#### Charles W. Badgerow of Sparta Taken by Death at Age of 96



Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Hessel-Cheslek Chapel in Sparta for Charles W. Badgerow, formerly of 21 E. Gardner Street, Sparta, who passed away on Friday. March 13 at the Sparta Nursing Home where he had been a patient for the past year. He had made his home with his son-inlaw and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fullmer of 168 S. State

Street, Sparta, since 1963. At the age of 96, Mr. Badgerow was believed to be Sparta's oldest living resident.

Charlie was born on July 20, 1873 in St. Louis, Missouri to the late David and Mary McCormick Badgerow and grew up in Marion, Michigan where he re-

On July 11, 1893, he was married to the former Della Cooper in Beaverton. They celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary before she passed away on December 12, 1961.

Mr. Badgerow worked in the shingle mills in Gladstone and several other Upper Peninsula communities and also in Holland before coming to Sparta in 1923. A short time later he founded the grocery store and gasoline business on the corner of S. State and Gardner Streets known as Badgerow's Grocery and Gas Station. His son, the late W. Ray Badgerow, later purchased the business from him and the business remained in the family until it was closed last summer. Through the years, Charlie remained active in the store operation as long as his health permitted.

Surviving besides his daughter, Mrs. Clarence (Faye) Fullmer are: five grandsons, Charles Ray Badgerow, John Paul Badgerow, Carlton Badgerow. James Badgerow and Gordon Badgerow, all of Sparta; one granddaughter, Mrs. Harold (Faye Ann) Bristol of Sparta; 19 greatgrand children; and several nieces and nephews.

The Rev. Henry Hoekstra, pastor of the Trinity Christian Reformed Church of Sparta, conducted the funeral services. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery,



(EDITOR'S NOTE - Area residents once depended on the Sentinel for news of national and international affairs as well as state and local events, especially in the days before the advent of radio and television. The following article bears out this fact.)

The following items were published in "The Sparta Sentinel" May 6, 1885:

"War between Russia and England seems inevitable. A St. Petersburg dispatch of the March 30th says, 'The czar has sent an ultimatum to Great Britian demanding that the latter shall accept Russia's proposed boundary line between Turkestan and Afghanistan.' If Great Britan refuses to accept this boundary, Russia will proceed to occupy Herat.

"A London dispatch says that the House of Commons Lord Edmund Fitzmaurice, Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, read the telegram from Sir Peter Lumed that the Russians had advanced upon Mercuak. 'The Russians advancing south to Pen jedeh and to occupation of Mercuak are regarded in parliamentary circles as dispelling the last hopes of peace and as a precursor of a Russian advance upon Herat. Several of the large steamship companies engaged in the coal-carrying trade have effected insurances at war rates upon both vessels and cargoes for the periods of three and six months.'

"The Russian General Komaroff has made a reply to the

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dispatch of Sir Peter Lumed. The British Commander, denying the accuracy of Gen. Komarofi's report of March 30 on the Kushk River between the Russians and Afghans. Gen. Komaroff admits that he had received an order from the Russian War Office, previous to the battle, not to occupy Penjedeh, but says that ine other officers on the fronder had not yet been advised of the receipt of such an order.

"Referring to the alleged advance of the Russian troops previous to the fight, he says that only a company of Tureomans had advanced toward Penjedeh but they had no intention of attacking the Afghans, and withdrew when the latter approached them in a hostile attitude.

"Gen. Komaroff reiterates his former assertion regarding the audacity and arrogance of the Afghans, their daily drawing nearer to the Russian camp, their occupation of a commanding position on the left flank of the camp, and other events which led up to the battle.

"London dispatches state that 'there is a slight relaxation in the tension of the relations of Russia and England. Russia appears to be disposed to entertain England's latest proposal to submit to the arbitration of one of the crowned heads of Europe the question whether the convention of March 17 was broken by Russia. It believes that the king of Denmark will be selected as arbitratorintheevent of mediation being accepted. Gen. Komaroff has signified his willingness to have his conduct in the Penjedeh affair reviewed by that royal personage. Gen. Brier de I'Isle telegraphs that the French Government from Tonquin that the Chinese are loyally fulfilling the condiminium of peace."

#### Pre-Easter Breakfast Set for March 19

The Priscilla Circle of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Conklin will sponsor their annual Pre-Easter Breakfast at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, March 19 at the home of Mrs. Robert Jablonski, 3933 Muskegon Street in Kent City.

## **Peace Lutheran Sets Two Morning** Worship Services for Palm Sunday

Peace Lutheran Church of Sparta will conduct two services on the next two Sundays, Palm Sunday, March 22, and Easter, March 29, according to the Rev. Dr. Roy Schroeder, pastor of the church.

The early service will begin at 8 o'clock and the later one at 10:45. Sunday School will begin

A Maundy Thursday Commun-

ion Service is scheduled for 7:30

on Thursday evening, March 26,

at the Trinity Lutheran Church

scheduled for 9:30 on Friday

The Good Friday service is

of Conklin.

Holy Week Services at

Trinity Lutheran of Conklin morning, March 27. The Children's Choir will sing at this

at the regular time, 9:15.

public is invited.

will be used at 10:45.

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urgies will be used at the 8

o'clock service. The traditional

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vice, the Ninth Annual Christ-

ian Art Show may be seen. The

service. Easter morning Sunrise Service is set for 6:30 at the church.

The senior choir, under the direction of Choirmaster Dar-

#### Spec.4 Jerry Redmann **Receives Promotion** In Vietnam

Jerry Redmann Jr., 20, whose parents live at 10 Carrie Street. Sparta, was promoted to Army Specialist four while serving as a rifleman and radio-telephone operator in Company A, 1st Battalion of the 4th Infantry Divison's 14th Infantry near Pleiku, Vietnam.

