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School Election to Be Held May 9th

Wednesday, May 9, has been set as the date for ACE area residents to vote on the nine district consolidation which has been in the formative stage for over two years.

Lynn Clark, county superintendent of schools said early this week that names on the petitions have been certified by his office and polling places and election clerks have also been chosen.

The nine districts, Ada, Cascade, Collins, Carl, Knapp, Martin, Orchard, View, Murphy and Strong, submitted the required number of signatures of qualified electors to call the election and the State Department of public instruction has granted approval for the merger.

Clark named Ada, Cascade, Martin and Orchard View as the schools where electors will cast their ballots and hours for voting will be from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. A large turnout is expected.

The far reaching consolidation issue received news coverage, not only from Suburban Life but by the city papers as well. Public meetings held periodically in the various schools to explain details of the merger were well attended and public interest has been at a high level since last summer when Harold S. Chambers, principle at Hudsonville and experienced in educational surveys, made a survey of the area and recommended a 12 district consolidation.

Early in the fall, two districts, Beckwith and Thomas, pulled out and after much discussion and a meeting attended by both Clark and Chambers, Gove district decided that annexation with the Lowell school system was their answer to the ever increasing school enrollment.

Sparked by Russel S. Jensen, chairman of the school study group organized to bring a high school in this area, proponents of the merger worked hard to acquaint citizens with the ever increasing problem of over crowding.

Study groups made up of persons interested in the consolidation were formed and trips to various high schools in Western Michigan were made for the purpose of forming ideas about construction methods.

A large group also attended a conference on "Building For Secondary Schools" which was given in Lansing at MSU by leading architects and school planners.

Chambers report, printed in book form, was presented at a meeting in the Martin school on July 21, 1955. In brief the report told of the 165 per cent increase in the number of school children since 1945.

Neighborhood schools would be maintained the report stated, the rapid rise in population would prevent any of them from closing and young children would thus be able to attend a school in their immediate neighborhood.

Chambers believes the area has, even though three of the original 12 districts have been lost, enough bonding capacity to build and maintain a modern high school plant complete with gymnasium without the tax rate becoming a financial burden. Debt retirement and operational expense could probably be taken care of with a 15 mil school tax.

Chambers pointed out however that actual cost would depend on the size and features incorporated into the building, the amount of land purchased as a building site and other factors that would have to be considered if the merger is OK'd by the voters.

A seven man board would be elected in such a manner as to cause each part of the new district to be represented. Chambers also recommended that a committee of

New Pastor For Ada Church

New Pastor at the Ada Christian Reformed Church is the Rev. A. J. Verburg. Arriving in Ada last week, the Verburgs replace the Rev. B. Van Someren who accepted a call to Oostburg, Wisconsin early last fall.

Rev. Verburg, his wife Gertrude, son Ronnie 3, and daughter Carol, seventeen months, came from Hartley, Iowa, where he had been pastor for three and a half years.

Women of the local congregation had a housecleaning bee before the Verburgs arrived and the parsonage was redecorated from top to bottom.

Last week Friday, members of the consistory and their wives gave a welcoming dinner for the new pastor and his wife.

Girl Scouts Help In Clothing Center

Girl Scouts of Troop 80, Cascade, spent several hours Saturday afternoon sorting shoes that were donated to the Salvation Army for the victims of the tornado.

Mrs. Karl Keck, Wendell st., who went with the local Girl Scouts, said the shoes were not paired and the task of finding mates from the huge pile was an endless task. Mrs. Keck hopes that everyone contributing shoes in the event of future disasters will take a few moments to tie the shoes together and thus save time which could be spent in other ways. The task the girls performed was certainly a necessary one although it was rather disheartening.

A section of the former Globe Knitting Works was used as a sorting depot for clothing which was contributed.

Two Ada Boys Leave for Service

Last week Wednesday, Jim Heemstra and Gerry Sytsma left for service in the Army. The two local boys will have their basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Jim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Case Heemstra, Buttrick rd. and Gerry the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sytsma, Thornapple River dr.

at least 30 persons be chosen to work closely with the board.

Bonded indebtedness of individual districts cannot be spread over the consolidated area without the approval of the school tax electors in each indebted district, stated Clark, although it might be wise to do so.

Leaders of the ACE area merger feel that a high school is necessary and have pointed out that the present system of paying tuition to "foreign" schools which take local children may be stopped by the state in the near future.

Asked about a probable location for the high school, Clark stated that consolidation must first be achieved and a board appointed before a definite site could be determined.

Under the 12 district survey, the Ada dr., Forrest Hill area would have been the central location.

Other persons active in the drive for a local high school besides Jensen are Tommy Ray, Dale Chart-ers, Mrs. Walter Gobel, Lewis DeLeeuw, Mrs. Glenn Marvin, Mrs. John Hamer, and many others.

