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Martin Teachers Use Castle, Syrup Making to Create Interest



First graders at Martin school are thrilled with the Fairy Castle made with the help of their teacher, Mrs. Grace Hammer. Another feature of the first grade is the Book House, a small plywood house where story books for the pupils are kept. Mrs. Louise Arndt, teaching the second grade has made a model thermometer, thus creating student interest in the science study class. Making maple syrup was a class project last spring.

The 35 first graders in Mrs. Grace Hammer's class at the Martin school, have in their classroom two unusual features that are the envy of the entire school.

The large 4 by 6 foot Fairy Castle is the focal point of attention for the youngsters and it would not be hard, even for grown-ups, to imagine either being rescued by the handsome prince or see oneself dashing up on a pure white charger to snatch the beautiful princess from the clutches of a leering dragon just in the nick of time.

About two and a half feet high, the castle is made entirely of cereal boxes, paper cartons and dixie cups. The children all had a hand in its construction and did a remarkable job of painting it (with improvements on technique by Mrs. Hammer).

Snow White and her friends were tenants in the castle during the Christmas season but at present the castle is unoccupied.

Last fall the class learned all about how fairies paint the leaves and perform other tasks throughout the year and the castle helped to impress the stories in their minds.

Another interesting feature in Mrs. Hammer's room is the bookhouse. Complete with door, roof, and windows, the plywood "library" was constructed by Mr. Hammer. It is lined with bookshelves and is tastefully decorated with curtains and brightly colored coverings on the chairs.

According to Mrs. Hammer, stories seem to have an added meaning when the children gather round and either read to themselves or have their teacher read stories

chosen from the well stocked shelves.

Other classes share the bookhouse with the first graders and because of its sturdy construction it will undoubtedly serve the Martin youngsters for many years.

This is the second year for Mrs. Hammer at Martin. Previous experience in teaching was spent at two other ACE area schools, Carl and Collins.

Second graders in Mrs. Louise Arndt's class at Martin are busy studying simple science. The new text books in use this year are a definite improvement and according to Mrs. Arndt, help bring the various phases of the subject home to the pupils in an interesting manner.

At present learning about the weather, the changes in temperature each day are recorded by the pupils and a thermometer was made in the classroom as an aid to student interest.

Mrs. Arndt used a bottle to make the thermometer and by partly filling it with red ink, placing a straw in the ink and sealing the end of the bottle with wax, a workable model was produced. As the bottle is transferred from warm to cold water, the level of the ink varies and presto—the young scientists "discover" the principle of expansion and contraction.

Last month the class made a visit to the Grand Rapids Public Museum and spent an interesting and informative afternoon.

Reading and spelling are stressed in the second grade and expressing the artistic talent of each pupil is

accomplished by means of modeling clay.

Last spring maple syrup was made by the students in the classroom. Mrs. Arndt said the project was really not on the classroom work schedule and the idea came to mind when a truck delivering supplies to the school broke a limb on a sugar maple in the school yard.

Noticing the sap dripping from the broken branch, the students inquired about it and thus the idea was born. Catching the sap in a pail, they brought it into class and their teacher gave them an unscheduled lesson in the art of syrup making.

Mrs. Arndt has 27 pupils and has spent three years at Martin. She previously taught in Midland county.

Coffee Day Helps March of Dimes

Thursday was "Coffee Day" at Annie's Grill in Cascade. Instead of paying for their coffee as usual, the customers were informed that it was free-provided they dropped the usual price or more, of the coffee, in the canisters that Gerrit Baker's Insurance, Dykehouse and Buys Service Station and Annie's Grill of course, put out on the counters.

The three business establishments hoped, in this manner, to not only fill the canisters, but also to bring to mind the importance of the March of Dimes drive and the need of contributions, no matter how small, so the research and care of those already stricken by this dread disease can continue.

Martin District Will Discuss New High School

Residents of the Martin school district interested in the proposed consolidated high school will have an opportunity next Wednesday evening to discuss problems or questions they may have concerning the proposed merger.

It was pointed out by members of the school board that attendance at the last informational meeting, held at the school last month, was very poorly attended and it is hoped that this coming meeting will draw a larger crowd.

A moderator will be in charge of the meeting and all qualified electors will be given a chance to be heard.

Steps towards consolidation are moving forward and petitions asking for a special election are being circulated through the various districts at the present time.

Collins PTA To Meet Monday

The Collins school PTA will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, January 16, at 7:30 p. m. Important matters will be discussed.

Members should attend if possible. A special "Surprise Program" is awaiting all. Refreshments will be served.

