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Local Woman Killed As Car Leaves Road



Mrs. Ellen J. Brooks, Rix St., Ada, was thrown 70 feet from her car last Wednesday morning when it left Ada Dr., near Colrain st. Mrs. Brooks died of skull and neck fractures according to Dr. G. A. Mulder, medical examiner.

An Ada woman, Mrs. R. L. Brooks, 7236 Rix st., was killed early Wednesday morning when her car left Ada dr. near Rookers Hall.

Striking a telephone pole, the vehicle snapped it off, jumped a ditch, mowed down 15 fence posts, slid on its side through roadside brush and, after rolling over several times, came to rest against a tree.

According to Deputy DeBoer of the Sheriff's Department, the car was traveling close to 100 miles per hour and skidded and rolled for 416 feet after it left the road.

Mrs. Brooks is survived by two daughters, Mae Ellen, 15 and Roberta, 13.

Clark, Chambers to Speak at Gove

Next week Wednesday, February 15, Lynn Clark, County Superintendent of Public Education and Harold S. Chambers, technical advisor for the ACE area school study group, will meet with the residents of Gove school district at an 8 p. m. meeting in the school.

Clark and Chambers will discuss the proposed consolidation of ten school districts in this area with the Gove school board and electors of that district.

A petition is being circulated in the 10 districts, seeking signatures to bring the issue to a vote.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 11, will be children's day at the Ada town hall. A movie and cartoons will be shown from 1-3 in the afternoon. Admission charge will be 25 cents and fudge, popcorn and punch will be sold. Sponsor of the event is the All Saints Guild of the Grace Episcopal Church.

The Community Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Edith & Shimmel of 5018 Cascade Road Tuesday February 14, 1956.

The Ada Drive Coffee Group will meet Wednesday Feb. 15th at 9:30 A. M. at the home of Mrs. Grace Smith of 4638 Ada Drive.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Simon of 4960 Ada dr., a baby boy, last Tuesday evening at Butterworth hospital, weighing 6 lbs., 6 ozs.

School Society to Hold Banquet

The Annual Banquet of the Ada Christian School Society will be held on February 24 in the school building.

Committees which have been appointed by the school board are; General Arrangements and Publicity, The Mr. and Mrs. Gil Van Solkemas and Peter Paaps, Tickets, John Nederroeds and Herman Scholten.

Program, the Mr. and Mrs. Larry Vissers, Carl Duthlers, Ed Vanden Bergs and Neil Vander Tuins.

No admittance charge is necessary but an offering will be taken at the banquet for the benefit of the school. The Mother's Club will again furnish the meal. Included in the program will be a chalk talk and some humorous readings.

Petitions on School Issue Due April 1

According to Russell S. Jensen, chairman of the school study group, the petitions, being circulated throughout the ten district area seeking consolidation for the purpose of building a high school, are rapidly being signed by qualified electors in the various districts.

Cascade district has already received over 50 per cent of the required number of signatures. Orchard View has 85 per cent over the goal.

According to Lynn Clark, county superintendent of schools, all petitions must be turned in to his office not later than April 1 and each petition from the various school districts must bear at least 50 per cent of the number of registered voters in that particular district.

Clark states that the number of registered voters in each district has been received from the township clerks and certified in his office. Following are the districts and the number of their registered voters; Ada, 428, Carl, 105, Collins, 199, Martin, 409, Knapp, 142, Orchard View, 257. The remaining districts are Strong, with 74, Gove, 111, Cascade, 623 and Murphy, 164.

When these petitions are turned into Clark's office, they must be approved and forwarded to the Department of Public Instruction in Lansing. A date for the special election will then be set.

Clark stated that there are 300 students in the ten district area who would attend the proposed high school at the present time. This is the minimum number recommended by the state for a good high school.

Work towards the consolidation of these ten districts has been moving steadily forward in the past few months. The school study group, formed two years ago, believes that a high school in the ACE area is a necessity. Rapid gains in population have forced all local schools to build additions to the existing buildings and the present trend, if continued, will cause serious overcrowding of all schools in the next few years.

Martin P.T.A. To Meet Tuesday, February 14

Tuesday Feb. 14, 1956 at 8:00 p. m. The Martin School P. T. A. meeting will be held. Since this Tuesday has been designated as "Father's Night" Mr. Cecil Houghton, Father Vice-President will conduct the meeting. Mr. Houghton has also engaged the Swanson Brothers to entertain the P. T. A. The three brothers play the bass violin, spanish guitar, and Hawaiian guitar. They have appeared on television, radio and stage and the act consists of music, comedy, and popular novelty westerns.

Choir to Sing at Ada Church Sunday

This coming Sunday, February 12, the Chapel Choir of Wallin Congregational church of Grand Rapids will sing at the 9:30 A. M. service in the 1st Congregational church of Ada.

The choir, made up of Junior High girls, is under the direction of Mrs. Alice (E. E.) Chapman. The accompanist will be Miss Anna Winn Bolier who was formerly organist at Scribner Baptist Church.

The group will sing the anthem "Leave It With Him" by Ellis.

Eastmont Man Severely Cuts Thumb and Finger

Mr. McKinley Stewart of 5000 Ada Dr. was given emergency treatment at Blodgett Hospital Wednesday, Feb. 1st, for a severely cut left thumb and forefinger. The thumb will be in a cast for approximately 4 to 6 weeks and the forefinger required 4 stitches.

Many Artcles Are Gifts from P. T. A.

Several pieces of new equipment have been presented to Martin School from the P. T. A. with proceeds from the carnival. A premier typewriter, 3 speed record player, a sturdy card table and two extension cords were purchased, also \$50.00 was put in reserve for the book rental program. Several other articles have been ordered and as yet have not been received.

Co-Sponsors For Pancake Supper

At last Wednesday's meeting of the Ada Athletic Association, it was decided to hold another pancake supper in an effort to raise further funds for the improvement of the Ada Ballfield.

According to Dave Sakson, publicity chairman for the group, the Kent County Conservation League has offered their clubhouse on Conversation rd. for the supper and will be co-sponsors of the event which will be held on February 29. Sakson stated that a door prize will be given.

