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The above sketch of the proposed layout for the Thornapple Lions club park project recently started is taken from a drawing prepared by the Grand Rapids Parks Division, and shows the long range planning for the park's completion. Located between Ada and Cascade on Thornapple River Drive next to the R. B. Sommerville home the plans incorporate two softball diamonds on the west end of the property, tennis courts, a basketball court, areas for shuffleboard and horseshoes, picnic and camping grounds, and a shelter house as a recreation center. Plans also include parking space for 150 cars. Work has been steadily progressing on the project, though final plans will take several years to realize. When completed, the park will serve everyone in the ACE area and offer recreational facilities that should greatly benefit everyone.

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### **Brother and Sister Will Become Marines Same Day**

MAL PARKING - 56

When a brother and sister are inducted into the same branch of the service together, it's news. Myra Jane and Terry Turner will enter the Marine Corps at a double induction ceremony July 7 at Detroit. The ceremony was arranged by corps officers last Wednesday, when Myra, in Detroit for her tests, unexpectedly met her brother at the recruiting office where he had come from Michigan State University to take the Marine Officer Candidate school tests. Each knew the other planned to enlist, but not necessary to conduct the business the date of the tests.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H .Turner will drive their daughter to Detroit for the induction, after which she will leave at once for boot camp at Parris Island, S. C. Ter-ry, who graduated from MSU June 5, will return to Camp Rotary of the Saginaw Boy Scout council, near Clare, where he is program director for the second summer. He will enter Officer Candidate school at Camp Le-Jeune, N. C., in January.

### Complete Wedding Plans

Miss Gloria Jean Peters has completed plans for her wedding to Thomas Wayne Harral. Miss Mildred Bishow will attend as

#### Ada School Board **Members Re-elected; Increase** Pay

Ada school board Monday Orville man of 5680 Grand River Dr., Summers and Orison Weaver were unanimously elected by all crash near Jamestown, Sunday. those present (11 persons) to serve another term on the school of 106 West Prairie st., Grandboard.

In other business at the meeting, board members voted to increase their pay from \$25 to \$100 annually. The \$25 yearly stipend had been in effect for many years, and all members felt that it was out of line with the work of the large Ada school.

A report was made on the financial standing of the 20 year bond issue levied in 1949. To date \$24,000 has been paid off on the \$70,000 debt incurred at that time. An additional \$21,000 is in the reserve fund and will be used in 1957 when the bonds become callable. According to John Adrianse, president of the school board, enough money from taxes will probably be on hand in 1957 to retire the entire bond issue, leaving the Ada school district debt free.

Breaks Wrist

# **James Poelman Fatally Injured**

AMPINGO

GROUND

At the annual meeting of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Poel-Ada, was fatally injured in a Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Poelman, ville, the boy's parents, have been living in Ada temoprrarily while their home underwent repairs.

The accident occurred when the cars of Thomas Caldwell, 20, of Grand Rapids and Willard Berkenpas, 24, of Byron Center, collided.

Kathleen Joy Poelman, Jame's sister, suffered a broken collarbone in the accident. The children had been riding in the Caldwell car with their cousin, Miss Cynthia Gross, 17, of Grand Rapids.

James is survived by his parents, the paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Poelman, his sister Kathleen and a brother, Stephen.

Interment was in the Chapel Hill Memorial Garden, Thursday,

MRS. BOGDANIK HOSTESS AT BABY SHOWER

Mrs. June Bogdanik, 4488 Cascade Rd., S. E., was hostess at a Casey VanBemden, Cascade baby shower Thursday, June 9,

township. Neither James, nor two companions in the car suf-

Forest Hills Development Largest in Area

The Eastmont area is rapidly developing king size growing pains. The immediate cause is a large, 223 acre, 400 lot real estate project being promoted by the Forest Hills Land Company, a locally owned stockhold-ers group of civic minded businessmen.

This project, bounded roughly by US-16 on the south, Forest Hills Road on the east, and Cascade Country Club on the west, and M-21 on the north is the largest of the higher priced home Grand Rapids area.

According to Richard D. Brooks, spokesman for the Loveless, who donated her time group, the lots will range in as orchestra leader, and to her price from \$1,700 to \$4,700, de-pending on their location in the development. The lot size will entertainment. average half an acre.

The homes will definitely be in the luxury class with the selling price starting at \$16,000. From the appearance of those already under construction, Eastmont residents can well be satisfied that this project will be a credit to the community.

A complete water system for this area is the immediate goal of the stockholders, says Brooks. Details are being discussed with the Township Board.

At present one mile of road is under construction. According to Brooks there will be approximately six miles of paved roads when the area is completed, making it a desirable location for those who love the suburban way of life along with the conveni-

tinued as usual, with plywood sheet covering the break in the wall.

The last such accident to occur at the drug store resulting in the death of a St. Joseph woman pediatrician will soon come to trial for the third time, charging Mrs. Shriley Jo Swanson of Clarksville with negligent homicide.

## **Over \$200 Cleared At Benefit Dance**

Latest reports on the benefit dance for the Ada Merchants softball team Saturday night indicate that over \$200 was cleared towards the purchase of bleachers for park, according to Verne Faulkner, team manager.

A large crowd jammed the Ada town hall dance, and over 15 developments anywhere in this door prizes were awarded to lucky ticket holders. A special mention is due Mrs. Blanche "boys" who played the round and square dances for the evening's

Dave Saxton, chairman for the event indicated that the next event to benefit the softball team may be a pancake supper some time in September.

## Veteran Ada Mail **Carrier Dies Tuesday**

Henry Penninga, passed away Tuesday morning at his Ada home, 7003 Ada Drive. He had been ill many months. Funeral services have been scheduled for Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at Ada Christian Reformed Church, Rev. B. A. VanSomeren officiating. Interment Ada cemetery.

