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## WALTER BRIGHT, SPARTA RESIDENT 48 YEARS, DIES

HAD BEEN ILL FOR SEVERAL WEEKS; WAS MEMBER OF COUNCIL FOR 8 YEARS

Walter Bright, 48, prominent resident of Sparta and a member of the village council, passed away Saturday afternoon, April 17, at his home following several weeks serious illness.

He was born in Beachville, Ontario, Canada, September 28, 1874, son of Berry T. and Maggie Bright. He came to Michigan with his parents at the age of 8 years and settled at Bay City. Later they moved to Grand Rapids, then came to Sparta vicinity 48 years ago. He resided on a farm east of Sparta for some time, moving into the village in 1906. He was married to Mina Emmons October 18, 1899.

Mr. Bright was serving his eighth year on the council, an ardent and conscientious member, sincerely concerned in the welfare of the community. He was a man of high ideals and clean-cut character—always active and ambitious, with a cheerful disposition and a keen sense of humor. He was a kind, loving husband and father, and a loyal friend, one who enjoyed people. He was held in the highest esteem in the community and by all who knew him, and thus will be always be remembered.

Mr. Bright was a member of Sparta Masonic Lodge, F. and A. M. No. 334 and of the Knights of Pythias. For 23 years he was employed by the Welch Manufacturing company, later known as the Grand Rapids Store Equipment company, and for the past nine years had been in the employ of the Sparta division of the Muskegon Piston Ring company. An ardent lover of music, Mr. Bright had been director of, and also played in the Sparta band for many years, and was a great inspiration to this organization. Surviving are his wife, Mina; one daughter (Hazel), Mrs. Russell W. Forwood of Grand Rapids; one brother, Edwin Bright of Bay City; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Smith and (Florence), Mrs. Harrie Crowley, both of Grand Rapids; three grandchildren, Barbara, Richard and Shirley Forwood; nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Bettes Memorial Chapel under auspices of the Sparta Masonic Lodge, with interment in Myers cemetery. Rev. J. Kenneth Hoffmaster of Niles, officiating.

Immediately after the Armistice in 1918, the foundation was laid for today's war!

A survey shows that students are "dumb" in United States history. The article says that college freshmen throughout the nation reveal a striking ignorance of even the most elementary aspects of United States history. For instance: What are the original 13 states? During what war was McKinley president? Identify Andrew Jackson's place in political, social or economic development by any one specific event; also Lincoln, Jefferson and Roosevelt. Place 11 Atlantic coast states in their proper geographical order from north to south.

Which recalls a recent quiz program. The question was asked as to whose birthday fell on April 13. Several wrote Thomas Jefferson, which was correct, but someone wrote George Washington!

A friend, who claims she reads this column every week, remarked, "I suppose you have material written weeks ahead." But I don't, although I should! Tuesday evening, generally rather late, I begin to wonder about the column, but before I start in on it, I think of dozens of other things that I must do before I begin writing. Sometimes I wait until Wednesday morning, but as a rule the material is handed in not much later than Wednesday noon.

For instance, this morning about 10 o'clock, I sat down at the typewriter to write, but before I had written a paragraph decided to clean out the desk! And that is always interesting—there are always old letters to read, pictures to look at and articles to glance over. So I was held up about an hour, and now it is almost midnight and perhaps I had better finish tomorrow.

A story comes in about a cat called "Kibitzer" which makes its home in a cigar store and amuses the patrons. One of her most engaging tricks is to crawl up a half-tree and weave in and out among the clothes hanger pegs, which looks like a difficult feat, but it's easy for Kibitzer.

From Red Cross headquarters comes this information: There are certain rules and regulations governing the wearing of Red Cross uniforms. There are definite places to wear your pins, a correct length for your skirt, the right kind of blouse to wear, and last, but not least, the national ruling that one may neither smoke nor drink in a uniform while on duty.

Rev. C. E. Brown is improving from his illness and hopes to be able to resume his work very soon.

## Sparta's Gold Star Soldier



Staff Sgt. Burnett  
Sparta's first boy to make the supreme sacrifice in the global war, Louis Burnett, Jr., gave his life in defense of freedom and liberty enjoyed by all Americans.

