

News of your Home Town

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Those from here who attended a baby shower Wednesday, May 22, in honor of Mrs. Larry Balhen and her four-week old adopted baby daughter, Lisa Ruth of Independence, were the baby's grandmother, Mrs. Mary Brooks, and three aunts, Mrs. Henry Suck, Mrs. Junior Dilley, and Mrs. Roy Gaston. Fourteen ladies attended the shower which was in the home of Mrs. Amber Randall, Independence.

John Bader is a surgical patient at Scholtz Hospital.

Bill Sprole of Minneapolis was calling on friends Saturday and reports he will be teaching the coming year.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Cordray were Mr. and Mrs. Larry McKittrick and girls of Cedar Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. John Hood of Algona.

Mrs. Henrietta Woods underwent surgery at Allen Memorial Hospital last week and is doing as well as can be expected.

Bob Estep and Dr. L.F. Bailey have returned home from a fishing trip. They were in northern Minnesota and Canada.

Raymond Pringle, former La Porte City resident now residing in California, spent several days visiting in La Porte City recently.

The annual Poppy Day sales netted \$145.52 inspite of the fact that rain hampered sales.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sides and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hager attended a County Rural Carriers potluck supper and meeting Saturday night at the Elmer Hoepner home, Hudson.

Rev. Paul Huffman has accepted the duties of serving the Wesleyan Methodist Church in La Porte City for the next two years.

The first Ladies Day was held at the Country Club May 16th. No golf was played. Prizes for cards went to Mrs. Ernie Niemeyer, high for 500, and Mrs. Elmer Huck, low. Bridge prizes were awarded to Mrs. Gale Ballhelm, high, and Mrs. Cliff Branaman, second. Mrs. Gale Ballhelm and her committee were in charge of arrangements.

Rev. Donald D. Calhoun was the guest minister at the Wesleyan Methodist Church Sunday, May 26. He is the Conference President of this area. Mrs. Calhoun and daughters were also present; they reside at Charles City. Rev. Calhoun told of the recent tornado at that city. All seven church's of the City were at least 50% demolished.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Cooper were Mr. and Mrs. Kent Swaim and Stan of Bartlesville, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Mack of Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. Ralph Struve, Vinton, former rural La Porte City resident, returned home Monday after being hospitalized at Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo, where she underwent heart surgery.

Mrs. Allen Newell, and daughter Cheryl Kaiser and 2 children of Waterloo, spent Saturday in the Don Cordray home.

Circle 4 of St. Paul United Methodist Church met May 22 with

Mrs. Rudy Bader as hostess and Mrs. Cliff Palmer co-hostess. Twelve members and one guest, Mrs. Ralph Barron, were present. Mrs. Palmer had the devotions taken from Proverbs 8:5-11 and an article taken from the Lutheran Digest, "Ten Commandments on Daily Living," also an article taken from Dolores Bader's column. The lesson was given by Mrs. Ray Thomas, "Missions go on and on."

Mrs. Les McGill is a medical patient at Scholtz Hospital.

Mrs. Kathryn Abel is a surgical patient at Allen Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Penrose from Batavia, Illinois, came last Sunday to visit their aunt, Mrs. Amy Bond, at Colonial Manors. Mrs. Bond accompanied them to Waterloo to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Howery for the day.

Mrs. Maud Horner of Colonial Manors spent last week at the home of her son and family in Burlington, Iowa.

Mrs. Otto Frye of Cedar Falls and Mrs. Jack Parker of Markesan, Wisconsin, were visitors of Mrs. Amy Bond at Colonial Manors.

The American Legion Auxiliary met Monday at 8 p.m. at the Legion Hall. Final plans were made for the annual Poppy Day sales on Friday and Saturday and a sale of handcraft articles with all proceeds going to the Disabled Veterans at Marshalltown. It was also decided to have a Candy Sale in the Cliff Burr building on Main Street. Lunch was served by Mrs. Robert Thoms and Mrs. Harold Sides.

Mrs. Evelyn Franklin was hostess for the Lotus Club Tuesday, May 21. Eighteen members were present. Each answered roll call with something pertaining to Mothers. The next meeting will be a picnic June 4th with Mrs. Clifford McBride.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Berryhill and Mrs. Augusta Linder visited in Balsam Lake, Wisc., and St. Paul, Minnesota from May 21 through May 23.

Brandon News

by Ruth Lund

A pre-graduation party was held last Sunday evening at the home of the Willard Brunko's to honor their daughter, Christine, who was graduated from the Independence High School on Thursday evening.

The Brandon Fire Department sponsored a benefit pancake and sausage supper on Saturday evening. The men served over 2000 pancakes to a hungry crowd. Kelly Emberton won the child's door prize and Charlotte Donley and Pete Albert won fire extinguishers.

The Ruth Circle of the W.S.C.S. met at the home of Julia Syers with nine members present. Cora Albert had the devotions and Doris Senest had the lesson, "The meaning of Memorial Day." A delicious lunch was served by the hostess. The next meeting will be in September with Doris Senest in Vinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bearbower have received word that their son, Gary, has been seriously wounded while in Vietnam. He will be flown to the states shortly.

Mrs. Iva Halstead has return-

ed home after spending a week in the hospital.

Linda Sauer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sauer, continues to be a patient at the University Hospital in Iowa City.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Purdy honored their daughter, Dianna, with a party following her graduation from Independence High School on Thursday evening. Those attending were: her grandmother, Fern Martz from Muscatine, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Noe and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Applegarth and Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brandt, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Rogers and Donna, Mrs. Charles Lund and Margie, Mrs. Virgil Rogers and Darla, Miss Edna Hanney, Darla Forsyth, and Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Prentice and Robin, all of Brandon, and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Purdy and family of Oelwein.