Mr. Penninga reposes at his home, where friends may call Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

After serving as rural mail carrier on Ada Route No. 1 for

ences of the city.

maid of honor and John Gentle- man will assist the groom-to-be as best man. The wedding will be held at St. Roberts Church Saturday morning July 9, Rev. Frederick J. Voss officiating. Suburban Life Want Ads pro- duce results.	his right wrist when he fell off the barn he was helping his father to tear down, on their property.	Guests included Mrs. Warren Decker, Mrs. Wayne Eberhard, Mrs. Robert Hoover, Mrs. Find- ley Lake, Mrs. Dudendyke, Mrs. Frank Svoboda and Miss Shirley Fry.	BRIDAL SHOWERS HONOR MISS SANDRA GREEN Miss Sandra Green was honor guest at a bridal shower given by Mrs. Jean Green at her home in East Grand Rapids, with Miss Carolyn Butts co-hostess, Mon- day night, June 6. She received many lovely gifts and delicious refreshments were served.	five sons, Bernard of Grand Rap- ids, Martin, Harry and Adrian of Ada; Lt. Col. William Penninga
Form 3547 requested Form 3547 requested	Box 147, Lowell, Mich.	Butterworth hospital, June 10. Weight, 8 pounds, 3½ ozs. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert DeVries at Greenville Memorial hospital, June 11, a six pound, 10 ounce baby girl, Terri Lynn. Mrs. Webb Ward is caring for the family at their home in Green- ville. Change Picnic Date Owing to the rain last Satur- day the Congregational Sunday	a bridal shower Monday night, June 13, given by Mrs. Jack Houwerzyl and daughter at their home in Grand Rapids. She will be married to James Rooker at Ada Congregational church July 2nd. Improving Mrs. B. J. Stepek, Cascade rd., who underwent a rare and ser- ious heart operation two weeks ago at Pheladelphia Presbyterian hospital, is still insomewhat crit- ical condition, but is improving. She was able to telephone her family from the eastern hos-	





#### Honor Graduate

An outstanding student among Cascade's high school graduates this June is Barbara Heaven, who received her diploma from Ottawa Hills High school last Wednesday. Barbara was tenth scholastically in a class of 183; he was elected to the National Honor Society in her junior year, and was active in choir and dramatics with leads in the school opera and plays.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heaven hel da reception in honor of their daughter at their home on Denison dr., June 6, which was attended by fifty guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Cramton and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Morris were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Afton Sr. of Kent City.

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From Vermont Trip

**Cascade Family Returns** 

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dennett

of 2758 Orange St., SE, have

returned from a two week vaca-

in Canaan, Vermont and Cole-

brook, N. H., their original home.

through Canada on their trip

Mr. and Mrs. Dennett drove

#### Attend Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson and Daryl, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson and daughters of Grand Rapids, attended the wedding of Miss Marilyn Kitson and tion visiting relatives and friends Harley Dryer at Bostwick Lake church last Saturday evening. After a short wedding trip they will reside at Bostwick Lake.



# Ada Cascade Eastmont - REPORTS -

#### Roger Tusken

We applied for a second class mailing permit for Suburban Life last Tuesday at the Lowell Post Office. This permit is only for newspapers and magazines, and must be approved by Washington before final action can be taken on it. It did cause a little flurry among the Lowell postal officials, since the last such permit was issued in 1893, and neither the clerks nor the postmaster would admit being experienced in handling the matter before.

There are now over three hundred subscribers to Suburban Life, with more coming in every day. The next issue of the paper will be the last free copy we will send out. If you have been delaying on sending in your subscription, the time is getting shorter and I hope you take a minute soon and drop a dollar in an envelope along with the form we include in every issue. There are many important stories coming up soon, including the report on the findings of the school districts and the plans to consolidate. Suburban Life will carry the entire story, and all the others that will be about you and the people you know.

What ever happened to the "Letters to the Editor"? When the paper first started, I had three or four right after I men tioned that Suburban Life's columns were open to anyone that wanted to take the trouble to write his views. I always will welcome such letters-and I intend to print any and all of them without restriction or discrimination, as long as they violate no rules of good taste. I reserve my opinion on many matters, and I always want to print both sides of a story. So if you have something you would like to get aired, write it out, send it in and I will see that it gets in the next issue of our paper.

This past week the weather has kept most people shivering in their shoes. But it wasn't bad enough to keep a good crowd away from the dance at Ada last Saturday for the ball team's benefit, nor from the Nite Hawk Casino Sunday where St. Mary's church stuffed a great crowd with a delicious family style ham dinner. It seems that people are starting to go out again after a winter of hibernation in front of the TV set.

By the way, that is something I don't own-a TV set. And for the first time in several years I'm getting everything done that I always delayed before. I lost many hours in front of TV, and now I'm happy to listen to my radio, and do something else at the same time. I am a great ad-

vocate of a "return to radio." If any of Suburban Life's readers really like to sing, the Lowell Showboat chorus is a good place to give your lungs a work-out.

The chorus will hold its first practice Wednesday, June 22 at eight o'clock, and Orval Jessup, chorus director tells me he would be glad to welcome singers from the ACE area. Rehearsals are held at the Lowell high gym. Keep the date and the time in mind if you are interested.

Look for Suburban Life weekly to a friend.

From Prep Schools

From the preparatory schools, Steve Truog, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. Peter Truog, Thornapple River dr., returned Friday from Phillips Andover school, Andover Mass.; and Cam Steketee, a junior, was to be home Wednesday from Westminster school, Finsbury, Conn., where he was on the second football, hockey and baseball teams. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Campbell H. Steketee, Thornapple River dr.

Give your copy of Suburban Life



