

## Schaefer Family to Celebrate 100th Reunion Sunday, June 15

One hundred years of meeting together for a mid-June reunion will be celebrated by the Schaefer family on Sunday, June 15, beginning at noon. The event this year will be held appropriately at the Michigan state designated centennial farm home of Philip Schaefer, now owned and occupied by his great grandson Donald Schaefer and located at 1051 Harding, Conklin.

Henry F. Schaefer, Jr. 255 Lakeside Drive, SE, Grand Rapids, president of the family organization, announces that the reunion will follow the traditional pattern of a smorgasbord dinner served in the apple storage building on the grounds of the centennial farm. It will be followed by a brief business meeting and the reading of the family's vital statistics by Mrs. Donald Schaefer and remarks by Mrs. Kenneth Kerr, 1105 Oaklawn, NE, Grand Rapids, both family historians.

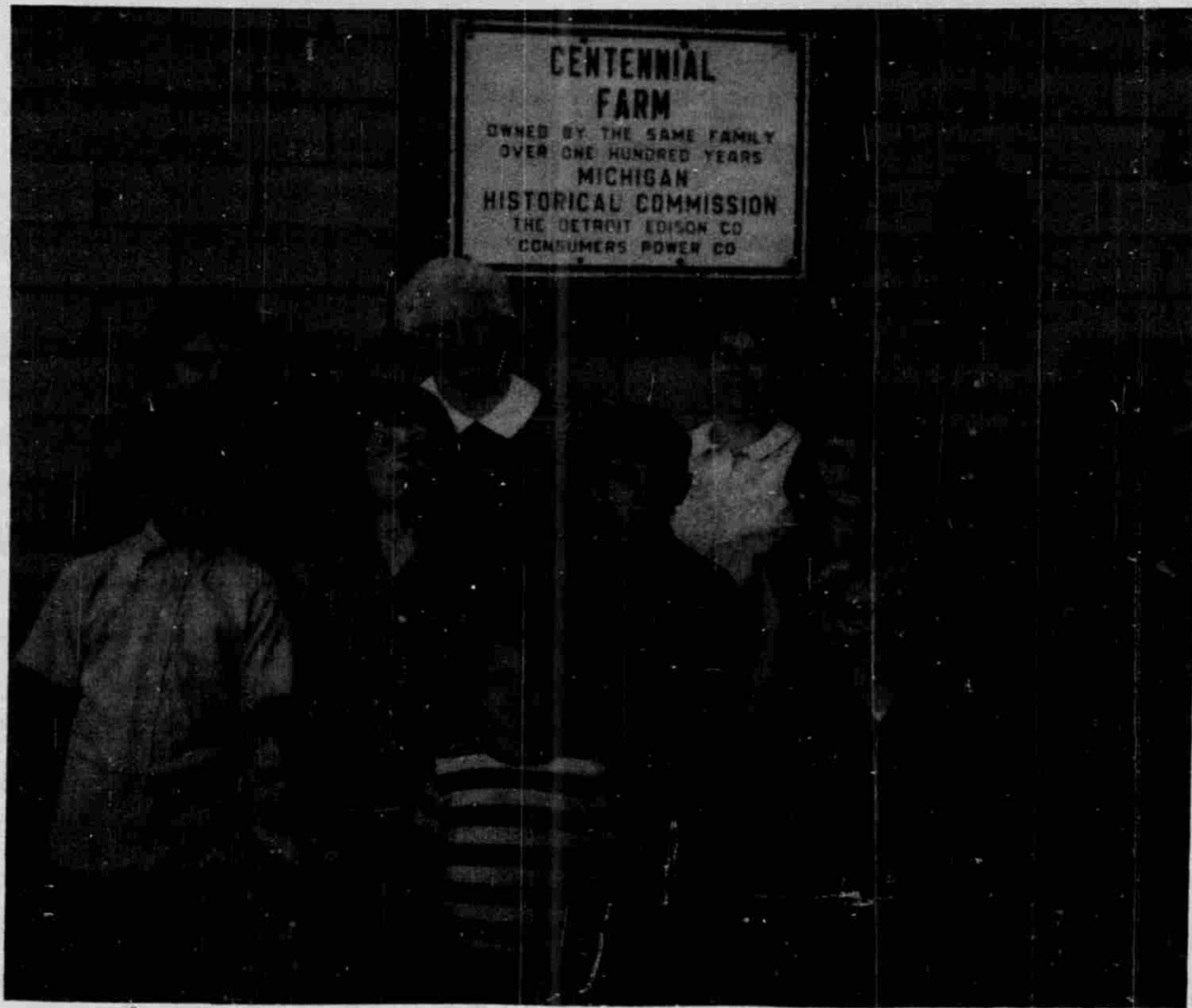
Special features include the serving of a huge 100th anniversary cake decorated with the family coat of arms; singing of old German folk songs; and a long-distance telephone call from Air Force Sergeant William C. Schaefer, 1122 Griswold Street SE, Grand Rapids, currently stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany, near Darmstadt, from whence the family's ancestors came.

