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Editor's Column

By Connie

WE FORGOT THE MONDAY HOLIDAY

So we forgot (again!) a holiday falling on a Monday, and last week failed to warn our faithful news writers that no mail would be going out that day (Labor Day).

The durn holidays have been on Mondays during most of this year; and we see by our calendar they will continue so.

Thanksgiving Day is always a Thursday, for which we are thankful. Other than that, we have Christmas this year on Sunday with Monday a legal holiday and no mail going out. New Year's Day following Christmas also will fall on the weekend, occasioning another blackout of news-delivery.

During the past year, for example, Memorial Day was on a Monday, and so was the Fourth of July.

We as a weekly newspaper are plagued by an unco-operative calendar this year.

As usual in emergency, the Messenger's faithful news writers came across with extra effort and got the news in. For some of them this was real effort and some hardship, and we appreciate them more than ever, if possible. (We appreciate them all the year 'round.)

The Messenger telephone was out from last Friday evening till Sunday morning, after lightning storms hit areas from here to Mt. Pleasant and Alma.

Repairmen for the telephone company said Sunday a cable on the corner of Air Line and Woodruff Roads apparently was hit by lightning, though they said it was impossible to pinpoint the exact spot.

Anyhow, it took the Messenger phone, perhaps along with others, out for about 36 hours.

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THE JOHN FABERS WILL OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. John Faber will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18, from 2 to 4 at the K. C. Hall in Beal City.

Their many friends are invited to call on them at their Open House.

The Fabers were married in Beal City 50 years ago Sept. 18, in the Catholic Church, and have lived their lives on their farm east of Weidman.

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IS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION PAID?



RAY AND LEILA SHOOK--On the 20th anniversary of their ownership of Ray's Shopping Center in Weidman. Leila wears a beautiful orchid corsage, Ray's gift. In the foreground is a remarkable cake by Daisy Embrey which faithfully portrayed the store in details down to "Bologna 59¢" in the windows, and children's dresses on the dry-goods side. Also in the foreground is the large and gorgeous bouquet of flowers the Shooks' children, Judy Krueger and Richard Shook, presented them. The Shooks say they were amazed at the number of gifts, cards and calls they received on their store's anniversary. "We didn't know we had so many friends here," the Shooks said. Around the store were many bouquets from other business places, and from friends. Ray's Shopping Center did its largest volume of business Saturday, the Shooks said.

Messenger photo

FIRST FLOWER REUNION IN 18 YEARS HELD SUNDAY

Eighty-five descendants of David A. and Amanda Flower gathered at Island Park in Mt. Pleasant Sunday, Sept. 4, for a pot-luck dinner.

The last Flower family reunion was held 18 years ago at the Shepherd cottage at Coldwater Lake.

The Flower family came to Weidman in January of 1895. David Flower was the first section foreman on the railroad between Weidman and Remus.

Of their family of six children, the only remaining one is Mrs. Vina Bailey of Weidman.

David A. Flower, son of James A. Flower, his wife Helen, and Mrs. Howard Flower were the only ones present with the Flower name.

The youngest attending was Beth Nash, a great-great-granddaughter.

The next reunion will be held the first Sunday in August in 1967, at Island Park, with a pot-luck dinner at 1 p. m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Abbott and girls of Middleton spent Sunday at the Orval Abbott home, to see Don, home on leave.

DARNELL FAMILY REUNION HELD MONDAY

The annual Darnell family reunion was well attended. It was held at the Broomfield Grange Hall Monday, Sept. 5. There were 63 present for dinner.

Attending from Weidman, Mt. Pleasant, Big Rapids, Stanton, Saginaw, Ypsilanti, Cedar Lake, and Remus were the family members.

After a delicious pot-luck dinner, the men played ball. The children swung, and the ladies visited.

Berdella Root of Grand Blanc will be in charge of the reunion next year.

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TVORIKS SPEND WEEKEND IN TOLEDO WITH LIEUT. BOB

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tvorik spent the weekend with relatives in Cleveland, O. Lieut. Robert Tvorik, son of Frank and Vera, had a weekend pass and joined the family there. The Weidman Tvoriks had the Messenger take pictures of their beautiful new house a-building, and the private pond in the process of construction. These were to show Bob how the projects are coming along.

It will be a beautiful place.

Men in Uniform

Here's a new address:

Robert H. Dell, AAB50-37-63, USS Coral Sea, CVA-43. Care of FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96601.

Bob is in Viet Nam, on board ship about 20 miles out of Saigon. His ship is the aircraft carrier Coral Sea.

Pfc. Russell Alwood spent the weekend at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood. Rusty came home with five other Marines, driving through from their camp in North Carolina.

FA Harold Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gross, spent the weekend at home, from his base in Virginia. Harold is driving trucks in the Navy. He will be in the service a year next month. He called at the Don Alwood home Sunday.

Pfc. Donald Abbott arrived home Saturday to spend six days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Abbott. Don's new address: Pfc. Donald Abbott, RA 1085-2085, 805th Trans. Co. (LTTR-KO, Fort Eustis, Va. 23604.

Here's a new address:

Pvt. Larry Baker, RA16927860, Co. D, 17th Bn., 5th Tng., Bde. 5th Plt., Fort Knox, Ky. 40121.

Larry has about six weeks of basic training yet.

Here's a new address:

Pfc. Cloyde E. Miller, US-55826358, U. S. Army Hospital Comp Zama, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96343.

Eddie writes that he is feeling pretty good. The cast is off but his foot and leg swell badly yet. He will not have to go back to Viet Nam, but doesn't know yet where he will go when he is released from the Army hospital. Eddie was wounded in action in Viet Nam, and suffered a shattered ankle.

