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Sparta Church Will Have Youth Revival Feb. 4

Noted Radio Artists Will Direct Music

A "Youth for Christ" revival, sponsored by the young people of the Wesleyan Methodist church, will be held in Sparta February 4 to 18 inclusive. The speaker is to be the Rev. J. K. Kavanaugh, Rev. K. A. Shange is the pastor.

Also assisting in the services are Mr. and Mrs. Leland Rossink, noted radio artists and formerly associated with the Boone family, widely known over mid-western radio land.

Mrs. Rossink is the daughter of the Rev. Edward Boone, pastor of the First Pilgrim Tabernacle, Grand Rapids, a few years ago.

In 1937 the Boone family moved to Des Moines, Ia., where six years were spent in broadcasting daily devotional programs over station WHO and other nearby stations.

Members of the noted family later traveled extensively throughout the state of Iowa presenting musical programs and religious services where the attendance often exceeded 2,000 people.

While in Sparta Mr. Rossink will direct the revival song service with his wife at the piano. Their solos and duets will be accompanied by the piano and guitar.



Recently the Rossinks were heard in sunrise services in the "Sunrise Praise Service" over radio station WKZO.

The young people of Sparta and vicinity are cordially invited to these services and to meet the Rossinks in person.

SGT. NELSON READS SENTINEL-LEADER IN NEW GUINEA

Dear Editor:
I have left the Fiji Islands and am now in New Guinea. There are Japs, malaria and all kinds of tropic diseases over here. This is the first place I ever saw. The heat at times reaches 125 degrees. It rains about every day over here. We sleep in tents. We have plenty of coconuts to eat. We also drink the milk from them.

The natives here are small, about four feet. They speak pigeon, English. They bleach their hair all different colors and wear big earrings of brass or bone as well as beads. They make combs out of wood and roll cigarettes or smoke pipes. The Equator runs through New Guinea, partly explaining the great heat here.

There are all kinds of tropical birds and insects here including wild pig, crocodiles twenty feet long, and rats two feet long. We get paid in Australian money. While on the Fiji Islands I met Olivia DeHavilland, the famous movie actress. I have seen two good USO shows.

I get the Sentinel-Leader over here and really enjoy it. I am sending my best regards to my many friends and neighbors of Sparta.

Sincerely,
Sgt. Bernard Nelson.

BAPTIST SOCIETY MET ON FRIDAY

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Society held a capacity meeting Friday January 26 at the home of Mrs. Harry Bradford. The topic, "Essentials of Peace," was divided into three parts, social, educational and political and was discussed by Mrs. Theodore Baker, Mrs. Hughes Powell and Mrs. Wm. A. Rogers, with Mrs. Miner Purdy as leader.

Miss Elizabeth Newberg furnished violin music and accompanied singing by the group. Money from love gift boxes was collected for women's work in Michigan.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. M. C. Culver, Mrs. S. R. Lown, Mrs. J. C. Hodgins and Mrs. Baker served delicious refreshments.

Happy Birthdays

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| Feb. 2 | Cpl. Andrew Boros (Somewhere in France) | Feb. 8 | Lt. Edward Soderstrom (Somewhere in Italy) |
| Feb. 3 | Karl McDonald | Feb. 10 | Mrs. O. R. Osburn |
| Feb. 3 | S. I. Donald Schroeder | Feb. 11 | Mrs. Anna Kenney |
| Feb. 3 | John Schaefer | Feb. 11 | Lisetta Press |
| Feb. 4 | Mrs. Martha Mattson | Feb. 12 | Mrs. Grover Noffsinger |
| Feb. 4 | Mrs. Alice Barnes | Feb. 13 | Olle Ketchen |
| Feb. 4 | Pfc. Harold C. Lusk (In Germany) | Feb. 14 | Otto P. Baehre |
| Feb. 5 | N. N. Osburn | Feb. 15 | Mrs. Catherine Geiger |
| Feb. 6 | Gerald Lusk | Feb. 15 | Mrs. Nancy Matthews |
| Feb. 6 | Mrs. Robert Anderson | Feb. 15 | Lawrence D. Wellman |
| Feb. 6 | Willis Johnston | Feb. 15 | Jean Slapinski |
| Feb. 7 | Wm. Wilfred Colby (Somewhere in France) | Feb. 17 | Mrs. Alice Creveling |
| Feb. 7 | Janet Stanton | Feb. 17 | Mrs. Elza Egolf |
| Feb. 7 | Mrs. Ethel Hillman | Feb. 20 | Dr. Glenn Imman |
| Feb. 8 | Laverne Denhof | Feb. 20 | Franklin Lusk |
| Feb. 8 | Darrell Denhof | Feb. 22 | Mrs. Frances May (77 years old) |
| Feb. 9 | Lt. Alice Soderstrom | Feb. 23 | Mrs. Mary Shue |
| | | Feb. 24 | Pete Denhof |