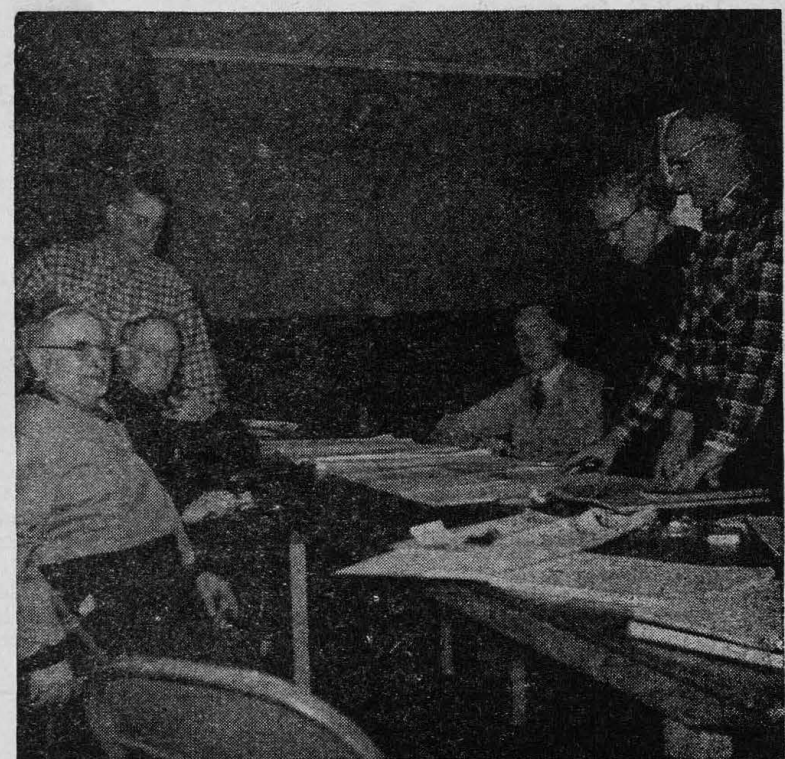
The last pancake supper sponsored by the Association, was a great success and over \$300 was taken in.

Brownies To Learn Ceramic Making

The Martin School Brownie Troop No. 58 and leaders will be meeting at the home of Mrs. Donald Crum of Kirk Ave. for the next 3 weeks. Mrs. Crum has volunteered her services in teaching the Brownies a little about ceramics. Their project is making decorative knick-knacks, which will be molded by the Brownies and their leaders and baked in Mrs. Crum's kiln and painted. It is a wonderful opportunity for the Brownies and thanks to Mrs. Crum for generously offering her time and equipment for this project.

Leisure time is the finished product of greater efficiency.

Ada Twp. Board Shows Plans for Bridge



Blueprints for the M-21 bridge at Ada were shown at the monthly meeting of the Ada township board meeting last Saturday afternoon. Supervisor Henry Fase stated that construction may begin "any time". Looking at the plans are Grover Hill, John Slinger, and Neal VandePeerle on the left, Supervisor Fase, Mrs. Blanche Loveless and Carl Keene, on the right.

Blueprints for the new bridge over the Grand River at Ada were displayed at the monthly meeting of the Ada township board.

According to Supervisor Henry Fase, no definite date has been set for construction to begin but he assured the board that it will be soon.

The bridge will be 480 feet long with six piers and two abutments for support. The piers, 24 feet high, will run diagonally under the bridge to compensate for the flow of water.

Four lanes for traffic will make the new structure one of the most up to date in this part of the state. Each traffic lane on the bridge will be 13 feet wide.

Borings of the river bottom were made several months ago and the various layers and types of soil to be found under the bridge site range from sand to clay. According to the chart on the blueprints, the layers of soil are as follows: Coarse sand, granule gravel with traces of shells, fine black sand, silt and shells, pebble gravel, medium sand with traces of wood fibre, yellow sand, gravelly blue clay, hard blue clay, fine sand and at the last level, hard blue clay.

The problem of finding a suitable spot for a trailer park for transient workers on the bridge construction job was discussed. The township

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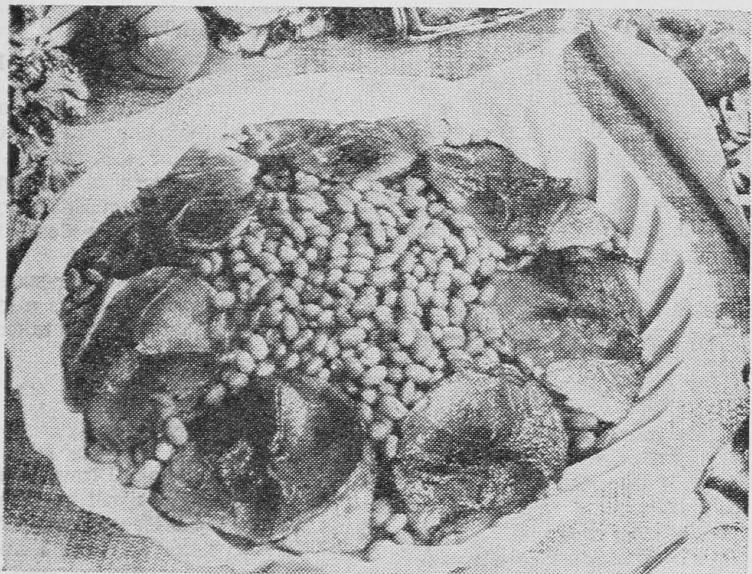
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Soak beans overnight. Drain and reserve liquid. Heat cooker and sear diced salt pork. Add beans, sugar, salt, molasses, mustard, onion, ketchup and enough bean liquid to just cover beans. Cover and cook at 15 lbs. pressure 40 min. Set off the heat and allow pressure to go down gradually.

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U-M Astronomer Explains Reason For "Leap Year"

Everyone knows 1956 is a "leap" year, but how many know why? Part of the answer is that 1956 is evenly divisible by four, says University of Michigan astronomer Hazel M. Losh.

The Earth's rotation and revolution cycles are not evenly coordinated, which complicated ancient calendar making. The Romans tried to straighten things out by adding an extra day to every year whose number was evenly divisible by four. By 1582 they had allowed three too many leap years for every four centuries, Professor Losh notes.

Pope Gregory XIII then took a hand to correct the situation. He decided that this division by 4 system should be kept but that century years should only be leap years when divisible by 400. This cut down the number of extra days being added every several yeards.

"There's still inaccuracy in the Gregorian system which we use today, but it only amounts to about 26 seconds a year. It will be three thousand years before our calendar and the Sun will be out of step by as much as one day," Professor Losh says. If we had continued to use the Roman calendar we'd now be about 16 days out of step.

