

I Remember

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INTRODUCTION

This Finding Aid was compiled using the Sparta Sentinel-Leader archive available online at SpartaHistory.org.

The earliest “I Remember...” column that was found in the archive appeared in the October 21, 1964, issue. The last column found was dated August 23, 1971.

From October 21, 1964, to August 23, 1971, there were 358 issues of the Sparta Sentinel-Leader published.

During that period, 201 “I Remember...” columns have been located. That includes 6 issues in which two different columns appeared.

There are 9 issues from the above dates that are entirely missing from the online archive: December 23, 1964, April 3, 1968, May 29, 1968, June 5, 1968, June 12, 1968, July 10, 1968, January 8, 1969, May 7, 1969, and September 3, 1969.

There are 154 issues during the time frame in which no “I Remember....” column was found.

NOTE

With a few exceptions, the online archive of the Sparta Sentinel-Leader is separated into multiple two-page pdf files.

The provided links will take the user to the first page of the two-page pdf file in which the selected “I Remember...” column appears. If the “I Remember...” column is on the second page, the user will have to use page down to locate it.

The Volume and Page Numbers included below reference the two black binders of printed columns that were prepared for the Sparta Township Historical Commission. They are not the volume and page number of the original newspaper issue.

ADDITIONAL COLUMNS

There are at least five (possibly more) “I Remember...” columns that are included in the Sparta Township Historical Commission’s white binder of “I Remember...” columns that were not located in the online archive of Sparta Sentinel-Leader issues.

A comparison is currently being conducted to specifically identify those issues and an addendum will be added to this finding aid with that information when the review is complete.

Respectfully Submitted,

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#	ARTICLE SUMMARY	PIC	DATE	V	PG	LINK
1	Simeon Line Home Torn Down; Previously Dr. Babcock's Office; Story of Dr. Sexton and Sextonville; South of Sparta, Near 12 Mile and Alpine Avenue; Included Railroad Flag Station; Sparta's First Water Works Was on Line Property; Three Shallow Wells With Water Treatment; Built By Manley Burch.	0	10/21/64	1	1	LINK
2	Howard's Boot and Shoe Shop; Custom Made in Few Days; Howard Family; Halstead Family.	0	10/28/64	1	2	LINK
3	Sparta's Lighting System; First Street Lights Described; Kerosene; Filling and Cleaning Required Every Few Days; Types of Lights Before Electricity Described; Gasoline Lamps; Electric Lights; Street Lights Bulbs Hanging From Cords; Turned Out at Twelve; Electric Lights Spread to Houses and Stores; Electric Charged Per Light, Not Use; Robbery Before Lights.	0	11/11/64	1	3	LINK
4	Water Tower Hill; Elevated Wooden Tank Constructed After 1900; Collapsed in 1915; Replaced By Steel Tank; Water For Early Fire Hydrants; Water From Nash Creek; Pump Operated From Welch Folding Bed Co.; Early Drinking Water; Later Pumped Into Houses; Sparta Water Co.; Water Purity Confirmed; Plan for Handling Bad Fires, Happened Twice.	1	11/18/64	1	5	LINK
5	More About Howard's Boot and Shoe Shop; Soper Candy and Tabacco Store; Dry Times, Wine Press in Back; "Game" Upstairs; Other Uses Included Grocery Store, Photograph Gallery, and Dry Goods; Deteriorated and Torn Down.	0	11/18/64	1	6	LINK
6	First Upright Piano; Bertha Shaw 16th Birthday Present; Others Had Organs or Square Pianos; Shaw's Dray and Ice Businesses; Ice From Camp Like Once Six to Eight Thick; Ice Cakes 100lbs Cost 25 Cents; Shaw Livery Stable; Shaw Family; Bertha Shaw Great Piano Accompanists.	0	11/25/64	1	7	LINK
7	First Mad Dog Scare; Myrtle Miller East of Sparta; Large Sherperd Dog; Bit Other Dogs, But Not People; News Spread About Mad Dog; Marshall Albert Meeker Shot Dog; Dog Tested Positive for Rabies; All Local Dogs That May Have Had Contact Were Put Down; Took a While for Local Dog Numbers to Rebound. Brown/ Miller Family.	0	12/02/64	1	8	LINK
8	Arzie's First House in Sparta; Located Between Railroad Track and Grist Mill; Owner Port Vinton; Watched Steam Trains Being Filled With Water and Describes Process; Grist Mill and Process Described; Barkman's Blacksmith Shop; Port Vinton Bass Viol and George Goodrich Clarinet.	0	12/09/64	1	9	LINK
9	Tent Shows that Came to Sparta; Stockey's Medicine Show; Whitney Family Circus; Silver Family Circus; Perry's Dog and Pony Show; Wild West Show; "Ten Nights in a Bar Room"; Jesse James Show; Lloyd Gould Stock Company; Uncle Tom's Cabin; Many Places the Shows Would Set Up, But Most on the Sparta Baseball Park.	1	12/16/64	1	10	LINK
10	Manley Burch and Family Automobile Photo; Photo Taken Near Camp Lake; Burch Family Included Two Girls Eva and May; Not Their First Car; No Going Fast as No Seat Belts, No Doors and the Roads Were Rough; Burch Home was on Maple Street; Arzie Helped Mrs Burch with Carpets; George Bettes had Second Car in the Area; Dr. Zudzense had the Third Car.	0	12/30/64	1	12	LINK

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11	Chesapeake & Ohio and Grand Trunk Railroads Crossed North End of Sparta; Expert Telegraph Operator Needed to Receive Settings and Instructions for Crossing; Procedure for Setting the Tracks; Sparta Boys that Were Telegraph Operators Barkman, Kinsman and Berg (corrected); Changing Railroad Names; Laying Out Tracks; Routes Discontinued; Death of Once Busy Railroad.	0	01/06/65	1	13	LINK
12	New Senior Citizens Group and Fellowship; Weekly Meetings; No Dues or Invitations Sent; Come When You Can and Leave When You Want; Name Correction for Prior Column "Berg", Not "Berry".	0	01/13/65	1	14	LINK
13	Carlson & Meyer Replaced By Ace Auto Parts; Formerly Hitchcock's Wagon Shop; also Blacksmith Shop; Many Others Used Building; Remodeled in 1910 by Mr Kent; Skating Rink and Basketball Court; High School Used It 1922-24; Players Stauffer, Hodgins, Pierson, Wylie, Anderson, Trofast, Sprick and Stanton; Williams Garage; Balhuis Bicycle Shop; Feed Mill; Marathon Gas Station.	0	01/20/65	1	15	LINK
14	First Cement Sidewalk in Front of Hasting's Drugstore; Big Stones Foundation; Mill St (Union) Bridge Across Creek; Adjoining Sidewalk on Wooden Trestles; Uncle Charles and His Peg Leg; Mr. Mckeele Put in Cement Sidewalk; Tar Sidewalks Hot in Summer; Mr. Bell Replaced with New Cement Sidewalks; Paving Main Street; Sparta Stock Yards.	0	01/27/65	1	16	LINK
15	Teenage Fun Years Ago; Larger "Neighborhoods"; Casual Invitations; Housewarmings for New Neighbors; Sleigh Transportation to Parties; Music and Games; Finish Evening with Apples, Popcorn or Taffy Pull; Taffy Pull Described; Sleigh Ride Home.	0	02/10/65	1	17	LINK
16	More Teenage Fun Years Ago; Box Socials With Lunches Auctioned; Bid Cheating Foiled by Others; Started at Five or Ten Cents; Increments of a Penny; Spelling Bees Included All Ages; Two Teams Selected; Last One Standing Was Winner.	0	02/17/65	1	18	LINK
17	More Teenage Fun Years Ago; Coffee Made on Heating Stove; Plans Made for Next Party; "Charivaris" or "Shivarees"; First Night After Couple Married Neighbors Gathered Outside Home with Bells, Horns and Other Noisemakers; On Signal, Made Noise Until Newlyweds Came Out and Invited Everyone in For Treats; Also Called "Bellings".	0	02/24/65	1	19	LINK
18	Smith, Early Sparta Blacksmith; Occupied Lot on North Union; Later Balhouis Bicycle Shop; Paint Shop Upstairs; Fire at Paint Shop; Early Fire Hoses; Welly Fitch Self-Appointed Fire Chief; After near Mishap, Men Sprayed Fitch With Fire Hose; After War, Frank Scott and Others Tried to Organize Athletic Club; Building Torn Down by Mr. Palmer.	0	03/03/65	1	20	LINK
19	"Sugar Bush" Groves Full of Maple Trees; Tapping the Maple Trees; Sugar Shanties for Boiling Sap; Thirty-Two to Thirty-Six Gallons of Sap for Gallon of Syrup; Eleven Pound Law; Eleven Pounds of Syrup to Make Eight Pounds of Sugar; Making Syrup from the Sugar; Sent Large Can of Maple Sugar to Arzie, Jr. When Stationed Near Pearl Harbor.	0	03/10/65	1	21	LINK
20	More About Sugar Bushes; Recalls Sugar Bush in Balcom's Woods; Drinking Too Much Fresh Sap Was Like Mild Laxative; Making Wax Candy With Syrup and Snow; Maple Syrup in Baked Beans; Maple Syrup and Honey for Curing Hams; Hot Sugar Parties with Biscuits; Disappearing Sugar Bushed Lumbered Off; Maple Flavored Syrup Just Not the Same as the Real Thing.	0	03/17/65	1	22	LINK

