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## LOCAL LAKE PROJECTS PROGRESS THROUGH WINTER

The Ojibwa Recreation Area's Lake Minnetonka is completed and is filled with water, according to word from developers this week.

Lake Minnetonka is the second lake of the Ojibwa project, a smaller body than Lake Windoga, but it looks good, according to Raymond Tilmann this week.

Preliminary work has been going on steadily on Tilmann and Gatehouse's big-dam project on the Chippewa River in Southwest Sherman Township.

Crews have been working on clearing and hauling timber so far this winter, Leo Gatehouse said this week.

On Lake of the Hills, dredging and deepening operations at the northwest edges of the lake will be a winter's project, Allen Lumber Company said this week.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED TO FLOYD KEW HOME FRIDAY

The Weidman Fire Department was called to the home of Floyd Kew on Woodruff Road in Weidman to extinguish a fire believed to have started from an oil furnace.

The fire was confined mainly to a utility room and an attic, and was estimated at between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

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## 25TH ANNIVERSARY FOR THE WALTER RAUS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rau of Beal City celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary Nov. 23 with a party for 62 at dinner at the Coldwater Lake tavern.

All enjoyed the chicken feast, and the Rauses received beautiful gifts. Cards were the evening's entertainment.

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Rau!

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## In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Seems such a long time since I visited you all back home. Am back at my old job and enjoying it very much.

Suppose you saw articles in your daily papers or on TV of the fires we had. At the San. where I work, we had a grandstand seat.

It was terrifying. We could look up to the V.A. Hospital about seven blocks or so, and the flames were directly behind the hospital. The patients were sent to other hospitals.

The county TB Hospital was also emptied of patients, as the

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FRED L. KENT, ON THE STEPS OF SHERMAN TOWNSHIP HALL, 1932

## WE OBSERVE SHERMAN'S CENTENNIAL WITH FRED KENT'S HISTORY AND WIT

This is Centennial Year for the Township of Sherman in the factor of observing the first settling of the area. Organization of the Township is not the object of this Centennial observation, but the hardy pioneer families who were the first to build log houses and take up farms in Sherman.

We feel that these people, and this township, can best be represented by the life and writings of Fred Kent, himself one of the older residents, who wrote the Horr news for a Mt. Pleasant paper and later for the Weidman Messenger when Rolla Roe ran the paper.

Fred Kent is remembered by many of us, and his healthy philosophy and his dry humor were two of his characteristics which endeared him to this locality.

With this issue the Messenger begins a prelude to Fred Kent's History of Sherman Township. We feel we should like to pre-

sent Fred Kent first, and we are indebted to Rozena Hogan for the history and Mr. Kent's scrapbook, both of which are priceless. Rozena is a granddaughter of Fred Kent. Rosie says there are many other grandchildren. Fred Kent's children now living are two sons, Kenneth and Arthur Kent, and two daughters, Belle Archey and Millie Dent, all of Grand Rapids.

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Here is a sample of Fred Kent's observation of his times, and of his humor:

"Live every day of your life as though it were your last. Some day you'll be right."

And here's an original poem written by him, and published apparently in the old Weidman Messenger:

Last week you knew 'twas icy.  
The ground was just like lard.  
We fell where we stood with  
an armful of wood  
And slid all over the yard.

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## Men in Uniform

(Editor's Note: We have quite a number of new addresses this week, which you'll want to keep track of. Christmas cards to the men overseas especially count, even though you may not be personally acquainted with all the names listed. But a card in the mail will be welcomed, we're certain, by men in Viet Nam and elsewhere in their country's service.)

Pfc. Timothy F. Rahl, US-55893588, 6005th Trans. Co. (ADS) APO San Francisco, Calif. 96289.

Mrs. Marie Rahl heard from her other son, Pfc. Sam Rahl, of Fort Sill, Okla., last Sunday night, and he was leaving for Germany. We'll try to print his address later.

Pvt. Roger J. Maeder, US-54960155, 5th Tng. Co. (Prov.) 2nd C M L Bn., Fort McClellan, Ala. 36201.

