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Editor's Column

By Connie

COLDWATER LAKE COTTAGERS NEED CONTROLS ON DAMS ABOVE THEM ON WALKER

The Coldwater Lake Cottagers Association has had little success in raising \$2500 the County Board of Supervisors said would be necessary before considering a request for setting a water level at Coldwater Lake which would involve control of waters above that lake.

After the memorable weekend of the last days of June, we believe that the cottagers need not an expensive "survey" by county people on annual salaries, but an order for controlling the dams on Walker Creek above Coldwater Lake.

There are three dams on Walker Creek proper, and one on a short tributary to Walker (Gray's pond dam). Walker Creek joins the Coldwater River at the Weidman Mill Pond, and the enlarged stream goes thence on down to Coldwater Lake.

It is understood that the dam on Gray's farm pond, above Lake Windoga, was approved and built back in the days when there was no supervision of dams on streams and when there were no laws and restrictions on the building of such dams.

But the Gray dam did go out, and Lake Windoga came literally within an inch of losing its dam in consequence. In a telephone conversation, Ray Tilmann said that they watched the level of Lake Windoga rise and rise, after the Gray dam let loose; but it finally stabilized during one of the Tilmanns' all-night watches.

"If Lake Windoga had risen one more inch, I doubt if our dam could have held," Ray told the Messenger.

If the Windoga dam went out, very probably the Lake of the Hills dam would have been in real trouble (it was in trouble as it was, according to reports.)

If the Weidman Mill Pond had had the extra waters not only of Gray's pond but also of Lake Windoga and Lake of the Hills, certainly the Weidman Mill dam would have gone out. As it was, the east shore of the Mill Pond gave way, with the same effect to Coldwater Lake cottagers as that of a dam going out.

It was reported that boards were pulled in Lake of the Hills dam



ONCE THIS WAS BEAUTIFUL: The west side of the Weidman Mill Pond, looking toward the McClain island near the north shore. Since the last-of-June floods and subsequent breakup of the dike in the Mill Pond, the area has lain a desolate mass of weeds, sun-baked and yellowed and odiferous. Willard Searles of St. Johns has the contract of land-owners around the Pond, and the Pond has been without water since its draining when the dike went out. Messenger photo

at the height of the flood; not in consideration of Coldwater Lake cottages, manifestly; but to save the dike of the dam on the Ohls place.

It seems to us that those cottagers at Coldwater Lake have a very legitimate complaint, as to management and safety of dams upstream from them, which may at times menace the homes at Coldwater Lake.

We believe the cottagers at Coldwater Lake need above everything to present a complaint to the County Board of Supervisors and request an order for management of dams on Walker Creek.

All four dams on Walker Creek, above Coldwater Lake, are potential threats to cottages on Coldwater Lake. Two of these dams are new; Lake Windoga's dam has two emergency spillways, and is considered a well-built dam. Lake of the Hills is a high-construction dam, with no spillways. It operates with its boards in at all times, except in such emergencies as may threaten its own dikes. It has no management program, so far as we have ever been informed, and no water-level has ever been set for Lake of the Hills, so far as we have ever been informed (and we own land on Lake of the Hills.)

Some provision should be made

and ordered by the Board of Supervisors to set a water level for this lake, and an order for management of the dam should be laid out.

As to the Mill Pond dam, it has had no emergency spillway since the old flume was closed after Bader Milling Company bought the mill.

Willard Searles of St. Johns, so-called developer of the Pond, has not provided any spillways for the dam on the Pond, and this was the Pond's undoing in the June flood.

The County Board of Supervisors once set a high-water level for the Pond, and they had a red-paint mark made on the dam to denote the water-level order.

They can order rebuilding on safe plans for dams that are out; they can order safety for the Mill dam; and they can establish water levels on private lakes. (The Mill Pond was legally a private lake at the time they put that red-paint mark on the dam there.)

Coldwater Lake cottagers need relief from fear and flooding by waters up here. But we believe they don't need to spend a lot of money to get that relief.

They need to tell our County Supervisors to get out a few orders.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Men in Uniform

Pfc. Fred Sponseller is home on a furlough from Camp Pendleton, Calif. He returns July 27.

He is working with a bulk fuel contingent, pumping fuel into jet planes, etc.

Pvt. Greg Martin of Fort Knox, Ky., spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin. Among Greg's callers were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner, John Haupt, Mrs. Cora Shippee and Jane, Mrs. Alma Byron, Patt Carroll and sons, and Diane Jones.

Pvt. David Smith, son of Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith, spent several days with friends in Galian, Mich., then returned to Kalamazoo to spend time with his sister, Mrs. Wm. Stenger, and family.

