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Editor's Column

By Connie

SO WE'RE BACK ON THE JOB AFTER WONDERFUL VACATION

So here we are, back on the job of getting out the Messenger each week, after a blissful vacation of some eight or nine days.

We stayed home, most of the time, though we did make some visits to friends and relatives who live close by.

We had supper and an evening of cards with Bert and Cora Estes and their guests, Bill and Myrtle Smitka of Trenton.

We went fishing.

We attended the WBA chicken barbecue, with Jessie Rosencrantz as our guest.

We went fishing.

We visited Mary and Durwood Granger of rural Harrison, and had supper at the Surrey House, and enjoyed cards.

We went fishing.

We enjoyed a cookout with the Barney Tranbargers, and went fishing.

We had an afternoon of cards with Jessie Rosencrantz and Hattie Losey, and stayed for supper at Jessie's nice cool home under the maples. (That girl can really cook--and bake, too. We had scalloped potatoes with ham, baked in an heirloom beanpot; and apple pie as only Jessie can make it.)

We went fishing.

So here we are, back on the job.

We still go fishing.

Men in Uniform

Sp/4 Frank Tvorik is scheduled to leave Italy July 24, heading for Fort Dix and his discharge after a three-year enlistment. His mother, Mrs. Vera Tvorik, is anticipating his return to Weidman about July 30, home to stay. Frank is a clerk-typist with the 575th Transport Company.

Sp/5 Larry Dutcher returned home July 1, after spending a year in Viet Nam, and has been discharged from the Army.

Airman 3rd Class Brian Dutcher of Texas is home on a 30-day leave, after which he will report to San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 7, heading for the Philippines for six months.

Welcome home, boys!

Pvt. Dale Sprague, son of the Bill Spragues, was still in the hospital the first of this week, at Columbus, Ga. Dale suffered an arm injury during a parachute jump.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



LARRY SISCO RETURNS FROM THIS--Sp/4 Larry Sisco came home Friday night from Viet Nam, to his own great happiness and the intense relief of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sisco. The Viet Nam photo above shows Larry "on the field" as a medic (he spent an uninterrupted eight months on the field this past year, and then got a five-day rest period in Tokyo.) His gear shown in the photo is first aid and medical supplies, and his fighting companions had reason to appreciate that "Doc" lettering shown on his helmet. Larry was on one battlefield after another, giving first aid to wounded men, helping get them to helicopters, dragging wounded men out under fire. His very many friends in this area are also happy and thankful that he came home at last. That thing that looks like a grave marker beside which Larry is standing--is a grave marker.

He is home on a 30-day leave, after which he expects to go to Fort Hood, Texas, to finish out his two years of service.

He made the 16,000 miles from Viet Nam to Tri-Cities Airport at Freeland in three days. When he stepped off the plane at Freeland his first words were, "Michigan air! It smells so GOOD!"

Larry will be home for good after completing two years of military service, next Jan. 12.

Men in Uniform

Mike Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson, writes his folks that he reads the Messenger each week, especially this column, hoping to see an address of an area service man he can locate, in Viet Nam. Mike has been in Viet Nam since last November, and is now located at Cu Chi, about 20 miles southwest of Saigon.

He writes that he looked up Kenny Waters, from an address in the Messenger.

Here is Mike's new address: Sp/4 Michael H. Jackson, US-55893512, Co. A, 25 S&T Battalion, 25th Infantry Div., APO San Francisco, Calif. 96225.

The Harry Hardenburgs report that their son, Bill, is on a boat on his way home. He will have a leave to visit his folks.

Walker Creek News

Esther Stanley, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schroeder of Ishpeming spent Thursday afternoon with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis, and daughters, and were supper guests. They all called on their father, Bert Gross, at Hamilton Rest Home, finding him well.

Mr. and Mrs. Loomis and daughters were Sunday supper guests of his father and brother, Arthur and Vance Loomis. Mr. and Mrs. Max Kimball and family of Barryton were also supper guests.

Clyde Emmons had a week's vacation from work at Clare, and he and Mrs. Emmons spent a few days at Sheridan, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jeffers and Priscilla, and other relatives. Their little grandson, Eddie John, went with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bobroski spent a few days in Lansing, visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ethel McLean and Mr. Koyl visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Geasler of Remus Tuesday. They called on Mr. and Mrs. Keith Loomis and daughters one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Buckley of Mt. Pleasant visited Mrs. McLean Sunday afternoon.