Persons attending are expected from as far away as Florida and New York, according to Walter C. Schaefer, Jr., father of Sgt. Schaefer and secretary-treasurer.

Philip Schaefer, who settled in the Sparta area, and his brother, Henry, from whom individuals attending Sunday's event are descended, left Germany with two other brothers in 1854. One brother, Adam, died and was buried at sea. A fourth, Carl, was not heard from after the three surviving brothers parted in New York City to each go his own way to seek his fortune.

Philip initiated the family reunions with his wife, their children, spouses and offspring in 1869. Around the turn of the century, this group was joined by one group of descendants of Henry when they moved from Evansville, Indiana to Grand Rapids. Henry had gone to Indiana to "go into business" -- later moved to California.

Letters retained by family members of Philip tell how he bought 40 acres in Chester Township, Ottawa County, for \$60, built and lived in a log cabin, clearing his forest land for a first harvest of 100 bushels of



100th Schaefer Reunion To Be Sunday at Centennial Farm

The sign designating the Donald Schaefer farm at 1051 Harding Street in Chester Township as a Centennial Farm was just completed by Fred Stark of Sparta (father of Mrs. Schaefer) in time for the celebration of the 100th

annual reunion of the Schaefer family on Sunday, June 15.

Some of the members of the Schaefer family are, left to right: Back row - Ruth (Schaefer) Hiatt, Mrs. Carl Schaefer, Mrs.

Donald Schaefer, Don Schaefer; Middle row - Bob Hiatt, Keely Schaefer, Mark Hiatt, Julie Schaefer; Front row - Michelle Hiatt, Scott Schaefer, and Chris Hiatt.

Walter is an acting supervisor for the Grand Rapids Post Office.

Other West Michigan families related by marriage to Schaefer family members, some in business, some in farming and planning to attend the century anniversary include the Appelbarkows, Lachmans, Wegmiller, Millers, Beuschels, Sehlers, Nekasens and Bennetts.

corn and 100 bushels of potatoes.

He later recorded that from the sowing of four bushels of wheat the second year, he harvested 34 bushels, which he carried in many trips to a grist mill 15 miles away, returning with the equivalent in flour. A hard day's travel on foot, he said, but with a family it had to be done.

Still later he told of building the farmhouse as it basically remains today and is occupied by the Donald Schaefer. In a letter written when he was 85 years old, he advised his children, "Never say it can't be done. Much can be done out of the sense of duty. The difficult you can overcome, if it is a matter of love. Therefore practice doing the difficult. The difficult demands love and

duty. Never say it can't be done." Philip died in 1908.

Philip's twin sons, John and Henry, now both deceased, were pioneers of the fruit growing industry in Western Michigan, departing from general farming around the end of the nineteenth century. This family farming specialty is being perpetuated by their sons and grandsons including Arnold J. Schaefer, Sr., 19227 Kenowa NW, former president of the Michigan State Horticultural Society, his sons, Arnold J. Schaefer, Jr., 9096 Kenowa NW, and Caryl Schaefer, 9976 Kenowa NW, who specializes in plane crop dusting.

Others are William A. Schaefer, 8920 Kenowa NW, and his son, John Schaefer, 19717 Kenowa NW, a member three years ago of former Governor Romney's "Operation Europe," a commission created to sell Michigan products abroad.

James Robinette, currently treasurer of Grand Rapids Township, is another Schaefer family descendent and an active apple grower of the area.

Henry J. Schaefer, Jr. and Walter C. Schaefer, Jr., officers of the family organization,

are direct descendants of the "First Henry in America" and like their antecedent who wanted to "go into business" have followed this type occupation. Henry is general sales manager of the American Seating Company and

## Area Women Receive Degrees From Central Michigan

More than 1,300 students were awarded degrees at Central Michigan University's spring commencement held Saturday, June 7, on the University Alumni Field in Mt. Pleasant.

Two area young women were

among those receiving degrees. They were: Mrs. William Castenholz of Peach Ridge, Kent City, (the former Betty Ryle) who was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. Mrs. Castenholz is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Byle of Rusco Road, Kent City, and a member of the teaching staff at the Clover Street Elementary School in the Kent City - Casnovia Schools system.

Miss Janice D. Eckenrode of 10400 Sparta Avenue, Sparta, daughter of James Eckenrode, Sr., and the late Mrs. Eckenrode, received a bachelor of Arts degree. Miss Eckenrode plans to teach fourth-grade in the elementary school at Flushing.

A total of 1,147 undergraduate degrees were awarded at Saturday's commencement.

## Conklin-Boody School Reunion To Be July 12

Saturday, July 12, is the date set for the annual Conklin-Boody School Reunion to be held in the Grange Hall at Conklin.

All former classmates and friends of this area are reminded to keep this date open for the reunion.