Roger expects to be home for Christmas. His basic training will be over Dec. 13.

Pfc. Daniel M. Kripa, US-55868712, C-Btry., 6177 Arty., Fort Irwin, Calif. 92311.

Danny wrote to his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood, recently, saying he was fine and keeping busy. He doesn't know if he'll have a furlough at Christmas or not.

Gary D. Seymour, Commander Eastern Sea Frontier, 90 Church St., New York, N.Y. 10007.

Pvt. Richard J. Zeien, US-54962763, Co. E, 2nd Bn, 2nd Bde., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. 65473.

Pvt. Glen E. McDonald, Jr. US 54960974, Co. A, 12 B-BT, 1st Plat., Fort Knox, Ky.

Rusty Alwood left San Diego, Calif., Nov. 10 and landed in Da Nang, Viet Nam, Nov. 30.

His parents are getting mail from him now. They didn't stop for their day liberty in Hawaii as planned, but instead had a few hours at Okinawa.

Rusty writes about Viet Nam: "Believe it or not, as soon as we got off the ship it started to rain, and rained all that day. Seventh Motors moved up here about a month ago. All this place is, is one big mud hole."

"I got all my gear issued to me. I got my ammo and rifle all ready to go."

"The area around here is all pretty good, as far as VCs are concerned. Our job here is to supply the Infantry. They make runs from 20 to 40 miles out."

"That's where we run into our trouble."

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## Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

George Miller was a dinner guest Friday, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons were Friday supper guests of Mrs. Ethel McLean. Miles Miller had dinner with his mother Saturday. Mrs. McLean visited Mr. and Mrs. Osborn and family Saturday afternoon.

Howard Monroe visited his doctor in Mt. Pleasant Monday, and then Friday went to the hospital for x-rays concerning a heart condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Loomis and family were Saturday dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Denslow and family of Freeland and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Loomis and daughter were Sunday dinner guests of the Loomises. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Esterline and children of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Max Kimball and family of Barryton and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and Teresa and Jean Ann visited Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mabel Bowman of Leroy was a dinner guest Sunday of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry and Paul and Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott Dean of Lansing were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow. Ronald De Vries of Hersey spent Sunday with them.

Mrs. Lou Gray spent Monday in Mt. Pleasant, visiting at the home of her sons and families, The Duane and Loren Grays.

Harvey Leiter of Hannah Lake and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Leiter, of Elk Rapids were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz and family of rural Remus visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow, Saturday. Mrs. Leo Denslow and daughter, Denise, and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott Dean were Saturday afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson and son, Ralph, visited her father and sister, Manley Oliver and Mrs. Marguerite Coleman, of Remus, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker of Brinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morden of Big Rapids and Homer Teeter of Brinton were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock. Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owen of Lake visited their daughter and husband Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dole and son, Mark, of Clare visited Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schrock and family Saturday evening. Arthur Schrock visited at his son's home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzy the first of the week. Mrs. Ward Loomis of Sherman City and Mrs. Lyle Denslow were Sunday afternoon visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Skalitzy called on her sister, Mrs. Kate Darnell, of Barryton Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rodman of Lake were Friday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gorby of Lake Thirteen were Saturday evening guests of the Conleys.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Lena St. John had to be taken by ambulance to the Lakeview hospital early last Thursday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler visited her Saturday evening. They planned on seeing her Sunday evening, but because of icy road conditions they called to see how she was, and were told she was resting comfortably. Hope you'll soon be better, Lena!

Rev. Russell Stanley and son, Merrill, of Rochester came last Thursday night for two more days of deer hunting. They were Friday overnight guests of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stanley, of Barryton, and attended the basketball game at Blanchard with them. Barryton lost to Remus-Mecosta.

Ronald and Michael Stanley of Weidman visited their grandparents Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and daughters of St. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City were Saturday supper guests. Dennis, Darlene and Donna stayed over night. They all spent Sunday at the Stanley home. Other visitors over the weekend were David Moore of Saginaw, Dale Wawersik, Donald Stanley, and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Stanley of Barryton.

