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Each Team Now Has One Win Ada Merchants Even Softball Series With Win Over Cascade Church Team

"Turn-about-is-fair-play" is a good term to describe the second meeting of the Ada Merchants and the Cascade Christian Reformed Church Memorial Day at Ada field. Ada, playing flawless softball won the game 3-0, the identical score that the Cascade team posted in their win at the first meeting of the two teams.

Pitching the Ada team to the win, Claude DeVormer had the fine backing of his team-mates who never allowed a Cascade run

to cross the plate. The losing pitcher for the church team, VernDeWeerd also pitched some fine softball and should offer some sharp competition in the church league throughout the summer.

With the "series" now standing at one game each, there is hope for a further re-match between the two teams on the Fourth of July in conjunction with a celebration to be held in Ada that day.

Leagues Start

The Ada team began its summer league competition this past week, playing games in the "Tri-county Softball League" at the Freeport and Clarksville fields. On May 26 they defeated the Clarksville team 20-7, and posted a second win Tuesday night over Alto 10-1, under the pitching of John Sytsma.

The Cascade Christian Reformed Church team will start league competition this week, in the Blue Church League circuit at the youth center on the south belt line near Madison.

Complete league schedules of both teams for the coming summer months will be found elsewhere in this issue of Suburban Life.

EASTMONT CHAPEL HOLDS FIRST SERVICE

Eastmont Reformed Chapel held their first church service on Sunday May 29 at Martin school. Mr. Jack Boerigter, students pastor, preached on the subject, "Be strong in the faith." Fifty-nine persons attended the worship services and eight children were in the supervised nursery. Special music was provided by Mrs. Herman Penninga, Mrs. Roger Marsman, and Mrs. Richard Marsman from Calvary Reformed Church. Miss Dorothy Thompson was pianist for the service. Forty-eight attended the Sunday school which was held immediately after the morning service.

Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary



Observing their 50th wedding anniversary last Wednesday, Major and Mrs. Stephen W. Collins of 6176 Grand River Dr., NE, Ada, held a quiet dinner party at home with their son Kreigh and his family.

Major Collins, a graduate of the University of Illinois, married Mrs. Collins, then Verona Buck of Davenport, Iowa on June 1, 1905. She is 69, Major Collins is 72.

Following several successful years of general contracting, Major Collins entered service in 1917 and served overseas with the 331st Field Artillery Battalion.

After the war the Collins' made Grand Rapids their home. For the past 15 years they have lived at their Ada residence.

Major Collins was the first president of the Grand Rapids American Legion Council, and a former president of the Grand Rapids Exchange Club. He also founded and served as the first president of the Army and Navy Club in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Collins has been a piano teacher for the past 25 years.

The Collins have one son, Kreigh, a nationally known artist, who also lives near Ada with his wife and family of four sons.

Lightning Destroys Miller Barn

Lightning at 3 o'clock Saturday morning fired a large barn on the Howard Miller farm, Cascade rd. It destroyed the building and its contents, including two calves, a hay-loader, and a quantity of hay.

Both Cascade fire trucks dashed to the blaze; the Ada truck of the county fire department and the Ada township truck were also called; but the latter was sent back in case of another fire elsewhere.

The barn was beyond saving when the firemen arrived, and had ignited one end of the granary close by. The men subdued this fire, and kept the other buildings from catching.

One truck went on to put out a fire also started by lightning in a tree near the house of Geo. Stoken on Cascade rd. just inside Lowell township.

Some of the firemen and neighbors of Mr. Miller stayed to put up stanchions for his cows in a shed; one neighbor loaned him a milking machine.

Mr. Miller rents the farm, just east of the Thomas school, on the north side of US-16, from the owner, O. R. Tillyer, Grand Rapids. The Tillyers settled there almost a century ago, according to Archie Thomas, whose family bought the farm across the road at the same period. The barn which burned probably was built in pre-Civil war days, according to William Thomas, who says that it was standing before his birth in 1861. Its timbers were still sound on the night of its destruction.