The Sparta War Bond sale for April is dedicated in honor of his noble contribution. He offered and lost his life. We, who are not in combat service, are asked only to lend our dollars.

Our 300 or more Northern Kent county boys now in service have given up their homes, loved ones, comfort and jobs to help deliver the knockout blow to the Axis.

If they do not win, the money you fall to lend now will be worse than useless to you. With War Bonds in your fist you can help our boys, your boy to give the final paralyzing punch.

Our fighting boys don't hesitate—they strike hard and fast. They suffer untold pain and anguish. You are not asked to risk your life, but to buy more Bonds to help secure Victory and your financial security.

All Sparta retail stores are co-operating in the sale of War Bonds and have volunteered to turn all their receipts on Monday, April 26, into War Bonds.

Bonds can be bought from any bank and remember, for every dollar you put into War Bonds brings you a dollar, plus interest.

Mrs. H. L. Miller Hostess  
To Kent City Garden Club

The Kent City Garden club met at the home of the president, Mrs. H. L. Miller, Monday evening, April 12. About 30 members enjoyed a fine cooperative dinner. Pink candles burning, arrangements of pink sweet peas and a beautiful, large birthday cake announced the occasion—a surprise birthday party—planned by the hostess for the members who have prepared the programs so far this year and whose birthdays had passed since January 1. Mrs. Orta Chadwick of Grand Rapids, an honorary member of the club, was guest of honor, and a welcome visitor.

During the business meeting, Mrs. Miller announced the following committee to work with a committee from the Commercial club to plan for a table fireplace, or both, for the Kent City village park: Mrs. Robert Kriger, Mrs. Ed Casey and Mrs. Arthur Trost.

Mrs. R. H. Huff and Mrs. Arthur Holmgren were appointed chairmen of the Victory Harvest show.

Mrs. Ed Blohm, chaplain, gave an especially fine opening to the program. Garden problems were discussed, and Mrs. Chadwick gave a short talk on "Victory Gardens." She emphasized that it is our patriotic duty to grow all we can, but not to waste seed on poor soil and not to plant more than we can take care of, because there is hard work until the harvest, and our ambition is always greater in April than in August.

Mrs. Chadwick has been conducting Victory Garden classes in Grand Rapids. The May meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Carl Saur.

Local High School Sponsors  
'Bonds For Jeep' Campaign

The Freshmen Business Training class of the local high school is sponsoring a special War Bond and Stamp drive. They are trying to sell enough bonds and stamps to purchase a jeep. The goal has been set at \$1,000 and to date \$641 worth of bonds and stamps have been sold. This campaign was started two weeks ago, and although the high school has cooperated, it should be noted that a large portion of the sales has been due to the enthusiasm of the lower grades.

At the close of the campaign they hope to have a special program.

Local Study Club Closes  
Successful Season April 14

A pot-luck luncheon was enjoyed by the group members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Study club on Wednesday, April 14, at the home of Mrs. W. Egeel. The beads which were collected by the Girl Scouts were received and will be sent to the Chaplain Air Society, New York.

The meetings were adjourned until fall when a new study project will be chosen.

LIEUT. GOVERNOR KEYES' OWN STORY  
On Page Two this week of The Sentinel Leader, the "Michigan Mirror," state news letter from Lansing, presents a newsworthy interview with Lieut. Governor Eugene C. Keyes. In it Dr. Keyes answers such questions as the following:

How he defeated, almost single-handed, efforts to remove the office of state highway commissioner from the April 5 ballot?  
Why he opposed Governor Harry F. Kelly on this legislation?  
What is his real ambition in Michigan politics?

A good newspaper tries to report the news accurately and let readers come to their own conclusions. You may or you may not agree with what Dr. Keyes says. But you will agree that this interview is interesting and revealing. This week on Page Two.

## On Easter Sunday Morn

"ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS!"

"Where two or three are gathered together in My name, then am I in the midst of them."  
—MATTHEW XVIII. 20.

