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SURE IT WAS COLD, BUT GRANGE HAD GOOD TIME

BY HINE M. SMITH

Twenty-five Grangers were present at last Saturday's meeting in spite of the cold and stormy weather, a splendid program having been arranged by the lecturer, Mrs. Clara Chapman.

Roll call was responded to by many interesting current events.

E. G. Beckwith said when he was a boy he ate some green carrots, and it took two or three days before he got over the effects. He says, "That's what I call 'current events'."

J. W. Spangenberg gave a report of a test which they recently tried out to test which was the most profitable to sell with, or skin the milk and sell cream. He also gave some interesting remarks on legislation.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Beckwith having charge of the surprise feature, treated all present to popcorn.

The next regular meeting, Saturday, February 17 will be an all-day affair; business session at 11 a. m., chicken dinner at noon. Afternoon session starting 2:35, open to everyone. A debate will be part of the program: Resolved that Sparta township have a centralized school. Don't miss it.

LOCAL CO-OP ASSOCIATION GETS MARKET BY RADIO

Tuesday of last week the Sparta Co-operative Association shipped out two carloads of livestock. There would have been only one car shipped if the manager had not known for a certainty the market prospects of the car ordered to carry the porkers. Monday soon he had Charles Meek and George Bettis grab off the Chicago Drovers' Journal, whose report and finding that Chicago had 41,000 hogs instead of the 39,000 predicted on the Saturday before and that prices were up 25 cents a cwt. called in all the hogs that were ready to go. Result was the owners of the hogs realized in Wednesday for them at least \$50 more than they by waiting until the last of the week. Among many of the 200 farmer owned shipping associations in this state where a permanent office is established radio receiving outfits are being installed to give the last minute information on the market conditions.

MAMMOTH FERN

In the window of Brown's resturant is a fern of rare beauty. Form and color it far surpasses anything of its kind locally. The plant is about 14 years old and Mrs. Brown may well be proud of the result of her kindly care. It has been spotted twice and cut back entirely by twice, once about 19 years ago and again three years ago. Drooping gracefully from a pedestal the longest leaves measure 51 inches, and the plant occupies practically all the available space in the large window.

L. O. T. M. BIRTHDAY PARTY

The L. O. T. M. celebrated after the regular business session Tuesday afternoon, the birthdays of the February members, Mesdames Geo. Redecker, Bergman and Halleck had charge of the entertainment. Refreshments were served in a very unique way and everyone received their fortune, all proving satisfactory to the recipients. Guests were present from Rockford and Chicago.

C. G. LOASE IS EIGHTY-ONE

Sunday Charles G. Loase celebrated his 81st birthday and the occasion was fittingly celebrated at the home on North Union street. A beautiful birthday cake graced the dinner table when several members of the family circle were present. Mr. Loase attended morning service of the M. E. Church of which he is a member and Rev. Maxwell paid him a tribute of worth. A special number was sung in his honor.

BAPTIST CHURCH DOINGS

The officers and teachers of the Baptist Sunday School will meet this evening Friday, with Mrs. Miller Purdy.

Mrs. Frank Stauffer will entertain the 4th division of the Baptist Aid Society at her home on South State street Tuesday afternoon February 13.

SPARTA'S FINE ORCHESTRA TO GIVE FULL CONCERT

BY CLARENCE MOORE

For a number of years the people of Sparta and vicinity have been entertained on various occasions by the Sparta orchestra.

This organization has always been ready to give their time and talent to any worthy cause.

Being made up of local business and professional people they have never made any extended concert tours, although among their number are artists capable of playing on the high class Chautauqua or theater circuits.

After hearing these musicians, people have often remarked that they would like to hear them play in an orchestra.

These and other lovers of the best in music will be given an opportunity to have their wishes granted.

The local orchestra, assisted by other local talent will give a concert in the M. E. church, February 13, under the auspices of the American Legion.

CLASS NO. 11 MEETS

Class No. 11 of the Baptist Sunday School met with Rev. and Mrs. H. Stewart Tuesday evening. About a score were present. Lesson study was taken up. Miss Priscilla Olson contributed two piano solos and the program included Bible numbers. Much interest is being taken by the class in the study of missions, it being in operation to stimulate thorough reading of mission news. Refreshments were served.

THE WEATHER

Arctic Post is shut up in house at home with the flu. It's a good thing to be shut up in the house these days.

The only thing that's got Hesperus to be out is the mercury, and that has been almost down and out.

Folks in Florida and California would wonder if they knew just how low the things gets. Has been below zero a little.

Yet it's comforting to get a letter from a dear friend out in California telling of getting blown by a sea and all swelling up.

A flock of Fords has been heard going south, so it's hopeful.

