



### Miss Marilyn C. Homrich Is Bride of Alexander Arends

Holy Trinity Church of Alpine provided the Saturday afternoon setting for the marriage of Miss Marilyn C. Homrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. Homrich of Alpine Church Road, Comstock Park, to Alexander Arends, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Arends, Griggs Street, Grand Rapids. The Rev. Fr. William Hoogterp officiated at the nuptial mass.

The former Miss Homrich was attired in an A-line gown of silk organza and peau d'ange lace.

The empire bodice and the three quarter Dior sleeves were accented with lace appliques and seed pearls. Matching appliques formed the hemline and scalloped cage back of the dress. A cathedral length veil of illusion fell gently away from the mantilla headpiece of the same peau d'ange lace and she carried a cascade bouquet.

Miss Irene Homrich of Comstock Park was her sister's honor attendant attired in a yellow linen floor-length gown accented

### Apple Queen Contest Set For July 12

The Kent-Ottawa Apple Queen Contest will be held July 12 in connection with the Sparta Community Days. The program will begin at 8:00 with entertainment and then the formal appearance of the girls will be at 8:30 p.m.

All qualified girls are asked to meet the evening of July 9 in the Sparta State Bank basement at 8:00. This time will acquaint the girls with the procedure of the contest, also to discuss beauty tips and poise. Please contact one of the following if interested: Mrs. Ralph Kober 887-9473, Mrs. Harland Reister 887-9854, or Mrs. James Chase.

This is a wonderful time for daughters of apple growers to help promote Michigan apples. The winner of the Kent-Ottawa contest has various duties before she enters the state contest in December.

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with appliques down the pleated back of the gown. Mrs. Floyd Courtade, sister of the bride, of Conklin, and Miss Carol Herman and Miss Mary Gipson of Grand Rapids were the bridesmaids attired in pink, blue and green.

Peter J. Arends of Fort Wayne was his brother's best man. Ushers were Albert J., Garry M. and John S. Arends, brothers of the groom, all of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller of Comstock Park, brother-in-law and sister of the bride, presided at the reception which followed in the Eastern Avenue Hall, Grand Rapids.

The newly married couple will reside on Kinney Avenue, Grand Rapids, after a Canadian honeymoon.

### In Memoriam

The flowers in the Memorial Window are in loving memory of Mr. Richard D. Manglos, Jr. Hessel-Cheslek Funeral Home



### Miss Christine A. Rasch Is Bride of Ronald W. Knapp

The marriage of Miss Christine A. Rasch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Rasch of Conklin and Ronald W. Knapp was solemnized Saturday afternoon, June 14, in St. Joseph's Church of Wright. Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Knapp of Grand Island, Nebraska are parents of the groom.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in an empire gown of organza with scrolled Venice trim. Matching lace enhanced the short ruffled sleeves, stand-up collar and hemline of the gown. For her headpiece, the bride chose a bubble veil with a beaded crown.

Miss Jean Rasch attended her cousin as maid-of-honor and the bridesmaids were Miss Denise Rasch, sister of the bride, Miss Kathy Brouwer of Marne and Miss Jan Lovell of Grand Rapids. Misses Jacqueline and Geraldyn Rasch, sisters of the bride, were flower girls and Martin Rasch, brother of the bride, was the ringbearer.

Don Boluc of Muskegon was the best man and the groomsmen were Jim Piccard of Marne, Dan Rasch and Steven Rasch, brothers of the bride, and David Rasch and Ronald Rasch, cousins of the bride, all of Conklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kline and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rasch, uncles and aunts of the bride, were masters and mistresses of ceremonies at the reception which followed at the Grand Valley Armory in Wyoming.

After a northern honeymoon,

the newly-married couple will make their home in Manassas, Virginia.

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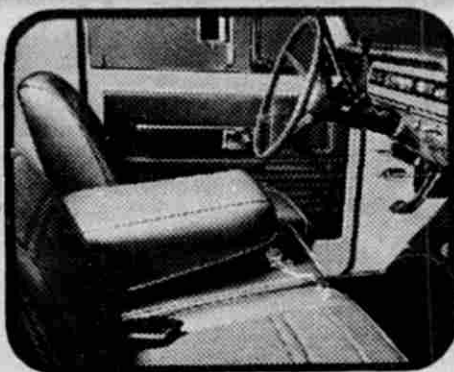
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# I REMEMBER

BY Arzie L. Pinckney

I remember when the building now occupied by Paul Lawrence Jewelry (at 169 E. Division Street, Sparta) was built. It was built by Nelson Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were the parents of the late Mrs. Walter (Bertha) Bloomer.