Miss Shirley Smoke of North Branch was a Sunday over night and Monday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Monroe and Blane. Mrs. Herbert Lawrence of Horsehead Lake visited Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dosenberry and Blaine of Midland visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dosenberry, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dague, over the weekend.

Mrs. Matilda Dosenberry and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Anderson of Grand Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Rosser and son, Allen, were recent guests at the Dosenberry home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Gray were dinner guests of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Max Gray, in Midland, the previous Sunday, at their beautiful new home in the Bennett Addition in the northeast part of Midland. Mr. and Mrs. Gray spent the weekend at their cottage on Lake Windoga. Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gray and family of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denslow and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Micky Dargitz, of rural Remus, attended a wedding reception for Mrs. Denslow's nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Abbott, at Fenton, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow and Mrs. Myrtie Pridgeon were Sunday dinner guests of Jack Thompson at the Barryton restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thompson, Mrs. Stanley Block and daughters,

Kathy and Pamela, visited Pvt. Barry Thompson at Fort Knox, Ky., over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leiter of Hammah Lake and their son, Dale, of Elk Rapids visited Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family and the former's brother, Ira, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald DeVries of Big Rapids were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Schrock visited their son, Dale, at Ann Arbor Hospital over the weekend. The children stayed with their great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Smith, of Riverdale.

Mr. and Mrs. George Clark and Terri of Weidman were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Finney and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzky and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Loomis were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Kate Darnell of Barryton. Mr. and Mrs. Skalitzky called on Mrs. Agnes Fuller and Mrs. Harriet Baker at Littlefield Lake Sunday evening.

Mrs. Ruby Williams and Mrs. Hazel Wallace of northeast Clare were Saturday evening visitors of Mrs. Lena St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Conley and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Denslow spent the weekend at the Gorby cabin near Hulbert, in the Upper Peninsula. They report the no-see-ums were very hungry, otherwise a nice trip. They saw the large black bear which is a frequent visitor. Mrs. Andrew Stanley, Mrs. Donald Pung and Mrs. Russell Stanley went to St. Johns Thursday, visiting at the Adelbert Pung and Thomas Moore homes. Susan and Sandra returned home with them and spent the rest of the week with the Andy Stanleys at Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore and son, David, of Saginaw were Saturday over night and Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stanley. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pung and family of Beal City and Susan and Sandra were also guests. Debbie and Donna Pung and cousin Sandra are staying with their grandparents for a few days. Susan is visiting the Donald Pungs.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stanley and family visited during the week, and Donald mowed the lawn and rototilled the garden, which was deeply appreciated.

Glad to see the nice rain!

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Local Items

Mrs. Veva Sheldon, Miss Patricia Davis and Mrs. Harry Huffman were Monday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cummins of Okemos. Mrs. Sheldon spent the night with her daughter. Mrs. Huffman spent the night with her sister in Lansing. Miss Patricia spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Robert King (Virginia Cummins).

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Mrs. Nina Forbes.

EAST Coldwater

Esther Skinner, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skinner and children called on their aunt, Mrs. Wm. Childs, of Elberta, last Thursday. Friday morning the Skinners and Mrs. Childs called on another sister of Mrs. Childs, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hulbert, of Maple City. Mrs. Childs' daughter, Lucille, was also a caller of her aunt, to see her mother and the Skinners, on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Olger and children called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Theisen and children of Mt. Pleasant were Wednesday evening callers of the Olgers.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted called on Mr. and Mrs. Russell Emlinger and family of Mt. Pleasant Friday evening.

Ricky, Denny and Mike Merrihew of Taylor spent two weeks with their uncle and aunt, the Raymond Husteds. Mr. and Mrs. Roland Merrihew called on the Husteds and the Merrihew boys, who were camping at Tubbs Lake and the boys returned with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hatt of Marion called on Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Husted one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Branson enjoyed several days' camping at Evans Lake over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cotter and family of Mt. Pleasant call-

ed on their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Don Lofgren, Wednesday. The boys stayed to help in the hay, returning home for the weekend.

Mrs. Dawn Flaughter and children of Alma called on the Lofgrens Sunday.

Esther Skinner attended the 11th District Past Presidents and Past Commanders Club of VFW dinner at the Mt. Pleasant Post home Saturday evening. Wally, Alice and Brenda called on their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Routheaux, and Randy, at St. Louis, while their mother was at the Post home. Ray and Dick have been visiting the Routheauxs for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Allen and children of Blanchard were dinner guests Sunday for a barbecue meal at the Harold Skinner home. Rex had suffered a smashed toe at work last week.

