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American Legion Plans Community Project

Last Wednesday evening the MacDonald-Osmer post 451 of the Cascade legion took the first step toward their dream of a club house and community park.

At the evening meeting the members voted approval on the purchase of the Walker property on Laraway Lake road. A 1.5-acre plot will be the setting for the future clubhouse which will be combined with a park and playground for the use of Cascade residents and their families. As yet no definite date has been set for work to begin.

Final Report Ready on School Consolidation

Final report in book form of the area study on school consolidation will be presented by Harold Chambers, technical advisor of the study, at Ada high school Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 8 o'clock. Board members of twelve schools have been invited; in addition, each board has been asked to bring two citizens to act as members of an advisory committee. Committee members will work with the joint boards and act as liaison between the boards and residents of their respective districts.

At Wednesday's meeting, petitions or resolutions, asking preliminary approval from the State Department of Public Instruction of a school consolidation will be offered the boards. A resolution is used when a board is unanimously in favor of seeking such approval. A petition, with signatures of ten residents of the district, is required if a board's opinion is divided.

Robert Cheney and Walter Goebel will represent Cascade School No. 4 on the advisory committee.

Eight Building Permits

August building permits in Cascade township numbered eight, seven of which were for dwellings. The commercial permit went to Hugh and Paul Slater for a service station to replace their present one on the corner of Cascade rd., and the beltline.

CHICKEN BARBECUE

At Ada Congregational Church Saturday, Sept. 10. Serving at 6 p. m. \$1.50 adults, 75c children. Reservations must be obtained in advance. Phone Ada 7-2791 or 3040.

In the first accident on the new highway, four persons were injured, one, Raymond Hendricks, 17, an ACE area resident. The accident on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock is perhaps a preview of things to come on the new super-highway. It might be well to establish a Red Cross group to handle the accidents that will no doubt occur at this dangerous intersection.

Safety Measures Planned For Children at Cascade

Various safety measures for the protection of school children attending Cascade school are being discussed by the board, states R. Dale Charters, board president.

The school officials are very much aware of the potential danger the highway represents to children who must cross. Since the tragic death last spring when one of the pupils was killed at the intersection the board has worked to find a suitable arrangement to prevent an occurrence in the future.

A temporary safety measure has been arranged with the sheriff's department for a 90-day period. According to Mr. Charters, a cruiser will patrol the stretch of highway near the school during the morning, noon and afternoon hours while the children are arriving and leaving for their homes.

Safety educational talks for the pupils will be given also. Flasher signals, as one of the permanent safety measures, is a main goal of the board.

Ada P.T.A. Coming Events

The first monthly P. T. A. meeting of the Ada Public school will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 8:00 P. M. in the school lunch room.

Mr. Gerrit Slanger, president of the Ada P. T. A. announces that the executive officers of the P. T. A. will meet Friday evening Sept. 9 at 8:00 P. M. in the Ada school to discuss activities for the coming year.

MARTIN PTA MEETS TUES.

The Martin PTA meets next week Tuesday, September 13. All members are urged to attend. An invitation is extended to parents who are not members at the present time to attend this meeting.

CASCADE FARM BUREAU

Cascade Farm Bureau will hold its first meeting since summer recess Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 8:00 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mulder, Burton st. Election of officers will be held. "Duties and Purposes of the Farm Bureau and its Members" is the discussion topic.

Crash Injures Four At Cascade Tuesday

Tuesday AM in a two-car crash at the intersection of US-16 and 28th street in Cascade, one ACE area youth and three other persons were injured, none severely.

Raymond Hendricks, 17, 2442 Thornapple River Drive suffered bruises and his passenger, David Gerow, 16, of Grand Rapids, received a laceration over the right eye when a car driven by Harold Kotesky of Grand Rapids failed to stop for the sign where the new highway joins 28th St.

The Kotesky car, southbound, hit the Hendricks vehicle as it was turning on 28th street. Mr. Kotesky suffered lacerations of the forehead and his wife, Lola, received lacerations about the mouth.