Purchase Lights For Ball Field

Warm weather the last few days spoiled the plans of the Ada Athletic Association to have the skating rink at the Ada ball field ready for local skaters by the week end.

According to Dave Sakson, publicity chairman for the group, the rink was flooded Monday and plans to gradually build up the ice with subsequent floodings fell through because of above freezing temperatures.

Sakson said it was decided at last Wednesday's meeting of the Association to purchase 32 flood lights for the field and the poles on which they will be mounted are being ordered now.

Five of the poles will be 45 feet in length and six will be 50 footers.

COMING EVENTS

Vesta Chapter OES

Regular meeting of Vesta Chapter will be held in the chapter rooms of the Masonic temple on Wednesday, January 19, 1956.

COFFEE GROUP TO MEET WITH MRS. BROWER JAN. 16

The Forest Hills Coffee Group will meet January 16, 1956, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Clarence Brower, 1431 Forest Hills rd.

Rash of Burglaries Hits ACE Area



State Trooper Ken Sleder and Deputy Sheriff Richard Wiersma look at the spot where burglars broke into Baker's service station in Cascade. Four other ACE area business places were robbed last Friday night, bringing the total to seven in less than a week.

Four service stations, a hardware store and a tavern, entered by burglars last Friday night or Saturday morning, brought to eight the number of ACE area buildings struck by burglars in less than one week.

The Eastmont Hardware, operated in conjunction with Don Van Portfliet's service station, yielded the biggest share of the night's loot for the robbers.

Breaking a steel sash in the rear of the station, the thieves entered the garage and broke a window in a door connecting the garage and station office. About \$6 in pennies was stolen from the till.

Shattering a French door between the office and hardware department, the robbers entered, and in an apparently leisurely stay, picked out and made off with the following items: 16 pair of men's jeans, 12 shirts, 1/2 doz. pairs of work socks, red hunting coat, a set of wrenches, pliers, hammer, a pocket watch and five jackknives. Mrs. Van Portfliet, operator of the hardware department, stated that about \$10-15 in fishing license money was also taken.

An electric drill, dropped by the thieves, was found lying in the station driveway by Van Portfliet when he arrived for the day's work. Sheriff's deputies, who are in-

vestigating the case, followed tracks from the rear of the building to a spot in the Durrant Nursery on US 16 where the car used by the robbers was parked. Two shirts, dropped in the trip back to their car, were found lying on the ground.

According to Van Portfliet, the loss is covered by insurance.

At Baker's service in Cascade, \$85 and two cigarette lighters were taken. Frank Kramer, an employee noticed the glass in a large overhead door on the front of the station was broken when he arrived at 6:45 a. m. to open for the day's business.

Two cartons of cigarettes were taken at the station operated in Ada by the Ada Oil Company.

According to Gordon Svoboda, manager, the robbery occurred after midnight. Entry was gained here also, by breaking the glass in an overhead door. Several dollars worth of fuel oil was lost however. The large door was left open a short way by the retreating burglars and the automatic furnace put up a valiant but losing attempt to heat the large garage.

About \$30 was taken at Cooper's service on M21 and several bottles of whiskey stolen from the Lena Lou Inn.

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Purchasers of the Scott house, Mr. and Mrs. Fred DeYoung, of Grandville, and their four children were to move in this week.

Local News

Mrs. John Timmer, Thornapple River dr., is recovering well at her home after surgery at Butterworth hospital.

Little Alan Marsman, aged one, is making a good recovery from severe head cuts suffered New Years Day when he fell through a French door at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Marsman, 28th St.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster Bishop and family, who temporarily were residing at a Cascade rd. address, have moved into their new home on Argo.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Alderink and son, formerly of Kirk, have moved into their new home on Forest Hills rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Swanson and son Jerry of Grand Rapids, and Mr. and Mrs. Lou Mulder and baby Dale were Saturday night supper guests at the Miles Fase home.

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Ada Township Board Holds Monthly Meeting

All members were present at the monthly meeting of the Ada Township Board held last Saturday at the Ada Town Hall. Usually beginning at 1 p.m., the meeting was delayed until 2 o'clock when Supervisor Henry Fase returned from Grand Rapids where he had gone to see his son off for service at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Ada township now has in its possession the deed and abstract to the land adjacent to the ball field. The property, situated between the railroad tracks and the right of way to the covered bridge, was purchased from Mrs. Verne Ferner, a resident of St. Petersburg, Fla. Mrs. Ferner lived in the Ada area for many years. According to Blanche Loveless, clerk, the township paid \$350 for the property and it will be used as a parking lot for persons attending events at the local ballfield.

