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OBITUARY

Rachel Marguerite Cook was born April 8, 1907, in Broomfield Township, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook.

She attended High School and College in Mt. Pleasant. Later she taught school for seven years.

In 1937 she was united in marriage to Thomas Latham of Sherman Township. They made their home in Remus, where their two children were born: Eugene of Webberville, and Mary of Lansing.

Tom and Rachel celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary in November of 1962.

She passed away at Ford Hospital Aug. 13, 1964, after a brief illness.

She leaves, besides her husband, son and daughter, a granddaughter, Robin Latham; her mother, Mrs. Mary Cook; a sister, Mrs. Helen Lueder, of Saginaw; and five brothers, Arthur of Indiana, Leonard of Dearborn, Carl, Fritz and Edwin of this vicinity.

Services were conducted from the Remus Lutheran Church Sunday, Aug. 16. She was laid to rest in the Forest Hill Cemetery in Sherman Township.

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BEAL CITY SCHOOL HAS EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM WEST GERMANY

Elke Kolb, sixteen years old, an exchange student from Schneidheim, in the State of Hessen, near Frankfurt-on-Main, West Germany, is staying with the Frank Schafer family to attend Beal City High School this year.

She will be a Senior in the Beal City School, and will graduate there next spring.

She arrived last Saturday, and the Schafers say they are delighted with her, as she fits into the family beautifully and her stay will be educational for all around her as well as for herself as she learns about American schools.

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NEWS NOTE

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith and son, Wayne, and family, of Greenville, spent from last Thursday till Sunday vacationing near Charlevoix. Saturday they went to Mackinac Island, sightseeing. The Wayne Smiths' daughter, Annette, is spending the week with Clayton and Clara.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dutcher spent a vacation week camping at Cass Lake, near Fenton. The grandparents kept the children while the parents were away.

NAME THE PICTURE



NAME THE PICTURE WAS NAMED

Friday, last week, about as soon as the paper was in the readers' hands, Leon McArthur called to tell us the picture we had on our front page was that of Floyd McClenathan, head miller for the Holmes Milling Company and later for Floyd Mitchell, at the Weidman Mill.

The McClenathans lived in the house next west from the Drallette home, and we remember some of the McClenathan children. Later they moved to Elwell, where Mr. McClenathan bought his own mill.

Floyd McClenathan was a member of the current Weidman Orchestra, which practiced faithfully once a week, sometimes at McClenathans', and we can remember their practicing at the Allie Shephard home across from the old Flower place, which became the old Roe place.

Floyd McClenathan played the violin, Leon recalls, as did also Allie Shephard; and there were Gladys McArthur at the piano, Leon playing baritone and later trumpet; Addie Parks played the tuba; Tip Johnson was on drums; and Len Andrews was also in it, and Rolla Roe was there with his flute.

Apparently the orchestra became a band in later times, for we can remember Rolla Roe bought a piccolo, and that's a band instrument. Others can re-

call something of the marching band that originated from that first Weidman Orchestra.

The Weidman Mill made Klondike flour, which was used by many housewives, including Minnie Roe, to make bread. No other kind or brand would do for bread.

Leon McArthur tells us the flour's, the Klondike and the Log House Pancake flour, were carefully blended to formulas, according to tests of winter wheat. Spring wheat was used in whatever amount indicated by the winter-wheat tests.

Leon also told us that all products of the Holmes Milling Co., under which name it continued after Floyd Mitchell had bought controlling interest, were carefully tested formulas. New flour-milling machinery was installed at the Weidman Mill in about 1940. Floyd Mitchell died in 1948.

Today the mill has discarded all flour-making business, concentrating on farm feeds and grinding, and grain buying and storage, and a big bulk fertilizer warehouse.

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Spending the week with Mrs. Vada Carroll are Mrs. E. Tuckey of Hyattsville, Md.; Miss Elsie Aument, also of Hyattsville; Mrs. Izetta Drew of Bridgeport, Conn.; Mrs. Jessie Adams of Fairfield, Conn.; and John Daniels of Detroit.

NEW BUSINESS PLACE FOR TOWN OF WEIDMAN

Adams' Drive-In opened for business this week, in a spanking brand-new building at the intersection of North Woodruff Road (Weidman's north blacktop) and the Airline Road.

The drive-in offers ice cream, dairy shakes, hamburgers and hot dogs.

Helen Adams is manager of the place. Work is still going on as to outside details, but the inside is completed and inspected and ready for business.

