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Editor's Column

By Connie FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH THE GEM PEOPLE....



YOU WAIT, AND WAIT, AND WAIT, AND WAIT.

Connie Skinner was among the very many who thought brightly that the rain and storms of Thursday would be a good day to go. over to Mt. Pleasant and attempt to straighten out property valuations announced by the GEM Survey Company.

We were wrong. Everybody else thought there wouldn't be many people braving that weather to get their land valuations straight-

ened out.

We entered the very dingy waiting room in the basement of the jail annex and wiped our feet on the tattered mat or rug at the door (it's good enough for lowly taxpayers), and were met by a receptionist who looked about 17 years of age and who wore the miniest mini we had seen in a long time, even among University

There were two of these young micro-mini-skirted receptionists, and we will say they both had good legs (or torsos?) and both knew how to wear the micro-mini (Offered as a treat to the lines of waiting oafs objecting to the GEM Company's valuation of their lands? Or to show the utter, utter sophistication of the GEM Survey Company in comparison to us yokels? We'll never know.)

So we took our place among the solid ranks of lowly taxpayers on metal folding chairs along the walls of the waiting room.

There was no rest room for us. There was no drinking fountain (Continued on Next Page)



LAVINA HILL OF MT. PLEASANT (center, above) was the winner of the Snow Prince snowmobile given away by the Weidman Business Association last week. With Mrs. Hill are Bud Fredrickson (left), and Mick Schmalbach, both Messenger photo officers of the WBA.

Mrs. Hill lives at 821 North Kinney in Mt. Pleasant, is 57 years old and plans to use the snowmobile on her farm near

She is an emplose of the Mt. Pleasant Home and Training School, and never rode a snowmobile before, "But I'm going to, now," she said last week.
Diane Pung sold her the win-

ning ticket.

Over \$400 was realized from the ticket sales by the WBA, and proceeds will be used toward construction of flush toilets at Mitchell Memorial Park, officials said last week. WBA members have been working on this project for some time.

Last week was also the annual meeting for election of officers for the WBA.

Mick Schmalbach was named president for the coming year, with Dick Curtiss vice president; Walter J. Smith was re-elected secretary, and Bud Fredrickson re-elected treasurer.

Directors are Don Abbott, Alan Marshall and Jim Clark.

EASY SHOPPING! Order up a Messenger subscription.

TAXPAYERS TO MEET AT BROOMFIELD GRANGE HALL

A meeting has been scheduled for Friday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. at the Broomfield Grange Hall for taxpayers of Isabella County to discuss their grievances.

The meeting is sponsored by the Home Owners' Association, which started in Mt. Pleasant and has spread to include all residents of the county.

There will be a discussion of the GEM Survey Company's findings on our property valuations, one on the county zoning ordinance, and also the purpose of the Home Owners' Association will be explained.

All home and land owners in Isabella County are urged to attend this meeting.

Taxpayers can only be heard if they band together and develop a voice loud enough for officials to listen to.

Don't forget the date -- this Friday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m., the Broomfield Grange Hall, corner M-20 and the Coldwater Road.

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CLYDE J. BEUTLER

This area was shocked and saddened by the unexpected death of Clyde Beutler Sunday in CMC Hospital, where he was a patient for tests.

He apparently died of heart failure, and had been ailing for several weeks.

He was one of our most prominent citizens, having spent his life in public service, and was Chairman of the Isabella County Board of Supervisors when the Medical Care Facility at Mt. Pleasant was completed.

He was a veteran of World War I, and was twice wounded in France in the first drive by American forces.

He was a Past Master and secretary of James A. Cliff Lodge No. 424, F. & A.M., and a 32nddegree member of the Scottish Rites Consistory at Bay City.

Funeral services included a Masonic service Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus, and final services at the Crittenden Home on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m., with Pastor Marvin Eldridge officiating. Burial was in the Forest Hill Cemetery.

Clyde Beutler was born July 31, 1895, the son of John and Eliza Beutler, on the farm southwest of Weidman which John Beutler cleared with his own hands. Clyde spent his lifetime in Sherman Township.

He was united in marriage to Claribel Neebes in 1921.

He is survived bys his wife; and five children, Mrs. Robert (Marjorie) Tibbetts of East Lansing, James of Rosebush, Mrs. Forrest (Jeanette) Johnston of Rosebush, and Howard and Carl of rural Weidman. A brother, Hervey

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Editor's Column

By Connie

(Continued from Page 1) for those who became hot and dry after the first couple of hours. Connie Skinner waited about four home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. hours for her turn to be called (You're given a number, which eventually will be processed and one of the beauteous micro-miniskirted young things will call you.)

