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Cascade Twp. Board Has Busy Meeting

At last Monday evening's meeting of the Cascade township board, a delegation from the township fire department discussed the possibility of receiving partial payment for their services.

Fire chief Sy Dykhouse, speaking for the group, stated that Cascade is one of the few townships in the state whose firemen work strictly on an accomodation basis.

The written request stated that the first hour spent fighting any fire would be free. After the first hour, each man fighting that particular blaze, would receive \$2 per hour. In the event of consecutive calls, the rule would apply only on the first blaze.

Standby service on Sundays and holidays would come under the \$2 per hour rate.

According to Chief Dykhouse, last years fire calls, if paid for under the requested system, would have cost the township \$325. Dykhouse said that last years calls were average and that this rate of payment could be used as a basis for a possible budget in the future.

After discussing the matter, the board concluded the request should be decided by the citizens of Cascade township.

The possibility of a fund for a new fire truck was also mentioned at the meeting. Dykhouse told the board that a new 4 wheel, high pressure unit would cost approximately \$11,000.

The funds, set aside each year, could be used when a greater need for another truck exists. The township could then dispense with the services of the Ada-Kent County truck, and thus effect a savings of \$700 per year which is charged by the county for this service.

The board advised the group to look into the possibility of purchasing a used truck.

Permission was granted to the American Legion for use of the Town Hall on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. The Legion Auxiliary will use the building every 4th Friday evening.

A carnival, sponsored jointly by the McDonald Osmer Post 451 and the Cascade Fire Department, to be held sometime in June, was approved by the board. The committee was notified that purchase of liability insurance would be a condition on which the approval was granted.

Spraying the elm trees in the township cemeteries against Dutch Elm disease was a topic of discussion at the meeting and a motion to inquire about the cost was passed by the board.

Verner Lynn and Peter DeJager were reappointed to 4 year terms on the zoning board and Henry Romyn, Cascade rd., was appointed as chairman. Alfred Scott and Frank Lewis are the other members of the zoning board. Their terms will expire in the next two years.

Five building permits were issued in the township for dwellings; one each to Harold Mulder, Marion Ehle, Kenneth Orlop, Robert Martin and Robert Zielow.

A permit to move two dwellings into Cascade township was granted to Floyd Atchinson.

The Ada Drive Coffee Group will meet Wednesday, March 14, at the home of Mrs. Kay Dekker of 825 Kirk. Co-hostess will be Mrs. Helen Watson.

For a good evening of entertainment don't forget to attend the illustrated lecture "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" by Cecil Houghton at Martin School March 9, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Perdoks New ACE Area Citizens



New American citizens are the Harm Perdoks, Fulton rd. With their daughter, Annie, they have been residents of the ACE area since 1951. The Perdoks will receive certificates of citizenship at a ceremony in the Vandenberg school building on March 23. Happy to be American citizens the Perdoks attend church in Ada and their daughter is in the 4th grade at Ada school.

Although the Harm Perdoks, Fulton rd., Ada, have resided here in the ACE area for five years, they have the distinction of being the newest citizens of this community.

Last week Friday the Perdoks were among 52 persons admitted to citizenship before Federal Judge W. Wallace Kent. Assisting in the examination was Federal Judge Raymond W. Starr, senior federal judge.

On March 23, the Perdoks and the rest of the new Americans will be presented certificates of citizenship at 7:30 p. m. in the Vandenberg school auditorium in Grand Rapids.

Since coming here in October, 1951, Harm, his wife, Klaasje, and daughter Annie, 9 years old, have taken advantage of the opportunities that most Americans take for granted.

Perdok built their comfortable bungalow on Fulton rd. and the modern lines of the house with breezeway and attached garage, are evidence of his skill at carpenter work.

Annie is a 4th grade pupil at Ada Public school and her father who was a blacksmith in Groeningen, the Netherlands, is employed at the Van Dam Iron Works in Grand Rapids where he can follow his trade of working with metal. The family are members of the Reformed church in Ada.

Mrs. Perdok, when asked how she liked their new country, was speaking for the entire family when she said, "It couldn't be better."

A visit to their native land is planned for the month of May. Perdok stated there is no danger that the trip to their "old home" will make them regret taking the steps that have made them citizens of our country.

