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## Two Robberies In ACE Area

Burglars were busy in the ACE area last week end. Two service stations, Coopers on M-21 near Ada, and Bakers station in Cascade village, were entered in the wee hours of Friday night or early Saturday morning. Over \$200 was taken from both establishments.

Taking advantage of the "black-out" in the Ada area, caused by necessary repairs in the area's power system, the culprit(s) broke a rear window in Cooper's station. According to James Cooper Jr., between \$75 and \$100 was missing. The sheriff's department is conducting an investigation.

Between 9:30 Friday evening when the station closed and 2:15 Saturday morning when the sheriff's department made its rounds of Cascade business establishments, Baker's service station was robbed of \$140. The deputy making the rounds noticed a rear window of the station open.

The cash box from the Cascade burglary was found on 36th St. by Robert McComb, 8625 36th St. Returning from work about 5:30 a. m. McComb noticed the box lying near US-16. The money was missing although papers in the box were undisturbed.

According to Bud Baker, owner of the station, the rear window was forced open and marks were visible both on the outside and inside walls where the entry was made. The power was uninterrupted in the Cascade area.

## Two Persons Injured in Three Car Crash Monday

Two persons were injured in a crash involving three vehicles at the intersection of Forrest Hills and US16 this past Monday at 3 p.m. Fred L. Pleune, 76 and his wife, 75, were taken to Butterworth hospital with chest injuries.

The accident occurred when a county road commission pick-up truck struck the Pleune vehicle as it was entering the intersection. The truck, driven by Orville J. Bowman, Grand Rapids, spun around from the impact and struck the second car, driven by Marvin VanderLinde, Burton st., who was waiting at the stop sign south of US-16 on Forrest Hills. Neither Bowman nor VanderLinde were injured.

## Buckley's TV Shop At New Location

The new headquarters for Buckley's TV and Appliance Service is just about completed. Located in the basement of the Thornapple Hardware, the shop is now open to the public. F. Jay Buckley, the proprietor, put in many hours of carpentry work and painting, readying the shop for better service. Finished in green and yellow, with new shelves for spare parts, the shop is a cheery place to wait while your set or small appliance is being repaired.

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### Teaching

Terry Turner is on the teaching staff at M. S. U. for the fall quarter, after which he will enter the Marine Corps. He teaches Advanced Swimming and Administrative Camping, and takes 13 hours of classwork.

## Ada Township Board Reports Road Progress

The Ada township board held their monthly meeting Saturday, October. The road program in Ada township is one of the biggest in this area.

McCabe rd. from the William Meyers property to the Cannon township line has been graded and graveled. The blacktopping has been completed on Knapp rd. from Egypt Valley rd. to Honey Creek rd. A dangerous turn on this stretch has been eliminated.

Leonard rd. has been lengthened for a one mile stretch from Rourke to Cramton. Formerly an impassable trail, the improvement has already caused requests to the township for building permits. A half mile of blacktopping has been completed on Vergennes rd. and Jasper st. in Ada village has been blacktopped. Jasper runs for one block from Rix to the Christian school.

Building permits for the last two months totaled \$80,350 in Ada township, according to Mrs. Arthur Loveless, township clerk.

## Legion Gives Flag To Scout Den

Last Saturday the boys of Mrs. Russell Jensen's Cub Scout Den Four, Pack 3284, were surprised during their weekly meeting with a visit from Edward (Bud) Baker, Sergeant-at-Arms of McDonald-Osmer Post 451 American Legion.

On behalf of this Post Mr. Baker presented to the boys a 3 x 6 American flag and pole and told them of the many fine traditions the flag represents to the American people, and a little of its history. He stressed that Scout training helps to prepare boys to be the leaders of tomorrow who will govern the country.

Since this is a newly formed Cub Scout Den the boys were very grateful to receive the flag.

### Symbol of Our Country

Before presenting the flag in the name of the MacDonald-Osmer post, Baker informed the scouts that "This flag is a symbol of our great country. It has proudly flown over battlefields and has never in any way been disgraced. It stands for men of all religions and creeds, standing together and fighting for the things they believe in."

"I present this flag to you, knowing that every time you see it you will think of the great traditions it stands for, and thank God you live in such a wonderful country, and also thank Him for helping our ancestors make this the greatest country in the world."