Attorney R. M. Shivel, township lawyer was present at the meeting and discussed with the board the property which Mrs. Katie Smith deeded to the township. After a lengthy discussion the board decided to table the matter and will, at a later date decide whether the property and the stipulations in the will as to its use and maintenance could be used to advantage by the township and its citizens.

Fire Chief Dick Sytsma was present at the meeting and informed the board of a need for additional hats and coats for the firemen. Supervisor Fase informed Sytsma that the discretionary powers granted him by the board would cover this matter and expressed their thanks and appreciation for the good work he and his men have done in the past.

The board also granted Sytsma the right to use the auxiliary pump as a means of flooding the ball field if a skating rink is to be made for use of the residents.

John Slanger, building inspector, reported that 101 building projects were completed in the township in 1955. Total value of the permits on these jobs was \$334,610. New homes, garages, remodelings and additions accounted for the types of construction. Slanger reported that no permits were issued in the month of December.

Neal Vande Peerle, treasurer, stated that 61 per cent of the total tax receipts were turned in as of January 6.

A meeting of township clerks, to be held in Grand Rapids on Monday January 16, will be attended by the Ada township clerk, Blanche Loveless, and by Supervisor Henry Fase. Changes in the election laws will be discussed at this meeting.

G.O.C. Dance To Raise Funds For Post Maintenance

Committees for the second annual Ground Observer Corps dance have been announced by Mrs. Russell Jensen, chairman. The dance, to be held in the Ada school gymnasium, is a joint effort of the Lowell Alto, and Thornapple (Cascade) Posts to raise funds for the maintenance of these posts.

Tickets are now on sale at Reilly's Pharmacy, Cascade-rd.; Cascade Pharmacy, in Cascade village and at the Ada Oil Company in Ada.

The ticket sales committee consists of Mrs. Peter Boogert, Cascade, William Reynhout, Alto, and Frank Stevens, Lowell.

Mrs. Jensen appointed Mrs. John Breidenfeld as chairman of the decoration committee. Also appointed were, Mrs. Clifton Parker and Marge Hunn.

Guests at the dance will include Dan Waters, executive secretary of Kent County Civil Defense, J. G. Grotenrath, Liaison Officer and Alec Richard Zinn.

One of the two top commanders from Willow Run will also attend the affair and either Capt. M. Sandy or Lt. J. A. Christy will be present.

The Ada school bard is donating the gym for the evenings festivities and Ma Loveless and her orchestra, along with Lee Beleth and Fred Darling as callers have also offered their services for the night.

Fluoridation Survey at Martin

The first dental survey in Kent County, outside the Grand Rapids area was conducted Thursday morning January 12, at Martin School.

Mrs. Vernon Reyburn, school health chairman stated that all the pupils were included in the survey, which was conducted by Dr. G. R.

Worsfold, and assisted by Mrs. R. L. Moffat, county health department nurse to determine the need for fluoride treatment.

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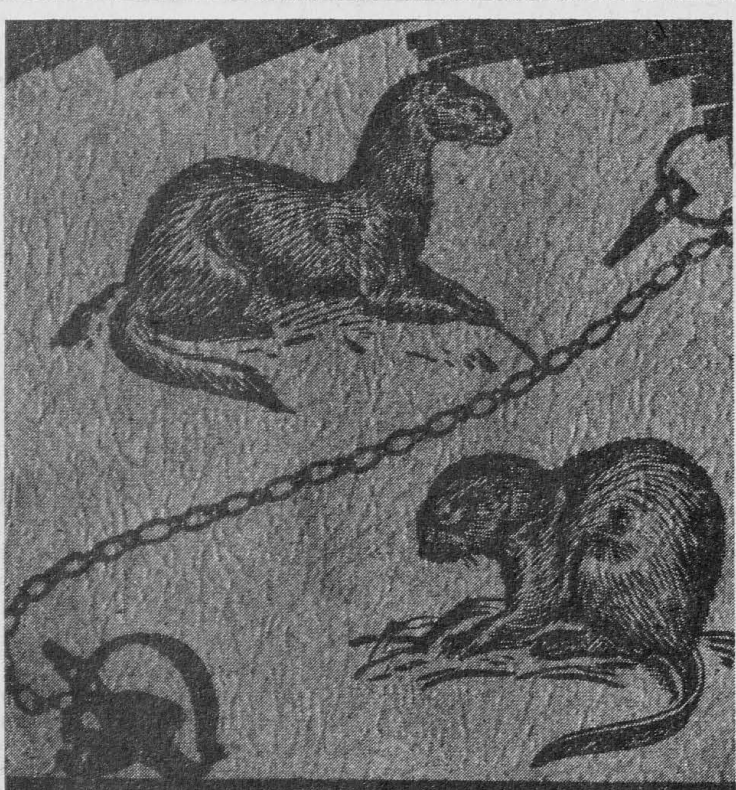
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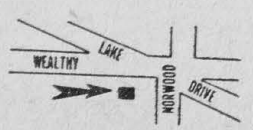
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MR. REYBURN ATTENDS NEW YORK INSURANCE MEET
 Vernon Reyburn of Luxemburg returned home last week from New York where he attended the Insurance Eastern Regional Meeting. Mr. Reyburn is a special agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee.