Mrs. Alphretta Allen and three children of Blanchard were Fourth of July dinner guests of the Skinners. Rex, her husband, took a bus load of school children to the Lions convention in Chicago to march and play in a parade.

Raymond and Dick Skinner enjoyed a trip to the Upper Peninsula over the Fourth, with their uncle and aunt, the Routheauxs, of St. Louis. The boys returned to their home Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dick Donley were at the Donley cabin on the Pine River near Reed City, the Fourth weekend.

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July 13t2

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"After July 1, 1967, anyone constructing a driveway for the purpose of gaining access to a county road must first secure a written permit from the Road Commission."

The permits may be secured at the Isabella County Road Office.

Board of County Road Commissioners of Isabella County.

Carl Thren, Chairman
Lionel Duncan, Member
Douglas McFarlane, Member
June 21, 28, July 13

the Churches

FOREST HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH

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 Forest Hill Community Church has had a real nice attendance, with new people coming in each week.

Our young people have been busy making plans for their Missionary meeting, which took place Monday evening at the Church of God in Sanford. They are also making last-minute preparations for their revival, which will start July 23 and run through the 30th. Rev. Grace Carroll of

Chicago will be the evangelist. Come and hear this speaker.

Island Park at Mt. Pleasant was the scene of our annual Sunday School picnic Saturday, July 8, with 58 attending. An enjoyable time was reported. After a delicious dinner a group of smaller folk took a tour through Nelson Park to see the animals. Others played softball. We are looking forward to another such event.

If you don't have a regular church or Sunday School to attend, we sincerely invite you to join us.

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Marvin Eldridge, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Church Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.
Choir practice Thursday, 7 p.m.

Prayer Meeting Thursday, 7.30 p.m.

We had a nice crowd at church Sunday evening, to enjoy the film, "Without Onions," by Ken Anderson, sponsored jointly by our church and the Brinton Chapel. About 95 were present.

S.W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Judy Hardenburg spent last week with the Willard Ransoms of Grand Blanc.

Mrs. Leward Smith and daughter called on the Harry Hardenburgs Saturday.

The Farm Bureau Board of Directors met at the Quackenbush cottage at Halls Lake Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beutler and family attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hines called on the Ervin Dutchers Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and sons of Saginaw spent from Sunday till the Fourth of July with them.

Ervin Dutcher, Jr., had the misfortune to injure his left hand severely with a power saw, a week ago. It will still be several weeks before he will be able to use it. He nearly lost the four fingers on his hand.

The Clayton Dutchers had all their children and their families, except Jim, home Wednesday evening for a welcome home and birthday party for their son, Larry. They enjoyed home made ice cream and birthday cake, and also the colored slides Larry brought home from Viet Nam and Hong Kong.

The 19th Dutcher reunion was held at Island Park July 9, with 103 attending. Present from here were the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., and son, Monroe and his family of Clarkston, their son, Jack, and his family of Lake Orion, and the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family, the Clayton Dutchers and their son, Dick, and his family, the Robert and Dale Dutchers and family of Midland; Larry and family of Mt. Pleasant, the Richard Yunkers of Weidman, and Floyd Dutcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Fleming of Lapeer spent last weekend with the Orrie Merrihews.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fish and family of Pontiac spent the weekend of the First with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. George Merrihew. Mr. and Mrs. George Bolinger of Grand Ledge and Mrs. and Mrs. Roland Merrihew and family of Taylor spent the Fourth of July and Roland and family stayed until Thursday.

Sp/5 Larry Sisco is home on a 30-day leave, just returning from Viet Nam. He called on the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family Saturday, to see Brian. Larry will go to Fort Hood, Texas, to finish up his time in the Army. Welcome home, Larry.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Harshman and girls of Lansing have been spending some time at their cottage at Coldwater Lake, and were callers of the Ervin Dutcher, Jr., family and were dinner guests, Monday. The Bill Remingtons of Saginaw were callers, as was also George Woodin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crawford of Grand Rapids spent the weekend of the Fourth with their cousins, the Harry and Leo Gatehouse families. The Crawfords' daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weirsma, and family of Grand Rapids spent the Fourth with them. Saturday, Mrs. Hazel Davis of Midland and her daughter, Mrs. Dee Ann Martin, of Pottsville, Pa., spent the afternoon. Mrs. Dorothy Chaffee was a Friday afternoon caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher and family of Clarkston are spending the week with his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, and her folks, the George Merrihews.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher attended the wedding July 1 of Miss Kathy Hines and Michael Cooper of Barryton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Marshall and family of Belleville spent the past week visiting her folks, the Clarence Chaffees.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatehouse and family spent from Wednesday till Saturday night at Torch Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Maeder and son and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines and family spent the past week in Geraldton, Canada. They returned home early Saturday morning.