See Venus, Jupiter

Two bright evening planets will make their appearances this month. Venus will shine in the southwest twilight, and Jupiter will rise a little north of east soon after sunset, Professor Losh points out.

The constellation Leo the Lion is also climbing over the horizon a little north of east after sunset. It can be recognized by its sickle-shaped group of stars. And if you prolong a line through the bowl stars next to the handle in the Big Dipper it will guide you to Regulus, the brightest star in Leo.

Regulus is 100 times as luminous as our Sun and about 84 light years distant from us, says the astronomer. If this star were suddenly blotted out it would be just that many years before we would know about it.

Brown-shell eggs may be just as high in quality as white-shell eggs, say food specialists at Michigan State. Quality is based on the interior condition of the egg, not the shell.

Surveying Starts At Ada Bridge



This is the man ACE area citizens have been looking for. After many years of calling, writing and pleading, he finally showed up this week. Given up for lost by the citizens of Ada, he nonetheless valiantly fought his way through mountains of red tape, saw both Republican and Democratic governors rise and fall, and at last on a cold January day reached his goal—the approaches of the Ada bridge on M21. Welcome stranger, and please don't run off.

At least 29 per cent of the nation's total salt deposits are believed to be located in Michigan.

More than 20 sparkling blue lakes can be seen at a glance from the twin observation towers of the Irish Hills near Detroit.

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board decided to allow the zoning board to handle this problem and to abide by their decision.

A recommendation to the zoning board was made regarding signs planted along some of the roads in Ada township. These signs, put up for advertising purposes by various companies, are taxable.

The board ruled that in the future all such signs must have the owners address plainly posted. The zoning board will have jurisdiction on the matter.

John Slanger, building inspector, reported two permits for the period from January 7 to February 3. One, for \$900, allows an addition to a cabin; the other, \$3275, is a permit for a new home. A \$3 permit, allowing a resident to park a house trailer on his property until March 20, was also granted.

According to Neal VandePeerle, treasurer, 88 per cent of the taxes have been paid. Residents can still pay their taxes at VandePeerle's home until March 1. After that date they become delinquent.

Three large pictures showing the original covered bridge over the Thornapple, the old mill, torn down in 1926, which was on the site of the present power dam, and the original Ada High School, were presented to the board by Ralph (Sam) Sisson. These pictures will be framed and hung in the town hall.

The board decided not to accept the property deeded to the township by the late Katie Smith. The lot, located across the alley from the barber shop is approximately 50 by 150 feet.

Stipulations in the will of Mrs. Smith stated that the property could be used for recreational purposes only, and once accepted by the township, could not be used for any other purpose.

After careful consideration, the board gave the following reasons for declining what all agreed was a generous gesture on the part of the late Mrs. Smith; Size of the lot prohibits a proper recreational area; the adjacent alley constitutes a definite hazard for children, the property could never be sold by the township if the proposed recreational area proved to be impractical at that location.



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Letter to Editor

Ladies and Gentlemen: The new speed law enforcement has gone into effect. I may get a lot of criticism on this article but I am going to speak the truth on this.

How many of you citizens of the ACE area know that Governor Williams' car which has a two way radio, dictaphone and a few other accessories, was bought with money the Legislature voted for and allotted to the Michigan State Police for additional men for Highway Patrol? How come he rates more? Also; where are our County Sheriff's Highway Patrol cars that are supposed to be on the highway during the day and especially at night?

I will admit that the townships cover a lot of territory and there is a large area to cover. I also know that the Patrols are allowed time off duty for coffee and lunch. But there was a time when two Highway Patrol cars were seen at a certain coffee shop when they were badly needed for escort.

The Sheriff's department was called but the caller was told that no cars were available. Can it be that when they went for coffee they didn't call into the office and inform the Department where they could be reached? These men aren't unexpendable. They can be replaced with others if necessary.

A remark was made not so very long ago that County cars would be in our ACE area after our new highway was finished to stop some of the high speed drivers. But day in and day out cars go whizzing by with no effect on our law enforcement.

In the Cascade area we have a speed of 45 miles an hour, down to 35. We also have our school at Burton and US 16 with a big sign and caution lights on the West and East boundaries of the school zone. But do they pay attention to these signs? No Ladies and Gentlemen, they don't.

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Three youngsters at Martin School, Suzanne Smith, 6th grade, Susan Waterman, 4th grade, and Joseph Leale, 5th grade, were presented Certificates of Award by Mrs. H. R. Bigford, Regent of the local DAR Chapter and Mrs. W. A. Young, Historian. Also shown in the picture are two Martin teachers, Mrs. Mabel Hendricks, 6th grade, and Mrs. Doris Roth, 4th and 5th grades. Mrs. Roth is also a member of the DAR.

This week Wednesday three Martin School students were presented Certificates of Award by Mrs. H. R. Bigford, Regent of the Sophie De Marsac Campau Chapter of the DAR and Mrs. Willis A. Young, Historian for the Chapter.

Receiving the award signed by the National President General, the State Historian General and the Chapter Regent, Mrs. Bigford, were Suzanne Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Smith, 1018 Eastmont, Susan Waterman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Waterman, 4221 Edinburgh, and Joseph Leale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leale 4838 Aylesworth.

The three local students were chosen by ballot in their respective grades as being the most outstand-

ing in their American History class.

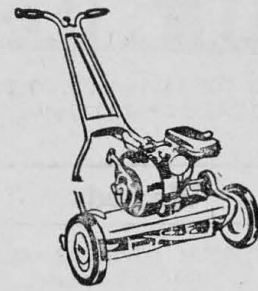
One of the phases of the work of the DAR concerns historical work and the preservation of the American spirit. The Sophie De Marsac Campau Chapter stresses the importance of authentic teaching of American history in Grand Rapids area schools.

Upon presenting the Certificate of

Award, Mrs. Bigford told the pupils

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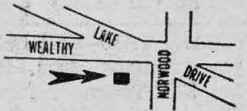
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Cascade's Cemetery System Allows Free Grave For Every Resident

A century ago, when thick green forests still covered most of Cascade township, and the population averaged not much over ten people to each of its thirty-six square miles, the township inaugurated a cemetery system providing a free grave for every resident, a system continued to this day.

The town board is responsible for the system's operation, which provides a grave for every resident of the township, whether he is a property owner or not. No grave is assigned until there is a death in a family. Then either a lot, containing eight graves, or half a lot, depending on the size of the family, is designated. No deed is given, but the assignment is placed on the records. The township also pays for opening and closing the grave, an uncommon service, and one which nowadays is rather costly, at least in urban burial grounds.