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Sunday dinner guests at the Vance Wood home were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Suman, Alan Wood, and Bob Bergquist.

Jim Bergquist, Ralph's brother, is a patient in CMC hospital in Mt. Pleasant, suffering a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson attended an NFO card party in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children were their Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger attended an NFO card party in Mt. Pleasant Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Bunting were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and Edwin Bierschbach were Saginaw visitors Saturday. Mrs. Martin's parents, the Leo Bahrs, went

home Saturday. They had been trying to get home all week, but snow was so bad at Copemish they couldn't make it.

Harold Krueger had the misfortune to break his arm Saturday.

Janet Rescoe was a Sunday evening caller at the Dent home.

Mrs. Deborah Benn returned home from the hospital Saturday. Mrs. Betty Thompson took her son, Bill, and Brad Martin to a Cub Scout meeting at Remus Wednesday evening, and to a Scout Pack meeting Thursday evening also at Remus.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow was a Sunday dinner and afternoon guest of her aunt, Mrs. Dussie Lyons, and Mrs. Emma Cummings.

Darrell Kirvan and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent were Wednesday evening guests of the Gerald Dent family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent spent three days at Gull Lake, attending Institute school.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and children were Sunday evening guests of her parents, the Gerald Dents.

Harry Dent spent Friday night with his grandmother, Mrs. Emily Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and children were Sunday dinner

guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cummings and daughter of St. Clair and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sprague were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kilborn of Flint, Richard Touchinski, Richard Woods and Bill Fussman were Sunday guests.

Miss Janice Miller and Miss Kathy Woods of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend at Traverse City, visiting and shopping.

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## Local Items

Jack Allen and Ethel Hartgrove of Farwell were Sunday afternoon guests of the Meryl Graham family.

Beth Jackson returned to the home of Blanche Cliff Monday, after a week at her home in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Paulson and son, Chris, of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith and Jim and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith enjoyed a pre-christmas dinner at the Wes Cole home in Barryton Sunday. Others were unable to attend because of weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith left Tuesday for Florida, to spend the winter.



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FOR SALE--Ten tons of alfalfa and brome baled hay. Price, \$24 per ton, at the farm one mile north of Brinton. Bert Estes. Nov. 24tf

NOTICE TO NEWS WRITERS--Christmas vacation is coming up soon. Our December issues will be the 8th, 15th and 22nd, after which we all take a breather till time to prepare for the Jan. 5 issue. For news writers, your vacation will begin as soon as you've mailed your news letter Dec. 19 for the issue of the 22nd. For us at the office, it will start as soon as we get the issue of the 22nd in the post office Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 21. We have about an 8-day vacation. Start planning now for it, and for management of your news. We ask that Christmas items be reported if possible in the Dec. 22nd issue: "Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Tranbarger plan to have Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner," for instance. So--two more December issues and we all take a break. We do thank you. Connie.

SMORGASBORD--Saturday, Dec. 10, at Broomfield Grange Hall, 8 miles east of Remus at Van Zandt's corners on M-20. Serving from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Chicken, ham, meat loaf, casseroles, vegetables, rolls, butter, coffee, tea or milk. Adults \$1, children under 12 yrs. 50¢. Dec. 8t1

WANTED--Old-fashioned woodstove lid handle or lifter. Call 644-2000, Weidman. Dec. 8tf

BETTER THAN A LETTER

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS--I will be at the Weidman State Bank every Wednesday, all day during banking hours, UNTIL FEB. 8 To collect Sherman Township taxes.

ALMA DOSENBERRY  
Treasurer  
I will be at my home most days except Wednesdays. Phone 644-3943.

Dec. 8-22-Feb. 3

**Card Of Thanks**

We want to thank all our neighbors, friends and relatives for the many kind deeds for us in the loss of our beloved wife and sister;

For all the food brought to the house, and also the ladies who served the dinner after the funeral; and the many calls by friends and relatives.

We also wish to thank Dr. Chamberlain and the staff at CMC Hospital for their devoted care; and the Crittenden Funeral Home for their kindness and thoughtfulness.

