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## School Boards To Hold Joint Meeting

Thursday, December 29, a joint meeting of the 10 school boards from the ACE area districts favoring consolidation, will be held in the Cascade No. 4 school.

The petitions, required to bring the school issue to a vote, will be distributed at this meeting and questions regarding proper procedure will be answered by Harold S. Chambers technical advisor for the area survey. Lynn Clark, county superintendent of schools, will be unable to attend the meeting, due to an out of town engagement.

Members of the various citizen's advisory committees, appointed by the boards several weeks ago, will also be present at the meeting and will accompany board members when the petitions are circulated through the individual school districts.

Russell Jensen, president of the group favoring consolidation, stated that 50%, plus one, of the qualified electors from each school district are necessary to bring that district's proposal to a final vote. Jensen pointed out the difference between qualified and registered voters by saying, "A qualified elector is one who has resided in the state of Michigan for six months and who has lived in a particular school district for 30 days or more."

## Helpful Hounds Bring Home The Bacon

Charles Beak, 1915, Laraway Lake dr., is rightly proud of his hounds. Last year, a Boxer pup, owned by the Beak's, fell through the ice. Sensing the danger, the hounds kept up a continual clamor until their master came out to quiet them and consequently went to the rescue.

Recently a couple of hunters were running rabbits near the Beak's. Several shots were fired and the dogs belonging to Beak joined in the chase. Running the rabbit who was unscathed by the shots, the dogs caught it and brought it home.

Possibly they overheard human conversations about the high price of food these days. Beak says it pays to have a couple of good dogs around.

## "Best Prepared" Award To Scout Foursome

The distinction of being "best all-around prepared group" to take their God and Country examination was earned last Thursday by four Boy Scouts of the ACE area.

Larry Cheyne, Don Heaven, and Tommy Ray, Jr., of Cascade-Martin Troop 334, and James Atherton of Middleville troop, appeared that day before the Protestant Scouting committee of the Grand Valley council, headed by Rev. Don Verduin of Central Christian church, and made up of three ministers and two laymen.

Each scout was examined orally by the committee for twenty minutes, with questions ranging from knowledge of the Bible to operation of the Council of churches.

The scouts, all of whom attend Cascade Christian church, were prepared for the examination by Rev. Herbert C. Barnard. In addition, they have been working for over a year on activities also required for the award.

Brit Svoboda underwent a tonsillectomy at Lake Drive Osteopathic hospital last week, Tuesday.

## Winter Is Ideal Time For Basement Remodeling

According to Ray DeGreen, manager at Cascade Lumber Co. the winter months are an ideal time for home owners to make their basement into a pleasant recreation room, hobby shop or extra large dining space for large gatherings of family or friends.

Damp basements, at this time of the year, have less moisture content than at any other season of the year and according to Ray, a couple of coats of a good waterproof cement paint will not only brighten and clean a dark damp basement, but will prevent a moisture problem next spring.

A short pipe from the heating unit can be installed for a negligible amount of time and money and will not only make the basement comfortably warm for family activity, but will help to warm the upper floors. Heating experts agree that a warm basement is desirable from both the comfort and economy angle.

DeGreen also stated that Knotty Pine and Cedar paneling can be easily installed. Plywood sheets, when shellacked or varnished, also make a serviceable wall covering and add hundreds of dollars to the resale value of a home.

Many families have already discovered the advantages that a well-lighted, comfortable basement has to offer. The ideal place for children to keep their toys, menfolks to store their tools, safe from rust or loss, and a pleasant place to iron and sew for the ladies, the slight expense involved will be greatly offset by the years of pleasure and convenience that are in store for the homeowners.

## Thornapple GOC Holds Dance For Funds

Plans have been announced for the second annual Ground Observer Corps dance to be held on January 21 in the Ada Gymnasium by Mrs. Russell Jensen, chairman.

