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## State Engineers Working on Plans For Sparta Airport

Mr. Jack Norton, operator of Sparta Airport, was in Lansing on Monday morning to confer with state engineers who are working on plans to lengthen the runways in the first step of expansion of the present airport.

"It is hoped that plans can be completed and approved so that construction can commence on the expansion program yet this summer," Mr. Norton said.

"Meanwhile, Vinton Avenue will remain open as long as possible and will not be closed until such time as it is necessary to do so to extend the present runways," officials at the Kent County Road Commission said.

## Sparta Attorney To Seek New Judgeship



Philip Hogan

Philip L. Hogan, Sparta attorney, announces his candidacy for the newly created District Court Judgeship for the 63rd District, 1st Division. The new district will include the Villages of Sparta and Kent City, the cities of Cedar Springs and Rockford, as well as the northern twelve townships in the county.

Born in Williamstown, Mass., Mr. Hogan attended Berkshire Preparatory School in Great Barrington, Mass. He received a bachelor degree from Princeton University in 1936 and a Juris Doctor degree from the Detroit College of Law in 1944.

He worked in the aircraft engineering and labor law departments of Ford Motor Company and came to Sparta in 1947. He has served as Sparta City attorney 20 years and was city attorney for Cedar Springs eight years.

Mr. Hogan is a member of the Elks Club and Sparta Rotary Club and the State Bar of Michigan. He also is a member of the American Radio Relay League. Married, Mr. Hogan and his wife, Jane, have four children.



## Sparta Rotarians Welcome District Governor

Mr. Russell H. Ramsay of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, District Governor of the Rotary Clubs (second from right), was welcomed Monday noon by the officials of the Sparta Rotary Club.

Local officers are, left to right; Dr. Wayne Bannink, vice-president; Mr. Raymond Taylor, president; Mr. Ramsay; and Mr. Donald Bradford, retiring president and member of the Board of Directors.

It was disclosed Monday that Mr. William H. DeHart of Sparta, past District Governor, has been nominated as a director of the Rotary International.

## Sparta Middle School Nears Completion

"A progress report of the new Middle School indicates that the completion date of August 1 will be met," announces Mr. Joseph Puvogel, Superintendent of the Sparta Area Schools.

"Classroom furniture is in all the home economics, art room, and special areas are now being completed. The kitchen equip-

ment has also been installed," he said.

Mr. Puvogel further added that the lawn had been seeded and the rains of the past week had encouraged its growth. Blacktopping is scheduled to commence next week on the drive and road to the building.

## OREGON MAN RETURNS TO SPARTA AFTER 50 YEARS

When Leon Pulsifer moved to Portland, Oregon, with his parents in 1918, he certainly didn't think it would take 50 years before he would be able to return and be reunited with relatives in Sparta and this area.

Mr. Pulsifer and his wife arrived last week and are busy catching up on all of the news and getting acquainted with cousins they had never seen. While here, they are staying with his aunt, Mrs. Martin Pulsifer, Sr., on Prospect Street.

Sunday was a family reunion at the home of cousins, Mr. and Frank Hubert and their daughter, Ruth, in Grand Rapids. Joining them for dinner was his aunt, and cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pulsifer, Jr., and their daughter, Beth Ellen, Mrs. Myron Sutton, and Mrs. Robert Cook and her daughter, Lois, all of Sparta.

## Gymnasium Study Special Meeting

A special meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 11, in the All-Purpose Room of the Kent City-Casnovia High School. The meeting will feature the findings of the citizens' committee on the gymnasium study.

All interested persons should be present.

## Douglas Hamm New President At Piston Ring

Mr. Douglas Hamm was named executive president of the Muskegon Piston Ring Company to succeed Mr. Gilbert W. Lundeen who retired last week after nearly 40 years of service to the firm.

Mr. Lundeen joined MPR in September, 1928 as an accountant and was named secretary the following year. After the merger in 1936 with Sparta Foundry, he became treasurer of the new company.

He was elevated to general manager of the Muskegon division in 1939 and that same year was named to the board of directors. In 1944 he was elected vice president, in 1952 was designated executive vice president, and 1957 as president.

Mr. Lundeen and his wife, Wreatha, make their home at 1322 N. Bear Lake Road. They will continue to live there and plan to travel during his retirement.

Mr. Hamm was named executive vice president last year. He was graduated in 1939 from the University of Michigan and joined MPR the same year as a project engineer. In 1945 he was named a product engineer and five years later chief product engineer.

In 1960, Mr. Hamm became di-

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## Severe Storm Hits Area Saturday; Volunteer Units Go Into Action

Sparta's Civil Defense Rescue Squad and several members of the new Police Reserve unit went into active service at the Sparta Police headquarters again last Saturday as area residents learned that severe thunderstorms with accompanying hail and high winds can cause even greater damage over a wide-spread area than the dreaded tornado.