Thus two years work and planning have reached an end. The final decision is up to the voters in the nine districts whether or not a new suburban high school will be built in the ACE area.

Tractor Overturned Pinning Driver



When we talked to Duane Parks on the phone Wednesday morning, he said he was only hospitalized about an hour for his injuries when he was pinned under this badly wrecked tractor. No bones were broken. Duane's father, Earl, is pictured with his back to the camera. On the left is John Gieseler, whose car struck the farm vehicle. The other onlooker is unidentified.

Duane Parks, 19, was injured Friday about 6 p.m. when the tractor he was driving on Vergennes Road six miles northwest of Lowell collided with a car driven by John W. Gieseler, 34 of 3708 Benjamin in Grand Rapids.

Giesler's car side-swiped the tractor turning it over and pinning

Parks underneath. It took several minutes to free the boy and he was taken to Butterworth Hospital in the Roth Ambulance. Duane is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parks who operate the Foshee farm on Vergennes road.

The accident was investigated by Kent County Deputies Herman Dykstra and Donald DeBoer.

Carl School Mothers Club Review Year

The Carl School Mothers' Club is reviewing this year's achievements. In the early autumn Mrs. Opal Cox, the music teacher, was supplied with miniature keyboards and music books. Also a duplicating machine was purchased to aid teachers in their work.

In February Mrs. Henry Riemersma and Mrs. Kenneth Simons met with County Librarian, Mrs. Pleune, and checked the library for worn and undesirable books. The remaining books will be mended and reconditioned at May meeting of club. With a good sum of money now in the treasury new books will be purchased to build up an outstanding library.

The club has sponsored community dinners, paper drives and magazine subscriptions for money for these projects.

The teachers, Mrs. Ellen Brown and Mrs. Doris Johnson have been most helpful and the club is happy in anticipation of working another year with them.

Good Supply of Polio Vaccine

A slight increase has been noted in the supply of poliomyelitis vaccine available in Kent County during the past few weeks.

This trend together with the national publicity about greater production makes it possible that most children in the Lowell area may be able to get at least one injection before the polio season starts.

Inasmuch as even one injection gives some protection, families are urged to register all of their children between the ages of one and fourteen with their family physician so that they may receive the vaccine as soon as it is available.

Former Resident Injured In Tornado

Mrs. Esta Rise, formerly of Hall St., Eastmont, suffered injuries in the recent tornado when a large TV tower serving the Southwest Trailer Camp toppled on the living room of the Rice trailer. Mrs. Rice received a concussion and facial injuries. She was hospitalized for several days.

Smoke Damages Ada Home

Saturday the Ada fire department answered two grass fire calls. One of them on Fulton rd., the other on Grand River dr.

Tuesday morning, about 2 a.m., Mrs. Frances Reams, 7357 Bronson, Ada, awoke and found her house filled with smoke. Ada firemen responded and discovered that the motor of the refrigerator had shorted out.

According to Ada fire chief, Dick Sytsma, Mrs. Reams could have suffocated from the smoke.

F. & A. M. Lodge Holds Dinner Dance

Saturday April 14, 1956 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Groening of Forest Hills Rd., were host and hostess at a potluck dinner and dance sponsored by the Grand River Lodge F. & A. M. No. 34 at the Masonic Temple.

ACE Area residents attending were Mr. and Mrs. James Byerly, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Dekker, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heaven, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gaskell. Also Mr. and Mrs. John Ameling, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cool, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Duemler of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duemler of Clarks-ton, and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Gaskell of Detroit.

Boy Scouts Work In Tornado Area

This past Saturday 18 Boy Scouts from Cascade Troop 334 and four Explorer Scouts from the Cascade area, spent half a day cleaning debris left by the tornado from fields in the Standale area.

Accompanied by Bob Kooman, Scout Master, Tommy Ray and Milt Heaven, the scouts joined troops from other areas in the mop up job.

Residents in the area praised the local scouts for the work they did and emphasized the importance of the job. After the grass in the area begins to grow, many small articles could never be found and the ground could not be worked because of the tangled metal and shattered boards. Rebuilding homes in the devastated area is the main concern of persons living in the Standale section and thus work done by the Scouts was doubly welcome.

Music Festival To Be Held At Ada School

This week Friday, April 20, at 1:30 p. m. the Ada public school will hold their annual Spring Music Festival. The entire school will take part in the event and highlight of the program will be the first public appearance of the new band, organized late this past winter.

The first and second grades will sing and participate in rhythmic activities.

The third and fourth grades have a chorus and will also present a few Early American folk dances.

A large chorus made up of the remaining grades will present several numbers and also a surprise Rock and Roll.

In charge of Mrs. Mabel Campau, the event is open to the public and all interested persons are welcome. There will be no admission charge.

