Ledge called on Mrs. Rose Schafer Monday of this week.

The Schafers had a get-together at Coldwater Lake, where the Chum Schafers are spending a couple of weeks. This was to celebrate the Fourth of July and also honor the recent marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Diehm (Ann Schafer).

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cotter and

Henry and Rose Schafer spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cotter. A good card game was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schafer returned from a trip through the New England states and New York the past week.

Walter and Alice Reihl entertained her brothers and sisters and their families July 4. Present were Mrs. Ruth Rowley, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hartup and family, Mrs. Richard Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. H. Marshall and girls, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hauck and family and John Reihl.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pung and family of Hemlock spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pung and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and family in Beal City.

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## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Hi:

Well, we just got back from our vacation in New York State. We visited our son, Ed, and family at Morrisonville, and saw our new grandson, Eric, who is three months old. We also visited Clayda Revoir, Verdi Tyndall of Dannemora, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Prunier of Cadville. We came back by way of Ohio, so we drove over 1800 miles.

Grandma Schafer spent Monday afternoon and had supper with us. Tuesday evening Virginia Beck called on us.

Loretta Lorenz called on Vera Kavanaugh one day last week.

Lou Theisen and family stopped in at the Lorenz home Thursday. They went on to School Section Lake for a week's vacation.

Leo and Annie Reihl of Beal City called on Pete and Loretta Lorenz last week.

Walt and Dellie Wischmeyer called on us Wednesday evening.

Dick and Eileen Harkins have sold their home on Lake Shore Drive. They are building a new home at Lake Isabella.

We went over for a visit with son Don and family Thursday evening. Our visit was short, as Al and Ruth Klumpp called on us.

Friday, Marilyn Proulx stopped in. Marilyn is an elementary teacher at Beal City. She and her husband live at the Lueder Mobile Home Court. We had a real nice visit.

Loretta Lorenz called on Mrs. McGarry Friday afternoon.

Mary and Pam Tilmann called on Loretta Saturday. In the afternoon Pete and Loretta called on the Henry Simmers in Beal City.

Friday evening we had supper with Jerome and Virginia Beck.

Other guests were Ray and Esther Smith and Vic and Virgie Eismann.

Little Wayne Sherlock of Traverse City is spending a couple of weeks with uncle and aunt, Jerry and June Schafer, of Mt. Pleasant. They come out here quite often to swim.

We attended the Egbert-Garrett wedding reception at Shepherd Saturday night. Leo and Lucille Schafer went with us.

Sunday evening Ed and I visited my mother, Mable Klumpp, at Ardis Nursing Home. She was feeling pretty good, and was quite contented.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ritter, Loretta Lorenz and son, Clarence, and Lori Simmer had Sunday dinner with Leona Perrin on the north side of the lake.

Visitors at the Lorenz home Sunday were the Max Straus family, the Bill Lorenz family, and Rose Simmer and children.

Until next week, Marge

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## Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Raymond Skinner, who has been working with his uncle, Kenneth Routheaux, of St. Louis, called on his grandmother Friday evening. He spent Saturday evening with Dave Leiter of Weidman, and also visited his parents and brother and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner, and family. Alice and Brenda Skinner spend the weekends with their parents, but dur-

ing the week are with their grandmother, Mrs. Miller, of Farwell, while the rest of the family work.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kerterhew of Milwaukee called on Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger Monday evening. Other callers were Maggie's sister, Joan Geasler, and friend, Joan Wilson, of Mt. Pleasant.

Alice and Brenda Skinner spent a few days last week with their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Skinner, and Susie of Lakeview. This week the girls are with their Grandmother Miller of Farwell.

Mda. Dale Olger is in the Lakeview Hospital.

Becky and Pat Blodgett of Flint helped Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Olger. Mr. and Mrs. Chelsea Latham and family were Sunday evening callers. Mrs. Joyce Connors and baby of Stanwood called on her parents over the weekend.