Nels, as he was called by everyone in Sparta, had owned the lot for some years. He had

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE  
COUNTY OF KENT

IN RE PETITION OF THE )  
VILLAGE OF SPARTA, A )  
MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL COR- )  
PORATION, )

vs )  
Plaintiff, )

CARL D. STOUT & MILDRED )  
STOUT, )

HUSBAND AND WIFE, JOINT- )  
LY & SEVERALLY, )

No. 9189

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Plaintiff, by its attorney, having filed its petition in this Court for the condemnation of an easement described as follows:

The East 20 feet of Lot 1, Block 7, of Nash's First Addition to the Village of Sparta, Kent County, Michigan.

said easement being for the installation, operation and maintenance of a part of the Village of Sparta Municipal Sanitary and Storm Sewer Facilities and,

It appearing that the property over and through which the easement shall run is owned by Carl D. Stout and Mildred Stout, husband and wife, of 145 Maple Street, Cedar Springs, Kent County, Michigan, and,

Petition having requested that a jury be impanelled in connection with the said condemnation proceedings,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the defendants, Carl D. Stout and Mildred Stout appear before this Court on Tuesday, July 8, 1969, at 9:00 in the morning, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, and show cause why such a jury should not be impanelled and why further proceedings in connection with the condemnation as outlined in the petition filed by the plaintiff should not be had.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in the Sparta Sentinel Leader and also that a copy of this Order shall be served upon Carl D. Stout and Mildred Stout at least six (6) days before the date above set for hearing.

ISSUED: June 17, 1969

ROMAN J. SNOW  
Circuit Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY  
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HAROLD J. BERTELSON  
DEPUTY

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Deputy Clerk

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a dray business and a very profitable one it was, because in those days everything had to be moved by horses, and he had several. His barns were back of the alley that always existed (and still does only they call it Johnson Street now).

At that time most everyone burned wood in their kitchen stoves and many folks used wood in their heaters also. So having wood cut and dried for burning was a good business and Nels was in that business also and he used the vacant lot for storage of his wood supply.

But the lot was used for other things as well. I remember that on the Fourth of July after the State Bank was built (on the northeast corner of Division and Union), there was always a bowery dance hall set up there. This was just a nice smooth floor and frame built over it. Usually it had a canvas cover over it and benches built in along the side and ends of the floor. It was one of the busiest places in the town. Dances all day and until after midnight or as long as the crowd stayed. Dances were paid for after each dance and not by the evening. Sometimes the bowery was not taken down for several weeks. Dances were held every Saturday night if weather permitted.

Then in 1911 or 1912 Nels built the present building. It was built for a pool room. I remember that the inside walls were covered with plaster board. That was the first time that anyone used that kind of wall cover. It was put up in sheets about three feet square nailed on to the joists.

I remember that Ira Kettell was one of the carpenters and he explained that the wall would be finished by a coat of stucco over it and it did work out fine. However, I doubt if many other buildings were finished that way.

The pool room was in business for some time with several different men managing it but it was discontinued as a pool room and in 1927 Mr. and Mrs. William Williams and three of their daughters came to Sparta and opened a variety store there. Their daughter, Greathel, is now Mrs. Willard Amidon. The Williams were here only two years and in 1929 a Mr. and Mrs. East came to Sparta and bought the business. I believe that they came from Cedar Springs. They operated the business for several years until Mr. East passed away. Mrs. East ran the store for awhile but in 1937 she sold out to Erastus Smith and Joe Gass.

They also had a variety store until 1948 when they had a bad fire and they closed out of the business. There may have been other kinds of business there but I do not remember them nor can I find out just when Mrs. Marge Garlinger came to Sparta and set up a dress shop which she operated for several years.

I understand that for some time Mrs. Tina Johnson was interested in that business and was a sales lady there, but she sold her interest to Mrs. Garlinger.

Some years later, just what year no one seems to know, she sold the business to Mr. and Mrs. Schlagel. Several years before, Mrs. Schlagel, whose maiden name was Norma Dine, was a linotype operator at the Sparta Sentinel Leader until the editor, Frank Holmes, passed away. Just when they bought the building I don't recall. They closed out the dress shop in the mid 1950's and sold the building to Spartan Distributors who only kept it a short time and then sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Sherry Olin in 1960.

The Olins remodeled the inside of the building, built a large addition on the back and gave it a fine face lifting and put in a gift shop.