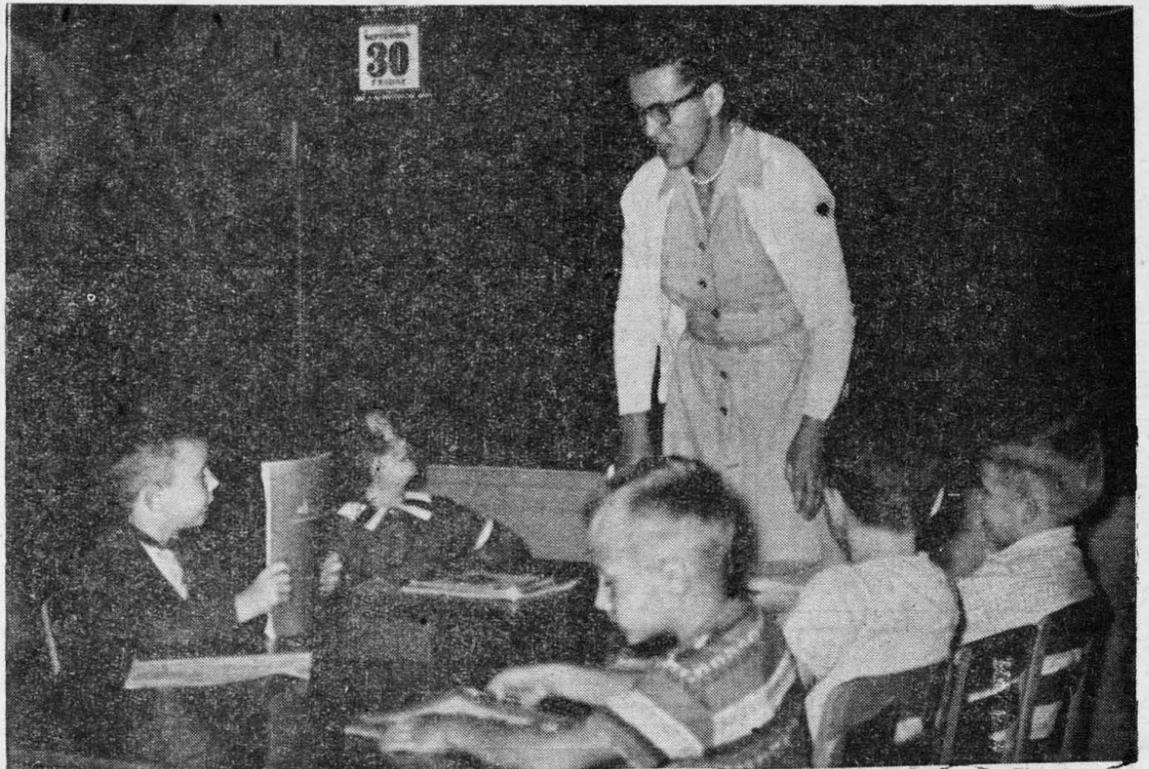
## SQUARE DANCE TO BE HELD AT MARTIN SCHOOL

Tuesday, Oct. 4, the Kent County Council met at the Newhall B School for a general meeting, luncheon and conferences with the county schools P. T. A. presidents, program and home-room chairmen. Members attending from the Martin school P. T. A. were Mrs. Dorothy Byerly, President; Mrs. Joan Rogers, homeroom chairman and Mrs. Jan Bowie, program chairman.

Don't forget the date Oct. 8., there will be a square and round dance at Martin school. Time 9:00 p. m. to 12:30. Tickets are available at the door. Caller Art Gunton.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Summers, Fase St., Ada., spent the past weekend in Chicago with their two children, Larry and Judi. Occasion was the 16th wedding anniversary of the Summers. Hotel reservations were obtained in advance.

## Program At Carl School Emphasizes Good Citizenship



At Carl school Mrs. Doris L. Johnson and Mrs. Ellen Brown make up the teaching staff. Stressing a good foundation in elementary education, the teachers also realize the value of sports and student participation in the curriculum. Believing in the old adage, "all work and no play, etc.," the students class work is enlivened by field trips, scrapbook collections and student organizations. Upper photo shows Mrs. Johnson with some of her primary class. Part of Mrs. Brown's class is in the lower photo.

Mrs. Doris Johnson, in charge of the first three grades at Carl school is planning, besides the usual basic studies for primary grades several interesting projects for the school season.

The beginners are busily engaged in learning nursery rhymes. A believer in the "learn by doing method", Mrs. Johnson's pupils will

make cutouts of the nursery rhyme characters and paste them on charts. Competition will be keen as the beginners vie for the best looking chart.

A wintertime indoor garden is also planned with carrot tops and sweet potatoes being raised in the classroom.

