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Teachers at Ada Christian School Have Busy Schedule





Gilbert VanSolkema and Miss Carol Dengerink teach a total of 58 pupils at Ada Christian. Van-Solkema is principal of the local school and has seven years of administrative experience. Miss Dengerink stresses reading and arithmetic, and is spending her second year at the local school.

part in the annual Christmas States. program this week, how many hours of work and planning the teacher of those grades, Miss Carol Dengerink went through Like teachers all over the ACE project shows evergreen trees class. area, Miss Dengerink will proudly watch the final results and let the young singers and speakers nonchalently accept the praise for a performance well done.

Miss Dengerink has two years her, both of them spent at Ada Center, two of the Public campaign, has announced the love stit which the parents on Christian. Considering reading and arithmetic of parmount imsubjects.

As an aid to student interest, class to bring out the import- ninth graders. The news sheet is ance of the different subjects. The third grade geography class is studying materials at present and samples of silk, rubber, cotton, wool, etc., are brought to the classroom by the students. The lands where these articles originate are studied and in this Johnson park. Boys and girls, 12 way young minds receive and retain information that otherwise might be forgotten.

Paul Bunyon stories are read to the fifth grade Literature class and they are making reports on books they have read.

The fourth grade has been taking imaginary trips to exotic parts of the globe and at present are spending a few days in a French village, learning the customs, methods of

Proud parents of third, fourth transportation, food and housing that two of the six graduates of the

An unusual feature in Miss Denly done and carefully colored, the ings. There are 24 pupils in his against a snowy background.

Gilbert Vansolkema, principal and teacher at Ada Christian, is in Local Woman March charge of grades six through nine. of Dimes Chairman His third year of administrative experience at the local school was and two at the Christian school.

A school newspaper with Dale portance, she is stressing these Bos and Betty Lou Reynhout as coeditors, is a source of information to the parents and a means of various means are used in her learning practical English for the published during the Thanksgiving and Easter seasons. Van Solkema acts as publisher and editor in chief.

Springtime will see the school's organized softball team participate in the second annual field meet at through 15 will compete in the various sports and Ada hopes to bring home their share of the honors.

school was to bring home to the students a well-rounded education in the basic three R's plus a workthe students can carry over into their daily lives.

Enthused with his work and proud of his students, Van Solkema stated

and fifth graders at Ada Chris- in that part of Europe. The fifth 1954 class have been appointed to tian will never realize, when graders are now studying the the National Honor Society after they see their favorites do their southeastern part of the United their enrollment in the Grand Rap- rounded out the permit list. ids Christian High school.

Besides his administrative and gerink's room is the winter scene teaching duties, Van Solkema made from milk bottle caps. Neat-drives the school's bus in the morn-

Fred Baker, county chairman of teaching experience behind preceded by four years at Byron of the annual March of Dimes appointment of Mrs. Andrew VanDenBerg, Spaulding ave., as local chairman of the Ada-Cascade area.

> The drive will officially begin January 3, stated Mrs. VanDen-Berg and the many details involved in methods of collecting and advertising should be completed by that date. It is hoped that ACE area residents will contribute generously to this worthy fund.

ANYONE WANT A CAT?

Anyone wanting an unusual Van Solkema pointed out that the and beautiful kitten may apply main purpose of the Christian to the Joseph Gillard family, E. | Tuesday afternoon after school, Fulton rd. The Gillards' Siamese cat, Ming, is the mother, the have a treat at their meeting in father is a black Persian. Two Mrs. Lane's room. Last week, the able, practical application of the of the litter of five kits have girls took home the presents they teachings found in the Bible that been given away; all five are had made bookmarks and dusting coal black, with long, thick fur, mitts for their mothers, and conand already at three months are tainers for discarded razor blades cles they had made, modelled on bigger than their mother.

BLUE CROSS SECRETARIES MEET IN ADA TOWN HALL

This past Tuesday, December 20, a meeting of the secretaries and Blue Cross secretaries of the ty secretary, as chairman, was to explain to the members how to make rosters and get the proper information for the Blue Cross to which all Bureau members belong.

Fourteen of the 39 county groups were represented at the informational meeting.

