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## The Sparta Gremlins

A Story for Children

By Evelyn Martin

Inky, Pinky, and Stinky are three naughty little gremlins. They live in a beautiful town named Sparta. It is they who upset trash cans, knock coats off hangers, and make muddy footprints across Mother's newly scrubbed kitchen floor.

One evening the gremlins had run out of something to do. "We could untie Smith's dog," suggested Inky, pulling at his elfy ear. "That's no fun. He'll just go lie on their doorstep," grumbled Pinky.

"What about Jones' dog?" asked Stinky. "What a stinky thing to do!" exclaimed Inky. "That dog bites people! Remember we are mischievous gremlins, not really mean ones."

"Okay, okay," grumbled Stinky. "Here comes Jimmie back from the store with eggs. Can't we trip him?" "Absolutely not!" cried Pinky, raising his elfy eyebrows. "Jimmie's mother doesn't have much money to buy things."

Inky had been scratching his inky little head. "I've got it! Let's sneak into the Sentinel Leader office when no one is looking, and get into Pat's inkwell."

Pinky's pink face grew pinker. "Let's!" he shouted, and Stinky quit trying to think of stinky ideas, and rushed off with his brothers.

They tip-toed to the door and snee-e-e-e-eaked in, watched their chance, and jumped into the inkwell.

Now the next time you are reading the Sentinel Leader, and you find a mistake, the grownups will sigh, "Here is a typographical error." But you will know better. You will know that Inky, Pinky, and Stinky are in the inkwell, playing jokes on Pat.

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### Card of Thanks

We are deeply grateful and sincerely appreciative to relatives, friends and neighbors for the beautiful floral tributes, cards, calls and other acts of kindness shown us during the passing of our dear Father, Grandfather and Great-grandfather, Lyle Rayburn. We wish to thank Rev. Hoekstra for his words of comfort, Mrs. Gillett and Mrs. Bassett for the comforting music, the Fraternal Brothers from neighboring lodges and chapters, the Masonic Brothers who served as pallbearers, and the Eastern Star Ladies who served lunch at the Masonic Temple. Also thanks to Hessel-Cheslek Funeral Home for their services. The Family of Lyle Rayburn

### Tizzy



"No, she may NOT use a hair lightener! In my estimation she's already too light-headed!"

## Skill Center explains 'Evaluation'

The following letter was sent to area principals from Mr. Roger Northuis, Assistant Building Director, Kent Skills Center, East Beltline, Grand Rapids.

"This letter is intended to inform you of the student evaluation procedure used by the East Beltline Skill Center. Because we are involved with 31 individual high schools, it is very difficult to organize one procedure that will be satisfactory to all high schools. Therefore, we will evaluate your students by this method:

1. At mid-semester our teachers have been instructed to evaluate all students in their skill classes. Those students who are deficient in some manner will be evaluated on a deficiency report. Teachers are to check deficient areas and make any explanatory comment in writing. No written letter grade will be given at mid-semester. Copies of this evaluation will be sent to the parents and to the home high school.

2. At the close of each semester, all students will again be evaluated. This evaluation will be done in time for you to record it on the students record and will include a letter grade indicating student evaluation for the entire semester. Both the student and the home high school will receive copies of the grade report.

## OBITUARIES

### Adelbert Baker dies

Mr. Adelbert Baker, age 83, of 205 N. Union Street, Sparta, and formerly of RFD #3, Hess Lake, Newaygo, passed away Monday, November 29 at Grant Community Hospital after a long illness.

He was born February 21, 1888 in Kent City. He married Miss Ruth Coalter September 10, 1910 in Grand Rapids. Mrs. Baker passed away December 9, 1968. Mr. Baker had lived in Sparta for the past three years, and before that he and his wife lived in Ohio, Lowell, Iowa, and Newaygo.

Mr. Baker was a farmer and carpenter and retired in 1968.

Surviving are one brother, Clarence of Grand Rapids; two sisters, Dr. Nora Tucer, Shula Vista, California and Mrs. Viola Russell of San Diego, California.

Funeral services were held December 1 in the McKinley Funeral Home in Grant with Rev. Robert McCleary officiating. Interment was in Idlewild Cemetery, Kent City.