Grasshoppers, butterflies, a praying mantis and a caterpillar were brought to class by the children. These insects were then studied carefully and Mrs. Johnson read to the pupils about the life and various stages which the insects pass through.

When the leaves begin to turn in the next few days a leaf collection is planned. The classroom will be very colorful with the many hued leaves in their autumn glory tacked to the walls.

Grades 1 and 2 are engaged in a Health Study. Personal cleanliness, proper foods, the importance of sleep and other rules necessary for growing youngsters are being stressed.

This semester is the second year for Mrs. Johnson at Carl school.

Mrs. Ellen Brown, teacher of the upper grades at Carl, stresses the necessity of a good foundation for future high school studies. Preparing her students for the next step in their education is her main goal.

All is not work, however, Hal-

lowe'n and Christmas parties are a yearly occurrence for her charges. This year also, softball teams have been organized and competitive games are played between Carl, Collins and Atwater. The parents have shown an interest in the games and the young stars have a regular fan club, following each game with interest.

Every month a field trip is the custom for Mrs. Brown's classes. Last year they visited the maple syrup festival, a dairy the Grand Rapids Press and the Public Library. This years plans are being made for a visit to a court trial.

A Citizens Club has been formed this year and the following officers were elected:

President, Don Dietz, 1st vice president, Bernadine Balcerzak; 2nd vice president, Sharon Bottrall and secretary, Roger Grimes. Other leaders are, Linda Grimes, song leader; Bob Perrin, flag bearer; Chuckle Simons and Carmen Pugliese, color bearers. On the entertainment committee are Tommy Bottrall, Don Stites, Chester Grocheski and Marvin Dietz.

Purpose of the club is to develop citizenship and parts of American history are acted out by the members.

## Tri-Cee's To Hold Harvest Dinner

The Tri Cees of the Cascade Christian Church are busily engaged in making last minute arrangements for the annual Harvest Dinner to be held, Oct. 12. This year it will be held in the Cascade school and a turkey dinner with all the trimmings is being planned.

According to reports from "customers" of previous dinners the event is well worth attending and there will be no shortage of food. Those interested in a good meal and the chance to meet old friends and discover new ones can call Foster Bishop at GL 10000 for their tickets.

### Enters Seminary

Garland Griffith, Jr., Kraft ave., is a seminarian at St. Joseph's Seminary, Grand Rapids, Catholic training school for secular priests for the Diocese of Grand Rapids.

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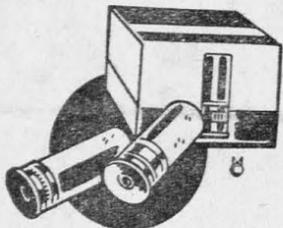


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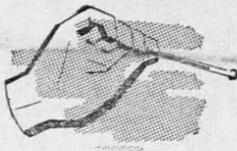
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## Open Letter

What has happened to the community spirit in Cascade? Where is the old good neighbor policy and the evidence of the Golden Rule? These were three very important factors in the building of this great and powerful land of ours. . . .

Today this spirit is still in evidence and is accomplishing a great many things in every community except Cascade. . . .

A few years ago Cascade was offered 13 acres of land to be used as a playground for the children of the community. This was a very valuable piece of property. . . . Within two years of the time the proposition was turned down, this property earned over 5 times the amount asked for it.

I thought Cascade had learned a lesson by that example. . . . Recently the MacDonald-Osmer Post 451 of the American Legion purchased a 15 acre tract on Laraway Lake rd. . . . to provide a picnic ground and playgrounds for any group or individuals in the community who wished to use it. The meeting house. . . . could be used by any organization in the community for parties, dances, etc. . . . The Post discovered they had more land than they needed, so they offered the various Scout groups. . . . land for their own use. The Post agreed to give the Scouts a 99 year lease on that portion of the property.

Now I think this was a very generous offer on the part of the MacDonald-Osmer Post, of which I am proud to be a member. A certain few met with the zoning board and worked day and night to see that the Post could not use this property for the purpose for which it was intended. These few complained about excessive partying and drinking. . . . We agreed to put in the contract that we never intend to apply for a club license or grant permission to sell alcoholic beverages on the property. The few also complained about excessive traffic on "their road" but claimed the property could be platted into a residential area. Now I ask you; what would create more traffic; one social building holding meetings twice a month or a group of 60 or 70 new homes? . . . .

