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## Christian Reform Surprises 3-0 Ada Merchants Win First Three Games Suffer First Loss from Cascade Team

Ada and Cascade residents became very softball minded this week when the Ada Merchants met a team fielded by the Cascade Christian Reformed Church and lost to the church team by a score of 3 to 0.

Leading the Cascade team in its first game of the season, Vern DeWeerd pitched flawless ball blanking the Ada team. Hermie Heemstra was the losing pitcher. This was the first loss of the season for the Ada nine, who complete with new uniforms from 16

Ada merchants had bowled over their first three opponents, the Knights of Columbus 13 to 3, Freeport, 14 to 3, and the Grand Rapids Growers 4 to 3.

The win by the Cascade nine brought cries for a re-match from Ada, and the two teams are scheduled to meet again Memorial Day at the Ada field at 10 o'clock in the morning. All baseball minded ACE area residents should be on hand for this one.

The Ada team, under manager Verne Faulkner, has brought a new interest to softball in Ada this year. With the support of Ada merchants new uniforms have been purchased and an effort is being made to get bleachers for the Ada baseball diamond. Suburban Life will publish the schedule of games to be played in advance as soon as they are made up.

The Cascade team, entirely made up of members of the Christian Reformed Church, is starting its first season under the management of John DeWeerd. The team plans to play in the Christian Youth Center Circuit on the South Beltline, though a schedule of games has not yet been set up.

In other games this week the Ada team with Claude De Vormer pitching, lost to the Sherman St. softball team Tuesday night by a score of 3 to 2, and were again defeated by the Grand Rapids Growers 4 to 2, Wednesday night in a rematch at Ada field.

Suburban Life Want Ads produce results.

## Thornapple Lions Hold Elections

A new slate of officers to head the Thornapple Lions club for the coming year were elected Monday night, with R. B. Somerville slated as the new president to fill the office held by Leonard Verdier Jr., during the past year.

Besides Mr. Somerville the following new officers were named to take charge of the club on July 1. First-Vice-president, Gordon Campau; second v. p., Joe Gillard; third v. p., Marsh Belding; Secretary, Jim Timmons; Treasurer, Bill FitzGerald; Lion Tamer, Gordon Svoboda; Tail Twister, Dave Wallace; Director for one year, Dave Carpenter; and Directors for two years, Dick Beaver and Eric Dyer.

In case you are curious about the offices of "Lion Tamer" and "Tail Twister", the former takes charge of all club property and the latter's duties are to promote good fellowship among Lion members, and to assess token fines against them at club meetings for the treasury.

Monday night's program included a talk by Ken Thomas from Grand Rapids, who visited Turkey last year as a good-will ambassador from this area.

## SANDRA GREEN HONORED AT PERSONAL SHOWER

Miss Sandra Green whose marriage to James Rooker will be an event of July 2nd at the Ada Congregational Church, was the honor guest at a personal shower Saturday night given by Mrs. Howard Rooker and Mrs. Ted Atkins at the home of the former in Grand Rapids. Sandra received many lovely gifts after which refreshments were served.

## Concert, Parade to be Features Cascade To Hold Post Dedication, Memorial Celebration Sunday, May 29

With drums rolling and bugles blowing Cascade will hold its first combined Ground Observers Corps post dedication and "memorial" parade and ceremonies Sunday, May 29 at the Cascade school, Burton Ave., and US16.

The day-before-Memorial-Day event will begin at 2:45 in the afternoon with a concert by the Lowell high school band in front of the school, to be followed by a parade, dedication ceremonies and later a memorial ceremony at the Cascade bridge on US16.

Taking part in the ceremonies besides the Lowell Band, will be units from The Valley City American Legion Post from Grand Rapids, the McDonald-Osmer post

from Cascade, civil defense and State GOC dignitaries, and various Cascade civic groups.

Immediately following the band concert, the parade will be formed, passing in review in front of the GOC tower at the school.

The Lowell band will head the parade followed by members of the Cascade Ground Observers Corps, Brownie scouts, girl scouts, cub scouts, the American Legion color guard and drum and bugle corps from the Valley City post, members and Legion auxiliary from the McDonald-Osmer post, Boy Scouts, Explorers, a civil defense float, the Cascade Volunteer Fire Department, and the "40 and 8" float from the Valley City post.