We also thank the Weidman Rebekahs for their kindnesses, and all the very many who sent flowers and expressions of sympathy.

George Woodin  
Joseph and William Ockert  
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ockert  
Velma Wiggins  
And Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Cloise Scott  
And Family

MEN IN UNIFORM--Love to get the home-town paper. We follow their addresses, no charge.

**Obituary**

EARL GARDNER

Funeral services were held at Youngman Funeral Home for Percy E. Gardner, 83, of Rodney, who died at Mecosta County Memorial Hospital, Stanwood.

Burial was in the Forest Hill Cemetery.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. John Ervin of Six Lakes, Mrs. Henrietta Boerema of Wyoming, Mich., Mrs. Iva Stevens of Sanford, and his son, Raymond, of Lansing.

**the Churches**

WEIDMAN METHODIST  
Rev. Williams Reynders, Pastor

The Methodist ministers of the district, with their families, will meet in St. Louis Saturday, Dec. 10, for their annual Christmas party.

The Esther Circle of the Weidman church will meet in the church Monday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. Marian Beutler will be hostess, Jan Carrick will conduct the worship, and there will be a White Elephant gift exchange.

The Official Board of the Deerfield Center church will meet in the church Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7.30 p.m.

Next Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Deerfield Center church, there will be a morning worship service at 9.30 followed by Sunday School at 10.45 a.m. Then at 12.15 p.m. we will meet in the dining room for a pot-luck dinner, after which there will be a "Hanging of the Greens" program to decorate the church for Christmas. This is for members and friends of the church and their families. Please bring a hot dish to pass and salad or dessert and your own table service.

"Mitten trees" will be placed in both churches again this year. Mittens for children 8 to 16 years old will be sent to Methodist Children's Home, Detroit.

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**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST OF GILMORE**

George V. Getchel, Minister  
Morning worship, 10 a.m.  
Bible School, 11 a.m.  
Youth meetings, 6 p.m.  
Evening worship, 7.30 p.m.  
Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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**FOREST HILL CHURCH OF GOD**

Rev. Stanley Spires, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship, 7 p.m.  
Evening Worship, 7.30 p.m.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Forest Hill Church of God is holding a sale of bazaar items and baked goods Saturday, Dec. 10, starting at 10 a.m., in the Remus laundromat, next to Tate Market in Remus.

There will be a Christmas pro-

gram practice, including the entire Sunday School and Young People's Society, next Sunday afternoon at 3, at the church. The Christmas program will be presented Sunday evening, Dec. 18, at 7.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Carleton Johnson has donated his entire Christmas tree crop to foreign missions. The Forest Hill Church of God will sell these trees at the parsonage here in Weidman, corner of Fifth and Bridge Streets, and also at Clark's IGA store downtown. The entire proceeds will be donated to foreign missions.

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**West Gilmore**

Lena Cole, Reporter

Gaylord Hart got a nice nine-point buck last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Swan of Mt. Pleasant were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart was a supper guest of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Hart, Wednesday evening.

There will be another card party Dec. 10 at the Brinton Hall. All are welcome.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart cared for her great-granddaughter, little Kathy Shaner, while her parents were in town Thursday. Roxann Hart spent Friday night with her Grandmother Hart.

Mrs. Paul Cole received word that her niece, Mrs. Maynard Bailey, of Lansing, formerly of Farwell, is seriously ill at the hospital in Ann Arbor.

Velma Cole has been having pleurisy.

Mrs. Wm. Lowery has been sick with a bad cold.

Mrs. Joe Mossell and sons, John, Chuck and Tom, and Dick, spent the weekend with her parents, the Paul Coles.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bierschbach and family of Beal City were dinner guests of her Grandmother Hart Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mossell and boys of South Bend, Ind., were supper guests of her parents, the Paul Coles, Sunday.

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Dear Santa:

I have been a good boy. Well, a not too bad boy. Well, that is, I am at least a boy.

For Christmas I would like a pencil sharpener to carry in my pocket. It doesn't cost very much.

Thank you, Santa.

Master Paul Cole.

