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Lions Club Lists Winners In Christmas Decoration Contest



Two of the three winners in the Outdoor Christmas Decoration Contest sponsored by the Thornapple Valley Lions Club. Top picture shows the Baker-Richards home on 36th st. Evergreen roping, blue lights, five-foot angels and large candy cane, combine to make an attractive display. The jolly Santa and his sleigh at the H. R. Gaskell home on Ada dr. enjoy Christmas music played each evening over a loud speaker and the spot-lighted display attracts the attention of most motorists passing their home.

Last Friday evening judges chosen by the Thornapple Valley Lions club made the rounds of entries in the Outdoor Christmas Decoration contest sponsored by the club.

The contest, the first in what is hoped to be an annual affair, had a limited number of entrants for its initial year. Next year an earlier date for the contest and extensive publicity will undoubtedly swell the number of entrants.

Winner in the ACE area was the Richard's & Baker's home on 36th st., near Quiggle. Three five foot angels, blue lights strung along the gables and simulated organ pipes in an upper window made the display a striking one.

Second prize went to the H. R. Gaskell's, 4990 Ada dr. A pixie-like string of elfen reindeer with a jovial St. Nick beaming at passersby, plus the sound of Christmas carols ringing through the night air created a very Christmasy effect.

The Hawkins residence, 233 Thornapple River dr. took third place. Santa and his sleigh, three snowmen carolers on the garage roof, strings of brightly colored lights and large wreaths made an eye catching display.

Many other displays were noted by the judges as they made the rounds and many of them would undoubtedly have received consideration for an award if they had been entered in this year's contest.

According to Mrs. Menno Baker, the three angels in the winning display were cut from 1/4 inch plywood by her husband. The Baker

boys, George, 16 and Lyman, 9, helped sand the figures and Mrs. Baker painted them.

A large candy cane, seven feet tall, was made from stove pipe and the organ pipes once were used as rollers in lengths of carpet.

Judges chosen by the Lion's for the contest were Mrs. Leo Farnsworth, 1042 Waltham, Dave Lehnen, 6449 Wendell and Ken Ezinga, 4935 Ada dr.

One of the winners turned their prize money back to the Lion's Club for the children's park fund.

Runaway Truck Wheel Crosses US-16

The possibility of a serious accident on U. S. 16 last Tuesday morning resulted instead in a minor nuisance to a truck driver who was pulling a bull dozer trailer behind his dump truck.

Coming down 28th St. hill into Cascade, the trailer lost a wheel. Passing the truck, the heavy tire and rim rolled across the highway, bounced over the curbing in front of the firehouse and landed in the vacant lot next door.

Fortunately no cars or trucks were in its path and the only loss was to the drivers temper. Several years ago, the same type of accident occurred and the wall of Cascade Christian Church was damaged by the heavy object.

This year, Scripps' pond has had skaters since four weeks before Christmas.

Railroad Work Crew Replaces Girder

Last week a bridge and building crew completed work on the Grand Trunk viaduct in Ada village. According to Chas. Darby, Greenville, foreman in charge of the work crew, placing a 46 ft., 22 ton girder was the main part of the job and a travelling crane was used to put it in position.

Reminiscent of early railroad days, the crew slept and ate in the bunk and mess cars of the work train which was side tracked near the Ada depot.

Darby stated that several signal lights used to warn oncoming trains that men were working on the tracks had been stolen, thus endangering their lives. Darby also mentioned that these thefts are a common occurrence on almost every job.

LOCAL RESIDENT'S FATHER DIES

Martin B. Donker, 63, Grand Rapids, died last Thursday, Dec. 22. Mr. Donker was the father of Jack R. Donker who lives on Eastmont Dr.

COMING EVENTS.

The Ada Coffee Group will meet January 4 at the home of Mrs. Vern Morse, 5043 Cascade rd.

The Mary Martha Guild will meet Tuesday, January 2, at the home of Mrs. George Van Elst, Lake Dr.