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ROWENA ALLEN RECEIVES REAL ESTATE SALESMAN'S LICENSE FOR BUSINESS HERE

Rowena (Mrs. Ivan) Allen received her Real Estate Salesman's license Aug. 7, issued by the State of Michigan Corporation & Securities Commission. Her employing broker is Gordon Munn of Six Lakes.

Mrs. Allen is enthusiastic and intelligent, and we welcome her license to do business as a real estate saleswoman in this area.

It is another indication of the general acceleration of the Weidman-Beal City area, motivated largely by lake and river-front developments surrounding the two villages.

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OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY TO SAY GOODBYE TO THE BANNINGERS

People of the Nottawa School District announce an Open House Going Away party for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Banninger and Barbara, who expect to leave for their new home in Pentwater by the last of this month.

Mr. Banninger has been Superintendent of the Beal City Public Schools for 14 years, and the family has very many friends.

The party will be from 8 to 10 o'clock Sunday evening in the All-Purpose room of the Beal City Public High School.

Friends of the family are invited to attend.

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STRUBLE REUNION HELD AT LITTLEFIELD LAKE

The Struble Family Reunion was held Aug. 9 at Mr. and Mrs. Sid Strubles' Cedar Bay Camp Site on Littlefield Lake.

About 100 attended, from Adrian, Flint, Birmingham, Belleville, Hastings, Sears, Ionia, Harrison, and Mt. Pleasant, and Wavesson, Napoleon, Ohio.

Ice cream and picnic dinner were enjoyed at noon. Games and prizes were highlights for the children in the afternoon.

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WANT ADS

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FOR SALE--Heavy Rhode Island hens, \$1 each live, dressed 30¢ extra. Orders for dressed hens in by Monday will be ready Tuesday night. Jake Weber, 1 mile north of Beal City. Phone 644-3684. Au14-21p

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I live in Weidman, across from the school. ROWENA ALLEN, ph. 644-3721. Aug. 21t3p

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my relatives, friends and neighbors for being so good during the illness and death of my husband. I thank the ladies for the nice food. I thank everyone. Mrs. Frank Sisco, Brinton.

TOWNSHIP CAUCUS

Notice Is Hereby Given, That a Republican Party Township Caucus will be held at Sherman Township Hall, on the
29TH DAY OF AUGUST
1964

At 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for Township Offices for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk.

One Justice, full term.

One Trustee; 3 constables.

By order of Wayne Charnes, Chairman.

Signed: IOLA MILLER, Clerk of Township of Sherman, Mich.

Last Day to Register for General Election: Oct. 5. Aug. 21t2

TOWNSHIP CAUCUS

Notice Is Hereby Given, That a Democratic Party Township Caucus will be held at Sherman Township Hall, on the
29TH DAY OF AUGUST
1964

At 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for Township Offices for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer.

One Justice of Peace, Full

Term. One Trustee; 3 constables.

By order of Harold Branson, Chairman.

Signed, IOLA MILLER, Clerk of Township of Sherman, Mich.

Last day to Register for General Election: Oct. 5. Aug. 21t2

GOOD NEWS

We proudly announce the opening of our all-new Drive-In. We have gone all-out to provide the people in this area good food in the cleanest establishment in Central Michigan

We hope that you as customers are pleased with the food and service. Please bear with us in this our first experience in this type of business.

Watch for our Grand Opening soon.

ROY AND HELEN ADAMS

Nottawa News

MADeline STEVENS, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steffke are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Saturday, Aug. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott of Mt. Pleasant visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens Sunday evening. Mrs. E. Rhode and Harold called on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Margaret Johnston visited Clyde Johnston in the Midland Hospital, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Straus are the proud parents of a baby boy, who is named Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hemingway and son of Mt. Morris spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald

Vogel. Mrs. Vogel started work at the State Home and Training School this week.

Mrs. Lillian Johnston visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hogue of Clare Sunday.

Mrs. Dick Clare is caring for the children while Mrs. Jerry Yuncker is in the hospital at Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hauck had dinner Thursday, in honor of Harry Hauck's 87th birthday. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. John Reihl and Mrs. Kerry Miller. Thursday evening Mrs. Luella Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zuker and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin called on Mr. Hauck, observing his birthday.

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Jerry Cook has moved his father's furniture out to the Ken McDaniels' home, as Fritz is still in the Mt. Pleasant hospital

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Nottawa News

Ben Weber had a bee Saturday, to tear down his house in preparation for building a new one. They are building a basement in which to live till the new house will be completed. The family is living in the basement living quarters of Ben's brother, Fuzzy.