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21	Nash Creek Spring and Fall Flooding; Nash Creek Origins and Sparta Creeks That Empty Into It; Dead Creek Would Flood and Freeze for Winter Skating; Jack Brown's Barn; Black, Walch, Sterling and Rose Homes; Lots on Corner of State and Division; Amidon Home; Spring Rains on Edge of Nash Creek; Diving with Able Hanford; State Street Bridge Washed Out; Division Street Bridges.	0	03/24/65	1	23	LINK
22	Flash Floods; Fourth of July Flood; Early Fireworks to Avoid Storm; Thunder and Lightning "Something Awful"; Storm in Spring, 1947; Flash Flood of 1957 Half of East Division Washed Away; Mr. Klint's "Water Spaniel"; Tubby Toothacher's Cow Pasture and Flooding; Tubby, a Small Frail Man, Saved the Cows, Tubby's Feud with Sarah Talman; Widow Talman Threw Tubby Into the Creek.	0	03/31/65	1	24	LINK
23	First Milkman Mr. Tuxbury; Many People With Cows Sold Milk to Neighbors; Tuxbury Big Milk Can; Sold to Charlie Purdy; Glass Bottles in Crates; Wagon with Padded Box; Route Sold Many Times; Two Routes Walcott and Stebbins; Many With Cows Named; Finnucan (DeLange) Cow Behind Harness Shop; Kinsman's Cow Choking on Apple; Warner Siegel and North Union Creamery; Sparta Dairy.	0	04/07/65	1	25	LINK
24	More About the Milkman; Shallow Milk Pans for Cream; Making Dutch Cheese; Making Smelly German Cheese; "Rosey" Loses Her Tail, or Did She?; Horse's Tail on Broom Handle; Rosey in the Ice House; Rosey Ate Sassafrass Leaves?; Rosey's Frozen Milk That Smelled Like Sassafrass Tea; Family Loved the Taste and Wanted More.	0	04/14/65	1	26	LINK
25	More About Rosey the Cow and Frozen Sassafrass Milk; Rosey Would Not Eat More Sassafrass Leaves; Rosey Had Been Fed Eggs?; Trying a New Method with Eggs; Still Not the Same, Forgot the Sassafrass; Add Sugar and Make a Sassafrass Syrup; What to Call the Them?; How About Ice Cream and Sasaprilla Syrup!	0	04/21/65	1	27	LINK
26	More About Rosey the Cow; Next Spring She Had Calf "Daisy" with Two Tails; Learned to Swat Flies Off Rosey with One Tail and Herself With Other; More About Making Ice Cream; Job With Ice Cream Company; The End of Rosey and Daisy; Another Tall Tale?	0	04/28/65	1	28	LINK
27	First Sparta Laundry; Keech and Rose from Rockford Located on SW Corner of Union and Grove; Washing Machines and Ironers; Hired Neighborhood Women; Sold to Mr and Mrs Martin Murray; Describes Other Nearby Homes; Describes Shirts and Collars; Describes "Ironer" Used for Collars; Paper Collars; Celluloid Collars; Rubber Collars; Care When Ironing Shirts; Vests and Cuffs.	0	05/05/65	1	29	LINK
28	More First Sparta Laundry; "Dickie" a Shirt Bosom Only Described; Used by Many Actors; Changing Shirt Styles; Tuxedos and Dinner Jackets; Cumberbands; English Cutaway and Prince Albert Coats Described; As Styles Changed Less Work for Laundry; Equipment Sold When Mrs Murray Passed; Martin Murray as Custodian for Methodist Church; Died in Church Fire trying to Save Kittens.	0	05/12/65	1	30	LINK
29	"Grandpa" and "Grandma" Hope's Boot & Shoe Shop; First Building West of RR on North Side of Street; Hopes Lived on East Side Wing; Three Sons and Two Daughters; Mostly Repair Work, Made Shoes For a Few; Grandma's Garden; Clark's Watch and Clock Shop Upstairs; "Indian List"; Shoe Blacking Alcohol and Acid; Local Man Drank It?; Later Building Was Used as Grocery Store.	0	05/19/65	1	31	LINK
30	Barkman Shop West of Creek Bridge on Division Street; Colby Shop East of RR Tracks; Hitchcock Shop; Talman Shop, Later Home for Widow and Son; Cory Shop, Later Remodeled Into Corvell's Blacksmith Shop; Corvell Also Woodworker and Violinist; Fred Hilton Later Purchased Building for Theater; Charlie Carlson and Eugene Brady Last All-Around Blacksmiths; Shoeing Horses and Cant Hooks.	0	05/26/65	1	32	LINK

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31	Town Pumps; One on South Side of Division, One on North Side; Both Had "Community" Tin Cup on a Chain; Well in Front of Spicer Home on North Union Described; Old Iron Pump on School Grounds Also Had Tin Cup; Olive Perkins Death From Head-Injury Traumatic Meningitis; Saw Local Man Drinking Grain Alcohol From Pump Tin Cup; Man's Drunkenness Caused Fear of Alcohol.	0	06/02/65	1	33	LINK
32	Sparta's Baseball Days; Date to Before 1888; Early Baseball Park in Cow Pasture South of Centennial and West of Maple; Included Grandstand With Bleachers; Elder Maynard Baseball Fan; Saturday Afternoon Games; Welch Teams; Good Players Recruited With Factory Jobs; "Shorty" Hogins and Bert Camp; Only Catcher Wore Glove, Later First Baseman Too; Cows Grazing Before Season.	0	06/09/65	1	34	LINK
33	More About Sparta's Baseball Days; Catcher Frank Bloss; Henry McCall; Catcher Homer Smith; Bruce Hewitt; Buhi Pease Remembered As Excellent Umpire; Catcher Way (Alan Way's Brother) Too Close and Hit By Bat; O.B. Watson; Welch Also Developing Players in Town; Pitcher Otis Boram, Later Died Suddenly; Brothers Shortstop Bob and Left Fielder/First Baseman Ed Beeby.	0	06/16/65	1	35	LINK
34	More About Sparta's Baseball Days; Harry McCall; Pitcher Bill Carr "Threw His Arm Out"; Carr Later a Superintendent of Welch Plant; Pitcher Homer "Slab" Warner; Centerfielder Emory Anderson; First Baseman Chuck Hilton Spring Weaver at Welch Co; Pat Murphy; Brother Clarence, a Second Baseman, One of the Fastest Sparta Pitchers; "Colored Team" Regularly Visited Sparta For Years.	0	06/23/65	1	36	LINK
35	More About Sparta's Baseball Days; Emory Anderson Owned Farm Implements Business; Third Baseman George "Buddy" Patrick; "Uncle John" and "Aunt Mead" Spicer; Grandsons Clarence and DJ Moore; Kids From Across the Creek; Uncle John Had Music Store in "Old Post Office" Building; Catcher Fred Spicer Was a Barber, Later Had Shop with Nick James; Buckeye Donkey Ball Teams.	0	06/30/65	1	37	LINK
36	More About Sparta's Baseball Days; Third Baseman Walter Atkinson; Boston Bloomer Girls Came to Sparta at Three Times; Scandal if Seen on Street; "Colored Team" Page Fence Giants; Exhibition Before Game; First Baseman Johnson Funniest; Played Saturday Games; Star Pitcher Wilson; Baseball Changes; Mitts for All; Pitcher Moved to 60 Feet; Foul Balls Now Count; Only One Umpire.	0	07/07/65	1	38	LINK
37	More About Sparta's Baseball Days; Manager Joe Ganzel, Skilled Furniture Trimmer; Lived in Sparta for Five Years; Leonard Ganzel Fishing in Lown's Pail; Several Ganzel Boys Played Baseball; Charlie Ganzel Played in National League [Note: 1885-1897]; Joe Ganzel Later Became a Preacher; Joe Was Guest Speaker at Sparta Baptist about 1944; Joe Died in 1960, Age 92.	0	07/14/65	1	39	LINK
38	More About Sparta's Baseball Days; Welch Moved Office to Grand Rapids, Lost Interest in Baseball; Holmes Company Had Fine Team; About 1910 "Old Baseball Field" Gave Way to New Streets and Homes; Baseball Moved to Balyeat Field; Rockford vs Sparta in 1911; Neutral Ground Tie Breaker Held; Sparta Won 2 to 0; HS Football Revenge Rockford 60 to 0; Baseball Manager Bruce Keister.	0	07/21/65	1	40	LINK
39	More About Sparta's Baseball Days; Team Photograph (Between 1910 and 1916); Several Holmes Employees; Many Moved When Homes Plant Left; Sparta High School Baseball Teams; Catcher Slipped and Broke Pint of Whiskey in Pocket; Game vs Kent City, Sparta Pitcher Oscar Johnson and Catcher DJ Moore Changed Places; During Balyeat Renovation No Grandstand to Watch.	1	07/28/65	1	42	LINK
40	Old Olmstead Sawmill; North Bank of Nash Creek, East of Bridge; Stood on Site of Creamery; Joseph Olmstead Made Corn Brooms to Sell; Avoid the Deep Pit With Water in It; Old Water Wheel Laid Flat; Dam West of Mill Raised Creek Level; Mill Later Converted to Steam Power; Old Olmstead Home on Library Site; Converted to Apple Dryer; Large Fire; Suspected Arson; Insurance Lawsuit.	0	08/04/65	1	43	LINK