A non-resident may purchase a lot or a grave, and he must pay for the opening and closing of the grave. Such purchases are rare, however. Perpetual care for all Cascade's cemeteries was established by vote of the townspeople at the annual town meeting of 1932 or 3. Before that, Cascade cemetery had been cared for from funds raised by the Ladies' Cemetery Association, with a yearly supper. Mrs. Ralph Auble and Mrs. Charles Buttrick were members of this organization.

Frank Lewis is sexton, and Frank Warner is maintenance man and caretaker, for five cemeteries in the township: Cascade, Cook, Snow, Witneyville, and St. Mary's. The last is private, belonging to St. Mary's Catholic Church, on Kraft Avenue; the first four belong to the township.

Cook cemetery, on the north side of 28th street between Kraft and Patterson avenues, is almost surely the oldest, and certainly the smallest, of the five. It occupies what was the south-east corner of the quarter-section farm of Lewis Cook, the township's earliest settler who came in 1836. A number of Cooks are buried there, including Mrs. Hugh Slater's grandparents, Jesse and Rachel Cook, and her father, William Cook. The earliest grave seems to be that of Elmer Teeple, who died in 1850. His relatives, George and Peter Teeple, in 1837 built the second house to be erected near Cascade. No one has been buried in this cemetery for perhaps forty years.

Cascade cemetery, on 30th street is the largest burial ground, and the

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only one to have the current system from its beginning. The ground was given to the township by the Rev. Erie Prince, about 1856. Mr. Prince came to Cascade from Ohio in 1849, bringing a small stock of "Yankee notions", and opened a store, or grocery, in a log house across the river. He was school inspector, and superintendent of several Sunday schools that developed in different parts of the area. He was in demand at picnics and temperance meetings and his influence helped to shape the community.

Mr. Prince died in 1862, and was buried in the land he had given, under a young oak. His grave, as he had directed, was unmarked. Today it would be good to know what one (if it survives) of the trees which shadow that serene hilltop is Erie Prince's monument.

Mrs. Roger Wykes, Jr.

Bee Stings Can Kill

That the sting of a bee can kill is confirmed by a medical-school researcher who has seen several people in a state of complete collapse because of severe shock reactions to the protein deposited in the sting wound. Stings on the head are the most dangerous, he says. The standard methods of combating such allergic shocks are administration of antihistamines and drugs which tighten the blood vessels to start blood flow and restore blood pressure to normal, plus application of cold compresses. His contention is verified as this is written by a news release on the near fatal experience of the Mayor of Pasadena, California, who received a single bee sting on the neck and "woke up in the hospital" 45 minutes later.

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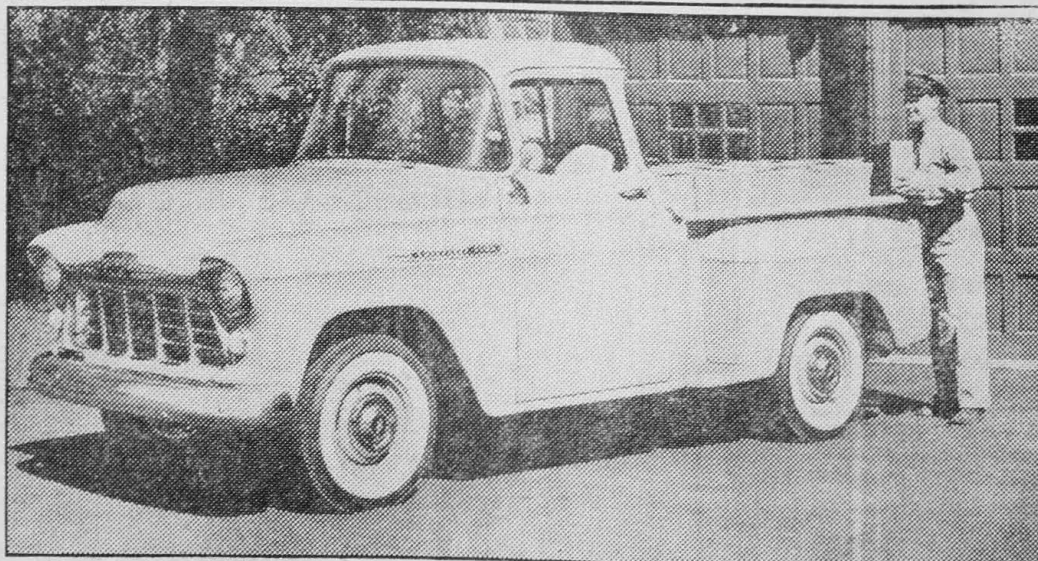
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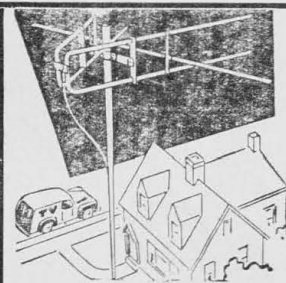
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Breakdown on Future School Tax Rate

Fred K. Sherk, Cascade rd. resident of the Martin School District and a Certified Public Accountant with offices in the McKay Tower in Grand Rapids, has prepared the following analysis for the school study group in the ACE area.

Sherk is well qualified as a tax expert and is thoroughly familiar with school operating costs and procedure. He was business manager of the Grand Rapids school system for several years and at the present time is in the process of auditing the books of 28 schools throughout the state.

Based upon an analysis of fiscal data, it must be concluded that the consolidation of ten school districts in the Townships of Grand Rapids,

Ada, Cascade and Paris could be accomplished without an increase in the school tax rate for operating purposes above the average of 9.2 mills tax rate for 1955. Mandatory tax levies for debt retirement on existing bond issues require the spread of approximately \$54,500.00 for 1956 which would necessitate an increase in debt taxes of some \$37,500.00 to cover a new issue for the construction of high school facilities and such elementary schools as are found to be necessary. The debt millage of 6.75 average for 1955 would therefore need to be increased to approximately 8.45 for 1956.