When we first contacted the people living within 1000 feet of our property we were well received and obtained the signatures of 100% of the residents, but when the few finished. . . . we did not have very much support. As I said before, what has happened to the community spirit? Must we all suffer and do without. . . . because of a few?

Well, at least you have the story, so you people in the community know that the MacDonald-Osmer Post 451 is trying it's best to help the community get some of the things they so badly need. . . . the few are still out to take care of themselves alone.

Signed  
L. Dykhuizen, Adjt.  
McDonald-Osmer Post 451

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Marks attended the football game at Ann Arbor Saturday.

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## Need Volunteers For GOC Corps

Citizens of Ada, Cascade and Eastmont have the opportunity to enroll in the volunteer Ground Observer Corps and help defend their country right here in this area.

C. Hollis Parker, supervisor of the Thornapple Valley GOC post urges every citizen who wants to do his part to call either GL 13370 or GL 81056.

Parker states that "We cannot do our job effectively unless we have enough observers to keep our post operating around the clock." The ACE area is still lagging behind in this important duty and many volunteers are needed.

The ground observers "work hand in hand with radar to keep the skies over our nation under constant surveillance. We are part of a team—a team that may well prove to be the most important team in history, the air-defense team", stated Parker. He pointed out that pilots of our fighter interceptors can't do their job effectively unless there are enough fully trained, active volunteers at every observation post.

## TOM CAREW ENJOYS EIGHTH BIRTHDAY

A party was given for Tom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Carew, 5504 Ada dr., on Saturday, Oct. 1st in honor of his 8th birthday. Those attending were Mary Ann Somerville, Norma Wride, Judy Carew, Stephen Steketee, Russell Salisbury, Jimmy Lyons, Melissa Kruer, Michael Fuller, Karen Fryover, Janet Carew, Janet Engen, Linda and Delra Carew, Margaret and Patty Albee.

After games were played everyone enjoyed a Davy Crockett decorated birthday cake, ice cream and punch.

Miss Judy Carew helped Mrs. Albee and Mrs. Carew with the games. A good time was had by all. Lon Averill of Bailey dr., who entered Butterworth hospital last week Tuesday is still on the critical list.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Chaffee and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tronson and family of Howard City spent last Sunday with their parents Mr. and Mrs. George Chaffee in honor of their father's 74th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Bruenkool and children were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Wilcox of Clarksville.

## Honey Creek News

Mrs. Leona Hunt

### Farm Bureau Meets

The recent meeting of Honey Creek Farm Bureau was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Verlin on 4-Mile Road.

Election of officers for the coming year follows: Chairman, Neil Vander Perle, vice chairman, James Gahen; secretary, Mrs. Margaret Verlin, minute man, Al Thomet; discussion leader, Imogene Gates; assistant discussion leader, Fannie Thomet; recreation leader, Alice Anderson; women's committee, Lettie Bolt; Blue Cross secretary, Fannie Thomet.

Next meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Hessel on 5-Mile rd. October 21.

Sincerely sorry to hear our neighbor Frank Hicock is ill in Butterworth hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Potter and daughter Karen Jean and son Donald W. of Royal Oak spent the week end at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Russ.

Mrs. Geo. Russ entertained her mother-in-law, Mrs. Russ Sr., with a bridge luncheon Monday. Present were Mrs. Maxine Rich, Mrs. Lyle Norwood, Mrs. Joan Burgess and Mrs. Max Panney of Ada and Mrs. Arthur Niblick and Mrs. Friend Grimes of Grand Rapids.

Coffee Cup will hold their next meeting at the home of Mrs. Helen Brown on Honey Creek, October 13.

Mrs. Hammer is taking her room on a visit to Grand Rapids museum next Wednesday afternoon.

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# Supplement To Suburban LIFE

## Cascade Church Plans Observance Of 75th Year

The 75th anniversary of Cascade Christian church building will be observed Sunday afternoon at the church with a commemorative service at 2:30 p.m., followed by refreshments in the church social rooms.

The church was organized in 1865 with sixteen members, the Alfred Stows, who provided ten of them, the Lowreys, four and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Henshaw. They met in a log schoolhouse on 28th street and Kraft ave., and a site next to the school was favored by many members fifteen years later when the congregation was ready to build.

But George S. Richardson gave a lot on his addition in the village, and the church was completed there October 8, 1880. Later when a carriage shed was needed, he gave a half lot more.

The shed, at the back of the lots, was pulled down about 1920. Most changes to the building, however, have been additions, such as the basement and furnace in 1916, and the kitchen wing later. One unplanned change was the new, larger windows, put in after a car came down the 28th st. hill out of control and knocked in the stone wall, in the thirties. Future plans include an educational building to be used also as a community center in the spring.