When we finally were called, after about four hours, as we have said, we were informed by the lantern-jawed "interviewer" assigned us that he had no authority to change any figures as to valuation. All he could do was listen to our complaints and make notes if he figured we had any legitimate gripes.

He hauled out our dossier, which contained two complete detailsheets for two houses, each with a floor-plan drawing of the build-

"You have an old farm house," our "interviewer" observed, "and also a new all-electric house, built in 1970, evidently beside the farm house. That is why the valuation on your home is \$46, -200."

Well, to make an excruciatingly long story short, he consented to make a note that we did not have and had not built a brand-new, all-electric house in 1970, valued by GEM Survey at \$38,700, but he would not take the report of the new electric house out of our file.

We snatched it out and laid it on the table and demanded he take it out, and he reached over us and took it and put it back, and we grabbed it out again, and he put it back again, etc.

We do not know if it will remain as taxable property against our old farmhouse property in Weidman.

We do know that the GEM Survey Company's "interviewers" claim they have no authority to change an I-dot or a figure on any valuation set on any piece of property.

"All we can do is hear your complaints and attempt to correct an error if there has been one made."

We claim that, in view of an error of this magnitude, no credence can be placed in any aspect of the GEM survey. We respectfully suggest that the Board of County Commissioners reject the survey in its entirety.

There is a great deal of work being done by private citizens to organize the helpless taxpayers and make a noise loud enough for the Board of County Commissioners to hear.

Contact Richard Tilmann, ph. 644-2278, or Mrs. Leonard Cashen of Mt. Pleasant, ph. 773-5779, for information on what you can do to induce the Com-

missioners to reject this outrageous "survey" by the GEM Company.

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North Weidman Elvah Gott, Reporter

Callers at the Earl Blodgett Clarence Lutz of Blanchard and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Richards of Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Latham had dinner with Laura Latham Friday,

The children of John Sheldon helped him celebrate his birthday with a dinner Saturday at his home.

Dewey Allbee called on Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olger one day last

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak of Royal Oak called on the Don Alwood family the weekend. They were at their cabin, and stopped in Mt. Pleasant to inquire about the valuation on their place by

the GEM Survey Company. Helen Alwood came home from the hospital last Thursday. Our sympathy goes out to the

Clyde Beutler family.

Mrs. Muriel Miller and family had pot-luck dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Micky Abbott and boys

Sunday.
Word has been received that Sam Waters was taken out of the intensive care unit at the hospital in Ann Arbor, Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blodgett have moved into their new home on Woodruff Road, the old Dr. Gillett house which George Mc-Clain, Jr., and Ivan Allen had moved from the McClain property. The Blodgetts were in the process of putting on new aluminum siding the first of the week, and plan complete renovating of the interior. Welcome to our neighborhood!

Brinton News Frances Beck, Reporter

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Fern Verette and Janet Beers were in Big Rapids Friday after-

Alfred Bartley received word of the death of his brother-inlaw, Wm. Spencer, in Grand Rapids Thursday night. He was buried in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mercer called on his mother at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant one day last week.

Nora Geasler and Flossie Forbes were in Remus Monday, where they called on their doctor. Nora has been ill with flu during the past week.

Homer Teeter of Big Rapids called on his mother in Brinton one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Teeter and family of Clare were Sunday callers.

Flossie Scott has been on the sick list the past week. Hope to see everyone feeling better

Coldwater Lake Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Well, another week is past and how they slip by so fast, I'll never know.

Last Wednesday evening Ed ano I called on my mother, Mable Klumpp, at Ardis Nursing Home and found her in good health and spirits. On our way home we stopped in at Ed's mother's, Tillie Schafer's, and had a nice visit with her.

Friday evening we went down to the house our son Jerry and bride-to-be, Jane Bader, have rented. They invited her parents, George and Virginia Bader, and us down to see the painting they had done. We played cards and were served lunch.

Sunday we went to Shepherd to auction off the rest of the household goods at my mother's house, as the house is up for sealed bids.

Blood donors are needed for Dorothy Schaefer of Coldwater Lake. Friends of the family, or anyone who will donate, may go to CMC Hospital and simply say that this donation is for Dorothey Schaefer. Any donations will be fervently appreciated by the family.

Walt and Dellie Wischmeyer left Friday noon for an anniversary celebration of a relative in Ohio. They returned Monday.