Taxes levied by the ten districts for 1955 were as follows:

	AMOUNT	MILLS	PER \$1,000 ASSESSED
School operation	\$ 92,799.97	9.20	\$17.61
Debt Retirement	68,100.99	6.75	12.93
Total	\$160,900.96	15.95	\$30.54

The tax levies for 1956, provided the consolidation is approved, and a new bond issue of \$750,000.00 is

authorized would be approximately as follows:

	AMOUNT	MILLS	PER \$1,000
School operation	\$ 93,100.00	8.45	\$16.17
Debt, old bonds	54,500.00	5.05	9.67
Debt, new issue	37,500.00	3.40	6.51
Total	\$187,100.00	16.85	32.35

It should be noted that this increase in debt levies will continue only until some of the existing issues are paid off. The debt millage for 1957 and succeeding years should decrease and by 1960 should not exceed the 6.75 rate of 1955.

On September 30, 1955 there were 1019 pupils in actual membership in the districts. At that date there were 307 pupils attending high schools for which the districts must pay \$56,629.87 as tuition. The cost of transportation in 1954-55 was \$21,687.92, excluding the cost of the busses. The State of Michigan reimburses our districts for a part of this tuition and transportation, BUT the portion so paid is expected to decrease substantially under a revised formula recommended by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

It cost the districts \$235,430.29

	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59
High School Grades 7-12:				
Tuition pupils	307	345	135	65
In membership	125	145	395	510
Elementary, Grades K-6	894	1,025	1,210	1,425
Total anticipated	1,326	1,515	1,740	2,000

Tentative operating budgets have been prepared based upon the above membership figures, with allowances to continue the 11th and 12th grades in their present high

schools until graduation. The high school to be opened in September 1957 with 395 pupils in grades 7-10, the 11th grade added in 1958 and the 12th in 1959.

The enrollment of the consolidated districts has been increasing at the rate of approximately 15% in recent years. The following tabulation projects the school membership for the next three years on that basis:

The enrollment at September 30, 1955 included 125 pupils in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades of which 81 were in grades 7 and 8. If classified as high school pupils the district would receive \$20.00 each as additional state aid.

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	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59
OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
Administration	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,500.00
Instruction and tuition	245,400.00	299,050.00	363,450.00
Operation of buildings	24,500.00	45,000.00	52,500.00
Maintenance	12,800.00	15,000.00	18,000.00
Fixed Charges	1,700.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
Auxiliary (transp.)	22,500.00	20,700.00	22,750.00
Total budget	\$319,400.00	\$399,250.00	\$477,200.00
REVENUES			
State grants	226,300.00	284,250.00	353,000.00
Necessary to raise taxes	\$ 93,100.00	\$115,000.00	\$124,200.00

The budgets would provide for a superintendent of schools, a high school principal and a supervisor of elementary schools with clerical assistants. Teacher salaries have been estimated at average rates from \$4,200.00 to \$4,500.00 with a teacher pupil ratio of less than 1-30. The average per-capita cost would be approximately \$220.00 for 1956-57; \$240.00 for 1957-58; \$250.00 for 1958-59 and to reach \$260.00 by 1959-60. Increases in state school aid would permit either a reduction of operating taxes or an increase in expenditures.

Throw-Away Raincoat

A Puerto Rican inventor has designed and patented a paper raincoat for sale in vending machines for persons caught unprepared for rain. The disposable raincoats made of either waterproof paper or glossy wax paper come in small, medium, and large sizes.

No place in Michigan is more than 85 miles from one of the Great Lakes.

Snowless Streets

A German chemist claims to have perfected a "secret ingredient" which when used with cold-mix asphalt provides a pavement which melts snow. The secrecy stems from the fact that the United States Patent Office has not yet given the idea protection. Rochester, New York, is to try the "secret formula" that this Winter. How about the sidewalks?

Life Expectancy of 100?

It is much closer to 100 years than most people realize, according to a vice president of one of America's oldest and largest pharmaceutical manufacturers speaking before a Retail Druggist Association. He said that cardio-vascular diseases are the "most formidable mountain," but that "from the vast amount of information being accumulated, there seems to be some justification for a belief that this mountain will be scaled like the Mount Everest it represents on the graph of mortality statistics."

Cites Serious Need For Pharmacy Research To Improve Service

Close to half a billion dollars of the nation's annual hospital bill goes for drugs and drug supplies according to Dean Tom D. Rowe of The University of Michigan's College of Pharmacy who reports a serious need for research in pharmacy.

"This large annual bill points up the fact that the pharmacy is one of the most important services of the modern hospital," Dean Rowe notes. He states that the cost of drugs alone is of major concern to hospitalization insurance programs, to industry, and to the public.

"The need for research is clear," he states, "from the fact that of the 270 hospitals with more than 68,000 beds in Michigan less than one-half have a full time pharmacist on duty to render pharmacy services."

He reports also that the public is utilizing hospital facilities at a greatly increased rate for diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic services. And this, says Dean Rowe, serves to emphasize the urgent need for further study of pharmacy services in hospitals.

"This study," the dean points out, "should explore such things as: levels of service, operations, drug costs, personnel, equipment, layout, and space requirements in hospital pharmacies; hospitals by size and type to determine need for pharmacy services and ways of meeting those needs; and effective measures for reducing medication costs to the patient or seeing that he obtains better services for the same costs."

"Such research would fill an urgent need for study to improve clinical and administrative use of pharmacy services, and for study to effect practical application of advances in the medical sciences," he reports.

One-Hand Welding Shop

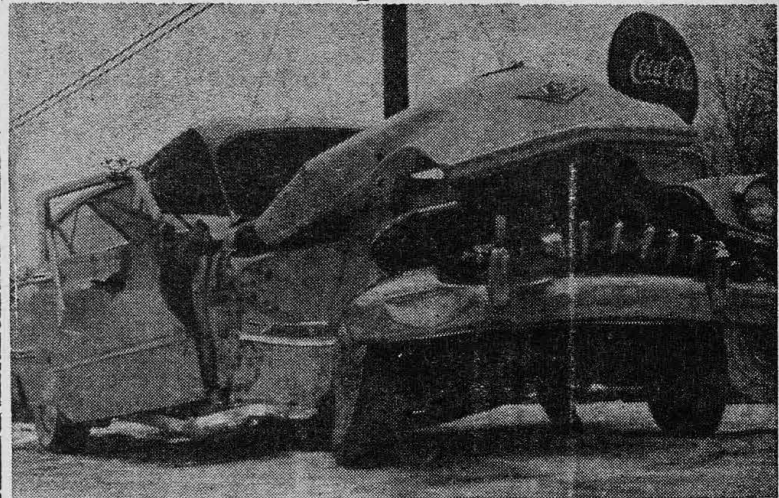
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Driver Uninjured Monday As Car Tips



Mrs. Minnie Saliers, 75, Coopersville, was uninjured when her car overturned on US-16, about two miles east of Cascade Monday afternoon. According to Mrs. Saliers, she applied the brakes on the icy pavement and lost control. The car skidded and struck a high embankment on the roadside. On her way to McCords to do some wallpapering for her brother, she continued on her way after a local wrecker righted the vehicle. The car was only slightly damaged.

