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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### WANT TO KEEP LAST FEW SHREDS OF FREEDOM HERE? ATTEND MEETING SATURDAY

If you're interested in keeping a few of the last shreds of personal freedom in our area townships, you better attend a public meeting called by the Township Boards of Sherman and Coldwater for Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Weidman School.

It has to do with adoption of a building code: another link in the long chain of the State of Michigan's program for curtailing personal freedom in the matter of handling of personal property.

The state legislature, a year or so ago, passed a State Building Code that applies specifically to Detroit, Wayne County and the other densely-populated counties surrounding Detroit.

The state building code as laid out by the legislature restricts a property owner from handling any aspects of building or remodeling on his own property.

Local opinion (including the Mt. Pleasant-oriented County Board of Commissioners) says the state code was written in Wayne County for the building-trade unions.

Under the state code, you must have a licensed carpenter, electrician, plumber, et cetera, to do anything around your house or proposed house, almost down to replacing a burned-out light bulb. Not quite, but almost.

We don't need the Detroit building code in the townships of west Isabella County. We're still quite rural, thank you, and we still demand a small amount of personal freedom in our handling of our property.

The Township Boards of Sherman and Coldwater are asking everyone to attend Saturday's meeting at the school, and have invited the Township Boards and the people of Nottawa and Broomfield Township also to be present.

The townships must adopt a ready-made, unalterable building code willy-nilly, with a choice of three different codes, the least offensive being chosen by the state Township Officials' Association for townships to adopt. It  
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### LITTLE LEAGUERS WILL HAVE A REAL PLAYING FIELD--

Next season, as witness the complete rebuilding of the diamond and outfield. Saturday afternoon a small group of men worked on fencing and other details, while huge machines loaned by Lake Isabella Corporation did a thorough job of rebuilding the field. Fill dirt was donated by Ed Osborn. Little Leaguers and Peewees will enjoy the field next spring and summer, while Pony Leaguers will use their regular field across from the Weidman School.



THE SIZE OF LAKE ISABELLA'S MACHINES--Is apparent when one finds the driver, in the picture above just over the big front wheel of the giant earth mover. Messenger photos

Jack Hurley of Lake Isabella operated the earth mover, donating his work; the motor grader was driven by Gerald Losey, also donating his work; Berl Den-slow donated the huge disc and his work on it.

Putting roofs on the dugouts were Don Starr, Whitey Mc-

Creight, Harold Krueger, Benn Johnson, Jack Burden, and Pat Leiter.

A good job for a good cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilcox visited at the Bill Wilcox home in Coldwater Friday.

### CRIME RISES SHARPLY IN THE WEIDMAN AREA

Crime is rising week by week in the Weidman area, with last week's sensation abating somewhat after the arrest of four young men on Woodruff Road for possession and use of marijuana. Other crime incidents, however, have raised the fears of people here.

The four arrested for possession and use of marijuana were taken in at 9.59 last Wednesday night by Sheriff's officers. The car had been stopped for a traffic violation, and upon nearing the car the deputies noted a strong odor of marijuana coming from the car.

Three young Weidman men and one juvenile were arrested. Confiscated from the car was about three pounds of marijuana with a value of over \$450 (street value \$900).

The juvenile was released to the custody of his parents, while the three young adults were held in the county jail pending arraignment in District Court on Sept. 5, or Thursday.

Two of the young adults were slapped on the wrists with \$75 fines for possession, and six months' probation. The other was held on \$1,000 bond pending hearing in Circuit Court for possession with intent to sell marijuana.

Marijuana has been found growing in several places in the close Weidman area of late weeks. On the old Taylor orchard place a couple (who rented the house) were arrested when 10-foot plants of marijuana were found growing around their front porch. It was estimated that the plants would net 50 pounds of usable marijuana, or "pot", valued very highly. The couple was charged with raising marijuana with intent to sell. They were heard in District Court Monday and demanded examination.

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Jim Smith began study at Ferris State College Monday, on an architectural drafting course.

Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs were Monday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague. Sunday callers were Mrs. Doris Sprague of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant.



## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

### TOUR GROUP ENJOYS TRIP TO NEWFOUNDLAND

Mrs. Margaret Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Strong were in a 46-member tour group which made a 17-day bus trip to Newfoundland, Canada, the last of August.

Their first stop was at Niagara Falls, and the following day they enjoyed a two and a half hour boat ride on the St. Lawrence River, in the area of the Thousand Islands.

From there they traveled along the St. Lawrence Seaway, through the provinces of Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, to the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

They crossed Northumberland Straits to the province of Prince Edward Isle, a beautiful place. While there they enjoyed one of the famous lobster dinners at Cavendish, which is noted for its fine lobsters.

They then crossed by ferry to Nova Scotia. After a tour of that beautiful province they crossed the Cabot Strait from Sydney, Nova Scotia, to Newfoundland, a 100-mile ferry ride, on a beautiful August afternoon.

After a three-day tour of Newfoundland, where at St. John, Nfld., they were at the easternmost point of North America, and from this point saw an iceberg floating in the Atlantic Ocean.

They then boarded a large steamboat ferry at St. Johns, Newfoundland, for an 18 1/2-hour boat ride across the North Atlantic Ocean to Sidney, Nova Scotia, and from there homeward bound.

There were many highlights on the tour, such as guided tours of many industries and important cities, such as St. Johns, Newfoundland, Quebec, and the Canadian national capital, Ottawa, Ont.

The cities were beautiful with their combination of very old buildings and some very modern structures. The parks, roadsides, and every available space was colorful with bright fall flowers.

This is a very historical part of North America, in relation to early settlement. It is beautiful with mountains, rivers, waterfalls, lakes, rocks, and many spruce and fir trees.

It is a rugged land, but the people are very friendly and hospitable to the many tourists who visit them each year.

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Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Denslow and children, Brenda and Mark, of Rochester, N.Y., were Labor Day weekend guests of his mother, Mrs. Margaret Denslow.

Mrs. Marjorie Peacock and her niece, Mrs. Zella Lawerrie, of Lansing, were Tuesday luncheon guests of Mrs. Denslow. They were on their way to Northern Michigan to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey and

Patti and Mrs. Susie Chapman and Chad were Sunday dinner guests of the Charlie Loseys.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Weber of Sweetwater, Wisc., spent from Thursday till Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger. Saturday they all went to Higgins Lake and stayed over night with Mr. and Mrs. Session.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew were Monday evening callers at the Charlie Losey home, and they brought carrots, tomatoes and beans from their garden, and some pears. Mrs. Minnie Strauch was a Thursday overnight guest. She went to the Ervin Dutcher home Friday. Mrs. Flossie Flachs brought her back Saturday, then she went home with Floyd Dutcher. Sunday Floyd Dutcher, Mrs. Strauch, Mrs. Hattie Losey and I went to Stinson's Funeral Home to pay respect to Mrs. Kate Cotter.

Mrs. Joyce Chaffee and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Denslow and family were Sunday guests of the Mack Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Denslow were in Grand Rapids Tuesday, to see her brother and sisters, and on Sunday they attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Moore at Barryton.

Mrs. Opal Denslow was a Sunday dinner guest of her sister, Mrs. Ruby Williams, at Clare. Later she called on Mrs. Lillian Cummins at the hospital, who is bedfast now. She would enjoy seeing her friends. Mrs. Denslow said she was in good spirits. Mrs. Denslow also called on Mrs. Nellie Haight.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger spent Sunday at the Bollman cottage at Canadian Lakes.

Ellen and Carl Geasler were Sunday afternoon callers of Mrs. Flora Wood.