Well, guess that's it for this week. I really don't have too much extra time to get news, with the upcoming weddings.

Until next time, Marge.
P.S.--If anyone has any news for Coldwater Lake, please call 644-3967.

Monday evening Joyce Schafer, Renelda Klumpp, Bethal Scha-fer, Judy Schafer, Ruth Klumpp and I attended a shower for Jane Bader, at her parents' home. She received many nice gifts.

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Nov. 26 t3

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Oct. 2t10p

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Dec. 10t2

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Dec. 10t1

I will be at the Weidman Bank on the following days from 12.30 p.m. to 3, to collect Sherman Township Taxes and dog taxes:

Wednesday, Dec. 16, and also on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the same hours; and on Tuesday, Jan. 19, last day to pay taxes without penalty; and also on Wednesday, Feb. 10. Alma Dosenberry

Treasurer Sherman Township

FOR SALE--Brown nylon living room suite, new. Phone 644-3651, or mobile home across from church, Weidman. Dec. 10t1p

Card of Thanks

I want to thank the many wonderful people who came to see me, sent cards, plants, placed telephone calls, during my recent illness.

Especially I want to thank the Jerry Horstman family, who watched over me diligently and faithfully.

I think the Weidman people are the finest people in the world.

Ruth Momany

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all the kind friends and relatives for all the help given us while my husband, Clarence Conley, was in Butterworth Hospital.

Especially we thank Fern and Clayton Beutler, who took me to Grand Rapids to see him. I don't know what I'd have done without you!

Mrs. Clarence Conley

Card of Thanks

Sincere thanks to relatives and friends for the beautiful cards and letters sent, and for the prayers offered for me during my recent illness.

Your thoughtfulness and kindness is much appreciated, and shall always be remembered.

May God bless all of you in every way.

Louise M. Bengal 630 F Street San Diego, Calif 92101

bituary

WALTER KORNEXL Walter W. Kornexl, a former resident of the Beal City area, died last Wednesday, Dec. 3, at his home in Saginaw. He was 52. He was a cousin of Matt Kornex1.

He was born and raised in the Beal City area, and there once was a large family of Kornexls, the older members long gone.

Walter is survived by his wife, Elva, a daughter, Mrs. Bill (Mary) Schultz, and one son, Steve, both of Saginaw.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 9.30 a.m. at St. Matthew's Church in Zilwaukee. ---0---

Local Items

Mrs. Vera Hagerman entertained her family at Thanksgiving dinner. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Rex Querbach and family of Allegan and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hagerman of Mt. Pleasant.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Starks of Grand Rapids, a ninepound-14-ounce daughter, Amy Lynn, Nov. 30 at Osteopathic Hospital in Grand Rapids. This is the second child for Steven and Nancy (Adams). Mrs. Helen Adams of Weidman is one of the proud grandmothers.

Mr. and Mrs. David McArthur and family had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur and family.

the Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH (1 mile west of Weidman) Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, ph. 644-3504. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Preaching, 11 a.m.

Choir practice, 6.45 p.m. Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.

**** WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST

Rev. Athel J. Lynch, Pastor Weidman Church: Church School starts at 10 a.m. Worship Service, 11.15. Methodist Men, fourth Saturday

evening, 7 to 9. WSCS, first and third Thursdays

2.30 p.m., at the church. WINN CHURCH:

Worship service, 8.45 to 9.45. Sunday School, 10 a.m. COOMER CHURCH: Worship service, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 9 to 9.55 a.m.

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BROOMFIELD ZION LUTHERAN Located six miles south of Weidman on Coldwater Road. Rev. Edwin Schmelzer, Pastor Sunday School, 9.15 a.m. Worship Service, 10.30 a.m. Ladies' Aid meets on second Wednesday of each month.

GILMORE CHURCH OF CHRIST George Getchel, Minister Located six miles south of Farwell; northeast of Weidman on Coleman Road. Morning Worship, 9.30 a.m. Bible School, 10.30 a.m. Youth Hour, 6 p.m.

Evening Worship, 7.30 p.m. BETTER THAN A LETTER





Around Horr Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Margaret Denslow accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller to the home of their son, Paul, and family, at Frankenmuth for the weekend. They enjoyed Saturday evening dinner at the Bavarian Inn, celebrating Mrs. Denslow's birthday, which was Monday. Mrs. Eva Denslow called on Margaret and brought her a gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Denslow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ehler, and family, at Shepherd.