Dykhouse on Active Duty With Air Force

Sy Dykhouse, Cascade township fire chief, and a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserves, is spending two weeks of active duty at Selfridge Field.

Dykhouse, in a photo reconnaissance squadron during the war, has 15 years service in the Air Force. Dykhouse resides at 3012 Jeanlin drive.

Barbara Heaven is Awarded Scholarship

Barbara Heaven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milt Heaven, Dennison dr., was one of the students awarded a scholarship to Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio. Two weeks ago, the Heavens took Barbara to Ohio for the exam and this past week notification of the award was received by mail.

Bids In Next Month On Ada Bridge Job

Latest reports on the Ada bridge indicate that all bids for construction will be in by the middle of next month. Right of way property has all been purchased, although as yet no date for actual work on the structure or approaches has been set.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Houghton of 3707 Duchess announce the birth of a son Douglas Albert born Monday, April 16, at Butterworth hospital, weight 7 lbs. and 8½ ozs.

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Children Face Many Hazards Cautions Doctor

Upwards of 300 Michigan children die every year in home accidents and ten times that many are crippled for the rest of their lives because of inadequate safety precautions, says Dr. Harry A. Towsley, professor of pediatrics at The University of Michigan Medical Center.

Young infants are especially apt to become victims of an accident, he warns, unless thorough safeguards are taken by parents. One of the most common sources of severe injury is a short fall from

a bed or bassinet where a baby has been placed too close to the edge and rolls off, striking his head on the floor.

Babies who like to chew—and most of them do—can get lead poisoning from the paint on their crib or receive a bad burn from munching an electrical cord, the doctor states.

Many infants who supposedly died from suffocation actually may have had severe pneumonia, according to Dr. Towsley. He suggests that any bed-time difficulty in breathing by babies be checked frequently by parents.

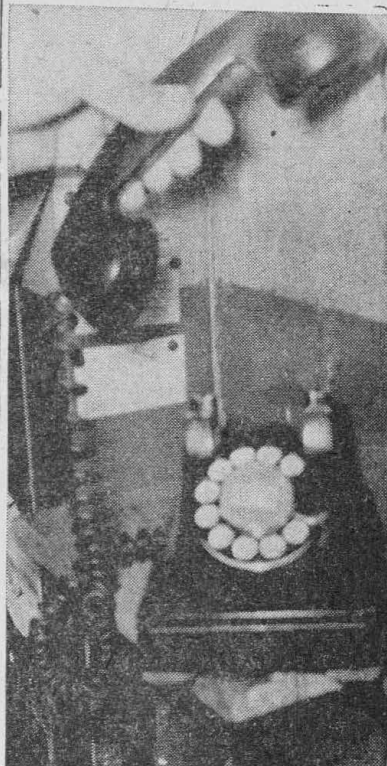
Loose razor blades can also cause a bad injury when a two or three year old tries to mimic his dad's shaving habits. Keeping all sharp, heavy, or poisonous objects in a secure place out of a youngster's reach becomes increasingly important when he begins to move about the house, Dr. Towsley continues.

When a minor accident does occur, parents should be sure to teach the baby why it has happened, saying that an object was "hot" or "burns" and using the simplest possible explanation for the child. "Kissing his hurt away," the doctor concludes, "may only be an invitation to major disaster."

Dr. Towsley's remarks were tape recorded by the University's radio station, WUOM, for distribution throughout the state as part of a continuing educational program inrrored by the Michigan Medical Society.

Ada Phones to Have Fire Numbers

Every home in Ada township having a telephone will soon be supplied with plastic snap on buttons that will fit over the inside of the dial. Distributed by the Ada firemen, the buttons will have both the Ada fire number and county number. Roth ambulance service in Lowell also have their number listed, thus supplying everyone with emergency numbers at a glance.



In the past, due to excitement, many persons have been unable to find the fire department or ambulance service number and valuable seconds have been lost.

The buttons will be distributed to Ada township residents in the next few days by the local firemen. Residents are urged by Dick Sytsma, Ada fire chief, to place the buttons on their phones immediately to avoid their loss. Those having two or more phones should inform the fireman bringing the buttons.

LOCALS.

The Young Couples' Club of the Ada Reformed church is planning a hymn sing for Sunday, April 29 at 9:00 p. m. The program is in charge of the Ray Kune family. The Veterans' Choir from Grand Rapids will also be there. Everyone is welcome.

The Ada Dr., Coffee Group purchased a Nesco electric roaster, an automatic West Band 48-cup coffee urn and two large aluminum trays for the kitchen at Martin School this past week.

Friday, April 27, at 8:00 p. m. the Martin school P. T. A. meeting will be held. There will be a short business meeting followed by a program put on by the pupils of the school and under the direction of the teachers.

Thursday, April 26, at 7:30 p. m., the Martin School Cub Scouts, Pack No. 3284 will hold their monthly meeting at Martin School. The theme for the month is "Bird Watch."

House guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Simon and family of Ada dr., for the past several weeks were Mrs. Alvin Pearson sister of Mrs. Simon) and children. Mr. Pearson came down Thursday and Sunday his wife and family return to Wallace, Mich., with him.

Cascade area patrons of Annie's Grill, noticed the new look as they dropped in for coffee this past Monday. Anna Vaughn, proprietor, spent the week-end painting the lunch room section of her restaurant and judging by the favorable comments of her customers, did a very professional job.

Eastmont Reformed church took a free will offering last Sunday at both services for the Standale Reformed church and parsonage which was demolished by the tornado.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gardner of Bronson st., at Blodgett hospital, April 11 a 7 lb. 15 oz. son, Eugene Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cramton and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richardson were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Afton of Kent City.

Mrs. Carl Behnke, Cascade Rd., left by plane Monday night to attend the funeral of a cousin, Siegfried Grimm of Royal Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacNaughton and family of Lowell and Mr. Frank Behnke of Howard City visited the Carl Behnkes Saturday afternoon.

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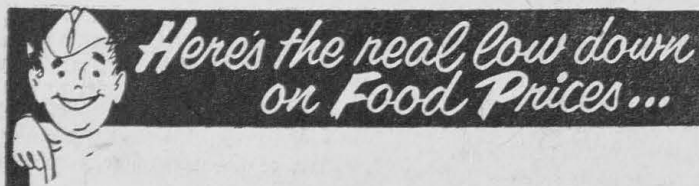


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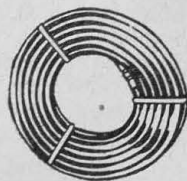
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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Henderson entertained with a buffet supper Sunday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kitchener Tassel of Grand Rapids. Mr. Tassel has recently returned from a big game safari in Africa and showed beautiful colored moving pictures of big game in their natural habitat, many scenes of the natives and the way they live and even of the women doing a native dance which was quite vigorous.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beaver, Mr. and Mrs. Max Sarret and Dr. and Mrs. Peter Truog.



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Rites Friday Afternoon For Chancey Patterson

Funeral rites will be held at the Roth Funeral chapel in Lowell Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Chancey Patterson, 83, who passed away Tuesday morning at his Cascade farm home, now owned and operated by the Hubert Shimmels.

The deceased reposes at the Roth funeral home where friends may meet the family this evening (Thursday) from 7 to 9 o'clock. Interment will be in Cascade cemetery.

Mr. Patterson was born July 9, 1872, in Cascade township, living there 22 years. He moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1895, married Anna E. Kryser in 1898, and returned to Michigan in 1909. Mrs. Patterson preceded him in death in 1901.

He was later united in marriage to Minnie Nipress of Gove Lake, who passed away in 1932. He lived on his Cascade farm 45 years.

The deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mattie Eardley of Grand Rapids, several nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Ada Locals

Family Night dinner at Congregational church Fellowship hall, Wednesday, April 25 at 6:30. Bring enough food for your family and table service. Ralph Kirch will show movies on the 4-H movements.

Thursday, April 26, the Mary Martha Guild will meet with Mrs. Boyd Anderson at 1:30 for dessert. The topic for the meeting will be Indian Americans. Mrs. Robert Morris will be in charge. Devotions by Mrs. Merle Cramton.

Roger and Gordon Stukkie returned to their ship at Norfolk, Va., last week after a 10-day furlough and each have been promoted to 3rd Class ratings. Roger as Radioman and Gordon as Yeoman.

Jerry Ford

The Democrat-sponsored farm bill which both Houses of Congress voted to hand President Eisenhower last week can only result in an undesirable impact on the small family-type farmers of Western Michigan. This bill is far from the workable standards presented to Congress by the President in his nine-point farm message last January.

One of the most disturbing features of the Democrat-sponsored legislation against Western Michigan farmers is that it removes visions placed in the Senate version to limit to \$100,000 the total price support to be received by any individual farming unit and limit to \$25,000 the total amount to be received by any unit under the soil-bank programs. Without these restrictions the federal farm policy will further encourage with tax money the growth of the large corporate farm enterprises to swallow up the functions of the small family-type farms such as we have in Western Michigan.

Another feature which is undesirable for and discriminatory against Western Michigan farmers is the restoration of high rigid price supports. Less than 10 per cent of Michigan's agricultural income is derived from the six basic crops (corn, cotton, peanuts, wheat, tobacco, and rice) which receive federal support out of tax money. This means that the farm law ignores the fruit growers, poultry farmers, onion farmers, and dairy producers in Western Michigan. An indirect result of high subsidies is raising feed costs and other increases in consumer and farm purchases the small farmer must make.