Coffee Group to Meet
 The Ada Coffee Group will meet Wednesday January 18 at 9:30 a. m. at the home of Mrs. John Osmolinski, 850 Delray.

Mothers' Club
 Executive Board of the Mothers' Club of Cascade school no. 4 will meet Tuesday January 17, at 9:30 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Charles DeMinck, Wendell st.

SHAKESPEAREAN AFTERNOON OR "MUCH ADO ABOUT NIL"

A comedy of errors called out both trucks of Cascade Fire department Sunday afternoon when Joe Simmons purposely burned down a small shack on his property at 4945 Whitneyville road.

Mr. Simmons properly sought permission, according to law; but because his phone is on the Alto exchange he assumed he was also in the jurisdiction of the Alto Fire department, which he therefore called. The Alto department likewise assumed he was in its orbit and granted a permit to burn the building.

So Joe Simmons set the fire, the building burned in an orderly manner, and that would have been that. Except that a sharp-eyed motorist passing by saw the smoke coming from the building, and with commendable concern, turned in the alarm. Because he knew the fire was in Cascade township he called the Cascade Fire department. Because it was a house alarm, both trucks responded. They found everything under control.

Perhaps "Much Ado About Nothing" would sum it up.

FUNERAL RITES WEDNESDAY. FOR JENNIE JOHNSON, 95

Funeral services were held at the Metcalf Chapel this past Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock for Jennie Johnson, 95, who passed away Monday morning at the Lowell Rest Home. Mrs. Johnson was the widow of Ira O. Johnson, a lifelong resident of Ada. Interment was at the Ada cemetery.

STATE APPOINTS VERHIL HIGHWAY ENGINEERING AIDE

The office of Charles M. Zeigler, State Highway Commissioner, has announced the appointment of Matthew Verhil, Bennett rd., Ada, as Engineering Aide for the Department.

Verhil has worked for the highway department for several years. His new duties will begin on Monday, January 23.

Sick list

Mrs. Leonard Schalk, McCords ave., is confined to her bed for complete rest for several weeks. Mrs. Martin Vanderveen is convalescing slowly from a severe case of flu at her home on Thornapple River drive.

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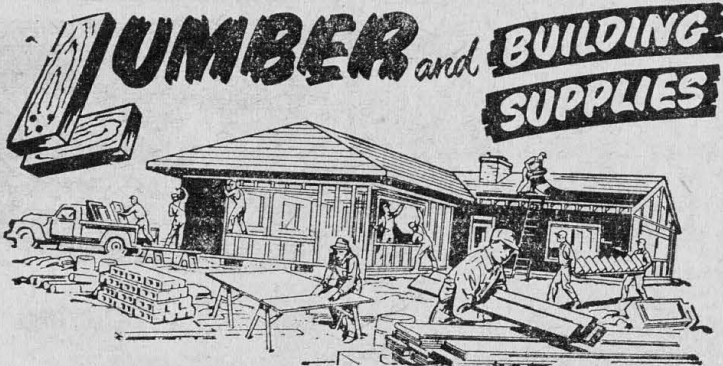
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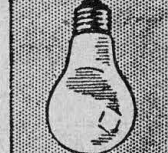
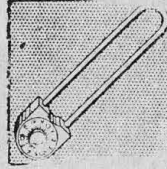
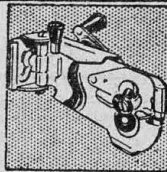
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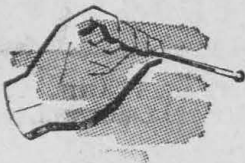
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Sunday School — 11:15 A. M.
Evening Worship — 7:15 P. M.
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11:00 A. M. Sunday School NURSERY PROVIDED

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MRS. BLAINE HOSTS MARTHA-MARY GUILD

Tuesday Jan. 3, 1956 the monthly meeting of The Martha Mary Guild of Eastmont Reformed Church was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Blaine, of Spaulding due to the illness of Mrs. George Van Elst. After the business meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. John Dekker and Mrs. Pauline Bos.