Vadah and Beatrice Gatehouse and Bernice Crawford called on Bert and Mabel Chaffee at their farm home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler and Laurel attended the Esther Circle family picnic at the Weidman park Monday evening.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Weidman Messenger

Mrs. Winnie Baker of Flint spent from Friday till Monday night with Blanche Cliff. Blanche Carr was a Monday afternoon visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey spent last week on vacation, touring Northern Michigan. Sunday they called on Mr. and Mrs. Leo Leach of Greenville.

Mrs. Bertha Clark received word last week that her son Harold's wife, Dorothy, of Saline, was to undergo surgery July 13, in the Ann Arbor hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Knudson and three children of Trenton spent several days with their mother, Mrs. Lela Whearett, over the Fourth of July weekend.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR LOUISE SMITH

Friday afternoon Louise Smith was pleasantly surprised when her sister, Rose Martin, and her friend, Lucille Coffrey, of Coxsackie, N. Y., drove in to visit her.

Sunday afternoon they and Mrs. Smith's children helped her celebrate her 85th birthday, with 19 children and grandchildren present.

Mrs. Smith received lovely gifts. Ice cream and cake were served.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Theisen on the river included Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Peltier, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cassidy and Linda and Becky; and Mickey South and his girl friend, who were supper guests, as were also Mr. and Mrs. Jack Theisen and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeien, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bleise and Mrs. Wm. Bleise. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frodel have been visiting also.

Ray Ahlers and family spent the weekend at the Ted Ahlers home. They are from Lansing. Henry Ahlers and family of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday. Richard Blind and family were weekend guests.

The Rau reunion was held July 4 at the K. of C. Hall.

Stuart Rau spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rau. His mother and Mrs. Cecil Clare accompanied him back to St. Louis, Mo., on Tuesday, where he is attending school. They returned home on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Heppie and family of Ionia visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pung Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McIsaac and daughters of Northville spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block.

Mrs. Leo Reihl and Kathleen visited Mrs. Bleise Thursday evening. Mrs. Herman Fox was a Sunday visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Schroeck and family of Watervliet spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Schroeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa and Delores Rau are spending a week at Houghton Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tilmann and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tilmann spent Sunday in Big Rapids.

Louise Smith, Gertrude Gross and Clara Fox enjoyed cards with Mrs. Leo Gross Friday evening.

Mrs. Ida Tilmann returned from the hospital last Wednesday, after a two weeks' stay. She spent Sunday evening with Louise Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller and Mrs. Andy Gillis and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schafer and family came from Detroit Saturday to attend the wedding of Charlotte

Shepperd and John Bergy.

The banns of matrimony were announced Sunday for the first time between Russell Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Martin, and Ruth Wieferrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wieferrich.

The Senior Citizens will have their annual pot-luck picnic at the KC Hall Thursday, July 13. Those attending are expected to bring a dish to pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer and family were in Marion Sunday.

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Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dent and Harry and Miss Janet Rescoe spent Thursday night in Lansing with Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and family.

Harry Dent went to Syracuse, N. Y., Friday, for a 10-day session of school.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson and family were Sunday guests of her parents. Bob Kirvan was a Saturday caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Merrihew and grandson were Sunday supper guests of her parents, the Charlie Loseys. Floyd Dutcher was an evening caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Denslow spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Ruby Williams, near Clare.

A week ago Monday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Cummins were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Cummins and Alvin W.A., Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins and Bill Cummins, and Tracy White. The bluegills are beginning to bite, and the Cumminses are getting their share. A fish supper was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert King, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White and the Cumminses at their home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence were Saturday evening callers of the Cumminses. The Robert Kings and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cummins were weekend guests. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy White joined them for Sunday fish supper.

Mrs. Larry Cummins took Mrs. Treva Cummins and Mrs. Helen Smith to Remus shopping a week ago Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner were Friday afternoon and supper guests of Jessie Rosencrantz. Hattie Losey was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Scott were callers at the Sidney Lawrence home one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Garth Lawrence and Pam were weekend guests of his parents, the Sidney Lawrences, and her parents, the Bill Cumminses, at the lake.

Mrs. Betty Martin is attending summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner and Walter Davis were Saturday evening callers of the Joe Martins.

Mrs. Margaret Denslow was a Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Denslow and children of Lakeview were Sunday dinner guests of the Berl Denslow family.