P.S.--I live on the Coleman Road.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mrs. Meryl Graham entertained 10 ladies at a party Monday afternoon. Donuts and coffee were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham were in Mt. Pleasant Saturday afternoon, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dick Whitaker.

## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

St. Joseph's Parish is having a two weeks' Mission, beginning Sunday, Dec. 4, and ending Dec. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kavanaugh spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer made a shopping trip to Saginaw last Wednesday.

Mrs. John Romas and daughter from New Bavaria, O., returned home Thursday after attending the funeral of Joe Pantenburg last Wednesday.

The Senior Citizens' Club will have a pot-luck dinner at 12.45 Dec. 8, at the KC Hall.

Mrs. Louise Schafer of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend at her home in Beal City.

Mrs. Bob Pung and family and her mother, Mrs. Amy Courter, of Forest Hill, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung and family.

Ed and Helen Zeien took Louise and Dora Smith to the hospital Sunday afternoon to see Bill Smith, who entered the hospital last Wednesday.

Delores and Debbie Rau and Theresa Smith spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Uebele near Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Finnerty are the proud parents of a baby boy, born last Saturday.

Charles Halfman of Weidman entered the Mt. Pleasant hospital Saturday morning. He was in the room with Bill Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blasen went to Saginaw Saturday. On their way home they visited their daughter, Mrs. Bill Trowbridge, in Midland.

Mrs. Raymond Tilmann spent the weekend at home after being in CMC Hospital last week. She returned to the hospital, awaiting surgery scheduled for Thursday.

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## Local Items

Mrs. Flossie Forbes was reported about the same, but perhaps facing further surgery, in the Lakeview Hospital. She has been in the hospital since Aug. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey visited Mrs. Bessie Price and Liza Losey in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mrs. Audrey Flaughner and Mrs. Mildred Ruegsegger of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday supper guests of Mrs. Vina Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler were Sunday guests of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Downing, at Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Stevens of Sanford were Saturday night supper guests of Mrs. Ina Gillett.

Mrs. Frank Gross entered CMC Hospital last Thursday, and underwent surgery Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Edmonds left Monday for the winter in Florida.

## WEST Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter

### ENTERTAIN THEIR CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer entertained the Merry Circle Club last Thursday evening at their home.

Pepper was played, with prizes going to Bill Schafer and Ella Yunker, high score; Max Straus and Katie Cotter won low, and Jack Cotter won the pepper prize.

Lunch was served by the hostess, and everyone reported a good time.

The next club will be at the Jack Cotter home.

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### MRS. DON SMITH HONORED AT PARTY

Mrs. Yvonne Halfman was hostess at a pink and blue shower for Mrs. Louise Smith last Wednesday afternoon, at the Halfman home.

Around 20 neighbors and relatives attended. A delicious lunch was served the ladies by the hostess and her co-hostess, Helen Alwood. Louise received many beautiful and useful gifts.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kornexl of Saginaw spent the weekend at the Gerald Maeder home. Gerald was one of the lucky deer hunters to get his buck the first day of season, in the Eight Point Lake area.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Smith called at the Don Alwood home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald entertained the following guests at a delicious Thanksgiving dinner; Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer and Roselene, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Neyer and children, and Mrs. Eddie Hudak and children of Flint. Mr. Hudak and son, Donny, were deer hunting up north and didn't make the family get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bleise and Marcia Miller sponsored a party Saturday evening for Pfc. Eddie Miller of Fort Campbell, Ky., Tuesday. Eddie has a car, and will drive back to camp. His two years of service will be up next Aug. 3. Miss Judy Miller of Lansing spent the weekend at the Bleise home and attended the party.

The five Halfman children spent Sunday afternoon and were supper guests at the home of their grandparents, the Arnold Halfmans, while Yvonne called on Charlie at the hospital.

Miss Marcia Miller was among the relatives who attended a birthday dinner at the Burdette Denslow home in Lansing Sunday, in honor of Eddie Miller's 22nd birthday. Miss Ann Stalter of Shepherd was also a guest.