Eastmont Church Calls Full Time Pastor

The Eastmont Reformed Church held their congregational meeting January 4, 1956 at the Ada Hall. It was decided to call a full time pastor to serve the church, and Mr. William Hoffman who has conducted services at the church during the summer was contacted. At the present time Mr. Hoffman is a senior at the Seminary in Holland and will graduate in the spring.

We know lots of people who would be permanently speechless if they said what they thought.

ADA COMMUNITY Reformed Church

Morning Worship...10:00 A. M.
Sunday School...11:20 A. M.
Evening Worship...7:30 P. M.
Pastor—Rev. C. A. VanderWoude

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Cascade Christian Church

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

CHURCH PLANS FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

Family Fellowship Night at Cascade Christian church Sunday evening at 6:30 will be in the charge of the Tri Cee Fellowship, with Carroll MacInness as chairman. A short congregational meeting will precede the program, to seek approval of the working drawings for the educational building.

Meet With Mrs. Nebbeling

Martha-Ruth circle of Bethlehem Lutheran church will meet Thursday, January 19, at 8 p. m. at the home of Mrs. John Nebbeling, 728 Colrain St., s. w. For transportation call Mrs. Curtis Amundson, GL-9-5019 at Eastmont, or Mrs. Ronald Bross, GL-4-6754, at Cascade.

The newly organized guild contains a number of local residents. All interested newcomers are urged to attend. A trip through Sweden, with slides, by Mrs. Lincoln Linderholm, was the January program for the Guild, an organization made up of all Bethelhem circles. Mrs. Lester Vanderhill sang two songs in Swedish.

NEW GUILD TO MEET FRIDAY EVENING

A new guild for all mothers of Junior and Senior High School age young people will meet Friday evening at Cascade Christian Church at 8 o'clock. Gene Roberts, supervisor of Sunday School and youth work of Central Christian church and counsellor at Crystal Beach conference several summers, will speak on "Our Church Camp and Our Youth." He will show slides of Crystal Beach camp in action. Refreshments will be served.

The guild is sponsored by the Christian Education committee of the church. All women interested in youth are invited.

Senior Mr. and Mrs. Society of Cascade Christian Reformed Church will meet Tuesday evening, January 17, at 8 o'clock, at the church. Discussion will be followed by refreshments.

An education is what you have left after you have forgotten all that you ever learned.

ACE report
by Ken Ezinga

Some time ago we warned our readers of the danger of going out on the river ice. This week while driving along Thornapple River dr., we saw some ice fishermen near the bridge above the Ada dam.

We stopped and talked for a few minutes and admired the perch they had caught. Only a few feet from shore, the ice where we were standing was a scant three inches thick. Just a few feet further out the ice would not support a man. So once again we warn local parents of the danger that is always present near the local rivers. aq

In spite of local pessimism in the Cascade area, the new highway with its controversial curbing and cutovers in the village has failed to cause an accident of any account since it has opened. We must admit that we too, were certain that the new layout would cause, rather than prevent accidents. Time, and thousands of cars and trucks passing through the village since last fall have proved however, that our state highway engineers know a lot more than we gave them credit for. We hereby give them a belated salute for a job well done.

The first signs of spring are in evidence. Perhaps you have already noticed the "Income tax assistance ads" in this week's issue? A sure sign that spring is on the way.

The national elections this fall can not possibly provoke much more discussion in the ACE area than the proposed school consolidation issue is doing at the present time. To us at least, the discussions that we hear are a good sign. They prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the people in this area are awake and know what is going on in their community. Whatever the result of the issue, everyone of us can be thankful that we live in a country where we can freely express ourselves about any matter without fear of what our government will say. A voice in the education of our children is certainly one of the most important freedoms that we enjoy. Only by taking an active interest in our schools will we be able to retain this freedom. Disinterest would inevitably lead to government control.

In line with the safety article found elsewhere we see that a certain insurance company is offering reduced medical payment premiums for those persons having safety belts installed in their cars. Must be something to them.

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Other Church News
Rev. Jacob P. Boonstra has a classical appointment to Detroit Sunday. His pulpit at Cascade Christian Reformed church will be filled that day by Prof. Ralph Stob of Calvin Seminary.


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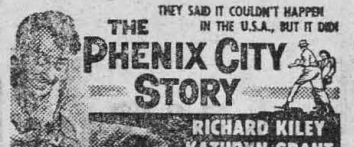


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