This Car Sideswiped Auto, Hit Truck



Two men were injured early Monday morning in a collision on US-16 just east of M-50. Two cars and a truck were involved. The car, badly wrecked, pictured above, was driven by James Beasley, 27, of Grand Rapids. He, and his passenger Thomas Beasley, 21, also of Grand Rapids, were treated at St. Mary's hospital for chest and thigh injuries, respectively. Kent County deputies investigating the accident, stated Beasley apparently attempted to pass an auto driven by Elmer Pierce, 21, of Lowell, sideswiped it, and struck a truck, driven by Joseph Burger, 41, of Detroit. The cars had to be towed from the scene, the one pictured above being at the Dykhouse & Buys station at Cascade, the other at the West Side Garage, Lowell. The truck was able to drive from the scene, and the driver was treated for bruises by a local physician.

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Honey Creek News

Mrs. Leona Hunt

Mrs. Betty Standard's brother Arnold De Loofs of Lowell visited her Sunday. Mr. De Loofs has just returned from serving in the Army Air Corps in Greenland.

Some of the children are planning on attending the movie at Town Hall Saturday Feb. 11th given by the All Saints Guild of Grace Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gould and family of Hudsonville and Mr. and Mrs. Kerby Gould's daughter of Grand Rapids visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gould of Cramton rd. Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Seidman made arrangements for our 5th and 6th grades to attend the Concert at Civic Auditorium at Grand Rapids Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Seidman and Mrs. Hammer drove the children in and back.

Good attendance at the Coffee Thursday morning at Mrs. Cooks. Next coffee at Mrs. Hazel Knoops of Conservation dr. on February 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bentley and family visited with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Betts, Grand Rapids and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilson, also Grand Rapids, last Sunday.

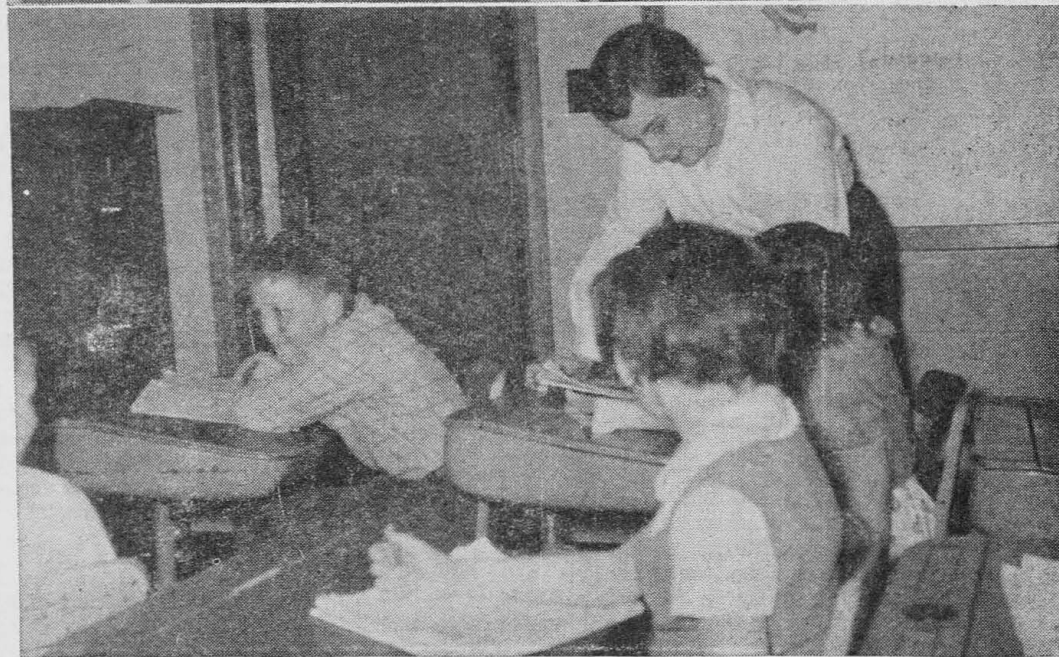
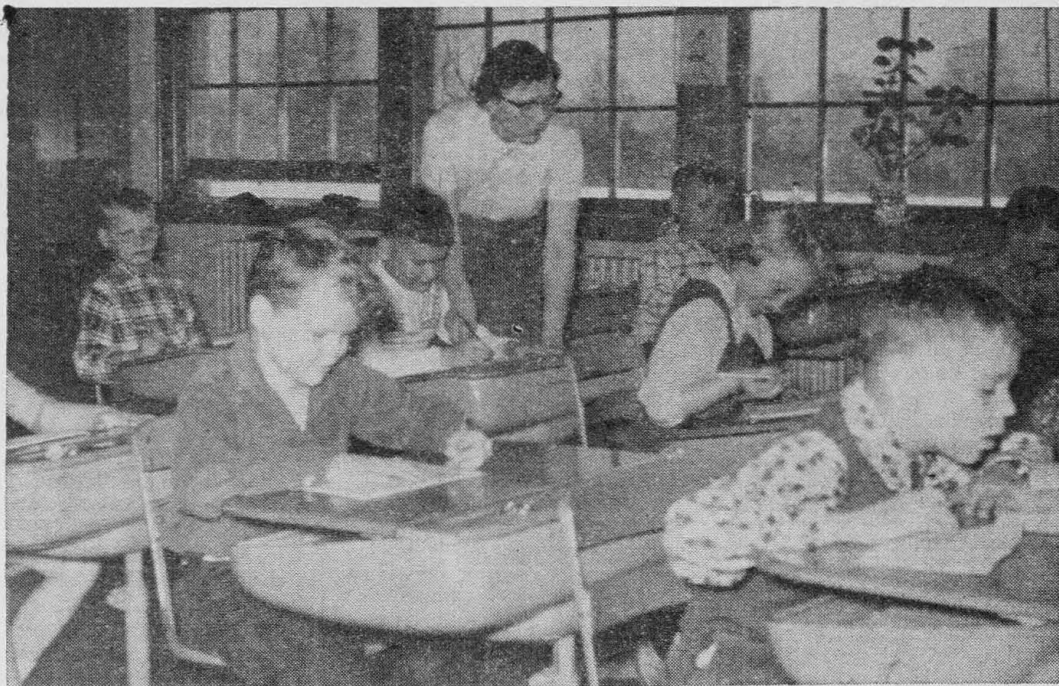
Mrs. Swartz is having next year's kindergarteners visit school, one by one, to make it easier next fall when an unusually large class is expected.