Mrs. Barbara North and four children of Blooming Grove, Texas, are spending some time with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow. Mrs. Denslow's brother, Ford Braman, and her sisters, Mary Strait and Hal-la Lovell, spent Thursday with the Denslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller were Sunday guests of her sister and family, the Edmond Owenses.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Benn of Shepherd were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carr flew down from Houghton Lake and had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger and boys. After dinner, Earl and Mr. Carr flew to Charlotte, where Earl made his first solo flight.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fanning and children of Cincinnati, O., and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ehler and children of Shepherd, and Kenny Ehler and girl friend, and Hattie Harris of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Denslow and family. Miss Linda Bangs of Lansing was a Saturday evening guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy King, Mrs. Molly Stuart and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Sabow of Riverdale were Sunday guests of Mrs. Eva Denslow.

Callers at the Howard Wood

home during the week were Mr. and Mrs. John Geasler of Pontiac, Miss Ellen Geasler, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wood and family.

Mrs. Joanne Cochran and Micky were weekend guests of the Gerald Losey family.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Straus and children of Flushing spent from Wednesday till Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Leah Scharrer.

Mrs. Ethol Wright and Mrs. Lucille Kennedy of Pontiac, and Mrs. Mildred Edgar of Lakeview were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Bertha Clark. The ladies from Pontiac are spending the summer at their cottage on Crooked Lake.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick spent the weekend at their cabin, Foxy Inn, in Kalkaska County.

Blanche Carr was a Thursday supper guest of Ina Gillett.

Mrs. Veronica Tvorik has been on a two weeks' vacation from her work at the General Electric plant at Edmore.

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Brinton News

Cora Estes, Reporter

THE BAKERS RETURN FROM WONDERFUL TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baker returned Sunday from a two weeks' vacation trip in the West.

Their trip included visits to the Glacier National Park in Montana, Yellowstone Park in Wyoming, and the Black Hills of South Dakota and many other places of interest.

They traveled 5,000 miles and surely enjoyed their vacation.

The Clarence Conleys of Flint are here on their farm during hay harvesting.

Howard Bowen of Detroit and father and Boyd Cheadle of Lansing were Friday callers at the Bert Estes home.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright spent the weekend with their daughter and family, the Robert Slupes, at a cottage in Kalkaska. Their two grandchildren returned with them for the week.

Mrs. Bessie Latham and Ethol Wright of Pontiac visited Blanche Roberts at the Pleasant Manor Home in Mt. Pleasant Tuesday.

The Earl Place family, Mrs. Edna Teeter and Homer, Mr. and Mrs. Art Schrock, and the Brines family of Brinton attended the Baptist Church on the Air Line Sunday evening, when a special film was shown.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Geasler of Pontiac were weekend visitors of relatives here. Sunday evening a Geasler family reunion was held at the Carl and Ellen Geasler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Amy of Saginaw, who have a cottage on Crooked Lake, spent Sunday evening with their mother, Mrs. James Maddox.

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Nottawa

Helen Alwood, Reporter SCHAFFER REUNION HELD SUNDAY AT MITCHELL PARK

Around 80 family members attended the annual Schaffer reunion, which was held Sunday at Mitchell Memorial Park in Weidman.

The usual delicious pot-luck dinner was enjoyed, with games and prizes, and gifts for several for various achievements, were features. Ice cream and treats were on tap for everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Faber and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Faber, Jr., were chairmen for planning of the event, which turned out very nice.

The Walt Faber family furnished music for entertainment later in the afternoon.

By a vote, it was decided to dissolve future reunions, with each family establishing its own immediate reunion, as it may care to. The reunion encompassed a very wide area of relationship, and it was thought a

closer family affair might be advisable.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Neubecker of Milwaukee, Wis., spent a few days over the Fourth of July with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Neubecker.

Tony Burdette returned to his home in Owosso Sunday, after spending a week at the Don Alwood home with his cousins.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith and family of Au Gres spent a few days recently at their house trailer home at Coldwater Lake. They also visited relatives in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cyr and children of Howell visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith last Saturday.

Bob Smith and five children of Ypsilanti attended the Schaffer reunion Sunday. Linda and Carol Smith are staying on at the Don Alwood home for a visit.

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LIFE HISTORY OF JIM AND ETHEL SOPER

(Editor's Note: In our first instalment of this fascinating and historical account, we followed Jim and Ethel Soper through their early lives and up to the point where they made a down payment on a house in Barryton, with Jim working on the Skelton-Lafelin Store at \$10 a week. We take up the story now, as it was written by Ethel Soper.)