Girl Scouts Donate Christmas Toys

The girls of the Martin School Intermediate Troop No. 59 accomplished two things in their hold a Family Christmas Eve serlast service project. To some it meant earning their child's care evening. Everyone of the church badge and to the whole troop it meant making some handicapped boys and girls happy.

The girls cut out toys from upholstery colth, stuffed and sewed them up. After the project was finished four names were drawn and they accompa-nied their troop leader Mrs. Clarence Brower to the Pine Rest Home in Cutlerville and presented the toys to the children. The girls whose names were drawn were Nancy Woodall, Sandra Yaeger, Sue Seime, and Judy Mattson.

Two New Homes For Ada Township

In the period from November 5 to December 3, the Ada township building inspector issued in the township.

Two permits, one for \$14,000, the other for \$12.000 enabled contractors to begin two more homes in the ACE area.

A garage and breezeway project added \$2,000 to the total and an \$800 addition to a home

MARTIN SCHOOL DINNER VERY SUCCESSFUL

The family potluck dinner held at Martin School, Tuesday, PTA meeting was very successful. After dinner Rev. Charles House gave a very interesting short talk on putting Christ back Into Christmas. Vern Morse who is the 8th grade teacher boy skit which the parents enjoyed as much as the children. Busy Week for Brownies Approximately 175 people attended.

decorated fancy cookies. Mothers' presents were holiday table centergirls. Mrs. Walter Goebel is their leader.

Second year Brownies to Troop 122 planned a troop party Tuesday afternoon at the home of their leader, Mrs. George Bain, Cascade rd. They will entertain their mothers in January, when there are fewer events, but have made them aluminum foil trees trimmed with tiny glass balls. Mrs. Robert Smith Richards. helps with this troop.

the First Year Brownies were to for their fathers

Proud Cascade Parents To Be Glued to Radio

Primary department of the Cascade Christian church Sunday Kent County Farm Bureau com- chool will be on WOOD Radio munity groups met in the Ada Chruch School of the Air Saturday Town hall, Purpose of the meet- morning from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Ordiing, with Mrs. A. Heilman, coun- narily, each school to participate carries out its regular procedure, but because it is Christmas Eve, the Cascade school has been asked to do a worship type of service suitable to the season.

The program will stress the true meaning of the tree, the star, the gifts, the symbols and customs of Christmas.

The weekly program is sponsored by the Kent County Council of churches Children's division under the leadership of Mrs. Lawrence Voss.

Christmas Eve

Cascade Christian church will vice from 7 to 8 o'clock Saturday and community is invited. Christmas Day. Sunday school will be held at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11, as usual.

To Hear Trio

Special music at Cascade Christian Reformed church morning worship service Christmas Day will be provided by a trio, the Misses Dorothy Roeters, Rena Boersma, and Ann Punt.

Miss Punt, now on vacation, is a missionary in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, where she lives on a houseboat on a canal, and works among underprivileged children.

The Sunday School will give their Christmas Program immediately after the worship service.

Annual Party

Sunny Acres Farm Bureau will have it's annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Ella Buttrick, on Buttrick av., tonight (Thursday) permits granting \$28,800 worth at 8 o'clock. Small gifts will be of construction and remodeling exchanged. The group which includes some members of the former Cascade Farm Bureau, now disbanded, has about forty members.

SGT. ARTHUR THOMPSON RETURNS FROM GERMANY

Sgt. Arthur Thompson returned home Friday from Baumholder, Germany, where he has been stationed two years with the U.S. Army in an ordinance battalion,

While in the service he received recognition for two inventions, from a German newspaper, and from his Dec. 13 in place of the regular colonel. They were a device to test 100 batteries at once, and another to test truck motors while detached for repairs.

Sgt. Thompson is a former Ada school student. He is the son of Mrs. Bertha Thompson, Thornapple

And Girl Scout Groups

Most troops of Cascade Brownie scouts and Girl Scouts are celepieces designed and made by the brating Christmas this week. The younger patrol of Troop 80, Intermediates, will have a party Thursday afternoon and exchange gifts at the home of Leslie Ann DeKoster, Thornapple River dr. The Second Class Scouts have made ceramic ashtrays for their families, while the Tenderfeet have etched glasses. Their leaders are Mrs. J. Ray Jarvi and Mrs. Leah

> Troop 85, third year Brownies, were to hold a Christmas tea Monday afternoon at the home of Terry Jo Shusta, Cascade Springs dr., to which mothers, troop committee, and officials were invited. Their tree would be decorated with artithose of foreign lands, which they would tell about, and they had

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Mrs Elliott Bruinekool entertained with a party Monday for her son, Monty's 4th birthday. Those present were Skippie De-Vormer, Philip and Royce Wilcox, David, Kenny and Denny Bruinekool, and Sharon Fuller. lice cream and a birthday cake was served. Monty received nice gifts and all had a good time.