President Eisenhower recommended to the Congress a good farm bill with a long-range objective to work in the best interests of the farmer, the consumer, and the taxpayer. Congress has passed a hodge-podge, unworkable bill which is inconsistent in many ways. This proposed law will do the following: Price-depressing surpluses will continue to be encouraged, our farmers will be further hamstrung by increased regimentation, and the federal treasury will have substantially added burdens.

Presidential Disability

Examination of the ambiguities surrounding presidential disability and succession began last week with hearings by the House Judiciary Committee into this problem which President Eisenhower has publicly urged Congress to study. The Constitution leaves no doubt that the Vice President is next in the line of succession should removal, death, resignation or inability render the President unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office. However, no clear-cut procedure covering each of these eventualities has even been established, especially concerning that of "inability."

The Committee will seek answers to a number of questions arising out of a possible emergency. For instance, who shall raise the question of Presidential inability to discharge the duties and powers of his office: Once raised, who shall make the determination of inability? Who shall determine the duration of inability? To answer these and like questions adequate safeguards must be assured against political and other undesirable considerations playing a dominant role.

One alternative would give the President's Cabinet power to determine his inability to carry on during an emergency. Others advance the claim that this responsibility should rest with the House of Representatives or the Supreme Court. Or perhaps some independent body or agency should be consulted for a decision. In any event its a good bet that a Constitutional Amendment is in the offing.

Jet Air Base Site

The site of the Northern Michigan jet air base was debated on the floor of the House last week as an amendment to a military installation construction bill. House members voted for construction of the base at Manistee rather than Kalkaska. Now the bill goes to the Senate where the location of this

vital link in defense will again be considered.

The decision of the House cannot be justified on the facts. It means that construction will be delayed at least one year plus an additional expense of at least \$5 million. The motion to build the interceptor base at Kalkaska won excellent bi-partisan support from the Michigan delegation in the House, 10 to 4, with four Michigan Democrats and Six Republicans voting in favor of the Kalkaska site. Despite the clear-cut majority among Michigan Representatives for the Kalkaska site, the House as a whole voted otherwise. It is my earnest hope that the Senate will remedy this action.

Honey Creek News

Mrs. Leona Hunt

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Andrews and family spent the past week end with Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeHaven of Mt. Etna, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jervis are spending the next 10 days in Florida. Mr. Jervis is attending a convention in Hollywood Florida and they will also visit Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jervis in Miami.

A number of the children of our school are attending a lecture at the Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids Wednesday afternoon.

Coffee was held at the home of Mrs. Edyth Andrews last Thursday morning. Next coffee April 25th will be at the home of Mrs. Lester Norwood on Conservation drive.

Most of the workers on the Cancer Drive in Ada township are trying to finish up this week. Mrs. R. L. Wagner, Mrs. Jas McCormick and Mrs. Donald Beimers are covering Ada Village.

Mrs. Duncan M. Wierenga and Mrs. Wilma Mac Intyre, Carl and Atwater districts.

Mrs. Raymond Swan, Egypt Valley district.

Mrs. Charles Beimers Pettis rd., Mrs. Harry Tichelaar Boynton district.

Mrs. Jacob Knoop and Mrs. Paul Carm er, McCabe rd. and Bailey drive.

Mrs. Ethel VanderWal and Mrs. Dorothy Hunt Honeycreek rd.

Mrs. Yvonne Tanis, Mrs. Helen Watson and Mrs. Kay Decker the Eastmont section. Please give to this important drive.

Homer Morris and Franw VanderMaas attended—Masonic Lodge at Ovid Monday night where Robert Hicok a former resident of Ada received the 3rd degree.