Shortly before noon on Saturday with little warning, a brutal line of thunderstorms with winds gusting beyond hurricane force blew inland from Lake Michigan interrupting electrical and telephone service, uprooting thousands of trees, and causing damage in western Michigan that could run into millions of dollars. Winds were clocked at 100 mph in the Grand Haven areas and diminished only a little as they ripped into Kent County a few minutes later.

Although not hit as hard as some of the neighboring townships, Sparta was no exception. Electricity was interrupted from an hour and a half to several hours or more. Trees were toppled across roads and streets and branches strewn everywhere. Wires were down in some sections, but fortunately damage was kept to a minimum and no one sustained injury.

"As soon as the storm alert was announced, the volunteer Civil Defense Rescue Squad reported for duty," reported Dr. Jay Dean, captain of the unit. "They stayed in service until the

'All-Clear' was announced and all township roads had been patrolled and opened for traffic". Also assisting during the wake of the storm and the clean-up afterwards were several members of the new police reserves.

Needless to say, Sparta Police Eugene Heugel had much praise for the highly-efficient volunteer squad. "The portable generator was in readiness so that when the power failed, radio communication could continue at the police station with only a slight interruption. Following the storm, the radio-equipped units patrolled every road in the township reporting damage, wires down, and removing in excess of 20 trees which lay in the roads, thus keeping all of them open to traffic."

"Once again, they have turned in a commendable job," said Chief Heugel. "Sparta Township and Village residents can certainly be proud of their Civil Defense Rescue Squad and the police reserves who assisted the local department during Saturday's storm."

## Sparta Woman Injured In Kentucky

Mrs. Leone Sales of Alma Street is a patient at a Kentucky hospital where she is receiving treatment for accidental injuries. Mrs. Sales had accompanied her brother, Harrison Parker of Grove Street, to Bowling Green on a vacation when the accident occurred. She will be confined to the hospital for some time and would appreciate hearing from her Sparta friends. Her address is: Bowling Green Warren County Hospital; Reservoir Park; Bowling Green, Kentucky, 42101.

## Special Service At Nazarene Church Friday

Dr. Ralph Perry and the Joy Notes Trio of Olivet Nazarene College in Kankakee, Illinois, will be at the Sparta Church of the Nazarene, 665 13-Mile Road, Sparta, on Friday evening, July 5. Service begins at 7:30.

There will be an hour long program of trio, duet, and solo numbers and a short devotional message by Dr. Perry.

Rev. Kenneth Anderson, pastor of the church, and the congregation extend a cordial invitation to attend.

## H. Beverwyk To Open New Insurance Office

Henry Beverwyk announced Tuesday that he will open his new insurance office at 108 N. State Street (old M-37) in Sparta on Monday, July 8.

The larger office space will allow Mr. Beverwyk to give better customer service and off-the-street parking. It is located in the building formerly occupied by the North Kent Paint and Glass Company.

Mr. Beverwyk has been a State Farm Insurance representative in this area for the past 12 years. His wife, Frieda, is associated with him in the insurance business.

## Younster Hurt As He Runs Into Side of Car

Benjamin Earl Van Zant, aged five, of 10451 Pine Island Drive, Sparta, was taken to Butterworth Hospital for treatment Sunday evening by Hessel-Cheslek Ambulance.

Sparta Police reported that the youngster apparently ran into the roadway on Carrie Street in front of a parked car and into the side of a vehicle driven by Mrs. Arlene Shangle of 11910 Sparta Avenue.

The boy sustained a concussion, lacerations, and bruises.

# Stuart Hoffius Files for Judge Of Appeals Court

Circuit Judge Stuart Hoffius of Grand Rapids filed in Lansing petitions with 6,000 signatures Monday for the new seat in District 3 in the Michigan Court of Appeals. This district covers all of Western and Northern Michigan, and the Upper Peninsula. The bill creating this additional seat on the Court of Appeals was signed by Governor Romney June 11, 1968.

Judge Hoffius is a former Kent County Prosecuting Attorney and a Special Agent with the F.B.I. He is the former One-Man Grand Juror appointed to investigate the meat scandal in Western Michigan. This resulted in the conviction of thirteen individuals and three corporations for violations of the State Agriculture laws.

For the last four years Judge Hoffius has been a member of the Criminal Law Revision Committee of the Michigan State Bar Association making the proposed revision of the Michigan Criminal Code.

"Experienced trial judges make a valuable contribution to the important work of appellate courts", Judge Hoffius said. His experience as a trial attorney, prosecuting attorney, and circuit judge for the past eight and one-half years will be an important asset in his race for this newly created judicial seat.

A native of Grand Rapids, Judge Hoffius received his education at Colgate University and the University of Michigan Law School. He is a member of the Grand Rapids Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan and American Bar Association. He has been active in many community affairs, and was President of the United Fund and Community Services, the Family Service Association, Grand Rapids Torch Club, and is presently Vice President of the Grand Rapids Art Museum.

"Intelligence does not always accompany the degrees that some people acquire."—Joseph M. Shaw, Jr.