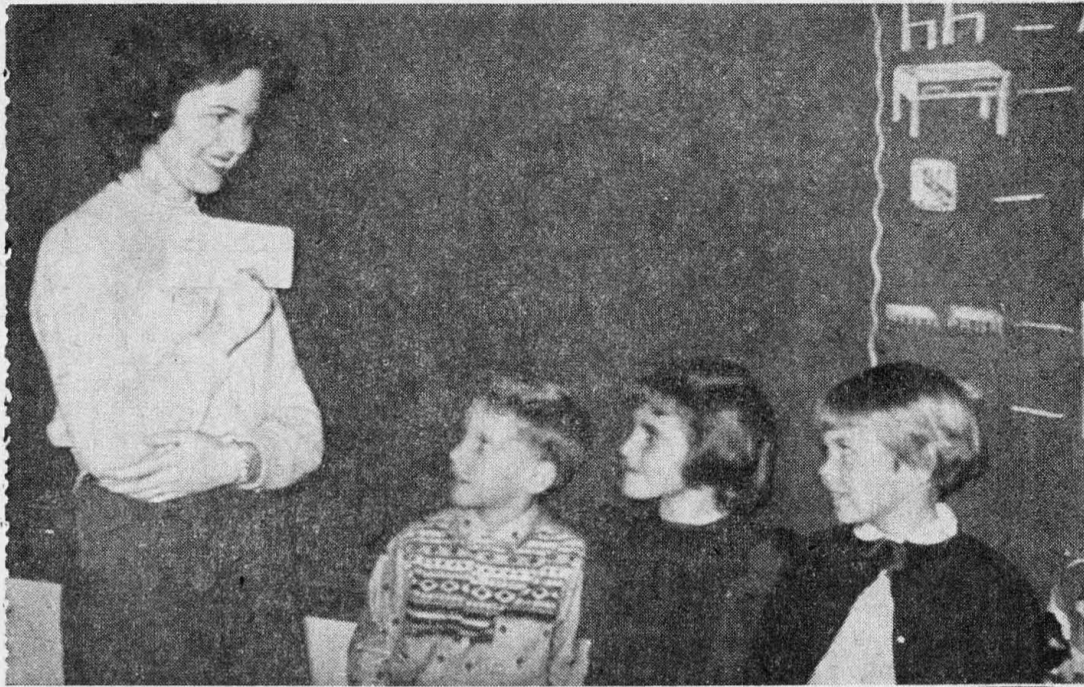
This will be a joint effort by the Lowell, Alto, and Thornapple (Cascade) Posts to raise funds for the maintenance of their Posts. These Posts operate under the Air Defense Command, and are concerned with the defense of our country in watching for enemy aircraft in our vicinity which radar cannot detect.

Appreciation is expressed by Observers in the three communities to the Ada School Board for donating the use of their gymnasium for the occasion, and to Ma Loveless and her band for their contribution of the music. Without this assistance it would be impossible to put on this dance.

Refreshments sold during the evening will be under the auspices of the Christian Youth Fellowship of Cascade Christian Church. There will be both round and square dancing from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m. with a brief presentation of Awards by Captain Robert L. Faulhaber, Commander Grand Rapids Air Defense Filter Center.

A similar dance held in the Ada Gymnasium by the Cascade Post last year was well attended by people in the immediate area and from Grand Rapids. With the combined efforts of the three Posts on tickets it is hoped the dance will again be widely supported.

## Ada Christian Prepares For Christmas



Mrs. Janice Berkompas, teaching first and second graders at Ada Christian, is spending her second year at the local school.

The young scholars are learning good reading habits by acting out parts of stories and by portraying characters mentioned in them. She is attempting, in this way, to make them live the story and feels a greater interest in literature will be created.

Hikes in the spring and fall are part of the student training and are greatly enjoyed by the youngsters.

At present, as an introduction to science, Mrs. Berkompas is using notebooks to bring out simple facts such as the difference between night and day, winter and summer, and other factors easily grasped by young minds.