Amelia Wieber called on Mrs. Ruth Simmer Monday forenoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Faber spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Faber of Shepherd.

Cindy Folsom of Lansing spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wawersik, and boys. They took her home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert and boys and Freddie Yuncker spent Sunday in Grand Rapids visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Schneider, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gallagher of Florida spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gallagher at Coldwater Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin and Mr. and Mrs. John Reihl spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. John Faber.

Amelia Wieber spent Wednesday with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hauck, of Rosebush.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Schmidt are the proud parents of twin girls, born Monday, Aug. 17, at Community Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. This is the second pair of twins for the Schmidts.

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N.W. Sherman

Ollie Denslow, Reporter

Mrs. Howard Monroe will be leaving for Ann Arbor Aug. 22, for more tests at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson spent Sunday with her father, Manley Oliver, of Remus.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Corwin of Co-runna spent Monday and Tuesday of this week with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow.

Mrs. Lyle Denslow attended the Taylor and Ruthruff Reunion at Pine Grove Park in Rolland Township Sunday.

Miss Julie Denslow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Red Denslow of Midland, spent Tuesday night with her cousin, Terri Loomis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis.

The Busy Bees Club met with Mrs. Leo Denslow last Thursday, with 12 members, three children and two visitors present. A lovely lunch was served. It was not decided where the next meeting will take place.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Finney are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and baby daughter, Deanna, took an overnight trip North last weekend. They crossed the Mackinaw

Bridge to the Upper Peninsula and to Sault Ste. Marie.

Sunday evening callers of Mrs. Lyle Denslow were her sister, Mrs. Maudie Cahoon, and daughters, Pattie and Mrs. Robert Tice, all of Mt. Pleasant.

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S. W. Sherman

EVALENA HIBBERD, Reporter

Miss Arlene VanBuren and her friend, Terry King, of Unionville, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines of rural Remus were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher. Floyd Dutcher called in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Dutcher spent Sunday evening at the John Hibberd home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew spent a very pleasant week visiting their children and other relatives. They visited Dale Merrihew and family in Clio, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Small (Zilpha) in Smith Creek, Rev. and Mrs. Russell Stanley (Audrey) and children of Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fish of Pontiac, Mr. and Mrs. Del Hare of Northville, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher of Clarkston, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Kirvan of Pontiac, and Mrs. Edith Neelands, a sister of Mr. Merrihew, also of Pontiac. They returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Merrihew and children spent the weekend at Houghton Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Forbes and son Norman, left Thursday for their home in Scottsdale, Ariz., after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hibberd.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kahler of Davison called on her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hibberd, Monday afternoon, on their way home from a trip in Northern Michigan and Mackinac Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dutcher spent the weekend in Pontiac and Detroit, camping at a lake near Pontiac with three other couples.

The Clayton Dutchers are remodeling their house, putting on aluminum siding and changing some of the windows. Their son, Bob, is doing the work. Mr. and Mrs. Dutcher attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Kobal, in Mt. Pleasant, Sunday afternoon.

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N. Brinton

CORA ESTES, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker and Jack were in Saginaw Monday. The Baker family attended the Ionia Fair Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted spent Tuesday with friends in Lansing.

Mrs. Leland Forbes and Lena St. John attended the funeral of Fey Middlesworth in Weidman.

The Wm. Forbes family of Drayton Plains, near Pontiac, who were here the past week visiting relatives, returned to their home Saturday.

John and Jack Baker are helping

at the Talsma Farms.

Sunday callers at the Leland Forbes home were Mrs. Roy Stevens of Detroit, a niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gray and two children of Mt. Clemens, and Mrs. Forbes' sister, Caroline Alston, of Clare.

The Keith Baker family of Grand Rapids were Sunday visitors of relatives here.

Mrs. Gilbert Schrock fell recently, breaking a bone near the ankle.

Saturday callers at the Walter Tower home were his brother, Floyd, and Pauline, of Remus.

There was a large attendance at the Bible School program Sunday in Brinton.

Mrs. Mike White and baby, Michelle, of rural Clare, were last Thursday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower.

The Coldwater Farm Bureau group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ferweda at Crooked Lake Friday evening. Our September meeting will be with Bessie Forbes and her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler and Fred and Mary, and Lena St. John spent Sunday with the Rudolph Fritz family in Jonesville.

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News Notes

Mrs. Gladys Gillespie and daughter Joy, of Bay City were last week guests at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shook.