Service men have been given their Social Security numbers instead of military serial numbers. Here's Glen Bierschbach's number, and his address:

Sp/4 Glen A. Bierschbach, Troop B, 1st Sqn., 11th Armored Cavalry, APO San Francisco Calif. 96257.

In a recent letter he mentioned he hoped his parents had received his Purple Heart all right. His parents hadn't known before that he had been wounded. He was okay now, he wrote.

He is in Vietnam.

We were glad to hear that Sgt. Vance (Mike) Loomis arrived home from Vietnam last Thursday on a 30-day furlough. Several members of the Arthur Loomis family gathered at his home to greet him.

Here's a new address:

Agt. Walter W. Shaner, B Battery, 6th Bn., 12th Artillery, APO San Francisco 96207.

Walter is in Korea, about 20 miles from Seoul. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shaner. ---0---

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McArthur and daughter, Nancy, of Walled Lake spent Sunday with his father, Leon McArthur. The Gerald McArthurs are building a new home near Wixsom, near Walled Lake. It is in a new subdivision, in a wooded area, on a channel leading to a lake.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Florence Neelands was a Thursday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn. Mrs. Mildred Terry and Mrs. Lucile Merrihew were afternoon callers. Mrs. Betty Johnson was a Friday overnight guest. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carr were Saturday overnight guests. Ronald went home Sunday, but Mrs. Carr will spend this week with her parents. Mrs. Elsie Beach and Jesse Beach of Mt. Pleasant were Friday afternoon guests. Rev. Smith of the Weidman Methodist Church was a Friday morning caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rohloff of Pontiac spent the weekend at the Benn Johnson home. Some of Mrs. Johnson's nieces and nephews spent Friday with her and her family.

Mrs. Alice Thacker of Long Beach, Calif., spent a few days last week with her brother and wife, the Alva Cumminses. Floyd Dutcher and Monroe Beckwith were Saturday evening callers. Mrs. Alma White and Mrs. Marvel Pfifer of Barryton and Mrs. Nettie Lawrence were Sunday afternoon callers.

Callers during the week at the Gerald Losey home were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Curtiss, Mr. and Mrs. John Strazanas of Spring Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dutcher and Doug, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jackson, Mrs. Howard Jackson and Lynette, Bruce and Tim, and Mrs. Al Cochran and Charlene Cross.

Mrs. Vivian Wilson and children spent Wednesday over night and Thursday with the Jack and Jim Thompsons, and took her son, Doug, home.

Mrs. Betty Thompson spent Friday and Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Stoll, near Lansing. Mrs. Florence Neelands of Lansing was a Wednesday caller at the Jim Thompson home.

Jessie Rosencrantz spent Sunday afternoon with her aunt and cousin, Mrs. Liza Losey and Mrs. Bessie Price, in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Blanche Carr was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mrs. Beth Meyers of Ionia and Mrs. Verlia Wilcox were Friday guests of Mrs. Flora Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist were Saturday guests. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Appelgreen were evening callers, as also were Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wood and Mary Ellen and Dean.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and family enjoyed a cookout supper Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and family in Grand Rapids.

Mack Denslow took Mr. and Mrs. Jerry North and family to Grand Rapids Monday, where they took a plane for their home in Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Denslow

had all their family home for a picnic dinner Sunday.

Floyd Dutcher and Monroe Beckwith were Thursday dinner guests of the Charlie Loseys. Mrs. Minnie Strauch spent from Tuesday night till Thursday afternoon with them. Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Saturday evening callers.

The Loseys attended the Dutcher reunion at Mt. Pleasant Sunday. Later in the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey called on the Earl Dutchers at Breckenridge and the Roy Dutchers at St. Louis.

Kenny and Eddie Oplinger took their steers to the Big Rapids Fair Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Maxon were Tuesday evening guests of the Gerald Dents. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent were Saturday guests of the Harold Kruegers. Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis were Sunday evening guests of the Dents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent and Mrs. GERALINE Johnson attended the Howard Robertson funeral this week Monday at Sault Ste. Marie.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber Tuesday. Garth Lawrence and daughter, Pam, called on his mother Saturday morning. Mrs. Mildred Terry was a Wednesday afternoon caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski, George Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Don Volker, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Volker and Mrs. Vera Geir, the last three all of Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens of Lake were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller.

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N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Terry Krueger is attending Ferris State College at Big Rapids.

The Lutheran Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. Gale Krueger Wednesday evening. Sunday a pot-luck dinner was enjoyed at the church basement.

Gregory and Peter Van Zandt of Saginaw are guests of their grandmother, Mrs. Eda Van Zandt, while their parents are on vacation.

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

Nancy and Terri Lueder of South Haven spent a few days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder enjoyed an extensive trip through the West and British Columbia returning Monday.

