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Sparta Couple To Visit Kin In Germany

A Sparta woman, who was a World War II warbride, will be reunited with her family for the first time in 18 years when she and her husband and the oldest of their seven children arrive in Stuttgart, Germany, within a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Leichty and Gail, 17, were scheduled to leave their home at 670 13 Mile Road this Thursday (June 2) on the first leg of their trip to Germany. It will be the first time that Mrs. Leichty has returned to her native land since leaving there 18 years ago.

Although she saw her mother and one sister when they visited Sparta five years ago, Mrs. Leichty has not seen them since or her father and two other sisters since leaving Germany. All three of her sisters are now married.

The Leichtys' will return to Sparta on June 20. Remaining behind are their other children, Dolores, Pat, Floyd, Sharon, Steven and Debra.

Summer Program Commences at Sparta Library

The Sparta Carnegie Library announces their summer reading program will begin on Monday, June 20. Children in grades three through six may register at the library.

Summer library hours are: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday - 12 noon to 8 p.m. Closed all day Thursday, Friday - 12 noon to 8 p.m., Saturday - 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Tractor Pins Sparta Man

Cries for help heard by a 12-year-old neighbor on his bicycle and quick action by the Kent County Sheriff's Department are credited early Sunday afternoon with saving the life of Eugene Buchan of 21679 Kenowa Avenue.

The tractor, which Mr. Buchan was driving, toppled over on him as he tried to drive it on a slippery grass slope about 750 feet north of 13 Mile Road on Kenowa Avenue. When the tractor fell it pinned Mr. Buchan into soft mucky ground in a drainage ditch gradually working his body down further.

Shortly after the accident, Ned Rouse, who lives nearby, happened by on his bicycle. He heard Mr. Buchan's cries for help and quickly notified Mrs. Buchan. She called the Sheriff's Department and within moments Deputy Philip Helsel was on the scene.

When the tractor was pulled off Mr. Buchan, water and mud were up to his ears. Within minutes his head would have been pushed under the surface of the ground. He suffered no serious injuries although taken to St. Mary's Hospital for observation.

Bee Dies in Smashup at Body Shop

Smashed up bees and cars don't always go together. But they did in a way Tuesday at the Sparta Body Shop.

Mike Carlson and his son, Clayton, reported that apparently early Tuesday a large bee flew head first into the barb of a barbed-wire fence just east of the Body Shop. The bee, which naturally died instantly, was left hanging from the fence with the point of the barb firmly implanted in his head right between the eyes.



Sparta's Outstanding Senior Athlete

Timothy Cummings was presented the James Warren trophy as the Outstanding Senior Athlete in the Sparta High School at the annual spring banquet held Monday evening at the school. Tim's name will be engraved on the trophy retained by the school and Tim was given a smaller trophy as the outstanding athlete. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cummings of Ecklund Street, Sparta.

The James Warren trophy was established by Dean Bradford in 1960 in honor of the late James Warren of Sparta, son of Mrs. Charles Warren of Sparta and the late Charles Warren, who was a former athlete at Sparta High School and was killed in World War II. The

trophy is awarded annually on the basis of (1) varsity participation, (2) attitude on and off the playing field, (3) sportsmanship, (4) leadership, and (5) scholarship. Former recipients are David Mutchler, 1960; Richard and Robert McCready, 1961; Charles Anderson, 1962; Judd Ring, 1963; Dale Andrus, 1964; and Brian McCellum, 1965.

Recognition was given to all members of the winter and spring sports which included basketball, wrestling, baseball, track, tennis, and golf. Cheer leaders were also honored.

Mothers of the students participating in these sports were honored guests and the fathers served the ham dinner.



Mr. James Gardner was unexpectedly honored by the Sparta High School Student body and student council during an assembly last Friday afternoon. Mr. Gardner, who is retiring as Sparta High School principal, received the book he is shown holding titled "A Pictorial History of the Great Lakes." Shown left to right are Tim Cuming, Former Sparta Superintendent William H. DeHart, Mr. Gardner and Jon Cummings. Mr. DeHart spoke at the assembly.