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41	Al Meeker's Apple Dryers on Washington Street; Not Really a Street Yet; Neighbors Feared Another Fire, Which Happened; Apple Drying Season was Short; Women Worked paring Machines; Machines Also Cut Out Cores; Kids Used as Playhouse During Off-Season; Constructed a Stage on One End; Dryers Eventually Closed; Washington Street Extended; Putman Home Built 1913.	0	08/11/65	1	44	LINK
42	First Telephone in Sparta; Private Line in Zebulum Hinman Home on East Division to Cheney Home Across the Street; Old Hinman Home a Big Square Building; Deep Well with Cold Water; Several Nearby Homes Described; Early Telephone was Box-Like; Big Plant in Their Bay Window.	0	08/18/65	1	45	LINK
43	Ed Talman Blacksmith Shop; Rented the Building; Was Civil War Veteran; Mrs. Talman Suffers Broken Arm; Blacksmith Shop Converted to Home After Ed Talman's Death; Mrs. Talman's Tragic Life Described; Daughter and Son Both Died Young; Her Brother Had Heart Attack While Visiting; Magic Show in Good Templers' Hall, Above the Johnson's Store.	1	08/25/65	1	47	LINK
44	Razing of Old Cossen Bakery, Construction of Modern One; Old Building at Least 100 Years Old; Was S.H. Ballard & Sons Dry Goods Store; Delivery of 5c Spool of Thread; Delivery Wagon Passed Customer as She Was Walking Home; Building Later a Grocery, Boot and Shoes Store; Mrs Charlie Garnder Opened Bakery; Other Businesses; In 1920s Frank Cossen Re-Started a Bakery There.	0	09/01/65	1	48	LINK
45	First Hotels in Sparta; Balcolm House, Corner of Division and N Union; Their Livery Business on N Union; Pinckney Paint Store; Balcolms Among Earliest Sparta Settlers; John "Deacon" Balcolm Built Hotel; Produced Own Milk and Cream, Baked Bread; Building to Dr Gillett; Site Village Bandstand and Park; Balcolm Woods; Annual Soldier Reunions; Merry-Go-Rounds.	1	09/15/65	1	50	LINK
46	More About Sparta Hotels; Commercial House Also on N Union; Built By Albert Batterly in 1878; Was Farmer Until Opening Hotel; Three Stories, Top Floor a Ballroom; Included Stage; Walls Covered With Paintings; Ballroom Later Made Into Bedrooms; Betterly a Violinist; Mrs Roy Wallace; Calling Square Dances; Ernie Culp; Orley Brown; Ditch Cave-In Killed Two; Hotel Saloons, Dry Years.	0	09/22/65	1	51	LINK
47	More About Sparta Hotels; Attached Verandas; Balcolm House on South and East Sides; Commercial House in Front; Carry-All Wagons Met Trains; Train Schedules; Balcolm House Dog That Met Trains with Carry-All; Livery Barns Had Drivers or Horses to Rent; Dick Meyer's Livery; Many Sparta Doctor Had Own Horses; Tall Tale Covering Horse's Tail From Rain; Orley Brown ReUsed Wood.	0	09/29/65	1	52	LINK
48	Betterly Livery Barn; Horses Replaced by Automobiles; Building Was Vacant and Decaying; Deak Baker Poolroom and Tabacco Store on First Floor, Gambling Room Upstairs; John Emerson Poolroom; Later Grocery Owned By Rogers; Was Also an American Legion Hall; Eugene Austin Re-Used Materials for Milk Business; Later Owners Included Harold Vaughn and Floyd Buege; B & T Dairy.	0	10/06/65	1	53	LINK
49	First Bicycles in Sparta; One Made By Ed Amidon; Five Foot Wheel in Front, Small One in Back; How to Mount and Ride; Bicycles Like Those Now in Use; Men's and Women's Bicycles; Women Used the Hitching Blocks; Many Sparta Couples Had Bicycles; Manley Burch Modified Bicycle for Family Use; Chainless Bicycles With Gears Expensive; Early Bikes Lacked Chain Guard.	0	10/13/65	1	54	LINK
50	More About Sparta Bicycles; Mounting Bicycles; First Bicycles Lacked Brake; Early Brake Designs Could Be Dangerous; Racer Bicycles With Larger Front Sprocket and Low Handle Bars; Bicycles Races in Sparta; Several Cyclists Named; Glenn Harrison Also Trick Rider; Racing Bicycles Described; Toe Clips; Racing Suits; Ladies Bicycle Fashion; Lyrics of Song About "Eve".	0	10/27/65	1	55	LINK

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51	Early Railroads in Sparta; C&O Railroad Depot; Razed During Depression; Waiting Rooms / Baggage Room; One Waiting Room for Men, One for Women; Ticket / Telegraph Office East Side; Two Outside Toilets; Ticket Agent Also Telegraph Operator; Messages Sent When Trains Left; Platform Around Depot; Agent Brock; Alice Brock Railing Walk; Baggage and Express Carts; Traveling Salesmen.	1	11/03/65	1	57	LINK
52	More About Railroads in Sparta; Baggage master's Job; Trunks Piled in Baggage Room; With Fewer Tarins Later Handled by Station Agent; Mail Came to Sparta on Every Train; Mail Bag Hooked By Passing Train That Was Not Stopping; Excursion Trains for Special Events; Peddlers Often Came By Train; Italian Woman From Grand Rapids and Her Little Girl.	0	11/10/65	1	58	LINK
53	More About Railroads in Sparta; Sparta Freight Business; Fruit Trains During Season; Also Livestock Trains; Welch Company Shipped by Train; Walter Bloomer Was Freight Agent; Business Declined With Switch to Trucks; Train in Operation by 1873; Daily Excitement as Trains Came and Went; Accident on Bridge Over Nash Creek; Grand Rapids Crew Sent to Get Train Back on Tracks.	1	11/17/65	1	60	LINK
54	More About Railroads in Sparta; First Train in Sparta probably by 1865; As Track Added, So Were Stops; Rails Made of Wood Needed Frequent Replacement; Different Rail Companies Discussed; Reed's Station Right-of-Way; Local Boys Hopping on Freight Trains, Jumping Off a Curve; Allie Covert's Fatal Accident.	0	11/24/65	1	61	LINK
55	More About Railroads in Sparta; Cattle Sometimes Wandered Onto Tracks; Cow Catchers Added to Trains and Tracks; Cinders From Smokestack Ignited Dry Grass; Smoke Sceens Added to Smokestacks; Freight Train With Animals Jumped Track; Animals on the Loose; Several Other Deadly Accidents Described.	1	12/08/65	1	63	LINK
56	More About Railroads (Conclusion); PLUS: Hotel Sparta; Corner of South Elm and East Division, First Building There; Part Was an Early School House (Across From Methodist Church); Mr Boise Used as a Funeral Home; Usually Undertaker Came to House; Ringing the Church Bell; Later Addition to West Side of Building; Also a Jewelry Shop and Photograph Gallery; Robinsons Converted Into Hotel; Pug Dog.	1	12/15/65	1	65	LINK
57	More About Hotel Sparta; Story About Phil Bradstrum's Arrival in 1910; After Sale, Many Others Tried to Run Hotel; Bar Room and Bowling Alley Added; Grandpa Hope's Shoe Shop Across Street Also Sold; Grocery Store; Old Hotel Torn Down in 1936, Replaced By Gas Station; PLUS: More About Railroads (Correction); Names and Details About Several Railroad Accidents Corrected.	0	12/22/65	1	66	LINK
58	Allen Johnson's Cheese Factory; Building West of Old Hotel on Division Street; Always Welcomed There; Process of Making Cheese Described in Some Detail; Road Between Buildings Farmers Used For Access; More About Making Cheese; Shipping the Cheese in Wooden Boxes; Displayed in Stores Under Glass Cover Like a Cake Cover; Cheese Making Process Has Changed Little Over Years.	0	01/05/66	1	67	LINK
59	More About Cheese; First Sparta Cheese Factory Was Just West of the "White School House"; Laws About Ripening the Cheese; After Johnson's Cheese Factory Closed, Building Used for Many Things; Johnny Brown Had Saloon; Eugene Hicks Had a Livery Stable; Rev. Littlefield Bought Old Cheese Factory, Razed and Built New Building to Expand Welding Business; More Recent Uses Described.	0	01/12/66	1	68	LINK
60	Mr Store's Bakery; Building West of the Cheese Factory; Brick Ovens Described; Large Loaves of Bread, 5c Each; Sugar and Brown Ginger Cookies; Apple and Mincemeat Pies Also 5c; Mr Store Deeded Building for End of Life Care; Later Used as a Grocery; Old Bakery Purchased. Used as Apartment by Littlefields; Across Street, Ernest Thomson Put Lunchroom in Old Kinsman Building.	0	01/19/66	1	69	LINK

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61	George Perkins House [Note: 220 E Division]; Constable Will Kellogg Lived There; Elkins Purchased Property and Remodeled Into a Restaurant; Woldrings Later Bought the Restaurant; Mrs Woldring Was a Good Cook; Eugene Clark First to Sell Beer There; Sold to Amos Carrier; Now Pegs Tavern.	0	01/26/66	1	70	LINK
62	Sentinel-Leader Newspaper, Printing Office; Before Building Use Was a Restaurant; Building Caught Fire Before Fourth of July; Fireworks Which Went Off in Blaze; Firefighters Described, Someone Yelled "Water" Early; Upstairs Apartment Was Not Damaged; Owner Lived, Sadley His Dog Died in the Smoke; Later Central Telephone Station Put Upstairs; Operator's Work Described.	0	02/02/66	1	71	LINK
63	Sparta Sentinel Newspaper; Founded By Rev. J.W. Hallack; Details About the Hallack Family; Early Homes on Division Street; Charlie Hallack Returned From Spanish-American War; Dr. Zudense Had Handbills Printed and Distributed, Later Started Rival Newspaper Called Sparta Leader; Edgar Bloomer Combined Two Papers; Became Sentinel-Leader About 1900.	0	02/09/66	1	72	LINK
64	More About Sentinel-Leader; Rev. Hallack Sold Sparta Sentinel to Edgar Bloomer; Bloomer Editor and Publisher Until Death in 1909; Details About Mr Bloomer's Life and Family; John Fifield Succeeded as Editor; Details About Mr Fifield's Life and Family; Married Mr Bloomers Daughter, Hellen; John was a "real Sparta man"; Died of a Heart Attack in 1916 with Dr. Pratt Present.	0	02/16/66	1	73	LINK
65	More About Sentinel-Leader; More About the Fifields; Frank Holmes Purchased Paper in 1917; Details About Frank Holmes Life and Family; Frank Holmes Was Registered Pharmacist, Worked for Druggist Rodney Hastings; Holmes Also Purchased Kent City Press and Casnovia Herald; Wrote a Weekly Poem for the Newspaper; Received Many Tributes at the Time of His Death in 1931.	0	02/23/66	1	74	LINK
66	More About Sentinel-Leader; Frank Holmes Died of a Heart Attack on March 10, 1931; Same Night Rev. Henry Bjork Was Called to Lead Sparta Baptist Church; How H.J. Kurtz Met and Married Frank's Daughter Carol; Mr and Mrs Kurtz Spent Nine Years Arranging Programs for Chautauqua; Mr Shears Was Hired to Manage Newspaper After Frank's Death; In 1932, H.J. Kurtz Took Over Newspaper.	0	03/02/66	1	75	LINK
67	More About Sentinel-Leader; Details About Life and Family of H.J. Kurtz; Agreed to Run Newspaper for a Year; Stayed for Nearly Thirty Years Until Selling the Newspaper in 1961; Kurtz Was a Great Booster of Sparta; Helped Organize the Sparta Rotary Club; Sponsored Special Train for Detroit Baseball Game; Served Local Community During World War II; Received Many Awards and Honors.	0	03/09/66	1	76	LINK
68	More About Sentinel-Leader; News Items From July 30, 1896 Issue of Newspaper; Spring Election Results for Local Officials; Names of Several Local Merchants Running Ads in 1896.	0	03/16/66	1	77	LINK
69	Lyman and Lusina (Nash) Ballard; Describes Ballards' Life and Family; Lived with Englishs in Englishville; Ballards Built Their Home at Corner of "Sparta Rd and 10-Mile Road"; Mr Ballard Was Farmer, Mrs Ballard a Teacher; Ballard Opened a General Store; Describes Lives and Family of Sons, Serre, Charles and Joseph; Post Office Added to Ballard Store; After Retirement, Moved Nash St in Sparta.	1	03/23/66	1	80	LINK
70	Old Odd Fellows Building; on South Corner of Maple and Division; In 1896, Hesseltine and Dudley Opened Store There; Describes Hesseltine Family; Other Uses of Building Included Dance Hall, Roller Skating Rink, Furniture Factory and Was First Movie House; About the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.	0	03/30/66	1	82	LINK