Wayne Noble of Lucas called on Dick Skinner and Denton Lofgren last week.

Word has been received that Mr. and Mrs. Harold Branson of Arcadia, Fla., are on their way back to Michigan for a few months.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. James Noe were Monday evening dinner guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Allen, honoring Mr. Noe's birthday.

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## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

### FAMILY GATHERING AT THE ORVES COOK HOME SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook hosted a family gathering Sunday, with the Jack and Richard Cooks and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lear and baby, the Harold Bergquists of Garden City, the Ralph Bergquists and the Dick Potters of Mt. Pleasant, the Lloyd Bergquists of Marion, Mr. and Mrs. James Bergquist, Mr. and Mrs. Ermerson Border and daughter and son-in-law of Marion, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Walker of Allen Park.

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Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold called on the Cooks Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser and Chris and Katie, Mrs. Leona Courser, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Neal and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Roberts attended the Courser reunion at Edmore Sunday. The Edwin Coursers also attended the Shaw reunion at Larsons' Woods.

The Lawrence Roberts and the Clayton Neals of Toledo, O., have been visiting Mrs. Leona Courser.

Mrs. Kate Martin is a patient in the Gratiot County Memorial Hospital at Alma.

Mrs. Hazel Willoughby of Warren spent Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs. Nettie Baker. Mrs. Mae Youngs of Evart was a Sunday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wiley and family of Gregory were Saturday visitors at the Bob Cooks', and took their son, Mark, home with them. The George Dodges of Owosso were Sunday guests.

Roderick Nicholson spent from Thursday till Saturday visiting at the home of Miss Dorothy Davis and brother, Ray Davis, of Morrice.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bingham of Franklin called at the Bob Cook home and took Sandra with them for a vacation at their cottage on Hubbard Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook of Coopersville and the Walter Caukins of Alto were Sunday guests of Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar. Other visitors during the week were Sandra Cook and Vida Lueder.

Mrs. Jack Lieder gave a birthday dinner for her husband, Jack, last week. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lieder, Mrs. Lovica Krueger and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartholomew.

The Vern Badgley family sold their farm and moved to Vestaburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder visited their son, Melford, and family of New Haven, and found Melford much improved, following surgery.

Mrs. Ethyl Wager, Mrs. Paul Lueder and Mrs. E. R. Rhode called on Mrs. Emil Lueder and Mrs. Joe Stevens Wednesday.

Mrs. Claribel Beutler and Mrs. Blanche Carr attended Busy Bees meeting at the home of Mrs. Leo Denslow Thursday.

Norman Carr and family of Shepherd took Blanche Carr to attend an Open House for her nephew, Jim Kamp, of Greenville, at the Clarence Kamp home. Jim will return to Germany, where he is stationed with the U. S. Army.

Mrs. Minnie Strauch was a Monday overnight guest of Blanche Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and family of Wheeler were Monday supper guests of Blanche. Mrs. Michael Clare and baby and Elton Simmer visited her Friday. Mrs. Eva Denslow was a Tuesday visitor. Mrs. Nina Forbes and Blanche called on Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and children of Saginaw and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Dutcher were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines. The Robert Hogg family were Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughter are the grandparents of a new baby boy, born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaughter of Lake Thirteen. They call him Marty Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Larson of Tuscola visited Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson Tuesday. Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Thompson of Hersey.

Mrs. Harry Herman, Mrs. Kenneth Saunders and Mrs. Howard Beutler called on Mrs. Choice Faling last week.

Mrs. Ann Taphorn and daughter and John Barrett of Rockford, Ill., were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fiorillo last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Leiter and sons of Mecosta were Sunday guests of the Charles Garretts. Mr. and Mrs. Garrett attended the wedding of Miss Delores Smith and Larry Egbert, Jr., Saturday, at the Weidman United Methodist Church.

Kathy Krueger spent the weekend with her folks. She is employed in the cherry canning plant at Suttons Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones of Evart and Mrs. Roy Adams called on Mrs. E. R. Rhode recently.