Mrs. Blanche Carr spent Friday afternoon with me. Monroe Beckwith was a Sunday afternoon call-

The Krueger children were Thursday overnight guests of Grandpa and Grandma Dent. Mrs. Mabel Sides was a Friday supper guest. Saturday guests were Walter Kirvan, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kirvan, Mrs. Emily Wood, Harold Krueger, and Lynn Johnson.

Guests at the Paul Miller home during the week were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Covert and Carl and Ellen Geasler.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Flora Wood were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist and Mrs. Janet Potter and Karen. The Bergquists had just returned from a 10-day vacation and business trip at the Johnson Product convention in San Francisco. They stayed at the Hilton Hotel. They spent Thanksgiving and the weekend with the Charles Hibberds. Mrs. Hibberd had fallen and broken her wrist.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Gross and Amy were Sunday guests at the Gerald Losey home. Mrs. Susie Chapman and Nancy Losey visited Bruce Chapman at the Great Lakes Training Station over the weekend.

Frank Benn was a Saturday caller at the Benn Johnson home.

Monroe Beckwith was a Sunday dinner guest at the Charlie Losey

Jack Thompson came home from the hospital last Monday, and was feeling some better.

Robert Bates was a Sunday caller at the Jim Thompson home. Sunday callers at the Alva Cummins home were Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White and Bill Cummins.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright were visitors during the week at the Wilbur Wright home.

Edwin J. Bierschbach of Detroit has been a guest at the Joe Martin home since Thanksgiving. ---0---

West Gilmore Lena Cole, Reporter

Mrs. Ruby Douglas received word Sunday that her sister, Mrs. Bessie Mull, of near Belding, is seriously ill with pneumonia. She had surgery last Thursday.

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Curtis and Mrs. Charlotte Hart, Mrs. Gaylord Hart and Roxann went to Lansing, Christmas shopping. They called on Mrs. Hart's nephew, Bob Hess. He reported that his mother, Mrs. Eva Hart Hess, was very seriously ill with cancer.

Hugh Douglas was reported as being some better. He was still in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler are the proud parents of a new baby boy.

Sunday visitors of Mrs. Charlotte Hart were Mr. and Mrs. Tye Strong of Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. Scotty McKenzie of north Clare, and Mrs. Jean Hart and Roxann.

The Paul Coles are out soliciting members for the Home Owners Association.

The old George Cole place near our home has been valued by the Gem Survey Company to within \$1,400 of the Redford Township (near Detroit) home which the present owner has.

Ken Bollman and another man from Littlefield Lake were Monday callers at the Paul Cole home, inquiring about the tax deals and the county zoning. --0---

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Bywater spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bywater at Comstock Park.

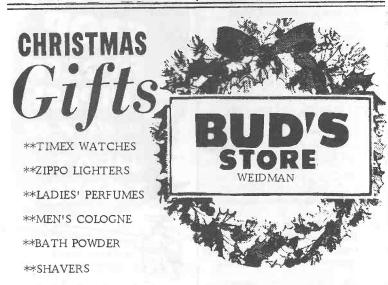
REBEKAH CARD PARTY HAS EIGHT TABLES IN PLAY

At the Rebekah-sponsored card party last Tuesday afternoon, there were eight tables of pepper in play.

Herman Cook won first prize for the men, Mrs. Rose Funnel first for the women. Eva Anstey won low. Matie Pung won the pepper prize, with the door prize going to Clifford Anstey.

The next Rebekah card party will be Dec. 15.

NEWS NOTES Sorry, folks, but we didn't do any calling this week for local items. We sat in a doctor's office to get help for a snorteroo of a cold, the germ of which we picked up while waiting four hours in an unventilated room with a hundred other people, to get an interview last Thursday with the Gem Survey people. We sure hope to do better next



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Beal City Dora Smith, Reporter

Mrs. Margaret Judge and daughter of Winn spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Clara Fox.

Larry and Wayne Egbert spent Saturday evening with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Smalley, and their folks, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert. They had a birthday party for the boys who celebrated their birthdays this month.

Mr. and Mrs. August Benaske have moved into Asa Andrews! trailer house in Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Al Klumpp spent Sunday in Shepherd.

Miss Louise M. Bengal of San Diego, a former teacher at Two Rivers and through Nottawa, was reported improving after a recent illness. She is 87.

Mrs. $\overline{\mathrm{M}}$ atie Pung drove to Midland Wednesday to see her doctor, for a complete checkup. Mrs. Tony Schafer spent Sun-

day in Mt. Pleasant.