M. E. MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Missionary Society of the M. E. Church will meet with Mrs. Alfred Pierce, Tuesday, February 13, at 2:30 p. m.

Devotionals will be led by Mrs. C. E. Balyeat. Topic: "Those Little Ones."

Chapter in Study Book—"The Disjunctive Opportunity in India"—Mrs. E. Smith.

Pantomime—"That Sweet Story of Old"—Elizabeth Carlson.

Dialogue—"The Untouchables" by three girls.

Exercise—King's Herald.

W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. met last week Friday at the home of Mrs. L. J. Ayroll. In spite of the cold weather and icy walks there was a good attendance.

Much interest is being manifested in the District W. C. T. U. convention that is to be held in April here at Sparta. It will be a two-day session and will close with a joyous oratorical contest under the direction of George Bettis, assisted by Mrs. Irwin Willis.

The next meeting will be a Francis Willard program and will be held at the home of Mrs. S. R. Lown on the afternoon of February 16.

The continuation of trunk line M54 from Ball Creek paralleling the Pere Marquette railway right of way on the west will if the present routing is a success make it necessary to remove the Heinz Salting Station at Kent City. Various property owners in that vicinity have been asked to set prices on property needed for the right of way.

MONDAY HOLIDAY—FOR BANKS

If you want to put any money in to a Sparta bank or get any out for Monday you had better attend to it Saturday, for the banks are going to close up Monday, because Abraham Lincoln took a notion to have a birthday on that date. It will not do Lincoln much good, but it will be a day of joy for the bank clerks.

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PERSONAL

COMING EVENTS
Friday, February 16—Ladies Literary Club Banquet.

Albert E. Withey of West Branch, Mich., died Saturday February 3. He was a brother of A. H. Withey of Sparta.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Trauger of Helling were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sawyer of Clay St. In a letter to her cousin, Mrs. A. B. Cheney, Mrs. Floyd Johnson of Jackson tells of the winning by herself and husband, of \$200 from the Chicago Tribune for submitting a 6-word tongue twister. The twister, says Mrs. Johnson, was made up by herself and so she is taking most of the glory.

It is reported that a bunch of dusky roughnecks, numbering four came to Sparta from Grand Rapids Saturday night with the avowed intention of cleaning up the town. They apparently ran into a bunch as hard as themselves with the result that the ringleader was put out of business and the three companions disappeared. The contest is said to have been staged near the hotel, and without the assistance of local police. Friends of the whipped darkey have been looking for him as he had not returned home a day or two after the event. "Hitting them feller heads was like hitting a block of wood" states one of the victorious Sparta bunch.

The East Side Circle of the M. E. Church added out to Mrs. Harry Lynnburner's last Thursday for an all-day meeting. Twenty-nine enjoyed the cafeteria dinner and "stunts" were the order of the day, though for some reason many of the ladies found they weren't up to normal in talking.

Mrs. Thomas Chapman made a business trip to Grand Rapids Tuesday.

The engagement of Mr. Warren Spangenberg to Miss Bertha Simmons of Grand Rapids is announced. The wedding will take place in March. Miss Simmons formerly was

a teacher in the Sparta schools and is now similarly employed in the Grand Rapids schools.

There was a merry jangle of glass Tuesday morning on Division street and milk flowed freely when Lawrence lost a case of bottles from the running board of his car. It was some job to pick up the broken glass to the satisfaction of motorists who had their cars parked along the street and were observers of the accident.

Rev. G. W. Maxwell will leave Sunday night for Albany, Ill., to assist in a two-weeks series of revival meetings in the parish of his son Warren Maxwell. The local pulpit will be supplied during his absence. The young people who have been meeting at the parsonage Monday evenings for religious instruction will not meet again until March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Friz will attend the annual banquet of the retail Hardware Men's Assn. in Grand Rapids this evening. President Burto of the U. of M. H. to be one of the speakers.

T. M. Shaw, (Tad) who is coming to be so well known in Grand Rapids as a boot and news dealer, was formerly a Sparta boy, the son of C. M. Shaw, who at one time operated the drugstore where W. J. Brack is now located.

J. H. Ballard, father of Lester Ballard, remains very ill in bed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Whitney. He was stricken with pneumonia about ten days ago. Lester has been there helping in the care of his father for more than a week.

Bert Putman and Adelbert House and their families spent Sunday in Grand Rapids with Art Mintgenberry and family.

Lon Meek went to Grand Rapids Tuesday to consult a specialist.

Mrs. J. W. Spangenberg returned Friday from Ann Arbor where she has been for several weeks.

Hugh Finch has been absent from his place of business for several days on account of illness.