The chaotic state of the world today is too big a problem for any one nation or any one people to cope with alone. We must humbly call upon that strongest and most powerful Being for assistance and guidance. In this free land, it is the duty and the privilege of all citizens, young and old, to go to church and worship . . . worship in freedom.

We, in America, and Christians the world over observe the anniversary of the day that Jesus left this earth and ascended into heaven. It is fitting that we choose this day to renew our faith. Let every true Christian march to his church on Easter Sunday.

Let the voices of free Christians worshipping God ring from our churches on Easter Sunday!

The Sentinel-Leader will suspend operations on Good Friday from 12 o'clock Noon until 3 P. M.

## KENT CITY, CASNOVIA METHODIST CHURCHES HOLD UNION SERVICES

REV. TRENEZY WILL DELIVER  
LAST EASTER SERMON BEFORE ENTERING ARMY

The Kent City and Casnovia Methodist churches will join in two Holy week services on Thursday and Friday nights, April 22 and 23. Thursday night the Lord's Supper will be commemorated in a candlelight communion to be held at 8 o'clock in the church at Casnovia. Rev. Trenezzy will bring the communion meditation.

On Friday night, Dr. Edmund H. Babbitt will bring the Good Friday message in a service to be held in the Kent City sanctuary beginning at 7:30 o'clock. This service will be followed by the regular fourth quarterly conference at which time the work and service of the churches during the past year will be reviewed and officers elected for the coming year.

Easter Sunday will see Rev. Trenezzy in his pulpit for the last time before leaving to attend Chaplain's school at Harvard University, preparatory to going on active duty in the U. S. Army. At Casnovia the choir will sing a special Easter selection to the tune of "Finlandia," by Jean Sibelius.

Effective Date On Uniform  
Meat Ceilings Postponed

Uniform price ceilings on beef, veal, lamb and mutton scheduled to go into effect on April 15, have been suspended for one month. Meanwhile, retail meat stores continue under existing ceilings, including the pork prices which were established prior to the proposed over-all regulation.

The suspension will permit re-examination of prices as suggested by an order issued by President Roosevelt. The Kent County War Price and rationing board will notify meat retailers when the new order is to go into effect.

Surprise Party Staged For  
Mrs. Wheaton of Kent City

A surprise party was given Friday night for Mrs. Wheaton at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. Lyala, by the Happy Circle of the Kent City M. E. church. Ten ladies were present. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Mrs. Wheaton was presented with a beautiful lunch cloth. Ice cream and cake were served.

Mrs. Wheaton returned to her home in Boyne City Saturday, after spending the winter with the Lyals family. Mrs. Lyala accompanied her home.

NOW IN AIR CORPS  
HUNTSVILLE, Tex., April 19—Pvt. First Class Forrest J. Gold, Jr., has successfully completed a course in the army administration school, Enlisted Branch No. 6, located here, and graduated with the third class to enter the school. His class numbered 300 men, all of whom were assigned to units of the Army Air Corps upon graduation.

POR RENT—The rear apartment in the Sentinel-Leader building. Available in a few days. Completely modern: light, steam heat, gas, hot water, furnished without extra cost. Inquire at Sentinel office for details.

MRS. ANNA DIETRICH  
Mrs. Anna Dietrich, 69, a lifelong resident of Wright township, Ottawa county, died Monday morning at her farm home. She was the widow of John Dietrich, widely known as a brewer.

Mrs. Dietrich was a member of the Christian Mothers' society of St. Joseph's church in Wright township.

Surviving are a son, Arthur D. Dietrich, and three brothers, John Nicholas and Edward Zimmer, all of Wright township.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10 a. m. in St. Joseph church, with burial in the church cemetery.

## K. C. Commercial Club Hears Two Fine Speakers

Members of the Kent City Commercial club met at the hotel Monday evening and enjoyed a splendid talk by Major Rundquist of the Grand Rapids Leather school. Sen. Harold Saur called attention to the re-opening of the canning plant by the Larson company of Green Bay, Wis.

