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Order Third Trial In Cascade Death

A third trial of Mrs. Shirley Jo Swanson, 28 year old Clarksville woman, who crashed through the window of a Cascade drug store last September, killing a St. Joseph woman pediatrician, has been granted by Circuit Judge Dale Souter.

Mrs. Swanson was convicted on April 13, on a charge of negligent homicide in the death. Judge Souter ruled for a new trial for Mrs. Swanson, stating that Kent Prosecutor Stuart Hoffius had committed a reversible error in the last trial by referring to the fact that Mrs. Swanson's husband, a passenger in the car at the time of the fatal accident, did not testify. A rule of evidence states that a husband and wife cannot be made to testify against each other, and that if they refuse to testify, their silence cannot be used to imply guilt.

The first trial of Mrs. Swanson also ended in a mistrial when Judge Leonard D. Verdier ruled that a prosecution witness gave testimony prejudicial to Mrs. Swanson.

Prosecutor Hoffius stated that he would try the case again during the present court term, with Judge Fred N. Searl hearing the case.

Ada School Board To Hold Annual Meeting

The Ada School board will hold its annual meeting, Monday, June 13, in the Ada school at eight o'clock. The terms of office of two board members, Orville Summers and Orison Weaver expire this year and elections will be held for their seats on the board. Both men have indicated that they are candidates for their own re-election.

Other business will be taken up at that time, and anyone interested in attending the annual meeting, as well as any regular meeting is invited to be on hand.

Ada Librarian Attends County Meet

Mrs. Grace Whaley, Ada librarian, attended a staff meeting of Kent County Librarians last Monday at Wyoming park. She selected many new books for the exchange to be held in July.

A summer reading club was also planned at this meeting. Miss Whaley urges all children from 6 to 10 years—who want to learn to play Indian—to join this reading club next week. She adds that after their summer of wonderful experience in reading they will enjoy a party. It will be fun, so come to the library, and see Miss Whaley.

Pete Jensen arrived home from Alma college last week Monday. He is working at the warehouse in Grand Rapids this summer.

Ada Merchants Softball Team Poses in New Uniforms



The Ada Merchants baseball team takes time out from their heavy game schedule to pose with their manager, Vern Faulkner and some of the umpires for their team picture.

Back row: (left to right), Herman Heemstra Larry Boersma, Bob Hand and Bruce Fase. Middle row: Shirley Ward, Allen Heemstra, Jim Heemstra, Larry Faulkner, Roger Faulkner, Faulkner, Cornie Heemstra, Mat VerHil and Herman Heemstra, Sr. Front row kneeling: Vern Faulkner, Wayne Beak, Claude DeVormer, Ronald Collins, John Systma, Stanley Osmolinski and Dave Penninga. Missing from the picture: Herman Penninga.

Carl School Group Holds Picnic, Election

The Carl school, serving residents in the Grand River Dr. area closed their school year recently with a picnic at John Ball park. A large attendance of pupils and parents were on hand for the day's events.

The two teachers, Mrs. Ellen Brown and Mrs. Doris Johnson were rehired for the next school year. Elections for the school's Mother's club have also been held with Mrs. Kenneth Simons elected as president, Mrs. Francis Grimes as vice-president, and Mrs. Lyman Wenger serving as secretary-treasurer.

The annual meeting of the Carl school board will be held Monday, June 13th at eight o'clock in the school building.

EASTMONT LADIES HOLD LAST SUMMER MEETING

The last meeting for the summer of the Ladies Missionary Society of the Eastmont Baptist church will be held today, Thursday, June 9. Mrs. Floyd Petersen, a missionary from Grand Rapids, who has spent over 30 years in Indo-China will speak about her experiences in that country.

Ladies from the Faith Baptist Church in Grand Rapids will be guests of the group.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Kappes, 1125 Patterson SE, are the parents of a baby girl, Holly, born at Butterworth hospital, May 22, weight, six pounds.

Ada to Hold Dance Saturday Night

A special dance to benefit the Ada Merchants baseball team in the acquisition of bleachers and lights for the Ada park will be held Saturday, June 11, at 8 p. m. in the Ada town hall.

Dave Saxton, in charge of arrangements, states that ticket sales are going well and plans provide for an evening of good entertainment as well as helping a worthy cause. Some fine door prizes have been donated by Ada merchants to be given away during the program.