Five ACE Area Students Receive Batchelor Degrees From MSC, June 5

Five students from the ACE area will receive degrees Sunday June 5, in spring graduation exercises at Michigan State College.

Arthur E. Tusch, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tusch, R No. 24, Ada will receive a B. A. degree in General Business. James A. Marvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Marvin of Cascade will receive his Batchelor of Science in Park Management. Receiving her Batchelor of Science in Medical Technology is Alyce Poulson daughter of Glenn E. Thompson, 4251 Cascade Road, Eastmont.

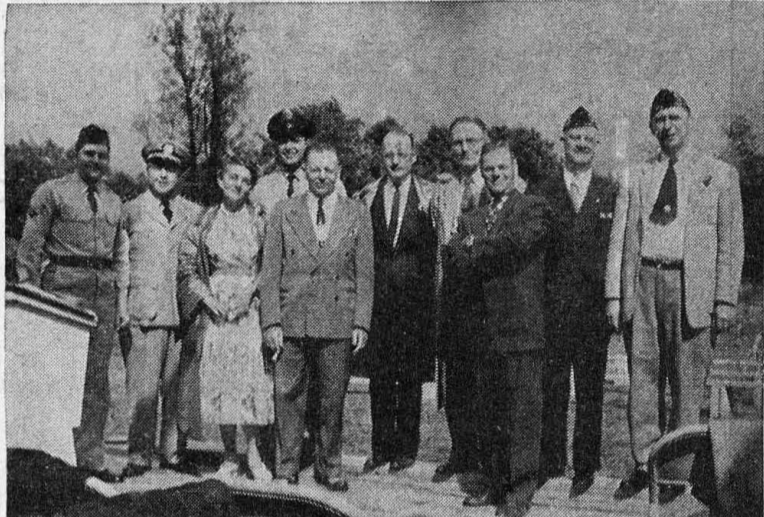
Also receiving degrees from Michigan State are Carl Konkle, son of Mrs. Gladys Konkle, 2584 Goodwood Drive, a BS in Chemical Engineering; and Don G. Stormzand, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Stormzand, 3426 Goodwood Drive, a BS in Metallurgical Engineering.

Admiral Arthur W. Radford, Chairman of the U. S. Joint Chiefs of staff, will be the speaker at the graduation ceremonies. The 1955 Seniors will be the first graduates of Michigan State University, the class having voted to receive diplomas by mail after July 1, the effective date of the name change.

Engagements Announced

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood of 832 Patterson Ave. SE announce the engagement of their daughter, Pauline to William Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnson of 884 Orlando SE. Plans are being made for an October wedding.

Dedication and Memorial Service Held



Views of the dedication and memorial ceremonies held at the Cascade GOC post last Sunday include:

Top: A view of the crowd watching the ceremonies. The Lowell band is to the left in the background, the speakers stand directly in front of the GOC tower, and the Valley City American Legion Post drum and bugle corps is at the far right.

Center: Participants in the dedication ceremonies included (l. to r.) A/1c Richard Zinn, Cmdr. John G. Grotenwrath, Mrs. Phyllis Jensen, Lt. James Christie, Gerrit Baker, John Stewart, Daniel R. Waters, C. Hollis Parker, Ray Conlon, and Ben Waszkiewicz. Missing from the above picture, Rev. Herbert C. Barnard, who offered the invocation.

Bottom: After placing a wreath on the memorial by the Cascade Bridge, Legion Commander Ben Waszkiewicz leads members of the McDonald-Osmer and Valley City Posts in a salute to the memory of men who died in the service of our country.

The rains never came last Sunday, though they continually threatened to do so, as the only slight mar on the Ground Observers Post dedication and the American Legion memorial services at Cascade.

Braving the dark skies and cold day, a good crowd turned out to witness the ceremonies and presentation of awards to post observers.

Phyllis Jensen was awarded a special pin for 250 hours of observation at the Cascade post. One hundred hour award certificates were presented to the following observers: Frank Atherton, Marie Boogert, Russell Jensen, Marie Mulder, Tommy C. Ray, H. Rozema, George Strain, John Grotenrath, and Jim Dotterwich.