"Businessmen and farmers," he said, "should get solidly behind the acreage program." He expressed the hope that there would be a generous and immediate response. Company officials expect to move machinery and supplies to the Kent City plant within a few weeks.

Re-opening of the canning factory will mean employment of many people, while farmers will find a ready market for produce contracted by the company on a large scale.

Well, it looks like "prosperity is just around the corner" in Kent City and this newspaper extends congratulations.

## YOUNGQUIST HOME DESTROYED BY BLAZE SUNDAY

ALL HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND  
FURNISHINGS LOST IN  
\$3,500 FIRE

The Luther Youngquist two-story farm home, west of the Murrenwood Lutheran church, was totally destroyed by fire shortly before noon last Sunday.

The Sparta Fire department answered the call, but by the time it arrived the fire had made such headway that even the household goods and furnishings could not be saved.

The fire was believed to have started in the basement. It was discovered after Mr. Youngquist went to a nearby farm to return livestock. The loss will exceed \$3,500.

## DEATHS

CLAUDE TAYLOR  
Claude Taylor, 58, of Grand Rapids, died suddenly Thursday morning, April 15. Surviving are one son, Howard S., aviation machinist's mate, 2nd class, of the U. S. Naval Air station, Pensacola, Fla., one daughter, Mrs. Walter Camp, Ann Arbor; two sisters, Mrs. L. C. David, Casnovia, and Mrs. Harold G. Vaughan, Sparta, and one brother, Marshall, of Muskegon.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon with committal services at Restlawn cemetery. Arrangements were by Greenhoe Funeral chapel. The Rev. E. F. Collins of S. Congregational church officiated.

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MRS. ROSE A. GRABE  
Mrs. Rose A. Grabe, widow of John Grabe, died Monday morning in Hackley hospital, Muskegon. She was born May 4, 1874, in Caspoc, Mich.; had resided in Bailey community 48 years and was a member of the L.O.T.M. She was married March 11, 1896, in Casnovia, to John Grabe.

Surviving are two sons, Frank, at home, and Mervin of Moorland; four daughters, Mrs. Roy Schue of Trent, Mich., Mrs. Clair Lewis of Sparta, Mrs. Charles Benedict of Muskegon, Mrs. Forest Schull of Bailey; two brothers, Roger and Peter Kelley of Almont; four sisters, Miss Clara and Miss Ina Kelley of Hartford; Mrs. Elizabeth McKenzie of Fort Huron, Mich.; Mrs. Custerhout of Springport, Mich.; 27 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday in the North Casnovia church, the Rev. Wilbert Welsh officiating. Burial will be in Seaman cemetery.

## COUNCIL APPROVES AS KELLOGG QUILTS CITY PRESIDENCY

BEGAN HIS POLITICAL CAREER  
HERE 42 YEARS AGO; D. J.  
JOHNSON FILLS VACANCY

Frank D. Kellogg tendered his resignation officially as village president at Monday's meeting of the Council. D. J. Johnson was immediately appointed to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Kellogg has held the state position as district barber inspector for 14 years. He began his political career in Sparta 43 years ago when he ran for the office of township clerk. During all those years, Mr. Kellogg has, with very few exceptions, held either a township or village office.

"Duke," as he is best known by his friends, now retires from active official duties as far as the village is concerned, while there is still time to enjoy a well-deserved vacation.

'Happy Hour' Society Holds  
Luncheon-Meeting April 9

The regular monthly meeting of the Happy Hour society was held in the east room of the Baptist church Friday, April 9. Following the luncheon, the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Kenneth Mutchler. A floral ceremony was given to accept new members into our society.

Mrs. Lloyd Wooden and Mrs. Kenneth Mutchler gave a memorial to Mrs. Charles Nelson. Mrs. Mutchler also sang a solo, "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus." Mrs. Meivra Rogers gave a short talk on the 13th chapter of Matthew. Mrs. Mutchler closed the meeting with prayer.

Twenty-five members were present.

NOTICE:  
Ice for Easter at Shell Oil Station on M-37, commencing Saturday, April 24. This new drive-in station has been equipped with a new refrigerated box and will be equipped to take orders for ice and coal.