In a couple of years a fire broke out in the store. It happened at night, along toward morning. Mr. Laflin and his mother lived upstairs over the store. The fire forced them out of their living quarters, barefoot and with only their nightclothes on. Adding to the situation was the fact that there was snow on the ground and it was extremely cold. The fire got too good a start, and they were unable to save anything. At that time the fire department was composed of anyone who could handle a water bucket.

The next morning Mr. Laflin had Jim hire Jess Kimball, who had the livery barn. Jess took Jim with his horse and cutter to Remus so he could catch the train to Grand Rapids. There in Grand Rapids, Jim went to a wholesale house and stocked up with new merchandise for a new start. They purchased a building that stood where the bank does now, and moved it across the street to its present location. Business was conducted all the time the building was being moved across the street.

At this time, Jim Soper and Grover Ward bought stock in the store. Thus the new company started out with the name, Laflin-Ward and Soper Co., with Jim as acting manager in charge of business.

This company was the first to sell automobiles in Barryton. They sold the old Model T Fords with the side-curtains. Due to the fact that Jim needed someone to help drive his cars from Detroit, Ethel was the first lady

to learn to drive a car in Barryton. In those days the super highway was absent from the map, and driving wasn't considered fun, especially on long trips. In the winter, with only side-curtains and no heater, one nearly froze to death.

The store also accomplished several other firsts, with the installation of gas pumps and the arrival of radio.

Within several years Jim and Ethel were able to save enough so that Jim could buy out his partners. The business has been serving the community as such ever since then.

In the years that passed they owned a grove of oranges and grapefruit, plus a little Spanish home, in Alamo, Texas, in the Rio Grande Valley. Several pleasant winters were spent there.

In their younger life, Jim and Ethel had the pleasure of building cottages on Eight Point, Diamond, and Chippewa Lakes. They have owned and remodel-

ed several homes in Barryton.

Both were very active in community affairs. Both served on the Village Council, with Jim president of the village several years. Among projects the community completed during their terms of public service were a fine community building and a consolidated school.

Jim was a life member of the Masons at Weidman, and was also an Oddfellow and a member of the Elks Club and the Consistory at Grand Rapids.

Ethel has been very active and held offices in the Rebekah Lodge, and also the Eastern Stars at Big Rapids and the White Shrine at Alma. She has been a member of the Big Rapids Woman's Club and the Garden Club.

In October, 1952, Jim and Ethel lost their only son, Lance. He left them two wonderful grandsons and a daughter-in-law who was like a real daughter.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



THE BARRYTON LANDMARK STORE--Is being closed out, the stock of Soper's Department Store having been on sale for several weeks, and is still selling out. The Messenger received word last week that Ethel Soper was in the Stanwood Hospital suffering a broken shoulder. She expected to be in the hospital at least the rest of this week, it was stated.

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Central Gilmore

Mary Helen Pitts, Reporter

The David Wilson family reunion met July 8 at Cheboygan. All nine children were together for the first time in 23 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ali Jarman of New Baltimore spent two days with his mother and brother.

Fred Gamble, who has been employed for 17 years at the Michigan State University, has retired to his farm home in Gilmore.

Carl Carr is building a new home on a bluff overlooking the Chippewa River east of the old Glass School.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lautzenheiser and children of Lake Le Ann spent the Fourth holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McAlvey.

Everyone along the way turned out to see the Modern Pioneers as they passed by all corners on Vandecar Road. We saw them Sunday when they arrived in Marion about 5 o'clock, in a heavy downpour of rain. They were SOAKED!

Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Convers of Farwell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl McAlvey of Lansing were guests Friday and Saturday of his brother, Ed.

The Elwyn Pitts family are spending some time in Plymouth, Wis. Elwyn has work there at this time.

The George Getchel family entertained his brother and family from Illinois over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fordyce went to Marion Sunday to visit her aunt, Mrs. White.

Greg Pitts went to Plymouth, Wis., over the weekend to see his parents. Terry came back with him. Gilmore looks pretty good to Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fordyce were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Phillips Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Bernice Cook of Farwell was a supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wood Thursday.

Mrs. Peggy Beinhoff of Bradenton, Fla., and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bambi, and two sons of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., were Sunday dinner and overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fordyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ouderkirk of Kentucky were guests of Arthur Convers recently. They once live around here.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spence and children of Pontiac spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene McArthur, and family.