Farm, bird, and airplane units help the young pupils, through study, not only to become better acquainted with the everyday world, but also, in a subtle way, improve their reading and spelling ability.

The newly organized rhythm band is a big hit with the students and all members of both grades are rapidly becoming enthusiastic, if not accomplished, "musicians".

At the annual Christmas program, Thursday, December 22, the band will favor the audience with several numbers. Traditional Christmas songs and recitations will also be given by Mrs. Berkompas' class.

Twenty-six pupils in the two classes keep their teacher busy planning and working out new ideas to keep student interest at a high level.

The kindergarten teacher at Ada Christian, Mrs. Peter Kramer, is busily preparing her 18 pupils for their part in the Christmas program to be given next week Thursday evening at the school.

Mrs. Kramer, with previous teaching experience at Oakdale Christian and Alward school near Hudsonville, is putting her knowledge of youthful psychology to the test. Late in starting their first semester at school, the kindergartners have had only a few short weeks to become accustomed to the classroom routine. In spite of this, Mrs. Kramer's class will participate in the program and render both spoken pieces and Christmas carols. It is a credit to her teaching ability that her pupils have absorbed an above normal amount of training in so short a time.



Mrs. Janice Berkompas and Mrs. Peter Kramer, primary teachers at Ada Christian are busily preparing their classes for the part they will play in next week's Christmas program. A rhythm band will be the contribution of Mrs. Berkompas' class and the kindergartners, under the direction of Mrs. Kramer, will sing Carols and recite pieces suitable to the Christmas season.

Last month cutouts of Pilgrims and Indians were made for Thanksgiving and at present numbers are being learned through the use of work books. At present her class is making a Christmas booklet picturing scenes of the Wise Men worshipping the Christ, the shepherds in the fields and other Biblical scenes pertaining to the Christmas season.

Just completed was a booklet, made by the pupils, showing the various stages of the creation of the world.

A part time teacher, Mrs. Kramer, will be replaced in a couple of months by a full time instructor who is finishing her training at the present time.

Young People's Society of the church will also have their Christmas party at the Kramers', tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Rev. and Mrs. Boonstra are providing the refreshments.

## CUB PACK MEETING TO BE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Cascade Cub Scout Pack meeting will be a Christmas party Thursday evening, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Cascade School No. 4. The tree will be trimmed with decorations made by the various dens, and there will be carol singing and refreshments. Cubs will explain the Christmas customs of other lands, which is the theme for the month.

Senior Mr. and Mrs. Society of Cascade Christian Reformed church will have a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kramer, 28th st., Tuesday evening, Dec. 20 at 8 o'clock. Rev. and Mrs. Jacob P. Boonstra and Mr. and Mrs. John Kleinheksel will have charge of the program. Refreshment committee is Mr. and Mrs. Everett Marsman, Mr. and Mrs. Rink Miedema, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mulder, and Mr. and Mrs. John Mulder.

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## Beauty Shop Opens In Cascade Village

Style conscious ladies from the ACE area will be happy to hear that a new beauty shop has opened in our locality. Located in VanderJagt's barber shop, Cascade, the shop is operated by Mrs. Leo Blocher.

Formerly operating the Flo's Beauty Shop in Alto, Mrs. Blocher is entering her 15th year of beauty service. She maintained the Alto shop for eight years.

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The Barber Shop operated by VanderJagt is the oldest business operated continuously by the same owner in Cascade.

Mrs. Willard Marks returned home Monday after being a patient in Butterworth hospital for a week. Kathy Nellist underwent a tonsillectomy at Burton Heights Osteopathic hospital Monday morning.