Winter weather has closed in. Mrs. June Blasen called on Louise Smith Wednesday morning, and took Ann Smith along to see her daughter, Kay, and family in Midland, and do some

Delores and Brian Rau called' on Louise Smith Tuesday.

NEWS NOTES Mrs. Hermione Smith had Sunday dinner with the Don Smith family.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Krueger and Mrs. Edwin Courser were among those who attended the Open House for Dr. Putzig, given by the community in honor of his 30 years' service as physician to the area around Blanchard and the surrounding territory.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson were Sunday dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Leona Courser.

Chris and Bob Larson went to Saginaw Monday and visited the Louis Larsons at Tuscola.

Mrs. Nettie Crowley broke her foot last week, and is in the Ed-more hospital. Her brother, Jay Leinaar, has a broken finger.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Moses of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening guests of Mrs. Nettie Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn of Belding were Saturday evening and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lorenz visited Mrs. Herman Martin Monday. Mrs. Martin and her house guest, Mrs. Leah Wright, of Muskegon, were Saturday visitors of the Lorenzes. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Trap came for their mother, Mrs. Wright, Sunday, to take her home. Ruby and Janet Schupbach called on Mrs. Martin Wednesday afternoon.

Roxanne Hines and Jeanette Flachs visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines, Sunday afternonn. Minnie spent Monday night at the home of

her daughter, Flossie.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder were Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook and fam-

Mrs. Evalena Grant and a lady friend of Deckerville were overnight guests at the Nettie Crowley home.

Mrs. E.R. Rhode, Mrs. Ethel Carrick, Mrs. Herman Lueder and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eldred visited Mrs. Maycie Cook at the Billings Home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and baby were Sunday dinner guests of Blanche Carr. Blanche called on Mrs. Beth Jackson Monday at the Richard Gilpin home near Mt. Pleasant, and was a dinner guest at the Arnold Krueger home.

John Sheldon celebrated his 87th birthday Saturday. Those of his family who had dinner with him were Minnie Flaugher, Doris Wilmot and Linda, Millie Voss and Stacey, Laura Latham, Mr. and Mrs. John Sheldon, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaugher had supper Sunday with their son, Richard, and family at Lake

Mr. and Mrs. Orves Cook, Herman and Aliance Cook and Glee

Krueger attended the Open House for Dr. Putzig at Blanchard Sunday. Orves and Gilda spent the evening with Herman, Glee and Aliance.

Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lueder.

---0---FARWELL MEMBERS VISIT HEP TOPS CLUB HERE

The Weidman "Hep" TOPS Club held its regular meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 1, with Jeanne Smith, president, opening the meeting with salute to the flag. Regular procedures of meeting followed.

We were pleased to have five members from the Farwell Hi-Lo TOPS visit us, namely Grace Stittsworth, Kay Craford, Linda Boyer, Lynn Wittbeck and Betty Court.

Delores Rau was our Queen for the month of November, and also Queen for the week, with most weight lost.

Bessie Allen and Wanda Graham both had loss records to be proud of, and tied for back-slider Queens.

All members remember our bake sale at Fox Hardware in Weidman Dec. 12. See you lighter. E. V.S. BETTER THAN A LETTER



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Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray visited their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Max Gray, of Midland Thursday and spent the night with them, returning home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga and family were Sunday dinner guests of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.

Gray.

Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow were Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Burton of north Clare, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney. Mr. and Mrs. Finney and Scott and Michael were dinner guests Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peeper and James and Randy were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters. Mr. Arthur Loomis was a recent visitor

at his son's home.

Miss Nancy Benedict of Tulsa, Okla., visited Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson and Roddy last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Henning of Hersey visited them Saturday afternoon. Mr. Henning arrived home from Vietnam Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson attended a Hunters' Ball at Remus Saturday evening. They were Sunday dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Leona Courser, of Mt. Plea-

sant.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Zill of St. Charles were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and sons. Mrs. Zill reported the boys have been having the flu, but were better and able to return to school Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley were both on the sick list the past week with "Ole Mr. Flu".

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dillenbeck.

Clayton Beutler took Mrs. Lena St. John and Mrs. Opal Denslow to Flint Friday, where they attended the funeral of Mr. Ezra Sutliff at Riegle Sunset Chapel. Mr. Sutliff was a nephew of the late Earl St. John, and cousin of Mrs. Denslow. We extend our sympathy to relatives and friends.