Rocky Knipfer and Dale Knifen of Lansing spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodrich.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cole of Detroit spent the weekend at their farm. Two of Mrs. Cole's sisters spent the weekend with them, one from Lansing and one from Reed City.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma and grandson, Chucky Mossell, and Rusty Ewing, visited Mrs. Cole's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Allbee, Sunday. Mrs. Allbee isn't so well since her recent heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Micky Meyers and family of East Lansing spent a week at their trailer house and did some building on it.

Mr. and Mrs. Claris Allen are at their trailer house. They went to West Branch Sunday.

Joe Mossell and son, Johnny, came Friday evening, and Saturday they took Tommy and Dicky home with them. They had spent two weeks with their grandparents, the Paul Coles.

Mrs. Charlotte Hart did chores for Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Douglas while they spent several days with Mrs. Douglas' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ledic, in Pontiac.

Sunday visitors of the Paul Coles were Mr. and Mrs. Micky Meyers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahon, and Mr. and Mrs. Claris Allen.

Miss Velma Cole called on her doctor in Rosebush Saturday and had her foot cared for. It is very little better.

Paul Cole made a business trip to Blanchard Thursday. He also called on Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ellsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ewing spent several days at their cabin on Littlefield Lake.

We are very happy to know Larry Sisco is home.

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Local Items

Mrs. Flossie Davy was reported as improving, at CMC Hospital, Monday morning. She was taken to the hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Sprague at Littlefield Lake Saturday evening, at their trailer home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Looman of Cedar Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hotchkin of Lansing were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Sprague and Mrs. Bessie Teall.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Flower of St. Johns came and got Vina Bailey a week ago Friday and she spent the week of the Fourth with Mrs. Norma Flower and her family in St. Johns. Mrs. Earl Williams and Norma brought her home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Embrey spent the Fourth weekend camping above the Straits, at Trout Lake. They were in a family party for the holiday.

N. Broomfield

Maycie Cook, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Best of Grand Rapids were Thursday callers of their aunt, Mrs. Nettie Crowley. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Caulkins of Alto visited another day. Mrs. Vida Lueder and Mrs. E. Rhode called Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Latham were last Sunday callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson and boys of Holt were last Sunday dinner guests of their grandmother, Mrs. E. Rhode, and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Crocker of Bennington, Vt., and their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Crocker, of Detroit, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Will Cook.

Mrs. Herman Lueder entertained at her birthday party July 3, the following guests: Mrs. Myra Hummel of Shepherd, who was an overnight guest; Mrs. E. Rhode, Vida Lueder, Maycie Cook, Ethyl Wager, Marguerite Cook, Mrs. Mary Cook, and Amelia

Korytkowski of Remus. Cards were played, and a delicious lunch with birthday cake was served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Richardson were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens were Sunday evening guests of Mrs. E. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cook took their children, Sandra, Jean and Alan, to the Lutheran Youth Camp at School Section Lake Sunday to spend several days. Among others from here are Diane and Debbie Flaughner, Jackie and Gary Cook, Shirley Maeder, and Dennis Strong.

The Lutheran Aid met Wednesday evening with Mrs. Ralph Strong.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hines and family spent last week on a fishing trip in Canada.

Mrs. Richard Lueder is home now, after spending several days with Richard, who has been critically ill for a week at Ford Hospital in Detroit, the effects of a heart attack suffered a week ago.

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**OFFSET PRINTING WORKSHOPS
PROVING POPULAR WITH KIDS**

Mrs. Joan Charnes completed the summer course at Ferris State College, where she taught in the graphic arts program.

Mrs. Charnes taught typing and copy preparation for offset printing. She will direct the same course at Cadillac for two weeks during August.

Seven Weidman students who will be Seniors this fall attended the Big Rapids workshop. Five attended from Barryton.

Included in the workshop are all phases of offset printing, from copy preparation to camera work to plate-making and the presses. It is the hope of the promulgators that high school students can, after such year-long courses are established in high schools, go out after graduation and get jobs in the offset printing field.

Mrs. Charnes is working for a good office practice class in the local high school, which will be at Barryton and Remus this year. She envisions, besides the ordinary typing schedules, office machines, such as dictaphones, calculators, and so on.

The summer workshops were designed to give this fall's high school Seniors an introduction into the graphic arts field. This field is very broad, as it encompasses not only offset printing plants as commercial businesses, but also industrial plants having their own small offset presses.

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Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burden and family of Grand Rapids were visitors recently at the Jack Burden home. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood were weekend guests.

Miss Diane Beach of Vestaburg and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Latham of Mt. Pleasant were Sunday guests at the Gerald Latham home.