Silver wings for 30 hours of observation were awarded to Rev. Herbert C. Barnard, Sue Bentley, Joan Bishop, Harold Buttrick, Natilda Carr, Barbara

Charters, R. Dale Charters, Mary Clark, Howard Clark, Wayne Fellows, Donna Fellows, Carolyn Horan, Susan Keck, Marie Kosbar, Aubrey Rogers, Mary Kay Scripps, Karen Snyder, Urbanes VanBemden and Dan Visser.

The ceremonies opened with a short concert by the Lowell High school band under the direction of Orval Jessup, followed by a parade composed of units of the American Legion, the Valley City Post drum and bugle corps, brownie and girl scouts, cub, boy scouts and explorers, GOC observers and the Lowell band.

Dedication ceremonies, with C. Hollis Parker in charge included a speech by John Stewart, head of the civil defense speakers bureau, a flag presentation by Ben Waszkiewicz, commander of the McDonald-Osmer Legion post in Cascade, award presentations and taps for those who died in battle.

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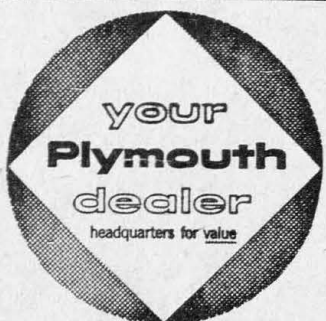
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— REPORTS —

Roger Tusken

With Memorial Day falling last Monday I have only two short days to prepare this issue of Suburban Life. Fortunately, there have been many "pictorial" events this past week, and I have a large group of photographs to draw from for presentation in this issue.

Though last Sunday was a bit on the dark and damp side, my camera and I functioned very well together and I have over thirty different photographs taken at the dedication of the Cascade GOC post and the American Legion memorial services at the Cascade bridge. Each time I take some pictures at an event, people ask me if I can supply them with copies. I don't have my own printing facilities at the moment, but I do develop each film as soon as I can. If anyone cares to wait out the time it takes a commercial photographer to print any of the pictures I have, I'll be glad to make arrangements for copies of any photographs I have taken to be sent to you. Just call me at Lowell 9262, and I'll be glad to take your requests.

During the past week I heard the rumor from several sources that the road crew working on US-16 had charged several persons \$10 to tow their cars out after they had become stuck trying to get through.

If this were true, it would be extremely irregular. However, I checked around, and I believe it is entirely unfounded. If anyone knows of an actual case of charging by the road crew (not commercial towing) to be pulled out, please contact township supervisor Gerrit Baker or Suburban Life and action will be taken. I would like to express the opinion that I am entirely in sympathy with those persons living along US-16 who are inconvenienced by the road program, but for those people that are just driving through, and try to bypass the detour by driving through the construction area, I feel they deserve any fate that comes their way.

Again I want to take a bit of space to urge you to mail in your subscription to Suburban Life. Each subscription is another shot in the arm to me, bringing this paper a bit closer to a successful venture. The \$1.00 charter price, means that each copy comes delivered to you for less than 2c apiece. And what else can you buy for 2c these days? ? ? ?

Hayride Mishap Injures Five, One Hospitalized

James DeGood, 17, of R2, Ada, is still confined to Blodgett hospital, and five others were treated for injuries there Friday night when a car struck a hayride wagon on Pettis road, eight miles north of Ada, just south of Five Mile road. James, who suffered a left leg fracture, and eighteen other young folks, accompanied by their pastor, Rev. C. Vanderwoude of the Ada Reformed Church, were on a hayride party. The wagon, which was being drawn by a tractor driven by the injured lad, was stopped to repair lights.

Myron Vandenberg of R1, Belmont, driver of the car, stated he

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was blinded by lights of an oncoming car, and did not see the hayride party.