UNDERWATER APPLE STORAGE

Two hundred tons of apples from the Kelowna, British Columbia crop this year are in storage in Okanagan Lake. The Canadian National Railways granted permission to the B. C. Tree Fruits, Ltd., to use its pier at Okanagan Lake for the experiment in an effort to save apples which otherwise would rapidly deteriorate due to shortage of storage space. Herring net, 600 feet of it, was attached to the pier piles and then weighted with lead. The net hangs down into the water to a depth of ten feet covering the area under the pier. Culls, or low grade apples are being used and if they are saved by water storage, they will be used for dehydration and other by-products and if the experiment is unsuccessful the loss will be negligible. Revolving belts will go down into the water corral, pick up apples and bring them into receptacles on the pier when required.

Comstock Park Soldier Killed In Plane Crash

Pfc. Raymond Bekins, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bekins, Comstock Park, route 1, was killed in an airplane crash near Sebring, Florida, last Saturday.

Funeral services will be held at the Fairview Reformed church Friday afternoon at two o'clock, with burial in Rosedale Memorial Park.

Pfc. Bekins, a gunner, entered the service in April, 1944. At the time of his death he was stationed at Avon Park, Florida.

He was a former student of the Alpine district school and before entering service assisted his father on the family farm.

Surviving besides the parents are three sisters, Mrs. Martha Denton of Belfast, Me.; Mrs. Madeline Meinke of Comstock Park and Ruth at home; three brothers, David of Greenville, Elmer and Marvin at home.

WM. H. BARTLETTE TO SPEAK AT FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Next Sunday, Feb. 4 at 10:00 a. m., Mr. Bartlette will speak to the entire Sunday School from the general subject of "Temperance." Mr. Bartlette, who is now executive secretary for the Prohibition Party in Michigan, has had contact with children and youth problems as pastor for 25 years and also as being connected with the University of Michigan Juvenile Delinquency project, Jackson, Michigan. He is now appearing in places throughout Michigan in the interests of temperance education.

At 11:00 a. m. Rev. Bartlette will preach on the subject, "America's New Birth," expressing the need for and the movement of a rebirth of American ideals based on the "Bible." Mrs. Bessie Bartlette will give a "scene-of-felt" talk at 7:50 p. m. to precede the sermon at 7:45.

SPARTA NEWS

Kent County Council of PTA will meet in Comstock Park school Tuesday evening, Feb. 6 at 6:30 o'clock for a dinner meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dufort have received word that their son, Robert, was wounded in the European area Dec. 30. He went overseas last fall. He was graduated from Sparta High school three years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. William Powers were happy the other evening when answering the telephone to receive direct news of their son, John. A friend of his, who had flown from Italy, had arrived in Grand Rapids and telephoned greetings to John.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Rogers left Sunday evening for Chicago, leaving by plane Monday and expected to arrive in Florida that afternoon, where they will vacation for a month.

Mrs. Susie Wilcox entertained Mrs. G. W. Maxwell and Mr. and Mrs. Hine Smith at dinner Sunday evening.

Mrs. J. R. Stevens entertained on Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. G. W. Maxwell's birthday. Games were enjoyed and refreshments served. Guests included Mrs. E. Phil Bradstrum, Mrs. M. Athearn, Mrs. A. Elliott, Mrs. Al Pierson, Mrs. Walter Bloomer, Mrs. Hine Smith and Mrs. E. W. Smith.

The Rev. J. E. Sanders, formerly of

Kent City School Lad Meets Death On Co. Highway

Was Member of Newly Formed Scout Troop

Junior Landheer, 14-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Landheer, was struck and killed by an automobile near his home on Seventeen mile road, 1 1/2 miles east of Kent City last Saturday, January 27. The driver of the car was Arden Hawkins, of Enslay township.