Tim Workman of Alma and Jim Strong were Saturday evening callers at the Jim Thompson home. The John Thompson family were a week ago Sunday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Denslow and Harold spent Saturday with his mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow. They did some painting and other things for her.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith spent from Thursday till Tuesday of last week at Paradise Park in Grand Haven. They attended the wedding of their grandson, David Smith, to Alice Olsson, Saturday at high noon, at St. Patrick's Church in Grand Haven. They also attended the rehearsal supper at the Holiday Inn in Muskegon Friday, given by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith. One of their neighbors took them to a blueberrying, a new experience for the Smiths. Other neighbors took them to a boat show and the water fountain at Grand Haven.

Mrs. Leah Scharrer and Mrs.

Edith Smith of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Lucille Smith went to the Country Hearth at Belding Sunday, to hear Jim Smith play in

the band.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent of Farwell were Thursday callers at the R.D. Sprague home.

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## Obituary

**NELLIE MAY HAIGHT**  
 Nellie May Haight died Sunday afternoon, Sept. 8, at the Clare Osteopathic Hospital. She was 76.

She was born July 19, 1898, in central Texas, and had lived in Weidman the past 13 years.

She is survived by her husband, Leon; one son, William Hoggatt, of Rifle, Colorado; a step-daughter, Mrs. Arnetta Light, of Hinkley, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton with Rev. Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in the Sherman City Cemetery.

Mr. Haight has the sympathy of his many friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Louisell while they were in Grand Haven a week ago Sunday.

## Obituary

**KATHERINE COTTER**

This area was deeply saddened by the death of Katherine Cotter (Kate), who passed away at CMC Hospital last Thursday, Sept. 5.

She was born March 10, 1902, in Nottawa Township, where she spent her life.

She was a member of St. Joseph the Worker's Church in Beal City, the St. Ann's Altar Society of the church, and with her husband, John (Jack), was instrumental in establishing the Senior Citizens' card parties at the K. C. Hall in Beal City.

Her friends are legion, and she will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her husband, John; four sons, Donald and Patrick of rural Weidman, and Kenneth and David of Mt. Pleasant; four daughters, Irene Suman and Ruth Pung of Weidman; Vada Howell of Mt. Pleasant, and Betty Black of Middleton; and 32 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Also three brothers, Isadore, John and William Schafer, all of Nottawa.

Rosary services were held Sunday at 8 p.m. at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant. The funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m. Monday in St. Joseph the Worker's Church in Beal City, with Father Don Dueweke officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Her family have the deep sympathy of their many friends.

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## Obituary

**FRANK C. OLGER**

Frank C. Olger of rural Remus died last Tuesday, Sept. 3, at CMC Hospital. He was 61.

He was born in Broomfield Township Feb. 26, 1913, and had been employed at one time by General Electric at Edmore. At the time of his death he and his wife, Marie, shared a rural delivery route for the Mt. Pleasant Times-News.

He is survived by his wife; one

son, Jack Olger, of rural Remus; a daughter, Barbara Chubb, of Blanchard; eight grandchildren; and two brothers, Don of Lansing and Ray of Stanwood.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus. Burial was in the Broomfield Cemetery.

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## Obituary

**SYLVESTER A. DOLE**

Sylvester A. Dole died Thursday, Sept. 5, at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. He was 84.

He was born Nov. 23, 1889, in Nottawa Township, where he was a life resident and successful farmer.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 7, at 2 p.m. at the Stinson Funeral Home with Father Don Dueweke officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant.

He is survived by two step-sons, Ernest and Elmer Rhode, two granddaughters, and nieces and nephews.

The family have the sympathy of all. Mr. Dole was one of the last of our area pioneer farmers.

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## West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Earl Geasler passed away Friday and funeral services were held Sept. 2. Our sympathy to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Balint and girls, Amy and Heather and Leslie, spent the week with their grandparents. They will return to their home in South Bend, Ind., the middle of the week. John spent the weekend at Hammond Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler helped their grandson and nephew, Darrell Worth, celebrate his birthday Sept. 2, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth.

Miss Bobbie Worth spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth.

A near and far family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ewing Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing and Carol and Mavis of Vassar attended. Pat and Frank also called on their parents, the Paul Coles.

