

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague are enjoying this week camping up across the Straits.

**Around Horr**

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Bob Bergquist was a Monday dinner guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Flora Wood. Afternoon visitors were Mrs. Celia Backus of Evart, Mrs. Anna Louise Miller of Barryton, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wright of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood and Beth Lynn of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Norma McCarey, and Mrs. Martha Bailey of Boyne City. Sunday dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wood and Tim and Jeff.

Mrs. Opal Denslow returned Thursday evening from her five-day trip through New York and Pennsylvania. She said it was an enjoyable trip, with many peach orchards and grape vineyards. They went through a winery in New York State.

Mrs. Violet Oplinger, Mrs. Leah Scharrer and Mrs. Hattie Losey spent last Monday afternoon with me.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock went to Detroit and Brighton Aug. 16 to attend a wedding, and were also able to visit a granddaughter, Joni Marie Delorski, of Chicago, while there. They came home Aug. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson spent Sunday with her mother near Lansing. Other guests were some cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jessup of La Habra, Calif., and Mrs. Jessup's sister, Betty Stafford, of Saginaw.

Mike Patten of Grosse Pointe Woods is spending the week with Bill Thompson. He will attend CMU this fall.

Irving Cummins was a Sunday afternoon caller at the Alva Cummins home.

Mrs. Edna Merrihew and granddaughter, Mrs. Carla Potulsky,

were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mrs. Nettie Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent enjoyed a fish supper Friday evening at the George Loomis home at Evans Lake. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck Thursday evening, and on the Darrell Kirvans Saturday evening. Friday they attended Gerald's retirement party, from the Human Development Center at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Eva Denslow enjoyed a Senior Citizens trip to Bob-Lo Island Friday. They took an hour and a half boat trip.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on her brother and wife, the Ed Grabers, Sunday.

Sunday guests at the Joe Martin home were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carroll, Mrs. Alma Byron, Sister Elizabeth Marie, Mrs. Cora Shippee and Jane, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carroll. Joe and Betty Jo returned home Monday from their vacation.

Brad Martin enlisted in the Marines last Wednesday.

Mrs. Ardis Merrihew called on her folks, the Charlie Loseys, Tuesday evening, and also called on me. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Losey had Thursday supper with his folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller called on his mother at Big Rapids Saturday.

Sunday callers of the Gerald Loseys, to help Gary celebrate his birthday, were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gross and Curt, Casey and Corey, Mr. and Mrs. Al Gross and Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran and Charlene and Robbie Gross. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson were Sunday evening visitors. Helen Alwood called Monday morning.

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**West Gilmore**

Lena Cole, Reporter

Happy to report that Mrs. Mabel Bearse is doing fine, after her most recent stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Beulah Wixson and sister, Miss Ruth Border, visited the Paul Coles Friday.

Mrs. Catherine Rogers was also a Friday visitor at our place.

Tony Masachuk entertained company from Detroit and Ohio over the weekend.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger on their upcoming 50th wedding anniversary, Aug. 25. Also to our nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Ed (Shirley Courter) Weirt, also Aug. 25, for their Silver Wedding anniversary.

Our son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing, will also celebrate their 25th anniversary Aug. 25.

Paul Cole is helping Dr. McArthur at Rosebush.

Sunday dinner guests of the

Paul Coles were their brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee and sister, Mrs. Hilda Sampson, and brother, William Wixson. All had blackberry picking in mind.

Mrs. Clara Wixson reports the theft of most of her vegetables from her garden during the night. The thieves took beets, string beans, and even dug her potatoes. That's real mean thievery.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Buchel and three girls went to the Soo last Monday morning on a four-day vacation. Lorraine Buchel and Sherry Gottlieb joined them Tuesday.

Fifty-nine family members and friends attended the Seymour reunion July 28 at the home of Elam Seymour. Elam has been improved in health, and he enjoyed the event very much.

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Mrs. Norma McCary and friend from Boyne City called on Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith Friday morning.