The boy had been on a hike with Troop No. 3, Kent City Boy Scouts, that afternoon and was leaving his home on his bicycle to go to his brother's home when he was struck. Junior was born November 8, 1930 in Casnovia township. The family has lived near here for about five years. He was in the eighth grade at school.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Landheer; one sister, Mrs. Lessel Harrison; a brother, Martin Landheer, Jr., and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Gertrude Rosinga of Grand.

The body reposed at the McKinley Funeral Home at Grand until Tuesday morning when it was brought to his home in Kent City. After a prayer service at noon, the body was taken to the Reformed church, east of Grand, where it lay in state until the hour of service, 2 o'clock, Rev. Howard VanEgmond, pastor of the church, officiating. Interment in Chubbuck cemetery.

Kent City Farmer Has Nine Brothers Living In Belgium

John DeVos, well known Kent City farmer, has ten persons reasons why he is watching the battlefields in the vicinity of Belgium.

He told the Sentinel-Leader editor last week, during a very interesting interview, that he has nine brothers and one sister still living in Belgium. One sister, he said, was drowned over there during World War I.

Mr. DeVos, who operates a 100-acre farm, came to America in 1914. Three years later he returned to the "old country" as a member of the United States armed forces during World War I. After the armistice he had hopes of remaining with the occupation troops so he could visit his relatives but the company was ordered to embark for the States.

Mr. DeVos states he has had no word from any of his brothers or sister during the present war.

MUSKEGON CO. JUNIOR FARM BUREAU NOTES

Sheldon Durheim, president of the Junior Farm Bureau, attended a council meeting of all the presidents of such groups in the state, Saturday at Clear Lake. Sixty were present. Miss Donna Vance attended as she is a member of the state camp commission.

MRS. ENGSTROM HAS HOPES FOR MISSING SON

Dear Friends:
We have just received a letter from Washington confirming the report that Bob (Cpl. Robert Engstrom) was missing in action in Belgium the 17th of December. We had a little hope that there could have been some mistake. Still we feel he is a prisoner of war and safe somewhere. He served in the 32nd squadron of a mechanized cavalry reconnaissance troop in the First Army in Luxembourg and Belgium.

His letters, from the time he reached Scotland and England last May, through much of France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany have been filled with interesting facts of the countries and their people. I am sending you his last letters. You will know how much we prize these of all others. If you can use excerpts from them which will be of interest to your many readers, you may use them. It will give people an idea of what our boys have to endure. We are happy to have Bob's little wife with us and we are all very hopeful of hearing that Bob is safe.

Very sincerely,
Mrs. H. J. (Myrtle) Engstrom.

Note: Cpl. Engstrom's fine letters will be published in next week's Sentinel-Leader.

SON OF FORMER PEACH RIDGE FAMILY KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Peach Ridge friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Vandussen of Pennville, who formerly lived on the Three-Mile Road, will be sorry to learn that their nine-year old son, Ted, was fatally injured Monday when struck by a car reported to have been driven by Nelson M. Warren.

It is said the boy jumped from a snowbank directly in the path of the car. He died shortly after in a doctor's office. Mr. Vandussen is editor of the Pennville Herald.

Surviving are the parents, a brother and two sisters. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at the Methodist church with burial in Pennville cemetery.

KENT CITY CHURCH PLANS SPECIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

Musical talent from Grand Rapids will feature the Sunday evening services of the Kent City Methodist church, says the Rev. Wm. Noordyk, pastor.

Vocal duets, trombone and saxophone selections will be offered during the service.

The regular morning worship service will be at 10:30 and Sunday School at 11:15.

On Monday, immediately following school, a children's hour will be conducted at the church by Mrs. Sonanda. All children are welcome.

THEY DIRECT WEST OTTAWA SOIL PROGRAM



Pictured is the Board of Directors of the West Ottawa Soil Conservation District at one of their regular meetings in Grand Haven.

Members of the Board, who formulate and direct the District program are (right to left) Edwin Schaefer, Chester Township; Albert Stegenga, Olive Township; William Sinderman, Robinson Township; Hunter Herinz, Crockerly Township, Chairman of the Board, and Clarence Reenders, Grand Haven Township. L. R. Arnold, County Agricultural Agent, (seated, left) acts as secretary to the Board, and has been an enthusiastic leader in the District which he helped to organize in 1933. R. E. Briola (standing, left) is District Conservationist in charge of the Soil Conservation Service staff assisting the District.