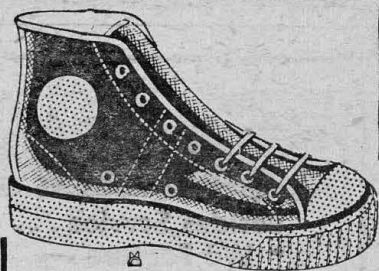
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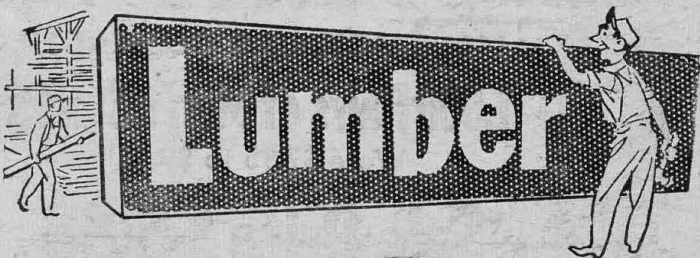
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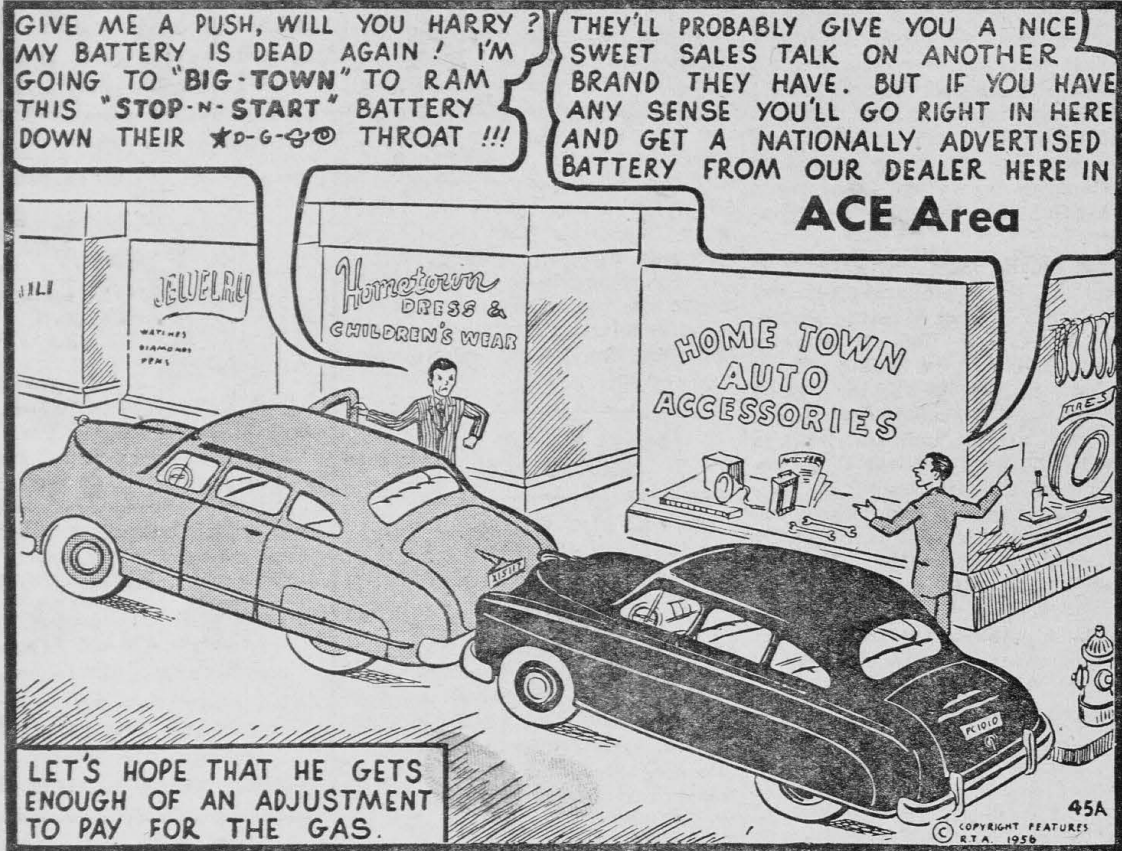
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List 30 Centennial Farms Near Here

There are thirty centennial farms in the Ada, Vergennes, Cannon and Grattan Townships, according to Ed Downes of Ada. He has advised the Ledger of the names of the present owners of the 30 farms, and is planning to present the list to the State of Michigan so that all farms will receive their centennial plaque and certificates. Some of the farms have already been so designated by the State.

A "Centennial" farm is one on which a family has lived for over 100 years.

It must be handed down through the years from one member of a family to another.

All these thirty farms were platted from the government, starting back as far as 1836, with some as "late" as 1850. So many in one small area is indeed a record, and the thirty farm-owners will

enjoy a meeting following receipt of their papers. Perhaps a "centennial club" is in the making.

Those in Ada township besides Mr. Downes are: Carl Keena, Andy Farrell, Pat Farrell, John Abraham, Jim McCaul, Eugene Pettis, and Mrs. Cody Ward.

In Vergennes township are: Vincent Cary, Ralph Howard, Clare Anderson, Frank Ryder, Adelbert O'dell, Donald McPherson, Donald Arderson, and Ed Mueller.

There are 11 farms in Grattan township: Loyal Malone, Jack Hefferan, Henry Sullivan, Jim Gahan, Leo Byrne, Justin McCarty, Richard Bresnahan, Nellie Tiffany, Mrs. George Hurley and Alfred Byrnes.

In Cannon township Mr. Downes lists: Cam Hefferan, Elizabeth Hefferan, James McCabe, and Eldon Ladner.

— From — School to School

Last week we gave some information regarding state aid, but we find that we were in error on the requirements to qualify for tuition refund from the state. There is a general ruling that all schools must raise 6½ mills to qualify for state aid and this covers all phases including transportation.