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GARAGE SALE--3285 Fifth St. in Weidman, from Aug. 20 to Aug. 24. Aug. 22t1

FOR SALE--1969 Chevelle, 2-door hardtop, good condition, very clean. Like new tires. Stan Simmer, ph. 644-2015. Call evenings, please. Aug. 25tf

FOR SALE--Wall hung lp gas fireplace. Never been used. \$125.00. Ph. 772-2369. Aug. 22t2

YARD SALE--Saturday, Aug. 24 from 9 to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 25, 12 to 7 p.m. Antique bean sorter, antique corn chopper, cream separator, platform scales, some farm tools, two 12-foot wooden room dividers, 1/4 ton pickup rack, Copymate paper copier, new; clothes and miscellaneous items. About 1 mile west of Weidman on Airline Road, across from Walt's Bait Shop. John P. Campbell. Aug. 25t1

MACK AND MARGE SCHEDULE THEIR ANNUAL PICNIC  
Mack and Margie Denslow are planning for their annual picnic, set for this Sunday, Aug. 25, at their beautiful home on the Chipewa River at Horr.

All their neighbors, relatives and friends are cordially invited to gather for pot-luck picnic dinner and renewing friendships. ---0---

Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips.

Anise Orser of Mt. Pleasant was a Sunday caller of Emma Middlesworth.

## Obituary

### JOHN W. SHOWALTER

John W. Showalter, a lifetime resident of Mt. Pleasant, died Aug. 15 at CMC Hospital. He was 72.

Mr. Showalter was stricken suddenly last Thursday morning at his home.

He was born May 15, 1902, in Isabella County. He had served as service manager for Krapohl Ford Company from 1954 until 1971, when he retired. Previously, he had worked for the John Battle auto agency.

He was a long-time member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 214 in Mt. Pleasant.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Aug. 18, at 2.30 p.m., at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, with Rev. Arlo Vandlen officiating. Memorial services were held by Oddfellow Lodge members Saturday evening, Aug. 17, at the funeral home.

He is survived by his wife, Rosetta; two daughters, Mrs. David (Helen) Flower and Mrs. Mitchell (Jean) McArthur, of Weidman; three sons, John of Farwell, Robert of Martinsville, Va., and Richard of Ithaca; and 14 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Gladys Bates, of Farwell.

The family have the sympathy of their many friends here. ---0---

### JACK E. SPERRY

Jack E. Sperry of Mt. Pleasant died Thursday Aug. 15, at CMC Hospital. He was 58.

He was born Aug. 13, 1916, in Lake Station.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 17, at 2 p.m. at the Stinson Funeral Home, with Rev. Marvin Eldridge of the Weidman Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Surviving are two brothers, Lyle of Vanderbilt and Hiram of Weidman; one sister, Mrs. Othea Chapman of Mt. Pleasant; and nieces and nephews.

The family have the sympathy of all. ---0---

### MICKEY LEE BORDER

Mickey Lee Border of San Diego, Calif., died suddenly Aug. 15. He was 23.

He was born in Lansing Sept. 11, 1950, and attended school in Mt. Pleasant and Farwell.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Coker Funeral Home in Farwell with Rev. John Bullock officiating. Burial was in the Surrey Township Cemetery.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ardin Border of Farwell; two sisters, Mrs. Larry (Sue) Strahota and Michelle Border of Farwell; a brother, Elton, of Mt.

Pleasant; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Border, of Farwell, and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Marshall of Weidman. ---0---

### MRS. CECIL BOUCHEY

Mrs. Cecil (Blanche) Bouchee of Clare died Aug. 12 at the Clare Osteopathic Hospital. She was 79.

She was born July 20, 1895, in Gilmore Township. She attended the Gilmore Church of Christ, and was a member of Calla Rebekah Lodge No. 167 and the Clare Senior Citizens Club.

Funeral services were held last Thursday, Aug. 15, at 2 p.m. at the Clare United Methodist Church with George Getchel officiating. Burial was in the Gilmore Township Cemetery. Rebekah services were held at the chapel of the Brokering Funeral Home.

Surviving are three sons, Clifton, Willis and Jack, all of Clare; five daughters, Mrs. Charlotte Livingston of Flint, Mrs. Ilene Calkins of Rosebush, Mrs. Lida Meyers and Mrs. Vergilene Small of Houghton Lake, and Mrs. Janet Simray of Alger; and 28 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, and one brother, Vaness Cook, of Gilmore. ---0---

## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Sherlock of Kalkaska spent the weekend with the Wayne Sherlock family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Ray of Nokomis, Fla., spent a few days with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder.