Included in the long-time land use program of the District is the stabilization by tree planting of thousands of acres of bare, drifting sand, soil building and improvement practices such as liming, green manure and cover crops, pasture improvement, drainage, etc. About 800 farmers are now cooperating with the District.

The work done in this District has attracted much attention. Since its organization over 20 other districts have been voted in. Apparently the District idea as a means of protecting our Number One natural resource—the soil—is being accepted throughout the State.

Kent City Flyer With Air Force Group Which Led First U. S. Bombing Attacks On Berlin

Second Lieutenant Edward B. Pachnik, 23, Kent City, co-pilot on a B-17 Flying Fortress, has been assigned to the 95th Bombardment Group, and is now taking an orientation course on flying procedure in the European theater of operations, prior to beginning combat duty in the air.

The AAF flyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pachnik of Madison, Wis. His wife, Mrs. Shirley Pachnik, lives in Kent City.

Lt. Pachnik is a member of the Eighth Air Force Fortress group which led the first American bombing attack on targets in Berlin, and which was cited by the President for its outstanding bombing assault on railroad marshalling yards at Munster, Germany, in October, 1943. As a component of the distinguished Third Bombardment Division, the group also shared in a Presidential citation given the entire division for its historic England-Africa shuttle bombing of an important Messerschmitt fighter plane plant at Regensburg, Germany in August, 1943.

Technical Sergeant Wilfred J. Ritz, Conklin, is a member of the Service Group, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James M. Sullivan, that was recently commended for its part in the air-ground push that has driven the German Armies from Northern France.

Sergeant Ritz is a Chief Clerk in the Engineering Section of a Ninth Air Force Air Service Squadron and is the son of Mr. Fred Ritz, Conklin, Michigan.

This commendation came as a result of General Patton's appreciation for the aerial support given by the 9th Air Force fighters and fighter-bombers to his troops in their rapid drive across France.

General Weyland of the Tactical Air Command, to whom the commendation is addressed, adds his appreciation for the work done. He gives credit to Colonel Sullivan's group and three similar groups for their work in keeping the planes under his command in the air and for the service given without which, such aerial support would not have been possible.

This group is responsible for all the supply and major repair to the Ninth Air Force P-51 Mustang Group that recently received the Presidential Citation and an outstanding P-47 Thunderbolt Group now giving aerial support to the Allied drive into the Reich from the west.

FUNERAL SERVICES THURSDAY FOR MRS. GENTZ

Mrs. Fredericka Gentz, age 88, one of the oldest pioneer residents of North Chester township, and widow of Herman Gentz, passed away Sunday night, January 26, at the home of her son, Herman, in Muskegon.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bressen, she was born in Johannsburg, New York, June 19, 1856. At the age of seven years she came to Michigan with her parents and settled on a farm in North Chester township, Ottawa county, living practically the rest of her life in this community, except for seven years spent in Grand Rapids in England.

She was united in marriage to Charles W. Raddatz, March 1, 1883, who preceded her in death in 1934. On January 14, 1888, she married Herman Gentz, later moving to the homestead in North Chester, where Mr. Gentz passed away on June 2, 1934.

Surviving are five sons, Fred Raddatz of Kent City, Rev. David Gentz of Hammond, Indiana; Herman and Rev. Robert Gentz of Muskegon and Albert on the homestead in North Chester.

Mrs. Gentz reposes at the homestead, where funeral services are being held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in the Mason cemetery. Rev. Clyde Wood officiating. Arrangements by the Bettes Memorial Chapel.

ANOTHER SOLDIER REPORTED WOUNDED IN LUXEMBOURG

Mrs. Beatrice Dykstra has received word from her husband, S. Sgt. Louis Dykstra, stating he is now stationed in a hospital in England.

S. Sgt. Dykstra was wounded during a battle in Luxembourg on Christmas day when a piece of shell struck his left foot. The foot is now in a cast.

S. Sgt. Dykstra, an expert combat infantryman, was acting as First Sgt. when wounded. He is a member of Patton's 80th Division.

A daughter, Patricia Lown, received a letter from her father just a few weeks before he was wounded.