Rev. and Mrs. Kuske and children of Wisconsin are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Strong.

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Mr. and Mrs. Emory T. Smith have moved into his mother's house on Second Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant took Mike and Steven Sprague to Tri-Cities Airport, bound for California to visit Mike's sister, Sally Bazaire, at Santa Ana. Later in the afternoon the Gary Spragues attended the Snider reunion at Greenville.

## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger attended a steak fry at the Firemen's Hall in Weidman Sunday.

Eddie Oplinger took his steer to the Big Rapids Fair Monday, to be sold Thursday evening.

Mrs. Bobbie Oplinger and Mrs. Arlene Wieferich of Mt. Pleasant attended an NFO meeting at Owosso Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and Dawn Marie went home Saturday noon. They had spent the week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins, and were spending some time fishing. The fish were biting.

Mr. and Mrs. Cummins spent Sunday with Bill at the lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Covert were Sunday afternoon guests at the Paul Miller home.

Mrs. Violet Oplinger and Mrs. Bobbie Oplinger went to Tri-Cities Airport Tuesday to meet Mrs. Hattie Dreifcach, Sterling's sister, who will spend a few weeks with them. She is from Tucson, Ariz. Mrs. Oplinger and Mrs. Dreifcach spent Friday at Crystal Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and children returned home Saturday evening from a vacation in Canada.

Frank Benn was a Sunday dinner guest of the Del Johnsons at Horsehead Lake.

Callers during the week at the Charlie Losey home were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Tiedeman and Christie and Cheryl, Mrs. Margaret Denslow, Harold Losey, Earl Oplinger, Monroe Beckwith, Floyd Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dell, and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and Gary and Beth and Mrs. Hattie Losey attended the Dutcher reunion at Mt. Pleasant Sunday. There were 96 present.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and family spent the weekend at the Jim Thompson home.

Mrs. Lottie Sweebe and Mrs. Pearl Dell were Saturday afternoon callers at my house.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence spent

the weekend with her son, Garth, and family at Midland.

Ford Braman, Mrs. Halla Lovell and Mrs. Mary Strait spent Wednesday with their sister and husband, the Mack Denslows.

Mrs. Eva Denslow enjoyed a picnic dinner Sunday at the home of her daughter and husband, the Russell Swans.

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### FIREMEN AND WIVES ENJOY STEAK FRY SUNDAY

Volunteer Firemen of the Nottawa and Sherman Fire Department and their wives enjoyed a steak fry at the fire barn Sunday.

About 80 were present, including 10 firemen from the Beal City area, plus retired firemen, and their wives.

Supervisors of both Nottawa and Sherman Townships were invited and they and their wives attended.

The Fire Board, Vance Wood and Bernard Rau, and their wives, were also present.

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### SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 18 TABLES AT POT LUCK PARTY

At the semi-annual pot-luck dinner card party at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City last Thursday, about 75 were in attendance, with 18 tables of pepper in play.

After a sumptuous dinner at noon, they played 15 games of pepper, then had a nice lunch.

Effie Schafer won first prize for the ladies, with Kate Cotter winning second.

Herman Cook won first prize for the men, with Joe Stevens winning second.

Ed Faber won the pepper prize, with the door prize going to Marguerite (Faber) Ritterschorf, who has been visiting relatives here.

The next party will be Thursday afternoon, July 22, for the regular card party.

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Mrs. Ivan Allen and Mr. and Mrs. James Noe were in Perry Friday. They visited the Rev. Whites, formerly of Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur and Mr. and Mrs. Emory Smith drove to Lake Station Friday evening.

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### S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Orrie Merrihew was taken to Ardis Nursing Home Tuesday, after he fell Monday, last week. Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee visited him Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler visited him Friday afternoon.

Donald Beutler spent Friday with Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, while Marion and Laurel went to Lansing with Mrs. Dean Denslow. Marion called on Mr. and Mrs. Harry Martin. They live in the Pennington house.