S. L. Ballard made a business trip to Muskegon Tuesday.

Mrs. Iva Fonger and daughter returned on Tuesday to Grand Rapids. Mrs. Fonger to resume her work as teacher and Miss Treva to resume her studies. Both have been ill for more than a week at their homes on north State street.

Miss Maurine Holmes writes from Lansing that the Lansing Board of Health has threatened her and all other teachers in the Lansing public schools with arrest unless she abide by the ruling of the Lansing health board. The school board is taking a different view from the city health board and their differences are to be settled in court.

Dick Alkana has bought the building where the Sparta Bakery is located and is making some needed improvements. Just how a new fishy window is being made by John Gossins, a cousin of Mr. Alkana and an embryo architect.

L. E. Mill has been suffering from neuritis and rheumatism.

Mrs. William Fuller who recently returned from Grand Rapids where she had been visiting her son Bert and wife, is much improved in health, in fact "day by day," etc.

Dan Parker of Harrisburg is looking for a house in Sparta. And Dan is being assured that the cooling is good.

The Baptist Missionary Society will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. E. M. Ayard.

Miss Marvin Calkin returned from Grand Rapids last Thursday where she has been spending two weeks with her daughter.

Sheras Field has a new international truck.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rhany went to Grand Rapids Thursday to meet their daughter Mabel, who was in the city attending the Lumberman's convention. Miss Rhany is employed at Lansing.

A number of young people enjoyed a pot-luck dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Henry, Friday evening after which they attended the dance at the Opera House, Sparta.

Miss Pauline Scheffer was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Van Lopik in Grand Rapids from Friday until Wednesday.

Lynna Bradford was a speaker at the Father and Son banquet in Rockford Monday evening.

"Paddy Watson" is convalescing rapidly, he has only three more puppy biscuits to eat before he can have leg biscuits. "Mad of Wool" Holmes, a cat is calling on Paddy regularly each morning to inquire about his health.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoffmeyer entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ray Atkins and Mrs. Etta Atkins for dinner on Sunday.

Mrs. John Smith was called to Grand Rapids Tuesday on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Terrill.

Mrs. Rose Higgs broke her wrist the first of the week.

Mrs. Eva King of Caladonia is caring for the home of W. S. Bowen on Maple street.

McKinley Preston of Lisbon spent the week end with his brother Wilmett at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stauffer.

Wallie Coleman went to Flint Tuesday to get his new car, a Chev.

Miss Ceila Smith has returned from Detroit where she spent six weeks with her daughter.

Mrs. Chapin is on the sick list.

Mrs. Hubert Finch spent the week end with relatives in Grand Rapids.

Frank Heilka, Jr., has arrived home after several months absence. He is convalescing from a recent illness and is just out of the hospital in Indiana where he has been since November.

Mrs. N. A. Shaw writes from the Soo where she and Mr. Shaw are spending several weeks. That the weather is fine up there with a temperature of 20 degrees below zero Monday morning.

Harry Taylor, son of L. L. Taylor was in town Tuesday. Mr. Taylor was born west of Sparta. He has been traveling in the western states for some years but is now making Michigan representative Marshall Field & Co., with a general line of merchandise.

Mrs. W. B. Carr has been confined to her home by illness since last week.

George H. Cary Jr. is here from Ann Arbor for several days with his wife, (formerly Grace Heilka) at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Heilka of North street.

The ladies of the L. O. T. U. have accepted an invitation to attend the Kent County Rally in Grand Rapids next Wednesday.

It is expected that a large dinner will be held. It is an all-day affair with dining at noon.

Mrs. Marton went to Grand Rapids Tuesday to be with her daughter, Mrs. Everett Puntier who underwent a serious operation Wednesday.

Mrs. Hazenah of Gardner has been ill for a number of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Barron of Alpine were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Light Tuesday.

Mrs. George Blumenthal of Bedford was in town Tuesday and attended the regular meeting of the L. O. T. U.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bloomer were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Blomier were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Solby at the Hecklins in Grand Rapids Saturday. The Solbys were former residents of Sparta. Mr. Solby is auditing in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Watson spent Sunday in Greenville.

The North Side Aid will meet with Mrs. Seth Streeter February 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Porter are both on the sick list. They are parents of Mrs. C. A. Moore.

Mrs. Mary Palmer is recovering from her recent illness.

Vern Mapes is on the sick list.

Mrs. William Mapes has been ill the past week.

Martin Murray is visiting relatives in Pontiac.

A Stengel, a brother of Mrs. C. I. Billings, died Monday at his home in Lapeer. Mr. and Mrs. Billings left Tuesday to attend the funeral.

Mrs. C. I. Billings has returned from Kent City where she has been for some time caring for her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Johnson.

