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Editor's Column

By Connie

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE MUST RETHINK ITS ACTION

The Michigan Legislature has got to do an overhaul on its philosophy of state-wide legislation. Its traditional performance of acting into law bills that encompass the entire state must be corrected.

The legislature has got to recognize that Michigan is divided into three economic and philosophic sections: The lower tier of counties including Wayne and Macomb and others, heavily populated, are one section and need special attention as to bills passed by the legislature.

The central section, beginning with Genesee County on the east and cutting straight across the state and extending to the top of Michigan's mitten, is another entity, needing separate consideration when it comes to laws.

The Upper Peninsula is the third section, with problems and needs entirely separate from the entire Lower Peninsula.

The infamous State Building Code, just now tossed at us, is a prime example of downstate Michigan ruling the legislature in the matter of new laws.

The State Building Code protects contractors in the Detroit area from differing codes in, say, Ann Arbor or Ypsilanti. That's about all you can say for it.

Up here it's an outrageous infringement on our rights.

Every city has its own building code, which should take care of safe building practices in their areas.

There is absolutely no call to inflict an expensive and unworkable building code in the rural areas of Michigan, such as Isabella County.

But here we are with it.

We have got to get on the tails of our state legislators and convince them that outstate Michigan also has rights--and votes.

If any candidate, Democrat or Republican, would take on the State Building Code law as a campaign issue, he'd get the solid backing of outstate Michigan. And while outstate Michigan (Continued on Back Page)



OTIS LOOMIS

QUITS JUNK YARD BUSINESS AFTER 30 YEARS--

Otis Loomis announced this week that he is closing out his junk-yard business in Weidman, after 30 years (including his work with his father, Ernest Loomis). "I'm taking it all out," Otis said in an interview, "cleaning it up." Messenger photo

Otis could give no probable date of completion of cleanup work, but said he had started the job about two weeks ago.

"I had to buy a truck for hauling the stuff away," he said. "I plan to clear everything out and clean up the fields, but I'll keep my farm machinery, as I want to plant a garden."

Otis also said he hopes now to finish the garage on the back of his house. "I'll have more time now, after I get the cleanup done," he said. "I'll just do my cemetery work, I guess, and my work on my place." ---0---

PUBLIC MEETING ON STATE BUILDING CODE SET FOR THIS FRIDAY EVENING

This Friday evening, Sept. 20, at 8 p. m. at the Weidman School has been set for an open meeting with the Boards of five townships present, to discuss the State Building Code and townships' alternatives to accepting the Detroit-based state code.

Supervisors from Coldwater, Gilmore, Sherman, Nottawa and

Broomfield will be present to discuss possibilities of the five townships' going together to administer their own code as set out in an alternative code book.

The public is urged to attend this meeting, as it will determine whether area townships will knuckle under to the stringent state code or will choose their own and administer it, independently of the state's fearfully broad powers.

Home owners especially should be concerned, as the state code prohibits any unlicensed work on any home in nearly every way.

"Unlicensed" means non-union, and it is conceded that the state code was conceived and accepted to the advantage of the building trades unions in and around Detroit.

Louis Mogg, supervisor of Wise Township and a member of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Townships Association for this area, will be present at Friday night's meeting with crucial information on the controversy over the state building code.

SMALL BUT DETERMINED ATTENDANCE AT BUILDING CODE MEETING SATURDAY

About 40 people, including officers of the boards of Sherman, Nottawa, Broomfield, Coldwater and Gilmore Townships, appeared at a public meeting at the Weidman school Saturday afternoon to hear details of the upcoming state-wide building code and its restrictions.

Audience participation was sparse, but the general feeling of the people was one of outrage at the impossible demands of the State of Michigan on the Township Boards and/or the Board of County Commissioners to enforce the law.

Majority opinion among the township officials was to accept the Uniform Building Code, one less stringent than the specified State Code which was written specifically for the densely-populated areas of southern Michigan.

Township Boards have six weeks prior to Nov. 6 to forward letters of intent to choose a code other than that put forward by the state and go their own way of choice of building code and the enforcement thereof.