Isle Of Capri Beautiful Spot Says Lt. Saur

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Johnson received the following interesting letter from Lt. Charles Saur, stationed in Italy:
As of 5:45 this evening your son is now a first lieutenant. We got back from a week at rest camp and found that all of our bedding had been stolen. We can get new blankets, but what I miss is the sleeping sack. They are not replaceable over here. Expect it was the Italians and not our boys. Our tent was right in the corner so they could get it easily.

Yesterday we moved into our new tent. It sure seems good to get off that dusty floor. We have windows so, with whitewashed walls. We have our stove fixed on a platform so it gives more heat. We've still got to get a sink fixed up.

We had a swell time at the rest camp. We all stayed in a swell hotel and had regular hotel service. It seemed swell to crawl into a nice bed again. They had entertainment of all sorts going on so we could not get bored. At a dance I met a Red Cross girl from Ann Arbor and come to find out she was my Dean's daughter at the time of M. Dean Crawford of the engineering school.

You were wondering what our rations consisted of in the P. X. Weekly we get 7 packs cigarettes; 4 cigars, pipe or chewing tobacco; 4 candy bars, 2 chewing gum, laundry soap, two weeks candy package, toilet soap and razor blades. Every four weeks fruit juice, tooth paste, shaving cream, matches, writing tablet, envelopes, clothing, etc. is rationed.

Recently I had a few days off and visited Naples and Capri. Naples is the first city I have seen that would anywhere near compare with an American city. I could write a book on the Isle of Capri. The only way to get there is by boat. It is just a mountain sticking up out of the sea, or maybe I should say two mountains, and the town of Capri lies in the saddle between them. To get from the water front to Capri, which is probably 600 feet higher, one takes the Funicular railway, two coaches, one on either end of a cable, and one goes up while the other goes down. The four of us took carriage up the road that winds and twists its way up the steep grade. The horse got us about a third of the way up and we got out and pushed him up the middle third and he managed to stagger up the last third with all our weight.

Capri is purely a vacation spot and no use in an agricultural line. The narrow streets are lined with trinket and souvenir shops. Never go to Capri if you're not good at walking or climbing. It is supposed to be 3,000 years old. It is on the top of the lower two peaks and is only accessible by foot. From the ruins you can get a perfect view of Naples and Mt. Vesuvius in the background.

Another place we visited was the Blue Grotto, accessible only by water. You hire a boat to take you, then changes boats for a smaller one that will take you into the grotto. Once inside you find yourself in a large room where there is a strange blue light. The water is bluer than you can imagine. It is truly beautiful. On the way back we fished for awhile. The fish we caught were different than any we had ever seen. They were small and one looked like a combination of perch and bass in a red color. I have some postcards that I'll send home with pictures of Capri.

Love,
Charles.

Six Candidates File Petitions For Council

Wallie T. Coleman, Sparta village clerk, reported Tuesday evening that six candidates had filed petitions in the race for councilmen in the forthcoming primary election which will be held at the village hall Monday, February 19.

Candidates seeking election are E. K. Landied and Harry W. Carlson. Other candidates are Alvin Reister, Claude E. Gillette, Chas. V. Cutler and Fred Humston. Mr. Cutler is a former councilman.

A last minute attempt to draft Chas. Warren as a candidate was dropped when Mr. Warren said he positively would not run for re-election. Petitions had already been circulated by his friends and were quickly signed.

Petitions for the remaining candidates who enter the primary election are D. J. Johnson, president, Mr. Coleman, clerk, Julia Collins, treasurer, and Frank J. Gillett as assessor. The report that Mr. Gillett would be a candidate for Justice of the Peace failed to develop as no petitions for that office were received by the clerk Tuesday, the deadline for filing petitions.

TOWNSHIP PRIMARY ELECTIONS NULLIFIED

Henry Loomis, Sparta township clerk, reported Wednesday that only petitions of present township officers were filed at the clerk's office Tuesday so the primary election has been nullified.

Fred Woodwork, clerk of Tyrone township, and John H. Bennett, clerk of Casnovia, both reported no opposition candidates for their respective township offices so there will be no primary elections for those townships.

LIST FARM MEETINGS FOR OTTAWA COUNTY

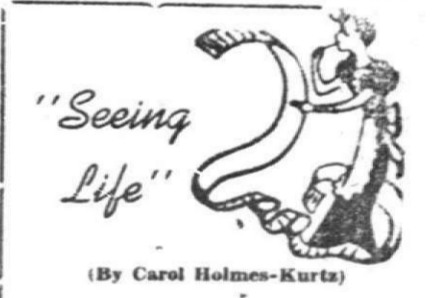
The educational meetings on land-use and soil conservation being conducted by Robert Briola, conservationist, and L. R. Arnold, agricultural agent, have been discontinued during the week of January 29, but will be resumed February 6. At least one meeting is to be held in each township in Ottawa County.