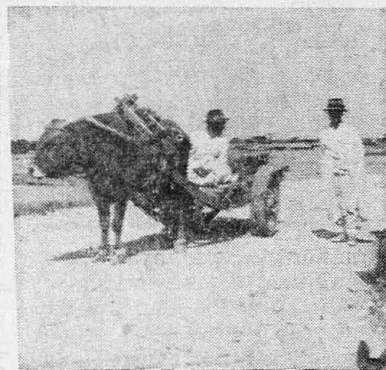
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## Ada Marine Spends Christmas in Korea



Typical of the many ACE area servicemen who are spending their first Christmas season away from home and family is Cpl. David E. Butts, A Marine stationed in Korea, David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard



Butts, 7256 Rix st., at Ada. Stationed now in Pohang since September, Butts has been with the Marines for 22 months. He spent his last furlough in the ACE area this last July, and is with an Engineer Battalion attached to the 3rd Air Wing of the Marines. He spent his Stateside training in North Carolina.

Leaving California by ship, his outfit landed in Japan and from there were flown to Korea. Dave has been keeping his parents well supplied with a pictorial account of his travels and they have many fine photos showing various phases of life in the Far East.

His father, custodian at Ada school, has kept his curiosity in check so far, but the box marked "Do Not Open Till Christmas", recently sent home by the young Marine, is proving to be a great temptation.

Like all parents, the local couple are saddened that their family circle will not be complete this year, but are proud also that their son can serve his country and help keep it the greatest in the world.

## HOLD MONTHLY MEETING ADA CHRISTIAN PTA

This past Friday evening, the PTA of the Ada Christian school met for their monthly meeting at the school. Speaker for the evening was Dr. Buekema, from Pine Rest. Speaking about problems in youth which cause disorders in later life, Beukema told the group how to recognize and avoid these difficulties.

## EDITOR SLIPS UP

Due to the oversight of the editor, the "Open Letter To The Citizens of Gove School District", printed in last week's issue was without a signature. We are sorry this omission occurred. It is the policy of this paper to print only those letters from our readers which are signed by the sender.

So, rather late than never, Mrs. George Bain sent the letter, although the composition of it was a joint venture by those persons from Gove district who signed the petition requesting preliminary approval from the State for possible consolidation.

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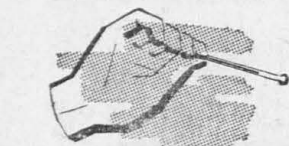
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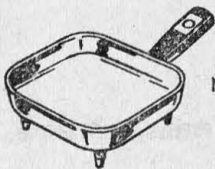
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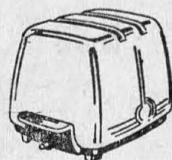
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Mrs. Kenneth McGovern of 868 Clifford returned home this week from a local hospital where she underwent surgery last Saturday.

### Ada Christian Reformed CHURCH

Morning Worship...9:30 A. M.  
 Sunday School...11:00 A. M.  
 Evening Worship...7:15 P. M.

### Cascade Christian Ref. Church

Morning Worship — 10:00 A. M.  
 Sunday School — 11:15 A. M.  
 Evening Worship — 7:15 P. M.  
 Pastor — Rev. Jacob P. Boonstra

### Cascade Christian Church

Sunday School — 9:45 A. M.  
 Morning Worship — 11:00 A. M.  
 Pastor: Rev. Herbert Barnard

### Neighbors Seek Aid For Injured Man

Neighbors are collecting a Christmas fund for the family of David Schneider, Thorncrest drive, who lost his lower right arm in an accident at the Jervis plant last week.

The family has two children, two and four, and are expecting a third child. An Explorer Scout, who is partly responsible for the idea, and a Boy Scout, have spent two evenings calling on families in Cascade village. Anyone wishing to give who has not been reached may take his donation to Mrs. Evelyn Cheyne, 3180 Thorncrest dr., or mail it to her at R-1, Ada.

### Ada Village Prepares For Christmas Season

This past Monday, Ada township clerk, Blanche Loveless and Mrs. Grace Whaley, librarian at Ada, were busy with Christmas decorations in and around the Town Hall.