Claire Spence was present for the County Planning Commission, and she said that the county has no choice but to enforce the state code.

Mrs. Spence also said that the County Board of Commissioners is not desirous of inheriting the job of enforcing the building code in the townships.

Elmer Fraser, a member from Gilmore Township, pointed out that no township official had yet read through the 500-odd-page book of any building code. It was brought out that neither the County Planning Commission nor any member of the County Board of Commissioners had read any of the books, either.

Lewis Bowen for Coldwater Township said he would like to see a meeting of several township boards and discuss options on the locally frightening new laws.

A meeting of the five Township Boards was arranged, with the public invited to attend the affair and hear the local boards' opinions on what out-state townships might do.

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Peggy McClain of Barryton was a Monday morning caller of Leah Scharrer.

Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Sunday afternoon callers at the Mack Denslow home were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Terry and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hook of Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bodell, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Denslow and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rauch, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Denslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson attended a house-warming Saturday evening at the Benn Johnson home.

The Fahnestock brothers have been catching some good bass in the Chippewa River lately.

Mrs. Jim Thompson attended Busy Bees Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Margaret Denslow. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Charles Fahnestock.

Mrs. Betty Thompson attended a houseware party at Mrs. Shirley Howard's Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Leah Scharrer and Mrs. Violet Oplinger were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mrs. Hattie Losey. Nancy Losey and Chad Chapman were Thursday evening callers at the Losey home, and also called on me.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Terry and daughter, Mrs. Daisy Embrey, Mrs. Bessie Price and I were Sunday afternoon callers at the Losey home. Floyd Dutcher was a dinner guest.

Mrs. Nettie Lawrence called on Mr. and Mrs. Keiser, north of Barryton, Sunday morning. She also called on Mr. and Mrs. Dale Graber, Mrs. Myrl Scott and Mrs. Edna Merrihew.

Mrs. Opal Denslow and Mr. and Mrs. Derry Dunn went to Lansing Sunday to pay respects to Mrs. Denslow's brother-in-law, Benjamin Haney. His fu-

neral was Tuesday.

Mrs. Opal Denslow, Mrs. Eva Denslow and Mrs. Flora Wood attended the funeral of Mrs. Nellie Haight Wednesday at Barryton.

Mrs. Opal Denslow attended Busy Bees at Mrs. Margaret Denslow's Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Cummins called on the Alva Cummins family and the Tracy Whites Sunday evening. They had been at the Clare Hospital to see Mrs. Lillian Cummins.

Miss Debbie Sliter was a weekend guest at the Earl Oplinger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Oplinger and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Denslow spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Skip Bodell at LeRoy.

Mrs. Wilma Swan called on her mother, Mrs. Eva Denslow, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin, Mrs. Lena Martin, Woodrow Martin, Mrs. Greg Martin and daughters, Danielle and Kelli, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Miller and daughters spent Sunday at their cottage at Copemish. The Martins had a letter from Brad, in South Carolina. He is in the Navy.

Silas and Mack Miller are spending a few days with their brother, Paul Miller, and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahnestock and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fahnestock enjoyed Sunday dinner in Cadillac, and later enjoyed a drive through the country, visiting Tippy Dam, among other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bergquist were Sunday afternoon guests of her mother, Mrs. Flora Wood.

Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Eva Denslow attended a house-warming for Mr. and Mrs. John Warner Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller took R.D. Sprague to Ann Arbor Tuesday, where he had surgery Thursday. Saturday evening they called on Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Miller and baby were there, from their home in Denver, Colorado. The Elwood Millers were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Touchinski and girls in Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Cochran were Sunday guests at the Gerald Losey home.

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Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith spent last Thursday night at Tubbs Lake. From there they camped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gould at Evert. They met Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harrington from Saxon, Wisc., Clara's brother. Also there to spend the weekend with him were Mrs. Gusta Green, Mr. and

Mrs. Stuart Hall of Dearborn, and their son, Glenn, from Kalamazoo, who teaches there; and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Temple of Detroit.