New Paper Looks Back at It's Struggle; Reviews Past Months in Ace Area

March 31, 1955, goes down in history as the birthday of an infant paper named Suburban Life. Offspring of the venerable Lowell Ledger, which first saw the light of day in the late 1800's, the newest addition to the horde of weekly papers which, like human beings, are born, live and die, sometimes honored, sometimes cursed, the puny infant was the pride and joy of its publisher, Harold Jefferies and its editor, Roger Tusken.

True to form, the helpless baby was admired by many and hundreds of gifts in the form of subscriptions and advertisements were showered upon it. Gradually, as time went on, it gained strength and fears of an early death gradually were dispelled.

Nine months old, Suburban Life

is beginning to realize it is here to stay and every week it shows a greater interest in the world around it.

Credit must be given to Harold Jefferies, who with a successful newspaper already established, was willing and able to look into the future and see the possibilities and the necessity of a paper for the ACE area. The reception given to the new paper proved that his views were shared by hundreds of others.

Giving a free rein to Roger Tusken, editor of the new tabloid size weekly, Jefferies' vision soon became a reality. It is impossible for the present subscribers of Suburban Life to realize the amount of hard work and planning that were a constant part of Tusken's life before the first issue of the paper went to press.

His enthusiasm and persistence were rewarded as local merchants agreed to advertise in a paper they had never seen. Without the help of these businessmen, the paper would have seen a premature death. The charter subscribers also must be given due credit. Their response to the initial campaign for subscriptions was very heartening and we hope their support will continue far into the future.

As the New Year is about to dawn, we, like proud parents, want to tell you, our friends, what the new baby has accomplished in 1955. Bear with us then as we cover the highlights of the now dying year.

March 31, 1955, the first issue of Suburban Life goes through the mails. In the first of the now familiar ACE REPORTS, Editor Roger Tusken, introduces both himself and the paper and tells of its aims and goal.

Throughout its short life, Suburban Life has endeavored to keep its readers informed about every phase of life in the ACE area.

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Dog Show Will Help Local Lions

The Thornapple Valley Lion's Club has been working overtime the past few weeks to make the annual benched dog show, sponsored by the Grand Rapids Kennel Club, a success.

The show, to be held at the Civic Auditorium on Sunday, January 8, is expected to draw the usual crowd of dog fanciers and according to O. J. Kersting, Buttrick-av., president of the Kennel Club, between 650 and 700 dogs will be competing for championships, ribbons and trophies. Fifteen states will be represented.

A generous share of the proceeds from the show will be turned over to the Lion's for use in the purchase of equipment and development of the Children's Park on Thornapple River dr., a Lion's project.

Local Lions active in selling tickets for the event are, besides Kersting; William H. Wilson, President R. B. Somerville, Gordan J. Svoboda and several others.

Workshop Burns On Kraft Avenue

Prompt action by the Cascade fire department saved three out-buildings and possibly a large barn at the Simon Klyn farm on Kraft rd. Tuesday afternoon.

According to Klyn, the fire started from a stove in a workshop. Although Klyn and a neighbor were in the building, they were unable to control the blaze.

Unable to save the workshop, the firemen kept the blaze from spreading to a two stall garage only a few feet away. 400 bushels of wheat and 200 bushels of oats in the garage were undamaged. A toolshed next to the workshop was damaged by the blaze, but it and a fourth adjacent building were kept from being destroyed.

Although a complete estimate of damage was not available at the time, Klyn stated that because of the many power tools in the shop, all of which were destroyed, the loss would be over \$2,000.

Christmas Baby

Only Christmas baby in the ACE area was the daughter, Phyllis Eileen, born at Blodgett hospital to the Norvall Clifford's, 4865 Aylesworth. Phyllis weighed in at 8 pounds 9 1/2 ounces.

The Clifords have two other children, both boys.

"Style note for fall and winter: Little change in married men's pockets."

Pet Ducks Killed By Vandals

A person or persons with a rather perverted sense of sportsmanship was active in the ACE area this past weekend.

Last spring three white ducks were given, by a friend, to Miss Marion Scholand, who lives on Thornapple River near Cook's Bridge, south of Cascade. The ducks soon became very tame and were great pets of the entire neighborhood.

Saturday the ducky trio strayed, in their search for open water, a bit further from home than they normally do. On Monday, Miss Scholand, concerned over their prolonged absence, looked for them.