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71	John DeLange and Harness Shop; Describes John and Margaret (Nickolai) DeLange Family; Details John DeLange's Death; Describes Henry DeLange's family; Grandma Nickolai Lived Daughter Margaret; Shoe and Boot Repair; Tot Shop and Children's Clothes; Oldest Business Building in Sparta.	1	04/06/66	1	84	LINK
72	Vacant Lot where Opera House was Built; Grandma Nickolai's Garden; Apple Tree and Drying Apples; DeLange and Nash Boys (Cousins); Grandma Nickolai's family; Klint Family and Tailor Shop; Spicer and James Barbershops; Bell Telephone Station.	0	04/13/66	1	85	LINK
73	Vacant Opera House Lot Purchased by Millers and Browns; Brown Millinery Shop; Opera House Built; Running Out of Funds; Bank Loan to Complete Building; Grist Miller Fire and Flying Embers; Opera House Opening in 1912; Capacity of 500, Fits 600; First Performance Film "A Passion Play"; Raised \$400, Paid for Chairs; Curtain Advertising by Merchants.	1	04/27/66	1	87	LINK
74	More About Opera House; Frank Miller Died Before Completion; Brown's Millinery and Restaurant; Fashionable Hats; Orley Brown Family; Myrtie Brown's trips to California; More on the Restaurant and Cooks; Payments on the Building; Tenants included Clothing Store, Music Store and Undertaking Parlor.	1	05/04/66	1	89	LINK
75	Daily Vacation Bible School; First in 1923 at Schoolhouse; Held Saturdays and Sundays; Well Attended; Teachers Included Zoe Moore and Wealtha Carlson; Supported by Superintendent Balyeat; Sponsored by Methodist and Baptist Churches.	0	05/04/66	1	90	LINK
76	More About the Daily Vacation Bible School; First Was a Success, So Another Was Held; Teachers and Pastors Planned Program; Held in Schoolhouse for Two More Years.	0	05/11/66	1	91	LINK
77	More About the Brown Restaurant; Special Dinners and Banquets; Apartment in Basement; First Pianist Mrs. Moore; Factory Worker's Meal Tickets; Additional Apartment; Pool Hall Added; Legal Fight Resolved; Form a Club; Bowling Alley; Lunchroom; Event Hall in Basement; Orley Brown Died; Nativity Scenes; Mrs. Brown's Fern; Sparta's First Brass Band.	1	05/18/66	1	93	LINK
78	More About the Daily Vacation Bible School; After Two Years, Moved to the Churches; Year Three in Methodist Church, Alternating Years With Baptist Church; Plenty of Qualified Teachers Made t a Success.	0	05/18/66	1	94	LINK
79	Camp Lake Cottage; VanLeeuwen Family; Dance School in Opera House Basement; Joan VanLeeuwen Tragedy; Janet VanLeeuwen Carries On; Chamber of Commerce Meets at Brown's Restaurant; Consumer Power Company; Blossom's Bus Service; Opera House Free and Clear; Hale/Biford Romance, Married in 1926.	0	05/25/66	1	95	LINK
80	More About the Daily Vacation Bible School; Attendance Grew Over the Years; Big Tent on Ball Field; Decided to Split Between Churches; School Buses Used; First Day Parades with Floats and Small Band or Car Horn; Lasted Two Weeks, Monday Through Friday; Met in Auditorium, Followed by Classes, Recreation and Cookies; Program on Final Friday.	0	05/25/66	1	96	LINK

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81	More About Brown's Opera House; Floor Level, Not Sloped Toward Stage; Dual Purpose as Dance Hall; Fist Ball at Opera House; Band Members; No Smoking or Admitting Those Drinking; Used for Movies, Best Screen; Fire Inspector Fasten Chairs or No More Movies; Road and Medicine Shows; Contests a Big Draw.	1	06/01/66	1	98	LINK
82	More About the Daily Vacation Bible School; Current Year's Schedule and Theme; Friday Night Program.	0	06/01/66	1	99	LINK
83	More About the Brown's Opera House; Talent Shows; Community Welfare Organization; American Legion Produces Play "Oak Farm" to Raise Funds in 1926; Cast Members Named; Plot Outlined; Theatre Company Formed; Officers Elected; Second Play was "Lena Rivers", Followed by "Peaches". Cast Members Named; Plot Outlined.	2	06/08/66	1	101	LINK
84	More About the Daily Vacation Bible School; Classes Added for High School Students; Reverend George Tuinstra Participates; Current Year Schedule and Topics; Bus Schedule and Route.	0	06/08/66	1	102	LINK
85	More About the Theater Company; "Lena River" Cast Named; "The Red Thread of Guilt" Cast Named and Plot Outlined; "The Wild Oats Boy" Cast Named and Plot Outlined; No Cast Photos for "Red Thread" or "Wild Oats"; Proceeds Added to American Legion Fund.	1	06/22/66	1	104	LINK
86	More About the Theater Company; "Turn to the Right" Cast Names and Ply Outlined; Hard Play to Stage; Two Packed Performances; Proceeds went to Methodist Church Building Fund; Help with Building Methodist Church.	1	07/06/66	1	106	LINK
87	More About the Theater Company; "The Mender" Cast Named and Plot Outlined; Proceeds went to the Sparta Boy Scout Troop for a Summer Camp; "What Anne Brought Home" Cast Named and Plot Outlined; Bloomer/Amidon Orchestra Played Between Acts; Proceeds went to Community Welfare Organization.	0	07/13/66	1	108	LINK
88	More About the Theater Company; "Dust of the Earth" Cast Named and Plot Outlined.	1	07/20/66	1	110	LINK
89	More About the Theater Company; "The Bride Breezes In" Cast Named and Plot Outlined; Proceeds went to the Parent Teacher Association; Help with Buying Playground Equipment for School.	0	07/27/66	1	111	LINK
90	More About the Theater Company; "The Winding Road" Cast Named and Plot Outlined; Sparta Sentinel-Leader Review of Play Quoted.	0	08/03/66	1	112	LINK

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91	More About the Theater Company; "Welcome to the Old Town" Cast Named and Plot Outlined; Three Night Run to Packed Houses; Admission 35 cents for Adults, 20 Cents for Children; American Legion Orchestra Directed by E.E. Amidon Played Before Play and Between Acts.	0	08/10/66	1	113	LINK
92	More About the Theater Company; "Her Step Husband" Cast Named and Plot Outlined; Audience Laughed Throughout.		08/24/66	1	114	LINK
93	More About the Theater Company; "Phoebe Cleans House" Cast Named and Plot Outlined.	1	08/31/66	1	117	LINK
94	More About the Theater Company; "The Absent Minded Bridegroom" Cast Named and Plot Outlined.	1	09/14/66	1	119	LINK
95	More About the Theater Company; Last Play of Theater Company "Moonshine and Honeysuckle" Cast Named and Plot Outlined; During the Six Years Other Plays Included "Family Upstairs", "Crooks For a Month", "Pollyanna" and "Pulling the Curtain".	0	09/21/66	1	120	LINK
96	Old Sparta Lumber Company; Van Wiltenburg Family; Forest to Lumber Process; Many Older Sparta Homes Made of This Lumber; Other Planing Mill Uses; Van Wiltenburg the Home Builder; Later Lumber Company Owners; Closed in 1958.	1	09/28/66	1	123	LINK
97	Loomis Hardware Store; Loomis Family; Educated as Druggist; Established as General/Drug Store in 1875; Second Floor Used as Roller Rink; By 1896 was Hardware Store; Loomis Named Postmaster; Tragedy at Bostwick Lake; Shelby Field Buys Business, Becomes Postmaster; Sold to Ballard and Wm. Rogers; Later Becomes Wm A. Rogers & Company.	1	10/05/66	1	125	LINK
98	Putnam Building; SW Corner of E. Division and Washington; Originally Stood West of Village, Later Moved to This Location; Sold Multiple Times, Housed Many Different Businesses; Atherton Family; Sparta Sentinel Published There Until 1900, Then Became Sentinel-Leader; Other Uses included Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes and Women's Apparel.	1	10/19/66	1	127	LINK
99	Ed Roberts' Store; Current Location of Township Offices; Roberts Family; Grocery and Millinery Stores; In 1910 Building Moved to North Union; Various Uses included Garage, Bowling Alley and Paint Store' People's State Bank was Built on Original E Division Lot.	0	10/26/66	1	128	LINK
100	Frank Kellogg Barbershop; Kellogg Family; Art Kellogg Burned By Gun Powder; Grandpa Kellogg Pranks the Peddler; Barbershop Expands; Frank Kellogg Township Clerk and State Inspector; Various Barber Apprentices Named; Frank Kellogg Village President; Frank Kellogg Passes in 1944; Roy Baughan Buys Barber Business.	1	11/09/66	1	130	LINK