Howard Johnson of Fremont, Ohio, was in this area the past weekend to visit his mother, Kit Johnson, who is in CMC Hospital. Fay Johnson of Punta Gorda, Florida, arrived Monday night to visit his mother as well as other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Helmer of near Remus spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McArthur hosted a party honoring the second birthday of their son, Jeff. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur, Mrs. Cecelia St. Germaine, and Jeff's great-grandmother, Mrs. Rose Showalter, of Mt. Pleasant. Ice cream and cake were served.

Mrs. Emma Middlesworth had lunch with Nettie Meissner in Remus Friday.

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Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Sherman Township Planning Commission will be held Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 8 p. m. at the Sherman Township Hall.

The public is invited to attend. Thayne Sides
Chairman
Sept. 19t1

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Arlin Summers of Lansing came Sunday and took Mrs. Nina Forbes to the Wm. R. Brien home in Sumner for a family get-together. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Gale Brien of Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Litell and family of Ithaca, Mr. and Mrs. Robin Delong and family of Alma.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our good neighbors and friends for their help and sympathy in our recent bereavement;

Our thanks to Rev. Father Don Dueweke for comforting words; to the Beal City Knights of Columbus for use of their hall; to the ladies who furnished and served lunch to the family, at the hall;

To St. Anne's Altar Society; to the very many who sent Mass cards and floral offerings;

And to the many who brought food to our homes during our days of sorrow.

For all of this we are most appreciative and grateful.

Husband and Children
Of Katherine Cotter
And Their Families

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to all our friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness and help to our families during our recent bereavement.

Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. Thank you.

The Family of
Sylvester Dole

Card of Thanks

I wish to express my very sincere appreciation to the many friends and neighbors who did so many kind acts of help and sympathy at the time of my great loss in the death of my wife, Nellie.

Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Leon Haight

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Brien of Harker Heights, Texas, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with his mother, Mrs. Nina Forbes.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all my dear relatives and friends for the beautiful flowers, gifts and cards received during my stay in the hospital.

God Bless everyone.
Ida Tilmann

Local Items

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts had all their family home over the weekend.

Mrs. Herman Rhode, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rhode, all of Battle Creek, spent Sunday with Mrs. E.R. Rhode and Harold.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Lueder spent Sunday evening with the Rhodes. Mrs. Nettie Crowley and daughter Helen, were also guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Arza Mullet, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Wilson and Mrs. Arlen Summers spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Nina Forbes. Mrs. Summers left for home Monday morning.

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In the Editor's Mail

Dear Connie:

Believe it or not (by Ripley), but I am going to get my paper paid for and the \$2 I owe on last year's subscription. This is one of the things that are easy to put off. I either don't have the money or the time.

We are helping our son in Lansing build candle holders out of scrap metal from the Oldsmobile plant, and canning on the weekends that we are home. No excuse for not taking care of my account with you, as Howard told me.

I was no better than some of my customers when we were in the store, so thought I had better get on the ball.

Hope this finds you feeling better. 'Bye for now.

Mrs. Howard (Eunice) Blackmer
Remus Route 1

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WEIDMAN SCHOOL ON CAMPBELL SOUP LABEL DRIVE

The Weidman School is in the midst of a special collection drive aimed at obtaining greatly needed audio-visual equipment. The program is sponsored by the Campbell Soup Company and is offered to elementary schools, private and public.

"Between now and Dec. 8 we hope to collect enough Campbell's Soup labels to earn a cassette player and other needed equipment," Principal Harry Howard said this week.

"Our students are saving their labels, and would appreciate it if friends of the school would do the same," Howard said.

Any Campbell's soup-can label counts in the drive, he said.

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S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

Sandra Dutcher celebrated her sixteenth birthday Friday. Supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Brian Dutcher and Chad and Patti Losey.

Robyn McDaniel and Cindy Baker and son called on me Sunday evening. We called on Percy Secord and took him up town Thursday morning.

Dolores Gaudard and children of Midland spent Saturday with the Ervin Dutchers, Sr. Edna Merrihew of Barryton was a Thursday afternoon visitor. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hogg and Beth and Ronna Dutcher were Sunday visitors.