## SPARTA COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Official

Common Council met in special session on April 19, 1943. The meeting was called to order by President Frank D. Kellogg. Trustees present: Rezin Anderson, Charles H. Warren, L. C. Dingman, Harry Carlson and Edward K. Lane. Quorum for present.

President Kellogg presented his resignation which read as follows: To the Honorable Village Council: It is with regret that I am sending you this letter. Owing to the position I hold with the State of Michigan as inspector under civil service, it is impossible for me to hold an elected position. Therefore, I am asking you to accept my resignation as president of the Village of Sparta and oblige.

Thanking you, I remain  
Frank D. Kellogg.

Dated this 19th day of April, 1943 A. D.

Motion made by Anderson and seconded by Dingman, that the resignation of President Kellogg be accepted. Yeas: Anderson, Warren, Dingman, Carlson and Lane. Carried.

On behalf of the Village Council and village employees, the Village Clerk was instructed to extend to Mrs. Walter Bright deepest sympathy in her bereavement.

Motion made by Anderson and seconded by Lane, that the garbage bill of Wm. Miedema of \$100.00 per month be tabled, said bill being the only bill received. Yeas: Anderson, Warren, Dingman, Carlson and Lane. Carried.

Motion made by Warren and seconded by Lane, that the following: Orin F. Brown, Luke Woldring and Mrs. Eloff Anderson, having made application for sale of beer and wine for consumption on the premises only, which were submitted to

## Engagement Announced



Miss Josephine Johnson  
Mr. and Mrs. Orrin J. Johnson announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Josephine Elaine Johnson, to Dr. Harry H. Luton, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Shivel of Grand Rapids.

The marriage will be an event of April 30 and will take place in the Michigan League chapel, Ann Arbor, with the Rev. Milton M. McCorrill of Grand Rapids officiating.

Miss Johnson is a graduate of Grand Rapids Junior college and the University of Michigan, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, honorary societies. She is now a graduate student at the university and is studying for her master's degree.

Dr. Luton was graduated from Grand Rapids Junior college and the University of Michigan Dental school where he was affiliated with Delta Sigma Delta fraternity.

Dr. Luton will report on May 7 at Paragut, Idaho, for service as a Lieutenant (jg) in the dental corps of the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Seabees Enlistment Now  
Open To Men, 17 Thru 50

According to word just received from the Navy department, the U. S. Navy is in dire need of construction men for the Seabees (Construction Battalion). Enlistment in this branch of the Navy is now open to men, 17 through 50, except those deferred because of essential war work. Seventy-year-olds and men, 38 through 50, may enlist directly through any Navy recruiting station.

All men enlisting in the Seabees must have three letters of reference regarding their work and length of time devoted to it.

The procedure for men, 18 through 38, to follow in order to volunteer in the Seabees is as follows:

1. Obtain at least three letters of work reference.

2. Call at any Navy recruiting station, with your letters and birth certificate, where you will be given a preliminary examination and certain forms will be completed.

3. If your letters are satisfactory and you pass the physical, arrangements will be made to send you to Kalamazoo or Detroit to be interviewed by an officer for a possible rating.

4. If you are accepted for the Seabees, you will be given a letter to your draft board which will clear you with the induction center and assure you service in the Seabees.

A Petty officer from the Seabees will be at the Naval Armory, East Grand Rapids, Mich., on April 29 and 30 to give preliminary interviews. Also there will be a man at the Armory in Muskegon each Monday night from 8 until 9 o'clock for the same purpose.

NOTICE:  
Dr. Bromley's office will be closed April 22, 23 and 24.

## DOGS REPORTED CAUSING DAMAGE THROUGHOUT STATE

ACCORDING TO LAW, DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE RUNNING LOOSE BEYOND PREMISES

Recently Commissioner of Agriculture Charles Flyg received many complaints from many cities and rural communities about damages to property and livestock by dogs.

At present there is no outbreak of contagious disease subject to being spread by dogs, but he is cautioning dog owners that the Dog Act No. 339 of the Public Acts of 1919 is still in force, and conditions may make it necessary to place general quarantine on all dogs.