Mr. Beutler, Mrs. St. John and Mrs. Denslow called on Mrs. Jennie Pratt, enjoying coffee and cake and a short visit before re-

turning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock and Philip visited Mr. and Mrs. Dick Touchinski of Weidman Sunday afternoon, to make the acquaintance of the latters' new baby girl, Terri Lynn. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Norman Geasler, to make the acquaintance of the latters' new baby son. Haven't heard what they call the young man yet. Congratulations to both couples on their new arrivals!

Mrs. Russell Stanley had a checkup at the Davis Clinic lab-

oratory Wednesday morning. Later she and Mr. Stanley called on Mrs. Raymond Elliott. Mrs. Stanley attended a houseware party at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Donald Pung, at Beal City Wednesday evening. Mrs. Elliott also attended, and was an overnight guest at the Stanley home.

Mrs. Stanley accompanied Mrs. Elliott home Thursday, and attended the Mt. Pleasant Topettes TOPS Club meeting with her Thursday evening. Mrs. Pung is also a member of "Topettes" and it was an inspiring and enjoyable meeting. After the meeting, the club had a bazaar, with many beautiful articles displayed and members bought them for Christmas gifts. Later, Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Stanley enjoyed a smorgasbord of Christmas delicacies at Post Pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley visited Mr and Mrs. Edwin Cook of Canadian Lakes Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Cook were Saturday evening luncheon guests at the Stanley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley attended the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sarota at the VFW Hall in Farwell Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ray (Marsha Stanley) and son, Michael Andrew, of Sparta visited her grandparents Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. David Moore and family of Lake Thirteen and Deborah Pung of Beal City were Sunday dinner guests.

Mrs. Lyle Denslow and daughter, Mrs. Robert Corwin, and Kyle Marie took the former's sister, Mrs. Wyona Risdon, of Blanchard, to Grand Rapids Thursday, where the latter visited her doctor.

Mrs. Denslow went with Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz of rural Remus to Grand Rapids Saturday where they shopped for Christmas gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and Cindy, Valerie and David enjoyed fish supper Wednesday evening with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Leiter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Voss and Stacey were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilmot of of Weidman.

Mrs. Barry Conley and Kurt visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Skalitzky spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis at Sherman City.

Everyone in the community is welcome at the Christmas potluck supper and get-together Sunday evening, Dec. 13, at the Brinton Hall.

Merry Christmas, and a prayer for peace!

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Word from the Wilbur Edmonds from Florida is that she is doing real well with arthritis, which was quite bad when they left here. They are at Port Ritchey. They spend the winter there, and now plan to spend most of the year there.

Central Gilmore

Lola Fordyce, Reporter Mrs. Emma Phipps has left the Midland hospital and entered the Medical Care Facility at Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fordyce Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pitts.

A large crowd attended the wedding of Mona Pitts and David Wood Friday night at the Gilmore Church of Christ.

The Merry Go Round Club will hold its Christmas party Thursday at the home of Wanda Graham in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Phillips were Sunday dinner guests of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Stevens, of Sanford.

The Church of Christ Area Men's Fellowship dinner and meeting was held Monday evening at the Gilmore Church. A lovely fish dinner was enjoyed by all the men.

The Women's Fellowship Christmas meeting was held in the Church room Tuesday evening. It was a Christmas party, a time to learn from whom you'd been receiving cards and gifts all the year. New names were drawn for next year's Mystery Sisters.

Each lady was asked to bring a dish of her own favorite salad.

The high winds Saturday afternoon did quite some damage at the Kenneth Seymour place. It picked his new utility building up and turned it a quarter-way around, damaging it, and also damaged the trailer, car, lawn mower, and a few other things in the building.

Mrs. Verna Seymour and Mrs. Lola Fordyce called on Mrs. Juanita Jarman at Lake Isabella Saturday afternoon.

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Local Items

Ruth Momany returned to helping mail the Messenger last week for the first time in quite a while, as she had suffered from a virus infection for weeks. Good to see you out and around again, Ruth!

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Johnson of Lansing are the parents of a boy, born Nov. 23. This makes Mrs. Kit Johnson a great-grandmother

for the fourth time.

Ruth Momany received word Saturday that her mother, Mrs. Jennie Speakes, of Pleasanton, Kansas, had passed away that morning. Mrs. Speakes was 89, and had been in a rest home for more than a year, with no hope of recovery. She was a patient sufferer.