Mrs. Doug Hoekzema of Grand Rapids entertained with a birthday party at her home for her nephew, Brit Svoboda's 4th birthday last Saturday.

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

Infant Son Dies; Services Held Monday

burial in Oak Grove cemetery.

the ACE area wish to extend their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Penninga of 6133 Hall st., in the loss of their infant son, Douglas who passed away very suddenly at Blodgett hospital, Friday Dec. 16.

Spaulding entertained the Eastmont Reformed Church Sunday School ages 5 through 10 years, at her home with a dinner. After dinner a rehearsal was held for the Christmas program that will be held Friday evening Dec. 23 at Martin School, Each child received a gift from Mrs. Koetsier before leaving.

and son of New York arrived Monday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Luther of 922 Clifford. Ralph Luther is a pilot for Pan American and had just returned from a trip to Africa before coming to Grand Rapids this

Cascade school No. 4 will celebrate Christmas with room parties Friday morning. Vacation will begin at noon, with school starting after the holidays on January 3. The Mothers club has given each room five dollars for its party, and room mothers will assist the teach-

Eastmont Reformed Chapel Meeting in Martin School

"The Church Where There Are No Strangers" 10:00 A. M. Morning Worship 7:00 P. M. Evening Worship NURSERY PROVIDED 11:00 A. M. Sunday School We Bid You Welcome In The Name of Our Master

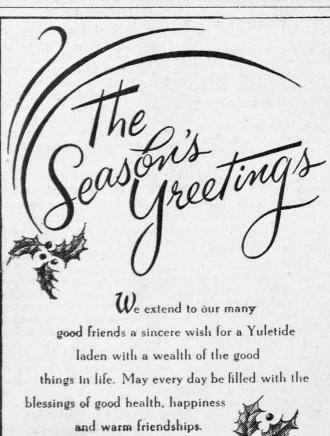
Douglas Peter Penninga, 8day-old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Penninga of 6133 Hall st., Ada, passed away at Blodgett hospital Friday, Dec. 16. Besides his parents he is survived by a brother Gerald Allen, his grandparents, Mrs. Peter Marsman and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Penninga, Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the DeVries funeral home

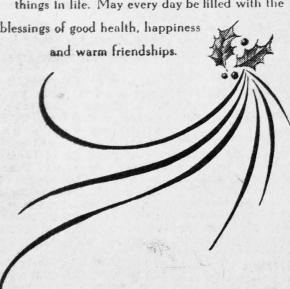
The friends and neighbors of the food to their home.

Mrs. Eleanor Koetsier of

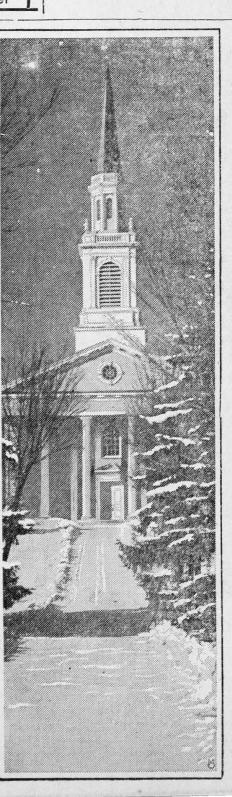
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Luther

School parties





ADA OIL COMPANY



Letter to Editor

thank the people of Cascade and vicinity for their contributions to the David Schneider fund.

Larry Cheyne, Explorer Scout, and Terry Haglund, Boy Scout, collected \$82 with which we purchased a half of beef and \$20 worth of vegetables and fruit juice. East Paris Meat Packing Company also donated a half of a pig.

It was indeed heartwarming to see the joy expressed by Dave and Dorothy when we delivered

So once more; may we say, "Thank you, friends."