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101	Klint Tailor Shop (152 E. Division); Klint Family; Bolander Buys Hastings Drug Store; Bolander Buys Klint Building and Moves Business There; Bolander's Sister; Later Owners Included Stanfield, Perry, Hussey and Wolf; Wolf Buys Darling Grocery and Moves Business; Early Sparta Telephone Exchange; Dr. Karl Bolander Passes in 1958.	1	11/16/66	2	133	LINK
102	J.R. Harrison Building (148 E. Division); Dry Goods, with Fruit, Candy and Tabacco; Harrison Family; Bicycle Envy; Building Made of Brick, Built in 1890; Roy Tyroller Injured By Firecracker; Putnam's Grocery Store; Dora Clute Millinery Store; A&P Grocery Store; First Heyt Veterinary Clinic; Paris Bakery; Purchased By Ostmans.	1	11/23/66	2	135	LINK
103	Western Auto Building (142 E. Division); Used By Dentist Dr. McCutcheon; Later Dentists Dr. Day, Dr. Haines and Dr. Stamp; Bruce Keister and Sparta Banking Company; \$800 in a Cloth Bag?; Later Became Sparta State Back; Used Building Until 1902; Moved to Red Brick Bank Building; Culver Photograph Shop; Kroger Grocery; Dewey Synder and Western Auto.	1	11/30/66	2	137	LINK
104	Recap of Sparta Sentinel-Leader Issue Feb 25, 1916: Spring Election and Proposal to Grant Saloon License; Candidates From Citizens Temperance vs People's Progressive Tickets; Candidates Named; Campaign Letter by Holly Way, Way's Drugstore; Quality Grocery Store Specials Listed.	0	12/14/66	2	138	LINK
105	Greatest Peach Crop in 1902; Picked When Fully Ripe, Shipped Quickly by Train; Special Rail Cars; Improved Packing Method; Crate Design and Construction; As Many as 100 Wagons Waiting to Be Unloaded; Following Winter Killed Many Peach Trees; Note: Despite Disability Arzie Typed Columns Every Week.	1	12/21/66	2	140	LINK
106	After Christmas; Santa's First "Daytime" Visit to Sparta 40 Years Ago; American Legion and Chamber of Commerce Idea; Gave Out Candy and Nuts; Next Year Santa (George Bettes) Flew in By Plane; Landed West of South State Street; Later Years Santa's Visit Was Week Long; Several Local Men Named that Filled the Santa Role.	0	12/28/66	2	141	LINK
107	Baptist Church Choir; Longtime Members and Pianist Named; Some Have Passed or Moved; Described Day Accompanying Photo Was Taken in 1923; After Being Disbanded Several Members Joined Methodist Church; Old Film and Photos Presented on History of Baptist Church; Dinner Held for College Age Members; Organizers Named; Scavenger Hunt.	1	01/04/67	2	143	LINK
108	Vacant Space Between Western Auto and Hammer Jewelry; Closed Off by Fence; Various Circus and Shows Held There; Fence Used to Post Notices; "Hunt the Grey Deer" Game; Hammer Built Present Building in 1942; Lunch Room, Followed By Several Different Businesses; Various Merchants Named.	2	01/11/67	2	146	LINK
109	Old Swimming Hole; At Bend in Nash Creek; Describes Path to Get There; Arzie Disobeys Father's Order Not to Go Swimming That Day; Caught Swimming and Chased Home; Switch From Apple Tree; Warned of Dangers Like Snakes and Blood Suckers; Two Apple Trees in Front Yard.	1	01/18/67	2	148	LINK
110	Walsh Meat Market (138 E. Division); Current Hammer Jewelry; McCloud's Wooden Leg; McCloud Had Consumption; Thought It Was Inherited, Not Contagious; Koontz Jewelry Store; Finch's Meat Market; Friz Hardware; Friz Family; Glenn Hammer Purchased in 1931.	1	02/01/67	2	150	LINK

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111	Charlie Darling's Boot, Shoe and Grocery Store (130 E. Division); Darling Family; Supported Local Famers Buying Their Produce; Often Traded With Farmers.	1	02/08/67	2	152	LINK
112	More About Charlie Darling Store; Shed East of Building; Barrels of Salt, Laundry Starch and Other Products; More About Laundry Starch; Town Pump With Tin Cup Next to Store; Grocery Delivery.	0	02/15/67	2	153	LINK
113	More About Charlie Darling Store; Several Store Clerks Named; Cheap Tabacco Box; Fill Pipe for Free; Sprinkled with Gunpowder as Prank; Testing the Butter; Charlie Darling Abruptly Leaves About 1905; His Actual Plan Remained a Mystery; Henry Murray Bought Stock at Sheriff's Sale.	0	02/22/67	2	154	LINK
114	More About Charlie Darling Store; Henry Murray New Store Owner; After Bolander Left Hastings Building, Henry Moved Store There; Old Darling Building Used for Many Different Purposes, Like Telephone Exchange, Jewelry Store and Bowling Alley; Kirchner's Clothing Store; Gillett's Ice Cream; Several Owners, Including Bickenbachs; Torn Down in 1953.	0	03/01/67	2	155	LINK
115	Old Sparta Township Hall; One of First Buildings on North State St.; Second Movie Shown in Sparta "The Passion Play"; Saturday Night Dances; Some Classes Held There While New School House Being Built; Hinman Well; Meeting Place for Sparta Band; Often Used By Churches; Justice Beeby's Court; Many Landmarks Now Gone.	0	03/08/67	2	156	LINK
116	Carpet in "Old Home"; Straw for Padding; Spring Cleaning; Bed Mattresses Filled with Corn Husks, Later Straw; Brussel Carpet; Coffee Mill to Grind Coffee; Broken Kettle or Old Pail as Weight on Front Gate; Kerosene Lights and Parlor Lamps; Cleaning the Lamps; Welch Folding Bed Company Dynamo to Generate Electricity.	0	03/22/67	2	157	LINK
117	First Play by Sparta High School Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" in 1907; Held at Baptist Church; Some Lines Had to Be Deleted; Cast Named; What Happened to the Cast After Graduation, An Update Sixty Years Later.	1	03/29/67	2	159	LINK
118	Old Henry Blackall Home (site of Rogers Farm Implements Store); There Until About 1906; Blackall Family; Mrs. Blackall Killed By Gunshot; Henry Blackall Minister in Younger Days; House Moved to 153 Maple Street.	0	04/05/67	2	160	LINK
119	Bunch of Fellows at Holmes Plant; Played Cards; Some Were Good Singers; Fellows Named, Including Ira Cattell, Frank Durgy, Clyde Atherton, Orley Brown, Himey Pierson, Joe Fry, Charles Burtch, Frank Atkinson, Eugene Shangles, and Laster "Sandy" Field. Durgy, Burtch and Field Still Living.	1	04/19/67	2	161	LINK
120	Rexford "Rex" Filkins; Tribute to Good Friend Who Died; Moved to Sparta in 1923; Piano Solo at Baptist Church Banquet; Baptist Church Choir Member; Grandson of Rev. Amos Rexford.	1	04/26/67	2	162	LINK

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121	First Day of May; Making and Hanging May Baskets; Day Before Get Flowers From Woods; Examples, Balcom's Woods, Howard's Woods, and Beeby's Woods; Different Types of Flowers Named; Some of the Types No Longer Grow in Sparta Area.	0	05/10/67	2	163	LINK
122	Nels Shaw Cement Block Building; Stood on Blackall House Site; Built in 1907 as Livery Barn; Different Uses of Horses; Sold to John Parm; Later to Forrest Field in 1924; Wm Rogers Farm Equipment Moved to Shaw Building; Forty Foot Addition Added to North in 1942; Describes Materials Used and Sources.	1	05/31/67	2	165	LINK
123	Sparta Marching Band; Formed About 60 Years Ago; Frank York as Director; Met at Good Templar Hall Located Over C.H. and A.A. Johnson Store; Several of the First Members Named; Frank York was No-Nonsense With Limited Time; York an Excellent Teacher.	1	06/07/67	2	167	LINK
124	Sparta Marching Band; Correction in Members Named Last Week.	1	06/14/67	2	168	LINK
125	Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration; Most Locals Stayed Home to Attend; Well Advertised Before; No Outside Attractions Like Shows or Rides; Parade With Floats and Welch Folding Bed Cannon Fired at End; Describes Cannon; Floats Described, Including One by Sparta Milling Co.; Locals Came to Town With Lunches; Describes How Horses Stabled.	1	06/21/67	2	170	LINK
126	More About Fourth of July Celebration; Bruce Keister Tossed Pennies From Float; Stores Open, Often With Tables Out in Front; Most Stores Had Fireworks for Sale; Describes Different Types of Fireworks; Frank Holmes Pranks Crowd With Trick Firework.	0	06/28/67	2	171	LINK
127	More About Fourth of July Celebration; Stores Open With Stand in Front; Methodist Church Ice Cream Social; First Watermelon of the Year, Sold By the Piece; Special Events, Like Ballon Ascension; Ripped Ballon Story; Bowery Dance Behind Cheney Exchange; Fireworks Launched From Mill St. Bridge; Tyroller Firecracker Injury; Reminisces About Days Gone By.	0	07/12/67	2	172	LINK
128	Charles Amidon's Junior Orchestra; Members Included: Clare Finch, Floyd Smith, Charles Amidon, Harold Hoffmeyer, Ward Stauffer, Phil Balyeat, Marjorie Randall, Mary Meek, and Melvin Field; Where They Were Present Day.	1	07/19/67	2	174	LINK
129	Old Merry-Go-Round; One of the Oldest Type of Rides; Horse Hitched Inside a Wheel Went Around and Around; Merry-Go-Round at Meetings of Old Soldiers and Sailors; Joe McCarty Owned It; Examples of Merry-Go-Rounds in Sparta and Elsewhere; Describes Clarence Running the Engine; Organ Played Music; Some Had a Bell That Could Be Rung as You Went Around.	0	07/26/67	2	175	LINK
130	Sparta High School 1890 Commencement Program; Eight Graduating Class; Held at Baptist Church June 26, 1890 at 8:00 PM; Details Order of Program; Valdictorian Was Minnie Fitch, Salutatorian Daniel Beeby; Names Class Officers, Faculty and School Board; Arzie Provides Additional Information on Class Members, Such as Daniel Beeby Built First Cottage on Camp Lake.	0	08/02/67	2	176	LINK