Mrs. Hermione Smith was a Sunday dinner guests of the Don Smith family.

Alfred Sprague and Helen Cotter

and Donald Beutler were Saturday afternoon callers at the Roy D. Sprague home. They are from Lansing.

A birthday dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague was held at the Roy D. Sprague home Sunday. Mrs. Bessie Teall was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Holdship, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Nagy and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Theisen, all of Mt. Pleasant, were Sunday visitors at the Earl Hammond home.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fritz of Coldwater called on Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur and family Monday evening.

Micky Plummer of Marlette is spending the week with Douglas McArthur.

Mrs. Edna Hammond visited her mother, Mrs. Sarah Wiley, in Barryton, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bywater and family of Midland spent Sunday with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bywater.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Allen of St. Louis are spending the week with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen.

Glenn Reynolds and wife, and son, Ed, of Pontiac were recent visitors at the Mrs. Bertha Clark home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Knudsen and three children of Trenton, and Mrs. Lela Whearett made a trip to Mackinac Island the weekend.

The Knudsens, who have been visiting here since last Friday, left Tuesday for their home, after which they will go to Indiana to visit relatives.

Mrs. Tom Brooks of Farwell attended the funeral of Fey Middlesworth Saturday, and later visited Mrs. Bertha Clark.

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MANY ATTEND FUNERAL OF FEY MIDDLESWORTH

So many friends and relatives attended the funeral of Fey Middlesworth last Saturday that the overflow was seated in the basement of the church. Fey's, friends were from all over, in Weidman and the Weidman area, and some from far away.

Among those from away were Howard Nellis of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pelham of Jackson, Bruce Middlesworth of Laurel, Md., John and Gertrude Middlesworth of Drayton Plains, Mrs. Will Johnson of Swartz Creek;

Mr. and Mrs. Al Brown, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stamm, all of Saginaw; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole of Midland; Mrs. Frances Going of Sheridan; Mr. and Mrs. Byron Nichols of Romeo; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lossing of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Mike McHugh of Pinconning; Mrs. Harold Cotter and Don Beutler of Lansing; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beutler of Roscommon and Mrs. J. U. Donihoo and son and daughter of Pauls Valley, Okla.

The latter are staying this week with the Wayne Charnes family.

Fey was born May 11, 1885, in Gaines, Mich., and was brought up in the merchandising business. His father, George Middlesworth, Sr., had a store in Saginaw, then one at Brinton for a short period. Fey was nine years old when the family came to Weidman from Brinton.

He was always very active in civic affairs, and besides being on the School Board which accomplished the consolidation of districts now comprising the Weidman Community School, and getting the new building erected, he was treasurer of the Isabella County Republican Committee for many years.

He was also always active in affairs of the Masonic Lodge, and was a life member of the Weidman lodge. He was also a member of the Weidman Methodist Church.

He was always intensely interested in school athletics, attending all the basketball games till recently. He was a baseball enthusiast, and followed these games every season.

His passing is mourned by the entire community.

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RARE BIRD FLIES INTO WINDOW AT INA GILLETTE'S

A bird quite rare in these parts, tentatively identified with the aid of various bird books as the Bohemian waxwing, flew against a window at Ina Gillette's last week and died.

It was smaller than a sparrow, with a bright yellow or gold band across its tail. Its wing feathers showed hints of white edges.

The Bohemian waxwing is a bright-colored bird when adult,

with red or orange on and around its tail, and with a topknot. The bird books showed even the young to have the topknot.

Ina's bird did not have this, but it did have the gold band on its tail, and the Bohemian and cedar waxwings were the only birds we could find in the books with this marking.

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HE COMES BACK HOME TO LAKE WINDOGA

Eldon Bellows of Flint, who was born and raised on a farm now a part of the Ojibwa Recreation Area, looked over Lake Windoga last week and decided to buy a lot and "come back home".

Mr. Bellows and his family plan to build a home on a backlot near the present office-cabin at the lake.

He owns a lot on Gray's Lake, he informed Ray Tilmann, but will sell that and then build on his newly-acquired home-site to be back where he came from, the old home farm. The "farm" now is a beautifully-vistaed piece at the northeast end of the airstrip, and the Bellows family will not be far from where he lived as a boy.