Dale Dutcher called on us Friday afternoon.

Betty Dutcher and Pat Maeder hosted a bridal shower for Joan Grandy Saturday afternoon at Pat's home. Joan will become the bride of Rick Roomsburg

Sept. 28. Mrs. Pat Roomsburg visited Betty Thursday morning. Betty Dutcher visited Mary Kelsey Friday.

Mary Beutler entered CMC Hospital last Tuesday for x-rays and tests. The children, Diane, Billy and Brenda, have been staying with the Howard Beutlers.

Linda Hardenburgh of Flint was on a two weeks' vacation and visited her folks, and spent some time up north.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dutcher and children were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Maeder. Pat's sister and family were there, also Rick's sister and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher and Patti visited her folks, the Theodore Cases, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher and Rex and Dawn called on us Sunday morning.

Gladys Stadtfeld of Remus and Harriet Chapman of Lansing were Friday afternoon and evening guests of the Carl Fitzgeralds.

Florence Fitzgerald spent Sunday over night with friends in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Secord of Holt were Thursday callers of ours and Percy Secord.

Richard, Jim and Garry Dutcher called on us during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Craven of Durand called on Percy Secord and us Tuesday afternoon. They were leaving for Florida Saturday for their winter home, where they spend most of their time.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Heim of Littlefield Lake were Tuesday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur. Del and Theresa Plummer of Fife Lake were Friday guests.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pitts hosted an 80th birthday party for their mother, Mrs. Grace Pitts, at the Gilmore Church of Christ Sunday. A great many relatives and friends were present to congratulate her.

Mrs. Bessie Price of Mt. Pleasant spent a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey.

Kit Johnson was admitted to CMC Hospital last week.

Mrs. Verlia Wilcox and Mrs. Arlene Wilcox attended the wedding of their niece, Miss Sue Griffin, at Ionia Saturday.

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Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Richard Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmidt, has been transferred from Erie, Mich., to Lansing, as a member of the State Police force.

Mrs. Gertrude Schafer was a Thursday visitor of her mother, Mrs. Jack Schafer.

A bridal shower was given Sunday afternoon in the church basement for Debbie McCoy, who will become the bride of Mark Schafer Oct. 4.

School children boarded buses Saturday and went to Detroit to attend a Tiger ball game.

Mrs. Tillie Schafer visited at the Jerry Joe Schafer home near Rosebush recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Smith visited their daughter and family at St. Clair Shores over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Smith and new baby daughter, Beth, are staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith, this week.

Dora Smith called on Theresa Smith Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rhode celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday at the K. C. Hall here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pung and family of Edmore entertained the Pung families Sunday.

The Voisin reunion was held Sunday in St. Johns.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Martin of Mt. Pleasant called on Mr. and Mrs. William Martin Sunday afternoon.

Friday callers of Louise Smith were John Schafer of Saginaw, Sister Marie Alexander, Sister Herman Joseph of Grand Rapids, and a mother and son from Munich, Germany.

Friends and relatives of Mike Gross celebrated his 80th birthday Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schafer and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Schafer went to DeWitt Saturday evening to attend a Silver Wedding party for Mr. and Mrs. Willard Reed.

Ruth Klumpp, Anna Eldred and Mrs. Walter Schafer called on Mrs. Tillie Schafer Sunday.

Ginger and Debbie Rau enjoyed a movie in Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant attended the funeral of Mrs. Cotter last Monday, and called on Louise Smith. Walter Smith spent Tuesday morning with his aunt. Joe Keiffer was a Sunday evening visitor.

Ida Tilmann is staying with Mrs. Charles Schafer in Beal City.

**Weidman
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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY
BETTER THAN A LETTER

BEAL CITY SENIOR CITIZENS CELEBRATE MIKE GROSS' BIRTHDAY AT THEIR PARTY

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens observed the birthday of Mike Gross. His family served ice cream and cake for refreshments.

There were 16 tables of pepper in play.

Matilda Starr won high-score prize for the ladies, with Laura Wolfe second. Mrs. Kirkpatrick won low.