We are sorry to report that Don Donnelly is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Forrester Morse.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler have been on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mahon and Missie and Ronnie were supper guests of the Paul Coles Saturday.

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## The Churches

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 Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.  
 Prayer Meeting (Wednesday), 7.30 p.m.

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Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p.m.

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Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
 Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
 Choir practice, 6.30 p.m.  
 Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.  
 Prayer Service Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.

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## Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Leona Courser, Mrs. Celia Allen and Mrs. Mary Courser attended the birthday anniversary Open House in Mt. Pleasant for Mrs. Mary Smith, who observed her 90th year.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Courser hosted a birthday dinner for Mrs. Mary Courser Sunday. Guests, besides the honor guest and family, were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kolassa, Mrs. Celia Allen, and Mrs. Leona Courser.

Miss Helen Hummel and Mrs. Louise Gerber of Largo, Florida, spent the past week with Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Grewett and Marion Grewett were Wednesday visitors of Mrs. Kate Martin and Ray.

Mrs. Loretta Lorenz was a Sunday visitor of Mrs. Kate Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett have completed installing a herring-bone type of milking parlor in their barn, accommodating eight cows at a time. They also have a new barn about completed.

Rev. and Mrs. Athel Lynch, Mrs. Ethel Bywater and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Nettie Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaughner and family were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner. The Ray Flaughners were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Flaughner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Blodgett were recent visitors of the Ray Flaughners. Minnie visited her sister, Mabel Chaffee, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Betty Worix was a Sunday visitor at the Ray Flaughner home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hogg were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines. Mrs. Flossie Flachs

was a Monday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder were hosts at a dinner party for Mrs. Winifred Bisscher of New Jersey Sunday evening. Other guests were Mrs. Lovica Krueger and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartholomew.

Mrs. Harold Krueger and Mrs. Lynn Johnson visited their sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Roberts, of Lansing, Monday.

Mrs. Minnie Strauch was a Monday overnight guests at my home.

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## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. George Burley of Hazel Park visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak, a few days last week.

Mrs. Jeanette Hard and boys of Freeland spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Laura Latham. They all visited Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Chapman and Kim and their daughter, Mrs. Rhonda Horton, of Mt. Pleasant, had dinner Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gott and sons, Casey and Eric, of Winn called on us Saturday evening.

Zena Olger went with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Raglin to visit a grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Conley, of Mt. Pleasant. She came home with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich of Lansing spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott went to a meeting on television retailing at Cadillac last Thursday evening.

Debbie Graham and Ann Weber of Alaska, Mich., had lunch with us Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and Mr. and Mrs. John Gott called on Mr. and Mrs.

Kenneth Allen at Littlefield Lake Sunday evening.

Mrs. Helen Alwood took Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gott to their doctor last Friday in Clare. On the way home they stopped at the Coker Funeral Home to pay respect to Perry Arts. They also stopped to visit Mrs. Ella Adams near Lake, and her son Harold informed them Ella was in the Clare Hospital, suffering from a heart attack. She was reported better at this writing, and hoping to come home this week.

Mrs. Helen Alwood visited her mother, Hermione Smith, last Wednesday, on her 81st birthday. They enjoyed chicken dinner at the Sweet Onion Restaurant in Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Elvah Gott and Wanda Graham joined them at dinner. They all went shopping, and then Hermione returned to Pleasant Manor to enjoy her birthday cake with friends, at supper time. Hermione enjoyed a visit with Duane Mercer at a market in Mt. Pleasant, and also with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

The Don Alwood family called at the Stinson Funeral Home to pay respect to their long-time friend, Sylvester Dole, and also their relative, Mrs. Kate Cotter.

Miss Becky England spent the weekend with Cathy Alwood and attended Sunday School and church at the Baptist Church with the family. Lori England stayed with the Joe Blodgett family while Rick and Linda England were away.

Mrs. Irene Fisher of Lansing, Mrs. Alice Burdette of Owosso, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith and Helen Alwood were among the many relatives and friends attending the funeral of Mrs.