After emergency treatment at a city hospital, all were released. Both cars were extensively damaged.

ADA CHURCH PLANS BARBECUE SATURDAY

Things will be humming at the Ada Congregational Church this Saturday, September 10. A chicken barbecue is planned and a large crowd is expected to attend.

Always popular, events of this type give new comers in the area a chance to meet new friends. The members of the church are eager to show off the new addition which is practically completed and those attending the supper will have an opportunity to inspect it and give their approval.

OBITUARY

Funeral services for Mrs. Richard Upton, aged 70, of Portland were held Friday, Sept. 2. Mrs. Upton, who died suddenly Tuesday, August 30, was the sister of Mr. M. W. VanStrien, Cascade rd. Mr. and Mrs. VanStrien attended the funeral held in Portland.

SUNSHINE COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS SEPTEMBER 13

The Sunshine Community Club meets September 13 at the home of Mrs. Elsie Wride on Forest Hills road. A potluck lunch will be served at 1:00 p. m.

Polio Vaccine For Cascade No. 4 Scheduled

The following important information from the Co. Health Department was received by Cascade School No. 4. A polio vaccine makeup clinic for grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 only will be held in the Grand Rapids City Hall basement on the next three Saturday mornings, from 9 until 11 A. M. These clinics are for the following two groups of children only.

No. 1. Children who received the polio vaccine in 1954 are now due to receive a booster shot.

No. 2 Children who received only one polio vaccine shot in school clinic this year.

To prevent overcrowding of any one clinic, it is necessary to restrict admission on the alphabetical basis of last names: Following are the dates Cascade No. 4 children are eligible: Sept. 10, A thru F; Sept. 17, G thru N; Sept. 24, O thru Z.

Any parents who wish further clarification on the clinic may call Mrs. James Banta, Cascade School Health Dept., CH1-4266, or they can contact the County Health Department.

Cub Scouts Meet

September 22 is the date for a pack meeting of the Cub Scouts and their parents from the Ada, Martin, Collins, Cascade packs. Cub Master Tommy Ray will be in charge of the meeting. According to Mr. Ray, the need for more dens is becoming urgent and possibilities for interested parents to become active in Cub Scout work are very good at the present time.

MR. AND MRS. POULSON LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. E. Poulson spent the past week at the home of Mrs. Poulson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glen E. Thompson, 4251 Cascade Road.

September 1 the Poulsons left for Berkeley, Calif. They plan a leisurely trip, stopping at points of interest along the way.

Mr. Poulson plans to attend the University of California while Mrs. Poulson will be a medical technologist in Kinney Hospital at Berkeley.

Miss Mellema Wed August 12

August 12, 1955 at 8:00 in the evening wedding vows were spoken by Miss Janice Mellema and Ted Berkompas in the Christian Reformed church of Rudard, Michigan.

The church was decorated with candelabra and two large bouquets of gladioli.

The bride wore a skinner satin gown, princess style, with a partial train and lace fitted jacket. Her finger-tip veil was fastened to a tiara of pearls and rhinestones. She carried a bouquet of white pom-poms and carnations.

Miss Janet Berkompas, sister of the groom, was Maid of Honor. Miss Doris Mellema, Kingston, Ontario, and sister of the bride was the bridesmaid. Both wore light blue gowns with bodices of lace over taffeta and skirts with net over taffeta. Their headpieces were bands of blue flowers. They carried colonial bouquets of small white pom-poms and pink roses.

Janice and JoAnn Postma were flower girls. Dressed in pink, they wore pink headpieces similar to those of the other attendants.

The groom and his attendants wore dark business suits. Howard Berkompas of Rudyard, brother of the groom was best man, Edward Berkompas and Sherman Postema served as ushers.

The bride's mother chose a light blue linen suit and wore a corsage of pink roses. The groom's mother wore a print dress of navy blue with a corsage of yellow roses.

Rev. Dirk Mellema, Kingston, Ontario, the bride's father gave his daughter in marriage and also performed the ceremony with the assistance of Rev. Martin Stegink of Rudyard.