He would appreciate letters from relatives and friends.

Pfc. Daniel Kripa of rural Mt. Pleasant left by plane last Wednesday for his base in Texas, after spending eight days with his family and friends.

Pvt. Tim Rahl of Fort Eustis, Va., spent the weekend at home with relatives. Mrs. Marie Rahl and Mary and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rahl went to see Pvt. Sam Rahl at Fort Knox, Ky., where he is in basic training.

BETTER THAN A LETT

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TYPEWRITER REPAIR--All makes. Cleaned and adjusted, \$7.50 for portables, \$10 for standards. Norman Brines, ph. Farwell, 588-2569.
Sept. 8tip

SMORGASBORD--Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Broomfield Grange Hall, corner S. Coldwater Rd. and M-20. Chicken, ham, and meat loaf. Serving from 5 p. m. on.
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BOOKKEEPING--Work wanted, to do in my home. Years of experience. Call Weidman, 644-3691, after 3 p. m.
July 28tf

LOST--Sunday, in vicinity of K. C. Hall, Beal City, Zippo cigaret lighter, initials BHT. Barney Tranbarger, tel. 644-3941.
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Card Of Thanks

My sincere thanks to all of my relatives, friends and neighbors for the many cards, flowers and other gifts sent to me during my illness. Also all of you who visited me at the hospital, and at home.

A special thanks to Drs. Minster and Ringer, and nursing staff at CMC Hospital for their fine care. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Ida Fussman.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

**Weidman
Messenger**

SMALL OR LARGE SEPTIC TANKS

CLEANED
500-gal. tank \$20; 750-gal. tank \$25; 1,000-gal tank \$35. New prices for this area.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN
SEPTIC TANK SERVICE
Call Stan Phelps collect, Mt. Pleasant 772-9154, after 4 p. m. or call Don Smith, Weidman, 644-2224.

the Churches

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.

WEIDMAN METHODIST
Rev. Williams Reynders, Pastor
The Eleventh Annual Layman's Retreat of the Central Michigan District of the Methodist Church will be held at Lake Louise starting Saturday, Sept. 10, with registration at 1 p. m. and ending Sunday, Sept. 11, at 11 a. m.

The Esther Circle of the Weidman Methodist Church will meet at the church Monday, Sept. 2, at 8 p. m. Mrs. Carl Beutler will be the hostess, and the worship will be led by Mrs. Karl Kinsman.

The Official Boards of the Weidman and Deerfield Center churches will meet together in the Deerfield church Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 8 p. m. One item of business will be to plan the program for our annual Every Member Visitation.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Weidman Methodist Church will meet Thursday, Sept. 15, at 2.30 p. m., with program and devotions in charge of Mrs. Richard Donley and Mrs. Howard Beutler. Tea will be served by Mrs. Jake VanderSys and Mrs. Fred Rescoe.

Rev. Reynders' sermon topic for Sunday, Sept. 11, will be, "The Keys to the Kingdom."

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mrs. Margaret Denslow started her school at Rosebush last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baker and children of Grand Rapids spent the weekend with Mrs. Margaret Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lawrence.

Mrs. Violet Oplinger and Mrs. Bobby Oplinger met Mrs. Doris Tiani and Donna and Eugene at Lansing Tuesday. Mr. Tiani came Friday, and they remained till Sunday with her parents and brother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and Kenny and Eddie, and Dave and Larry Leiter attended the horse show at the Remus airport Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Vivian Wilson and children spent Wednesday through Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson, and her brother, Jim, and family. Mr. Wilson came Saturday and took them home.

Mrs. Ethel McLean and Mr. Coyle, Mrs. Helen Geasler and daughter, Elaine Alderine, and children of Lansing were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller. Mrs. Edwin Owens was a Thursday dinner guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson and Mrs. Betty Thompson and boys met Mrs. Vivian Wilson and Doug, Greg and Linda at the bus in Big Rapids last Wednesday and brought them home for a visit. On Friday evening, Bob and Bill Thompson treated their mother, Betty, and their aunt Vivian and cousins, Doug, Greg and Linda, to supper and a show, "Lieut. Robinson Crusoe, USN," in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and children spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent, and Harry.

Mrs. Alma Byron and Marilyn Carroll of Mt. Pleasant were weekend guests of the Joe Martin family. Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carroll and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Coffel, and Mr. and Mrs. Oren Leiter.

Mr. and Mrs. Benn Johnson attended a wedding reception for Lindy Swan at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and children enjoyed Sunday dinner at the Bavarian Inn at Frankenmuth, and in the afternoon visited "Deer Acres" at Pinconning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn returned last Friday evening from a 10-day Western trip. Some points of interest they visited were the Bad Lands, Black Hills, Rushmore Memorial, Yellowstone Park, and Fort Dodge. They enjoyed their trip very much, and did not have any trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernith Michaels

were Friday evening callers at the Vance Wood home.

Mrs. Ralph Ehler and Cathie were Sunday over night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and family. Monday the Denslows and their guests attended the Walling School reunion at the Shepherd Park.

Nancy Losey was a Friday over-night guest of Roxann Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gross and Curt and Casey were Saturday evening and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Losey. Sunday evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson and family.

Mrs. Ula Cummins and Mrs. Helen Smith were Tuesday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins. Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were Saturday evening callers. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins were Sunday dinner and supper guests. Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were also supper guests. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White were Sunday evening callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Wood of Pontiac were Friday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wood. Saturday afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey and two children, Dale and Maggie Bailey, and Mrs. Montgomery, all of Pontiac. Carl and Elleen Geasler were Sunday evening callers.