Kate Cotter in Beal City Monday morning. Mrs. George Smith of St. Johns called at the funeral home Saturday. The Cotter family have our deepest sympathy. Kate will be greatly missed by her host of friends, as well as her family, for her kindness, unselfishness and good humor.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague and granddaughter, Pami, spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bellinger. Mr. and Mrs. Art Dent of Farwell were also guests. The occasion was Andy's birthday.

Mrs. Nina Forbes attended a family get-together Sunday at Island Park in Mt. Pleasant, in honor of the birthday of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charles E. Brien of Mt. Pleasant and great-granddaughter, Kristin Patz, of Ithaca. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Gilmore of rural Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Hotchkiss and twin daughters, Mary and Martha, of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brien, Jr., and family of Potterville, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huffman and family of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Patz and family of rural Ithaca, and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bahr of Spaulding, U.P.

Joan Charnes and Emma Middlesworth visited John J. at the Alma Hospital Monday evening. John was in intensive care and doing fine at the moment, doctors said, although his condition was considered serious.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmidt spent Saturday with their daughter, Mrs. Mike O'Connor, and husband, of Big Rapids.

Mrs. Vera Neubecker and daughter, Margie, spent Thursday evening with Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker in Weidman.

Mrs. Julia Cunningham, Cecilia Kelly, Mrs. Eva Datema and Mrs. Maurine Dewire of Carson City visited Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer after they enjoyed the chicken barbecue at the K. C. Hall a week ago Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Faling of Yucaipa, Calif., has been visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck, the past month.

Jerome Beck, Andy Beck and Dale Sandel made a business trip to Lewiston recently.

Mrs. Alice Faling and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck called on the Jerome Becks and Bob Pungs Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lirones of California have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Galgoczi, the past three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Eisenberger and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Landon of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck and Mrs. Alice Faling recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck and children visited her parents in Lewiston last weekend.

Dale Rau spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau and family, from his work up north.

Mrs. Joe Gruss hosted her family reunion Sunday.

Herman and Rose Grinzinger spent Sunday evening with her sister, Louise Smith. Henry and Blanche Dole called Wednesday. Mrs. John Schumacher and Mrs. Ed Simmer of Rosebush spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Smith. Regina Faber was a caller. Doll Rau took her mother for a ride. They went all over the country. It looks so nice.

Mrs. Anna Eldred and Mrs. Pat Moody of Blanchard spent Wednesday with Mrs. Tony Schafer. Mrs. Schafer spent Sunday with the Milo Eldred family near Blanchard.

Mrs. Steve Pung and Dora Smith called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sheppard Sunday.

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### NEWS NOTES

Ula Cummins was a Wednesday caller in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Suman had all their family home over the weekend, to attend the funeral of Irene's mother and her children's grandmother, Mrs. Kate Cotter, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprague.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Guests at the Wayne Sherlock home Labor Day were Bob Schafer, Sharon McCoy and Don and Judy Schafer and girls.

Alice Faling of Yucaipa, Calif. spent a month with her sister and brother-in-law, Beryl and Andy Beck. She returned to her home last Wednesday.

Bob Schafer and Sharon McCoy had supper Thursday with his sister, Ruth Ann Sherlock, and family.

Ed and I made a business trip to Marlette, Mich., Thursday morning.

Jerry and Jane Schafer and children had supper with us Wednesday evening.

Bill and Lynn Schafer and son, Brian, have moved in with Lynn's father, Norval Maxon, near Mt. Pleasant, for the winter.

We spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Ed and Irene Fedewa. The Fedewas and we had chicken supper at Weaver's in Weidman, and then called on Tillie Schafer and Milo and Ann Eldred, and had a nice visit.

Bob Schafer and Sharon McCoy went on a shopping trip to Saginaw Sunday.

Wayne and Ruth Ann Sherlock and children spent Saturday and Sunday with the Orville Sherlock family in Kalkaska.

Flo Haupt called on Loretta Lorenz Thursday.