COMPLETE LINE OF FURNITURE AND HOME FURNISHINGS.

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CONTINENTAL LEAGUE Dec. 2

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Central Concrete	26.5	
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Pabst Blue Ribbon	18.5	
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High Team Series: Central Concrete 3107. High Team Game: Central Concrete 1094.

High Indy. Series: Bob Hartupee 612, Joe Hartupee 598, Mel Pohl 580.

High Indv. Game: Bob Hartupee 267, Joe Hartupee 253, Harry Smith 221.

GUYS & DOLLS

Dec. 4		
McArthur-Anderson	36.5	19.
Thon-Blake	36	20
Blehm-Hyde	34	22
Moore-Long	34	22
Nolte-Kolarik	31	25
Bierschbach-Zill	31	25
Bleise-Straus	30	26
Ecker-Eldred	30	26
Lawens-Pantenburg	29.5	26.
McConnell-Myers	26	30
Moore-Moravy	13	43
Stewart-Bleise	6	50
Split conversions: Io	vce Str	aus

5-7. Carol Bierschbach 2-5-7. Bob Bleise 3-6-7-10.

High Team Series: Thon & Blake 2333. High Team Game: Thon & Blake 849.

High Indv. Series, men: Dale Lawens 555, Bob Anderson 547, Arnold Rhode (sub) 545.

High Indv. Series, women:Barb Moore 536, Mary Blake 528, Mary Hyde 482.

High Indv. Game, men: Bob Anderson 213, Percy Blake 204, Jerry Thon 198.

High Indv. Game, women: Mary Hyde 214, Barb Moore 196, Barb Thon 179, Mary Blake 179. --0--

Coldwater Lake Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

(Omitted Last Week)

How's everyone this week? I hope better than I. I just can't seem to get rid of my cold since I had the flu.

Walt and Dellie Wischmeyer spent the weekend in the southern part of the state. They attended a wedding in Ohio.

Jerry Schafer and Jane Bader went to Traverse City Wednesday and helped his sister, Ruth Ann Sherlock, and family move to Kalkaska, where they had lived before. Thursday morning Ed and I and boys, Bill and Bob, went up for Thanksgiving dinner and to help them finish moving.

Friday evening Jerry Schafer and Jane Bader helped her sister, have rented the house they lived

Had a nice visit with Loretta Lorenz. Pete was resting. He had put in a bad night. Loretta called on Dorothy Tilmann Saturday to wish her a Happy Birthday. Happy Birthday, Dorothy!

Loretta and Pete went to the home of their daughter, Rose Simmer, and not finding her at home, called on Noreen Thelen. Bill and Eva Lorenz and children were their visitors Friday. Thelma Bossche and daughter, Jean, were Sunday visitors.

Curtiss DuVall, teacher at Beal City, was another lucky hunter. He got a nine-pointer.

Sunday evening a number from here attended a wedding reception for Jerry and Betty (Klumpp) Wilson at the Moose Club in Mt. Pleasant. They flew to Las Vegas on their honeymoon. Those attending from here were Don and Judy Schafer, Al and Ruth Klumpp and Maxine, Bob and Renelda Klumpp and sons, Pam Safford, Jane Bader, and Ed and Marge Schafer and son Jerry.

John and Sharon Schafer and family of Bay City called on us Sunday. ---0---

HOW CAN IT BE?

(The following Letter to the Editor is reprinted from Grit newspaper.)

My grandson, PFC. John Edward Marcotte, sent me a letter so everyone would know how one man felt about world conditions. The man was a buddy of his named John Volks. He was shortly thereafter killed in a fight with the enemy. These were his thoughts:

"My God, how can it be?...that one boy lies rotting from malnutrition and torture in a jungle prison camp in North Vietnam! Anoth. er boy spits and tramples on a flag of his country on the steps of a university!

"That one boy lies sightless in a U.S. Army hospital from communist-inflicted wounds. And another uses a communist flag to drape himself in defiance of the laws of his country.

"That one man of medicine begins his 13th straight hour, standing over an operating table in pursuit of life for a man serving his country. And another man of medicine employs crowds of young men to refuse to serve their country.

"That one soul brother holds the face of his dead white buddy and cries pitifully in a dirty mud hole in Vietnam. And another brother screams with hate against his white brother on the streets of American cities.

"That one boy lies in a coffin beneath the ground. Why? Because he believed in his duty to his country. And another boy lies on a dirty cot, giving blood to the enemies of his country!