Spec. 4 Redmann, whose wife, Linda, lives at 23510-Mile Road, holds the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

The ceremony was held January 12.

rell Naber will present an Easter cantata entitled "Hallelujah for the Cross" by John W. Peterson during the 9:30 morning worship service on Easter Sunday.

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## Area Couples Are Engaged

#### Miss Gail Lamberts Is Bride-Elect Of James Carboneau

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lamberts of 4005 Childs Avenue, Comstock Park, announce the engagement of their daughter, Gail Lynne, to James Scott Carboneau of Sparta, son of former Sparta residents. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Carboneau of Traverse City.

They plan to exchange mar-

riage vows on June 6.

Miss Lamberts is a graduate of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Mr. Carboneau is a graduate of Sparta High School and Western Michigan University. Both are teachers in the Sparta High School.

#### Miss Martha Horter Is Bride-Elect Of Terry House

The engagement of Miss Martha Marie Horter to Terry James House, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry House of Casnovia, is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Horter of Kent City.

A June wedding is being plann-

#### Miss Janice Fox Is Engaged to Michael Karasinski

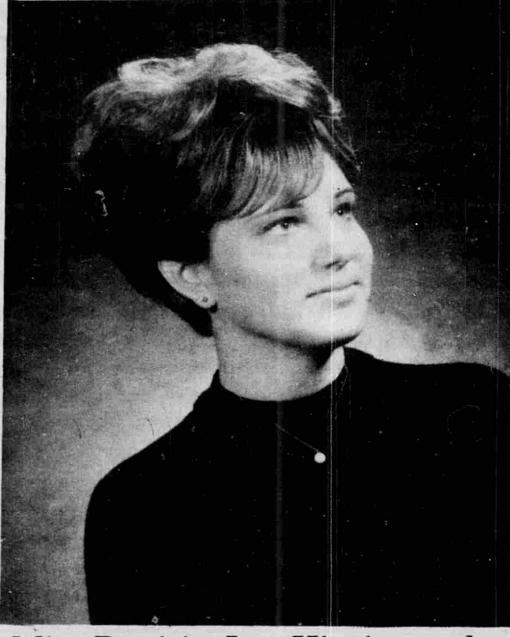
Mr. and Mrs. Norris Fox of Comstock Park announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Janice Darlene, to Michael A. Karasinski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Karasinski of Cedar Springs.

The couple plan to marry on June 20.

#### **Grand Rapids** Girl Is Betrothed To Roger Feeback

Miss Carol Helen Blaszak and Roger Alan Feeback, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Feeback of 4381 Baumhoff Avenue, Comstock Park, are engaged and plan to exchange marriage vows on April 11, according to a recent announcement by the bride-elects parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore L. Blaszak of W. Fulton Street, Grand Rapids.

Mr. Feeback is a student at Grand Rapids Junior College.



#### Miss Patricia Lee Higgins and Paul Lee Spangenberg to Marry

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Higgins of 563 Kinney Road, Grand Rapids, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Patricia Lee, to Paul Lee Spangenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Spangenberg of S. Union Street, Sparta.

A July 31 wedding is being

Miss Higgins is a graduate of Kenowa Hills High School and also attended Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. Spangenberg is a 1966 graduate of Sparta High School and is a senior at Central Michigan University. Presently he is doing his practice teaching at Sparta High School.

#### Miss Deborah Wright And Ted May to Wed

Miss Deborah Wright and Ted May, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey May of Conklin, are engaged and plan to marry on May 22, as announced this week by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wright of Ravenna.

#### Food for Thought

The best demonstration of a man's poise is his ability to talk fluently while the other fellow is paying the check .-

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#### Mrs. John R. Steketee to Speak Wednesday At Comstock Park Lenten Services

Mrs. John R. Steketee of Comstock Park will speak on the topic, "Today's Friday!" at the seventh and final Lenten service to be held from 10 to 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning, March 25, at the Comstock Park Christian Reformed Church. Mrs. Steketee is a popular speaker in the Kent County area and a member of the North Park Presbyterian Church.

The Lenten series is being sponsored by the following churches in the Comstock Park and North Kent area: Immanuel Independent of Comstock Park, Fairview Reformed, Comstock Park United Church of Christ (formerly Congregational Christian), Maranatha Bible Church of

Comstock Park, North Park Presbyterian and the Christian Reformed Church of Comstock

Mrs. Ancil Cortright is chairman of the service assisted by Mrs. Martin Buth, Sr. and Mrs. William Mason as hostesses and Mrs. Clarence Dyke and Mrs. Donald Damaska as ushers.

Special music will be a duet by Mrs. Harold Boersma and Mrs. Robert Bremeer. Mrs. George VanOeveren will be the organist and Mrs. John Kars will be the pianist.

Nursery care will be provided. A coffee hour will follow the

#### Lisa Kay Chase

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Chase of Peach Ridge Avenue, Comstock Park are receiving congratulations on the birth of their first child, a daughter named Lisa Kay, on Sunday, March 8 in Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids. The infant weighed 7 lbs. 14

Mrs. Chase is the former Kay Linkfield, daughter of first-time grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Howard Linkfield of Sparta Avenue, Sparta. Mr. and Mrs. Herrick Chase of Comstock Park are paternal grandparents.

#### Sandra Florido

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Florido of Kent City announce the birth of their first child, a daughter named Sandra, on Saturday, March 14 in Blodgett Memorial Hospital in GrandRapids. The infant weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz.

Mrs. Florido is the former Emy Viada, Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Florido and Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Viada, all of Cuba.

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