Mrs. D. R. Cheyne Mrs. J. Simms

Mrs. Jay Wiersma Editor's Note: Mr. Schneider was injured at the Doehler-Jarvis plant and not at the Jervis Corporation as was stated in the original news item.

The smallest known type of humming bird adult weighs less than a



at Christmas

We sincerely wish that you will share in all the pleasures of the Yuletide season.

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

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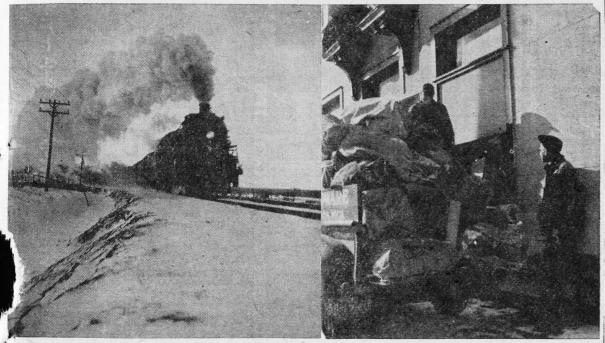
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Last of Old Time Engines Carries Christmas Mail to Ada



One of the few remaining steam engines brings the U. S. Mail to Ada village. With its clouds of steam and smoke, it is a sight that will be a thing of the past in the not too distant future. The Ada post office is handling a record amount of mail this Holiday season and shown are two of the post office employees and the men who bring the mail to the post office from the depot when the train

One of the last of the old time wanted to be an engineer? Millions cials decide on a more modern ters its noisy way into Ada with could almost feel the throttle anyone's guess. mail for ACE area residents. Steaming and clanking quietly, it wind in their face as they imagined follow it's predecessors and stand, stands for a few minutes while the mail bags are quickly unloaded, high cab as it rounded a curve and grave yard of man made beheand then, puffing and hissing might-ily, it soon gathers speed, rumbles over the trestle and is gone, leaving behind, a lingering scent of hot oil with a very unglamorous truck. and coal smoke.

steam engines still roars and clat- of American boys in years past method of bringing our mail, is through their gloved hand and the themselves at the window of the slowly rusting, in a modern day headed for distant cities.

turesque mail train was replaced torch and blast furnace. engine brings back nostalgic me- at that time and she was given an record number of cards, letters, mories to many of us and who is other chance. How long it will be, the man who dares say he never however, before unsentimental offitime cargo into a small pick up,

No doubt the local steamer will moths, waiting for an inglorious last week, Cascade Christian Re-A couple of years ago, the pic- finish from the hands of cutting

At present, Christmas mail is nd coal smoke.

The hideous scheme to retire "Old the main concern of the old engine,
A fast vanishing sight, the old Faithful" didn't work out too well and her mail car is carrying a and packages. Disgorging her Yule gives the mail clerks and local pick up men little time for gossip.

> her short stay at our local depot Heavily loaded, the small truck leaves the depot and travels the short distance to the Ada post office, where the village postmaster and his helpers sort each piece and

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pass it on to the carriers, who at this time of the year, wonder what ever possessed them to apply for

Next time we walk to our mail box, let's remember "Old Faithful" and hope that she remains with us for many years to come.

JOHN KLEINHEKSEL NAMED CHURCH ELDER

At the congregational meeting formed church elected John Kleinheksel as elder, and Jacob Postema and Harvey Vander Bee as deacons for a three year, and a two year, term respectively. Installation will take place during the Sunday morning worship service, January 1.

Madam X: A Burned Home

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Other Items

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Packer are the parents of a baby boy, Robert Mark, born Dec. 6 at Sparrow hospital, Lansing, with a weight of eight pounds, fifteen ounces. The Packers will arrive Saturday to spend the holiday week with Mrs. Packers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cornie Paauwe, Burton st.

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by Ken Ezinga e

We hardly know whether to wish you all a Merry Christmas or a Happy New Year. If the past few days of mail service are any indication of things to come for the rest of the Holiday season, it may be that both these greetings will awaiting its arrival. be outdated when this issue arrives. (Aside to the mail carrier, don't take it to heart; Christmas is only once a year.) Being in a rather Merry Christmas and hope, that in the New Year which lies ahead, each and every one of you will be blessed with health, happiness, and success.