The Clarence Chaffees and George Merrihews visited Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley at Mt. Morris Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sisco and family, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Connie Foster were Wednesday supper guests of the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family.

Sandra Dutcher spent Tuesday over night with Debbie Ash.

Harry Hardenburgh came home from the Lakeview Hospital last Wednesday, and went back Monday. His leg was still bothering.

Minnie Strauch spent Tuesday and over night with the Ervin Dutchers. She had lunch with the Clayton Dutchers Wednesday.

The Ervin Dutchers spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pennington at Londo Lake, near East Tawas.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Case called on the Richard Dutchers Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons spent Wednesday evening with the Clayton Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons were Sunday evening visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and family and Vicki Martin visited Vicki's folks at Muskegon last Tuesday and Wednesday. Barbara Dobson came home with them for a visit.

Floyd Dutcher and Monroe Beckwith, the Larry Dutchers and the Jim Dutchers had dinner with the Clayton Dutchers Friday. Floyd and Monroe called on the Ervin Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher called on Floyd Thursday evening.

The 23rd Dutcher reunion was held Sunday, July 11, at Island Park in Mt. Pleasant, with over 90 attending. From here there were the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., and the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Sandra and Steve and Linda and Connie Foster; the Clayton Dutchers, the Jim Dutchers, and Floyd Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher of Clio spent last the week and a half on vacation in the Upper Peninsula. They went to Copper Harbor. They returned Thursday afternoon, and spent the rest of the week here, visiting their folks and attending the wedding of her brother, Jerry, Saturday, and the Dutcher reunion Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald attended the wedding of Jerry Simkins and Gloria Wilson at Parnell, and the reception in the evening at Rockford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Wernette of Davison spent Saturday over night and Sunday with them, and attended the Silver Anniversary for the Carl Wernettes.

Florence Fitzgerald of Lansing came home Monday with a broken ankle, so will spend some time with her folks, the Carl Fitzgeralds.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Decker of Barryton were Thursday dinner and evening guests of the Fitzgeralds.

Mrs. Edna Merrihew and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher attended Busy Bees Thursday afternoon at the home of Evelyn Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and children spent from Friday till Sunday with the Ervin Dutchers. They called on us Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fish and daughters of Pontiac visited the Ervin Dutchers Monday evening a week ago. Mr. and Mrs. Dutcher stopped in on the Robert Hineses Sunday after the reunion and took them home with them for supper and the evening. The Jack Gaudards of Midland were evening visitors.

The Garry Dutchers visited her folks, the George Loomises, last Tuesday, and the Jim Hissongs. The family got together at Blue Lake.

Jim Dutcher and Shelly and Tam Methner had lunch with the Clayton Dutchers Monday.

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### Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reihl and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ellis of Remus were Monday supper guests of the Reihls' daughter and family, the Wm. Browns.

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Snider and family attended the Snider reunion at Greenville Park Sunday. About 30 or more family members were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Fey Johnson and family of Punta Gorda, Florida, left Friday for their Florida home after 10 days visit here with relatives. While here they visited the Charles and Gerald Johnsons and the Tom Powells of Mt. Pleasant, and her father, Al Woodbury. Larry will stay with his grandfather till August.

Mrs. Ronnie Sprague took Earnest Gross back to CMC Hospital Monday. He was suffering from respiratory ailments.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood. Walter Kirvan and wife were Friday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Sides and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and family enjoyed a picnic at Potter's Park in Lansing Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Watson (Oly-

Wolfe) of Panorama City, Calif., were in Weidman Monday calling on old friends. They said they were in the center of the California earthquake, and that Olydene's mother, Mae Wolfe Cotes, had her trailer home very badly damaged. She carried earthquake insurance, however, and everything was replaced. She mourned, however, the smashing of a family heirloom clock, irreplaceable.