Martin P. T. A. Will Hear Talk

The Martin School P. T. A. Meeting will be held Tuesday March 13, at 8:00 p.m. There will be a business meeting and election of officers, after which a very interesting program has been planned. Mr. William Edmonston, Speech Therapist for Kent County will give a 15 minute talk on speech impediment, which will be followed by a question and answer period. Mrs. Bayer's 3rd grade pupils will put on a puppet show from Dr. Seuss's book "If I Ran A Zoo." The pupils made the puppets with the help of their parents and teacher several weeks ago. Will the third grade keep the "Honor Banner" this month?

Ada Township Has Zoning Requests

Last Saturday afternoon the Ada township board held their monthly meeting in the Town Hall.

A request for information on the possibility of constructing an 8 unit motel on US 16 at Spaulding ave. was presented to the board by Mrs. W. Tiffany.

According to Mrs. Tiffany, the units would be of frame construction, would not have cooking facilities, and the grounds would be landscaped in a manner in keeping with the surrounding property. The motel would be accredited and operated under the regulations of the AAA.

The board referred the request to the zoning board for further action on the request.

Permission was also sought by Colby's Resturant on M21 for a take out license for beer and wine. If the plea is granted by the board, an addition to the present building would be constructed and the beverages sold in the new section. The board moved to consider the request and will give their decision at a later date.

John Slinger, building inspector, reported one building permit was issued in the last month. Permit grants Leo Harden, Vergennes rd., the right to build a small addition and repair fire damage to his home. Value of the permit was \$1000.

Slinger stated that two signs in the township were erected in violation of the zoning ordinance and letters were sent to the owners, informing them that large signs must be erected at least 50 feet from the right of way on any road in the township.

In accordance with the new state ruling, Ada township has been divided into two precincts. M21 was chosen as the dividing line and those residents living South of the highway will be in Precinct 1; those on the North will be in the Second Precinct.

According to Blanche Loveless, township clerk, 590 registered voters reside in the second precinct and 1059 in the first. Mrs. Loveless stated that the list of voters is not complete and new residents will be contacted in the near future.

The Community Club will meet Tuesday March 13, at the home of Mrs. Carl Behnke of 4804 Cascade Road.

Gove Out; Merger Plans Continue

With only nine school districts remaining out of an original 12, a meeting of representatives from Ada, Cascade, Murphy, Martin, Collins, Orchard View, Strong, Carl and Knapp, held last Friday evening at the Collins school decided to continue the steps necessary for consolidation.

Gove district was the latest to fall from the original plan recommended by Harold S. Chambers, technical advisor for the school study group in the ACE area. Beckwith and Thomas districts turned down the merger several weeks ago.

Although the nine districts gathered the required number of signatures necessary to bring the issue before the citizens, Gove's withdrawal necessitates the entire procedure of resolutions from the board, passing of petitions, and seeking county and state approval for the merger to be started again.

Lynn Clark, county superintendent of schools, stated that he was assured by Rolland Strolle, State Department of Education in charge of area studies, that the withdrawal of the three districts will not affect the State's approval for the remaining districts. Seeking reapproval is only a legal formality which must be fulfilled to comply with the state law.

Future plans call for the new resolutions to be in Clark's office by the end of this week. They will be forwarded to Lansing for re-approval and new petitions can then be circulated through the remaining districts.

According to Clark these preliminaries can be completed this month and he will set the special election date for early April.

Egypt Grange will hold its regular meeting this Friday evening.

The annual dinner of Honeycreek School is this Friday evening, Mar. 9. The dinner will be held at Ada town hall with Mrs. Lester Norwood in charge of the potluck supper.

Chickenpox and Flu have visited nearly every family in the district

Oakview Falls To Ada 42-33

Oakview fell to the superior playing of Ada Public in last Tuesday's game and the final score was 42 to 33.

The last game of the season was a thriller and Ada has a season record of four wins and three losses.

Jim Lawrence was high scorer and Oakview was unable to hold him back. With 20 points to his credit, Lawrence made almost half of Ada's score.

Bob DeGreen played perfect basketball and accounted for 13 more points.

The Ada team will play one more game next week Wednesday and their opponents will be their two men teachers, Ray Price and Ferris Post. Other members recruited so far are Joe Gillard jr., Geritt Slinger, John Verhil, and Glenn Morse.