The state law specifies that it is unlawful for any owner to allow any dog to stray beyond their premises unless under reasonable control of some person.

The law provides that the Commissioner of Agriculture shall have general supervision over regulations of dogs and the protection of livestock and poultry from dogs. He may find it necessary to employ all proper means for the enforcement of this act which covers all police officers of the state, county, township or municipality, and they shall be at his disposal for that purpose. Owners must be cautious to see that their dogs are not "running" the community. This is especially true, as quoted by the act:

Sec. 3. Every dog shall at all times between sunset of each day and sunrise of the following day be confined upon the premises of its owner or custodian, except when said dog is otherwise under the reasonable control of some person.

Dr. C. H. Clark, state veterinarian, whose department has supervision of all animal diseases, has also had many complaints of dog damages from various places of the state, and if it continues may require a state-wide dog quarantine.

VICTORY GARDENS  
There will be few, if any, Victory gardens in Sparta, unless immediate steps are taken to round up strays. Many women of the community state "they positively will not attempt to plant a garden this spring if dogs are permitted to run at large."

It requires considerable labor, not to mention expense and scarcity of seeds and plants in planting a Victory garden—but it's useless to make the effort unless these women can be assured that the village ordinance regarding stray dogs will be rigidly enforced this spring.

Many dogs are invaluable to their owners, but even some of the valuable ones, as well as those which had been deserted are feeling the restricted food rations, and some of these dogs will have to be disposed of or they will become destructive. Already, sheep losses have been reported, which is much earlier in the season than usual.

FAREWELL FOR REV. TRENEZY  
A co-operative dinner and farewell party will be held in the Casnovia Methodist church dining room Wednesday, April 28, when the members of the churches of Kent City and Casnovia will honor their respective minister, Rev. Robert Trenezzy, who leaves the first of May to attend the army school for chaplains at Harvard university, Cambridge, Mass.

WITH OUR BOYS AT  
THE FRONT

We quote excerpts from a letter from LaVerne ("Pam") your good man, written to his folks. Apparently Pam has gone A-La-Chinaman since Madame Chiang Kai Shek's visit to this country. You be the judge. Quote: "Excuse, please, for lateness of letter, but honorable son was busy studying last night and so could not get honorable letter written." End of quote. Pam didn't say what he was so busy studying, but we assume it was some kind of warfare maneuvers. He goes on to razz his brother Harold's golf game, but as I recall, Pam didn't keep that championship cup continuously himself. Pam writes that he has been getting very good marks on his studies, and we are all glad to hear that. We always knew you would make the grade one way or another, Pam, and we hope you will soon come home on a furlough so we can help you celebrate your newly-won honors. Keep 'em pitching! We can always sell when you are doing exceptionally well, as your mother is all smiles and easy to get along with (?)

One of our boys down in Tennessee writes that he attended church the other Sunday, and during the services the preacher asked all the women to stand who would promise to go right home and mother their husbands. Only one woman stood up, and when the preacher told her to go home at once and mother husband she said, "Mother him, I thought you said 'smother' him."

We are glad to hear from Paul L. Sommers, who writes from Camp Walkers, Texas, that the potatoes and peas are about six inches tall . . . fruit trees in bloom, iris in bloom . . . and also the Texas Blue Bonnets. Well, Paul, I think about the 25th of this month the Michigan blue, green, orange, yellow, pink, and what colors have you will be in bloom also, if former Easter Sundays are any example of what is in store for us. Any way, it's enlightening for us to know, Paul, that Texas grows peas and potatoes. We have always heard so much about steers "deep in the heart of Texas," that we had overlooked the

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sion of the legislature. The chair was again over-ruled and the Senate passed the bill as amended.

"The House bill, thus changed, was sent back to the House. The House could not agree, and it asked for a conference committee. Senate members were named by the Senate.

"When the conferees could not agree, a suggestion was made to have the lieutenant governor appoint a new one. I named a committee consisting of the majority and minority floor leaders, and another member was a strong proponent of the bill. The Senate, in a rump session, moved to reconsider the bill. This was not the proper method of discharging a committee, and was contrary to parliamentary procedure.