Mrs. Arnold Halfman and Mrs. Charles Halfman visited Charles at CMC Hospital Saturday afternoon. The Halfman children stayed at the Don Alwood home.

This reporter heard from her


cousin Joyce Essenberg, of Lansing, last week, telling her that her husband is home from the hospital but not back to work as yet. He had a bleeding ulcer and emphysema. Joyce also wrote that her mother, Mary Schafer, of Fowler, is back in the hospital in Carson City, and is very ill. Joe Schafer remains about the same, at the rest hospital in Corunna. They have moved him to a private room. He likes company, and speaks of the relatives up north, and knows them when anyone goes to see him. Joyce

also wrote that her niece, Judy Burdette, of Owosso, has gone to Germany to marry her fiancée, who is stationed over there.

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## Local Items

Charles Halfman was taken ill at his work at the State Home and Training School in Mt. Pleasant early Friday morning, and was taken to CMC Hospital. Tests and x-rays were taken, and he returned home Monday, feeling some better.



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# CHEVROLET SALES



**S.W. Sherman****Goldie Dutcher, Reporter**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas, and Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and children were Thanksgiving dinner guests of the Clayton Dutchers. Mrs. Carol Dutcher was a caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and children and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dutcher were Sunday dinner guests. Glenn Owen and Bob and Dale Dutcher hunted deer with the home folks Saturday.

Jack Dutcher and Orval Rowden of Lake Orion and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaudard and family of Midland spent Saturday and Sunday with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Richard Dutcher spent Saturday evening with them.

Mrs. Bill Remington and children and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher called on Mrs. Minnie Hines Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and family called on the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Thanksgiving evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and daughter and the Clyde Beutlers were all Thanksgiving dinner guests of the James Beutler family of Rosebush. It was the first time in quite a while that the whole family could be together. Kevin Beutler returned home with the Carl Beutlers and spent the rest of the week.

The Howard Beutlers have been having the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kahler of Big Flats, N.Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kahler of Davison were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hibberd. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bishop of Highland Park were Sunday evening guests.

Monroe and Terry Dutcher of Clarkston visited the Ervin Dutchers and George Merrihews Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Small and family of Smith Creek were Thanksgiving dinner guests of her folks, Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew.

Bill Fish is in General Hospital in Pontiac, after surgery. Their daughter, Teresa, fell off her bicycle and broke her arm, so they were unable to spend Thanksgiving with the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ransom and baby son of Grand Blanc spent the weekend with her folks, the Harry Hardenburgs.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Payette of Hammond, Ind., spent from Wednesday till Sunday with them. Mr. and Mrs. Chelsea Latham and family spent Saturday evening, and Carl Hardenburg of Pierson has been hunting with Harry several days.

The Alan Marshall family and Anna Chaffee of New Detroit spent the weekend with the Clarence Chaffee family. Mr. and

Mrs. Kenneth Chaffee were Sunday Thanksgiving guests.

Mrs. Fern Baker spent the week-end in Fort Knox, Ky., with her husband, Larry.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman and girls of Lansing were Sunday dinner guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and Steven and Sandra called on the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., and on Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sisco, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Mrs. Sylvia Remington and sons called on Ronna Dutcher Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Armstrong and three sons of Montague and Mr. and Mrs. Al Pettigrew and children of Muskegon spent from Friday till Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Garry Dutcher and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mullins of Holt were Sunday guests.

Mrs. Catherine McDaniels and family were Thanksgiving dinner guests of the Jim McDaniels family here.

Mr. Flannery and son, Bob, of Ohio and Jerry Tabor spent Saturday and Sunday with the Catherine McDaniels family, hunting. Mike Tabor of Lansing spent Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tabor were Saturday evening callers.

Wally Bender of East Lansing and John Davison of Lansing spent part of the week here, hunting.

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**Central Gilmore****Mary Helen Pitts, Reporter**

Ed McAlvey was home from the hospital for a week, returning last Wednesday. They spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, Rowena, and family.

It was good to see Mr. and Mrs. Ali Jarman in our neighborhood last week. They received word that their son, Jim was leaving for Viet Nam.