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131	First Baptist Church Bible Class (Sometime Between 1903 and 1905); Names Several People in a Photo of the Bible Class; Some Last Names Include Toothacker, Teeple, Stauffer, Phelps, Carlson, Fuller, Averill, Holmes, Amidon, Clute, Burnett, Porter, and Symes; Parents of Lulu Symes Were Among the First to Settle in Sparta.	1	08/16/67	2	178	LINK
132	Article from Grand Rapids Press (September 6, 1927) by Sidney Coates; "Village of Sparta Takes Pride in Being a Husting Community..."; Briefly Provides History of Sparta; Founded in 1844 in Home of Clark Brown; Jonathan Nash Settled in What is Now Sparta's Business District in 1848; Many Still Remember Sparta's Earliest Days; At Present, Two Churches, Baptist and Methodist, Described.	0	08/30/67	2	179	LINK
133	More from Grand Rapids Press Article (September 6, 1927); Community Council for Civic Betterment; Excellent School System with O.E. Balyeat As Superintendent; Names Village Officials and School Board Members; Several Miles of Paved Streets; Water From Wells, a Good Sewage System, Lights and Fire Protection; Carnegie Library; Active Men's Business Association.	0	09/06/67	2	180	LINK
134	More from Grand Rapids Press Article (September 6, 1927); Two Banks, Sparta State Bank and People's State Bank; Boards of Directors Names and Capitalization Described; Three Industrial Firms, Sparta Foundry, Grand Rapids Store Equipment Company Plant No. 6, and Carnation Milk Company; Sparta Foundry History and Finances Discussed in More Detail.	0	09/13/67	2	181	LINK
135	More from Grand Rapids Press Article (September 6, 1927); Sparta Foundry Production in 1926; Board of Directors Named; Grand Rapids Store Equipment Company; Uses Old Welch Factory Building; Welch Came to Sparta in 1884; Discusses Corporate Transition to Current Company; Employs 160 Men; Carnation Plant One of 40 by Company; Names Other Sparta Businesses.	0	09/20/67	2	182	LINK
136	More About Sparta in 1927; Band Tournament Held September 6, 1927 in Newaygo; Details the Days Festivities; Small Town Bands Have Largely Disappeared.	0	10/11/67	2	183	LINK
137	Kinsman Photo Galleries; Two of Them, One a Trailer on Wheels, the Other in Building Occupied by Sparta Cleaners [Note: 209 E Division]; Details Kinsman's Life and Family; Discussion About Early Types of Photos; Photo of Arzie Taken By Kinsman in 1889; Boys Wore Dresses For Photos Until Four or Five Years Old; Grandma Hope Made Him a Boutonniere and Pinned it On.	1	10/25/67	2	184	LINK
138	More About the Kinsman Photo Galleries; Arzie Recalls the Day His Photo Was Taken; Describe Time It Took to Snap the Picture; Device to Hold Head Still; After Setting Pose, Kinsman Would Move Camera Desired Distance; After Picture Taken Had to Wait For Development; Arzie Waited Outside Until Kinsman Satisfied; Glass Negatives; Second Gallery Built by Henry Blackall Described.	0	11/01/67	2	185	LINK
139	More About the Kinsman Photo Galleries; Kinsman Built New Gallery; Room Where Pictures Taken Had Big Skylight, North Side of Room Was All Glass; Skylight Had Curtains Used to Adjust Light; Kinsman Was a "Master of His Profession"; Took Two Pictures to Make Sure Right; Describes Process of Taking and Developing Photos; Retouching the Negatives.	0	11/08/67	2	186	LINK
140	More About the Kinsman Photo Galleries; Kinsman Would Get Out Print for Approval Before Finished Photos; Describes Process of Making Prints and Pictures in Detail; Finished Prints Were Mounted on Cards and Final Retouching Done; Kinsman Had Press to Enhance Effect; Camera Was Big One on Casters, Could Be Moved Back and Forth; Process Much Different Than Today.	0	11/22/67	2	187	LINK

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141	More About the Kinsman Photo Galleries; After Kinsman's Death, Gallery Purchased by Mr Snider; Started Mandolin Club; Next Sold to R.G. Anderson; After a Few Years, Purchased by Fred Corey; In 1920, Purchased by Miner Purdy; Mrs. Purdy Actually Operated the Business and Was Skilled Photographer; In 1937, Building Purchased by Henry Carrick Who Started Dry Cleaning Business.	0	12/06/67	2	188	LINK
142	Picture of Cast of Play "You Don't Say"; Put on By Agriculture and Health Classes of Sparta High in 1934; Those Pictured Named; Last Names Included Miller, McDougal, Cumings, Bowler, Gorby, Lamoreaux, Gress, Johnson, Barry, Streeter and Wiersma; Only Three Weeks to Prepare; Everyone Had Their Part Perfect.	1	12/13/67	2	189	LINK
143	Christmas in Sparta; Biggest Things Where at the Baptist and Methodist Churches; Large Platforms Near Alters; Large Decorated Trees That Nearly Reached the Ceilings; Santa Would Give Bags of Candy; One Year Santa Crawled Out of Large "Snowball"; Early Years Gifts Not Even Some Sadness; Later Corrected; Stockings Hung; Misses Sleighbells From Horses in Town.	0	12/20/67	2	190	LINK
144	New Years in Sparta; Celebrations on New Year's Eve, Fine Dinner on New Year's Day; "Watch Night Services"; Church Bells Rang at Midnight; Welch Factory Whistle Would Blow; Teeple Fired Shotgun; Everything is Different Today, No Church Bells, Whistles or Shot Gun Blasts.	0	01/17/68	2	191	LINK
145	Motion Picture History in Sparta; Couple of Men Set Up "Moving Picture Outfit" in Good Templar Hall; Rooms Above Johnson General Store. Cost 10c; Describes Projector and Operator; Films Shows Fire Department Fighting Fire; Recalls How Horses Trained; Harness Had Only Three Snaps; Fire Engine and Hose Carts Described; Picture Flickered a Lot; Next Movie Years Later Was "Passion Play".	0	01/31/68	2	192	LINK
146	More About Sparta's Movies; Later Movies Shown in Old Town Hall; Describes Magic Lanterns Design and Use; Sometimes Used by Traveling Lecturers; Old Stereoscopes Where Another Way to Enjoy Pictures; Stereoscopes Described; Pictures in Three Dimensions; Even After Adults Had Outgrown Stereoscopes, They Still Fascinated Children.	1	02/07/68	2	193	LINK
147	More About Sparta's Movies; Brown's Opera House Finished in 1912; First Show was Passion Play; 800 People Could Attend; Tickets Bought in Advance, Money Used to Buy the Chairs; Fire Marshall Required Seats to Be Fastened Down, That Ended the Weekly Movies; Oulette's Used Odd Fellow's Building for Movies; Shown on Saturday Nights; Intertitles Discussed; "Illustrated Songs" Craze.	0	02/14/68	2	194	LINK
148	More About Sparta's Movies; Oulette's Brought "Illustrated Songs" to Sparta; Contacted the Frederick House to Get Them; Brought to Sparta on 6 O'clock Train, Had to be returned on the 10. Needed to Find a Singer; Hired 14 Year Old Miss Gladys Boynton (now Pinckney); Miss Penny Simons was Pianist; Difficult To Learn This All Quickly; Two Shows.	0	02/21/68	2	195	LINK
149	More About Sparta's Movies; Oulette's Sold the Business to Thomas Ferrick; Two Theaters in Grand Rapids Hired Actors to Voice the Silent Films From Behind a Curtain; Never Very Popular; Also Tried Introducing Sound Effects Like Gunshots; Ferrick's Never Tried Talking Picture; How About Adding a Live Vaudeville Act to the Show?	0	03/06/68	2	196	LINK
150	More About Sparta's Movies; Stage and Curtains Added, Arzie Asked to Do First Show; Did Comedy Number Called "My Dear Old Mother and I", But Didn't Have Dummy; It Was Well Received and a Weekly Vaudeville Act was Added; Ferrick's Had Some Fine Acts in For Shows; Arzie Performed Again (with his Dummy) in 1923 for P.T.A Groups, 1953 Football Dinner, and in 1964 for Seniors.	1	03/13/68	2	197	LINK