Chapel Hill Methodists To Worship in Casnovia Building This Summer

Chapel Hill United Methodist Church will change its place of worship to the Casnovia building during June, July and August. The service next Sunday June 5 will start at 10:45 in the Casnovia Building with the Senior High Methodist Youth Fellowship in charge. Church School will be held in the regular places. Vacation Church School will start for the Jr. Highs June 13, and for the rest of the church School June 20.

Injunction Follows 'Yes' Vote Merging School Districts

An injunction was served Friday on E. J. Kleinert, Kent County Superintendent of Schools, and the Kent Intermediate School Board, to cease any further implementation of last Wednesday's school consolidation election outcome pending a hearing this week Thursday before Circuit Court.

In The Sentinel Leader circulation area, the Casnovia and Boyd districts are involved. Individuals behind the injunction included residents of the Boyd District, but none was from the Casnovia District.

Voters in 20 Kent County school districts approved last Wednesday by a nearly two to one majority the Kent School Reorganization Committee's plan to place each child in a kindergarten through twelve school district. Consolidation of thirteen small, rural districts with seven larger ones carried by a vote of 1,363 to 760.

Specifically affecting the North Kent area will be the merger of Casnovia with Kent City by a vote of 83 to 47, and the annexation of Boyd primary district to Kenowa Hills and Sparta. The Boyd district will be split between Eight and Nine Mile Road, the southern portion going to Kenowa Hills and the northern portion to Sparta Area Schools.

Sparta voters tallied 121 "yes", 22 "no", and 2 spoiled votes for a total of 145 registered votes.

Dr. William Sutter Named to Sparta Village Council

Dr. William Sutter of 107 Orchard Drive has accepted an appointment to the Sparta Village Council to fill out the unexpired term of Harry Carlson. Mr. Carlson was elevated to Village President upon the recent resignation from the post of president by David J. Johnson.

Dr. Sutter has practiced dentistry in Sparta since 1949 with the exception of the two years from 1952-54 when he was in the Navy. As a Navy dentist, he was assigned to the Marine Corps and served in Korea.

He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Wesleyan College in Connecticut and his DDS from Georgetown University in Washington, D. C. Dr. and Mrs. Sutter are the parents of seven children.

His appointment lasts for the term expiring in March of 1967.

260 Veterans Laid to Rest in Sparta Cemeteries

Justin Spangenberg of S. Union St., Sparta, reported figures which show that 260 veterans of Wars from 1812 to Korea are buried in Sparta area cemeteries. The breakdown of veterans by cemetery is as follows: Fairplains, 26; old cemetery located just west of Greenwood, 70; Greenwood Cemetery, 88; Lisbon Cemetery, 24, and Myers Cemetery, 52.

This past Memorial Day was the 45th year, Mr. Spangenberg said, that these veterans have been honored by veterans groups. Other veterans from the Sparta area are buried elsewhere, he added.

State Farm Insurance

Henry Beverwyk announces that the Sparta office of the State Farm Insurance Agency located on E. Division Street will be closed all day Saturday during the months of June, July, and August.



The above pictured young people were received into communicant membership at Peace Lutheran Church last Sunday morning through the Rite of Confirmation. Included in the picture is Frederick Groenke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Groenke; Gary Hermann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldegar Hermann; Susan Keck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Keck; Daniel and Dennis Nason, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Max Nason; Lawrence Scholten, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Scholten; and Vicky Vogel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vogel.

The service last Sunday was the climax of three years study of Christian doctrine for the young folks. This past year they attended a released time religious instruction class twice a week taught by Rev. Roy Schroeder, pastor of Peace congregation.

Next Sunday a group of 22 people will be received into membership at the local Lutheran Church, 15 as communicants and 7 as baptized members. 16 of the 22 will be received into membership through Holy Baptism. The public is invited to attend.