But in 1966 they sold the build-

## JOINS CLINIC AT GRANT

Kamal Z. Abusief, M.D., obstetrician, moved to Grant on May 24, to associate with the Deur Clinic and be on the medical staff of the Grant Community Hospital.

Dr. Abusief received his M.D. degree from Cairo University, had one year internship in Bronx, New York, followed by four years of Specialty Training in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Brooklyn and New York City. He had three years of advanced training in Obstetrics and General Surgery in Blackpool, England.

A member of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in London, England, Dr. Abusief will be taking similar examinations for American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology in San Francisco the middle of June.

For the past year Dr. Abusief has been full time Emergency Room physician at the Wilmington Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware.

His wife, Margaret Abusief was formerly a nurse mid-wife in England. She is presently occupied with their only child, John, who is less than a year of age.

The Abusiefs are living in one of the new Heise apartments in Grant.

## CASNOVIA NEWS



by Mrs. Randall Clark

MRS. ADOLPH LARSEN who has been spending the past several weeks at Fremont, returned to her home with Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Clark Sunday.

MRS. MIKE PETRUSKA entered St. Mary's Hospital Sunday and was to undergo surgery Monday.

MR. AND MRS. ED NASON of Florida formerly of Casnovia arrived here Thursday to visit friends and relatives.

MRS. ELSIE SCHROEDER entered Butterworth Hospital Wednesday to undergo surgery Thursday. She will enjoy cards from her many friends.

SMITH CLARK formerly of Casnovia, now of Grand Rapids called on many old friends in Casnovia Sunday afternoon.

MR. AND MRS. DALE ELLIOTT and boys called on Mr. and Mrs. Clesant Elliott and family of Marne Thursday evening.

MRS. CLIFFORDELLIOTT and Jeff of Morley spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Donald Millett.

MR. AND MRS. LEONARD VANDER ZEE of Grand Rapids called on Mrs. J. E. Lillie Saturday evening.

MRS. MABLE LILLIE of Lamont is a house guest this week of her sister-in-law Mrs. J. E. Lillie.

## MAMRELUND VACATION SCHOOL JUNE 16 TO 27

Mamrelund Lutheran Church of Kent City has selected the theme, "Jesus and the Church" for its Vacation Church School to be held for two weeks commencing Monday, June 16, and continuing weekdays through Friday, June 27. Daily sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and will conclude with an evening program on Friday night for parents and friends.

Children from 3 1/2 years through the 8th-grade are invited to attend.

ing to the Paul-Lawrence Jewellers.

## The Star Spangled Banner

### How To Display

The story of the origin of our National flag parallels the story of the origin of our country.

According to the U.S. Marine Corps manual, "The star is a symbol of the heavens and the divine goal to which man has aspired from time immemorial, the stripe is symbolic of the rays of light emanating from the sun. Both themes have long been represented on the standards of nations." The first flag of the colonists to have any resemblance to the present Stars and Stripes was the Grand Union flag. It consisted of thirteen stripes, alternately red and white, representing the thirteen colonies, with a blue field in the upper left hand corner.

After many trials and errors, by both state and national government. General George Washington, as he watched the Star Spangled Banner being flown at the head of the Continental Army, described its symbolism as follows: "We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes go down to posterity representing liberty."

July 4, 1818, following a suggestion by Captain Samuel C. Reid, U.S. Navy, a resolution was adopted by Congress which officially set the standards for the United States flag . . . the stripes were to remain thirteen in number as representing the colonies which struggled to found the nation, and that a star be added to the blue field for each additional state coming to the Union.

Thus the Stars and Stripes came into being; born amid the strife of battle, it became the standard around which a free people struggled to become a free nation.

## G.O.P. CLUB PICNIC SET FOR JUNE 27

Sparta Women's Republican Club will hold their annual picnic on Friday, June 27, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Miller, 202 Harper Drive, Sparta.

The fun will begin at 4 o'clock when the women and children will gather to enjoy a swim in the pool. They will be joined at 6:15 by their husbands for a potluck dinner.

Each family is asked to bring their own table service and a dish to pass. Coffee and lemonade will be furnished.

Persons planning to attend are asked to notify one of the following by May 24: Mrs. L. E. Early, TU7-9400, Mrs. T. F. Baker, TU7-2341; or Mrs. A. K. Brevitz, TU7-9824.

The picnic will be cancelled in case of rain or cold weather.

## YMCA Offers Courses on "How to Study in College"

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