Developers at Lake Windoga are getting many visits from people who want to come back home. Now the area has something definitely beautiful to offer them.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Allen and family returned Saturday afternoon from a two week's vacation at Tagalong Trailer Court, Marine City, on the St. Clair River. They also visited Niagara Falls. Young Greg is doing very well but has to wait another week for his artificial leg being finished at a special shop in Detroit. He has very successfully completed his training at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Goodenough of Mancelona visited Monday at the Ervin Dutcher home.

Clyde Beutler accompanied his son, Jim, and grandchildren, Pamela and Kevin and Jon, to a ball game in Detroit Tuesday afternoon, a twilight double-header between the Tigers and the Los Angeles Angels. The game was sponsored by the Moslem Shrine, to benefit its charities. Between games a show was put on by the Shriners.

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SOUTHWEST GILMORE

VERNA SEYMOUR, Reporter

Mrs. Lena Cole is on the sick list. We missed you at Club meeting, Lena, so hurry and get well!

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Morgenstern and children of Mt. Pleasant called at the Norman Buchel home Sunday. She broke her arm Saturday, so Laraine is going to help her with the housework till school starts.

The Merry-Go-Round Club met Friday at the Wm. Beck home, with 14 present. In September,

we will meet with Florence Kobel at Littlefield Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Elam Seymour, Leona Buchel and Grace Seymour attended the funeral of the former's niece's husband, Edgar Yats, Thursday. He was killed Tuesday morning in a car accident.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chubb and family of Ithaca and Mrs. Aloise Berryhill of Weidman drove to Indian River last Friday to see the famous shrine there. Thursday Mrs. Berryhill accompanied her son, John, and family, to Tri-Cities Airport to meet John's son, Gary, who is in the Navy and has been spending a two weeks' leave with his folks here. When his leave is up he expects to go to Pensicola, Fla.

The Louis Voisins have gone to Florida to spend the winter with her sister in Bradenton.

Chester Clark, Weidman Community School's new principal, has moved his family into the Maude Kew house.

The George Skinners enjoyed perfectly formed and ripened Red Haven peaches fresh off a tree from the orchard of Thelma Jones,

George's daughter, on the farm north of Weidman, Tuesday evening for supper. Three years the Skinners and the Joneses planted a hundred very young peach trees, each on their own place. On the old Roe blow-in in Weidman the little trees shrank up like Jack's beanstalk, trip their size the first summer. That winter of cruel 'way-below-zero weather (20 below is supposed to kill any young peach trees) and the Skinners lost a half of their hundred trees. Then on Thelma's place, which is fairly heavy clay loam, were much smaller, but they got through that cold winter. Next summer here came the remainder of the trees on the Weidman farm, shooting up with green, tender new growth, a sight to behold. Next winter was another far-below-zero assault. George lost all but eight or ten of his peach trees. Thelma still has most of hers. Next year she should have a commercial crop from her young trees, and the peaches are especially beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Sprag called on Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dent at Farwell Saturday evening.

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DELL'S LEONARD
Weidman

Beal City News

DORA SMITH, Reporter

Asa Andrews and Bob Klumpp entertained the Boy Scouts with a wiener roast last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Thelen of Mt. Pleasant spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Simmer and family of Reed City spent Tuesday with Mrs. L. Smith and girls.

Mrs. June Blasen and Theresa Smith spent Wednesday with Mrs. Wm. Trowbridge and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen of St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Louise Smith.

Mrs. Harold Smith and children of Lansing and Joseph Blasen of DeWitt spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen.

Mrs. Gertrude Gross, Katherine Schumacher add Mrs. Wm. Bleise and Mrs. Clara Fox surprised Mrs. Mary Ulrich Sunday evening, it being her birthday.

Blackberry picking seems to be the order of these days.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Klumpp of Shepherd and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer of Winn spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Schafer of Ohio spent the weekend with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Blasen of St. Johns spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen.

Sister Andrew Marie of Grand Rapids spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schafer.

Sister Marie Harold and Sister M. Cecelia have returned to Grand Rapids after a week's visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Faber.

Quite a number from here attended the funeral of Fey Middlesworth in Weidman Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Berg of Chicago spent the past week with relatives here.

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Two Rivers

Mrs. Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McDonald and family attended their family reunion of the Flintstones at the Weidman Park Sunday. About 50 attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Larson and children of Birch Run were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson and Bob.