After the parade passes in review, dedication ceremonies will open at the GOC tower with an invocation by Herbert C. Barnard, pastor of the Cascade Christian church, C. Hollis Parker will introduce the following dignitaries: Raymond Conlon, commander of the Valley City Legion post; Ben Waszkiewicz, commander of the McDonald-Osmer post; Daniel Waters, executive secretary for the Kent county Civil Defense; Arnold O. Pigors, Deputy Director for Kent county civil defense; Lt. Col. Russell Harre, State Coordinator of the GOC for the US Air Force; Robert Van Blankenstyn, State Director of Civil Defense; Maj. Robert S. Onsgard, Commanding officer of the Grand Rapids filter center; John Stuart, head of the Kent county civil defense speakers bureau; and John Grotenwrath, Liaison Officer between the GOC and Kent County civil defense units.

## Eastmont Churches Now Holding Services In Temporary Quarters

Two churches in Eastmont are now holding services in temporary quarters to serve residents of the area.

The Eastmont Baptist Church has purchased quarters at 5038 Cascade rd., holding morning worship every Sunday at 9:45 and Bible school at 11 a.m. Evening services on Sunday, and Wednesday night prayer services are also held. Pastor of the church is Al Mersman. A special program has been instituted at the Bible school for children to earn points towards a good share of expense for a summer vacation. Details can be obtained at the class. Currently the church is in need of rugs for their building and would appreciate any used ones that people are no longer using.

Church services are also held every Sunday at 10 a.m. by the Eastmont Reformed Chapel in the Martin school, with Sunday School following. The chapel is sponsored by the Calvary Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Koetsier and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Jolman conducting the Sunday school. The Thompson twins, Dorothy and Donna lead the group with singing duets.

## Egypt Grange Members Honor Mary Linkfield

At a recent meeting of the Egypt Grange a special "This Is Your Life" program was held honoring Mary Linkfield for long service to the grange and for her outstanding community work.

Mrs. Linkfield was presented with a bouquet of American Beauty roses, a scrapbook on her life, and also a special This-is-your-life locket.

Over 50 grange members took Mrs. Linkfield by surprise as they reviewed her life, from her birth in Grand Rapids in 1888, through her charter membership and 33 years of service to the Egypt grange.

Fannie Thommet, one of Mrs. Linkfield's five children, is the present head of the grange.

## JOHN W. RAUCH, 41 DIES SUDDENLY TUESDAY

John W. Rauch aged 41, Thornapple River Dr., passed away suddenly Tuesday, May 17, at his residence. Surviving are his wife, Florence E., his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Rauch of Lebanon, Pa., and a brother, Edger W. of Altoona, Pa.

Mr. Rauch was taken to Lebanon, Pa., Thursday morning for services and burial.

Following the presentations, John Stuart, head of the civil defense speakers bureau will address the gathering and dedicate the Ground Observer's post. The American Legion will continue the program with a flag presentation ceremony and the dedication will be concluded with a short talk by Ray Conlon, commander of the Valley City Legion Post. The pledge of allegiance will then be lead by the scouts and everyone will observe 30 seconds in memory of those who died in battle.

Following the program refreshments will be offered by the auxiliary of the Cascade Legion Post. Later units of the American Legion will march to the Cascade bridge where a memorial tribute to those who died in service for America will be conducted.

There will be seating available at the concert and for the dedication ceremonies.

## MARTIN SCHOOL BOARD ATTENDS DINNER MAY 19

An appreciation dinner was given for Martin school board members and their wives May 19 by the teaching staff of the Martin school. Besides a fine dinner an interesting program was presented by Mr. and Mrs. A. Arndt on their trip through Michigan and the West, illustrated with slides of pictures they had taken.

Present at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Peter VanderVeen, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gaskell and Fay Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Romyn and Roger Hendricks were unable to attend.

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## County X-Ray Bus At Ada Village Store Tuesday, May 31

The Kent county TB x-ray bus will be in Ada, Tuesday, May 31 from 1:30 until 4 o'clock in the afternoon to give tuberculin skin tests and x-rays to all persons desiring them.

The bus will be located at the Ada Village Store, where everyone should register and have the skin test before going into the bus for the x-ray. Children brought for hte service will only have the tuberculin test and, if that turns raised and red, arrangements will be made later for the x-rays.

All TB tests are made available to the public through the purchases of Christmas seals each year, and ACE area residents are urged to take advantage of the facilities offered.

## Year Ends for Ninth Grade Class at Ada School



Members of the 9th grade class at Ada school take a break from their last day of school to pose with principal Ray Price, before bidding Ada High School good-bye. All class members will continue their high school education at Lowell when fall brings them together in the classrooms once again. Pictured are:

Standing: (left to right) Mae Ellen Brooks, Shirley Engen, Janice Washburn, Tina Dick, Mary Lee Norton, Marion Wride, and Principal Ray Price.

Front row: Gary Hill, Norm Bruinikool, Greg Gilmore, Jim Adrianse, Allen DeVol, Raymond Washburn and Larry Ward.