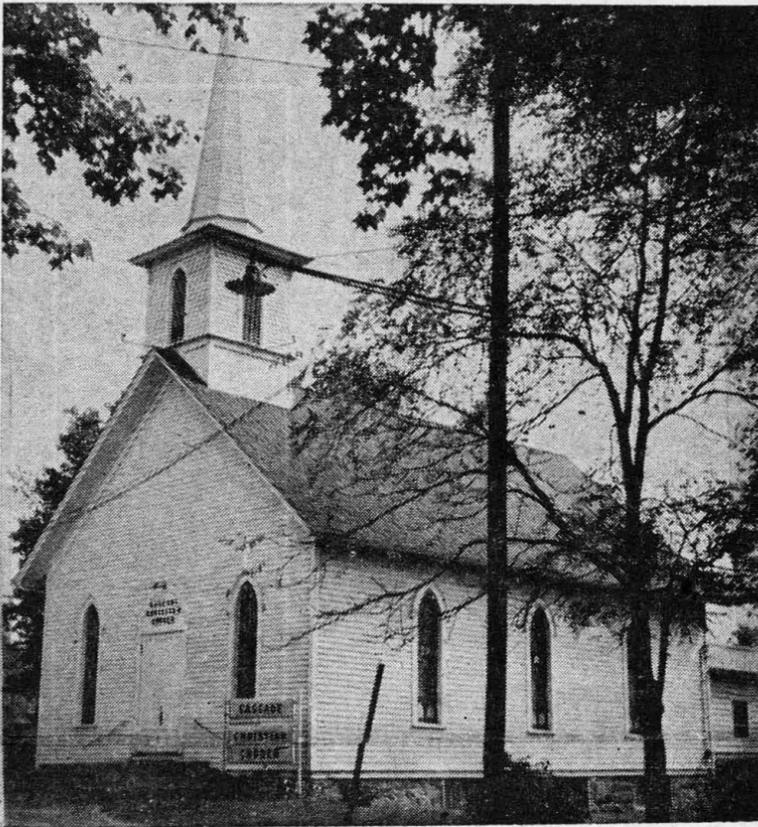
Sunday's occasion is planned as a homecoming for former members, and friends of the area. Mrs. Perry Denison, Mrs. Rue Osmer and High Slater will welcome the guests. Mrs. W. Lester Johnson, church historian, is chairman of the anniversary committee and has collected material for a brief history to be read at the service. Mrs. Glenn Marvin is in charge of the service, Mrs. Martin Vanderveen, of refreshments, Mrs. Ray Jarvi, decorations and Mrs. Milton Heaven, invitations.

CYF of Cascade Christian church will celebrate the building's sesquicentennial with an all-games party at the church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Recreation is in charge of Barbara Kelley, Carole Sawyer, and Dick Oatman. There will be refreshments. All high school students of the area are invited.

### New Phone Number

Cascade correspondent's new telephone number is GL-8-5570. This is a private line, long on order, which will no doubt be a great relief to the sharers of the former 10 party line. Mrs. Wykes wants to express her thanks to them all for their forbearance, courtesy and patience. It could not have been a nicer line.

## Church Celebrates 75th Anniversary



The 75th anniversary of Cascade Christian Church will be observed Sunday, October 9. Organized in 1865, the present building was completed in 1880. The steeple, seen from 28th st. hill, has caused many tourists to stop for a few moments at the church and admire its classic lines.

### DON'T GIVE FIRE A CHANCE TO START

October 9-15 is Fire Prevention week. The slogan this year is "Don't Give Fire a Chance to Start". Cascade Fire Chief Sybrant Dykhouse asks householders to inspect and clean their heating equipment, its flue and chimney.

Firemen are also concerned over the number of children killed by fire.

"Don't leave children home alone, even for a few minutes," Chief Dykhouse counsels; "Over 300 unattended children were killed by fire in the United States last year. Discuss with your family and your baby-sitter what to do in case of fire."

Number one cause of fire is smoking, and careless use of matches.

### ASK JUSTICE TO MOVE BUSINESS OFFICE

C. M. White, Cascade's one acting Justice of the Peace, who holds court in his 44th st. home has been asked to find a more accessible location by State Police and the sheriff's department. The township board Monday granted Justice White permission to use the fire station two or three days a week, rather than the town hall, which is not always heated.

