

Betty Lou Kiger, daughter of Edgar (1893-1938) and Bernice Irene (Kinsel) (193-1996) Kiger, was born 7 November 1925, Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan. She graduated in 1944 from Okemos High School.

The new home being built for Mr. and Mrs. E. Kiger is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready for use the early part of the new year. It is east of Okemos on the Vanetta road.

HOLD GRADUATION AT OKEMOS SCHOOL

(Special to The State Journal)

OKEMOS, June 6—Robert S. Linton, registrar at Michigan State college, gave a most timely address to the seniors of Okemos at their commencement program Tuesday evening. He particularly stressed the need of looking ahead to what avenues of work would be open after the war and the types of training necessary then.

Jane Southworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Southworth, was chosen as salutatorian. She received the D. A. R. award. Doris Shepperle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shepperle, was honored as valedictorian. Jean Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Black, was awarded the commercial medal; Leonard Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hill, received the agricultural medal; Cleo Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brown, received the athletic award. The citizenship award, so often given to girls in the past, this year went to a boy, Vernon Richey, son of Glenn Richey. These awards were presented by Principal Harold Smith.

Class history was given by Lois Foerch and Betty Kiger; class will by Lucille Linton; class prophecy, Catherine DeLou and Nancy Warren; giftatory, Bettie Everett; Lois Foerch sang "Gypsy Love Song."

The diplomas were presented by Supt. LeRoy Bell to the following seniors:

Jerry Anderson, Effie Bennett, Jean Black, Cleo Brown, Arnold Cain, Don Clark, Ken Cooper, Catherine DeLou, Beverly Eames, Lois Foerch, Kathleen McKane, Stephen Naret, Mary Paden, Lawrence Powell, Dorothy Price, Vernon Richey, Virginia Richter, Doris Schepperle, Kathryn Hagerman, Leonard Hill, Donna Hunt Gerhardstein, Bettie Wieland Everett, Fred Kaltenecker, Betty Kiger, Norma King, Esther Larkins, Lucile Linton, Bethany Smith, Jane Southworth, Nancy Warren, Barbara Nader Crandall, Dick Webb, Norman Wells, Arline West, Eunice Worthington.

Betty married her high school sweet-heart, [Gordon Grettenberger Southworth](#) 14 June 1946, Okemos.

Gordon, a 1942 OHS graduate, was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran.

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Mrs. Bernice Kiger, 4694 Moore street, announces the engagement of her daughter, **Betty Lou**, to Gordon G. Southworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Southworth, R. 2. The wedding will be June 14. She is the daughter of E. K. Kiger of Okemos.

Betty, Gordon and children lived in West Branch, Ogemaw County, Michigan for a number of years. Betty was reported to have died on 29 December 2006, probably in Michigan. Gordon died 1 December 2017, Texas.