She soon found them—dead and frozen in the ice. All three had been shot with a rifle and although accessible from shore, no attempt had been made to take them. It was plainly a case of wanton destruction and the culprits received no more from their exploit than the joy (?) of killing.

Vandals in the same area have been shooting song birds, railroad signals along the C&O tracks and tearing signs which have been posted along the stream which the Conservation Department plants with trout each spring near Whitneyville. It is usually the case that an irresponsible few can spoil things for many innocent persons and the Conservation Department is thinking seriously of skipping the Whitneyville creek for next spring's planting.

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FIFTY POUNDS OF PENNIES COLLECTED BY WOMEN
 5,800 pennies, over fifty pounds of them, strained the treasury of the Women's Christian Fellowship of Cascade Christian Reformed church last Wednesday evening. The odds won over the evens \$38

to \$20 in the penny contest held by the rival teams during the last few weeks, which ended that night. The contest, which replaced the group's usual Christmas bazaar, required the odd team to save pennies of 1947, '49, and '51, the evens, of 1946, '48, and '50, which are not as numerous as might be supposed.

Losers Must Host

The losers now must give the winners a Christmas party, at the next meeting, Wednesday evening, Dec. 28. Mrs. Norman Ezinga is party chairman.

Money raised by the contest goes toward the group's current project, a tile floor for the church kitchen.

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Last Wednesday the Martin Intermediate Troop 59 and the Brownie troop 58, under the leadership of Mrs. Jane Woodall, spent the early part of the evening caroling in the Eastmont section. A convoy of family cars, with fathers drafted for the drivers, took the young singers around. Afterwards, the group went to Martin school and enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate. A gift exchange followed the refreshments.

Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Quiggle, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Averill, Dawn and Linda, Kathleen and Gary Hill and Miss Mildred Bishop.

Christmas eve guests at the Boyd Anderson home were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson, Mary and Marie of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson and Daryl and Miss Carole Parsons of Lowell.

Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson and Daryl attended the MacNaughton family Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Henry B. Davis in Grand Rapids.

George Anderson of the U. S. Army stationed at Fort Totton, N. Y., is home for the Christmas holiday.

Wednesday night Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacNaughton of Egypt Valley entertained with a dinner party for Geo. Anderson. Those present were Miss Carole Parson of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson and Daryl.

Monday Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Rooker and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rooker and baby visited their son and brother Melvin and family in Battle Creek.

MANY RETURN HOME FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Many Cascade young people and former residents are with their families for the holidays. Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Davenport and baby Mark Philip, of Saginaw, are visiting Mrs. Davenport's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Marvin, Cascade rd., this week.

Mrs. Robert Behrens was to arrive Christmas night by plane from Garwood, N.J., for a week's stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will George, Newcastle dr.

Pvt. Myra Jane Turner, USWMC spent Christmas leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Turner, Cascade rd., and brother, Terry. She left Monday for Norfolk, Va., Naval base, where she is stationed.

Among the college students are Jill Ostrander, Shirley Todd, Bill Pullen, and Bill Stellin, from Michigan State University. Bill Stellin, whose vacation began December 13, left Monday on the M.S.U. Blue Train for the Rose Bowl, a ten-day trip.

Georgia Strain and Barbara Wykes from Michigan, Nancy Wykes from the University of Kentucky, Pete Jensen from Alma, Jim Todd from Kalamazoo College and Roger Wykes, from Harvard, were other students home for vacations.

Cam Steketee is home from Westminster school, and Nick Kik from Chester.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Henderson were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max Sarrett of Grand River dr.

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Letter to Editor

Editor of Suburban Life
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I've told this to quite a number of my acquaintances and the reaction is unanimous—disbelief.

Almost everyone these days who works gets this incentive for the hard extra-fatigue hours; how come the well financed Kent County Road Commission doesn't turn over a new leaf and get up to date?

I don't know how any county could get much better roads or road care than we get in Kent County. But why, if trees are across the road on Saturday, roads wash out after dark, or an inch of ice forms on our road on Sunday, can't these important men get a little extra reward for the good way in which they take our expensive machinery out and get us going again?.