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COMING EVENT

Ada Lodge No. 280, F. & A. M. will confer E. A. degree on Friday, September 16 at 7:30 P. M.

VJ Day Services Held Friday



Lloyd Sellers, department sergeant-at-arms and past district committeeman of the Fifth District, American Legion and Cascade Supervisor Gerrit Baker were speakers at the V-J Day celebration Friday evening, Sept. 2 at the Cascade War Memorial conducted by MacDonald-Osmer post 451, of the legion.

While a full moon shone, and deputy sheriffs directed traffic the people of Cascade watched as Adjutant Lyle Dykhuizen introduced Mr. and Mrs. Rue Osmer, parents of Curtis Osmer, who lost his life in the Korean war, and for whom the post is jointly named.

Commander Wilmot Blain wel-

comed the spectators. George Richardson of the Old Kent post 830, VFW, sang a solo, "Sleep Soldier". Valley City post Drum and Bugle Corps played.

Mr. Sellers described the blood-bank maintained by the legion for all legionaires and their families. Mr. Baker paid tribute to the war dead, and to all those who had been in service, and thanked the Cascade post for its many contributions to the community.

Rev. Herbert C. Barnard pastor of Cascade Christian church, gave the benediction, and the Daniel Cassard post drill team conducted the ceremony of lowering the colors.

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CASCADE CHRISTIAN YOUTH PLAN RETREAT

Christian Youth Fellowship of Cascade Christian church will hold an overnight planning retreat Friday and Saturday, Sept. 9 and 10 on the Thornapple River. Twenty Senior High-age young people will attend. Chaperones will be Mr. and Mrs. Dale Charters, group sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Breidenfeld and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Oatman.

A campfire Friday evening, swimming if weather permits, and recreation are planned. Saturday, a planning session on Study and Worship will be led by Rev. and Mrs. Herbert C. Barnard; on Service and Enrollment, by Mr. and Mrs. Charters, and Recreation, Mr. and Mrs. Breidenfeld.

First regular weekly meeting of the group will be Sunday, Sept. 18. Lee Norton is CYF president.

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Death Claims Last of Pioneer Area Family

With the death of Mrs. Katie M. Smith, 72, last Tuesday night, the Ada-Cascade area has lost the last member of a family which had lived in Kent County just over 100 years, and in Ada and Cascade townships since about 1869.

Mrs. Smith's father, John Smith, could have been the model for an American success story. He was born in New York state in 1852, of parents who came there from Germany in 1840, and to Michigan in 1854, settling in Lowell township.

John Smith grew up on the farm, and went to a country school. Selling an old silver watch, he set himself up as a cooper (his father's trade) on the proceeds, working in Lyons one year, and Ada, eight. Next he went into butchering, and incidentally learned the leather trade.

He then had a drugstore in Ada with James Bristol, but soon left to start a general store next door, on the main street, where the Ada Hardware store now is. He ran a harness shop and stitched leather good in the room at the rear. The store was headquarters for the public telephone about 1900.

In 1894 he became a partner in Parker and Smith Roller Mills, on the Thornapple River above the Ada dam. The mills had a capacity of 75 barrels of flour a day. He owned an 87-acre farm on Buttrick rd., and much property in Ada by 1900. According to Bowen's "City of Grand Rapids and Kent County Up to Date", of that year, "No man in the township is more respected than John Smith."

He married Irish-born Rosa A. Brakey in 1869. Their two children, Nellie and Katie, grew up in Ada, and were an essential part of the community all their lives. This was in spite of the fact that Katie lived in Cascade and Grand Rapids for some years.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Ada Masonic Lodge, and with his wife and daughters, of Vesta Chapter 202, Eastern Star. Nellie Smith was active in the chapter all her life, clerked in her father's store, and was superintendent of the Congregational church Sunday School for uncounted years. See was highly respected.