The first series which ends about the middle of February will be followed by a second series starting February 20. A new feature of the second series will be the showing of a 1,600-foot movie made here in Ottawa County. It will consist of local scenes and many local people will be portrayed in this movie.

Meetings scheduled for the week of February 6 are as follows:
Feb. 6—Jericho School—8 P. M.
Feb. 8—Robert School—8 P. M.
Feb. 9—Zeland School—1:30 P. M.

Capt. Kao Hwa Lo spent all day Thursday at the Justin Spangenberg home on S. Union St.

Incidentally, for the second year in succession the date-line on the paper this week is the same as my birthday, February 1.



"Seeing Life" (By Carol Holmes-Kurtz)

They teach youngsters everything in the world today, how to stand, how to dress, how to talk, but sometimes I wish they could be taught to say "Thank you." Emily Post remarks, "Showing pleasure and being appreciative is the very best way to win attention." The only generation that is very lacking in this grade of response. At least we of yesterday notice very much the charm of the few who possess it. This generation will learn some day that saying "Thank you" pays surprisingly good dividends!

These crisp windy days bring memories of the days we visited in the country. We remember with real affection the base burner. Who was ever cold when one of them was glowing in the living room? We recall slipping out of bed those chilly mornings, running downstairs to dress behind the stove. Someone must have done a lot of hard work long before we children were up to get all the fires burning and the house warm. There were no thermostats in those days. Then into the cheery kitchen with breakfast by the old range, the table covered with a checkered cloth. The old-fashioned things are lovely after all. Oil lamps with their soft, cosy lights in the evening. Remember washing all those chimneys?

No spring vacation was ever complete if we could not go up to the farm and the weather was always cold in early March, but somehow there is a remembered thrill of bundling up and walking down snow, roads those snappy days.

I recall an older woman remarking that she was lonely to pump water out of a well pump. We used to have to pump it, but it was wonderful effort when that icy water would come rushing out of the well and what a drink that was!

Incidentally, for the second year in succession the date-line on the paper this week is the same as my birthday, February 1.

Hieroglyphics

... by George Albee

"Don't go in for these thrills," advises Zerk Wimpflet, the Alpine philosopher. "If you have a weak heart, (1) Betting \$10 on a horse to win at twenty to one, and see him leading in the stretch only to be noed out at the wire. (2) Sticking two bits in a quarter slot machine and have the first two bars line up and the third stopping in line for a split second and then mousing back. (3) Hanging around a tavern long enough to hear the bartender say 'this one is on the house.' This is improbable but if it ever happens it would be a strain on the hearts on either side of the bar."



Try this old one on your calculator: A farmer buys a horse for \$50 and sells for \$60. After a few days he decides he wants the horse back but has to pay \$70 to purchase the animal. Then a neighbor offers him \$80 for the horse and he accepts. Did he make any money on the horse? If so, how much?

From Tinker to Evans to Chance And all the batters were out Is like Garner to Wallace to Truman With all that matters in doubt.

Overheard a fellow tell Jim at Camp Lake last Friday night: "The Hollander that I dislike is the one who put his finger in the dyke and kept all the others from drowning."

Orin Wolters, hunting and fishing king of Gooding, is also a bit of a philosopher. "Telling a prospective bridegroom that two can live as cheap as one is a contemptible falsehood," exclaims Orin. "There are only two creatures on the face of this earth that can live as cheap as one, a horse and a sparrow."

Theme song for our state legislators: "Slow Time On My Hands."

To those with a superiority complex We hope they never stumble Upon the teeming flux Of those who would be humble.

A wealthy farmer tipped the girl a dime after eating a swell meal in a local establishment. "Your son was in this morning," sneered the waitress in disgust, "and he gave me a quarter for serving him a glass of beer."

"Sure he can do that," replied the farmer, "he has a rich father and you see I haven't."

Forrest Gold has a million of these mathematical brain teasers. This week he gives you this one: Have any one or any number of people think of any number at all and then multiply it by two and add four; multiply this total by three and then divide by six. Finally subtract the number they originally thought of and the result will be "two."