According to Ray Price, principal, the P. T. A., teachers team will probably be known as the "Creaking Joints".

The battle should be a good one well worth the small admission price that will go towards new uniforms for the Ada team.

New Art Teacher At Ada School

According to Ray Price, principal at Ada school, Mrs. H. Himebaugh has been teaching art at the school for the last five weeks. Mrs. Himebaugh spends two days each week instructing the youngsters in this work and uses all the various mediums such as clay, paint, crayon, etc.

The pupils are taking an active interest in the subject and are developing their creative talent under capable leadership.

Mrs. Himebaugh is also teaching supplemental reading in all grades up to and including the 6th.

Another new feature at the school is the 31-piece band under the direction of Herman Johnson, band director at Catholic Cenentral high school in Grand Rapids for many years. The band meets every Monday morning and is progressing nicely.

Bookhouse Featured at Martin School



The book house in the first grade at Martin school, is the object of much attention, not only with Mrs. Grace Hammond's class, but with the entire student body. Constructed by Mrs. Hammond and her husband, the house is tastefully furnished with upholstered chairs (junior size) curtains at each tiny window, and is lined with well-stocked book shelves. According to Mrs. Hammond, stories seem to come alive as the children pick out their own books and either read to themselves or listen attentively as their teacher brings them stories of distant lands with strange people and places.

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Girl Scouts to Attend Church

March 11, Girl Scout Sunday, inaugurates a week-long series of events honoring all participants in Girl Scouting. On Sunday, all Cascade Girl Scouts will meet in uniform at the Cascade Christian Church at 10:45 a. m. to attend services as a group.

Friday March 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Ada High School Gym a Scout Neighborhood program will be presented by 11 troupes coming from Grattan, Cascade, Ada and Martin School.

The evening will open with a flag ceremony, after which singing, dancing, skits and a style show will be put on by the various troupes. Mrs. Everett Lane, Field Director of the Girl Scout Office will show films on Camp Windy Crest and Camp Anna Behrens near Port Sheldon. Also on display will be articles of handicraft made by the girls under the supervision of their troop leaders.

Co-chairmen for this program are Mrs. Warren Rich of Ada and Mrs. George Woodall of Martin school.

The program is open to the parents and anyone wishing to attend. Refreshments will be served after the program.

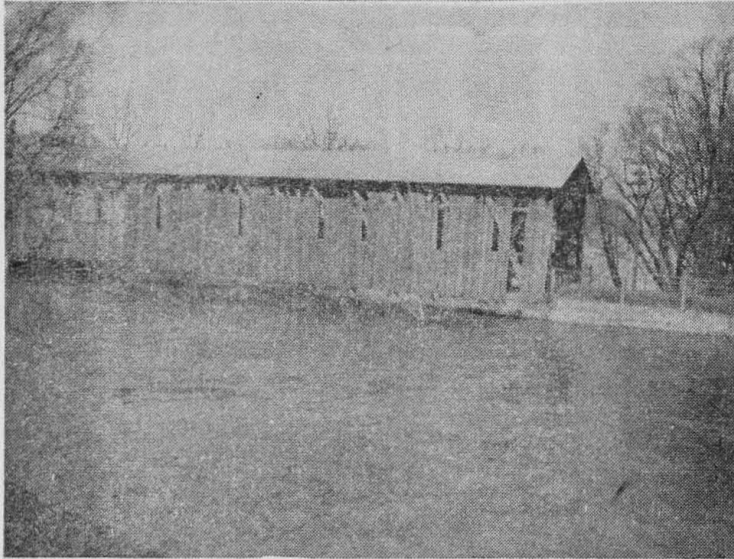
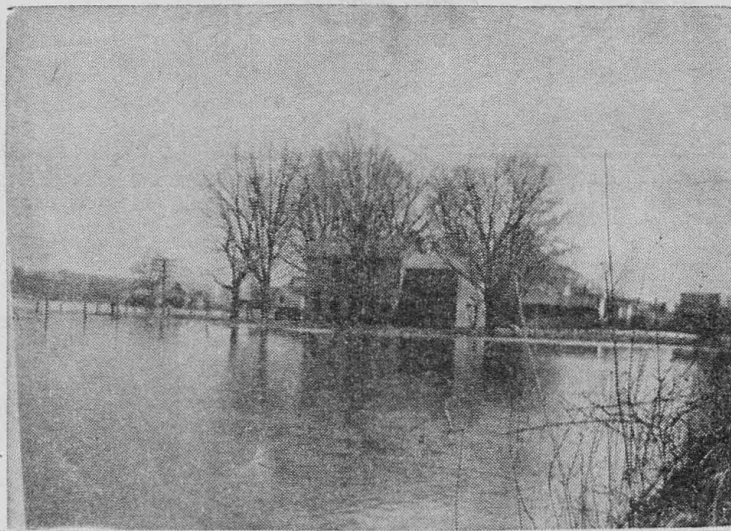
Local Church Gets New Pastor