Katie Smith moved onto her father's farm in the 1930's, and single-handed took care of a garden, chickens, and a flock of sheep, occupations she thoroughly enjoyed. She moved to Ada to be near her elder sister a decade later, when the later's life was ending. Katie's health began to weaken six years ago, and she rarely left her home.

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As large as any in the world, Michigan's salt beds provide the source for all the salt used in this area. The great deposits, which underlie almost all of the southern peninsula of Michigan, are known to reach a thickness of over 600 feet in some places.

Commenting on the origin of these beds, the geologist explains that about 300 million years ago there was a great desert here, something like the region around Great Salt Lake today. This was formed by the drying of a great sea which once covered the desert. During the drying process, salt was precipitated through excessive evaporation, while a small trickle of sea water coming into the Michigan rock basin through a shallow ocean channel, renewed the supply of brine. This along with a certain amount of slow subsidence of the rocks, brought about the enormous thickness of salt found in many places.

Her last two years were spent in a hospital and rest homes.

A very pretty, warm-hearted girl and attractive woman, Katie Smith had an exceptional number of loving and faithful friends. Boys who cut her lawn could always expect a handful of cookies. She was generous with help and advice, had a lively sense of humor, and an engaging way of laughing at herself.

At her own request, she was buried wearing her fifty-year Eastern Star pin. The only surviving relative of her generation is a cousin, Mrs. W. D. Carpenter of Harbor Springs. Other survivors are her second cousin, Miss Edith Carpenter and Jack Duggen of Battle Creek.

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Change Meeting

The Planning Retreat of Cascade Christian church Functional Committees scheduled for all day Saturday, Sept. 17 at Caledonia Park, has been changed to a Planning Meeting Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18, at 2 o'clock, at the church. Contrary to the original plan, this will not be a family affair. Purpose of the meeting is to formulate and initiate plans for the year's activities.

Change Weather to Test Waxes and Polishes

Perhaps the world's fastest weather changes take place in the basement of the Johnson Wax plant in Racine, Wisconsin. With the flick of a switch, the temperature can be raised from a numbing 80 degrees below zero to 140 degrees above.

It is all a part of the company's product-testing procedure. A dozen small rooms line a passageway. In them can be simulated the extremes of weather conditions that company products might encounter in any part of the world. The rooms have massive doors and small thick windows through which chemists can observe changes in floor waxes and furniture polishes, car waxes and industrial lubricants which might be caused by heat, cold, humidity or dehydration. Sunshine can be produced one minute, rain the next. Even the ocean is trapped in a salt-spray cabinet.

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News of Our Servicemen

Jack A. Alexander of Ada who is now serving in Metz, France, has been promoted to Pfc. after 7 1/2 months of service as a Pvt.

Wall Sags Again

The east basement wall of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Slater's house on 28th st., now under construction, sagged again after shoring was applied following last week's downpour. Four more braces were applied until a bulldozer could secure the foundations on Tuesday.

The Gerrit Doll family of Grand Rapids were guests Sunday at the M. W. VanStrien home on Cascade rd.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Edward DeWitt, Cascade rd., spent the day at Deer Forest near Coloma last Sunday.

The choir of Cascade Christian church will hold its first rehearsal tonight (Thursday) at 7:00 o'clock at the church.

MISS MELLEMA WEDS

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A reception in the Roosevelt Community Hall was attended by 250 guests. Among the out of town guests were: Misses Carol and Adeline Veen, Grand Rapids, aunts of the bride, who poured at the reception, Mr. and Mrs. L. VanderStelt, Muskegon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Glaser, Carrie and Tom, East Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Paap and Ken, Ada, Mr. and Mrs. Arie VanEek and Calvin, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred DeWitt of Grand Rapids and Miss Audrey Mellema, Grand Rapids, sister of the bride who arrived by private plane minutes before the ceremony began.

The couple left on a Northern honeymoon and now reside at 7322 Thornapple River Drive, Ada. Mrs. Berkompas will be in charge of the primary grades at Ada Christian while Mr. Berkompas plans to continue his education at Calvin College.