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Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen, Mrs. Bessie Forbes, Jesse Lee and Mrs. Lena St. John attended an REA meeting and dinner at Portland last Wednesday.

Tom Latham, Bessie Forbes and father, Mr. Lee, visited at the home of Avery Lee at DeWitt last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright entertained the following Monday: The Robert Slupe family of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis and Verl and wife of Greenville. J. C. Husted was also a visitor of the Wrights.

Alva Moore suffered a foot injury when a cement block dropped, smashing all the bones in his foot. Alvie can tell you this has been very painful, but he is slowly improving now.

Gary La Londie is home from a base in Kansas till Sept. 8.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker were their son, Keith, and family of Wyoming, Kent County; Boyd Cheadle and son of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wise of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bates and two children of Dimondale.

Larry Baker, who is stationed at an Army base at Fort Knox, Ky., telephoned his parents Sunday. Larry's wife, Fern, was spending the weekend with him at the base.

Jack Baker is attending the Mt. Pleasant Central Michigan Banc Camp this week. This will be Jack's and John's second year in college.

WEIDMAN COMMUNITY
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT UP

Weidman Community School opened Tuesday of this week, with at least 40 new students, and an estimated enrollment number of 440 pupils.

So far as we could learn, this is the biggest numerical jump in enrollment of any year since the school was first consolidated with country districts.

From 12 to 14 new families account for most of this increase, it was said this week.

All classes are organized and regular school hours established this week.

Hot lunches started Tuesday of this week.

Fern Beutler is the school secretary. Frank Tvorik is a new janitor, changing over from many years of driving school buses.

New teachers include Miss Linda Christopherson, history; Barbara Hubert, English and speech; Myla Ryckman, third grade. Mrs. Egbert moved from third to first-grade teaching.

All of the new teachers are living in Mt. Pleasant.

Barbara VanderSys will teach Home Ec half days. Otherwise the teaching staff remains the same.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler enjoyed a vacation trip in the Northern Peninsula, including viewing the Porcupine Mountains, from last Wednesday till Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fordyce of rural Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham attended the Auld Lang Syne banquet in Farwell Saturday evening. After the banquet, the Class of '46 (Mrs. Graham's class) met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Howard. This was the first time the graduates of '46 had been together in 20 years. Thirteen out of the 18 graduates were present. The school superintendent of 1946, Reynold E. Mick, and his wife, were present, to the delight of the grads. A teacher, Mrs. Gerald Thayer of Clare, who had had most of the graduates in class, also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Meryl Graham and girls visited relatives and friends in Farwell Monday.

Mrs. Ruth Blesch and daughter, Jo, of Barryton spent Sunday evening with Emma Middlesworth and Vada Carroll.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spence and son of Pontiac (Jean McArthur) spent part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur.

Harry Dent and Tommy Roberts and Janet Rescoe were Monday callers of Mrs. Emily Wood.

S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and children of Belleville and Anna Chaffee spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chaffee. Mrs. Fern Baker went to Fort Knox, Ky., to visit her husband, Larry, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McDaniels and family of Lansing spent the weekend at their farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Van Nocker and family of Lansing spent from Saturday till Monday with her sister, Mrs. Katie McDaniels, and family. Leonard Hall of Saginaw spent from Saturday afternoon till Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Wally Bender and Mrs. Roy Smith of East Lansing were Labor Day callers.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew attended a fish supper Friday evening at Remys.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin were Saturday dinner guests of the Ervin Dutchers, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher called on Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Smith and two children of Oscoda spent from Saturday till Tuesday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hibberd.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler spent Friday evening with them, and Miss Patricia Davis of Big Rapids was a Sunday caller. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brand were last week callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Merrihew and girls of Pontiac spent from Friday till Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Orrie Merrihew and Orval.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew attended an REA meeting and dinner at Portland last Wednesday, then drove to Grand Ledge and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. George Bolinger. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Koos and children, returning home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher called on the Ervin Dutchers during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Douglas called on the Clayton Dutchers Sunday evening.

Mrs. Jack Gaudard and children of Midland spent Saturday with the Ervin Dutchers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., and family visited the Call of the Wild at Gaylord Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr., were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and daughter spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tibbetts and family of East Lansing. Sunday they visited her

folks, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sanderson, of St. Johns.

Mrs. Ilene Carlson spent Sunday with Mrs. Mary Beutler.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schultheiss were callers during the week of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and children and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and daughter spent Sunday evening with the Forrest Johnston family of Rosebush, to see the pictures the Johnstons took on their Western trip this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Nora Secord and sons of Deerfield.

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Two Rivers

Florence Harvey, Blanche Carr
Reporters

Danny Moses was a weekend visitors at the Donald Krueger home in Mt. Pleasant.

Albert Brathnew of Detroit was a Sunday morning caller of Mrs. Nettie Baker.

Duane and Beverly Stansell and Ralph Neal of Grand Rapids were Saturday morning callers of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Stansell spent Sunday evening at the Woodruff cottage at Bass Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Stansell spent Saturday evening at Evans Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harvey and son of DeWitt, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweet and children of Mt. Pleasant and Mrs. Audrey Roberts of Wisconsin, and John Harvey of Chippewa Lake were Sunday callers at the Charles Harvey home. Mrs. Robert is a sister of Charles. The occasion was to help William Harvey celebrate his 26th birthday. Also to help tear down Charles' car and fix the motor.

Bernice Wise and children took her mother, Mrs. Beatrice Burham, to Harrison and spent the weekend there with her.