Collins Weeber, a student at Western Seminary, a part of Hope College in Holland, Michigan has accepted the call to serve as minister for The Eastmont Reformed Church.

Saturday morning ground breaking ceremony will be held for the construction of a parsonage at Ada Dr. and Forest Hill Rd. Rev. Douma and Mr. Weeber will participate in the ceremony.

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High Water No Novelty in Ada



High water has hit the ACE area before, as these pictures show. Upper scene: House on what is now the corner of Fase st. and Thornapple River dr. Picture was taken from the railroad tracks and the photographer was facing Thornapple River dr. Middle picture shows the covered bridge with floor almost awash. In 1905 the water came over the floor and took out the planking. Bottom scene shows the boiling river pouring over the Ada dam. Early this week it was a far cry from the placid, smooth stream we usually see in the summer months.

Warden Heyns to Speak at Ada

Dr. Garret Heyns, Warden of Ionia Reformatory, will be the speaker at the March 13 meeting of the Ada Public School P. T. A. Topic for the lecture will be "The Causes and Contributing Factors of Delinquency."

Warden Heyns is well known throughout the state as an able speaker and his knowledge of the subject, plus the fact that delinquency is a problem often spoken of in the past few years, should make the meeting a must for all parents in this area.

The public is invited to the meeting which will commence promptly at 8:00 p. m. P. T. A. business will be held after Warden Heyns has finished his lecture.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Burgess are spending the month of March in Florida.

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Last year 50,000 American high school students took the strenuous exam. The top 4,000 were then eligible for the final exams in the Foundation's search for future scientists and engineers.

Highest ratings in the finals received four year scholarships to any college of their choice. Names of the Runners-up, Judith's included, will be submitted to scholarship agencies and colleges for consideration of other scholarship awards.

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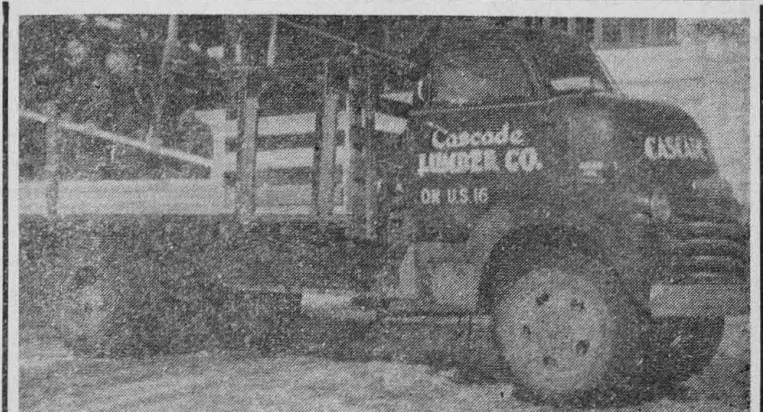
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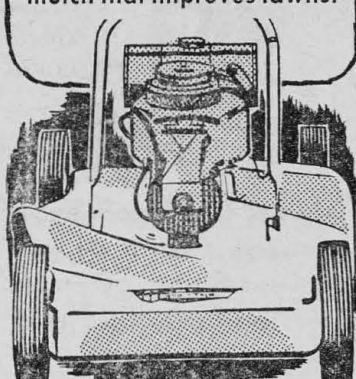
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Guild Hears G. R. Police Woman

Tuesday evening March 6, The Martha Mary Guild of Eastmont Reformed Church held a pot-luck dinner for the husband's and wives at the Ada Hall in place of their regular meeting.