Max and Vera Straus and girls were visitors at the Lorenz home Saturday evening.

Loretta Lorenz enjoyed a visit with Kate Martin while Clarence and Ray were shingling a roof at the Martins'.

The Fred Goodells have purchased a new car.

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## Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Sunday dinner guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney, of Lake. Their Friday evening visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald DeVries and family of Big Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley.

The Kenneth Gray family attended the Gaudard family reunion at Blanchard Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bachelor and family of Holt were weekend visitors at the Gray home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sabat of Barryton were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Louisell, Jr., and family of Grand Haven spent the weekend with their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Dillenbeck. The Dillenbecks were Tuesday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss were

Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilnot.

Callers during the week at the Warren Leiter home were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leiter and son of Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Dan Stebelton and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leiter and children.

Mr. and Mrs. James Theisen attended a family gathering during the week at the home of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. James Rady, at Littlefield Lake.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Reed were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pyrat and Holly of Big Rapids and Art and Velma Bradley of Marcellus. Elizabeth Reed spent the weekend with her sister, Ileen Curoski, at Clifford

Lake.

Norman Miller of Clarkston was a Sunday caller at the Clyde Emmons home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peeper of Lansing spent the weekend with us. Dad and Mother Loomis and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loomis also called on us during the week.

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Mrs. Grace Pitts spent Sunday with her son, Bernard, and family. They attended the Seymour family reunion at Island Park in Mt. Pleasant. They also attended a birthday party for the 80th birthday of Egbert Fordyce, at his home in Gilmore.



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THE WHITE SCHOOL--In Coldwater Township, in 1925. Shown above, in the back row, are Bernice Harper (?) Ralph Bellows (deceased), Roscoe Bellows, Bertha (Bellows) Russell, Albert Lee; teacher Margaret (Peacock) Denslow, Minnie (Smith) Reed, Beulah (Sisco) Loomis, Harold St. John (deceased), Imogene (Allen) Lee, Clarence Sisco, Philip Allen, Opal (St. John) Denslow, a visitor; Ruby (St. John) Williams, Claribel (St. John) Miller, a visitor.

Second row: Ardis Allen (deceased), Ardis (Terwilliger) Warren, Anna (Smith) Jarman (deceased), Eva (St. John) Tubandt, Gertrude (Sisco) Sperry, Lillie (Smith) Gross, Ethelyn (Sisco) Russell, Marvel (Bellows) Ritchie, Garold St. John (deceased), Ronald Cummings, Edwin Bellows, Floyd Sisco (deceased), Lloyd Lee, Mark Cheadle (deceased), Vincent Allen.

Front row: Donna (Bellows) Bunting, Tessie (Allen) Anderson, Loia (St. John) Kirchmer, Vera Allen (who?) Wilbur Sisco, Jack Terwilliger, Gale Bellows, Ray Reynolds (deceased), Allison Sisco (deceased).

Pupils absent: Veva Reynolds (deceased), Clifford Sisco, Mary Lee.

Opal St. John had graduated from this school the previous year and was just visiting with little sister Claribel, who had not started to attend school. Can anyone give us the name of the little girl with the dark dress in the middle of the front row?

#### Believe It Or Not

During the months of January, February and March, we had a hot lunch program (in 1925!).

Three days of each week our lunch-pail food was supplemented by a hot dish.

We converted one entry into a kitchen, equipped with a three-

burner kerosene stove, a small table, some shelves, and a limited amount of cooking utensils. A bowl and spoon for each child, and a water pail in which we carried our water supply from an outside pump.

Under the supervision of the teacher, the seventh and eighth grade boys and girls prepared and served the hot dish to the 40 or more pupils.

The food supplies were generously donated by the very co-operative parents of the children. We bought some extras with money we made at a box social held in the fall. Our menu was limited to the dish for the day, which consisted of vegetable soup, salmon soup, potato soup, bean soup, or the all-school favorite of mashed potatoes and brown gravy.