Lucene Harrison and children were Saginaw callers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner and family attended the funeral of his brother, Thad, in Ovid Saturday. Thad was buried in Riverside Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnson and son, Chris, of Newberry were Friday evening guests of the Ray Flaughners. Saturday visitors were the Bert Chaffees and Ronald Flaughners, Monday evening the Russell Flaughners, and Thursday Rosa Hogan and Kathy Flaughner. Wednesday dinner guests were Alma Byron and Lucille Dibble.

Many from here attended the wedding of Carol Schumacher and Leonard Swan at St. Joseph's Church in Beal City Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Aungst and family attended the George Shattuck family reunion at Indian Mound Park Monday.

Mrs. Alma Albers of Lansing was a weekend guest of Mt. and

Mrs. Herb Hochrein.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Foster and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Foster, and took Connie back to Detroit to start school.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Rayborn of Royal Oak were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting.

Mrs. Blanche Carr spent the past week with Mrs. Elsie Aungst and attended revival meetings at the North Kinney Church of God.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Seybert, Jr., and sons of Elsie were weekend guests of the Earl Seyberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and family, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Carr were Sunday visitors of Blanche Carr.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller of Lansing called on Mrs. Emma Middlesworth and Mrs. Vada Carroll, Friday.

Mrs. Ruth Blesch and daughter, Jo, of Barryton, drove Emma Middlesworth and Blanche Cliff to Bellaire to visit Jesse Haskins, Emma's uncle, 93, at a medical center there, one day last week.

Richard Shook spent the weekend at his parents' home here, from his school-teaching duties at Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shook visited her father, Arthur Taylor, of Benzie, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Oberlin of Lansing were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keiser of Belding were Saturday callers at the Gary Sprague home.

Mrs. Charles Zuke and family of Big Rapids were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sprague and family. Peggy Straus and children were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Spice and family of Carson City. Mrs. Carol Lobsinger of Alma was also a guest of the Spices. The Spragues called on Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nass and had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bruce and family of Ashley. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Junior Bakos while in Ashley. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Jim Patton there.

The families of Mrs. Flossie Davy spent the Labor Day weekend with her, putting up her new home at the park's edge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCreight enjoyed a vacation trip last week in Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Mrs. Emily Wood returned home Saturday night from a four-weeks trip in South Dakota, Benton Harbor, Mich., St. Joseph, and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kirvan of Grand Rapids brought Mrs. Emily Wood home Saturday night after her four-weeks' trip.

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zill and family were Saturday dinner guests of her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John and Deana and Michael. Mr. Zill assisted Gary on their new home which they are building in Weidman. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bazaire were supper guests Saturday evening. Dale Denslow visited Mr. and Mrs. St. John and children Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Bywater of Weidman were supper guests Monday evening, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bazaire and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Mosser, of Flint, were visitors Tuesday evening at the St. John home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schrock and granddaughter, Mary Jane, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith, and his mother, Mrs. Nella Schrock, at Riverdale, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Viri Wright of Greenville were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schrock and family. The occasion was the second wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

Miss Sandra Owens visited her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schrock, Sunday. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Owens, were at Saranac for the

day, visiting her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tetzlaff, and Jeffrey.

Viri Wright and Homer Teeter have been helping Gilbert in constructing their new basement home across the way. They have been handicapped in their work by so much rain.

Miss Janet Dillenbeck left Monday for Detroit, where she will teach in Webber Junior High School this year.

Mrs. Hugh Douglas visited Mrs. Ollie Denslow this weekend, purchasing some lovely pears for canning.

Congratulations, Lyle and Ollie! Monday was their 29th wedding anniversary.

Fay Forbes assisted Keith Thompson in filling silo Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Boger and Mrs. Cleo Conley visited Mrs. St. John Sunday afternoon.

Miss Nancy Beutler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fey Beutler of Holland, spent from Wednesday till Friday with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beutler, and Mary, while her parents vacationed in the Northland.

Fred Beutler returned home this weekend after spending a week in the Upper Peninsula with Barry Conley and a hunting party from Barryton. Barry and the others were staying another week. No bears had been killed yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow left Friday afternoon to spend the

weekend at Gorbys cabin in the Upper Peninsula, near Hulbert. Mrs. Conley became ill Saturday night and was taken to the hospital at Newberry. They came home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gorbys of Lake Thirteen visited Mr. and Mrs. Conley Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and Scott Dean of Lansing were weekend guests of her sister, Denise, while her parents, the Leo Denslows, were on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Finney and Shelley of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald De Vries of Hersey and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe were Sunday evening guests at the Denslow home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gray and children of Lansing spent from Thursday till Sunday evening at his grandparents' cabin (the Lou Grays') at Lake Windoga. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray went with them to Mt. Pleasant Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gray and family and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of their parents. Max Gray of Midland visited Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Loomis and son, Mike, and grandson, Greg Leiter, visited his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Longacre, at Traverse City, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lane and daughter, Pamela, were Saturday overnight and Sunday guests

of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grover and Richard, Timothy and Penny, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woney and Amy were visitors Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley.

Other guests and callers during the weekend at the Stanley home were Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Pung and daughters and Miss Mary Lou LaFevre of St. Johns, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore of Big Rapids, and their son, Donald, of Saginaw;

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and family and Chester Lynch, who helped Mr. Stanley repair his combine and tractors.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley have sold their farm and will move to Weidman in the near future. Ronald and Michael have been our little helpers and we will miss them all.

We have had a lot of interference and trouble on our telephone line. Sorry that we have missed some of you, and will catch up on news interest next week.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Middlesworth and little Jerry of Lansing were Sunday callers of Mrs. Emma Middlesworth and Mrs. Vada Carroll. They spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Middlesworth, at their cottage on Coldwater Lake.

THANK YOU!