Leonard Andrus, county comptroller, informs us that he will have the state equalized valuation by the middle or last of this week, and we expect that budget forms will be mailed to board members by Friday or next Monday.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Greenfield and Mr. and Mrs. Sorenson who lost all their belongings in the tornado, we find that the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Hackmuth on Hackmuth Rd. was almost completely destroyed. Mr. Hackmuth is superintendent at Comstock Park.

It has been suggested that each teacher in Kent County give at least \$1.00 to help these three families replace some of the essentials that they have lost. I understand insurance in all three cases is quite inadequate.

We had planned originally to have the Detroit Trip on Thursday, May 24. We now find that all extra buses in Grand Rapids have been chartered for some special activity, and we plan to change the date to Wednesday, May 23, but in checking my schedule I find Mr. Van Wesep and I must be at a compulsory conference of County Superintendents with the Department of Public Instruction during that week. It may be necessary to cancel the trip for this year.

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by MEL OTT

DESPITE THEIR unimpressive performances in spring training, the Detroit Tigers nonetheless remain a serious contender in the American League pennant race, a team to be reckoned with and one respected by every team in the league.

Paradoxical? Perhaps. But on the basis of what this observer has seen during many weeks at Lakeland, the Tigers' annual spring training base, Detroit is a much stronger team than its record indicates.

With the opening of another season—and the boys "playing for keeps"—we anticipate a complete reversal of form. The reasons will be outlined in a moment, but the foregoing paragraphs we hope will serve as something of an introduction to two newcomers on the Tiger scene — this column and this writer.

Broadcast Tiger Games

As some already know, we will be working with Van Patrick on the Tiger telecasts and broadcasts this season. Although the writer's playing experience was confined to the National League, we broadcast several Detroit games last year on Mutual's Game-of-the-Day and so know more than a little about the Tigers.

Moreover, our experiences with Manager Bucky Harris' crew this spring have given us a further insight into this promising, young ball club.

By combining our working-day relationships among the Tigers with our experience as an outfielder with the New York Giants for 22 years, and later as a major league manager, we expect to provide a clear-cut picture of the on- and off-the-field activities of this exciting Detroit baseball team.

The writer is just as pleased at

the privilege of turning out this weekly column on baseball and our newly-adopted team, the Tigers, as we are proud of our National League record of 511 home runs.

Regulars Used Sparingly

But rather than pop off about our own achievements, let's examine the background of the Tigers to see why they stand a good chance of finishing in the first division, despite their unhappy pre-season showing.

First, rarely did the Tigers employ all their regulars in any practice game. Harris knows what they can do. He was more concerned with finding out what help he could expect, if any, from his rookies, particularly in the "trouble spots," second base, left field and, to a lesser degree, relief pitching.

Best Nine in Line-Up

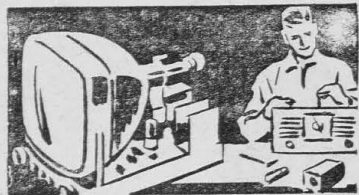
In addition, some of the veterans like Ray Boone took longer to round into shape and achieve playing efficiency than the younger players. And assorted injuries, such as the sore shoulder that benched Al Kaline, reduced team performance.

But all that is past now. Boone's in shape, Kaline's better, and the best nine men will be on the field every day. The bats of Boone, Kaline, Harvey Kuenn and Frank House should be speaking authoritatively. The defensive skills and speed of players like Bill Tuttle and Earl Torgeson will help.

Better yet, with a pitching staff of Bill Hoefft, Frank Lary, Ned Garver, Steve Gromek, Virgil Trucks, Duke Maas and perhaps coming hurlers like Bob Miller, Paul Foytack and Dick Marlowe, either Chicago, Boston or Cleveland will have to move over for the Tigers.

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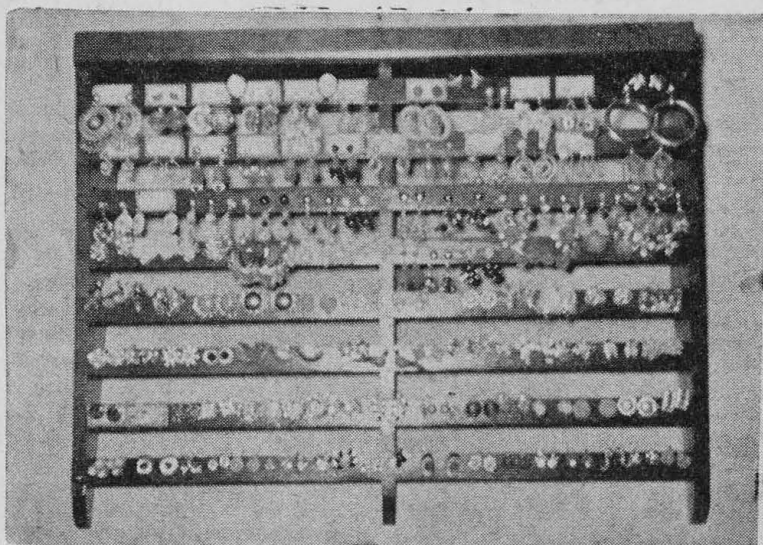
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Three years ago Mrs. Erma Beak, 1915, Laraway Lake rd., began collecting ear rings as a hobby. Today, although she has not counted them recently, her collection has grown to more than 100 pairs.