### Cascade Women's Book To Be Published Tues.

Publication date of "The Lady and the Looking-Glass", a novel by Mrs. Frederic K. Wykes, Thornapple River dr., is October 11. A Grand Rapids bookstore has planned an Autograph Party on that date, and has asked Mrs. Wykes to be present all day to meet interested people and to autograph copies of her book.

The novel has a local setting that which has a local setting which will be recognizable to readers of the area. The characters are imaginary. The title has a double meaning: The Looking-Glass is a river, and also a symbol of the restricted image of life seen by a completely egocentric woman.

The book, for adult readers, is Mrs. Wykes' second work of fiction to be published. The first, "Wings in the Sun" was written in 1941 for young people, and illustrated by her artist husband. Cascade school library has a copy, presented by the author.

### Four Building Permits

Cascade township issued four building permits in September, all for dwellings. They were to William Hakeem, Wilbur Schram, Bernard Schaaf and MacDonald-Osmer Post 451, American Legion.

## Busy Meeting of Cascade Town Board

Cascade township board had an exceptionally busy meeting Monday night at the town hall. The American Legion has asked the township to have an Appeal Board set up, to hear an appeal from the decision of the township zoning board, given at a hearing September 24, that the Legion should circulate a new petition to rezone the Legion property on Laraway Lake dr. from residential to commercial.

An Appeal Board consists of a member of the township board, the chairman of the township zoning board, and a third member to be chosen by the other two. The town board Monday night appointed William Venneman as its representative. Vernor Lynn is chairman of the zoning board. The third member has not yet been chosen. The board's appointment stops all action on use of the property, including injunctions.

A Grand Rapids businessman appeared before the town board to ask the township to buy ground and build a factory for a die-casting he would operate. The proposition was declined as the board felt the township was in no position to finance such a project.

The board has postponed closing the Hall st. dump until the next board meeting, and is looking for a new location.

### Busy Stork

Mr. and Mrs. John Heegaard, Goodwood dr., are the parents of a baby boy, John Christian, Jr., born September 21 at Blodgett hospital, weight 8 lb. 2 oz.

A baby daughter, Carla Helen, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kerekas, Thornapple River dr. Saturday at Butterworth hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Swagman, Thornapple River dr., have a little girl Cheryl Ann, born Saturday at Butterworth hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Folkert, Keosauqua, Ia., tell the birth of a son, Philip Robert, September 28, with a weight of 8 lb., 13 oz. Mrs. Folkert is the former Genevieve Seeley.

Mrs. Jacob Postema, Hall st., was scheduled to come home after an operation last Wednesday at Blodgett hospital.

The Tri-Cees of Cascade Christian Church are holding their annual harvest dinner Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1955 at Cascade School, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Adults \$1.25, 75c for children. c24

### MICHIGAN DAYS SET

Michigan Week, the annual observance dedicated to telling people of the state and the country about Michigan's greatness, will be celebrated in 1956 May 20-26.

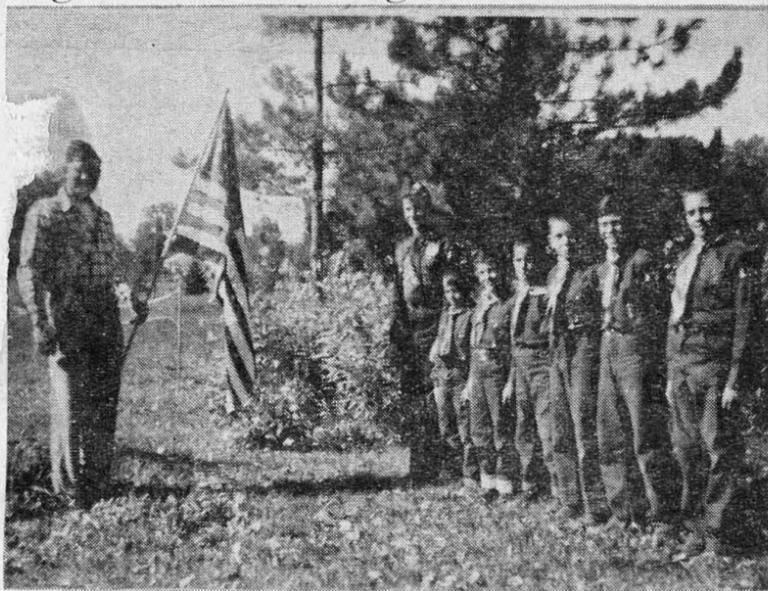


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**Church News**

David Carpenter, Thornapple River Drive, was called Sept 10 as assistant pastor of Ada Congregational church. He has done pastoral counselling for the church for some time; previously he had counselled at Park Congregational church.