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### In the Editor's Mail

(Continued from Page 1)

I am now collecting old bottles. You know that old road the other side of Walt Smiths? It goes to Walker Creek. One day about two or three weeks ago I took a walk there to see if the wild strawberries are going to be ripe.

I buy the Weidman paper every week.

Tomorrow Jonny Nash is going

to help me set blocks around my trailer.

Thanks again.

I like wild strawberries better than tame ones. I think wild berries have better taste.

Jack Bellows  
Weidman

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Dear Connie:

Please renew our subscription to the Weidman Messenger. Sorry if I'm a little late sending it, but have been out of town, and didn't realize the time had slipped by so fast.

Do you hear any news about Dr. Rondot? Haven't seen anything about him in the paper since his birthday a year ago last April. Would like to know how he is.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Gordon Loomis  
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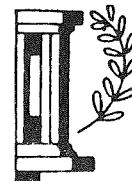
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MISS SHARON PITTS

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts of Big Rapids announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Louise, to Gary Leon Samford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Samford, of Mt. Vernon, Ill.

The bride-elect is a 1967 graduate of Farwell High School. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Milligan College.

Mr. Samford is a 1970 graduate of the University of Illinois, and has completed one year of graduate work.

Wedding plans are incomplete.



THE OLD HUMMEL SCHOOL, 1908--In Broomfield; Miss Ella Hamilton of Rosebush, teacher. Included in the heirloom photo, but not necessarily in this order, are: Maycie (Nicholson) Cook, Neva Robinson, Hulda (Rhode) Stevens, Arthur and Leonard Cook, Vida (Stevens) Lueder, Mimmie, Hattie, Floyd and Ervin Dutcher (now Ervin, Sr.); Ernest Loomis, Clara Loomis Denslow, Marie (Krueger) Pullen, Beulah (Boucher) Moyses, Marvel and Wesley Boucher. Photo loaned the Messenger by Mrs. E. R. Rhode.

Local Items

Leila Shook and granddaughters, Cindy and Beth Krueger, have been camping at School Section Lake this week. They have a trailer there.

brook, Texas; Tom Pellett, a Senior, of Greenville, South Carolina; Debby Biber, who graduated in June, of Gainesville, Florida; and Eric Van Reed, a Senior, of Springhouse, Pa.

of a male bird of paradise in his mating dance.

"Wonders of the Sea," stories of the flora and fauna of our oceans, from the Portuguese man-of-war to the huge sperm whales and the giant kelp beds.

I am working now on "Wildlife of the Prairies." This letter of encouragement gives me new impetus for the writing. For the past few months I have been rather dreary, with the deaths of both Lucile and Wallace, plus the added misery of our rainy season. I am very crippled with arthritis, plus other weaknesses of old age.

I started my writing the year I was 70, partially because I've always wanted to write.

I have gradually acquired an invaluable reference library, on shelves all around my room and bath, here in my son's home.

I enjoy the research even more than the writing, and every item in my books is documented.

I keep on writing, though my agency has as yet found no buyers. The sale of even excerpts would put me on Cloud Seven.

I'm past 73 now, and it would complete my desires if I could see my name on a book.

Very sincerely  
Lylah M. Simmers  
California



STUDENTS FROM TULANE UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS, STOP in Weidman: Late Saturday afternoon four Tulane students rode their bicycles (not motorcycles, not motor bikes, but plain old bicycles) into Weidman and stopped to eat their supper here. We took the trusty old Polaroid camera and ran downtown and talked with them a few minutes.

The four--two young men and two college girls--said they are heading for Nova Scotia, and have relatives all along the way from New Orleans to Canada.

They average between 60 and 90 miles a day on their bikes, they said.

We asked them how come they came by way of Weidman, Mich., and they said they came here from Cadillac via Marion, and that they take secondary

roads to avoid heavy traffic. At least some of them will return to New Orleans by way of the East Coast, they said.

We found them friendly and charming young folks, and enjoyed our interview as much as they obviously did. (All asked to have copies of the Messenger sent to their home addresses.)

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