Jerry and Jane Schafer of Rosebush spent Saturday and Sunday visiting her father, George Bader, at the University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Billy and Kelli Schafer spent that time with Grandpa and Grandma Schafer.

Guests here Sunday were Ruth Ann Sherlock and children, Marlene, LeAnna and Eddie; and Gladys Sherlock and Josette Schafer.

We attended the Nottawa and Sherman Township Firemen's Dance at the K. C. Hall in Beal City Saturday night.

Wayne Sherlock and daughter, LeAnna, are sick with the flu at this writing.

Ruth Ann Sherlock began working in Mt. Pleasant last Monday. She is also our Avon dealer around Coldwater Lake. She entertained at a party at our home Monday of this week. ---0---

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams in Midland last Wednesday. He took them to Wixom Lake to see his sister and the Phillips' niece, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Werley, from Colorado, who were there on vacation.

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

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

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By Virginia Herman

My great-grandparents, Solomon and Margaret Shilling, were the original homesteaders of the farm on which my parents, Martin and Maggie Boger, now live.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The shaved shingle roof lasted until 1933.

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

A narrow stairway led to the upper level, which was one large sleeping room. At one time a shed was built onto the north side of the house, to be used as a summer kitchen and in winter it held a good supply of wood for cooking and heating.

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

The south door led to the yard,



THE BEGINNING OF THE BEAUTIFUL MARTIN BOGER HOME--Shown above is a reprint of a photo of the log cabin built by Henry Boger and his wife Louisa. In the front row, left to right: Artemecia Shilling, Minnie Shilling, Orra Sisco, two Powell children, Mrs. Carrie Robbins, Margaret Shilling. Back row: Rose Haskins, George Shilling holding Margaret Haskins, Will Boger, Louisa Boger, Henry Boger. Old print loaned the Messenger by Emma Middlesworth, from an old photo once loaned the Messenger by Martin Boger.

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

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

Living was difficult in those pioneer days. Land must be cleared on which to raise food. This was done by cutting the trees in the near vicinity of the house and extending the acreage as need and time indicated.

The trees were in such abundance that those not needed for fuel and lumber were put in huge piles and burned. The land then was farmed between the tree stumps. Plowing was done with oxen and hand-plow.

Planting was done by hand, using a hoe to put the seeds in the ground. Crops were harvested by hand.

My Dad has told me that the maple stumps soon rotted, but the pine stumps seemed practically indestructible. He recalls that he was about 15 years old when the first stumps were pulled on the farm, by Minnie and Willard Spencer. The stump machine was like a huge screw. A chain was fastened to the stump, and a horse walked round and round it, literally twisting the stump out of the ground. A little later an improved type of stumping machine was used.

During the first two or three

years, the Shillings, along with other families in the area, went to Millbrook for their supplies. (Continued on Next Page)

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**TWO OF THE FIRST SETTLERS IN COLDWATER TOWNSHIP--** Mrs. Jane Brown, left, and Margaret Shilling. Mrs. Shilling was Martin Boger's grandmother, Mrs. Brown his great-aunt. From an old photo loaned the Messenger long ago by Martin Boger.

This was a two-day trip, one day going, over night in Millbrook, and a day coming back. Soon Farwell became an active town, and then the trip was made in one day.

Sometimes the horses and wagon were used for the trip, but often some of the family walked, following the familiar wagon trail. Shopping often meant trading butter, eggs, or farm produce for staples like sugar and flour.

A number of years later S. A. Letson put in a grocery store on the corner of Coleman and Brinton Roads. Compared to their previous trips for shopping, Letson's Store seemed like the corner grocery to those isolated families of the area.

The first postoffice to serve the area was established after 1870, and was located on Coleman Road a half mile east of Brinton Road, in the home of M. M. Ryerson. It was called the Nero Postoffice. Mail came in from Big Rapids once a week, carried on foot in a pouch on a man's back.

It was a two-day trip, one coming from Big Rapids and one returning. There was no rural delivery, each family being responsible for picking up the mail at the post office at the the Ryerson home. Later the post office was moved to Brinton.