Mr. Carpenter teaches econom-

ics at Central High school. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have three children.

Tri Cees will have a guest night and potluck supper this Friday at 6:30 p. m. at Cascade Christian church. Jim Robinette will show films of Korea. Mrs. Bruce Chadwick is in charge of devotions. Hosts and hostesses are Mr. and Mrs. James Banta, and Mr. and Mrs. John DenHouten. Plans will be completed for the annual Harvest Dinner in Cascade school Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanStrien are chairmen of the turkey dinner.

Almost all the women of Cascade Christian Reformed church will attend the fall meeting of the Women's Missionary Union of Grand Rapids at First Protestant Reformed church Tuesday beginning at 10:00 a. m. Husbands will go with their wives to the evening session.

**Coming Events**

Wednesday is the Christmas Workshop of Kent County Home Demonstration groups at Camp Vining, Bostwick Lake. Mrs. Ray Jarvi is chairman of the Cascade group's committee, whose project is tree trimming.

Ada Neighborhood Girl Scout Assn. and their husbands will take down Camp Windycrest Friday, Oct. 14 from 5 o'clock till dusk.

Melva, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Ward celebrated her 4th birthday Sunday. Dinner guests at the Webb and Don Ward homes were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert DeVries and family of Greenville. A lovely birthday cake was served the guests.

Plans for the pancake supper to be held October 27 in the Ada town hall are well under way according to Don Beimers, president of the Ada Athletic and Recreation Association.

This supper, stated Beimers, will be but the first in a series of fund raising projects to gain the necessary funds for the purchase of lights for the Ada ball field. Main goal of the association is to provide hometown recreation for Ada youngsters. Says Don, "The old saying: Ada never has anything for the children, is going to be a thing of the past."

Any suggestions from-citizens will be welcomed by Association officers, stated Beimers.

**BITTERSWEET**  
By

Marion Moerdyke

My hat is off to those of you Who stand on your own two feet, With shoulders back and heads held high,

Who take the bitter with the sweet,

To you who have gone on smiling While in darkness you have cried,

And went on spurring others, When the heart in you, had died.

God bless you; who are able to stand

On the ground with both of your feet,

With shoulders back and heads held high,

And accept the bitter with the sweet.

**THORNAPPLE EXTENSION HOLD FIRST MEETING**

The Thornapple Extension Group held their first meeting of the season Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Peter Paap on Buttrick rd. Roll call was a favorite book. Lesson for the evening, presented by Mrs. Laurence Scott and Mrs. Paap was on "Improving Storage Space" after which a lovely lunch was served by the hostess.

Next meeting will be Nov. 14 at Mrs. Adrian Penninga's. The lesson will be on braided rugs.

Pvt. George Anderson arrived home Saturday for a five day furlough from Camp Chaffee, Ark., enroute to the Anti-Air Force Base in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson and Miss Carol Parson had dinner at Fingers last Sunday in honor of George's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Somerville entertained their many friends at their annual corn roast, held in the spacious yard of their home on Thornapple drive Saturday night, Oct. 1.

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Robert Taylor was in Kalamazoo last Saturday and Sunday attending the A.F.L. State Convention.

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**CAMERON SCOTT INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT**

Cameron Scott, 6862 Ada dr. who suffered back injuries when the station wagon he was driving rolled in a ditch at the crest of the hill entering Ada, is still convalescing at a city hospital. Three vertebrae were displaced. The accident occurred when Scott swerved to avoid another vehicle.

**Eastmont News Briefs**

Saturday, Oct. 1, 1955 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hall of Ada Dr. were host and hostess at a potluck dinner and dance sponsored by the Valley City Lodge F. & A. M. No. 86 at the Masonic Temple. Eastmont couples that attended were Mr. and Mrs. James Byerly, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gaskell and also Mrs. Stilson of Ada dr., Ada. Monday Sept. 24, 1955 Mrs. Grace Smith of Ada dr. was hostess at a coffee at her home for the Mothers of Martin School Brownie Troop No. 58. Mrs. Jane Woodall, leader of the troop, presented the mothers with tentative plans for the Brownie's activities of the coming year. At present there are 27 girls in the troop.