Mrs. Whaley did an artistic job of decorating the library window while Mrs. Loveless and Ted Perkins trimmed the large evergreen which stands in front of the building.

The ten strings of colorful lights, donated two years ago by the Ada merchants, add a holiday touch to the village square. Blanche insisted on topping the tree with a large head of Santa Claus and after calling numerous stores, finally succeeded in obtaining one to the delight of village youngsters.

The decoration on the office front of the Ada Oil Co. also adds to the festive air in the village, and the eye-catching Thanksgiving Day display at the Village Store has been replaced with a new winter scene.

Mrs. Alice Ward and Mrs. Robert Ward visited Mrs. Louie Good of Caledonia last Sunday who has been quite ill in Penneck hospital at Hastings. Her mother, Mrs. Olive Ritter of Lowell is with her.

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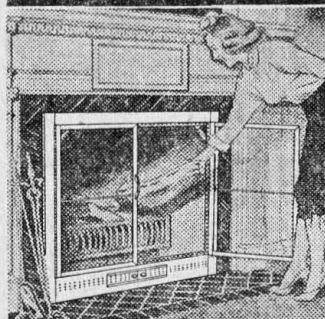
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# American Legion Sells Christmas Trees



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Latest project for members of McDonald Osmer Post No. 451, American Legion group of Cascade, is the Christmas tree sale now going on in Cascade Village.

Working hard to build up a sizeable balance in the Legion building fund, the members decided to sell trees, and local residents are helping them do a rushing business.

The well-lighted lot is located next to the drug store in Cascade and trees of all sizes and shapes are offered for sale.

A Christmas party sponsored

by the Legion will be held this week Saturday for local youngsters.

### COMING EVENTS

Sunny Acres Farm Bureau will have its Christmas party Thursday evening, Dec. 22 at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Charles Buttrick, on Buttrick avenue.

Friday evening Dec. 23 the Eastmont Church will hold their Sunday School Christmas program at Martin School.

# ACE reports

Christmas shopping done yet? Neither is ours. Every year thousands of us vow that "next year our shopping will be finished by Thanksgiving" and every year the same thousands put it off again until the last minute. But we always manage to get it finished some-how, don't we?

ACE area schools are busily getting ready for their annual Christmas programs and proud parents and grandparents will turn out in large numbers to see and hear their favorite speakers and singers do their bit. The usual number of young orators, who know their speeches flawlessly at home, will get stuck in the middle and have to be prompted by their teacher.

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Some of our subscribers have been receiving their papers a day late for the past couple of weeks. We regret this but the postmen are extra busy this time of year and we should bear with them 'till the Holiday rush is over. After that we can again put in a legitimate gripe.

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Elsewhere in this issue an entry blank for the Outdoor Christmas Decoration contest, sponsored by the Thornapple Valley Lion's Club, may be found. We hope there are a goodly number of entries and are informed that this contest will be a yearly affair. If so, next year's will undoubtedly see a greater number of entrants. Pictures of the winning decorations will be published in Suburban Life the week after Christmas. We congratulate the Lion's for their idea and believe it will have the desired results.

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The mink or muskrat coat ACE area husbands will undoubtedly buy their wives next year, may well have pelts taken from local animals. Trappers in this area are having fairly good success this year, after a poor start, and one in particular that we know of, has averaged a mink a day for the past couple of weeks, besides numerous muskrats. Some issue soon, we hope to have an article on the local trappers. Recent residents will be surprised to know that local trapping plays an important part in the nation's fur business.

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The drive, by Cascade residents, for the family of their neighbor who lost an arm last week, is a heart warming example of true community spirit. A mere display of words in this column could not express our true feelings and we're sure the family concerned will remember, long after the gift itself has been used, the generosity and concern of their neighbors.