There is not apt to be cigarette butt shortage in Sparta since Luke placed his ad in our classified columns. The managements of several Grand Rapids establishments, including the Bomber, the Beehive and the Casino Club have volunteered to collect butts for local output. Luke is well satisfied with the results he got from this ad.

Mr. and Mrs. James Geigle, of the Grand Rapids Geigles celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary last Saturday. Jim's mother, Mrs. Dora Geigle sent them a cord of wood for a gift. Knots to you Jimmie boy.

We didn't know where in the world Our River was until Patton ran across the darn thing.

Did you ever wonder how much electricity would be saved if the government would ban all the pin ball machines in the United States?

A shy young man is Frisky Glen, Although he's a man among men, He won't make a sound If there's a woman around That happens to be an old hen.

The answer to the problem: The farmer made \$20; there were two separate deals and he made \$10 on each one.

BETTER SOIL CARE MEANS HIGH YIELD, LOWER OUTPUT COST

CHICAGO.—Soil conservation was recommended as "Item No. 1" in the farmer's postwar planning, in a statement made public here by the Middle West Soil Improvement Committee.

"The best preparation a farmer can make to meet the competitive conditions of the postwar period is to build up the fertility level of his soil," the statement points out.

"It is simple common sense to make ready for the inevitable lowering of farm prices which will come when the present abnormal demand for food slackens. The farmer who looks ahead will have his soil in such shape that high crop yields will cut his production costs to the point where he can withstand a period of lower prices."

"Thus the purchase and application of mixed fertilizer during the next year or two is one of the soundest investments a farmer can make for the future. Compared to the prices of farm products, fertilizer is cheaper today than it has been at any time in the past. In addition to promoting soil conservation, fertilizer pays its own way. Experience has shown that every dollar spent on fertilizer may be expected to return from \$3 to \$5 in increased yields, quality and feeding value."

"The need for soil conservation has been intensified by vast wartime crop production schedules. The soil's resources of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash have been used up faster than they have been replaced in order to meet the wartime need for more food. Hence a gigantic soil rebuilding job lies ahead—a job which necessarily must be the responsibility of the individual farmer."

ALPINE HAPPENINGS

Mrs. John Ebers came in Monday. She is taking the census for Alpine. We think she has a job on her hands. Alpine is quite a large territory to go over and she has her housework. It must keep her very busy.

Grover Baumhoff sold some cows last week. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Deiss visited Mrs. Downer and Orley Sunday evening.

Mrs. Roy Wheeler spent an afternoon with Mrs. Downer. Lyle Downer and friend of Rockford called on Downer's one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Camp are entertaining the flu. They are on the way to recovery. Lloyd and William Rusche called on Grover Baumhoff Thursday.

Lawrence Bodel of Ballards called on Grover Baumhoff Wednesday. He has had the cast taken off his arm and wears a sling now, which feels much better. Hope it gets O. K. soon. It has been a long time since he was hurt.

Sunday was a very quiet day—only a few horses and cutters went by. All the Urban Antor people attended the circus and did the youngsters enjoy it!

Mr. Downer was up to Sparta to see the doctor. She is not feeling well. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin attended the memorial services for their nephew, Francis Elderkin, which was held at Lee High school.

Mr. and Mrs. David Smith and daughters, Helen and Marcia, had dinner with Martin's Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Mortenson spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. Martin.

Don't YOU Go Too Far!

when you are out for a good time. Stop at Scotty's — it is just far enough to be just right. Starting Monday, February 5 we will be closed on Monday evenings instead of Thursday evenings as in the past.

Scotty's Tavern ENGLISHVILLE

U. S. Cow Army Called On for Peak Milk Production in 1945



Pasture Improvement Through Soil Conservation Means More and Better Feed.

CHICAGO.—Increases of approximately 2,400,000,000 pounds in 1945 milk production quotas will mean that the Midwest's dairy herds will be called on to step up their output to an all-time peak, according to a statement made public here by the Middle West Soil Improvement Committee.

"The War Food Administration is asking dairymen to boost 1945 milk goals to 122,400,000,000 pounds, compared with 120,000,000,000 pounds this year," the statement points out. "Whether the nation's 27,000,000 dairy cows can meet these new wartime quotas is dependent on steady supplies of good, nutritious feed,

proper health conditions and adequate care generally. If these are provided, cattle will do their part.