In the photograph (left to right) are Gary Hermann, Fred Groenke, Larry Scholten, Susan Keck, Rev. Roy Schroeder, Dennis Nason, Vicky Vogel and Danny Nason.

Kent City Lions Swimming Program

A summer swimming to be sponsored by the Kent City Lions Club will begin Monday, June 13, when interested children meet at the school ready for transportation to Long Lake. Time of the program is 1 to 4 p.m.

Robert Peters will be in charge of the program which will last for six weeks. It will be conducted Monday through Friday of each week.

NORTH KENT GLASS AND PAINT OPEN HOUSE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Names of four open house winners last week at the new location of North Kent Glass and Paint were Mary Cotton and Carl Curtis, both of Sparta; Melvin Wiltenburg of Conklin and Zelman Remmelts of Cedar Springs.

"I've never seen anything like it before," Mr. Carlson mused.

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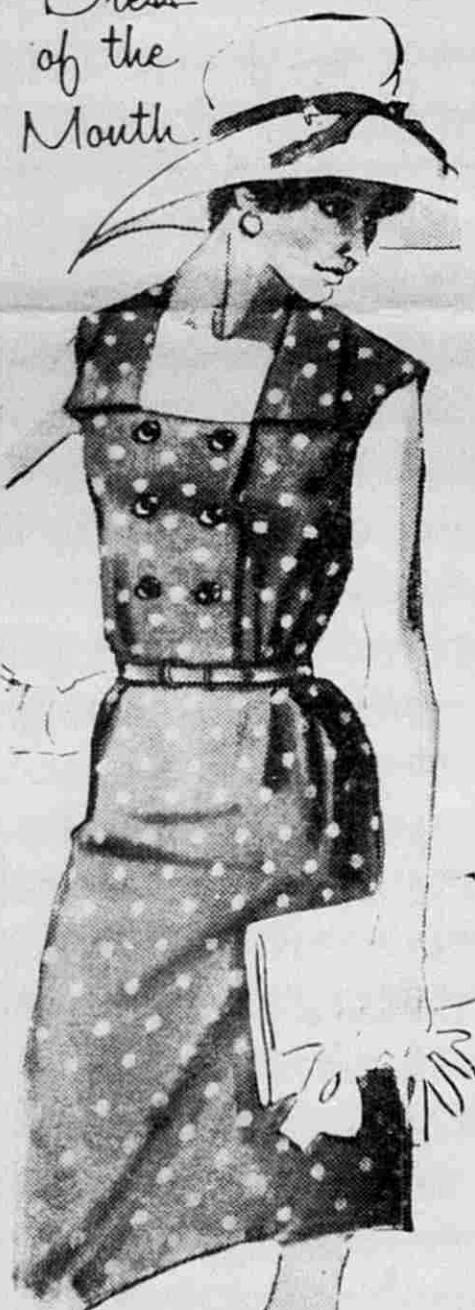
Honor Graduates Announced at Kenowa Hills

Mr. Robert Fry, Principal of Kenowa Hills High School, has announced the names of the Honor Graduates of the class of 1966. To qualify for this honor a student must earn a b-plus average for the entire four years of high school work. The alphabetical list of Honor Graduates is: Joyce Andringa, Janice Batdorff, Jean Berg, Judith deRyke, William DeVries, Carol Koppenol, Janice Lee, Patricia Londo, Peggy Malinowski, Warren Ringold, Toni Rubleski, Susan Swendrowski, and Carol Umlor.