New Chevrolet owners W. J. Brack, sedan; Wallie Coleman, touring; George Kober, touring; Ernie Culp, Grand Rapids, touring; Maude Halliday, Grand Rapids, coupe.

Arthur Bork, Wallie Coleman went to Flint Tuesday for a shipment of Chevrolets for the Sparta Pike Garage.

Mrs. E. J. Bradstrom was in Grand Rapids Thursday to attend the midwinter meeting of the executive board of the Michigan Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. Ross Robbins went to Kalamazoo Friday to spend the week end with her daughter, Miss Dorothy, who is attending the Normal school.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bettes motored to Vermontville for the week with Mrs. Bettes' parents.

Mrs. Ed Snowden of Maple street entertained the member of the Central Circle of the M. E. Church Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. J. Brack spent the week end with her parents in Howard City.

Mrs. Luke Woldring motored to Bailey Sunday.

a new Durant Sport model, bought through Emich Arnook.

The regular monthly meeting of the World Wide Guild was held at the Baptist church, Tuesday, February 6. The meeting began at 8:30 o'clock with a pot-luck supper which was greatly enjoyed. The business meeting followed with a lesson from "Vanguards of a Race," with Beatrice Fernest as leader.

The Swedish Lutheran Missionary Society will entertain with light refreshments, Monday February 12. Proceeds will be applied to pay for new church carpet.

Edith Jacobs gave a party and a sleigh ride to the freshmen class of the Sparta high school Friday evening.

LAST NUMBER OF LECTURE COURSE FEB 27 RALPH BINGHAM.

Ralph Bingham is a humorist who for forty years has been making large audiences laugh and still is in the prime of life. This is accounted for by the fact that his first appearance was at the age of six years, when he traveled as the "Boy Orator of America." His appearances on the American platform number nearly 10,000. "T. De Witt Talmage, after hearing Bingham, said: "Bless Bingham and all the apostolic college of humorists. The man that makes me laugh is my



benefactor. God bless all faithful preachers, all those who faithfully surprise us with unusual juxtaposition of words. There is a divine mission." Mr. Bingham is an impersonator, a humorist, a violinist, a pianist and a vocalist. Don't fail to see the cost of Bingham before buying elsewhere. Quality excellent, good values, prices right.

L. L. C. MEMBERS NOTICE
The Ladies Literary Club Banquet will be held February 16 at the K. of P. hall at 7:30 p. m. All members wishing to attend the banquet send names to some member of the banquet committee before February 14.
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BIBLE THOUGHTS
FRIDAY
THE CLEANING:—If I wish therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.—2 Cor. 7:1.
SATURDAY
WAITING IN CONFIDENCE:—I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait and in his word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say more than they that watch for the morning.—Ps. 130:5,6.
SUNDAY
PAY FOR THE GOSSAMER:—The Scripture saith: Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And the laborer is worthy of his reward.—Tim. 5:18.
MONDAY
ETERNAL PROTECTION:—The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth and even forevermore.—Ps. 121:8.
TUESDAY
ALL THINGS POSSIBLE:—Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.—Mark 9:23.
WEDNESDAY
THE EVER WELCOME MESSENGER:—How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!—Is. 52:7.
THURSDAY
A PENITENT PRAYER:—Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from thy sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is over before me.—Ps. 51:2,3.

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A3751—Who Cares?—Eddie Elkins' Orchestra
A3751—Call Me Back Pal O'Mine—Columbia Dance Orchestra
A3756—Tomorrow—Paul Biese's Orchestra
A3730—Lovin' Sam—(The Sheik of Alabama) Ted Lewis and his band
POPULAR SONGS
A3753—Carolina Mammy—Male Quartette, Shannon Four
A3735—All for the Love of Mike—Comedians, Van & Schenk
A3734—Sophie—Comedian—Eddie Cantor
A3738—Hat Tips—Comedian—Dally Kay
SYMPHONY and CONCERT SELECTIONS
98044—Dreams of Long Ago—(Carnegie) Tross Solo
A8223—Galondron from Karuzza (Wagner)—Bass Solo—Bardones
98046—Angel's Serenade (Braga Pollitzer) Violin Duo—Tosche Seidel
A3725—Where the Morning Glories Twine Around the Door—Baritone Solo, Oscar Seagle
A6223—Spanish Dance Op. 21 (Sarasata) Violin Solo—Suscha Jacobson
INTERESTING SPECIALTIES
A3750—The Last Rose of Summer—Hand saw and Harry-Guitar Duet—Moore & Davis
A3739—Mami Girl Waltz—Ukelele Solo—Frank Ferrer
A3727—Oriental (Cui)—Flute, Cello and Harp—Trio De Lutece