TO OUR PATRONS AND FRIENDS:

Leila and I would like to thank everyone who made our 20TH ANNIVERSARY in business in Weidman a success.

Our employees and many others who contributed so much to this past weekend deserve special thanks. At this time also, we would like to especially thank Connie Skinner and the Weidman Messenger for the fine coverage of our store and its advertising support over the years; and those who sent flowers and greetings.

WE HOPE TO CONTINUE SERVING OUR GROWING COMMUNITY.

RAY and LEILA SHOOK

Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert entertained company from Detroit Sunday. They were neighbors of theirs in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hills spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Egbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Egbert spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Buel Egbert and girls.

Rev. Father Ammon of Grand Rapids spent Thursday and Friday with Rev. Father Neubecker.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Eldred and Mickey of Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klumpp and family of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer of Winn and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Klumpp of Shepherd spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Schafer.

The Beal City Knights of Columbus held their annual chicken barbecue dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer and Mrs. Joe Pung motored to Portland Wednesday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schafer entertained the Ruhm Bunch Monday evening. Mrs. Tony Schafer won first prize. All reported a good time.

The Senior Citizens will have their meeting Thursday afternoon at the K. of C. Hall.

Mrs. Leona Simmer spent Sunday at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Killicut and family of Lansing spent the weekend at the Charles Gross home.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Pung and family of St. Johns spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pung.

Mrs. Louise Schafer, who is working in Mt. Pleasant, was home for the weekend. She entertained company.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wagner were enjoying a trip over the Labor Day weekend. Randy Schafer and George Fussman did chores for Frank while he was away.

Mrs. Oswald Schroeck came home from the hospital last Thursday, feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fussman and boys of Mt. Pleasant visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fussman, Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Oakes of near Grand Rapids spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schafer of Toledo, O., spent the weekend here, visiting relatives. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fussman and at the Frank Schafer home Saturday evening.

Mrs. Joseph McCormick of Mt. Pleasant spent last Thursday forenoon with her mother, Mrs. Frank Kremsreiter. She also called on Mrs. Ida Fussman.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dole of Clare spent Tuesday evening with Louise Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Simmer

and family, Mr. and Mrs. Art Proffrock of Reed City and Louise Smith attended the Simmer-Reihl wedding in Vernon Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday afternoon with Louise Smith.

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WEST

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Helen Alwood, Reporter

Joe Schafer of Fowler, who had suffered a stroke July 17, and has been at the Carson City Hospital, was moved by ambulance last Wednesday to a rest home in Lansing. On Sunday he was taken to his daughter's home in Owosso. This made Joe very happy, and more relaxed, to have someone in the family to care for him. His address:

Joe Schafer, 315 Genessee St., Owosso, Mich., % Ted Burdette.

Mrs. Schafer entered the Carson City Hospital two days before her husband left. On Aug. 24 the Schafers observed their 57th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Burdette of Owosso and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Essenberg of Lansing visited them, and enjoyed ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Mick Schmalbach and three children of rural Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend at the Ed Kavanaugh home. Ed and Vera and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kavanaugh of Saginaw spent Labor Day weekend with their son, Paul, who is in basic training at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith (Leotta Main) of Bad Axe on the birth of their baby daughter, Valerie Ray, born Thursday, Sept. 1.

Tuesday callers at the Arnold Halfman home were Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Halfman of Lansing. Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Ray Fox and Mary Ann of rural Mt. Pleasant called on her parents.

Roselene Schafer had x-rays taken last Wednesday, which showed her hip has healed nicely and she is getting around real good by herself. Roselene is so happy to be able to go to church again and see her friends.

Pfc. Russell Alwood of Camp Lejeune, N. C., was very happy to attend the wedding of his friends, Lindy Swan and Carol Schumacher, Saturday. Many others from this area attended the wedding and reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jarvis and family of Cadillac spent Sunday at the Bill Schafer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Schafer and Roselene visited Mary Schafer at the Carson City Hospital Saturday afternoon. Mary was feeling better, and was looking forward to going home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Halfman, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Paisley and Mrs. Joe Neubecker and Ray visited Joe at the Ann Arbor hospital Sunday. Joe was sitting up and in pretty good spirits.

EAST Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Raymond and Dick Skinner went home Monday evening with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Routheaux, and Randy, of St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and Dale and Joyce called on Mrs. Helen Letson Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Mrs. Letson is in the Mt. Pleasant hospital. They also called Saturday on Mrs. Olger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garold Latham.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Skinner and Mrs. Skinner's father, Thomas Beavis, of Swartz Creek, called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and children last Wednesday afternoon. They were noon dinner guests of Bennett's father and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner, in Weidman, and they all had supper at The Coffee Break Restaurant in Weidman.

Thelma Jones called on her father, George Skinner, and visited with the Bennett Skinners.

Terry Sisco and Steve Voss called on Dale Olger Tuesday evening.

Alphretta Allen and children of Blanchard and Elana Miller of Farwell were Labor Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner were business callers in Greenville Sunday, checking apples, etc. On their way home they called on Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Noble of Big Rapids.

Wally, Alice and Brenda Skinner called on their grandmother, Mrs. Miller, of Farwell Sunday. The girls stayed over night.

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NEWS NOTE

Mrs. Ivan Allen and daughter, Vonnice, visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Allen at St. Louis last Wednesday. Mrs. Allen, Sr., was not well.



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THE FIRST WEIDMAN DAY

The last Saturday in August, the 24th, 1897, broke warm and clear. People from far and near hustled for town, for there was to be a celebration in Weidman, and the bills advertised an exhibition of a horseless carriage.