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## MR. BLAINE ELECTED NEW LEGION COMMANDER

Wilmot Blaine was elected commander of the MacDonald-Osmer Post No. 451, of the American Legion at their regular meeting on May 20. He replaces Ben Waszkiewicz, who was named service officer.

Other officers are: vice commander, Wayne Fellows; finance officer, Russell Knox; chaplain, Bernie Nichols; historian, Robert Warners; sergeant-at-arms, Edward Baker; and adjutant, Lyle Dykhuizen.

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## Eastmont Sixth Graders Take Trip to Detroit

Eleven sixth graders at Martin school enjoyed a "senior" trip

to Detroit, May 21 where they visited the Ford Museum and watched an exciting ball game between Detroit and Cleveland at Briggs stadium.

Leaving at 6:45 in the morning the group joined 300 other children and made the trip to Detroit in a seven-bus caravan. Despite some bus trouble on the journey everyone had a wonderful time, arriving home at 10 o'clock that night, completely tuckered out.

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## Ada Cascade Eastmont — REPORTS —

Roger Tusken

As I begin this week's column for Suburban Life it appears that there will be an abundance of news to fill the pages of the paper and plenty of pictures to go along with the stories. Last week it was just the opposite — not much happening that makes news and I had only one picture. It's always feast or famine in this line, and it certainly is much easier to put the paper out when I know there are many stories coming up.

With the Memorial Day weekend now upon us, the start of summer activities has arrived. This week end will bring more traffic to the roads, and if you have nothing planned for the week end I suggest three quiet days at home. If you must drive, be careful, I want you all to be around to subscribe to Suburban Life. Plan to take in the dedication and memorial ceremonies at Cascade Sunday. They should be very interesting. I'll be there with my camera shooting pictures for the next edition of the paper.

The first subscriptions came in this week to Suburban Life and as I write this I have received approximately 50 through Wednesday morning. That is a nice start, but I need many more, particularly yours, if you haven't dropped a dollar in the mail or left it at the Ada Market, Buttrick's or Reilly's Pharmacy as yet. Mail a buck to Suburban Life box 147, Lowell, Mich. and I'll be very happy to add your name to the subscription list. There will be only four more free issues of

Suburban Life after this week, and at the end of that time only those with subscriptions will be continued.

## Ada High School Host To Scout Roundtable

Ada High school was host the evening of May 19 to the final roundtable for the South Kent District Boy Scouts. Commissioner George Calkin, with the help of Ada Troop 290 opened the meeting for 89 persons in attendance.

Gerritt Slanger, president of the Ada PTA, was presented with the 1955-56 charters for Cub Pack 3290 and Scout Troop 290 by field executive Dick Smith. The Ada PTA sponsors both groups.

After the evening's program, the Mother's Club of Ada filled everyone full of good cake, coffee and milk. The next roundtable date, June 18, will be used for an outdoor picnic, at a place yet to be determined.

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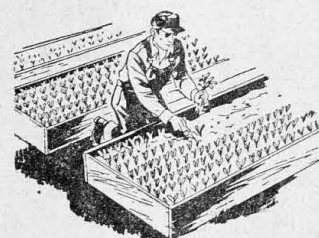
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**Sunrise on the Ada Hills**

How beautiful the Ada hills at sunrise!  
The rising sun paints opalescent colors  
Too lovely for words upon the waters  
Of the mighty Grand and upon the shapely bosom  
Of his daughter, the comely Thornapple,  
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There they are lulled to sleep in the cradle  
Of the lapping waves while the singing sands  
Of the everlasting dunes  
Watch over them.  
How fortunate we humble humans  
To live and love and toil  
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To "B"  
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Mr. and Mrs. Roger I. Wykes, Thornapple River Dr., have returning from a five-week vacation trip to Florida.

During three weeks of their stay, they occupied an apartment on the beach at Treasure Island, located on the Gulf of Mexico. The weather was perfect, sunny, breezy and with no rain.

One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to the lychee nut plantation, the first of its kind in Florida, and the country. Lychee nuts are a delicacy served by the Chinese and used in their cooking.

In addition to the grove they visited an Arboretum, or Botanical garden. The owner's father started the garden, containing poinsettia, hibiscus, rare palms from Africa, numerous tropical trees, flowering shrubs and vines, as a hobby. There are palm trees used in the manufacturing of rice paper and panama hats. One palm is called the shaving brush tree because the red and white blossoms have stamen formed like shaving brushes.