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Cascade Firemen Get Call Tuesday

Fifteen lives were lost when fire struck the farm of Amos J. Smith, 9408 28th st. near Snow ave, Tuesday afternoon. Despite a hair raising, record breaking trip over muddy, washboard roads, Cascade firemen were unable to avert the catastrophe.

All was peaceful at the farm until Mrs. Smith spotted flames coming from the building about 3 p.m. Immediately calling Cascade, she told the firemen to hurry.

Two trucks responded to the call and in spite of rain, mud, and axle jarring chuckholes, the run was completed safely. Rushing into action at the scene of the blaze, the hoses were quickly unlimbered and put into use. Although the fire was quickly extinguished, it was to late to save the occupants of the building. The dense clouds of blinding smoke and searing flame prevented them from making their escape and according to the local firemen the bodies were piled in a corner of the structure where they had gasped their last futile breaths. Suffocation was the apparent cause of death. One lone

survivor was discovered walking aimlessly in another room of the building. He was unable, however, to shed any light as to the cause of the blaze.

The chicken coop, in case you haven't guessed, was damaged by the flames and several items of equipment were lost. According to Smith, the loss is covered by insurance and he estimated the damage between \$85 and \$100.

Smith expressed his appreciation for the prompt response to the call and the firemen were served hot coffee by Mrs. Smith.

Surprise Baby Shower

On Wednesday February 29, a surprise baby shower was given in honor of Mrs. Connie Manning, (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Osborn of Sarasota) at the home of Mrs. Edward DeWitt of Cascade Rd.

During the evening games were played, after which Connie opened the beautiful packages which contained many useful gifts. Refreshments were served by the co-hostess Mrs. John Van Tassel and Mrs. Armour Odgen.

Etiquette tip: Never break your crackers or roll in the soup.

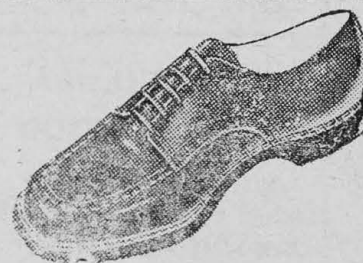
Martin Luther Film at Local Church



At the Family Fellowship service on Sunday, March 11, the motion picture Martin Luther will be shown to the members of the Cascade Christian church.

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Open Letter

At this time of year with our spring thaws upon us, I would like to address this letter to all the people in Cascade Township who voted against having our roads blacktopped last fall. Those of you who live on hard surface roads and are enjoying nice dry streets are indeed lucky. Those of us who live on dirt or

gravel roads are not enjoying this spring weather at all. Our roads are not fit for animals to travel on and on many days we cannot even use our cars. To those of you who live on gravel roads and did not vote for the issue last fall for fear that it would retard the school, I have only this to say—\$6.00 for two years, total \$12.00 for each home would have given us beautiful dry roads with no chuck holes, etc." Imagine, nice dust-free roads in summer, no chuck holes and grooves in the winter for a total of \$12.00 per home in the township, according to our supervisor.

Now all of you who want a new school, and I am sure every one will be glad to pay the extra tax in order to give our township children a good school, must bear in mind that not everyone will benefit from the school, although they gladly pay taxes to help finance it. Many residents are too old to have children of school age, many have religious affiliations and do not use the public schools, and many residents are without children.

Every man, woman and child, plus friends, would derive direct benefit from good roads for all could enjoy them.

Think this over; don't you think we could start the machinery again to have our roads blacktopped to pay in 2 years? This would not hinder the chance of getting the school and it might serve as a very good way to butter up those who do not need a new school and are a little resentful of paying high taxes with no direct benefit. It could be a good deed for all neighbors to exchange this cooperation.

Nick Stelin, Cascade Springs Dr.

Among 27 students named to the dean's list for scholastic ability at Hope College in Holland, was Marilyn J. Whitford, 368 Spaulding. The students were entertained at an honor tea in Durfee Hall on the campus.

ACE report

As we write this column, the rivers are steadily rising in the ACE area. So far only those homes built on the lowest ground are in danger of being soaked a bit. If the rain will hold off for a day or two, the danger of high water will fail to materialize.