Folks had been hearing about these new contraptions that were supposed to run by electricity or gasoline or steam or suthin' or other; but no one hereabouts had seen one. Probably Mr. Weidman had bought one and would show it off on that day.

The business street was lined with booths. The various business places at that time were:

Ad. Scott, general merchandise.

John Damon, dry goods, groceries, and drugs.

George Middlesworth, general store.

George Fisher, hardware.

George Drallette, meat market.

Charles Woolworth, harness shop.

Peter Aylesworth, hotel and livery.

William Dawson, shoe repairing.

Royal Gibbs, hotel.

Gene Burdick, furniture.

William Beebe, blacksmith shop.

Horace Parsons, postmaster

By 11 o'clock the streets were filled with merry-makers, and there were horse-races and various games to attract attention, besides a big midway.

The ball games, which were to be played at later celebrations, were held on the old mill yard.

Among the minor attractions was Okemos, the Indian, who had a flute, and would play doleful tunes, afterward passing the hat. Folks would pay him to have him move on to some other place.

At last it came time for the big event—the exhibition of the horseless carriage. Didn't seem possible one of them there things could run without hosses, but we'll wait and see, anyhow.

At last down the street came John Beutler, walking beside a vehicle in which rode Mr. Weidman. It looked like a surrey. It WAS a surrey, and it was propelled not by electricity, or steam, not by gasoline, but by a yoke of oxen. The marshall of the day, Andrew Cameron of Millbrook, did his best to keep order, but there was considerable tumult as the vehicle passed by.

"Just what I expected," said one individual, disgustedly; but the rest took the hoax good-naturedly, and went on with the celebration wholeheartedly.

(The above account is from the Weidman Messenger as put out by Rolla Roe, and the clipping was loaned us by Mr. and Mrs. Carl

Grewett of Mt. Pleasant.

(There will be no Weidman Day this year, according to word from the Weidman Business Association, sponsors of the event in modern times.)

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NEWS NOTE

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wood of Bay City were Sunday guests of Mrs. Emily Wood. Evelyn Roberts and daughter, Judy, of Lansing, Mabel Dent and Harry, were also visitors.

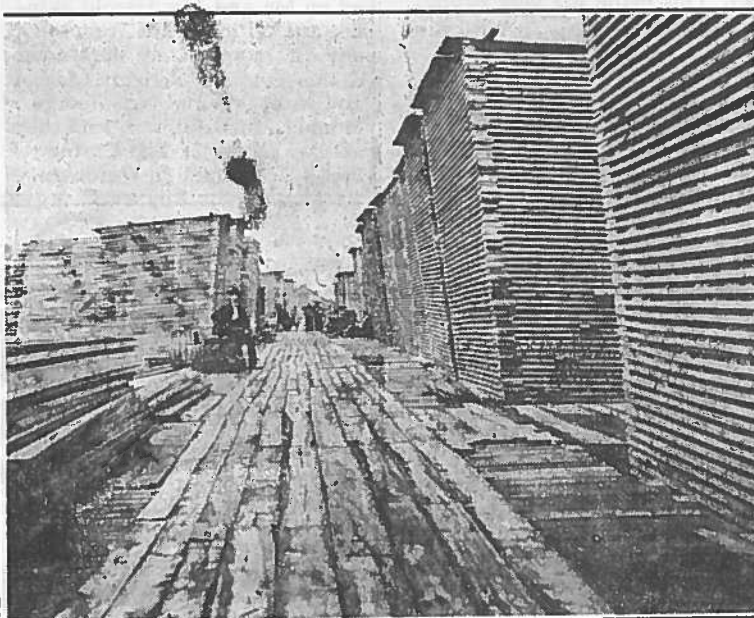
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Scene in the lumber yard of the John S. Weidman saw mill. This would have been probably in the 1890's, or at latest right after the turn of the century, we figure. Many of us have not realized the vast volume of sawed lumber turned out by the Weidman mills, from logs floated down the Coldwater River from Littlefield Lake and also, we understand, down Walker Creek, into John S. Weidman's mill pond, created for the purpose of holding logs.

The above old photo was supplied Rolla E. Roe's old Weidman Messenger by Ad. Tracy, grandfather of Carl Grewett of Mt. Pleasant. The Carl Grewetts loaned us this old-time material as reminders of Weidman's past.

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Prevue of Old Days in Brinton

Editor's Note: This week we give you Tina Mae (Cherryholmes) Jenne's very interesting letter, or parts of it, as a prevue to our History of Coldwater Township.

Fern (Beers) Ellis is working with us on compiling and writing the history, and we expect to begin it within the very near future.)

And now, from Tina Mae:

I was born in Coldwater Township Dec. 30, 1888, and with my parents and the family lived there till the fall of 1898, when we moved north to the city of Cheboygan, Mich., and in February of 1904 we moved west, to the State of Washington.

An older brother, Earl, and a younger one, Perry, were also born in Coldwater Township, Earl at Chippewa Station when that place was an active mill site, and Perry at Russell's Lake at the time L. Russell's mill was running there.

A younger brother, Ronald, was born in Cheboygan.

My father, Cornelius Cherryholmes, who was generally known as Con C. Holmes, was a millwright and cabinet maker, and a member of the IOOF Lodge in Brinton. My mother, Matilda Cherryholmes, was a Rebekah.

In the year 1893, Brinton had between two and three hundred inhabitants. John Meyer was deputy sheriff.

There were, at that time, two hotels, seven stores, a good school house with between 70 and 80 pupils in attendance, or accommodations for that number.

A Union Church, a barber shop, one shoe shop, three blacksmith shops, and a post office with a daily mail. The IOOF Hall had the finest rooms for lodge meetings, and the Maccabees also held their meetings there.