For the men, Earl Blodgett won high-score prize, with Will Lawens second. Joe Strang won low.

Tillie Zuker won the pepper prize. Ernest Gross drew the door prize.

The next card party at the K. of C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, Sept. 26. Everyone everywhere is invited.

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Coldwater Lake

Marjorie Schafer, Reporter

Eddie Sherlock spent last Monday with Grandma Schafer.

Mrs. Clara Ley of Lansing spent a few days last week with Dick and Ruth Christiansen in their cottage on the north side.

Connie Skinner was a caller of Mrs. Harry Rupp Sunday afternoon. Florence and Harry's evening guests were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Spiess, of East Grand Rapids, who were on their way back home after spending the weekend at their mobile home on the Tobacco River.

Al and Mary Rolph of Mt. Pleasant were Tuesday guests of the Christiansens. Ed and Irene Fedewa were Monday visitors.

Ed and I and our son, Bob, had dinner Tuesday evening with our daughter, Ruth Ann Sherlock, and family.

Wayne and Ruth Sherlock, Bob Schafer and Ed and I called on Ed and Irene Fedewa Tuesday evening. Milo and Ann Eldred of Blanchard were also Tuesday guests.

Ed Schafer helped his son, Jerry, of Rosebush, put in a cement garage floor this week.

We attended a birthday party for "Uncle" Mike Gross, who was 80 years young, at Bill and Gertie's Tavern Saturday evening. There were around 75 guests present. Ed Fedewa furnished the good "ole time" music for a sing-along. Everyone had an enjoyable time. Refreshments and lunch were served, complete with a birthday cake.

Guests at the Wayne Sherlock home Sunday were John and Judy Tilmann and son, John; Don and Judy Schafer and daughters, Josette and Heather, and John and Sharon Schafer and children John, Rick and Penny, of Bay City.

Bill and Lynn Schafer and son, Brian, were guests of Wayne and Ruth Ann Sherlock Tuesday eve-

ning.

Ed and I, son Bob and mother, Tillie Schafer, enjoyed dinner and supper with the Jerry Schafer family of Rosebush Sunday. Other guests were John and Sharon Schafer and children of Bay City, Sharon McCoy of Alma, Paul and Doris Lang of Rosebush, and Linda Kandaris and children of Rosebush.

Tillie, Sharon and Jane Schafer, Sharon McCoy and I attended a bridal shower for Debbie McCoy Sunday afternoon at St. Joseph the Worker Church basement. Debbie McCoy will marry Mark Schafer Oct. 4 at Sacred Heart Church in Mt. Pleasant.

BETTER THAN A LETTER

Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Christiansen are leaving Saturday for California to visit their son and family a couple weeks, after which they will go to their winter home in Florida.

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NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neubecker of Freehold, N.J., are the proud parents of a new son, born Sept. 12, who will answer to the name of Gregory. They have another son, Anthony, and a daughter, Bernadette. Charles is a former Weidman boy, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker of Weidman.

BETTER THAN A LETTER



They're Coming -

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Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

The Merry Go Round Club met with me last Thursday, with 19 members and two visitors present. The October meeting will be with Cleo Conley on the 10th of the month.

Lillie Maddox of Saginaw is spending some time with me, and she called on Mr. and Mrs. Fay Forbes Saturday and on Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Forbes Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bowen attended a birthday party at the Ben Johnson home Saturday evening.

Shannon La Londe was a Saturday overnight guest of Kim Donley of Weidman.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike White of near Clare called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower, and Galen Tower and son also spent the day with them, helping them erect a porch on the house in Brinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne La Londe spent Sunday with the Gary LaLondes at Barryton.

Larry Strang was in Midland Hospital a couple of days last week, where he had some teeth extracted.

Jane Fields and I were in Evert Saturday.

Dean Beers of Kalamazoo spent the weekend with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright spent from Wednesday till Saturday with their son, Verl, and boys in Flat Rock.

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North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Mrs. Carol Abbott and Mrs. Muriel Miller took her daughter, Debbie Miller, to her doctor in Alma Monday.