The Ege Reunion was held Sunday at the CMB Hall. Guests were present from Williamston, Lansing, Coldwater, Belding, Mt. Pleasant, Battle Creek, Rochester, Birmingham, and California.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rayborn of Coldwater and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bentley of Battle Creek were weekend guests of the Oral Buntings.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh and the Herman Martins called on Ed Martin, who is ill in Saginaw, and found him much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell and his sister, Mrs. Ruby Amerline, visited Mrs. Etta Bristol of Harrison Sunday. Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Reynolds of Nevins Lake were guests of the Stansells.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey are visiting their son, John, who was recently hurt in an accident at Chippewa Lake.

Mrs. Singleton Moses and children of Big Rapids were Sunday visitors of the Harold Kruegers.

Ruth Ann and Wilma Aungst were Sunday dinner guests of Marilyn and Diane Wise, in honor of Diane's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and family of Wheeler were Saturday supper guests of Mrs. Elton Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Freeze of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday visitors at the Dwight Aungst home.

Mrs. Ray Flaughter and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chaffee attended the funeral of Mrs. Rachel Latham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bierschbach of Cleveland, O., and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bierschbach of Bridgeport were Saturday guests of the Herman Martins. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Mead of Mt. Pleasant were Saturday evening guests.

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WANDA GRAHAM, Reporter

MISS McCLAIN OBSERVES HER 12TH BIRTHDAY

Melanie McClain celebrated her 12th birthday last Thursday at her home. Her guests for the afternoon and evening included Linda McArthur, Jennie Flower, Becky Vander Sys, and Diane Wood.

In the afternoon they enjoyed ice cream and cake. The lovely cake was baked by Daisy Embrey and was decorated with the four famous "Beatles" singers, as Melanie is one of their many fans.

In the evening Mrs. McClain took the girls to supper in Mt. Pleasant and on to a drive-in movie to see, "The Robe."

Highlight of the day was Melanie's gift of a new bike, which she had wanted for a long time.

Many more Happy Birthdays to you, Melanie!

Mrs. J. U. Donihoo (Jo Fleming) of Pauls Valley, Okla., called on Mrs. Helen Alwood Monday afternoon. They were classmates and graduates of the Weidman School, Class of 1943.

Weekend guests at the Jack Burden home were his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burden, and Terry, Sherri and Randy, of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Burden and family of Lakeview, and Mrs. Lauraine Burden of Grand Rapids and four of her grandchildren visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden Sunday.

Several children of this area are attending Bible School at the Weidman Baptist Church this week.

Those helping Mrs. John Gott celebrate her birthday Saturday were Mrs. Anna Kochensparger and grandson of near Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Allen of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Allen and Ben of Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott and son of Winn, Mrs. Flossie Allen and grandson, Steve, of Winn, Mrs. Joyce Aldrich and children of Clare, and Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham and girls. Mrs. Arnold Allen brought a beautifully decorated birthday cake made by herself, in the shape of a Holy Bible.

Muriel Leiter was reported improving steadily at the hospital, expecting to come home the latter part of this week. We hope so.

Johnny and Bobby Latham are spending this week with their grandparents, the Gerald Lathams, while their parents are vacationing in the Upper Peninsula with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Chelsea Latham.

Mrs. Fran Chapman and Charmayne Thering of Mt. Pleasant visited Carol Abbott Monday.

Mrs. Sue McQueen is caring for four of the Latham children while

their parents are on vacation.

Phyllis Sides spent last Friday with Wanda Graham. They went to Mt. Pleasant.

Alvin Lewis of Detroit, brother-in-law of John Gott, spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. John Gott. They also visited other relatives and friends of this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham and Becky attended the 11th Annual Picnic and Outdoor Shooting Session at Delhi Park near Ann Arbor, Sunday. About 500 were in attendance, with 33 models in the bathing suit competition. Several of the models were also at the Cameracade which the Grahams attended last April.

Mr. and Mrs. Norm Abbott and children spent Thursday here, and left Jim for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Orval Abbott.

Melanie McClain was real proud of her first baby-sitting job. She took care of 18-months-old Cathy Alwood last Saturday afternoon so Mrs. Alwood could attend the funeral of Fey Middlesworth at the Methodist Church.

Don Alwood heard this week that his youngest brother, Bob, had been sent to Viet Nam on a three-day notice. His wife, Claire, and two children will stay at their home at Everett, Wash. Bob is in the Helicopter Rescue and Fire Fighting Squadron, and has been in Washington three years. T-Sgt. Alwood has been in the Air Force since 1947.

Sunday guests at the Don Alwood home were Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Schneider and family, Mr. Schneider's mother and Mrs. Schneider's mother, Mrs. Marie Jackson, all of Midland. Mrs. Jackson is Don's aunt.