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Richard T. Winstrom, Covell rd., Grand Rapids, making a left turn from U.S. 16 onto the beltline did not see the station wagon driven by Cornell W. Lugthart, Bates st., Grand Rapids, approaching from the north on U.S. 16. He pulled in front of it, and was struck and spun around. Neither car was going fast.

Mrs. Lugthart and their son, 12, riding in the front seat, struck the windshield, making a hole in it, and the boy was quite shaken up. Both were found not seriously injured when examined by a local physician, and allowed to continue their journey.

The Lugtharts were on the way to Battle Creek to spend Christmas with relatives. Their car, damaged in the left front, was taken to Dykhouse and Buys for repairs, and the relatives drove to Cascade to get the family and take them to Battle Creek.

Mr. Winstrom had delivered a careful of Christmas presents to a relative in the country, and was returning for a second load at the time of the accident. His car, after having the right front fender bumped out, was able to proceed.

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The oven dressed turkeys advertised in last week's issue of Suburban Life will grace the Christmas tables of several ACE area residents. The lady who placed the ad in our paper called in to tell us that the results from the ad were beyond her expectations.

Place the same ad in both Suburban Life and one of the big city papers, she sold all her turkeys to Suburban Life subscribers and failed to get a call from the other ad. Naturally we are as well pleased about the results as she is.

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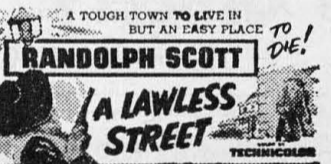


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Thirty four new arrivals were duly announced, the oldest of them, Robert David Johnson, son of the Fay Johnson's being the first baby to have his birthday listed in our paper.

The wedding of Rose Fase, Ada, and Louis Mulder, also of Ada, who were married March 26, was the first of twenty marriages to be given publicity.

Twenty deaths were listed in the nine months of our existence.

Looking back through the files we find that Ada township granted \$206,105 in building permits while Cascade township issued 45 permits. These figures are not complete, but give us a rough idea of the steady trend in new home construction in the Ace area.

Suburban Life covered the full story of the blacktopping issue in Cascade township, showed you plans for the new bridge across the Grand River at Ada and followed closely the history making Salk polio shot program as it developed in this area.

The Children's Park, project of the Thornapple Valley Lion's Club, was prominently featured in our pictures from time to time.

Local fires and accidents were given good coverage and an attempt was made to keep local church functions before the eye of our readers.

The biggest story was the consolidation issue. Suburban Life followed closely the development of this important and far reaching attempt to modernize the educational system in a twelve district area. From the moment Harold S. Chambers, technical advisor for the school study group began his work early in June, until the latest report from Lansing, giving the green light for an area wide election, your paper has given you all the facts that were available.

The improvement of U. S. 16, now open to traffic, was big news for several weeks. Remember the discussion about the "buffer strips"? The series of articles on local schools and their teachers helped create a greater interest in the neighborhood schools.

Several interesting persons were interviewed and their jobs or hobbies featured for all to share through our pages.

Local robberies and the dramatic capture of the culprits were among the more exciting news events and the tragic drownings in our local rivers were also covered.

We could go on, PTA meetins, the visits of Gerry Ford, wedding anniversaries children's birthday parties, reports of good fishing trips, local deer hunters and their success, several interesting Letters To The Editor, and dozens of other items of interest were to be found on our pages.

This very incomplete rundown of news items featured in Suburban Life since it's initial issue shows you, the readers, that we have kept you fairly well informed about local happenings of all types. Many of these news items could be found only in Suburban Life and we also featured many exclusive pictures of people and happenings in the ACE area.

As the coming year lies before us, we, looking back, can see our shortcomings and the mistakes that were committed in the short apologize for, but are not ashamed of them. Undoubtedly we will make many more of them although we assure you they will not be intentional. The old saying "To err is human" certainly applies to us, as a newspaper also.

We hereby pledge, in the New Year that lies before us; to bring you the subscriber and advertiser, a better, bigger and more complete paper. We wish to publicly thank our many friends for the help, criticism and advice they have offered in the past. More than anything, we want you to feel that this is YOUR paper. When we reach the point where help, criticism and advice are no longer necessary or welcome — feel free to cancel your subscription. Suburban Life will no longer be your paper.