Although this lunch program required extra time and work for teacher and pupils, we still found time to complete all the usual studies and work activities required of a K through 8-grade classroom, and the 13 seventh and eighth grade pupils all succeeded in passing the state examination when it was presented at the end of the school year.

(Photo and information loaned the Messenger by the teacher, Margaret (Peacock) Denslow, 1924-25 and 1925-26.)

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Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher visited us Sunday evening and had lunch with us. Richard, Garry and Jim's were callers during the week. Ivan Dutcher was a Monday caller. Floyd Dutcher called on us Tuesday.

My phone was out Sunday evening and Monday morning, so could not get most of the news.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Owen of near Midland visited Julia Dutcher Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and family of Saginaw were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Minnie Hines and Minnie Strauch spent Friday over night and Saturday with them. Jessie Rosenkrantz and Hattie Losey were evening visitors. Flossie Flachs and Robert Hines were Saturday visitors. Robert and Minnie Hines had Saturday dinner with Ervin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad visited the Jim Dutchers Saturday evening. The Dale Dutchers were afternoon callers. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyke and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Maeder and boys were Sunday evening visitors.

The Dale Dutchers spent Saturday afternoon and evening with the Robert Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kelsey and family were Thursday evening callers of the Jim Dutchers.

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(Too Late for Last Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wernette of Greenville visited the Brian Dutchers and brought Chad home Sunday. He had spent the weekend with them, while Brian and Linda and Mr. and Mrs. Les Jenkins were in Renfro Valley, Kentucky.

Lois Cain and Patti Losey and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad were Monday visitors of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Eddie Oplinger visited Steve Dutcher Thursday evening.

The Garry Dutchers visited her folks at New Era and Montague over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sisco and family and Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman and Mike Schafer were Saturday dinner guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman and their daughter, Tracy, and her husband were Sunday callers.

Ervin and Ronna Dutcher visited the Jack Dutchers at their cabin Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dutcher and Gena and Toni of Flint spent Saturday and Sunday over night with us. They spent Sunday with her mother at a family reunion, and left Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and children had Sunday dinner with us. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe and children and the Richard Dutchers were afternoon callers.

Lois Cain of Grand Rapids came Sunday morning to the Ervin Dutchers', Sr., and went back home Monday morning.

The Monroe Dutchers of Clarkston came up Friday night and went home Sunday night. The Jack Dutchers of Lake Orion spent from Friday till Monday night at their cabin. They all had Sunday dinner with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Haydel were afternoon callers Sunday and spent over night with the Jack Dutchers at their cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Conklin of Midland and the Garry Dutchers were Monday afternoon callers of the Robert Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children spent Sunday with the Dale Dutchers of Mt. Pleasant, at a family reunion and birthday party for their mother, Phyllis Owen.

Ronna and Steve Dutcher had a wiener roast with the Jack Dutchers at their cabin Sunday evening.

The Jim Dutcher family had supper with the Rick Maeder family Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fyke visited the Jim Dutchers one evening.

Eloise Hogg and Flossie Flachs were callers of the Ervin Dutchers one evening during the week.

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**Brinton News**

Frances Beck, Reporter

Russell Wright returned to his work at Dow Chemical at Midland Tuesday.

Senior Citizens met last Thursday, with 20 attending. Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month. All Senior Citizens are invited to attend, at the Community Hall in Brinton.

Evelyn Slupe and family of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright. She and her mother, Violet, were in Alma Saturday.

Lewis Bowen has been doing some cement work for Elwood Miller the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Moore called on the Bowens Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Baskerville of Greenville called on Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright Saturday.

Lillie Maddox of Saginaw is spending some time with her sister-in-law, Velma Amy, of Gilmore. She came Tuesday to spend a few days with me.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beers and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Conley are spending some time fishing in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Fields and family of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with his mother, Jane Fields, and uncle, Tony Bartley.

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

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must be adopted by Nov. 6 or the County of Isabella will step in and name our building code for us. If the County of Isabella fails to do that, the State of Michigan will step in. It's that close to 1984.