"The substitute or third conference committee then revived the same House Bill No. 30, previously defeated by the Senate, with the \$25,000 appropriation to forestall a referendum vote. The joint conference rules provide under the last sentence of Rule 7, where the conference rules are silent, the House rules (where the bill is under consideration) govern. Senate Rules 29 and 30 provide that appropriation bills must be referred by the President to the committee on finance and appropriation.

"The proponents of the bill sought to circumvent these rules, without a suspension, under the guise of a conference report. The constitution provides that a bill cannot be passed by its title only, but must proceed through proper and complete legislative channels.

"To suspend the rules for immediate passage of a bill, a motion must be supported by two-thirds of those present and voting, as a protection to minority rights. And so when Senator McCallum arose to move adoption of the conference report, he, in effect, moved to suspend the rules. I declined to put the motion to a vote.

"When another senator then moved to adjourn, I put the motion promptly to vote. The motion to adjourn takes precedence over all other motions except a point of order. The vote by voices was easily two to one. I did leave immediately."

Dr. Keyes concedes that he was obstinate and treated a few of the senators roughly, but he insists that his parliamentary decisions will stand up under test. In fact, he said he had consulted other lieutenant governors, including one in another state.

It is easy to predict a fairly tempestuous career at Lansing for the Dearborn doctor-tentist-attorney. At a meeting of the administrative board following the April 5 election, Keyes sided with Lloyd Reid, outgoing highway commissioner.

"I believe Governor Kelly is a cinch for re-election," he said. "I hope to be a candidate for governor some day, but never against Harry Kelly. However, if Kelly runs for United States senator in '45, that's something else."

The lieutenant governor, independent in his convictions, is inclined to champion the underdog. He is no conservative.

How far he will go in Michigan politics is a matter of discussion and some controversy.

Dr. Keyes has his dreams. Basically, he is a crusader for "good government" as he sees it, and, right or wrong, he is going to be heard when important decisions are to be made.

Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Smith were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Esther and Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Wright of Grand Rapids.

**The British Countess' Last Visit**  
From the fatal Black Ghost. Whenever the phantom appeared he heralded tragedy—but the skeptical noblewoman defied him until his fourth appearance—then death came to her. Read of her strange psychic experiences as told in *The American Weekly*, the magazine distributed with next week's Sunday Chicago Herald-American.

### BLOCK SCHOOL

Larry Ingles, Reporter  
Arthur Johnson had a narrow escape Monday when his tractor turned over when the gravel pit caved in. He was slightly injured.

A dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gust E. Anderson in honor of Keith Anderson of Sparta who left for Camp Grant, Ill. Wednesday.

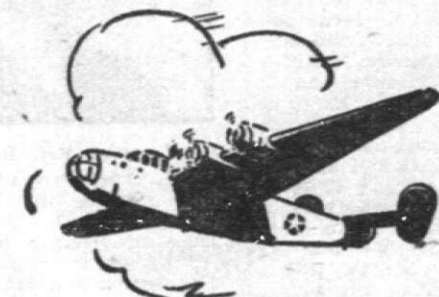
Mr. and Mrs. John P. Smith are receiving congratulations on the birth to a girl, Lois Dianne, born Thursday, April 15, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

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### KEYES HOPES TO BE GOVERNOR!

By GENE ALLEMAN—In Michigan Mirror

This is an interview story about Dr. Eugene C. Keyes, Michigan's lieutenant governor.

He is nobody's fool. He is a resolute fighter. As a central figure in the state legislature's 1943 futile tug-of-war over the Highway department, Keyes demonstrated to friend and foe that he is competent and sincere. He has displayed a crusader's zeal for rights of the minority and thus proved to politicians that he is a sentimentalist at heart.

Not in many years has one individual zoomed in such a short time from comparative obscurity in Michigan politics to the second highest state office to the governorship itself. In the 1940 primary he defeated a field of well-known and able Republican leaders, including a past state chairman of the Republican party, a presiding chairman of the State Senate and an outstanding legislator-country editor. With a new face and a clever slogan, "Keyes to Good Government," he captured the voters' favor and the politicians' respect.