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151	More About Sparta's Movies; Ferrick Ran Theater for Several Years; Then Sold It But Continued to Operate the Projector; Later Business and Equipment Purchased by Fred Hilton; Hilton Also Purchased Old Silas Cory Building Which He Transformed Into an Movie House; Also No Thursday or Sunday Shows.	0	03/27/68	2	198	LINK
152	More About Sparta's Movies; [Note: The column this week is the same as the column on March 27, 1968, with an added photo of the movie house when first built.]	1	04/10/68	2	199	LINK
153	More About Sparta's Movies; Over the Years, Hiltons Made Many Changes to Theater Inside and Out; Better Seats, Screens, and Projectors; Added New Marquee With Rounded Front; Contest to Name the Theater; Winning Submission by Mrs Luke Woldring was "Our"; She Received a Ticket for Every Show Presented by Hiltons; Fred Hilton Died in 1929.	1	05/08/68	2	201	LINK
154	More About Sparta's Movies; When Hiltons Ran Theater, Was "Hey-Day" of Movies; All Cities of Any Size Had at Least One or Two; Hiltons Would Only Show Best Films; When Fred Hilton Was Unable to Attend to Things Because of Health, Family Helped Out; Mrs. Hilton Died in 1935; Edd Lane Bought the Theater That Year. In 1940, Razed Old Building and Built New Theater.	1	05/15/68	2	203	LINK
155	Article From Sentinel Leader (March 13, 1936); March 6, Boy Scouts Held Annual Banquet at Methodist Church; Program Described; Eagle Scout Roll Call a Highlight With Eight Present; Several Badges of Service and Advancement Presented; Rev. Hoffmaster Spoke About "A Scout's Duty to God"; State Senator Harold Saur Spoke on "Citizenship and Character Building".	0	07/31/68	2	204	LINK
156	Sparta's Boy Scout Camp; Sand Lake was Chosen; Mr Williams Owned an Open Field Near lake and a Small Store in Grove; No Dock, But Boy Scouts Cut Several Long Poles (With Permission) and Built Dock and Diving Board; Mr Carr Who Was Chairman of Troop Committee Sent 18' Wide, 14' Oak Plank for Spring Board; Sparta Merchants Put on Picnic and Nearly Everyone Was There.	1	08/07/68	2	205	LINK
157	Building Where Ed Lane Built Arcade; Building Had Changed Hands Many Times; Was Post Office in 1892; Many Uses, Often Empty for Years at a Time; Several People Lived in Apartment Upstairs; Tom Hanna Had Tin Shop; Recalls Methodist Church Fire in 1927; When Ed Lane Bought Building it Was in Bad Condition; Much Could Not Be Salvaged.	1	09/04/68	2	207	LINK
158	Andrew Calkins Building; One Story With Apartment in Back; On Lot Next to Hanna Building; Calkins Was a Harness Maker; One Winter Morning Was Found Dead, Natural Causes or Frozen? Leckstrum Shoe Repair Located There; Later John Emerson Had Restaurant; Others Included Mr. Gregory a Shoe Salesman and Hart Brown, a Barber; Littlefield Bought Property for Welding Business.	0	09/11/68	2	208	LINK
159	Sparta High School Class of 1907; Identifies the Ten Members of 1907 Class in Photo; Includes Tracy Bloomer, D. Zoe Porter Moore, Supt. Sawyer, Elva Bolander Spangenberg, Clarence Loomis, Hazel Doyle, Fay Norton, George Bettes, Lola Norton Purdy and Blanche Bradford; Also Notes Some of Those Who Have Died.	1	09/18/68	2	209	LINK
160	Quotes Article "Sparta Youths Go To War to Help Uncle Same Knock Out Kaiserism" from Grand Rapids Press (December 16, 1917); Written By Floyd Johnson; Corresponded With Each of the Fifty-Eight Men of Sparta Serving in Military During War World I; In Addition to Those Overseas, Located in Many Places; Military Used Name, Not Initials; Food Was is Good, Coffee Lacking.	0	10/09/68	2	210	LINK

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161	More About "Sparta Youths Go To War ..."; Many Wanted to Go Overseas; Thomas Ryan Was First Sparta Man to Arrive in France, Followed By Vernon Corry; Tobias Elrich Had Attended Sparta High, Was a Star on Baseball and Football Teams; Ralph Rose Listed Address as Sparta When Re-enlisting; Others Named DeWitt Burnett, F. Dean Leary and Charles Prins.	0	10/16/68	2	211	LINK
162	More About "Sparta Youths Go To War ..."; J. Emerson Rose a Most Talented Musician; Paul D. Freeman First Sparta Man to Enter New National Army; L. B. Lundy Was Denied Aviation Because of Eyesite, So Joined Army; Ward Christy in Ambulance Corp; Others Named William Hiser, Roland Kraft, Herbert Swenson, Everett Wainright, Henry Nelson and Colonel Preston.	0	10/23/68	2	212	LINK
163	More About "Sparta Youths Go To War ..."; Many Located at Camp Custer, Others at MacArthur; Named in Article Include Abel Swenson, Axel Nelson, Edwin Erickson, Henry Mead, Floyd Counterman, Arthur Church, R.B. Basom, James Berry, Neal Ferron, W.H. Hall, Avery Campbell, Oscar Johnson, and Conrad Lekstrum.	0	10/30/68	2	213	LINK
164	More About "Sparta Youths Go To War ..."; Named in Article Include Leo Majestic, Harry Sharphorn, Leo D and Paul Shattuck, Edward Pratt, W.A. Young Jr, Carroll Laubach, Clair Hall, Thomas Birdsey, Clarence Watson, and Francis Jacobs.	0	11/06/68	2	214	LINK
165	More About "Sparta Youths Go To War ..."; Named in Article Include Harvey Stebbins, Elmer Johnson, Claire Holt, Carl Johnson, Clinton Gardner, Harry Thorson, Benjamin Taylor, and Ellis Raymond.	0	11/13/68	2	215	LINK
166	More About "Sparta Youths Go To War ..."; Named in Article Include Frank Atkinson, Edward Black, Wesley Day, J.L. Crowley, Harold Nelson, and Harold Hill; Pictures of Several Sparta Military Men Named Were Included With Original Article; Includes Letter Written by Thomas Ryan from France to His Mother; Arzie Notes Thomas Was Later Wounded and Had Life Long Disabilities.	0	11/20/68	2	216	LINK
167	Program From Sparta Public Schools Promotion Exercises (June 21, 1900); Held at Baptist Church; Lists Order of Program with Names of Those Making a Recitation During the Program; Faculty Named Included: Anna Risinger (primary), Maggie Finnucan (grades 2 and 3), Mable Baker (grades 4 and 5), Maud Harris (grades 6 and 7) Ada Fuller (Preceptress), and L.L. Coats (principal).	0	11/27/68	2	217	LINK
168	More About Dr Zudzenze; Tall, Slim Man, Always With a Beard; Excellent Doctor, Took Care of Many Who Could Not Pay; Surgeries Often Performed by two or Three Local Doctors Together; Arzie Recalls His Father's Surgery for Appendicitis; Operation Needed to Save Life; Father Laid Out on Dining Room Table for Surgery; Life Saved; Much Was Also Done With Medicine and Home Remedies.	0	01/15/69	2	218	LINK
169	More About Dr Zudzenze; Additional Home Remedies Discussed; Doctor Zudzenze Was an Accomplished Musician; Gave Organ Lessons to Help Pay for Medical School; Recalls Mrs. Zudzenze as a Frail Woman; Doctor Was a Good Neighbor; Help Arzie's Father Ail a Sick Pig.	0	01/22/69	2	219	LINK
170	More About Dr Zudzenze; Doctor Did Have a Firey Temper; Doctor Splashed by a Nearby Snowball Hitting Puddle by Boy Named Campbell; Lied to Doctor About Throwing It; Doctor Chased the Boy Down Alley; After He Caught Him, Was Going to Thrash Boy With Nearby Wood; Many Amusing Things About Doctor, Especially Involving His Monkeys; Treated Them Like Children.	0	01/29/69	2	220	LINK

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171	More About Dr Zudzenze; Arzie and His Father Painted the Doctor's House; Once Arzie Split His Thumb With Knife, Doctor Stitched It Up; Used "Liquid Air" to Freeze It During Procedure; Arzie Painted Inside of Monkey Cage; Story About Moving Organ Box; Arzie Went Back to Paint Cage, and Monkey Was Painting (Moving the Brush); Monkey Had reached Through Cage With Leg to Tip Paint.	0	02/05/69	2	221	LINK
172	More About Dr Zudzenze and His Monkeys; Stories About the Doctor's Monkeys Are Legend; Maple Trees Line Street, Monkeys Would Drop Things on Those Walking By, or Swipe Things Off Ladies Hats; Some Young Fellows Would Feed Them Peanuts; Story About Monkey Burned By Match that Later Turned the Table on Culprit.	0	02/26/69	2	222	LINK
173	More About Dr Zudzenze and His Monkeys; Arizes Cousin Came to Visit, Monkey Chased Her Down the Street; Another Time Monkey Chased a Dog Hanging Onto Its Tail; Doctor Was Always Feuding With Someone; Raised Road Cause Flooding on Doctor's Lawn, He Wanted Them to Dig Ditch Along Road; Village Refused; Doctor Plowed His Own Ditch and It Was Never Filled In.	0	03/05/69	2	223	LINK
174	More About Dr Zudzenze and His Monkeys; A Lot of Stories About Monkeys Probably Imagined; One Monkey Chasing Other With Sack of Sugar; Maid Scared By Monkeys and Everyone Started Screaming; After Doctor Died, Ed Roberts Bought Property, His Daughter Rose Had Millinery Shop; Late Bought By Federal Government and Building Razed; Village Bought Lots for Parking Lot.	0	03/12/69	2	224	LINK
175	Old Hass House on E Division; On Lot Occupied by Harding Furniture Store; Cole Family Lived There; Mr and Mrs Maurice Hass Bought House; Mr Hass Died in 1929 and Mrs Hass There Until 1940; Sold to Fulkersons Who Ran Gift Shop Until 1953; Property Sold to Mr and Mrs Sherry Olin; House Moved to 90 Mark Street, Remodeled Into Apartments.	1	05/21/69	2	226	LINK
176	Did Paul Bunyan Grow These Potatoes?; [Note: This is an Exaggerated Postcard Image by William H. Martin, 1908] Was a Post Card More Than 50 Years Ago; Jokes About Size and Disadvantages If Potatoes Really Grown That Large.	1	05/28/69	2	228	LINK
177	Nelson (Nels) Shaw Building (169 E Division); Profitable Dray Business When Things Moved By Horses; Barns in Back (Johnson Street); Sold Wood Cut for Burning; Stored on Vacant Lot; Vacant Lot Also Used for Bowery Dances; About 1911, Built Present Building for Pool Hall; First Use of Plasterboard Walls in Sparta; Also a Dress Shop, Variety Store, Gift Shop and Jewelry Store.	0	06/18/69	2	229	LINK
178	Local Post of American Legion Organized in 1919; Thomas Walsh Was First Commander; 1922 Project to Locate Graves of Military Men Buried in Sparta; Lists the Number of Veteran Graves in Lisbon, Fairplains, Myers and Greenwood Cemeteries; Flags Placed for Memorial Day and Collected the Next Day For Next Year; Did Not Want American Flags to Fade in Weather; Also Geraniums Used.	0	06/25/69	2	230	LINK
179	Dora Clute's Dry Goods and Millinery Shop (157 E Division); Earlier Business There Was Cramner Cigar Factory; Discusses Cramners and Cigar Making; Dora Clute Later Moved Business Into Harrison Building (Now Paris Bakery); In 1914, Harry Bradford Put in Candy, Ice Cream and Lunch Counter; Later Nick James Barbershop Until 1949; Since 1950, Men's Clothing Store.	1	07/23/69	2	232	LINK
180	Dwelling House That Stood on Site of Rogers Hardware; Details Chain of Ownership Through Several Families; Over Years House Used for Several Businesses in Addition to Dwelling; Other Uses Colburn Photo Studio, Skinner Shoe Repair Shop; In 1949, Building Razed by "Sparta Builders" group to Reuse Materials; Floyd Schut Built the Current Structure.	1	07/30/69	2	234	LINK