Any township or group of townships adopting the lesser of the evils of building codes must enforce the code in its entirety--and it's a big thick book.

Any group of townships can go together as a unit and adopt the less evil code--which is the object of attempting to interest Nottawa and Broomfield folks in going in with us with a code less stringent than that written for Detroit and adopted as the state's building code, which is what we will get if we don't adopt one of our own.

Cost of enforcing a building code is high, which is the reason for several townships' going together on it, to share the cost.

Bless the legislature, and the State of Michigan. Republicans in the legislature say it was the Democratic majority in the legislature, bossed by the labor unions, who put the law across. Let us not forget that Gov. Milliken signed the bill.

In any case, regardless of who's to blame or why, it's now up to us as individuals to save a few shreds of individual freedom in our country settings here.

So mark your calendar and BE THERE at the Weidman School Saturday afternoon, Sept. 14--that's this Saturday.

Don't depend on someone else to save your liberties for you. Too many people doing that will lose our few remaining freedoms.

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### SCHOOLS BROKEN INTO

The garage at the Weidman School was broken into over the weekend, and a valuable set of tools belonging to Don Starr, and other tool items, were stolen. A complete list had not yet been made Monday afternoon.

The Beal City School was also broken into, and a small amount of change stolen from vending machines.

Sheriff's officers said that during the past two weeks breakins have occurred in schools in Clare and Farwell, and schools in Osceola, Gladwin and Isabella Counties.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spence and family, Mr. and Mrs. David McArthur and children and Miss Robin Young and Miss Earline Schwartz of Clare were guests at a family picnic dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beutler Sunday.

### FARM BUREAU WOMEN HOST "MEET THE CANDIDATES"

A "meet the candidates" program is being hosted by the Isabella County Farm Bureau Women's committee Wednesday at 8 p.m., Sept. 25. The meeting is slated for Room 124 in the County Building.

All candidates for state and county offices have been invited to be present and speak. A question and answer period will follow brief remarks by each candidate.

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### REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS SIX TABLES IN PLAY

At the regular card party sponsored by the Weidman Rebekahs last Tuesday afternoon, there were six tables of pepper in play. Ruth Gallagher won high-score prize for the ladies, Arza Mullet won high for the men;

Elizabeth Neubecker won the pepper prize. Mary Larson won low. Emma Tilmann drew the door prize.

The next card party at the Rebekah Hall in Weidman will be Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 17. Everyone is welcome.

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## Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey attended a Golden Wedding Open House for Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Moore of Barryton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. David Flower and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leiter and Stacy Sue spent 10 days at Foxey Inn near Kalkaska, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McArthur attended the funeral of Sylvester Dole Saturday at Mt. Pleasant.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl Allen and Brian of Midland were Saturday visitors of his mother, Mrs. Alton Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Don Green of Wheeler were recent visitors.

Mrs. Maude Robinson of West Palm Beach, Florida, and Mrs. Hugh Swindlehurst of Mt. Pleasant were Friday luncheon guests of Mrs. Claribel Beutler. They spent the afternoon visiting Mrs.

Clara Lutz of west Sherman. They also called on Connie Skinner while here.

Mrs. Mitchell McArthur and Mrs. Agnes Fox of Marion were co-hostesses at their card club, at the McArthur home Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tibbetts and children of East Lansing spent Saturday with their mother, Mrs. Claribel Beutler.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski, Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Coon and Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Bowen enjoyed a back-packing trip in the Huron Mountains, in the Upper Peninsula, last weekend. They spent five days in the wilderness, enjoying fishing, and returned last Tuesday. They spent a day or so at their camp up there. They got some nice trout.

John J. Middlesworth was taken by ambulance to Mt. Pleasant Friday, and then sent on to the hospital at Ann Arbor. However, his condition was such that he was taken to the hospital at Alma, where he has been since.

Edith Satterlee and daughter, Shirley Braman of Belding, spent Wednesday and were luncheon with her sister, Mrs. Helen Smith.

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