By virtue of his independence, he became one of the most talked-about men at Lansing during the 1943 legislative session. Some senators will swear by him . . . others will swear at him.

Almost single-handed, by firm parliamentary action, he forestalled attempts of Republican legislators to remove the office of Highway Commissioner from the April 5 ballot. (Incidentally, friends of Charles M. Ziegler, the victorious Republican nominee for Highway Commissioner, were also opposed to the legislature's moves. Governor Kelly favored the bills.) Keyes was denounced by a metropolitan newspaper for perpetrating a "cheap parliamentary trick." The senate snubbed him when it refused to grant him the right of committee appointments. He continued to smile.

Dr. Keyes is ambitious. He hopes to be governor some day. He is a licensed practicing physician, a licensed dentist and a licensed attorney—a combination that is unorthodox among the professions and certainly the apex of extraordinary abilities.

Here is his own story of why he did as he did—and what he hopes to do in the future:

"For fourteen years I lived at my maternal grandfather's farm in Perth county, Ontario. I came to respect the farmer's individualism and to understand his problems. When the question of war time arose following the November election, I found myself sympathetic to the needs of the farmer, and at a session of members of the state administrative board I made a suggestion that War Time be limited to six months during the summer season. I still believe that this would have been the best solution.

"You are interested in why I opposed the bills to deprive the people of the right to elect their own state highway commissioner. There are several reasons . . . and here they are:

"First, it did not seem logical to me that the people should be trusted with the choice of the state superintendent of public instruction, the regents of the University and members of the Michigan State College board, but they shouldn't be trusted with choice of a state highway commissioner.

"Highways are one of our greatest common denominators. Every citizen is affected by highways, just as he is by schools.

"A second reason was my conviction that Governor Kelly and the Republican party would be blamed by the public if the state roads were not maintained and developed as adequately as they had been under Democratic administration.

"Take a look at these figures. During our 1942 fiscal year, the state collected around \$33,000,000 in gasoline taxes. This year, the state may be fortunate to collect \$18,000,000. However, a legislative act sets aside \$6,000,000 annually for distribution back to the counties. This would leave around \$12,000,000 for our roads, compared with \$27,000,000. (Last week, Secretary of State Herman Dignan estimated 15-3 gas tax receipts at \$26,200,000.)

"As I see it, Democrats could point to a decline in highway maintenance and put the blame right on the governor at the 1944 election.

"Another reason: Why did such Michigan automobile leaders as Ford, Fisher, Kettering, Algers and others take an active part in legislation to have the highway commissioner elected by the people and not appointed by the governor?

"A commission set-up would have brought provincial log-rolling among members of the commission. It would have encouraged provincial highways rather than a state-wide system of good roads.

"Finally, when Governor Groesbeck created the state administrative board, he contributed the greatest single progressive step in the history of Michigan government. This act vested elected state officials with responsibility and voting authority in matters of state policy. The state board became, in reality, the governor's cabinet.

"When the lieutenant governor was added later on, he became the agent of the legislature, a liaison man between the governor and the legislature.

"Removing the state highway commissioner from the April ballot was not good government. That is why I opposed it."

About the publicized parliamentary move which thwarted efforts to save the highway bill, Dr. Keyes said:

"The day before the Republican state convention, the senate, after striking out the \$25,000 appropriation which would have forestalled a referendum and was the real joker in the bill, voted down House Bill No. 30, which would have created a state highway commission. Upon motion to reconsider, the senate placed the bill on the table for possible revival later on. About a week later the bill was amended whereby the commissioner became an appointee of the governor. It was defeated and the bill under the rules was dead and could not be revived during the same session of the legislature.

"However, the chair was over-ruled again, and a few days later the same amendment was introduced, providing for the appointment of a highway commissioner, but reducing the salary \$500, stipulating the date he was to commence work, and a 10-year Michigan residence as a pre-requisite. This contravened the rules again which provided that an amendment once defeated cannot be re-introduced in the same substance during the same ses-



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