Mrs. Paul Lueder and Mrs. E. R. Rhode called on Mrs. Maycie Cook at the Edmore hospital Thursday. Maycie was much improved.

Mrs. Nettie Meissner and friend of Detroit called on Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Mrs. Robert Cook Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bingham of Franklin are spending some time at their Hubbard Lake cottage. They called on relatives here, and also on Maycie Cook. Sandra Cook returned to the lake with them for a few days.

Terry Lueder, Gary Recker and Butch Hardenburgh rode their motorbikes to Harden Springs to visit friends for two days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Flachs and family had Sunday dinner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook spent a few days at Shanty Creek at Charlevoix, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Cook of Lansing and the Ted Cooks of Rosebush were Sunday guests of the Herman Cooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hale of

Sparta spent Sunday with Mrs. Nettie Crowley.

Mrs. Emil Lueder spent Sunday evening with Mrs. E. R. Rhode.

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Local Items

Arthur Pridgeon of Ypsilanti, formerly of Weidman, is resting at his home after being a patient three weeks in Beyer Memorial Hospital in Ypsilanti. Arthur's address: 220 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197.

Mrs. Emily Wood had an Easter lily in bloom last week. She is staying the week with Mrs. Will Caulkins of Rosebush, and they will attend afternoon and evening camp meetings in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Fey Johnson and family spent a week on a vacation trip to Ohio. They visited the Howard Johnson and the Van Ness family (Marion Johnson), and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Booze of Fremont, O.



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Card of Thanks

I wish to thank my many friends and my family for the numerous cards, flowers, etc., during my stay at University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Also many thanks for the flowers and food that have been brought to the house since I've been home.

Everything is deeply appreciated.

Bea Gross.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the many relatives and friends for their cards and gifts, and their attendance at our 25th wedding anniversary party.

Your good wishes are deeply appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shaner

Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:
 I have enjoyed the Weidman Messenger very much, and would like to have it renewed for another year.

Send it to Mrs. Adelia Greene, Pleasant Manor Nursing Home, Mt. Pleasant.

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor
 Sunday School, 10 a.m.
 Preaching, 11 a.m.
 Choir 6.45 p.m.
 Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7.30 p.m.

The church enjoyed a campout at School Section Lake. Chicken and other good foods were enjoyed. A ball game and swimming made up the recreation time.
 Next Sunday evening, Hymn Sing.

WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST
 Rev. Lawrence Smith, Pastor
 Church School 10 a.m.
 Worship 11 a.m.
 Sunday, July 20, Communion Service.

Next Sunday, July 20, Fellowship dinner following worship service.

Next Sunday evening, July 20, the Weidman church will go to the Baptist Church for a Hymn Sing at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday evening, class in Churchmanship, 6 p.m.

The Weidman United Methodist Church will have an auction sale, sale of baked goods and rummage sale Aug. 2, at 1 p.m. All those having articles they wish to give may call the parsonage, 644-3441.

GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST
 George Getchel, Pastor
 Ph. 588-4663

Morning Worship, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Bible School, 10 a.m.

Gilmore Christian Youth, 6 p.m.

Evening Worship, 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor.

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Worship Service, 10.30 a.m.

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Wednesday of each month.

Weidman Messenger

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Some buy it. A gratifying number subscribe to it. Some borrow it. Some loan it out to relatives, neighbors, friends.

EVERYBODY READS IT!

However they get it, everybody reads the Messenger, from South Vietnam to Barryton.

AND A NOTE TO JUNE SUBSCRIBERS.....

Y'll aren't entirely in yet, though many have paid for the June 12 expiration date. See yuh?

Real Estate Transfers

(Furnished this newspaper by the courtesy of Donald R. Sandbrook, Register of Deeds.)

Lake Isabella Corp. to Charles G. Humiston and wife, Lot 114, Lake Isabella Plat No. 2, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Arlen W. Miller and wife, Lot 64, Lake Isabella Woods Plat No. 1, Sherman.

Lake Isabella Corp. to Harold R. Bylsma and wife, Lot 16, Lake Isabella Plat No. 1, Sherman.

George Horning and wife to Milan W. Robison and wife, pt. sw sw sec. 1, Gilmore.

Richard M. Kruger and wife to Archie L. Ryder and wife, Lot 33, Schueller-Bierschbach Plat, Nottawa.

Coral N. Nelson to Walter M. Nelson, pt. w 1/2 ne sec. 20, Deerfield.

Edward A. Schafer and wife to Everett Schafer and wife, pt. ne sec. 28, Nottawa.

Edward M. Gross and wife to John M. Fedewa, pt. se sw sec. 19, Nottawa.

Melvin Andrus and wife to Wayne W. Halle and wife, Lots 23, 24, Sup. Plat of West View Shores, Gilmore.