Mrs. Blance "Ma" Loveless and her orchestra will furnish the round and square dance music for the evening, and refreshments will be served.

Tickets will be available at the door for anyone who has not obtained theirs in advance.

ADA VILLAGE STORE ADDS CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

Another business expansion was recorded in the ACE area this week when the Village Store at Ada added a complete line of infants and children's clothing to serve the younger generation in their apparel needs. According to the Saxtons, proprietors of the store, the line is very complete, from baby clothes through size 14 in both play and party wear.

So, if any of you parents need any clothes for your children, from panties to pj's, stop in the Village Store, now that the ACE area has a retail outlet for this line.

Made 2nd Lieutenant

Jim Marvin was commissioned a second lieutenant in the airforce in the Michigan State College auditorium last week Monday. He was one of 92 airforce and 162 army cadets to receive the rank in a ceremony which was part of MSC's centennial observance. Maj. Gen. R. A. Grusendorf, commanding general, headquarters 10th airforce, Selfridge Airforce base, handed out the airforce commissions. All ROTC units joined for a dress parade after the ceremony, while a formation of jet planes flew above them.

Announce Engagement of Cascade Resident

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Sullivan of Elmhurst, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet, to Terry Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil H. Turner of 6974 Cascade Rd.

Terry has just received his Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State college in the school of education, and Miss Sullivan is a sophomore at MSC, majoring in fine arts.

Miss Sullivan is a member of Chi Omega sorority, Delta Phi Delta, national art honorary sorority and has been elected to the all college board.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Peters Honored with Shower

Miss Gloria Peters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peters of Vergennes rd., was honored at a bridal shower last Friday, at the home of Miss Bonita Clark. Co-hostess was Miss Jane Standard. Many lovely and useful gifts were presented to the bride-to-be, and lovely refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Miss Peters' marriage to Thomas Harrall of Lowell will be an event of July 9, at St. Robert's Church, Ada.

FOREST HILL CLUB TO HOLD RUMMAGE SALE

The Forest Hill group of Martin school will hold a rummage sale, Tuesday, June 14 at 441 S. Division Ave. Mrs. June Bogdanick, and Mrs. Della DeLeeuw are in charge of plans for the program.

The proceeds of the sale will go towards the purchase of school equipment.

Miss Kitson Feted

Mrs. Boyd Anderson and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson attended a bridal shower given for Miss Marilyn Kitson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kitson, given by the Bostwick Lake church ladies at the church last week Tuesday evening. Ice cream and cake was served and games were the evening's diversion. Miss Kitson will be married to Harley Dryer at the Bostwick Lake church, Saturday, June 11.

All Efforts Fail To Revive Drowning Victim

All efforts of Thornapple residents and the Cascade Fire Department failed in an attempt Sunday to save the life of Richard A. Long, 29, of Grand Rapids. Mr. Long was drowned after he had saved his 15 month old son from the family car, which had rolled down a bank into 25 feet of water with the sleeping child.

Grover Fase, of 1772 Thornapple River Dr., and Walter Afton, Jr., of 1768 Thornapple River Dr., who were fishing near by at the time, recovered the body of Mr. Long.

The Cascade Fire Department was immediately notified and rushed to the scene of the accident where fire chief Sy Dykhousse administered oxygen in an attempt to revive Long. When the first tank of oxygen ran low, additional supplies were again rushed from Cascade. George Strain, of 2727 Thornapple River Drive, applied artificial respiration for more than an hour in a further attempt to revive Mr. Long.

The efforts to revive Mr. Long on the part of those present who responded so quickly and worked hard are to be commended for the job they did.

Hudsonville Educator Heads School Study

Harold S. Chambers, Hudsonville superintendent of schools, has been chosen area study coordinator by the joint boards of six Cascade-region schools interested in the possibility of a consolidated high school. Mr. Chambers was interviewed two weeks ago by the boards of Ada, Cascade, Martin, Orchard View, Collins and Murphy schools meeting at Cascade school, and last Wednesday was hired. Each district has agreed to share expenses proportionate to the number of children shown in the school census.

Mr. Chambers will work during summer vacation with the chairmen of the five study committees to complete their reports, and will then combine these in a master report in book form. He plans to have this ready in early September, and hopes to appear before a public meeting in each of the six districts then, to explain the report.

Mr. Chambers is experienced in area surveys and school studies. He is a former superintendent of Kelloggville and Godwin schools, and a Grand Rapids resident. He was minister of Cascade Christian church for a period during World War II, as well as holding his school position.