This is the first Christmas for Suburban Life and we hope it will not be the last. We have met many wonderful people in the few months

SUBURBAN LIFE, DEC. 22, 1955, of our existence and as the paper were busily loading and unloading upon the poor soul. It was moving becomes an accepted part of our sacks of ACE area mail. A shot (fortunately or otherwise; take community, we will undoubtedly of this scene, and then with the your pick) very slowly, and thus meet many more

> Oftentimes, the details involved, in getting a news story are more interesting or amusing than the story itself. The story about the mail train in this week's issue is

> Yours Truly, acting on a tip from one of the Ada residents, became greatly enthused about the interest this story might arouse in our readers. He was told that the train arrived about 1:20 and so, armed with trusty camera, he was on hand at the local depot at 1:10 patiently

Deciding that a shot of the train coming around the curve might make a good picture, he, still very much enthused, trudged up the optimistic mood this afternoon, we tracks and picked a suitable place will trustfully wish all our sub- to stand. Not to be outdone by mail scribers and advertisers a very carriers all over the country, the train was late. After 15 minutes in the rather stiff, frigid breeze that was blowing Monday, his enthusiasm was beginning to wane with every passing moment.

> At last, however, the train came roaring around the curve and with stiff, completely numb hands, the picture, for better or worse, was taken. Numbly, and not at all enthusiastically, our editor cowered by the side of the track until the up to now unthought of clouds of snow, that always follow a fast moving train in the winter, had

Doggedly, he stumbled back to

The Pilgrim Fellowship of Ada for Christmas.





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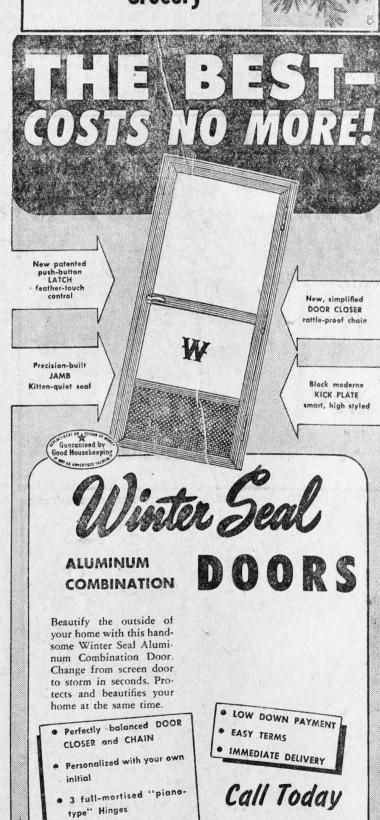
the station.

Already, the big wheels are turning slowly as the now well frozen figure crosses the tracks. The story, and any remaining shreds of enthusiasm, ended simultaneously when your ACE reporter sprawl-

last remnants of will power, our tragedy was averted. We still manhero decides to cross the tracks and aged to get one more shot at the attempt to get a picture of the post office, and then calmed our engineer, as the train is leaving shattered nerves and slowly thawed out with a cup of coffee which we thought was well earned.

Once again we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and hope you haven't forgotten to send those last ed full length across the tracks, minute cards in reply to the unexa scant dozen feet ahead of what pected ones that always seem to seemed at the time, to be a 200-ft. pop up every year no matter how high steam engine bearing down carefully we go over the list.





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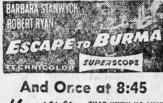
the depot where the train clerks

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BOB HAND

HAPPY

Christmas

We wish all our friends a heart-warming holiday, full of joy and good fellowship!

Mrs. Gerald Brian was hostess for the Thornapple Guild Christmas party at her home Tuesday night.



At this joyous season, let us revently remember the true meaning of Christmas. Let us seek with all our hearts for Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men. May the spirit of the first Christmas reign throughout the land, and may this joyous season herald the coming of greater happiness and contentment for all.

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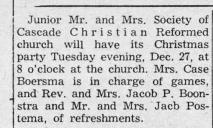


Greetings, friends and neighbors! We sure hope Santa's good to you. We hope, too, that your holiday season is just chockful of happiness in every way... bright with cheer, warm with good will, rich in the priceless treasures of friendship and love.

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