"That one man of God shields a Linda Kandaris, and family move wounded boy from an enemy greto Greenville. Jerry and Jane with his body and dies? And nade with his body and dies? And

another man of God uses his clothes as a shield to preach hate, dissension and lawlessness!"

We all feel that everyone possible should read this inspiring letter given to my grandson by his friend.

Mrs. Dora B. Andrus Corinth, N.Y.

in the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

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CLYDE BEUTLER

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Beutler, of East Lansing, auso survives.

He also leaves 16 grandchildren to mourn their loss.

He retired from farming in 1960 and he and his wife made their home in the village of Weidman.

He served as Supervisor of Sherman Township since 1961, and as a member of the Township Board since 1932.

He served 24 years on the Weidman Board of Education. He was a charter director of the Isabella Soil Conservation District.

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

Men in Uniform

Here's a new address: Casey C. Straus, D500156, TMSA, 1st LT. Division, AUW School, SSC-NTC, Orlando, Florida 32813.

Here's another address: P.F.C. Walter W. Davis, 374-54-9358, 201st AVN Co. (Corps) APO San Francisco 96350.

He is now in Vietnam, in the helicopter division. He would appreciate hearing from the folks back home.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poet and Mrs. Fay Stephenson of Clare spent Monday with their aunt, Edna Schultz.



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BRINTON QUILTING CLUB

CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC. 13
The Brinton Quilting Club will hold its annual pot-luck Christmas supper at the Brinton Community Hall this Sunday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m.

This is a neighborly get-together, and the public is cordially in-

vited to attend.

S. W. Sherman Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

The community was saddened to hear of the death of Clyde Beutler Sunday at CMC Hospital. The family have our deepest sympathy.

Orrie Merrihew had oyster dinner with Orval Sunday after church, and spent the afternoon.

Mrs. Ronna Dutcher and Sandra called on Barbara Dutcher Sunday afternoon.

Marion and Mary Beutler and Alma Dosenberry attended a School of Instruction for the Eastern Stars at Winn Monday

The Busy Bees were to meet with Mrs. Marion Beutler this week, but it has been postponed for this month, due to the death of Clyde Beutler.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew visited Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Barryton Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler

went with two other couples to the American Federation of Farm Bureau at Houston, Texas. They left Saturday morning and expected to return home late Wednesday night. Their daughter, Diane, stayed with her cousin, Laurel Beutler, and Billy stayed with the Tracy Bywaters.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Schafer and family and Lee Schafer and Miss Phillips visited the Garry Dutchers Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Swan of Mt. Pleasant spent Friday evening with the Harry Gatehouses. Louann Maeder spent Monday evening with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called on the Ervin Dutchers one morning last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher visited the Robert Hineses Thursday evening.

Mrs. Ronna Dutcher and Sandra were Saturday callers of the Ervin Dutchers. Steve was a Friday evening caller at the Clayton Dutchers'. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher and sons had Monday supper with his folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher visited the Dale and Robert Dutchers Sunday, and they all had Sunday dinner with Robert and his family.

Monroe Beckwith of Otisville spent Saturday and Sunday over night with the Ervin Dutchers. He had lunch with the Clayton Dutchers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald called on Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stadfeld of Remus Sunday mor-

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stadfeld of Remus and cousins, Miss Gertrude May of Muskegon and Mrs. Leslie Bowen of School Section Lake visited the Carl Fitzgeralds Sunday afternoon. In the evening Carl's and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Decker of Barryton attended the Jose Molina Spanish Dancers' performance at Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fitzgerald spent Saturday morning shopping in Grand Rapids. In the afternoon they visited an aunt, Mrs. Fred Mooney, there.

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Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger attended the Latham cousins' Christmas party at the Jim Latham home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Connors of Stanwood and Danny's mother, Mrs. Katherine Connors, called on Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Olger and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Connors attended the Latham cousins' Christmas party Saturday evening. The Dale Olgers called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murray, of Blanchard, Sunday evening.

Betty Wheeler, president, Betty Demski, secretary, Lola Strandburg, Elva Garvin and Margaret Olendt, trustees of Borley-Hanel VFW Auxiliary No. 3033 of Mt. Pleasant, met Monday evening with Esther Skinner, treasurer, to audit the Auxiliary books. Esther served a little lunch and coffee afterward.

---0---The Wischmeyers' guests for Thanksgiving were their son, Wade, and family of Alma. Their three granddaughters spent their vacation with them.



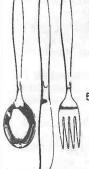


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