HAM DINNER AND BAZAAR PLANNED BY ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's Church of Cascade will hold an annual bazaar at the Nite Hawk Casino at Campau Lake next Sunday, June 12, featuring a ham dinner and other festivities.

According to Fr. Leo Malinowski, pastor of the church, the dinner will be served from 12 o'clock noon until five p. m.

Nancy Wykes graduated from Transylvania college Monday morning with an A. B. degree. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wykes left Saturday to drive to Lexington, Ky., for the exercises, and Barbara went down by train from Ann Arbor.

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This year, there are 192 children under five in the district, and 342 from five to twenty. There were 34 babies born during the year, a decrease of three from last year. A total of 226 families with children live in the district.

Young people fifteen years old may man the post alone, Mr. Parker states. Those from 12 to 15 may watch with an older person. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to call Mrs. Russell S. Jensen, chief observer, at GL-8-1056.

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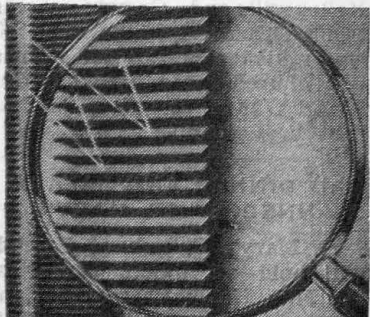
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It lay in billows and waves
It came from the lakes in the valleys
Whose vapors had risen all night;
It would vanish away with the sunrise
And all would be glorious light!
I waited a breathless moment,
Then turned to the mystical East
Where the life giving orb had arisen
And was painting the wavy ocean
With colours no artist could mix!
My heart and my soul were exalted,
I felt the presence of God
Else why had I seen so much beauty
Except I should follow his nod.
I have stood on the hilltops of Ada,
The valleys an ocean of fog
I have waited the Eastern sunrise
My soul and my heart all agog
As slowly the sun pierced the billows
And the serpentine Grand lay below.
My mood and my spirit of worship
Were like that at the dawn long ago
When I stood on that holy Mt. Fuji
And watched the white ocean below—
With its hamlets, its lakes and its temples
And rice fields row upon row.
Oh how can we bear so much beauty
Without lifting our spirits to God
In thanks for his manifold blessings
Toward our unworthy souls on this sod.

—Reese Veatch.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Rooker attended the christening of Barbara Ann, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rooker at St. Roberts church, Sunday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Haney of Grand Rapids.

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To get the drive rolling the Collapsible Tube Manufacturers Council distributed thousands of one-ounce tubes of jelly to thousands of packaging experts who were on hand to make sure they weren't missing any ways to get their products into the consumer's market basket.

Food in metal tubes—fish and meat pastes, caviar, cheese spreads, honey, catsup, mustard, mayonaise, even cream cheese, butter and coffee cream—have long been popular in Europe.

"There definitely is a place in the streamlined American way of living for foods in tubes," said Lester B. Platt, executive secretary of the Council. "In this type of packaging the foods would be ideal for making canapes and hors d'oeuvres, for school and work lunch boxes, and for picnics, hiking and camping."

Things to Come

A prefab aluminum carport, for protecting the cars of visitors to industrial plants' parking lots, will sustain a load of two tons of snow (if the visitor stays that long) ... Pills that melt, flavoring and carbonating water at the same time, are being test marketed in California ... A transparent plastic box, for buttons, fishing flies, nuts, screws and bolts, or anything else that one would have to rummage for blindly, is offered by a Wisconsin firm ... A terry cloth beach bag in a wrought iron frame will appear on New York beaches this summer ... A new glass percolator's mechanism lifts out with the grounds and leaves the container to be used for serving ... Home elevators, which once required expensive rewiring of one's home can now be had to run on house current.

Needed Volunteers

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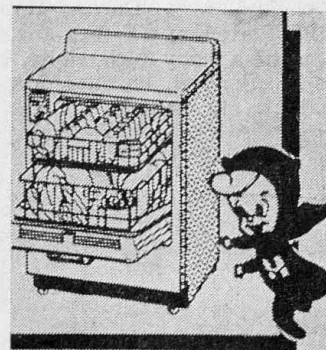
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Nancy is chairman of the get-together, with Karon Snyder chairman of the food committee, and Sylvia Dykhuizen and Roger Richards in charge of games. All Chi Rho members are invited.