Cascade Locals

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Turner, Cascade rd., took a three-day canoe trip up the Thornapple River over the Labor Day weekend, reaching a spot above the dam at LaBarge. Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson accompanied them in their canoe. They camped nights, caught small-mouthed bass, and were a source of inquiry to all observers. Fast water between Laarge and Alaska was pleasantly exciting.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore, Susan and Mike, 19 months, former residents of Ada township, now of Traverse City, were week-end guests of the Campbell H. Steketee family, Thornapple River dr.

Christian Men's Fellowship will hold a supper meeting Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Cascade Christian church. All men of the church and community are invited. Organization of the group will take place after the meal, to be served by the Cradle Roll Guild. Lee Patterson is in charge of the meeting.

Girl Scouts Wendy Littlefair and Sandy Steketee went on the girl scouts' annual one-week canoe trip down the Au Sable River last month.

Grandpa Isn't Foolin'; "Good Old Days" Were Mighty Rugged Ones

Grandpa isn't just spinning yarns when he talks about "my rugged days in school." Fact is, according to Michigan Department of Health records, young folks can thank their lucky charms that it's 1955, not 1900.

You see, back a half century ago, about one death out of every three was someone 15 years of age or younger.

Diseases going around at the turn of the century often meant much more than a few days out of class. Diphtheria, for one example, hit 2,706 Michigan people in 1900, compared with only 57 new cases reported in the state last year. Measles and whooping cough combined killed 550 in 1900 but took only 34 Michigan lives in 1954.

Sanitation, immunization and modern treatment methods are given the credit for cornering the ails, but no communicable disease can be counted completely out. Most of the diseases, may be merely marking time, waiting for the pressure to let up. One of the worst hazards is complacency. The rugged days of Grandpa's youth may never return. But if the one-time communicable disease killers should slip back to power, they could make rough going for generations now in Michigan classrooms.

Boy Scout News

Boy Scouts of Cascade-Martin troop 334 hope for a good turnout of parents Monday evening at 7 o'clock at Cascade Town Hall, to plan a family week end camp-out at Chief Noonday Camp, at Yankee Springs, Sept. 16 to 18. Troop fathers have camped with their sons the last two years, with such enjoyment to both generations that they want to extend it to entire families. The plan is practical because the camp furnishes everything but food and bedrolls.

Dump Problem

Residents of Cascade township on Hall st. have petitioned the township board to close the town dump, on the plea that it is a nuisance, and that it devalues their property.

Humility leads to strength. It is the highest form of self respect to admit mistakes, and make amends for them.

NEW SUPER STATION UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Work started September 2 on the new super service station being build by Hugh and Paul Slater. The building, 28x44 ft., is modern in design, with porcelain walls. It will occupy a site northwest of the present station, facing the corner of US16 and the south beltline. There will be 200 feet of frontage on each road.

Curb cuts from the roads are already in, the State Highway department and Socony-Vacuum Co. co-operating in the installation. The area around the pumps, and the drives will be bituminous concrete. Extensive filling, 10 ft. in places, was necessary to level the site.

The present cement block building will be torn down in a month, while the frame building will remain as long as possible. Completion of the station is due Dec. 6th.

The corner on which the station will stand has been in the Slater family since 1879, when Hugh Slater's grandfather, Geo., a native of London, England, became the owner. The present station was build by Hugh's father, Richard, and the latter's brother-in-law, Bernie Storm, in the twenties, and was the first gas station to be built in the village. Previously there was only a pump at the store.

A wedding is a ceremony at which a man loses complete control of himself.

Drive-In Services Will Extend Through Sept.

Drive-in services at the Snow Methodist Church will be continued through September, it has been announced by Carl Haddan, president of the Methodist Men, sponsors of the outdoor church. This is to give an opportunity to those who have been away during the summer months to come and enjoy these fine services.

This Sunday night at 7:30 another musical program, featuring both vocal and instrumental selections, has been planned.

Snow Drive-In Church is but a short drive from Lowell, West on Grand River Drive, then south to Snow Avenue.

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