Telephones Pay Much Of Primary School Fund

The Lowell school system received \$3,346 of \$8,286,848 paid to the state Primary School Fund by the Michigan Bell Telephone Company in 1955, from a tax payment—the largest in the company's history—which it pays in common with railroads, Pullman, railway express, telegraph, and other telephone companies. This is a state property tax earmarked for the Primary Fund in lieu of other property taxes.

Kenneth L. McKee, area manager for Bell, reports that the payment to the Lowell school system was based on a census of 706 primary students, compiled by the State Department of Public Instruction.

A want ad gets rid of those "don't wants".



Mrs. Evelyn Lane is in charge of the "Overflow" room at Cascade school. Made up at first, second and third graders, the set-up relieves crowding in the other rooms and results in better pupil, teacher relationship. Mrs. Joyce Ludwick is spending her first year in the teaching profession at the local school. A trip to the circus and the Grand Rapids museum were enjoyed by her third grade students.

Mrs. Evelyn Lane teaches what is known at the Cascade school as the "Overflow Room". Made up of six first graders, six second graders and seven third graders, the classes are divided into groups and a portion of each day is spent with each group while the others are doing their assignments.

Mrs. Lane has taught at Cascade for three years and was former teacher at the Whitneyville school. Mrs. Lane believes in the phonetic system of teaching her young pupils how to read. Leading educators through out the country are agreed that this "old fashioned system" is still the best.

Quizmo is a favorite game played in the classroom. Like the well known Bingo, the pupils cover their numbered cards as problems are held up on flash cards by their teacher.

A large mural on the classroom wall was made by the third graders. It is a winter scene and depicts a sleigh, snowmen, and a large barn. The pupils received a minimum of assistance from their teacher as the objects were cut out and stuck to the background with scotch tape.

Mrs. Lane believes in the value of creative work and in this way teaches her young charges the importance of using their own minds to express various ideas they may have.

The entire class visited the Shrine Circus and needless to say, the impressions gained there were easily transferred back at school to a circus book with each student drawing and coloring their own impressions of what they had seen.

A weekly newspaper with items about visitors, sick pupils, a complete birthday report and many other items of interest in the school is printed by the class. Pictures are also part of each issue and they usually depict one of the happenings at the school.

Each week Mrs. Lane staples the student's work sheets together and sends them home. In this way the papers are not easily lost and each parent can see how their child is progressing.

Mrs. Joyce Ludwick, third grade

teacher at Cascade is spending her first year at the local school.

Like Mrs. Lane, she also uses the phonetic system and uses several games as a means of helping the pupils retain the knowledge they have been taught in the classroom.

Recently the class studied Indians and in connection with this study unit made a trip to the Grand Rapids museum for a look at the Indian relics displayed there.

The third graders specialized in the study of the Sioux Indian tribe and Mrs. Ludwick obtained a movie on this group for the benefit of the class. A notebook was made and books from the library helped the pupils to get a better understanding of the subject.

At present they are keeping a health note book and a day by day diary was kept for awhile.

On a large bulletin board pictures showing various events that occur during February have been posted by the class. Lincoln, Washington, and large valentines are prominently displayed.

Woman in England has had 22 children, all single births, in 25 years of marriage.

Teacher: "Jimmy, what are the three great American parties?"
Jimmy: "Democrat, Republican and cocktail."

Cannibal Chief (to victim):
"What did you do for a living?"
Victim: "I was an associate editor."
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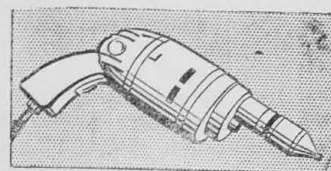
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report

by Ken Ezinga

So far this year the death toll on Michigan highways is ahead of last year's frightening toll. As we are writing this, 17 persons have already lost their lives in Kent County. This figure was not reached until the middle of March last year. What can be done?

At the MPA convention in Lansing recently, we talked with an official of the Michigan Truckers' Association. He informed us that several truck drivers in this state have logged up over a million miles of driving without an accident of any kind. Hundreds of others have driven two, three, even four or more hundreds of thousands of miles without an accident.

These drivers employ what he called "defensive driving". Every time they go on the road they adopt the mental attitude that all other drivers are deliberately attempting to cause an accident. They drive day and night, through all kinds of weather and arrive at their destination year in, year out, without incident.

These drivers know that most accidents are caused by the "other driver" and watch for him constantly. They never take chances, obey all the laws, and always let the other person have the right-of-way. Perhaps if we employ this proven method, you and I can avoid becoming a vital statistic this year.

The story about the Cascade cemeteries in this week's issue was written by Mrs. Roger Wykes, Jr. Like all the articles she has written, both for Suburban Life and the Ledger, it is worth while reading, and to those who enjoy the early history of our county, worth saving.

We certainly regret that our Cascade correspondent can no longer write steadily for us. She was a faithful and accurate correspondent and few indeed were the news items that escaped her notice.

We, along with her many "fans" in the Cascade area, hope that she will favor us occasionally with one of her historical feature articles. Thank you, Mrs. Wykes, for a job well done.

Next week we will introduce our new correspondent from the Cascade area.

The school issue is the most prominent topic of discussion in the ACE area these days. We have printed, as far as we know, all the available information regarding this far reaching plan for consolidation.

We still hear many people talk heatedly against the school but as yet have found no one who wishes to be quoted on the matter. Until we can find someone who is willing to take a stand against the issue, we are forced to give a one sided presentation of the issue.

We strongly feel that any arguments against the proposed high school should be brought out into the open now; not after the vote is over. Everyone in this area has the right to be heard and we will gladly give the space to anyone who wishes to express their opinion.

Chemical Achievements

During Chemical Progress Week in the U. S. A., members of a panel were asked to select the ten chemical developments which, during the past 35 years, "have meant the most to the American consumer." Here are the top ten: (1) antibiotics; (2) man-made fibers; (3) plastics; (4) man-made rubber; (5) feed supplements; (6) insecticides; (7) improved fuels; (8) synthetic fertilizers; (9) radioactive isotopes; (10) packaging films.