David Adams and son of Traverse City, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Lovisky and family of Flint and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Embrey of Farwell were recent visitors at the Roy Adams home.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams enjoyed a steak cookout July 5 at the cabin of their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Loviska of Flint. The cabin is on the Tobacco River.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Abbott and family attended a Detroit Tiger ball game Saturday, and also visited the zoo.

Sorry to hear John Johnson got his back broken by a horse falling on him. He is in the Saginaw Veterans Hospital.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Beutler attended Masonic rites for Marshall Carlson at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton last Thursday evening. Mr. Carlson was Master of the James A. Cliff Lodge No. 424 at Weidman. He was buried Friday.

Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

**ANNUAL FLOAT AND BOAT
PARADE LISTS WINNERS**

The annual Float and Boat Parade was held July Fourth at Coldwater Lake. Prizes were as follows:

First prize, float, Bernard Mankey.

Second prize, float, Hubert Erb.

Third prize, Float, Jerry Schafer.

First prize, boat, Alex O'Dell.

Second prize, boat, Don Ather-ton.

Third prize, boat, Jerry Beck.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wischmeyer and daughter of Alma and Mr. and Mrs. Walt Wischmeyer of Mt. Pleasant called at the Edward Schafer home Wednesday evening.

The Walt Wischmeyers have sold their trailer and lot to a nice neighborly family, Mr. and Mrs. Walker and sons of Saginaw, who have moved in. Mr. Walker is attending school at CMU.

Visitors at the Wischmeyer home last week were their niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Sherer, of Colorado. Mr. Sherer returned to school in Colorado and Mrs. Wischmeyer is spending a couple of weeks with her family in Merrill. The Wischmeyers were also surprised when their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. MacDonnell, of California, came for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marchiando entertained Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bertinetti of Royal Oak the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bruce of Algonac are spending their vacation at Coldwater Lake. Mrs. Bruce once lived east of Beal City. Her maiden name was Genevieve Quinlan.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Raymond and three children of Syracuse, N. Y., spent 10 days with Dorothy Schafer and Helen Brewer.

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Local Items

Ralph Tvorik, son of Mrs. Vera Tvorik and the late Frank Tvorik, will marry Mary La Porte of St. Charles Aug. 5. Ralph is employed by the General Telephone Co. at Hemlock. The happy young couple will make their home in Merrill.

Mrs. Florence Mull of Saginaw was a Sunday evening caller of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Charnes and Mrs. Emma Middlesworth attended a family picnic at Houghton Lake, at the cottage of the Tom Stamms of Saginaw, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Middlesworth of Lansing and Jerry and Wendy Sue spent the weekend at the Richard Donley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Louisell spent Monday, July 3, with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Handy at Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Yancer and grandson, Theo, of Freeland were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Emily Wood.

Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Plank and family spent the weekend with Mrs. Blanche Carr. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith were Thursday guests. Pennie Plank spent the week with her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bridget left Saturday on a trip to Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Carr and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Simmer are vacationing in Tennessee.

Debbie and Diane Flaughner spent a few days with Grandma and Grandpa Flaughner. The Ray Flaughers visited their son, Richard, and family, of Lake Thirteen, Sunday. They visited the Bert Chaffees at their farm Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Harvey and Mrs. Chris Larson are in CMC Hospital. Mr. Harvey was discharged from the hospital last week.

A new baby daughter, Angela Renee, was born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Swan and baby of Milan were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swan.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Bunting were Thursday dinner guests of the John Buntings of Mt. Pleasant. The Miles Buntings were Wednesday dinner guests of the Oral Buntings.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin and family of Saginaw spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin. Bill Goodman of Westphalia and John Faber called

Thursday.

Mrs. Edith Passariello and family of Saginaw were Saturday guests of the Martins.

The David Keyzers of Winn were Sunday guests of Mrs. Lorena Moses.

John Buxton of Flint called on Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Moses Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Aungst and the Clare Praay family spent the past week at Plummer, Ont.

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Amelia Wieber, Reporter

Sylvester Dole was very sick last Monday with a bad cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Folsom of East Lansing spent the Fourth of July with her folks, the Joe Wawersik family. Cindy and Judy stayed for a visit with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Gallagher spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Theisen. Barney's sister, Mary Buck, of Florida, had spent two weeks with them. She went back last Wednesday. She is Mrs. Theisen's aunt.

Margaret, Regina and Walter Wieber and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Riehl.

Jerry Simmer's two boys stayed Saturday night with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Simmer, while their parents attended the wedding reception Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weber and family left last Saturday to visit her folks in Boston, Mass. Hope you have a good trip, folks!

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