Eileen R. Faber to Herald A. Hansen and wife, pt. ne ne sec. 24, Deerfield.

Benjamin C. Wood and wife to James Allen Wood and wife, pt. n 1/2 ne sec. 22, Gilmore.

Richard M. Kruger and wife to Claude A. Husted and wife, pt. Lot 11, Schueller-Bierschbach, Nottawa.

Lawrence Willoughby to E. Edwin Strouse and wife et al, ne se sec. 27, Gilmore.

Leona Simmer Martin to Lavern Yuncker and wife, pt. Lot 7, blk. 1, pt. Lot 6, Village of Beal City.

Donald S. Schumacher and wife to Woodrow W. Smith and wife, pt. se ne sec. 15, Nottawa.

Mortimer L. Balcom and wife to Clare W. Oberlin and wife, Lot 7, blk. 3, Village of Weidman.

Walter Swierczynski to Harold R. Pitts and wife, Lots 3, 4, 144, Coldwater Lake Shores, Nottawa.

Duncan M. MacGregor and wife to Gaylord L. Courter and wife, Lot 31, Hiawatha Hills, Deerfield.

George W. McClain, Jr., and wife to Harold Verleger, n 1/2 n 1/2 nw sec. 12, Sherman.

James H. Gross and wife et al to Richard G. Sprague and wife, w 1/2 se sw, sec. 13, Sherman.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Central Gilmore

Mary Helen Pitts, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Atkinson and Evelyn, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Esterline and Brenda, and Mrs. Elaine Esterline were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts.

Several couples from the Church of Christ at Gilmore attended the North American Christian convention in Detroit the past week.

The Pioneer Farm Bureau was held at the home of Mrs. Olive Irwin last Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Davison were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook for a lovely fish supper Wednesday evening.

The Gilmore Ladies' Fellowship was held at the home of Mrs. Jean Renner last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Crane hosted a cookout Saturday evening. It was husbands' night for the ladies' Fellowship. A large group attended, and a most enjoyable time was reported by all. The evening closed with singing around a campfire. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham were co-hosts.

Mrs. Bernard Pitts is a patient in the Mt. Pleasant hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Pitts came down to his parents' home Monday and took his father, George Pitts, to the doctor in Saginaw Tuesday.

The Merry Go Round Club met at the Brinton Hall and tied off two quilts last Thursday.

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EAST Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

CAR BACKS OUT OF DRIVE, HITS ANOTHER, NO TICKET ISSUED BY POLICE

Esther Skinner's parked car was hit at 4.50 p.m. July 1 on Bennett Street in Mt. Pleasant when Linda Wohlscheid of Mt. Pleasant backed her car out of a driveway and into the side of Esther's car.

Damage to Esther's car was estimated at \$115. City police were called but did not issue a ticket.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Conley called on Mr. and Mrs. Don Lofgren Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ritter and children of Wayne spent the weekend with her sister's family, the Lofgrens.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and Alice, Brenda and Dick called on Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Skinner of Swartz Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dobias and Edith Kennedy of Flint, last Tuesday. They found everyone okay. Saturday the Skinners drove to Lud-

ington for a picnic dinner at the lakeshore, and later drove to Elberta and spent the evening with their aunt, Mellie Child. Sunday they called on another uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hulbert. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hulbert and family of Maple City. After dinner the Skinners took a trip through the Traverse City Zoo. They arrived home Sunday evening. They took Alice and Brenda to Farwell to stay the week with their Grandmother Miller.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Wm. Schafer of DeWitt spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mrs. Joe Theisen of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Effie Schafer.

Sister Marie Alexander, Sister John Baptist and Sister Magdalene Sophia of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with relatives here.

The bans of matrimony were announced Sunday for the first time for Thomas Pung, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Pung, and Gloria Schafer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer of Beal City.

The Grosses had their reunion at the K. of C. Hall Sunday.

Mrs. Ruth Smith of Grand Rapids spent the weekend at the Billy Smith home. Billy's wife, Irene, is still in the Midland hospital.

Dora Smith baby-sat for the Jack Theisens Sunday afternoon at their cottage at the river.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant called on Louise Smith Sunday afternoon, and took Ann Smith to Saginaw.

Walter Schultz, who has been in a home in Grand Rapids, is now in Pleasant Manor in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jump and Mr. and Mrs. Micky Carter of New York, and Louise Smith enjoyed a cookout supper at the Walter Rau home Sunday. It was delicious.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Andrews and family of St. Johns spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and daughters spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dravin in Shepherd.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague called on Mr. and Mrs. Dick McCam (Ann Shiraef) in Midland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Bakos and family of Ashley spent from last Thursday evening till Sunday afternoon with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague, and family.