Other youngsters injured were Janice Washburn, 14, of Ada, who suffered back injuries, and Carol Broersma of Whitneyville, shoulder injuries; from Saranac were Marlene DenBoer, 15, leg injury and Rita Pierce, 14, knee injury; also Mrs. Vandenberg, 25, wife of the driver of the car, was treated for a jaw injury, and minor cuts.

SCHEDULE RARE SURGERY FOR CASCADE WOMAN

Mrs. B. J. Stepek, Cascade rd., entered Philadelphia Presbyterian hospital last week for a serious heart operation which is very rarely performed. The surgery was scheduled for this morning, and Mr. Stepek was to leave yesterday for the Pennsylvania city to be with his wife for the operation.

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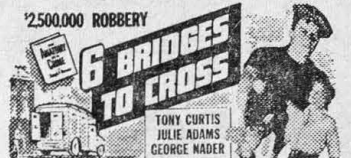
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June 7—Freeport (FF)
June 21—Lake Odessa (CF)
June 28—Clarksville (CF)
June 30—Alto (FF)
July 5—Freeport (FF)
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June 16—Bethel 6:45 (EF)
June 23—Bates, 8:15 (EF)
June 30—Wyoming Park 8:15 (WF)
July 7—Eastern, 6:45 (EF)
July 14—Byron Center, 6:45 (EF)
July 21—Grandville Ave, 6:45 (WF)
July 28—Bates, 8:15 (WF)
Aug. 4—Burton, 8:15 (WF)

News of Our Servicemen

Cal Boersma, returned to the states after a tour of duty in Japan and Korea, recently visited his brother Ron in Norfolk, Va., and then returned to Camp Pendleton, California, where he is now stationed. His present address is: Calvin Boersma HM/3, 445-60-86; Co. "D", 1st Med. Bn., 1st Marine Div. FMS, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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Suburban Life Want Ads produce results.

Rita Kutchey and Mr. Faulkner Wed

St. Mary's church in Lowell was the scene Saturday morning May 21, of the wedding of Miss Rita E. Kutchey and Roger L. Faulkner. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Kutchey of Lowell, are the parents of the bride, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Faulkner, Ada. Rev. Speer Strahan performed the ceremony and traditional wedding music was provided by Mrs. Lloyd Ritzema, who also accompanied the soloist, Victor Reynolds.

Mrs. Stanley Alexander of Lowell, was matron of honor, and the bride's sisters, Miss Genevieve Kutchey and Miss Marian Kutchey, were her other attendants. Serving the bridegroom were his brother, Larry, as best man and Douglas Cook, brother-in-law of the groom and Thomas Kutchey, the bride's brother.

Immediately following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served in St. Mary's school, and in the afternoon a reception was held at Lone Pine Inn, near Lowell.

After a short wedding trip the couple returned to their home, 9275 Conservation, Ada.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Christie, of 830 Patterson Ave., SE, are to be congratulated on the birth of a seven pound, seven ounce baby boy, born on May 23. Name Charles Robert. They have another daughter Barbara.

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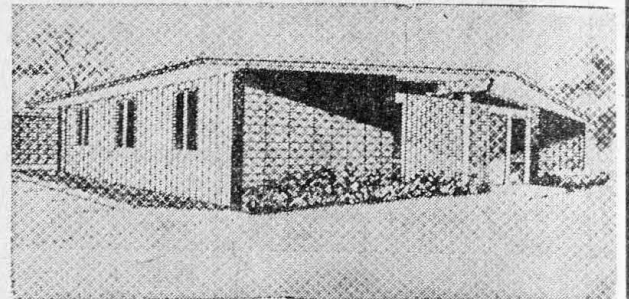
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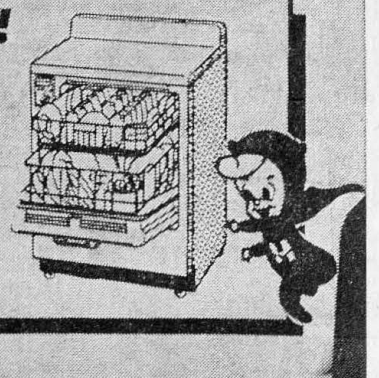
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