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# Report of Examination Village of Sparta, Michigan For the Year Ended December 31, 1968

January 15, 1969

VILLAGE OF SPARTA, MICHIGAN

CASH RECEIPTS - GENERAL FUND

Year ended December 31, 1968

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Certified Public Accountants

VILLAGE OF SPARTA, MICHIGAN

SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year ended December 31, 1968

GENERAL FUND

	CASH ON DEPOSIT JAN. 1, 1968	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	CASH ON DEPOSIT DEC. 31, 1968
General		\$139,009.29	\$120,157.87	
Fire		24,250.52	28,199.64	
Light		8,902.05	8,939.34	
Band		704.81	700.00	
Airport		11,000.00	11,856.42	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 45,552.08</b>	<b>\$183,866.67</b>	<b>\$169,853.27</b>	<b>\$ 59,565.48</b>

STREET FUND

	CASH ON DEPOSIT JAN. 1, 1968	CASH RECEIPTS	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	CASH ON DEPOSIT DEC. 31, 1968
Major roads	\$ 3,258.69	\$ 22,877.38	\$ 23,143.16	\$ 2,992.91
Local roads	600.66	22,670.31	22,342.79	928.18
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 3,859.35</b>	<b>\$ 45,547.69</b>	<b>\$ 45,485.95</b>	<b>\$ 3,921.09</b>

See note to statements of cash receipts and disbursements.  
(See page 11, Column 3)

WATER TREATMENT AND SUPPLY SYSTEM FUND

	CASH ON DEPOSIT JAN. 1, 1968	CASH RECEIPTS	TRANSFERS TO OR FROM*	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	CASH ON DEPOSIT DEC. 31, 1968
Receiving Operation and maintenance	\$ 4,983.79	\$ 42,876.56	\$ 44,000.00*		\$ 3,860.35
Bond reserve	2,057.78		30,000.00	\$ 29,641.50	2,416.28
	14,204.66		14,000.00	11,507.85	16,696.81
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 21,246.23</b>	<b>\$ 42,876.56</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ 41,149.35</b>	<b>\$ 22,973.44</b>

SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM FUND

	CASH ON DEPOSIT JAN. 1, 1968	CASH RECEIPTS	TRANSFERS TO OR FROM*	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	CASH ON DEPOSIT DEC. 31, 1968
Receiving Operation and maintenance	\$ 16,934.23	\$ 87,467.75	\$ 94,104.48*		\$ 10,297.50
Debt-retirement	5,432.53		63,886.48	\$ 65,723.40	3,595.61
	117.60		30,218.00	8,601.20	21,734.40
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 22,484.36</b>	<b>\$ 87,467.75</b>	<b>\$ -0-</b>	<b>\$ 74,324.60</b>	<b>\$ 35,627.51</b>

See note to statements of cash receipts and disbursements.  
(See page 11, Column 3)

General:

Current taxes collected	\$ 46,213.70	
Delinquent taxes	1,656.27	
Interest on delinquent taxes	223.39	
Tax collection fees	1,004.77	\$ 4
State of Michigan:		
Retail sales tax	\$ 29,469.28	
Intangibles tax	3,326.29	
Operator's license refunds	5,446.50	
Liquor license refunds	779.03	
Gasoline tax refunds	531.29	
Income tax	6,542.62	46
Fines and court fees		5
Sparta Township reimbursements		
Permits and licenses		
Sidewalk repairs		1
Miscellaneous refunds, fees, etc.		
Interfund expense charges:		
Street Fund:		
Major roads	\$ 9,551.12	
Local roads	16,442.67	
Water Treatment and Supply System Fund	5,015.41	
Sewage Disposal System Fund	4,629.83	35

Fire:

Current taxes collected	\$ 9
Delinquent taxes collected	
Sparta Township's share of operating expenses, equipment, etc.	12
Firemen's radios	1
Miscellaneous	

Light:

Current taxes collected	\$ 8
Delinquent taxes collected	
Costs rebilled	

Band:

Current taxes collected	\$
Delinquent taxes collected	

Airport - improvement funds received from fixed  
base operator

VILLAGE OF SPARTA, MICHIGAN

CASH DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL FUND

Year ended December 31, 1968

General:

Salaries:		
President and Council	\$ 1,568.33	
Clerk	1,677.00	
Treasurer	2,795.00	
Assessor	1,160.00	
Superintendent of Public Works	7,406.75	
Maintenance labor	23,864.04	
Policemen	28,078.67	
Office clerks	5,301.77	
Attorney - retainer fee	450.00	
Election	158.50	
Board of Review	69.00	
Payroll taxes	2,592.83	\$ 75,12
Garbage collection contract		4,69
Insurance		3,66
Gas and oil		3,76
Repairs and maintenance		6,05
Supplies and uniforms		4,14
Employees' hospital and income insurance		1,18
Heat		57
Planning commission		1,87
Employees' retirement insurance		1,54
Parking lot expense		11
Drain expense		1,54
Legal and professional		97
Telephone		81
Police uniforms and radio service		51
Light and power		61
Employees' Christmas gifts		31
Dues		31
Mayor Exchange Day		31
Miscellaneous		51
Other disbursements:		
Payment on parking lot contract, including interest	\$ 1,512.00	
Truck purchased	5,586.00	
Equipment purchased	1,959.00	
Equipment barn construction	330.07	
Equipment garage	1,950.00	11,31