"Of essential importance is plenty of edible body-building pasture crops. The dairy farmer's surest means of providing this for his herds is to undertake a pasture improvement program that will insure a good stand of legumes and grasses. To accomplish this, it is important, first of all, to build up the soil's productivity by the use of fertilizer containing plenty of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash. It is essential, too, that farmers planning such a program place their orders early to obtain plant food supplies."

BAILEY NOTES

The Home Extension class will meet with Mrs. Ethel Bull Thursday afternoon when Mrs. Mary Brydges and Mrs. Virginia Zimmerman will bring the lesson, "Time Savers in Home Sewing." Carry-in refreshments will be served in the afternoon.

Kenneth Bull and Robert Brydges will spend Tuesday and Wednesday in East Lansing during Farmers' Week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Beach of Ionia were weekend guests of Mrs. Bosch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Whitney. Billy and Delbert Follette of Sparta are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Follette.

Gerald Tibble, 8 2/6, of Missouri, Miss Ellen Murray of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Murray and Gloria of Kent City and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Murray and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Murray.

Sunday guests at the H. E. Rice home were Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Rice, Mrs. Edward Klatt and son Charles of Belding, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson and grandson, Terry Lynn of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Jack Rollins, Mrs. Elmer Martens and son Jack of Kent City and Mrs. R. MacDonald of Grant.

Mrs. Libbie Campbell and daughter Helen of Grand Rapids visited Mr. and Mrs. Leon Whitney Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Moore were overnight guests Saturday of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil DeBois in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Verna Ching and family attended a birthday dinner in Muskegon Sunday at the home of Mrs.

Ching's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith.

Mrs. George Passage and Mrs. Jaa. Smith were Grand Rapids business callers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ching called on Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ching Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Moore were Sunday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Palm.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bears of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Omar Hammer of Muskegon were Sunday night lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Detweiler and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyler Plydter and Keith of Muskegon were Saturday night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wako Zimmerman.

Mr. and Mrs. Grey Rogers and Judy of Muskegon called on Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith Thursday afternoon.

Miss Helen Bull of Muskegon visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bull, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Bull, Mrs. John Bull and Miss Helen spent Saturday afternoon in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Roy LaPreze and daughter Patsy of Sparta and son Donald, who is home on furlough from Rhode Island, were Thursday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgie MacCloud. Donald left Sunday night for California and will leave from there for overseas soon.

Mrs. Isadora Chesebro was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood. Miss Doris Rykert of Muskegon visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rykert Sunday.

ENGLISHVILLE NEWS By Mrs. Ardith Babcock

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Florence Buckley is recovering from her recent operation.

Mr. Stout expects to move his dairy equipment this week.

Mrs. Albert Hanna and Andy visited Sunday with the Babcocks, while Albert and Richard went ice fishing. We hope they had good luck.

The Ladies' Aid is to be at Mrs. Arthur Church's this week.

Mrs. Zella Stuart visited with Dorothy Babcock Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Edith Ingersoll and Mrs. Coral Babcock had a nice week visiting and

sewing last week at Mrs. Ingersoll's in Aljoma.

Mrs. Leo Erhart and Jane visited at Mrs. Dell Stuart's Sunday.

Betty and Shirley Hanna, Jackie Sullivan and Jeanette Babcock went sliding on Cook's hill Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hanna were dinner guests at Marvin Hanna's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Montgomery were shopping in Grand Rapids Saturday.

Mrs. Gerald Wolmertz's mother has returned to her home after being here for the past two weeks.

Mrs. Harris and Frank of Beulah have been visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. Albert Hanna.

We are glad to see that Mrs. Ida Wolmertz is able to be out again.

Mrs. Elizabeth Schultz is still staying her own home this winter.

There is a very nice picture of Barbara Nielsen in the Ridgely Studio window.

We see that Hollis Collins has changed cars recently.

We understand that Mrs. Matt Weaver has been quite ill but is getting better.

If anyone found a small handaxe lying on or near Albert Hanna's fish shanty, please notify Ardith Babcock, R. 2, Sparta, Eward.

The Chesleki have changed cars and Jessie is doing nicely in learning to handle it. You can do a better job backing up than Ida now, Jessie.

How about some news from the rest of you Englishville folks?

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