Keep meals simple. Too many main dishes and a great choice among vegetables and relishes when served with several desserts often result in over-eating. M.S. U. food specialists say a huge variety at any one meal is in poor taste in these modern times.

from the BENCH

By Buck Gotschall

The fan's attitude has a lot to do with a team's spirit. We were particularly pleased after the game with Wyoming Park as we did not hear a word of criticism from the fans. A defeat is nothing but a learning experience if undo pressure is not applied to the team unit. The team unit consequently have expressed their appreciation to the fans and feel that they will be ready to give their best in the future to our well-deserving fans.

* * *

The Arrows' philosophy in attacking a zone is to put strength in the zone's weaknesses while maintaining defensive and rebounding balance. We split the opponents, but our formation varies depending on whether the zone is 2-1-2 (East-Grandville) or 3-2 (Wyoming Pk.). We spot-shoot, pass fast, try not to dribble, and only drive by one man. This is doubly difficult with a small team.

* * *

It is hoped that Dick Connors will not read this paper as there is still much of the season left, but we cannot help patting the lad on the back for a fine job as general manager. George DeVries once remarked that he had more authority than the coaches. Dick makes coaching a little easier and bless all things that do that! Thanks also to K. Shoemaker and G. Pollice for doing a fine job.

* * *

Want to see how a basketball game looks on paper? In the first half of the Grandville game Lowell hit 22 per cent, second half fifty per cent. We took 18 offensive rebounds, 16 defensive rebounds. We committed 20 fumbles, bad passes and violations (not good). We recovered the ball 14 times and tied up the opponents 10 times more than they did to us. Percentages for scoring were: DeVries 30 pct., L. Fase 47 pct, Abel 20 pct., Carr 20 pct., Hartley 80 pct., and Jimmy Lind failed to score a field goal. But weren't those last two free shots lovely?

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Value of Fluoride in Toothpaste Not Proven Says State Dental Head

The Michigan Department of Health today warned against "accepting at face value claims for any toothpaste with fluoride added." Dr. Fred Wertheimer, head of the department's public health dentistry section, said dental authorities agree that, "There is as yet no accepted proof of the value of fluoride toothpaste in preventing tooth decay."

The Michigan Department of health, has had a number of requests for information on the effectiveness of fluoride toothpastes.

American Dental Association officials have advised that the evidence on the value of the toothpaste won't be available for a year or more and claims made for fluoride toothpaste are premature.

"As far as we're concerned," it's still true that it's when and how you brush your teeth that counts, not the brand of toothpaste you use." Dr. Wertheimer observed. He said application of fluoride to the teeth of children, or better still, fluoridation of public water supplies, "represents the proven and very effective use of fluoride in reducing decay. Until the manufacturers of fluoride toothpaste came up with similar proof, we cannot rely on a dentifrice to give us the precise amount of fluoride needed to help prevent tooth decay."

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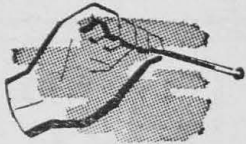


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Zoning Change in Cascade Township Rejected By Board at Monday Meet

It was "standing room only" at the regular monthly meeting of the Cascade Township board meeting last Monday evening. Approximately 80 residents turned out to hear the board's decisions on zoning variations in the township, recommended by the zoning board.

At last month's meeting of the zoning board, it was decided to make the following recommendations to the township board: 1. US-16 to be rezoned commercial except for one-half mile southeast of the Cascade bridge and a small area south of Burton st. 2. Change Walker property on Laraway Lake rd. to commercial and allow the American Legion to build a clubhouse at that location; and 3. to rezone the A. E. Kern property on US-16 to commercial for the purpose of building a motel.

Circulate Petition

Residents along US-16 were well represented and voiced immediate dissent to the first proposal before the board. Supervisor Gerrit Baker allowed the property owners a voice and a petition against the proposal was drawn up and circulated through the audience. It was signed by all US-16 residents present and several other property owners who also attended the meeting. This petition will become part of the township records.

One of the board members, Miner Cook, mentioned the advantages of rezoning the highway and stated that only a large commercial section in the township would prevent the future tax rate from becoming a burden. Cook pointed out that new homes in the area would, although a definite asset to the community, only serve to bring in more children and cause the school tax to spiral constantly upward. He mentioned the Rogers school district in Grand Rapids as an example, where because of lack of busi-

ness and industry, the tax rate is now 65 mills.

The board decided, because of the general sentiment of the property owners present, to disapprove of the proposed variation by the zoning board.

Supervisor Baker pointed out that the matter of rezoning this section of the township could again come before the board through means of a petition circulated by citizens of the township.

Also Reject Others

The remaining recommendations from the zoning board were also turned down by the board after the reading of an opinion from Judge Dale Souter. The opinion of the judge concerned the legality of spot zoning in the township and as a precedent, the case of a proposed boat livery within the township was mentioned. The board took the position that if spot zoning was illegal in that instance it was consequently illegal in the case of the Walker and Kern property also.

Designate Precincts

Under the new State election laws, any township having 800 or more registered voters, must be divided into two precincts. In compliance with the new ruling, the Cascade board used US-16 as the dividing line for the township. Precinct 1 consists of the area North of the highway and Precinct 2, South of US-16.

Two voting places will be in operation at the next election, residents of the First Precinct voting in the Town Hall and those from the Second Precinct voting in the Township Firehouse.

Baker stated that all electors will be notified of the change by mail.

The board expressed their appreciation for the work done by the Volunteer Firemen and the good job they have done in keeping fire loss to a minimum in the Cascade area.

Former TB Patients Need "Right to Work" Says Kent Society Head

We all know that loss of a job through illness gives that sick person tremendous financial worry which often hinders his recovery. The longer the period of illness, the greater the worry, for bills pile up and savings dwindle.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Boomstra of Sarasota Ave, announce the birth of a daughter, Sherry Lee, Sunday Jan. 29, at Blodgett Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Basil Culp of 850 Kirk Dr. has been confined to Butterworth hospital where she underwent eye surgery and will return home Friday.

Alcoholic Boost

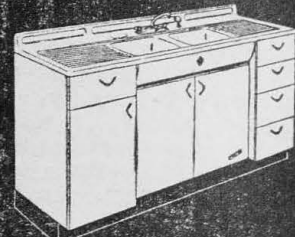
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