George Skinner is recovering

from a serious infection on his shin-bone. He was ill for nearly two weeks. Vern Crittenden of Remus was a Friday caller of George and Connie.

Ernie Gross has his new glasses, and can see very well out of one eye. He expects to have an operation on his other eye in August.

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S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

DUTCHER REUNION HELD SUNDAY AT ISLAND PARK

The 21st Dutcher reunion was held at Island Park Sunday, July 13, with 65 attending.

Those from here were Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and children of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Jim, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and Gena of Clio, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons of rural Merrill, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yunker and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Steve and Sandra, and Floyd Dutcher and Monroe Beckwith of Otisville.

Mrs. Joyce Yunker and children and Miss Debbie Riley had lunch with Mrs. Clayton Dutcher Sunday evening, after the Dutcher reunion.

Debbie Riley spent the weekend with Debbie and Denise Yunker.

Mr. and Mrs. George Loomis and Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Dobson and children of New Era, and Le Roy's mother, Mrs. Dobson of Oklahoma, were dinner guests of the Garry Dutchers Sunday. Miss Barbara Dobson returned home with her folks after spending the past few weeks with the Dutchers.

Mrs. Mildred Terry called on the George and Orrie Merrihews Tuesday.

Aletha Chaffee visited her father Friday, and Theron Merrihew called on them and cut a couple of fields of hay down for them.

George Merrihew feels about the same. Albert Miller of rural Rosebush called on them.

Anna Chaffee of Belleville spent the weekend with the Clarence Chaffee family.

Mrs. Lucile Merrihew visited Deborah Benn Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew and Orval had a drive and stopped and visited the Larry Rescoes in their nice new home overlooking Lake Isabella.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and children of Belleville spent last week with their parents, the Clarence Chaffees and the Eldon Marshalls.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., spent Wednesday evening with the Clayton Dutchers. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons spent Saturday afternoon and night with them, also Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and Gena of Clio.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and sons of Saginaw spent from Friday night till Sunday with the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children of Midland called on the Clayton Dutchers Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge Thursday.

Floyd Dutcher and Monroe Beckwith had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Losey and Jessie Rosencrantz and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher spent the evening. Mrs. Flossie Sellers spent Sunday evening with them. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines were Saturday supper guests and spent the evening.

Mrs. Virginia Harshman and daughter of Lansing and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called on the Ervin Dutchers, Jr., Friday evening.

Mrs. Hazel Davis of Midland visited her brothers, Harry and Leo Gatehouse, and their families, a couple of days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse and Mrs. Vadah Gatehouse visited Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee at their farm home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and Mark visited her folks, the Harry Gatehouses, Saturday evening.

Lucile Merrihew and Marion Beutler attended the WSCS annual picnic at the home of Mrs. Nina Carrick Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and family of Rosebush and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Thomas of Midland were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and family.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leider of Walled Lake have moved into a new house they built on the site where the Carl Krueger house stood.

Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses and family spent the weekend at the Harold and Arnold Krueger homes. Mrs. Lovica Krueger planned to return with them for a week's visit in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fiorello and family of Rockford, Ill., arrived Monday morning for a vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Foster.

Visitors of Blanche Carr last week were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bilsby of Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer, and Pamela, Elton and Rodney, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and family, Mrs. Walter Reed and Mrs. Stella Egbert of Deerfield Center, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hayes of St. Johns, and Mrs. Chris Larson; also Mrs. Dwight Aungst and Lucille and Timmy.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Neal of Toledo, O., are visiting Mrs. Ernest Courser. They called on Mrs. Dorothy Breuer of Coldwater Lake Friday evening, and attended the Courser reunion at Indian Mound Park Sunday. Mrs. Ella Cox and Mrs. Leona Courser attended the Coomer WSCS at Mrs. Maude Johnston's Wed-

nesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harvey and family of Lansing are spending a two weeks' vacation with the Charles Harveys. The John Harveys of Chippewa Lake and the Wm. Sweets of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole and daughters were Sunday dinner guests of the Fred Swans.

Mr. and Mrs. John Passeriello and Chris, Kim and Cheryl of Saginaw and Stanley Grewett of Roseville spent a few days with the Herman Martins. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin and Angie and Ed, Jr., and the John Schupbachs were Sunday guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Neal of Toledo, O., called on Nettie Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gross and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller of Westphalia visited the Herman Martins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting. Mrs. Gertrude Gross and Mrs. Margie Smith of Burr Oak were Sunday afternoon callers.

Minnie Flaughter visited Mrs. Herb Hochrein and Mrs. Frank Maxon Tuesday.