Mr. and Mrs. Gall Shaffer and children of Oelwein spent several days with his parents, the Art Shaffers, after the tornado struck and damaged their house last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lund and Margie and Mrs. Bob Donovan and Kathy attended the G.R.A. Banquet held at the Sveden House in Waterloo on Wednesday evening.

Russel Shaffer flew from Torrance, California to spend the week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Art Shaffer.

Scout News

Members of Troop 98 were guests of Mrs. Mau's troop for a movie on Iowa on the 8th of April. There was no meeting April 15th because of Easter vacation.

On April 22nd favors were made and taken to both rest homes. The Scouts sang several numbers for the residents of the homes.

On May 6th and 13th members did demonstrations to complete their badge work.

Invitations were written May 20th to the people who helped the troop this year inviting them to the year-end party held May 27th. The girl's were divided into committees to plan the party.

--Tammie Magnuson, scribe

4-H News

The regular meeting of the Big Creek Farmers was called to order by President David Bader May 8, 1968. There were thirteen members present.

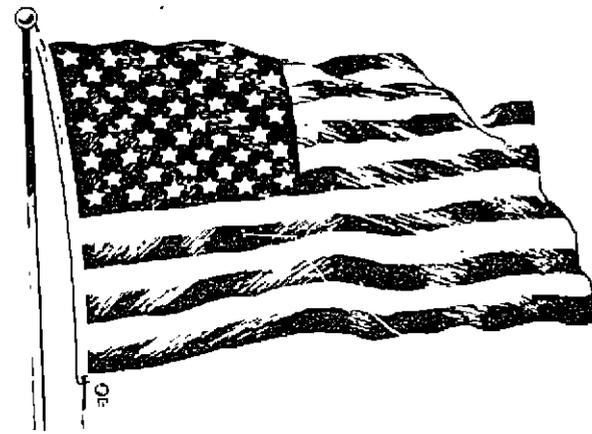
The pledge was given by Mike Westendorf and the United Nations by Mike Benorden.

Mike Westendorf, treasurer, reported a balance of \$50.26 in the treasury. There was a discussion on the club tour and picnic.

The 4-H pledge was given by Rory Brown and the meeting adjourned.

-- reporter, Rory Brown

12-year-old Geoffrey Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace of Lake View, was able to display a 6 1/2 pound wall-eye he hooked out of Black Hawk Lake this month.

**The Flag Speaks!**

Hello, remember me?

Some people call me Old Glory. Others call me the Stars and Stripes; also I have been referred to as the Star-Spangled Banner. But whatever they call me, I am your flag, or as I proudly state, the flag of the United States of America.

There is something that has been bothering me, so I thought that I might talk it over with you. Because it is about you and me.

I remember some time ago—I think it was Memorial Day—people were lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade. The town's high school band was behind me and naturally I was leading the parade.

When your daddy saw me coming waving in the breeze, he immediately removed his hat but you were giving the right salute. They taught you in school to place your hand over your heart. Remember little sister—not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you.

I was very proud as I came down your street. There were some soldiers home on leave as they were standing at attention giving the military salute. Ladies as well as men all paying me the reverence that I deserve.

Now I may sound as if I am a little conceited. Well, I am. I have a right to be. Because I represent the finest country in the world, the United States of America.

More than one aggressive nation has tried to haul me down but they all felt the fury of this freedom-loving country. You know. You had to go overseas and defend me.

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh I have a couple more stars added since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since the Memorial Day so

long ago. Dad is gone now. The old home town has a new look.

The last time I came down your street I saw that some of the old landmarks were gone, but in their place, shining majestically in the sun, were a number of new buildings and homes. Yes sir, the old town sure has changed.

But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands' in your pockets and give a small glance and then look away.

When I think of all the places I have been, Anzio, Gaudalcanal, Korea—and now Vietnam. Then I see the children running around and shouting. They don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take his hat off and then look around. He didn't see anybody else with theirs off so he quickly put his back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic any more? Have you forgotten what I stand for? Have you forgotten all the battlefields where men fought and died to keep this nation free? When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls sometime. Look at the names of those that never came back. Some of them were friends or relatives of yours. Probably went to the same school with some of them. That's what you are saluting. Not me.

Well it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So when you see me, stand straight, place your hand over your heart and you'll really see me waving back—my salute to you. And I'll know that you remembered.

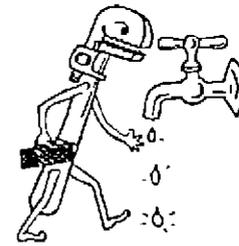
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Wars at Bensenville, Illinois

A record 180 planes flew into Red Oak Municipal Airport May 5th for the Flight Breakfast sponsored by the Red Oak Chamber of Commerce. 464 fly-ins were fed that day with some visitors flying from as far as Illinois.

Junior High Students Gather Items For Children's Home

The students of the La Porte City Junior High have found a useful purpose for good paper, notebooks, pens, and pencils that otherwise would have been thrown away at the end of the school year. These items will be collected in the home rooms, sorted by the Student Council members, and then taken to the Lutheran Children's Home in Waverly.

The La Porte City State Bank will also give a donation of pencils to the children of the home. Anyone else that wishes to help with this gift may bring their contribution to David Zea, Junior High Student Council Advisor, at 517 Bishop Avenue. This package will be taken to Waverly on June 2nd.

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