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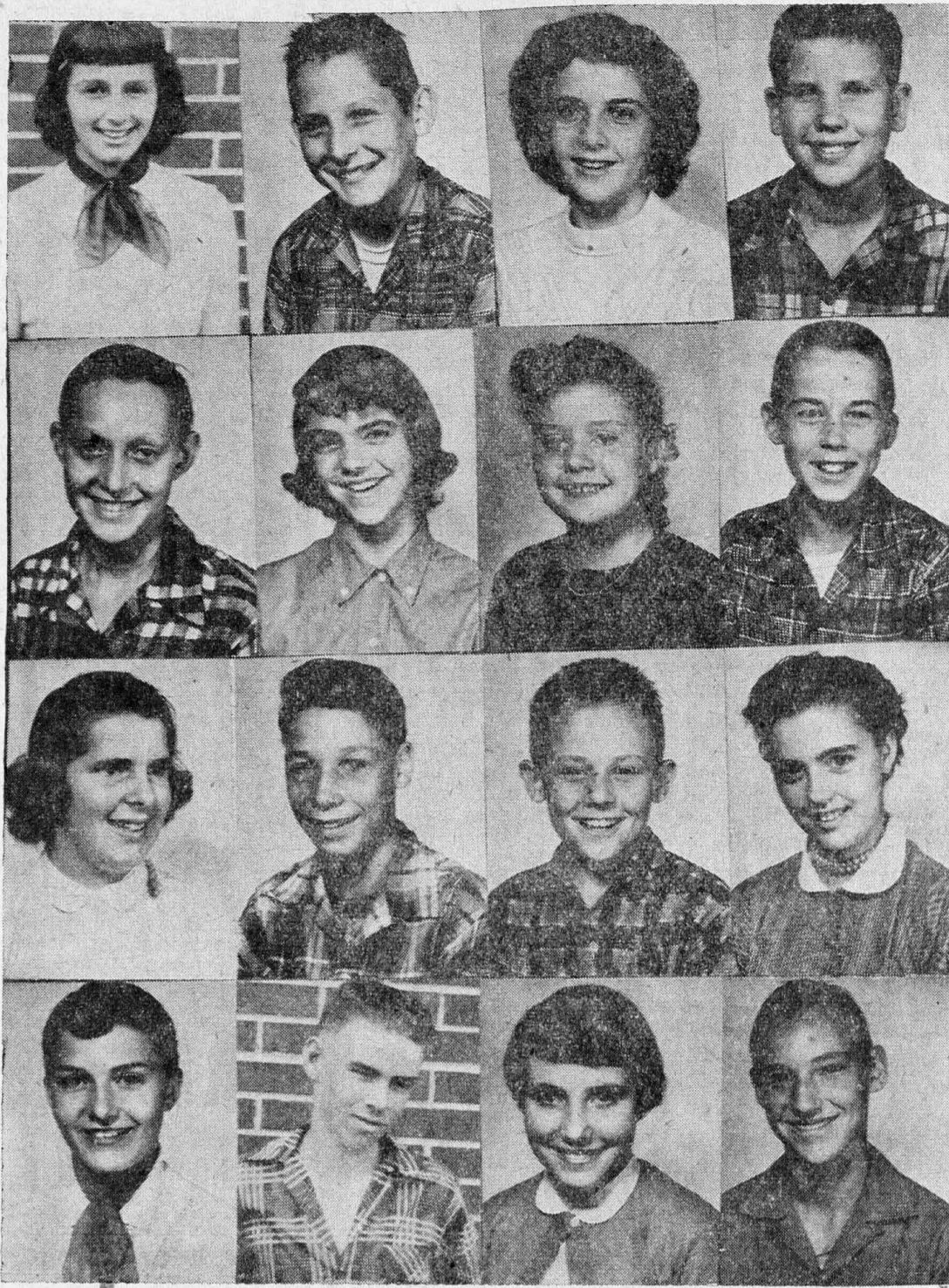
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Top row (left to right) Rosalie Pellerito, James Van Stee, Marilyn Koetsier, and Donald Heaven.

Second Row: Larry Cheyne, Sylvia Dykhuizen, Carol Moore and Rex Dowling.

Third Row: Mary Kay Scripps, Roger Richards, David Burkhead and Patricia Stepek.

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Vanilla Ice Cream 1/2 gal. **65c**

VITA BOY  
Potato Chips Full One Lb. Bag **59c**

Stuffed Olives Reg. 29c **25c** btl.

### Picnic Supply Check List

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| ( ) PAPER PLATES      | ( ) ASSORTED COLD MEATS |
| ( ) HOT AND COLD CUPS | ( ) PORK & BEANS        |
| ( ) PAPER NAPKINS     | ( ) POTATO CHIPS        |
| ( ) PICKLES           | ( ) SODA POP            |

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