Old Okemos, the Indian from down Lansing way, we found interesting. Not a large or tall man, he was withered of face, brown and old, yet his step was not slow or feeble.

In fancy I can see him now, as then, coming down the hill past the school house with his load of wares for sale: baskets, trinkets, and beads in his pack.

Since he was an Indian, we stayed behind a fence, and after seeing that Baby Brother was safely out of sight, we watched him trudging on down Main Street, and followed him with our eyes till he was lost to view.

(From the Weidman Messenger of April 24, 1958, given us as a souvenir by Ina Gillett.)

ARTICLE ON TRIP TO JAMAICA MISSION

This article is on the trip Rev. Stanley Spires and Steve Johnson of the Forest Hill Church of God, near Weidman, took to Jamaica and the mission field there. As told to this correspondent.

On Aug. 7, after the evening service, we loaded our suitcases in the car and left for Ann Arbor, where we picked up Rev. John Burgess. Then on to Bowling Green, O., where we met Don Foos and his twin sons, Mike and Mark, who are 12 years of age.

We said goodbye to Mrs. Spires and Anna and Rick Johnson, who went along in case of car trouble. We boarded the two buses, which were ready for the mission field in Jamaica, as transportation for the mission schools there.

It was about 1.30 on the morning of Aug. 8 when we started for Miami, Fla. The buses were laden with all kinds of things for the mission field.

Everything was going fine and we were making good time until we arrived in Mt. Vernon, Ky., where our big bus developed an oil leak, causing motor trouble, which delayed us two days. Due to the fact we had plane reservations from Miami to Jamaica on Wednesday, the 10th, we had to send a telegram ahead and make new reservations for Thursday. Again we had to send a wire to the mission field, stating we would be arriving a day behind schedule.

We arrived in Miami around 4 a.m. Aug. 11, and had to wait till 3.30 p.m. for our plane. Once aboard our big Pan American jetliner, we had a very smooth flight. We flew over Cuba at such low altitudes we could observe villages and towns. Rev. Spires remarked at this time it was the first flight he had been on where you were able to do this. All other flights were flown at a very high altitude.

Our flight didn't take long, and in an hour and 30 minutes we touched down in Jamaica. We were met by our missionary, A. A. Amos, our high school teacher, Bonnie Acuff, and two native Jamaicans who came to greet us. After a brief inspection by Customs, we were on our way to an exciting, eventful nine days in the interior of Jamaica.

Here the Gospel Center Association, of which Rev. Spires is foreign secretary, maintains six churches, two Evangelistic Training schools, one infant school and one high school.

Brother Steve was adopted, and given the name of Little Brother, by the Jamaicans. We journeyed on to Clairendon, 90 miles from the main mission headquarters at Mt. Shiloh, where Brother Spires conducted mid-year fellowship for four days with crowds upward from 800 to

1,000 people attending four times a day. At this point Steve's enthusiasm gives way and he tells about the wonderful spirit in the meetings, and the burden he had laid on his heart while there. Steve wants very much to go back as a missionary to these needy people.

He tells with emotion of the friends he made there, one especially, 16 years old, Uland, who would be by him until he would go to bed many nights around the midnight hour, and be waiting at his door on arising at 6 a.m.

He states that when he asked Uland what he would want most for Steve to take back to him from America, he asked for a pair of shoes, stating he had never had a pair.

"I would gladly have given him a pair of mine, had they fit," Steve remarked. And he intends to keep his promise of a pair of shoes when he goes back in January. Uland cried when Steve left for home, hating to lose his new-found friend.

They have in Jamaica 53 young people called "Heralds", who are sternly and strictly supervised, who work constantly for the Lord. Last year alone they held 455 open-air services, 1,000 cottage prayer meetings; they had 675 souls seeking God, 22,185 people contacted personally, and gave out 63,848 Gospel tracts.

Switching the conversation back to the needs for instruments, Rev. Spires remarked he had taken 10 tambourines with him. At one evening of over 800 people they had only one other tambourine, and it was broken. While there, Bro. Spires said, "The Lord laid it upon my heart to try and obtain 100 tambourines by General Assembly time in January of 1967."

These are a very poor people, many walking for miles barefoot to services. They are in great need of clothing, first-aid supplies, Bibles, song books, and any type of musical instrument.

This work was founded in 1956 and is governed by a seven-member American board and a seven-member Jamaican board. It has been chartered through Parliament of Jamaica as a non-profit independent church work.

This is a duly recognized church body in America, United States Headquarters in Weidman, Mich.

Rev. Spires made mention that tambourines can be obtained from a mail order house for \$4.50 each. Anyone desiring to help out in this worthy cause may do so by ordering tambourines and contacting Rev. Spires for pickup or send same to Rev. Spires, Box 116, Weidman, Mich., tel. 644-3373.

Receipt will be given for Federal income tax purposes. Rev. Spires is planning to return in January to conduct General Assembly, at which time a

goodly number from the Forest Hill Church of God are planning to accompany him on his itinerary trip.

Rev. Spires and Steve arrived at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport at 2.10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20. They were met by Mrs. Spires and Anna and Rick. Although tired in body, they were enthusiastically planning their return trip.

Rev. Spires plans to have a missionary meeting this fall, and will be showing films and slides of the field there. We are anxious to see these and learn more about the work there. Rev. Spires and Steve will be in the pictures. This will be announced

in the paper when a date has been set.

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Thelma Johnson entered Ferguson Hospital in Grand Rapids Tuesday, scheduled for surgery Thursday of this week.

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Amelia Wieber, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Simmer and Florence Straus spent a week ago Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schafer. They enjoyed playing cards.