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N. Broomfield

Mrs. Maycie Cook, Reporter.

Kathy Krueger is spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Carol Schaffer, and family, at Manistee.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Cook and boys and Mrs. Alice Fox of Lansing were Sunday guests of their father, Herman Cook.

Sandra Cook and Dick Starr are spending this week at the Lutheran Youth Camp at School Section Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bingham of Franklin were Friday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Cook. They called at the Thomas Latham home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gostola and children were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rhode, in honor of the 13th birthday of their son, Mike.

Mrs. Faye Wiley and son, Robert, of Northville, visited the Will and Bob Cooks and Will and Roderrick Nicholson Sunday. They came to attend the funeral of Mrs. Thomas Latham, who passed away so unexpectedly at the

Ford Hospital last Thursday.

Jimmie Fox of Lansing is spending the week with the Herman Cooks. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Krueger and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Krueger of Lansing were Sunday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxon plan to start out Sunday for two or three weeks visiting their son at San Diego, Calif. On the way back they will visit Frank's brother, Pete, in Nevada.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gerwig of Casnovia visited Mrs. Nellie Crowley Sunday, bringing a beautiful cake for her birthday. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Milford Lueder and daughters of Coleman were visitors.

Mrs. Cleo Wiley of Pontiac is spending the week with the Cook and Nicholson families.

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News Notes

Mrs. Lydia Snider spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs.

Robert Kyser, in Mt. Pleasant. She and the Kyser family later attended a family gathering in Big Rapids, Sunday.

Mrs. Frances Going of Sheridan, Mrs. Beth Jackson of Mt. Pleasant and Mildred Tompkins of Barryton were weekend guests of Blanche Cliff. They came to attend the funeral of Fey Middlesworth. Mrs. Ruth Hutchins of Rosebush was a Saturday evening caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Vore have moved from their trailer into the Thompson house on First Street.

Mrs. Joe Kane underwent surgery last week at the Alma Hospital. She has returned home, and was reported improving.

Mrs. Gilbert Donate and daughter, Linda, of Miami, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stotts of St. Charles, Mich., were Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler.

Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler were Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Downing of Marion, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl of Mt. Pleasant.

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A PAGE BY GEORGE



This poem, written sixty years ago, was intended as a lament for the cutover and burned-over lands of Michigan.

Timber barons from Saginaw sent timber-cutters up here, to take the lumber and leave the branches and tops of pine trees to dry and become fire hazards such as we in this age have never seen.

The timber operators in Saginaw deemed this land good for nothing but Indian hunting and fishing. They came in the 1870's, and shipped their logs by rail and water to their mills at Saginaw and Bay City.

The timber harvest consisted only of the most choice pine, white pine. There was lesser pine around here, and hardwood, too, but the demand at that time was only for white pine.

Settlers came on the heels of the lumberjacks. Families found it necessary to burn the remains of timber in order to farm their soil.

Fires thus started often raged over large areas, leaving nothing but stumps and soggy logs upon the ground over large areas.

There was very little second growth to begin with, and the hardwood never did make a comeback. Large areas were nothing but sand, stumps burned black, and ashes.

Immediately following the great fires, the only relief from the dismal sight was the fireweed which sprang up in abundance and bloomed with a beautiful flower. These are very rare today and are found only in some spots in Canada and in the Rocky Mountain regions, growing as wildflowers.

Viewing these conditions, the author was inspired to write the following poem.

Today we have second growth on most of the "Burnings". The extensive and beautiful Ojibwa Recreation Area was once part of the Burnings, as desolate as any section in this area. Today it is heavily wooded, with lush growth of poplar, birch, maple and some ironwood, to name a few of the lovely trees in that area.

But sixty years ago it looked like this:

THE BURNINGS

I am The Burnings, a wasted tract of land;
In my makeup nothing noble, in my landscape nothing grand.
I am but dross of a once great verdant lea
Which flourished and grew in splendor from mountain to the sea.

Happy was I when the Red Man's yell
Echoed forth through my leafy dell;
When the birds and the beasts and the rain and dew
Were the joys of life, and the love I knew.

How oft did I watch through the sunrays bending,
Each twig with its jewels of dewdrops ending;
While the silvery sheen of the misty fog
Moved above and away o'er the silent bog.

Virgin was I in the long gone by, when first the White Man came;
With sylvan wealth and beauty from mountain to the main;
Fragrant and young, entrancing with wealth beyond degree.
But now I am only "The Burnings," scarce do they think of me.