Mrs. Zena Olger entered CMC Hospital last Thursday, with a bad cold, and was still in at this writing.

Sunday visitors at the Max Aldrich home were Mr. and Mrs. Jay Aldrich of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dittenberg of Midland, and Jim Wright of Clarkston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gott and Mrs. Helen Alwood called at the Daggett Funeral Home last Tuesday to pay respects to their friend, Nellie Haight. Later they called at the Dick Gott home near Farwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Alwood and Heather spent the weekend in Ypsilanti, at the home of the Robert Smiths.

Donny Alwood attended a football game at Ithaca Friday evening. Brian Ptak was unable to play because of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Aldrich of Lansing spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich, over the weekend.

Visitors at our home last week were Dick Gott of Farwell, who took us to our doctor Wednesday;

Mrs. Lelah Kochensparger and Mrs. Anna Kochensparger of Ashley and Mrs. Marjorie Dodge of Saginaw, Wednesday afternoon and evening. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gott called Saturday evening. Wanda Graham and Debbie also called, and Debbie stayed over night. Mr. and Mrs. John Gott of Elwell spent Sunday with us, as did Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gott and three children. Julia and Tena had to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Shenk and children called at the Don Alwood home Sunday afternoon. They had birthday cake with Don, Jr., to help him celebrate his 14th birthday. Others to observe birthdays the past week included Mrs. Jean Vore, Dennis Carr, and two-year-old Jennie Talsma, and Mrs. Roy Johnson on the Airline Road. Happy Birthday to you all.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood attended the funeral of Nellie Haight last Wednesday, at the Daggett Funeral Home in Barryton.

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West Gilmore

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Pfarnc are entertaining her parents of Houghton Lake for a few days.

Mrs. Paul Cole went with Mrs. Pat Masachuk and daughter last Thursday to introduce them to Dr. McArthur, and also to get medicine for Velma. All three were on the sick list.

Paul Cole helped Richard Mahon build a well house Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Pfarnc called on the Paul Coles Saturday. They called on Mrs. Viola Shepherd Thursday.

We are very sorry to report that our cousin, Mrs. Zena Olger, is in CMC Hospital, with pneumonia. We hear she was a little better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and sister, Mrs. Martin Boger, attended the funeral of their cou-

sin, Mrs. Leon Haight. Our sympathy to the family.

Raymond Geasler is spending a few days at his cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and family helped Mrs. Norman Geasler celebrate her birthday Sunday.

Velma Cole was a little better at the time of this writing.

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Local Items

John J. Middlesworth was out of the intensive care unit at the Midland hospital, and reported as doing well the first of the week.

The Gary McArthur family have recovered from a bout of flu, which appears to be "going around" this area.

Elwood and Iola Miller accompanied Bonnie Sprague in taking R. D. Sprague to St. Joseph's

Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor last Tuesday, where he underwent surgery for an aneurism on the aorta artery Thursday. He came through surgery well, but suffered complications. He was reported as still in the intensive care Monday. His wife, Jennie, is staying in Ann Arbor with him. Bonnie and Ronnie Sprague also have been there to be with Jennie and R. D. Bonnie returned to Ann Arbor Tuesday. Jennie's sister, Theo Dent, has been with her there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloy Sperry took Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips on an enjoyable trip to Sault Ste. Marie and Canada over the weekend. They spent one night in Canada, and enjoyed the Agawa Canyon trip by train, returning to Sault Ste. Marie Friday and staying over night, and arriving back home Sturday.

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Two Rivers

Blanche Carr, Reporter

Mrs. Clyde Zette of Gladwin spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. Leona Courser. Weekend guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Neil of Toledo, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vincent of Toledo were weekend guests of the Edwin Coursers.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kolassa presented Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Courser with a new granddaughter, born Friday, at CMC Hospital.

Mrs. Bertha Ward was hostess to the CMB Club Thursday, with 16 ladies present.