### Ben R. Halstead, 86, passes

Ben R. Halstead, 86, of 10320 Martindale, Sparta passed away at the Kent Community Hospital, Friday, November 26. Mr. Halstead lived here for 36 years, coming here from Grand Rapids.

Mr. Halstead was born February 14, 1885, in Howe, Indiana, the son of Charles and Anna Ritz Halstead. He was married to Clara Stroemer August 17, 1923 and she survives him. He was a millwright. Mr. Halstead was a member of the Sparta Baptist Church.

Besides his wife, survivors include one son, Victor, of Grand Rapids; two daughters, Mrs. Paul (Betty) Vincent of Washington, Mrs. Kenneth (Wanda) Cummings of Oregon; one brother, Charles, of Orlando, Florida; one sister, Mrs. Faye Arndt, of Battle Creek, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. There are several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held November 29 at the Hessel-Cheslek Funeral Home with Rev. Jay DeBoer officiating. Burial was at Fairplain Cemetery.

### Services held for Hart Hoffmeyer

Funeral services were held for Hart W. Hoffmeyer, 88, Friday, December 3 at the Hessel-Cheslek Funeral Home. Rev. E. A. Hessler officiated at the service, and burial was at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

Mr. Hoffmeyer of 113 Amelia Street, Sparta passed away at Butterworth Hospital November 30 after a long illness. He was born in Conklin, January 31, 1883, the son of Henry and Lydia Sehler Hoffmeyer. He was married to Rose Wiltenburg, who preceded him in death July 14, 1966.

Mr. Hoffmeyer was a self-employed farmer. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the Senior Citizens of Sparta.

Survivors include one daughter, Irma; a brother, Fred, of Phoenix, Arizona; a brother-in-law, Rudolph Wiltenburg of Mt. Pleasant; three sisters-in-law, Mrs. Cornelia Schaefer of Conklin, Mrs. Ora Wiltenburg of Conklin, and Mrs. Lillie Wiltenburg of Big Rapids.

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Kent City School Board News			
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Political News			
New of Local Organizations			
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### Clark School News

Mrs. Lowell Anderson, Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wagner were Thanksgiving Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle McWilliams at Campbell Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Anderson spent Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burnett and sons near Newaygo.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Davis, nee Cheryl Stream, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Jennifer Ann, born on November 23. Congratulations to the happy family.

Mr. and Mrs. William Nyblad took Sally and Nels to Lansing Sunday afternoon where they are attending Michigan State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Nyblad and Mr. and Mrs. Van Singel from Grant will be leaving Friday with other Lions Club members to spend a few days in Nassau. They will return home Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Wondergem and family spent the Thanksgiving holidays in northern Michigan vacationing.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Forsyth will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary at the Kent City Town Hall on Sunday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Their sons are hosting the gala occasion and hoping to surprise their parents. Relatives and friends are invited to the happy occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Johnson and family from Fremont were Thanksgiving Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wellman and family of Weldman.

Mrs. Norman Freeman and Mrs. Carl Freeman will be at the Civic Auditorium on December 7, 8 and 9, representing the Great Lakes Fruit Growers at the Horticulture Show.

Mrs. Parquette who lives in the Mobile Homes across from the Red Apple Restaurant is assisting the Handicapped Program by taking orders for light bulbs guaranteed for five years each. They may be ordered in packs of 4, 6, or 8 in assorted sizes if desired. The telephone number is 675-7185 in case anyone is interested.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Freeman and family were Thanksgiving Day guests of her mother, Mrs. Daisy Newland, at Grant.

Mrs. Hildur Wegal returned home Tuesday evening after spending the past month with her daughter, Mrs. Pauline Sanders and Jane, as Pauline has been confined to her home with blood clots in her leg, but is slowly recuperating.

### Sparta Calendar of Events

#### 7 - TUESDAY

F.F.A. meeting in the gym at 7:30

Mr. Dick Taylor will meet with seniors to take orders for announcements during the lunch hours.

#### 8 - WEDNESDAY

JV and Varsity Wrestling at 6:30 with Greenville - There

Foreign Exchange interviews in the library at 3 p.m.

#### 10 - FRIDAY

JV and Varsity Basketball at 6:30 with Greenville - Here

After game dance sponsored by the class of '73.

#### 11 - SATURDAY

Sparta Area Quasiquicentennial Film at 7:30 in the gym and cafeteria.

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