One of the main concerns of all early settlers was education for their children.

The first school was a temporary building constructed of poles and covered with branches. It was called a "bowery". School was in session only in mild weather, and when it rained, the students grabbed their belongings and ran for home.

The next year a log building was put up, to house grades 1 through 8, and the school was

taught by a Mrs. Alexander.

This log building was later moved to the A. J. Bellows farm and was used as a barn.

Then, about 1884, land was purchased for a permanent school site, and a building of frame construction was erected. This was known as the Conley School, and is now the lovely remodeled home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky.

The first teacher in the new building was James I. Morey. School was held in this building until 1934, when the district consolidated with the Weidman area schools.

All of the Shilling children attended school, and my grandmother, Louisa, went through the 8th grade, wrote the state teachers' exam, and taught one year.

Louisa was the oldest of the Shilling children. She was a small woman, less than five feet tall, but in complete control of every situation. She taught the first term of school in the Brown School District in a log building located on the land where Charles Nelson now lives. Many times she was called to nurse a sick family or preside at the birth of a baby.

At the time she met my grandfather, she had left a job in an Evart hotel to work for the Letson family.

My grandfather, Henry Boger, was born and raised in Pennsylvania. When he was 21 he made a trip to Michigan to look for his sister, Lisa Wagerman, who had not been heard from for a long period of time. He took a job working in an area lumber camp. He and my grandmother were married in 1886.

They bought 40 acres of the original 80 acres homesteaded by Solomon Shilling; and, working together, they cleared it and

built a log house.

During the winter months they worked in the lumber camp, which was located at about the place where Clarence Shaner now lives. Grandma was camp cook and Grandpa was camp "chore boy". He cared for the horses, looked after equipment and helped with the heavy work in the kitchen.

My father, Martin Boger, was born in 1892. As he grew up, more acreage was added to the farm, and he and my grandparents worked together, sharing the joint responsibility of the farm.

Fifty years ago Aug. 29, my father married Maggie Geasler. They have lived ever since on the same farm, their present home being part of the original log house built by Henry and Louisa Boger so long ago.

Their roots are deep, deep in the soil of Coldwater Township.

Together they still lovingly care for their home and yard.

My mother's flowers have given pleasure to many as they drive by their home at the top of the hill on Coleman Road.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Momany of rural Big Rapids were Saturday visitors of his mother, Mrs. Ruth Momany.

Marie (McArthur) La Maire of Bundy Hills and Balm Ames of Grand Rapids were Saturday callers of Connie Skinner and Frances Tranbarger. Balm was spending the weekend with Marie.

Mrs. Gusta Green and Mrs. Norma Hall and son, Glenn, of Dearborn were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Bart Helmer and daughter of near Remus were also callers, on their way home from the Smith reunion near Bay City. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith of Mt. Pleasant were evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Knipfer and children of Big Rapids spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carroll and three children of Plymouth were Thursday luncheon guests of Mrs. Emma Middlesworth.

Sunday visitors of Mrs. Kit Johnson were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, all of Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. Leah Scharrer spent from Thursday till Saturday in CMC Hospital, undergoing tests and x-rays.

Miss Chris Randshaw of Barryton was a Thursday evening dinner guest of Lucille and Jim Smith.

Lucille and Edith Smith attended a fashion party at the home of Mrs. Barbara Block last Tuesday evening.



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**Beal City****Dora Smith, Reporter****BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER  
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Friends and relatives of Irene Hauck are asked to give her a birthday card shower for Aug. 28, her birthday. Her address is Rosebush Route 1, 48878.

She has been in the hospital at Ann Arbor for some time, but expects to be home by

afternoon visitor of Mrs. Choice Foster.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and Mr. and Mrs. John Neyer were guests at a dinner at the Mike Gostola home Sunday in honor of the birthdays of Mike and Dixie.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode visited Mrs. Ethel Wager Tuesday evening, while Harold attended a ball game.

Mrs. Eda Van Zandt was hostess

day dinner guests at my house, and attended the Silver Wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer.

Mrs. Loretta Lorenz called on Mrs. Nettie Baker Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg and Rochelle Hines were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Irvin of Flint were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook.