It has been several years since flood damage has reached alarming proportions in these parts and we join the resident of the river flats who hope this year's scare will soon fade.

Sometimes we wonder why people insist on building near river banks but when we see their homes in the summer months, with a boat tied up near the door, we wish we had the courage and the optimism they possess.

The school situation is still a major topic of discussion. To us at least, the consolidation issue has been an intriguing glimpse of Democracy in action. Regardless of our attitude towards the Gove district, they have proved once again that in the final analysis, the majority of the people have rights that cannot be taken away. This is as it should be and may none of us ever see the time when this privilege is taken from us.

We respect the people of Gove district who in spite of public opinion, had the courage to express their views against the proposed consolidation.

By the same token we salute those in the Gove district who worked so hard in an attempt to bring their district into the high school area.

Both groups should now forget past differences and work together for a common cause in peace and harmony. That is the American way—the best way.

Last week, just as we were about to go to press, one of our subscribers in the Cascade area called and told us that a flock of geese was sighted heading north. We hope they were not too optimistic and find things to their liking when they arrive wherever geese go. Spring is on the way, however, and I'm sure all of us will be glad to see it come.

Although election time for our townships is quite a ways off, it is not too early for new residents to think of registering. Next week we will have a story about the new law requiring all voters to sign a master copy of the township voting roster. New residents must still register, however, with their township clerks in order to exercise their right to vote.

The new speed law seems to be cutting down the usual number of accidents in the ACE area. We feel that it was a move in the right direction. On our daily trips to Lowell we find that very few cars are exceeding the 65 limit. It's rather amusing to see a high powered car with more than 200 horsepower cruising along behind a soon to be junked jalopy. The driver of the new car can usually stand it for just so long and then he breaks the law for just a few hundred feet so he does not have to suffer the injustice of it all.

Ada Fire Meeting Next Monday

Next week Monday evening at 8 p.m. the Ada Township Fire Department will hold its monthly meeting. According to Fire Chief Dick Sytsma, the meeting is an important one and all members and former members are urged to attend.

Sytsma said that the original fire department, formed approximately 10 years ago, will be dissolved and funds belonging to that organization will be transferred to the present Department.

A college boy's father is the kin he loves to touch.

Pancake Supper Nets \$300

The pancake supper sponsored jointly by the Ada Athletic Association and the Kent County Conservation League last Wednesday evening was a success and those attending had all they wanted to eat.

The size of the crowd proved once again that the plans for improving the Ada ball field, main goal of the Association, are meeting with the approval of ACE area residents.

According to Bob Hand, treasurer, the \$300 profit taken in at the supper will go towards the payment of poles for the floodlights at the local field.

Five door prizes were given and the winners are as follows: 1st prize, Mixmaster-Sid Sytsma, 361 48th St., 2nd prize, Hand Spot Lantern, D. Kammer, 718 Otilia, 3rd prize, Doll, Mary Sytsma, Ada dr., 4th prize, Fishing rod won by Jim Sanborn, 188 Pettis rd., and 5th, also a fishing rod, taken by C. Scott, 6862 Ada dr.

Members of the Association expressed their gratitude for the fine turnout at the supper and mentioned the fact that the men and women who donated their time and talents for the evening were the cause of its success. Ladies in the Ada area made many delicious pies and in other ways helped the Association further towards its goal of making the Ada ball field the best of its kind in this part of the county.

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Church Calendar

Cascade Christian Church lists the following activities for this coming week:

March 11, Pastor's Class, 3:00 p.m. at the church; Martin Luther film shown at Family Fellowship Night, sponsored by CYF.

March 12, Doerr Guild meets at the home of Mrs. M. Heaven, 8:00 p.m.

March 14, Church Functional Committees meet, 8:00 p.m. at the church.

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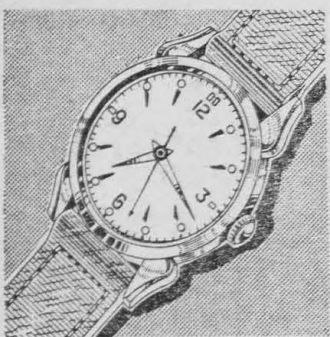
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