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181	Received Old Newspapers, Including Copies of Sparta Sentinel From Dec 20, 1883, May 6, 1885, and Aug 22, 1885; From 1883 Issue Lists Several Merchants and Items From "Business Locals"; Merchant names Included Woodin, Purdy & Hastings, Loomis, Harrison, Taylor, and Paige.	0	09/17/69	2	235	LINK
182	More From Dec 20, 1883 Issue of Sparta Sentinel; Several Local Michigan Doctors Set Schedule of Fees for Medical Services; Various Services Listed With Fee Range From 50c to \$2 for Minor Issues, \$5 to \$10 for Obstetrics and \$1 to \$25 for Surgical Operations; Sparta Doctors that Signed Included S.D. Hinnman, D.J. Wallace, B.F. Babcock and C.E Patterson.	0	10/01/69	2	236	LINK
183	More From Dec 20, 1883 Issue of Sparta Sentinel; Interruption in Banquet Over Harrison Store; Describes Program; Rockford Fire That Destroyed 18 Buildings; Warning to Sparta on Need for Means to Stop a Fire Like That; Serious Injury at the Furniture Factory; Stock of Christmas Goods in Town at J.B. Taylor's Grocery Store; Clark Brown Present During Shooting at Office of Grand Rapid's Lawyer.	0	10/08/69	2	237	LINK
184	Sentinel Leader Printing Office About 1923; Located at East Corner of Division and Maple; New Linotype Machine Operated by Kenneth Axford Shown in Photo; Frank Holmes, Editor and Publisher, and William Axford Also Shown; Holmes Died Thirteen Years Later.	1	10/29/69	2	238	LINK
185	More From Dec 20, 1883 Issue of Sparta Sentinel; Plug Tabacco at Harrison's; Pocket Cutters and Razors at Purdy & Hastings; Same Day Delivery by J.B. Taylor; Store Full of Toys at Purdy & Hastings; Various Remedies Available from L.E. Paige Drug Store.	0	11/26/69	2	239	LINK
186	More From Dec 20, 1883 Issue of Sparta Sentinel; Details About Shooting in Lawyers Office While Clark Brown Was There; P.F. McPhillips Shot G. Timmer; Dispute Over Purchase of Saloon; Arzie Recalls Former Sparta Deputy Sheriff Powers; Powers Involved in Chase of "Samily Gang" After Grand Rapids Bank Robbery; Powers Shot After Cornering the Men on Train in Comstock Park.	0	12/03/69	2	240	LINK
187	Sparta's First Brass Band in 1897; Organized and Directed by Lew Cleveland; Many Had Never Played Before Joining Band; 1897 Photo Supplied by Cleveland's Granddaughter; Almost All Pictured Identified By Name; Lists Multiple Names and Notes Only One Person Pictured Might Still Be Living at That Time.	1	12/17/69	2	242	LINK
188	Cheney's Exchange; Torn Down in 1902 for First Sparta State Bank Building; Cheney's Was Supposed to Be Bank, But Was Owned by Cheney Alone; Also in Real Estate Business; Details Cheney Add in 1883 Sparta Sentinel: Includes Properties for Sale, Immigrant Tickets From Europe to Grand Rapids, Insurance, Collections and Loans.	0	01/07/70	2	243	LINK
189	From May 6, 1883 Issue of Sparta Sentinel; Details Monthly Temperance Meeting; Methodist Church Filled Last Evening; Recitations Given by Miss Purdy and Little Mamie Ballard; Featured Speaker by Rev. H. M. Freeman of Lisbon; Only True Remedy "Prohibition"; Glee Club Sang; Arzie Adds Background on Rev. Freeman.	0	01/14/70	2	244	LINK
190	More From May 6, 1883 Issue of Sparta Sentinel; Reprints Letter From the Issue; Addressed to "Friend VanWinkle" and is From "I.S.A.C.K."; Discusses Experiences in a Kansas Town With About 16,000 Inhabitants [Note: Topeka or Leavenworth?]; Temperance State But With Lots of Liquor Available; No Taverns, Sold Through Drug Stores; Arzie Notes VanWinkles in Sparta, One or Two?	0	01/21/70	2	245	LINK

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191	From August 22, 1883 Issue of Sparta Sentinel; Article Entitled "Michigan Affairs"; Includes Several News Items From Around Michigan; One Items States "Sparta has two base-ball clubs named 'The Paralyzing Jim Dandies' and 'The Get There Ellis'"; Arzie Notes "Gossip columns seem to be nothing new to the Sparta area".	0	01/28/70	2	246	LINK
192	From an 1883 Issue of Sparta Sentinel [Note: Does Not Identify This as the May 6, 1883 Issue]; Article Titled "The Capture of Jefferson Davis"; Details from an Eyewitness Account By Davis' Private Secretary, Burton N. Harrison.	0	02/18/70	2	247	LINK
193	More From May 6, 1883 Issue of Sparta Sentinel; Details Several Items of International News; Focus on Tensions Between Russia and England.		03/18/70	2	248	LINK
194	Memorial Days Through the Years; In Morning, School Kids and Sparta Band Would March Over to Myers Cemetery; Wreaths Placed on Graves of Soldiers; In Afternoon Would March to "Old Cemetery" (Greenwood); Various Speakers; Members of G.A.R. Would Have Firing Squad; in 1922, American Legion Put Flags on Graves of Soldiers in Old Cemetery; Spent Years to Research All the Graves.	0	05/27/70	2	249	LINK
195	Dr. John Gillett; One of Sparta Finest Doctors; He Would Call Whenever Needed, Day or Night; Came to Sparta with Wife and Eight Children [Note: About 1896]; Purchased Balcolm House; Details Dr. Gillett's Life and Family; Recalls Dr. Gillett's Office Setup; Had the First X-Ray Machine in Sparta; Describes Two Pictures Hanging in His Office; Died in 1903, Age 63.	1	06/17/70	2	251	LINK
196	Quotes From Sentinel-Leader Newspaper, Old Issues (May 15, 1941 and May 22, 1941); First Issue: Methodists to Hold Mortgage Burning Ceremony and Victory Dinner; Second Issue: Describes Ceremony and Events in Some Detail; Recalls the Tucker Family Who Built Horse Shed Behind Church.	0	07/01/70	2	253	LINK
197	Reviews Article from Grand Rapids Press (December 31, 1921) "American Seize Another British Liquor Schooner".	0	08/05/70	2	255	LINK
198	Nelson (Nels) Shaw; Owned Farm on South Side of 12 Mile Road, West of Sparta Avenue; Before Shaw, Was Owned by Sam Mapes; Mapes Grew Apples, Peaches and Grapes; Had Two Fish Ponds With Large Carp; Nels Drained the Ponds and Allow Everyone to Catch What They Could; Nels Once Sold Farm With Down Payment of \$1000, Buyer Sold \$4000 Worth of Apples and Left the Area.	1	09/23/70	2	256	LINK
199	Reviews Obituary of George Patrick Ryan from Pontiac Newspaper (January 2, 1971). Recalls George (Also Called "Hogan") as One of the Best Third Basemen to Play in Sparta; He Played Semi-Pro Ball in Several Cities; Helped With Names in Early "I Remember" Columns About Sparta Baseball; Was Sending the Sentinel-Leader to Him Each Week.	0	01/25/71	2	257	LINK
200	United Brethren Church; Built in 1881; On N Union Street, Lot Later Occupied by Sparta Nursing Home; Parsonage on Lot South of Church; United Brethren Church in Algoma, Same Pastor Served Both; Last Resident Pastor Was Rev. Wood; Lay Pastor Jacob Black Took Lead; Sparta Church Closed; Used by Eeslean Methodists; Rev K.A. Shangles Purchased in 1931 to Build Nursing Home.	1	04/19/71	2	258	LINK

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201	What is a Glue Pots?; Glue Pots (as Shown) Were Used by Cabinet Makers at Welch Folding Bed Factory; Many Furniture Pieces Were Glued Together; Back The Glue Was Bought by the Barrel in a Solid State; Two Section Glue Pots Used Hot Water to Keep the Glue Warm During Use. Cooking the Glue Described; At Days End Unused Glue Returned to Vat to Keep Hot for Next Day.	1	08/23/71	2	259	LINK
202	HouseHold Words; Column by Tim Hellem, New to Sentinel Leader Staff, About His Two Hour Meeting With Arzie.	0	08/30/71	2	260	LINK