Linda Aungst spent the weekend at the Church of God camp meeting at Newark, O.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

NorthWeidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Lloy Sperry entered the Clare hospital Sunday, for surgery some time this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blodgett of Winn had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett and Jean and Mike spent the day Sunday with them. In the evening they all called on Earl Strong and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lutz of Remus.

Mrs. Earl Blodgett and granddaughter, Sherry, attended a stork shower for Wilma Nash at the Bud Blodgett home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys, Mrs. Lois Knollenberg and family and their father, James Kennedy, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy and family, all of Mt. Pleasant, visited Mrs. Muriel Miller and family Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy and family called at the Micky Abbott home, and also at the Sam Waters home, Sunday. Wilma was improving, at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott of Winn called and put in a bathtub for his folks, Mr. and Mrs. John Gott, Saturday. Mrs. Flossie Allen was with them. Sunday Bessie Allen of Farwell took her mother and Donny and Cathv Alwood to church.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Frantz spent Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Allen Costello, in Hersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ashcraft of Galien spent several days last week with Rev. and Mrs. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnson of Kalamazoo and Mrs. Donna Knapp of rural Evart were Friday visitors of their stepmother, Mrs. Ethel Bywater.

Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith took Mrs. Ethel Bywater with them to attend the Coomer Methodist Church supper and a showing of a film on Vietnam Sunday evening. The Coomer church is now in the Weidman circuit.

Etha Oberlin and daughter, Bernice Conant, of Florida, and Mrs. Roberta Haskins of Eugene, Ore., left Tuesday after spending a week with their cousin, Mrs. Emma Middlesworth.

A picnic was held at the home of Mrs. Emma Middlesworth Sunday, with family and friends gathering, about 17 there.

Mr. and Mrs. Fey Johnson and family spent the weekend in Fruitport with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hysell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spence and children of Pontiac spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Papish and daughter of Saginaw spent Sunday with her sister and family, the Garold St. Johns. Mr. and Mrs. St. John spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines.

Mrs. Bessie Teall has been on the sick list the past week, but was improving the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth arrived last Monday from their home in Florida, to spend the summer at their cottage on Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Embrey hosted a Clark dinner at Potter's Park in Lansing Sunday. About 25 members were present. They played ball, visited the zoo, and enjoyed the day. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey attended from here, as well as the Dennis Embrey family.

Weidman Messenger

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Just noticed our subscription is running out. Sorry if I'm late with it. I'd hate to miss an issue, it's my link with the home town and people I knew so many years ago.

You have a "Walker Creek" reporter, but I never see any mention of anyone around the White School and Delong School areas. How come?

Mrs. Gordon Loomis
(Beulah Sisco)
Lansing.

(Ed's Note: Our Walker Creek news writer covers a great deal of territory not covered by others. Sorry if we have been unable to cover the areas you mention. Perhaps someone from there would write news?)

Dear Folks:

Am enclosing a check for \$7.50 for the yearly subscription.

Thanks for all the news. Best of luck to all.

Sincerely yours,
John J. Middlesworth
Drayton Plains.

Dear Connie and George:

Guess my paper runs out the 19th, so best renew it. I do enjoy reading it, anyway about Golden Weddings, and Mrs. Clark's birthday (she always looks so nice!).

Sure too bad about Vada Carroll. Must be very lonesome for Emma to be alone.

I've been well this last year, and am still working till noon and sometimes later.

We have had such a cold, rainy spring. Had the furnace going every day. My garden is up.

Say Hello to all my old friends. As ever, Ann Snyder
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Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

We were sorry to hear that Clyde Emmons had his left arm mangled and torn last Tuesday in a machine that defected at the Holly Carburetor plant at Clare. The lacerations required 62 stitches. Robert Kirvan called several times the past week, taking him to the doctor. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jeffers and Priscilla of Sheridan visited Saturday, and they had a picnic dinner at the Barryton park. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bobroski of Lansing were Sunday morning callers at the Emmons home.

Mrs. Ronald De Vries and Rhonda of Big Rapids are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow, while her husband is at the National Guard encampment.

Mrs. Mary Cluchey of Rodney visited Mrs. Alma Dosenberry Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and Blane, and Mrs. Evelyn Denslow were recent visitors.

Miss Cheryl Leiter assisted her grandmother, Mrs. Ethel McLean, Wednesday. Callers during the week were George McClain of Barryton and Mrs. Warren Leiter. Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Denslow of Sylvan were Sunday dinner guests. Mrs. Eva Denslow visited Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schroeder and sons of Ishpeming called on Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters Friday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis and daughters were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Del Esterline and family of Farwell, Teresa remaining to spend a few days with her cousin, Patsy.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga celebrated their wedding anniversary recently, with Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller as guests for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Portenga were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Portenga, of Conklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray returned home Monday from their vacation in Kentucky and parts South. They visited their son-in-law, Clarence Ley, at Edmuntson, Ky., where he is harvesting string beans. They also visited the old saltpetre mines, Mammoth Cave, and Redfro Valley, among other interesting sights in bluegrass country. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray of Mt. Pleasant visited them Friday evening, bringing them a five-weeks-old Chihuahua puppy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow and daughter, Mrs. Robert Corwin, and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky left Thursday to spend a week in Canada and the North country. Robert, Jr., and Kyle Corwin are staying with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow, while their mother is

away.