**ADA FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLD MONTHLY MEETING**

Monday evening, Oct. 3, the Ada Volunteer fire department held its usual monthly meeting. A training session was conducted by Fire Chief Dick Sytsma. New officers were elected at the business meeting. Elected were, Robert Hand, president; Marvin Koning, vice president; Ted Berkompas, secretary; and Stanley Osmolenski, treasurer. After the meeting was adjourned, the men went to the chief's house where coffee was served.

**Cascade Driver Wins 12 Firsts**



Eddie VanderLaan, winner of 12 feature stock car events this season is an ACE resident. Besting veteran drivers of many years standing has become a habit with Eddie.

Racing fans in this part of the state are familiar with the record an ACE area driver has chalked up on the dirt tracks this season. Eddie VanderLaan, 22, Thornapple River Drive, has compiled a string of victories that veteran drivers of many years standing could well be proud of.

This, his third season, has been one filled with an enviable string of victories. VanderLaan has taken the checkered flag in 12 feature events at the Berlin Raceway, Crystal and Saranac tracks. Seldom out of the money spot, second and third place positions were a regular occurrence for Eddie.

A favorite at Berlin, Eddie put on his best performances there, winning six features; four of them with strictly stock cars and two with the modified stocks.

"I was just lucky I guess," says VanderLaan, but those in the racing clan know more than luck was involved. Two midseason trophies with the stock cars and one season trophy with the modifieds are proof enough of his driving skill and the ability of his mechanics, Lawton Cole and Dykhouse & Buys Service Station in Cascade, to keep the cars in winning form.

Eddie gave the fans many a thrill in his career by rolling his car over at different times. Never injured, he has been, as most drivers are, involved in many spectacular crashes.

Mrs. Lois Tichnor of Mexico, New York, and Mrs. Lida Miller were Sunday evening callers of Charlie Morris at the Shamrock Rest Home in Lowell.

**ACE reports**  
by Ken Ezinga

Looking out the office window today we noticed a large truck, unloading its shipment. A large share of it was made up of bright, shiny new sleds. It's hard to imagine that merchants are already stocking up for the Christmas season. It seems like only last week that we were eagerly awaiting warm summer days and all the attendant pleasures that we in Michigan can enjoy. The old saying "The older you get, the faster time flies," is certainly true.

Harried housewives in the ACE area will have several opportunities to sample someone else's cooking in the next few weeks. The smorgasbord at the Congregational church in Ada with its almost innumerable courses is certain to draw a large crowd. Then there is the pancake supper at the Ada town hall on the 27th of this month. The Harvest Dinner, put on by the Tri-Cees of Cascade church at the school in Cascade is an annual affair and will be on the 12th.

Latest reports on the resolutions and petitions given to the various school boards when the Chambers report was given, show that six districts have expressed approval of the consolidation plans. All districts have not as yet returned their decisions.

The two robberies last week end may help local merchants remember to take their day's receipts home with them. Although this type of crime is not too common in this area, it can happen at any time. Perhaps in the future a bank will be built in our community. It would certainly be an asset for the entire area.

Suburban Life needs pictures. We believe pictures help make this, or any paper, a better one. Lately we have managed to get at least one each issue but we feel that you, the subscriber can help us out. Now that hunting season is here many of you sportsmen will be getting fine pictures of your trips and we think our readers would enjoy seeing what you bagged. Send them in and we'll print them and return them undamaged to you. This week we thank Mrs. Russell Jensen of Cascade rd., for the shot of the Scouts which Mr. Jensen took.

Putting this paper out every week is a pleasant task. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we do making it up. Any suggestions or criticisms you may have will be welcomed at any time. If we know the type of features and news that our readers enjoy we will try our best to see that you receive them.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Nellist and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Mark had Sunday dinner at Middleville and were callers of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fox at Gove Lake.

The Mary Martha Guild of the Congregational Church is serving the Rotary dinners at Lowell this month.

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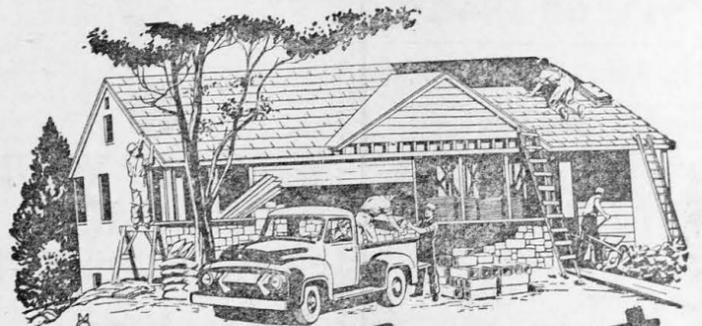
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