Mrs. Walter Houck of Rosebush called on her mother, Amelia Wieber, Thursday.

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

Frank Cook spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gallagher of Coldwater Lake.

Mrs. Walter Houck of Rosebush spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Ed Wawersik.

Mrs. Don Paisley and children of St. Johns spent one day last week with her folks, the Walter Houcks, of Rosebush.

Mr. and Mrs. John Faber spent a week ago Sunday with their son, Frank, and family, near Clare.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bleise and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Faber and family.

Mrs. Oswald Schroeck was in CMC Hospital for two weeks. She came home last Thursday, feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hegeman and girls of Owosso spent from Friday till Monday with their folks, the Barney Gallaghers, at Coldwater Lake. They enjoyed playing cards Sunday afternoon.

Peter McGrogan called on Sylvester Dole and Ernie Rhode Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer entertained company Sunday evening. They were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Simmer and boys, Mr. and Mrs. John Corbitt and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brickner and family, of Shepherd, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Cole of Lansing. They all had a wonderful evening.

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Local Items

Mrs. Charles Halfman and family spent Monday in Carson City at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Swartzendruber. Mrs. Halfman's father and other relatives were also there to join the get-together.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Lone of Pontiac have purchased the Jake Martin home, formerly known as the Al Sprague place. Mrs. Lone is Frances Thomas. They are remodeling the house, and will spend weekends and vacations here. Eventually, when they retire, it will be their permanent home.

Eight-year-old Paul Straus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus, Sr., of Flushing spent from Friday till Monday with his grandmother, Mrs. Leah Scharrer. The Strauses were on a vacation trip across the Straits.

MIGRATORY BIRDS GATHER AT MOMANY'S POINT

Ruth Momany reported last week that her lawn was literally covered with "dark gray-colored birds," which she was unable to identify.

"I never saw such a gathering of birds here, in the 20 years I've lived on Momany's Point," Ruth told the Messenger.

Monday evening of this week the Skimmers went to see them, and we were also unable to identify the birds positively.

They were a little larger than sparrows, but not large birds. They were gathered, Monday evening, in Ruth's willow trees, from whence she said they fly into the marshes to stay the night.

They were of assorted colors and markings, some all-black, some brownish-gray with what we thought were black bars on the wings. Most of them were of the lighter colorings. Yet there were the plain black ones among them, apparently members of the flock.

George Skinner thinks they are cowbirds, which live and travel in flocks. The cowbird may be migratory, or it may stay in the Great Lakes regions through the winter, according to our bird book.

These apparently were gathering for flight, we figure. The Weidman Pond has been a resting place for innumerable interesting alien birds on their ways to other regions, north in spring and south in autumn.

Ruth's visitors the past week were extremely interesting in their unbelievable numbers.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Claris Allen of Commerce are spending a few days at their trailer house.

Mrs. Jean Hart took her daughter, Kay, to Midland to the doctor Tuesday. Thursday she took her to CMC Hospital for x-rays.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and grandson, Rusty Ewing, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jess Shaner at Rosebush Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cole of Detroit are spending a few days at their farm.

Weekend visitors at the Paul Cole home were their granddaughter and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ganser and Jackie, of Mishawaka, Ind., Mrs. Ganser's cousin, David Dominick, of South Bend, Ind. The Gansers attended a family dinner at the home of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Padgett, at Ellsworth, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing went to South Dakota on Thursday. The six children are still with their grandparents, the Coles.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wood visited Mrs. Charlotte Hart Sunday.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

North Weidman

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and family have moved into the Tollie Thompson house in Weidman. Mrs. Carolyn Jewell and baby boy will make their home with her parents. The new baby was born Aug. 28 at CMC Hospital. He weighed six pounds, 14 ounces, and has been named Randy Lee.

Mrs. John Gott entertained her Baptist Sunday School class, preschoolers and kindergartners, at a party at Mitchell Memorial Park in Weidman last Friday afternoon. Games were played and prizes given to the eight boys and girls attending. Mrs. Gott served sandwiches, cup cakes and ice cream cones.

Jim Johnson and two friends of Farmington spent the weekend with his father and family, the John Johnsons. Jim called on Bill Alwood Sunday. Jim will be 18 this month, and has enlisted in the Army, leaving Sept. 20. Good luck, Jim!

Friday evening callers at the John Gott home were Mr. and Mrs. Carl McGillis and four grandchildren of Lansing. They were on their way to their cabin north of Lake Station. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and children of Winn were Saturday supper guests.

Becky and Debbie Graham spent the weekend with their grandparents.

SIX TABLES IN PLAY AT REBEKAH CARD PARTY

The regular Rebekah sponsored card party was held at the IOOF Hall last Tuesday, with six tables in play.

Prizes were won by Elizabeth Neubecker, Hermione Smith, Ruby Douglas and Sophia Tice. The door prize was won by Mary Otterbine of Mt. Pleasant.

A delicious lunch was served, of sandwiches, jello and coffee and tea.

The next party will be Sept. 13 at the same place.

Get-well cards were signed for Mrs. Flossie Forbes and Mrs. Hulda Stevens.

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Local Items

Mrs. Hermione Smith spent Sunday at the Don Alwood home to observe her 73rd birthday.

She enjoyed a nice roast chicken dinner with birthday cake and ice cream. Other guests to help eat ice cream were Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and Becky and Debbie Graham.

Mrs. Bertha Clark was still in CMC Hospital the first of the week, reported as better.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clark of Saline were Thursday visitors at the Clark home here, and to visit Harold's mother in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey attended the Darnell family reunion at Broomfield Grange Hall, Labor Day.

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