Plans are being completed for the annual Christmas program at the Gilmore Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fordyce spent a few days at their cottage on Stevenson Lake last week.

We were sorry to hear Mrs. Walter Wood was in the hospital, but glad to hear she is home and doing well.

Mrs. Emma Perry is staying at the home of her son, Vaness Cook, after her stay in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Letson and family were recent supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts and family. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Graham and family and Marlene and Sharon Pitts were Sunday dinner guests a week ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts were guests of Leon McArthur for Thanksgiving dinner, and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts.

Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Getchel were his parents. They called on Mrs. Lola Fordyce in Saginaw Wednesday.

Mrs. Joan Pitts and boys and Walter Wood were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pitts were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Esterline and Brenda of Big Rapids, Mrs. Elaine Esterline and Larry, Miss Kay Louch, Mr. and Mrs. James Pitts and James Parish of St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mullet and family were Thanksgiving guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaness Cook were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Earle of Midland.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham were Mr. Wm. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Graham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox and family of Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Graham of Lansing, and Mrs. Alma Perry. In the afternoon they all visited their mother, Mrs. Lola Graham.

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**SOUTHWEST****Gilmore****Verna Seymour, Reporter**

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Karthas and three children of Wayne and Mrs. Hazel Carson of Livonia were weekend visitors at the Don Seymour home.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wendel of Flint were at their farm for the weekend, and called on the Elam Seymours Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Silvers and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sun-

day callers at the Norman Buchel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Seymour and Mr. and Mrs. Elam Seymour visited a week ago Sunday at the Henry Craven home near Blanchard.

Florence Kobel, Agnes Fuller and Harriett Baker called at the Walter Wood home Friday, bringing Mattie a gift from the Merry-Go-Round Club.

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**EAST****Coldwater****Esther Skinner, Reporter**

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Allen and children of Blanchard.

All the Skinner children spent Saturday and Sunday with their grandmother in Farwell. They just got home Sunday evening before the sleet got bad.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Jones of Clio, John Deedie and Bill Abel of Livonia spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Branson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn West, Jr., and children of Montrose and Eric West were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Branson.

Mr. and Mrs. Branson called on his step-daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Eckert, and son, of Big Rapids, Friday evening.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mrs. Hermione Smith and Mrs. Irma Kische were Sunday dinner guests of the Don Smith family.



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Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Laura Latham and Mrs. Millie Voss visited their father, John Sheldon, in Weidman Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blodgett called at the Lloy Sperry home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Blodgett were weekend guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Embrey of

Farwell were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Adams Sunday.

Muriel Miller and Coral Abbott called on their Grandmother Servoss several times last week, at the Medical Care Building in Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. John Gott served a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of her daughter-in-law, Leona Gott. Other guests were Albert and Lar-

ry Gott, her mother, Flossie Allen, of Winn, and her grandchildren, Darcie and Steve Allen, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Horton and son of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burden.

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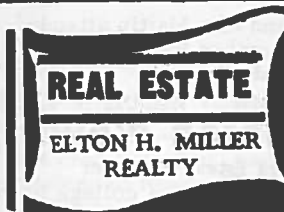
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## Men in Uniform

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"I'll probably be assistant driver for a while. You can't begin to believe what this place is like. Where we sleep is just a building with a roof on it. The sides are all screens, but it is home. We have cots to sleep on. For a place like this, they have a club, a show, which I just got back from.

"The Vietnamese have a small gift shop here. We can buy our boots, foot lockers, woven mattresses for our cots.

"They have a main PX in Da Nang, which has everything from tv to freezers.

"We will probably get to see Bob Hope at Christmas time. He will be only a few miles from us.

"So things out here aren't so bad. It's just when we go out on runs."

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## Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Edward Schafer has been working for his brother, Walter, this past week. Walter was admitted to CMC Hospital this week.

Mrs. Herman Hemminger died early last Wednesday morning, after a long illness. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKenzie and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer attended the Women of the Moose services Thursday evening at the Stinson Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant for Ada Hemminger. They also attended the funeral Friday afternoon. John and Edward were pallbearers.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schafer took their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer, of Beal City, shopping in Mt. Pleasant Saturday afternoon. They called on Billy Smith and Walt Schafer at the hospital while there. Walt is still a very sick man. Billy is improving.