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**North Weidman**

We will have Junior and Brownie Girl Scouts. Brownies must be seven years old by Oct. 31, 1974, and in first, second or third grade at school, to join this year.

Juniors must be in fourth, fifth or sixth grades, and must have joined before Oct. 31, 1974, to join this year.

Fifty girls already have signed up to enter the Scouting programs.

We have had a lot of fun this

## Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy McGuire of Big Rapids were Sunday visitors of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow enjoyed fishing at Six Lakes Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening they and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Corwin and family at Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and family enjoyed a drive to the Mackinac Bridge Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Moore of Lansing called on them Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck. Gerald and Mabel Dent were Saturday afternoon callers. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Louisell spent the weekend at the Dillenbeck home, and took the William Louisell, Jr., children home. They had spent the week here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Lansing spent the weekend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family spent Sunday at Traverse City. Their Saturday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stebelton and Renee, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leiter and son and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Loomis were Friday evening visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee were also callers during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Goodstell and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goodstell of Fenwick were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson were Saturday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow. They had all attended the Open House birthday party for Bill Appelgreen during the afternoon.

Several from the community enjoyed the corn roast Friday evening, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilcox, at their home.

Ethel Mae Monroe spent Sunday at her home. Callers were Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Shook and seven daughters, and Mabel Allen.

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### FIVE HUNDRED ENJOY ANNUAL OJIBWA PICNIC

About 500 people thoroughly enjoyed the annual property owners' picnic Sunday at Lake Windoga.

Harry Pung did the honors at a pig roast in his usual master-chef fashion.

Dinner and refreshments, and swimming and boating, were the day's entertainment.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and two boys spent last week at a church camp meeting at Hillsborough, Ohio.

## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Garry Dutcher and children, Julia Dutcher and Rex and Dawn and Clayton and I attended Open House for Debbie Yuncker and her graduation from nursing college.

The Jim Dutchers stopped in on their way home from Hartwick Pines, where they had spent the day.

The Clayton Dutchers and Bob and Garry Dutcher had supper with the Larry Dutchers of Flint last Monday evening, on their way home from Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and Susie and Cindy of Lake Orion came Friday night and expect to spend the week with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Potulsky and Edna Merrihew were Sunday afternoon callers.

Florence Hoffman and Cleda Navarre were Saturday evening visitors of the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schafer spent Saturday evening with the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

The Ervin Dutchers helped the Brian Dutchers on their lawn.

The doctor said Clayton was coming along fine.

Florence Fitzgerald came home Wednesday from Hawaii. She is enjoying her discharge after two years in the Navy.

Gladys Stadtfeld of Remus spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald. The Fitzgeralds visited Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stevens of Lakeview Friday evening.

Hazel Davis and Dee Ann (Drulette) Martin and three children of Pennsylvania spent a week with the Gatehouse families. They left last Monday for home. The Gatehouse families had a get-together at the Leo Gatehouse home before they left.

Don and Mary Swan took their trailer out to the Harry Gatehouse place and spent a few nights there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse visited the Bill Maeder family Sunday afternoon.

The Howard Beutlers visited her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sanderson, of St. Charles, Tuesday. Wednesday they visited Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch's cottage at Indian Dam, Moorestown.

Sunday they attended a fellowship dinner after services at the Weidman United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti attended Open House for Debbie Yuncker Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons had supper with us Thursday. Her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen, and Terri, called on us that afternoon. They had lunch with Julia Dutcher and children.

Percy Secord spent last Monday with Julia Dutcher and children while we were in Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullet spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Nina Forbes. Mrs. Forbes called

on her sister and brother-in-law, the Mullets, and she and Margaret called on Diane Holt in Mt. Pleasant.

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

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Frances ran my pasteups over to Buyers Guide for me last Wednesday morning, then made a second trip to Mt. Pleasant to get the printed papers; she delivered the papers to the post office and newsstands. And she looked after me hand and foot (feet? legs?) throughout the ordeal of slow recovery.

It's a devastating experience, being immobilized, unable to walk. There are many in this area over 65 who are just that, and during this past week I have learned to sympathize with them, and deeply.