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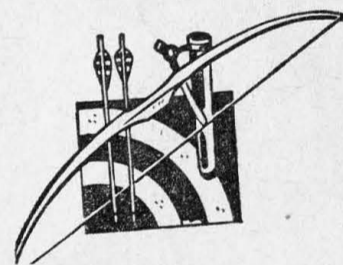
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Mrs. Leona Hunt

Honey Creek Pedro club met at Mrs. Hazel Knoop's. Prizes were won by Edythe Andrews, Nellie Lewis and Lee Bentley. Next meeting will be the annual Christmas party.

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Honey Creek P. T. A. met at the school Tuesday evening. It was voted to buy books for the school rooms. After games in charge of Mrs. Andrews, lunch was served by Mrs. Gertrude Cook and Mrs. Leona Hunt.

The Christmas program at the school will be held Thursday evening Dec. 22. Gifts of candy and nuts will be given each child. On Friday the school children will exchange gifts and have a potluck dinner.

The Silver Coffee Cup will meet Thursday morning Dec. 22 at the of Mrs. Norwood on Conservation rd.

The 4H Christmas party will be held at the home of Judy and Jack Nowack on Cramton rd.

Roger Wykes was re-elected vice president of the American Shropshire association at the organization's annual meeting at Chicago recently.

Mrs. Earl Mollitor has returned from Greenville, Ala., where she was called by an accident to her father there. He was hit by a car, breaking his leg in five places. He is at his home now and improving.

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**Letter to Editor**

To The Editor:

Why is it we cannot get parent participation in Scouting?

Monday night, Dec. 12 Mr. Pryor, our Explorer Scout advisor and the boys of our Explorer unit had a wonderful program at the Cascade Church. There were six men who spoke on Citizenship in the home, school, church, community industry and military service. This program had been advertised on TV and in the newspapers; the parents and public were invited. Who came? The boys of the unit, parents of three boys, the troop committee and a very few interested citizens. After the meeting I had several ask, "where are the parents?"

We of the committee, explorer leader, scout master and assistant and Cub Scout leaders have been asking the same question for several years. We know all the boys of the troop by their first names, but there are a lot of the parents we have never seen.

We are trying to do a job in helping the boys to be better citizens, and we all enjoy working with them, but at times, like Monday night, when the parents do not show up, we feel as if we are "glorified baby-sitters for one night a week.

We can use parents for adult help and leadership. It is a wonderful thing to see your boy advance and to know he is getting something out of scouting. Wouldn't you like to work with your boy in scouting? Are you all too busy? We of the troop committee are busy, too, but we try to spend at least one night a week with your boy. Won't you do the same.

M. L. Heaven, Chairman,  
Cascade Troop 334

**Radio Starts Fire**

Both trucks of Cascade Fire department answered a call to a barn fire at the Al Heemstra property on Buttrick ave., Saturday mid-morning. Luckily, the fire was confined to a radio on a shelf in Mr. Heemstra's paint shop in the barn, apparently from a short circuit. Fireproof ceiling boards stopped the flames. Only damage was to the radio, which burned up.

The fire was discovered when static on the house radio, to which the family were listening, sent Mr. Heemstra to the barn to see if the radio there might be causing it. It was.

**RECIPES EXCHANGED  
AT CHRISTMAS MEETING**

The Thornapple Extension group met this past Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Case Heemstra, Buttrick rd., for a Christmas party. Roll call was a sample of the favorite cookie of the members. The cookies and recipes were exchanged.

Entertainment for the evening consisted of Christmas games and a Bible quiz. After a lovely lunch served by the hostess, gifts were exchanged by the members.

**Baby Shower**

Mrs. Louis Mulder and baby Dale Louis were honor guests at a baby shower at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Fase, Friday evening, given by Mrs. Irwin Alexander and Mrs. Grover Fase. About 25 guests were present and the baby received many nice gifts. Bunco was the evening's diversion and prizes were given and refreshments served by the hostess.

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