Airman and Mrs. Douglas Kennedy of Homestead, Florida, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lieder of Detroit have been house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lieder.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lueder celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with special church services at the Broomfield Lutheran Church Sunday, with about 150 relatives and friends present. A bountiful dinner was served, and all wish them many more happy years of wedded life.

Mrs. Helen Ehrman of Detroit and Lee Valdez of Indio, Calif., are visiting her mother and uncle, Mrs. Nettie Crowley and Jay Leinaar. They also visited the Jack Lieders and called on Mrs. E. R. Rhode and Harold.

Mrs. Kate Martin spent Wednesday with her daughter and family, the John Schupbachs, of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nichols of Hollywood, Calif., and two grandchildren were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Flaughner were Sunday dinner guests of the Russell Flaughners of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Flachs and Miss Patricia Youngs, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hogg and Barbara and Robbie Hines were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hines Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hines and Brenda, Ronda and Lisa of Barryton were Saturday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary with an airplane trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan MacGregor came Sunday and took their children home. They had been visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrett, for about 10 days.

Mrs. Ruth Keyser of Midland is visiting her daughter and family, the Charles Garretts.

Mrs. Eva Denslow was a Friday dinner guest of mine.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lueder of Farmington spent the weekend here with relatives. They attended the 50th wedding anniversary of the Herman Lueders. Mrs. Ernest Lueder is the former Philomena Marhofer, who attended

school in Weidman as a girl. She has many old friends in the area. ---0---

Walker Creek News

Mary Loomis, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goodstell and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Goodstell of Fenwick were last Thursday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Emmons. Sunday afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Field and family of Lansing and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Emmons of Sidney. Mr. and Mrs. Emmons attended the funeral of her niece, Maxine Higby, Wednesday at Belding.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Portenga hosted a family party at their home Sunday, in honor of her brother, who will be getting married next month, and also to celebrate the September birthdays in the Gray family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Van Antwerp of Remus were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skalitzy. Sunday evening visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Rattanger from Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Voss and son were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Leiter and family. Tim Leiter and Dan Stebelton of Mt. Pleasant were afternoon callers.

Mrs. Elnora Bates of Clare was a Sunday afternoon visitor of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gary St. John.

Chuck Kinsman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kinsman, spent Saturday with Scott Reed.

Friday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilcox were Mr. and Mrs. Orval Branson, Doris and Harvey Hammond of Harrison, and Doris' mother, Mrs. Meda Dieterlee, of Florida. Sunday callers were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Severson of Lake of the Hills, and their daughter, Dorrie, and baby. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Denslow were also visitors during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harp of Oxford spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clarke. Thursday they all enjoyed a trip to Mackinac Island, taking in all the sights and activities. Saturday they visited relatives at Houghton Lake and stopped at the Harps' cottage at Harrison en route home. Their daughter, Miss Jane Arnold, and friend, Mary Brown, from East Lansing, were Sunday visitors.

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PRE SCHOOLERS MAY HAVE THEIR PICTURES TAKEN

Principal Harry Howard of the Weidman school announces that pre-schoolers may have their pictures taken along with the rest of the students next Monday, Sept. 23, with parental consent.

"I'd prefer that parents call the school so that we can set up schedules under which the

photographers can get them all at the same time," he said. ---0---

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Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell McArthur spent the weekend camping at Pike Lake.

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Editor's Column

By Connie

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gan may be overpowered numerically by downstate cities, still a politician does need the outstate vote to get elected.

Think it over, Sander Levin, William Milliken. Along with every candidate for the state legislature.

People in outstate Michigan are just plain angry, and will vote for any man or woman who will promise to get the State Building Code law revised to relieve outstate Michiganders. They don't care if he's Republican or Democrat; just get the State Building Code amended and you're elected.

Coming Blam! right at election time, the State Building Code law is a hotter issue than inflation, Watergate and the unemployment rate.

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METHODIST MEN TO PUT ON ANOTHER SOUP SUPPER

The Methodist Men are planning another of their famous soup suppers, this time for Saturday, Sept. 28 (next week), at the church.