Manley Oliver of Remus and son, Bernard Oliver, of Cedar Springs visited Hazen and Ralph Thompson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stebelton of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter. Harvey Leiter of Hannah Lake called Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters called Sunday afternoon.

Homer Teeter of Brinton visited Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock Saturday evening. Mrs. Edmund Owens of Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey called Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gray of Big Rapids and his sisters, Joyce and Teresa, of Mt. Pleasant, and friends, were supper guests of their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck spent a few days the past week at Grand Haven and Spring Lake, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell, Jr., and Patrick and Jill, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell. They were dinner guests Sunday of the Louisells at their cottage at Crooked Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth of Coldwater Lake were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dillenbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Langworthy and Dawn of Chippewa Lake were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and sons.

Mrs. Queen Taylor of Mt. Pleasant was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Lena St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler attended a Golden Wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blake of Fort Morgan, Colo., at the home of their daughter in Big Rapids, Saturday evening. Mr. Blake was with Pure Oil Company at Temple for many years, where Clayton was also employed, and met many others he hadn't seen in years. They had an enjoyable evening reminiscing with them.

Mrs. Beutler and Mary went with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Straus to Jonesville Sunday, enjoying a family picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Voss arrived home Monday from a vacation at Washington, D. C. Their son, Steven, had a weekend furlough to be with them. They enjoyed all the beautiful sights there and enroute. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilnot and Linda were Sunday supper guests at the Voss home.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley attended a square dance party at Horsehead Lake Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock visited his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith at Riverdale Sunday. They also called on Mr. and Mrs.

Bert Estes at the Lakeview hospital. Glad to hear they are improving in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Scott and Mrs. Chester Holstead of Lake called on Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley were guests at the David Seiter home in Clare Saturday evening, where they enjoyed slides that her cousin, Floyd Seiter, of Flat Rock, took at Bowman, Calif., where our cousins live. They also showed slides that Ernst Seiter sent from Murr, Germany, the old home where our grandfather lived which still stands. It was very picturesque and beautiful country.

The Floyd Seiters leave this week to visit there. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley were dinner guests Sunday at the Donald Pung home. The occasion was Diane's birthday. Happy Birthday, Diane. Darlene, Donna and Doris came home with us to spend a few days. They're shelling peas!--- But we have no potatoes yet!---

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Mrs. Edward Schafer had coffee with her sister, Mrs. Norman Schafer, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jump and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Carter, of Coxsackie, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grinzinger of Beal City called on Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder returned from a two-weeks' tour last Monday, through Northwestern United States.

Visitors Saturday and Sunday at the Edward Schafer home were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wischmeyer, Terry Pung, Earl Smith, Tom Tilmann, Emil Lueder, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, and Betty Klumpp.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fordyce were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnston and family of Rosebush were also callers. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and children were visitors.

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WEIDMAN FIREMEN CALLED TO TWO FIRES

The Weidman Fire Department was called to the Roy Parrish place in Coldwater Township, a half mile south of Brinton Sunday, when a hay field caught fire. About a half acre was burned over.

A barn on the Donald Wellman farm, formerly owned by Leonard Parker, was destroyed by fire last Thursday afternoon.

Sheriff's deputies said eight calves and four pigs were destroyed in the fire. From 300 to 400 bales of straw and about 50 bales of hay were burned.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE EAST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY FIREMEN PRESENT 20-YEAR SERVICE PLAQUE TO JERRY

At their steak fry Sunday at the Fire Hall, Weidman Volunteer Firemen presented Gerald Middlesworth with his plaque for 20 years of service on the fire squad.

Plaques had been presented earlier to other retired Firemen, but Jerry was in Florida at the time, and the presentation was made accordingly Sunday.

A good attendance was enjoyed, and as usual the steak fry was a huge success.

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BROOMFIELD GRANGE USES SMORGASBORD PROCEEDS FOR MANY GOOD PURPOSES

George and Connie Skinner were among the many who attended the smorgasbord at the Broomfield Grange Hall Saturday evening.

It seemed to us that everything tasted extra good. The Grange ladies use new and professional recipes adapted to their delightful home cooking, and the result is a feast.