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Dated September 9, 1876, signed by the "chief clerk", and addressed to the "principle clerks" in the then Quartermaster General's Office, the circular states: "The Quartermaster General desires that use be made of the type writer. The principle clerk of each branch of this office will therefore please designate some one person under his direction to take charge of a type writer, and by practice become familiar with and proficient in its use, in order that all letters, not mere forms, and products of each branch, may be printed by it."

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Dwelling permits were issued to Hugh Slater, Vern Weaver, Tony DeHaan, Grover Fase, Raymond Menser, Edward Reynolds and Marinus Stall. Also H. L. Felker, Robert Cope, Michael Kujawa, Floyd Clemans and Modern Home, Inc.

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The second form is your application for help. In it, you present the usual personal credit information and describe in detail the specific property you desire to buy or build.

POSTPONE OPEN HOUSE NEW FARM BUREAU OFFICES

Open House of the new Farm Bureau office building in Lansing that was scheduled for June 22nd has been postponed until later this summer. The construction of the building is not entirely completed and the farmers are busy.

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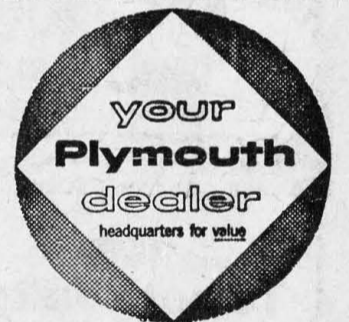
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Members of the Ada Christian School 9th grade pose with their principal, Gilbert VanSol-kema before bidding good-bye to their "alma-mater." All members of the class plan to continue their education at Grand Rapids Christian next fall. Standing (left to right,) John VanSpronsen, Mr. VanSolkema. Seated (left to right,) Sue Korhorn, Arlene Penninga and Marthene Versluys.

Ada Cascade Eastmont
— REPORTS —

Roger Tusken

Subscriptions rolled into Suburban Life at a fast rate this week, bringing the three-week total well over 200. Only two more free issues of Suburban Life remain to be given out after this week, so if you haven't already taken advantage of our special \$1.00 charter subscription, price, I urge you to do so. It's a good buy, and will keep you well informed about your community during the coming year.

We have a story on the front page this week about the trial of Shirley Swanson, and the facts covering a new trial because of errors committed by Stuart Hoffius, Kent County prosecutor. While we realize that everyone can easily make an error, Mr. Hoffius is a trained lawyer, and even during the heat of a trial, he should know better than to state that Mr. Swanson did not testify and thereby imply a guilt. I hope that he will take out his basic "Evidence" book from his law school days and brush up a bit before he tries again—for the third time.

Summer events are now beginning to fill the calendar and offer a wide variety of things to do and places to go. Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12, the Grand Rapids Riding Club will hold its 15th annual horse show at the county 4H grounds in Lowell. Anyone interested in horses and riding should plan to take in the event. There will be five performances. One Saturday at 9 a. m., 1 p. m. and 7 p. m., and on Sunday at one and 7 p. m.

Saturday, June 11, the Ada town hall will light up at 8 p. m. for a dance to benefit the Ada Merchants baseball team in their plans to acquire bleachers and lighting for the Ada park. On Sunday St. Mary's church of Cascade will hold its ham dinner and bazaar at the Nite Hawk Casino at Campau ake, from noon until 5 p. m. If you have no plans for the week-end, take in any of these events that suit your tastes, and I'm sure you will find some very friendly people on hand to welcome you.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bouris of Eastmont were Saturday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Fase.

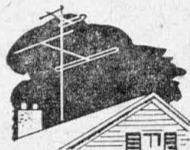
Cascade Farm Bureau will not meet in June, according to Mrs. Harold Mulder, secretary. The organization has voted to recess for the summer.

Congregational Sunday School picnic at Fallasburg park Saturday, June 11. Please be at the church at 11 a. m.

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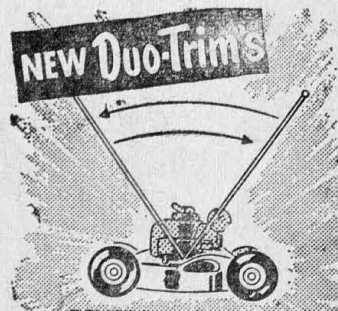
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