We, the staff, look forward with hope and trust to a pleasant Happy New Year for all of you and us.

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JANUARY CALENDAR

Tuesday Jan. 3, Denison Guild, Official Board, Cascade Christian Church; Township Board

Friday Jan. 6 Tri Cees; American Legion

Monday Jan. 9, Executive Board, Legion Auxiliary.

Thursday Jan. 12 Cascade school Mothers' club; Cradle Roll Guild
Sunday Jan. 15, Family Fellowship Night, Cascade Christian church.

Monday Jan. 16, Cascade Fire Department.

Tuesday Jan. 17, Senior Mr. and Mrs. club

Thursday Jan. 19, Ada Neighborhood Girl Scout Assn., 7:30 p.m.

Friday Jan. 20, American Legion

Saturday Jan. 21, Thornapple post GOC dance.

Thursday Jan. 26, Sunny Acres Farm Bureau; Cub Scout Pack-meeting.

Friday, Jan. 27, American Legion Auxiliary.

MEDICAL STUDENT NAMED TO HONORARY FRATERNITY

David P. Stiff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cary Stiff, Dogwood ave., has been elected to the honorary society of Alpha Omega Alpha at the University of Michigan School of Medicine.

According to Dean A. C. Rurstenberg, election to the society is "limited to those senior medical students who have achieved high attainment in medical science, practice and related fields".

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Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin George are the parents of a baby girl, Linda Sue, born December 18 at St. Lawrence hospital, Lansing, with a weight of 8 pounds, 14 ounces.

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

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Evening Worship...7:30 P. M.
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NEWS FROM CHURCHES

Guest speaker at Cascade Christian church morning worship service at 11 o'clock Sunday will be Ananda Perera of Ceylon. Mr. Perera, a former Buddhist, is a graduate student at Calvin Seminary.

Denison Guild of Cascade Christian church will meet Tuesday, January 3, at the home of Mrs. Roger Wykes, Thornapple River dr., for dessert at 1 o'clock, followed by a business meeting and study program at 1:30.

Tri Cees of Cascade Christian church will meet Friday evening, January 6 at 6:30 for a potluck supper and some music. Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ray will be in charge of the devotions.

CYF of Cascade Christian church was to have a holiday party this Thursday, Dec. 29, at 6 p.m. at the O. B. Snow home, Cascade Springs dr.

Completes Translation

Miss Marian Schoolland, 48th st., recently completed a translation from the Dutch of "Stand By, Boys" by K. Norel, a story of the flood, for children but of interest to adults. She has also done a condensation of a girls' book written a hundred years ago, "The Wide Wide World", by Susan Warner, which some of us may remember weeping over.

MRS. BEAK INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Last week Friday, Mrs. Irma Beak, 1915 Laraway Lake Rd., was injured in an automobile accident in Grand Rapids. Mrs. Beak suffered chest and back injuries.

ACE report
by Ken Ezinga

The Holidays are almost over for another year. It seems like only a few short months ago that we ushered in the now tottering 1955. The old adage "The older one gets, the faster time flies" certainly seems to be true.

Poised in between the Old and the New Years, the proud but puny human race has for centuries looked back on their mistakes of past months and vowed to accomplish better things in the brand new months that lie ahead. The coming of a new year always seems to cause even the meanest of men to square their shoulders and resolve to attempt greater things.

So too, with Suburban Life. Plans and resolutions are the order of the day as this column is being written. Looking back over past issues we see many things that we believe can and should be improved.

First of all we resolve to give our readers better coverage of the news. We resolve to have more and better pictures. More subscribers is a major goal for the coming months and a good round figure of 2,000 would make our dreams come true.

Many people have asked us to have better coverage of township board meetings. We hereby resolve to attend the meetings of each township board in the coming year. We admit we have been lax in this matter and although we believe the important issues were covered, many of our readers feel that a complete report of each meeting should be part of our editorial policy. New comers to the ACE area in particular, are unacquainted with township rule and would like to know exactly what is going on and why. We feel that it is our duty as a paper to keep our readers informed about all phases of life in the ACE area. In the coming months it's political life will be a major concern of this young tabloid.