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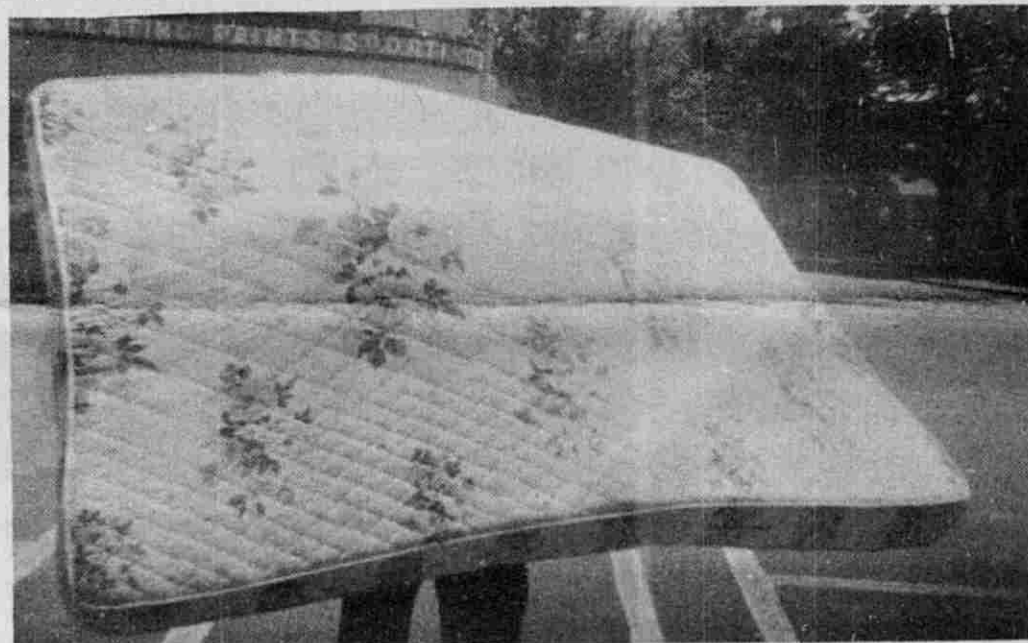
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Sparta Library Adds Collection

The Sparta Carnegie Library have added a "Popular Demand Collection" of one hundred books to their rental shelves. They are receiving these selections from the American Lending Library and include best sellers, fiction and non-fiction, mysteries, westerns, romances, and science fiction. Staffmembers of the library extend an invitation to come in and look over these new rental additions.



Enthusiasm is one of the prime forces in the success of any sale. Here is a man that was so enthused by the prices offered by Harding's Furniture for their recent Simmons mattress sale that he couldn't wait for the delivery man. Yes, that's right. Here you see your local Jewelry man, Mr. Paul Badgerow of Paul-Lawrence, coming and going. Jack Harding reports that people were coming from all over the tri-county area to buy Simmons mattress at half price. Some people brought their own pick-up trucks and station wagons right with them. But Jack reports that Mr. Badgerow was in such a hurry to take advantage of the last mattress that he offered to carry the mattress home along. And that's exactly what he did. Down Washington Street right on Gardner one complete mile.



Public Letterbox

Dear Editor,

As a resident of W. Averill St. in Sparta, I wish to raise several questions about the desirability of having the new fire siren placed in Lamoreaux Park.

First, the extreme sound of the siren is bound to disrupt the quiet of the neighborhood, especially the homes of couples with young children who retire early in the evening.

Second, the siren sound always creates apprehension and even temporary fear among many close to it at the time it goes off.

Third, it is not something which can be used for recreation by those in the area who may play in the park.

Perhaps the judgement of the Village Fathers was a little hasty in placing the siren there. Do others feel as I do?

Sincerely,
C. B. Wohlferd

Absentee Ballots For School Election

Qualified voters for the annual school elections Monday, June 13, have until 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11, to make application for absentee ballots. These can be obtained from school board secretaries.

In Sparta, the secretary is Mrs. Athena Eary. Kent City secretary is George Hanson.

Seeking election to one-year terms are Frank VandenHeuvel and George Hanson.

In Sparta, two are seeking election to the post vacated by retiring Carl Anderson. Seeking the four-year term are Robert Peck and Elwyn Kinney.



Rev. George Tuinstra

The Rev. George Tuinstra will be among the teachers at the adult classes of the adult Baptist Vacation Bible School scheduled June 13-17 at the Sparta Baptist Church. Rev. Tuinstra is a Bible teacher at the Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music.



"My wife wants to know, could it plan her week's menu?"

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