Here's Gil Overla's account of how the Broomfield Grange uses the proceeds from the smorgasbords:

Broomfield Grange has a smorgasbord the second Saturday of each month, serving from 5 p. m. to 7.30. This month we served about 75.

We use the money to make quilts for fire victims; we purchased a new lawn mower and used deep-freeze this summer. We keep our hall painted. We have remodeled. We put new linoleum on our dining-room tables, and on counters in the kitchen.

We make contributions to the National Grange and State Grange Youth Fund, Boys' Town, cancer crusade, Care, polio fund, and Easter seals and Christmas seals.

If we have a needy family at Christmas time, we give them a complete dinner and a gift for each member of the family, plus a quilt. We have dinners for the families of those passing away in our neighborhood, or anyone who has lived here.

We send our Master and his

wife to State Grange sessions.

We send boxes to service men and give boxes to the elderly in convalescent homes, and a box to the Traverse City Hospital.

We have community suppers for Mother's Day, with gifts for the oldest and youngest mothers. We observe Father's Day also, with gifts; also we have a Thanks giving supper, a New Year's Eve party, Christmas program with exchange of gifts, a Hallow'en party for the children; and Santa Claus always visits our December supper, with candy for the children. And we have one pancake supper for members and friends.

We take food to people who have sickness, and we baby-sit, work gardens when men are in the hospital. Anyone needing a helping hand we try to help.

Grab-bags are sent to children in hospitals or confined to their homes.

Well, those Grangers are a busy --and happy--lot of people. Our congratulations to them.

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RUDOLPH LUEDER DEVELOPING MOBILE HOME PARK

Rudolph Lueder is developing an impressive layout for mobile homes on a permanent basis, on a 10-acre plat adjacent to the Broomfield Grand Hall on Coldwater Road, just south of M-20.

He says he hopes to have 37 units in operation by September of this year, with another 40 to follow next year.

He will rent plots for installation of trailers as permanent homes. The plots are planned for 50x90 foot areas, with trailer pads, patios, water and sewer facilities, natural gas, cable television, and of course electricity.

A recreation area of about five acres is platted, with nice woods on it, and it will contain picnic tables, children's playground equipment, and so on.

Rudolph has all materials, licenses and permits necessary for completion of the project, he said in an interview this week.

Landscaping has been done, and a sewage system is planned for completion about the middle of this week. Percolation in this area was rated 100 percent by state authorities, Rudolph said. The sewage system will consist of an excavated drain field, seepage beds, and a state-supervised septic tank to service the project. An 118x102-foot excavated bed will be filled with stone, tiles laid in it, and covering will then take place. It is fully approved by authorities, he said Monday.

A minimum size for trailers eligible to rent spaces has been set at 12x60 feet.

This is the first permanent rental trailer park in our area.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

DON'T FORGET THE OPEN HOUSE FOR BILL AND MARIE KANINSKY

Open House will be held this next Sunday, July 20, honoring Bill and Marie Kaninsky on their birthdays. The reception will be held in the Coe Township Hall in Shepherd, from 2 to 4 p. m. It is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Benn (Rosalie Kaninsky).

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Brinton News

Homer Teeter called on Mr. and Mrs. Bert Estes at the Lakeview hospital one day last week.

Bert and Cora were still in the Lakeview hospital this week.

Cora was showing gradual improvement from a heavy lung congestion, and Bert was getting a good rest and a physical examination. Bert was expected to spend this week there, and Cora probably will be there a little longer. Their very many friends offer best wishes and hopes for speedy recoveries.

Maggie Boger returned home from CMC Hospital Saturday morning, after spending 16 days there, with surgery. She was recovering very well, and was feeling good the weekend.

Robert and Timothy Turnbull of Lansing spent Saturday night in a tent in the yard of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Estes. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph

Turnbull spent the weekend at their home in Weidman. Ruth came Wednesday afternoon, and Ralph joined her Friday evening.

A group of Brinton people planned to attend a Methodist camp meeting near Muskegon this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright returned home last week from an extended vacation in Northern Michigan. Violet landed a 27 1/2 inch walleye at Mesick during their vacation.

The tornado July 4 which hit some points in southern Michigan hit hard two blocks from where the Virl Wrights live in Flat Rock.

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SMITHS WELCOMED INTO THE COOMER CHURCH

Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith and son, David, and Mrs. Ethel Bywater attended a parish picnic at the Coomer Church Sunday evening.

It was a time of welcoming the Smiths into the Coomer Church. Mrs. Elton McDonald baked a huge cake, decorated with the words, "Welcome to Coomer, Rev. and Mrs. Emith." Then they were presented with a large electric broiler oven.

After the picnic and ceremony, two films were shown, "The Traveling Man," and "Vietnam."

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