Maybe I won't be playing softball, but I bet I'll be getting around, after my own fashion, within another week if not before.

And believe you me, I can be very careful now. I gotta. I see my customahs every week.

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### BILL'S BIRTHDAY REALLY CELEBRATED

The 80th birthday anniversary of W.A. (Bill) Appelgreen was enthusiastically celebrated Sunday with 150 relatives and friends calling during his Open House party sponsored by his children.

Perfect weather conditions contributed to the party, and guests stayed outside until dark, then moved inside till midnight.

A picnic dinner was served, with two pigs roasted over coals by Pete and Gale Wood, and of course the birthday cake.

Visiting under the trees at Bill's home was the order of the day for visitors from Weidman, Clare, Beal City, Barryton, Remus and Mt. Pleasant.

It was a memorable occasion for the guest of honor and all his visitors.

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### LOCAL BOY PLAYS IN BATTLE OF THE BANDS AT COUNTY FAIR THIS WEEK

Jim Smith, one of our local musicians, will participate in the "Battle of the Bands" Saturday at the Isabella County Fair in Mt. Pleasant.

Jim is now playing weekends with the Jerry Williams Band of Belding. His group is called "The Country Blue-boys".

Jim's group is scheduled to compete first in the country music attraction at the fair.

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Sunday callers of Mrs. Helen Smith and Ula Cummins were Ervin Cummins of Lansing, Nettie Lawrence, and Madeline Sisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls visited Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon of Lake, Sunday. Lewis Bowen was a Sunday morning caller and had coffee, at the Touchinski home.

### BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS HAVE 15 TABLES IN PLAY

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 15 tables of pepper in play.

Leona Courser won first prize for the ladies, with Mrs. Prout second. Elizabeth Neubecker won low.

Barney Gallagher won first for the men, with Mike Gross winning second. Louis Rau won low.

Agnes Sheahan won the pepper prize. Ruth Gallagher won the door prize.

The committee served donuts and coffee.

The next party at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Aug. 29. Everyone everywhere is invited.

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### Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. John Pyle and son of Flint were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent were also visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls and Mrs. Edith Touchinski and Mabel Bingham were in Grand Rapids last week Monday.

Cousins of Martin Boger, on his side of the family, met at his home last Tuesday. There were 11 cousins for an intimate reunion. Pot-luck dinner was enjoyed. Emma Middlesworth was among the cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell

spent last week at the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., where their son, Bill, Jr., underwent a very serious operation on his leg. He was reported as doing fine the first of this week.

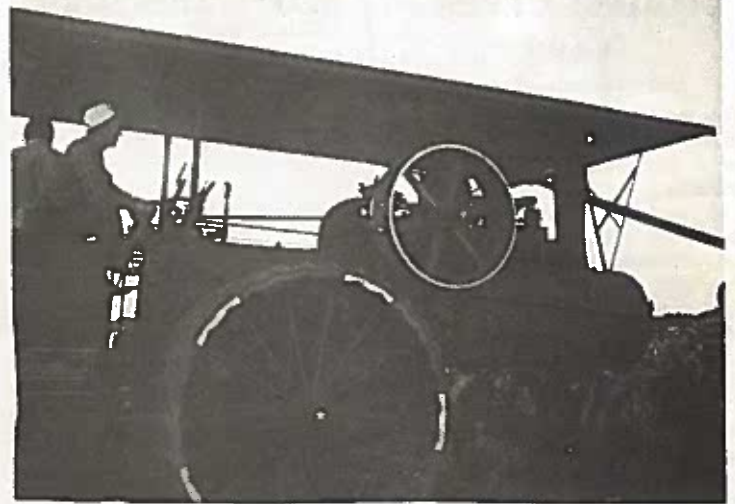
Edith Touchinski and Mabel Bingham accompanied a Senior Citizens crowd of three bus loads to Bob-Lo Island, at Detroit Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herman spent a few days this week va-

cationing in Northern Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and girls were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Snyder of Ithaca. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spice and girls of Carson City were Sunday evening callers at the Sprague home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mulnix of Carson City and Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague spent last Wednesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.



### ANOTHER VIEW OF THE WOOD-BURNING STEAM ENGINE--

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