The Methodist soup suppers have made a name for themselves as a real event. (The wives of Methodist Men get out their prized family recipes for home-made soups, and go to work; but the Methodist Men do a fine job of expert serving.

The soup suppers have become a treat looked forward to by us in the village, and by folks from near and far. Many come over from Mt. Pleasant for the treat.

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CAN'T GET CANNING LIDS?-- TRY MRS. GEASLER'S METHOD

Mrs. Pearl Geasler called the Messenger Monday to inform us that the current canning-lid shortage need not be entirely disastrous--if you use glass juice cans or mayonnaise jars.

For canning juices, such as tomato and grape juice, Mrs. Geasler says to simply have the glass jar or bottle good and hot, heat juice you intend to can boiling hot, pour in juice to fill the jar or bottle, put store lid back on.

It'll keep, Mrs. Geasler says. ("I've got tomato and grape juice in my cellar right now that I canned that way two years ago, and it's perfectly good," she assured us.

For canning fruits or vegetables (or juice) in mayonnaise jars, keep the waxed-paper seal that comes with the mayonnaise, in the top of the cover. Heat juice to boiling, have cans and tops good and hot ("You can only dip the waxed-paper tops in hot water," Mrs. Geasler said), and put tops on and tighten.

The public isn't half as dumb as politicians and manufac-

turers seem to think. We'll find ways to get around most any shortage or hardship, and come out comfy and well fed.

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MARINE PFC DUTCHER

Marine PFC Douglas D. Dutcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher of southwest Sherman, completed Infantry Training School at the Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton, Cal.

He received specialized instruction in infantry weapons and tactics.

He is a former student at the Chippewa Hills High School, and joined the Marine Corps in March of 1974.

EDWARD NEUBECKER GETS MILWAUKEE APPOINTMENT

Hon. Henry W. Maier, mayor of the city of Milwaukee, Wisc., appointed Edward F. Neubecker to a two-year term as a Commissioner of the City Services Commission of the City of Milwaukee, beginning July 25, this year.

The commission decides matters of job promotions, job classifications, and disciplinary actions regarding civil service employees of the city of Milwaukee.

Edward is the eldest son of Mrs. Elizabeth Neubecker of Weidman.

Edward wrote his mother, in a recent letter, "Based on my stay in Milwaukee in October and November, 1971, and having talked to many Milwaukeeans during that time, Mayor Maier appears to be the most popular and most competent leader I have ever heard of."

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NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Vernon Miller entertained Ed Miller and son of Morrice, his mother, Burdella, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bleise and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Faber and family, and Clayton Miller at dinner Sunday, honoring the birthday of her daughter, Julie. Tuesday Mrs. Miller took a cake to school, for her kindergarten 'class' enjoyment.

Mrs. Dale Bywater of Midland was a Saturday afternoon caller of Mrs. Ethel Bywater.

AUDUBON WILDLIFE FILMS SCHEDULED AT MT. PLEASANT

The Audubon wildlife films series begins Friday, Sept. 20, at 7.30 in Warriner Auditorium in Mt. Pleasant with a film entitled, "East Side Story: Bahamas to Quebec."

The film, presented by Walter Berlet, depicts wildlife of many areas of eastern North America, and includes Michigan's rare Kirtland's warbler, key deer, cougar, alligator, osprey, water birds of many kinds, caribou, moose, bear, wild ponies of Virginia, and thousands of nesting gannets.

The series is sponsored by the Chippewa Valley Audubon Club of CMU and the National Audubon Society, and includes five programs by noted photographer-naturalists on a great variety of outdoor subjects.

Other programs will include "Palm Springs to Lake Louise," Nov. 17; "Animaux Sauvages," by Henk Kegel of France Jan. 20; "Footloose in Newfoundland" Feb. 23, and Kentucky Out-of-Doors April 6.

For tickets or other information interested persons may contact club members, the Pickwick Office Supply in Mt. Pleasant, or phone 773-9284.

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Mrs. Grace Pitts and Marlene Pitts of Big Rapids were Sunday dinner guests of the Bernard Pitts family. Marlene is staying with Mrs. Pitts and attending CMU this year.

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