For they have taken my coat and seared with fire
My form on the hills in the vales and mire,
Till my only shield from the burning sun
Is the shade of night, when the day is done.

Oh that my wasted breast might feel again
The fond embrace of those I bore in vain;
Of the sturdy oak, whose lofty swaying head
Low fallen now, lies numbered with the dead.

Or the whispering pine, whose gentle word
Of love to me, on every breeze I heard;
Or the flowering linden, tall among the trees
Spreading its wealth and beauty to the breeze.

Yet these are gone, their shade forever lost,
E'en leaves which fell to shield me from the frost
While scattered far and near their ashes lie,
In mute appeal to God, to man, and sky.

I am bleak and bare to the raging storm,
With nothing to shield my wasted form,
While the wintry blasts send the frost within
To a heart that bleeds for another's sin.

Oh, why was I born to such an inglorious end?
Oh, why did fate the cruel spoilers send?
I would some kinder hand had turned the page
Where youth and beauty ripen into age.

Protesting not, though I see and hear,
Silent I lie through each passing year.
Yet I know and I feel and I understand,
Though I am but The Burnings--a tract of sand.

By George W. Skinner, 1904

Around Horr

JESSIE ROSENCRANTZ, Reporter

Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White were Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cummins.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins called on his sister, Mrs. Nora Jones, of Stanton, who suffered a heart attack. She is improving slowly. They also called on Mrs. Cummins' sister, Mrs. Harry Thurber, and Harry. They saw the Thurburs' new grandson, the first grandson in a family of four girls.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin spent Tuesday evening last week with the Rosencrantzes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graber were Tuesday callers of the Sidney Lawrences. Weekend guests were Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny Tiani and family of Dearborn Heights were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger.

Wilbur Wright started the basement for his house on the Chipewewa River Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Appelgreen and Lori of Lansing were Saturday callers of the Vance Woods. Sunday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood and the Rick Wood family.

Mrs. Eva Denslow went to Midland Saturday, and made a trip to St. Clair with Mr. and Mrs.

Russell Swan. Sunday she was a dinner guest of the Roy Cumminses of Farwell. In the evening they all called on the Gordon Smith family.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich and children were Sunday visitors of her grandmother, Mrs. Paul Miller, and Paul.

Mrs. Emma Stoll and Jim, Mrs. Lucille Harbaugh, and Mrs. Myrl Stoll, all of Lansing, were Sunday visitors of their niece and cousin, Mrs. Jim Thompson, and family.

Little Sherri Johnson spent the weekend with Grandpa and Grandma, the Gerald Dents.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood were Saturday evening callers at the

Charlie Losey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson and children spent from Friday until Sunday with his parents in Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and boys attended the Bahr Reunion near Copemish Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson and children were Sunday evening guests of the Gerald Loseys. Lynette, spent Monday with the girls.

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NEWS NOTE

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Jimmie spent Monday and Tuesday in the Northern part of the state. They visited Mackinac Island.

VOTE FOR LOREN GRAY FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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BROAD EXPERIENCE

Raised on a farm in Isabella County.

B.S. Degree from Central Michigan University with a teaching certificate.

Taught Junior High Math, English, History and Geography for one semester.

Taught Senior High School Speech, Government and Social Problems for one year.

Taught Speech, Debate and Parliamentary Law at Central Michigan University for two years.

Mason Tender on construction and Union member for four summers.

Law Degree from the University of Michigan in 1959.

4½ years of General Law practice.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Isabella County.

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

Three years in United Fund with one year as Educational Director.

Two years on the Red Cross Board of Directors

and one year as County Chairman.

Vice Chairman of the Isabella County Republican Party.

Two years in the Cancer Drive

Vice Chairman of the Isabella County Disaster Committee.

Member of the Isabella County Board of Selective Service.

30 years old, married, four children and attends Methodist Church.

PROVEN LEADERSHIP

Chosen as Isabella County's Outstanding Young Man in 1963.

Awarded State Farmer's Degree and elected State Vice President of Michigan Future Farmers.

Chosen as the Michigan Jaycee "Sound Citizen" for 1963 and represented Michigan for one week at the National Governmental Affairs Seminar in Washington, D. C.

Established a successful law firm in four years.



Coached Sacred Heart Academy State Championship Debate Team for three years.

Second in state in Speak-Up Jaycee Contest.

Officer in Mt. Pleasant Jaycees for three years and State Parliamentarian one year.

Named in Who's Who among college and university students in 1956.

Secretary-Treasurer of Isabella County Bar Association.

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