Tom Tilmann of Beal City spent Saturday and Sunday with Jerry Joe Schafer. They spent Saturday night at Tom's house. Friday evening they attended a teen dance at Beal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dietrich of Belleville spent the weekend at their home here. Mrs. Dietrich had been in the hospital recently for an operation, and was feeling fine. They called at the Edward Schafer and Eddie Gross homes while here.

Mrs. Alvie Haynes and daughter, Judy, of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon at the Edward Schafer home. Mrs. Haynes had just returned home after spending five months in Mississippi and California. She went for a

visit, but had to spend some time in hospital.

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## Two Rivers

Theresa Bunting, Reporter

Duane Stansell of Grand Rapids was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Van Horn and grandson spent Sunday afternoon with Nettie Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Bunting and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Woodruff were callers at the Ernest Courser home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Courser visited at the Fred Woodruff home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Flaughter and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Flaughter were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flaughter.

Raymond Flaughter got a seven-point buck Saturday near his home.

Minnie Flaughter, Doris Wilmot, Rosie Hogan, Nellie Voss and Laura Latham took pot-luck dinner to the home of their father, John Sheldon, in Weidman, and helped to celebrate his 84th birthday, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweet and family of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Letson and family of Shepherd were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Larson and son of Tuscola spent Monday at the Chris Larson home.

Tommy Schupbach of Mt. Pleasant and Rosemary Martin of Lakeview were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin attended the funeral of Joe Pantenburg Wednesday.

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## Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

Roger Reamer, a college friend of Jack and John Baker, spent Saturday with them at the Baker home.

Mrs. Oraulea Baker went to the Saginaw eye specialist Friday for treatment for an ulcer.

Mrs. Lonie Sniff of rural Remus was a weekend visitor at the home of her brother, Bert Estes.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott have moved to a home near Sutton's Bay.

The Gordon Fosburg family attended the Ewart Products annual Christmas party Sunday.

There will be another card party this Saturday evening, Dec. 10, at the Brinton Hall. Everyone is welcome.

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## NEW EXTENSION GROUP IN NOTTAWA

Mrs. Jerry Vogel entertained a newly organized Merry Home makers' Extension Club group Monday evening, at her home.

Several attended, and enjoyed candy and recipes they exchanged.

Project leader Mrs. Vogel gave a very interesting talk on "Budgeting Your Money?".

The next meeting will be Jan. 11 at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Byron Foster, of Lake.

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## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Vogel enjoyed chicken dinner Thursday evening last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Vogel, observing the eighth wedding anniversary of the Norman Vogels.

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## In the Editor's Mail

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fire was all around them.

Our patients, feeling the tension in the air, were very restless.

Thank goodness, the wind died down and the firemen were able to put it out.

The terrifying thing about the fire was the fact that below the V. A. Hospital area, great tracts of homes stood. They are close together, and follow the front of the mountains and spread out into the valley.

So it rained hard for nearly 24 hours, after the fire. So far the mountains are safe (we hope), for now.

Our weather is a bit on the cool side, but then it should be, it's nearly winter.

Do hope you and George are well. that you have recovered

from the ear trouble.

Thanks for all the paper's news.  
Dollie Bower  
Sylmar, Calif.

FRED KENT

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We did not wish to slide,  
Had no such sport in view;  
But a-sliding we went, against  
our intent,  
And against several other things  
too.

The ice was dreadful hard  
And somewhat rough in places.  
It did some harm to leg and arm  
And scratched us where our  
face is.

We did not really cuss,  
Just said, Well, I'll be blowed!  
I'm sore and lame, and who's  
to blame?

Gosh darn the Air Line road!  
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We hope to start printing his  
History of Sherman Township in  
an early issue. It will be a series  
but perhaps not in sequence, depending  
on the news that comes  
in week by week. But we hope  
to give you an idea of early life  
in Sherman Township, through  
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