I personally, as editor of Suburban Life, wish to thank our three correspondants, Mrs. R. Wykes, Mrs. T. Morris and Mrs. H. R. Gaskell, for the work they have done to make my job a pleasanter and easier one. It is impossible for the average person to realize how difficult it is to "dig up" local news. These three ladies deserve the highest praise for the good job they have done. I also thank Mrs. E. DeWitt who was our first Eastmont correspondant. Forced to give up her job because of a heavy schedule in church and Girl Scout work, Mrs. DeWitt, for several months, kept our office well informed about happenings in that part of the ACE area.

Thanks also to the many wonderful friends of Suburban Life who gave help and encouragement to one who deserved so little and needed so much.

It was fun going around to the various homes entered in the first of the outdoor decoration contests sponsored by the local Lion's. Next year they plan to start a couple of weeks earlier, give it more publicity and print the names of the entrants so all of you will have the opportunity to go around and see the displays for yourselves. We hope to have many more entries next season.

Many ACE area residents are spending the winter months in Florida. Some are having their Suburban Life's sent to their winter homes. We are glad to do this and if any more of you go down for a prolonged stay, be sure to let us know.

We hope that all of you will have a pleasant, prosperous New Year and that you will, along with us, be able to keep your resolutions.

Mrs. L. A. Weaver spent Christmas with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Aryes in Lowell.

Egypt Potluck
Potluck supper preceded the regular meeting of Egypt Grange Friday evening, Dec. 23, with Fanny Thomet in Masters chair. Mrs. Emogene Gater reported receiving a card from her son saying that the 15 sacks of used clothing sent to Korea in operation Santa Claus had arrived in good condition.

Lecturer Merle Cramton had a fine program. Christmas carols were sung. There was a tree and an exchange of gifts. At the next meeting we are planning a mortgage burning ceremony.

Postpone Meeting
January meeting of the Mothers' club of Cascade school No. 4 has been set for Thursday, January 12, a week later than usual because of the holidays.

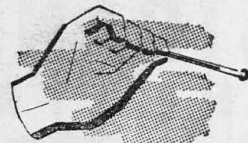
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ADA GROUP TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR ICE RINK
According to Dave Sakson, in charge of publicity for the Ada Athletic Association, a meeting will be held next Wednesday evening in the Ada Town Hall. The possibility of building a skating rink for community use this winter will be discussed.

Lights must be strung and other details considered before the plan can be undertaken. The meeting is open to the public and any worth while ideas will be discussed.

Mr. and Mrs. Orison Weaver and family were Christmas day dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris.



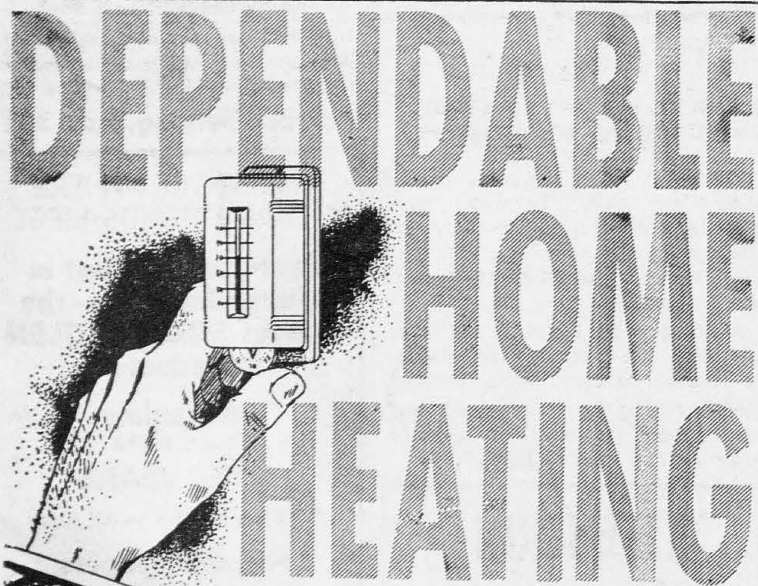
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