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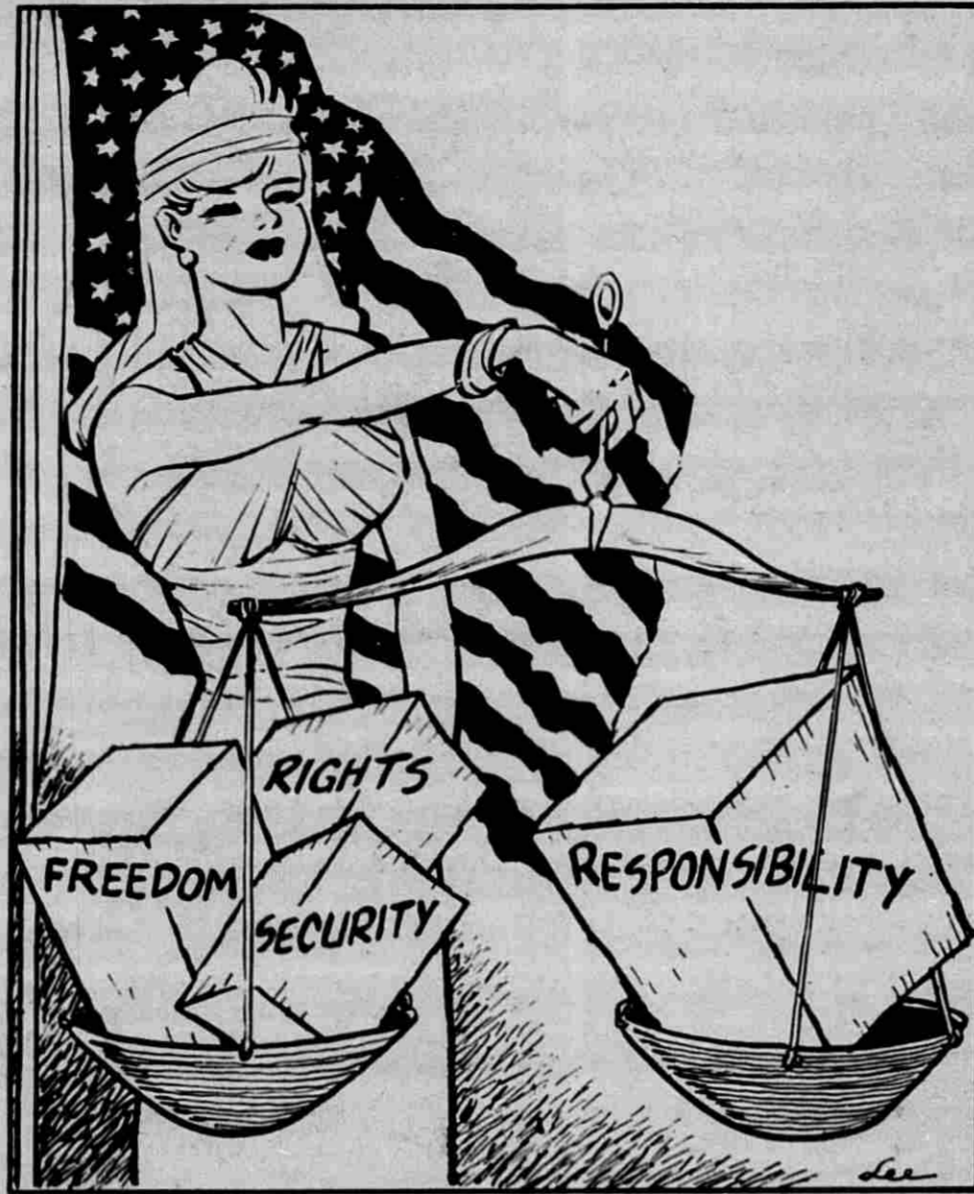
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As Herbert V. Prochnow, former president, First National Bank of Chicago said, "If you demand that the government of the people, by the people and for the people, you must exercise your right of franchise at the ballot box. If you demand that the government give you complete economic security, you must not forget that a nation's greatest strength comes when each person to the best of his ability stands on his own feet and courageously seeks to discharge his responsibilities."

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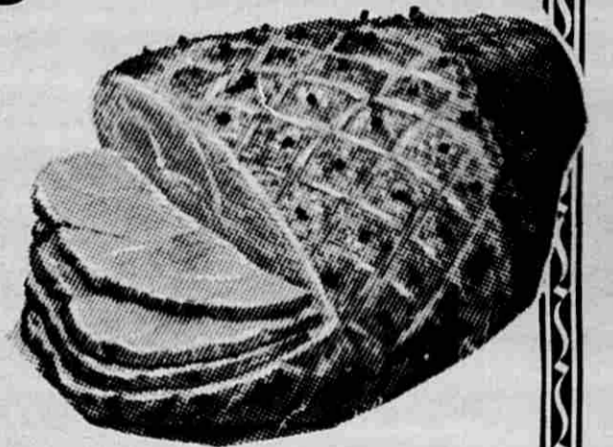
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