Attempting to reach her goal of at least one pair from each of the 48 states, Mrs. Beak's latest check revealed 33 states accounted for. Foreign countries represented in the list are Canada, Hawaii, Netherlands and Alaska.

Usually wearing earrings, Mrs. Beak's hobby was the natural out-

growth of purchases made for her wardrobe. As the number grew however, the hobby idea came into mind and she began collecting in earnest.

Friends and relatives soon began sending unusual types and her collection now features such interesting items as the pineapples from Hawaii, the Indian heads from Maine, dice from Las Vegas, bird cages, fans, pheasants with natural coloring, pine cones, bells, parakeets and dozens of other exotic designs.

Many of the earrings are mounted on the stand shown in the picture. The others are kept elsewhere, each one with a tag telling its origin.

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The official Michigan Flag will be prominently displayed across the state during Michigan Week, May 20-6, if the movement started in Gogebic county takes hold. Officials there want the flag, which has not had much prominence, except in official offices, flying from every county courthouse in the state.

The movement started when the Gogebic County Historical Society presented the state flag to the County Board of Supervisors requesting them to display it at the courthouse during Michigan Week. It would be flown immediately below the American flag.

The Supervisors liked the idea so well that they passed a resolution, one that they are sending to the other 82 counties in the state. They are asking their fellow Supervisors to exhibit a Michigan flag, not only during Michigan Week, but permanently as a reminder of the fact that "It's Great to Live in Michigan."

A history of the flag was sent along with the resolution. To aid in the promotion, newspaper mats of the flag will be distributed to newspapers throughout the state.

Church Guild Elects New Officers

Mary Martha Guild of Eastmont Reformed church had their election of officers last Tuesday. New officers are: President, Mrs. Mary Willemstein; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Collins Weeber; Secy., Mrs. Clarel Marsman; Mission Treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Postma and Aid Treasurer is Mrs. Carolyn Flack.

A motion was made at this meeting to dispense with the evening nursery until further notice.

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Ada-Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayes and Bobby motored to Rochester, Mich., Sunday, where they donated their police dog Roddy to be trained as a leader dog for the blind.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Svoboda returned home last Wednesday after spending the winter months in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. Mary Cramton of Grand River dr., entertained Mr. and Mrs. Morley Crew for dinner Saturday night in honor of Morley's 81st birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson and Daryl spent Sunday afternoon at the Robert Anderson home in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fox of Grand Rapids were Sunday visitors of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Nellist.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Courtright spent the week-end at their cottage in Traverse City.

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Burning Fields Can Damage Soil; and Kill Wildlife

Burning grasses, weeds and brush may be the simplest way to get rid of them but it may also be the most damaging way, contends Charles Shick, game management specialist at Michigan State University.

Fire removes the humus from the soil and reduces its moisture and nutrient holding ability. Cover for game is removed and in some cases, the young wildlife may be killed. Fires set in late April and May may be especially disastrous to game.

As commonly believed, fire does not always destroy weed seeds and harmful insects, either. In fact, there may even be more weeds because the fire removed the grass competition. Any control of harmful insects by the fire may be offset by the destruction of beneficial insects.

Even fires set in fencerows can do damage, too, Shick continues. The life of the fence posts and wire fencing may be reduced by damage from the flames.

If fires must be used, as is practical under some situations, Shick advised burning as early as possible in the spring. He also points out that Michigan Law requires a burning permit for brush or grassland fires when the ground is not covered with snow. Permits may be obtained from officers of the Michigan Department of Conservation.

The Ada Dr. Coffee Group will meet at the home of Mrs. Rose Kessel of 5010 Cascade rd., Wednesday, April 25, at 9:30 a. m.

Spending a few days at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mrs. H. R. Gaskell, Ada dr., are Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Gaskell of Detroit.



WHEN PUPPIES ARE EXPECTED

by Bob Bartos

Manager, Friskies Research Kennels

There's nothing more appealing than a "family" of newborn puppies, but too few dog owners have ever learned how to care for the expectant "matron."

Unless complications develop, it is quite common for the family pet to have her litter at home. Puppies can be expected about 63 days after your pet has been mated. If she has not been wormed prior to mating,

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she should be wormed within two to six weeks to help insure that her litter is free from this problem.

As pregnancy advances, her appetite will increase until she is eating about twice her normal amount. Feed her a well balanced diet such as a good commercial dog food. The amount should be reduced the last two weeks of pregnancy.

She needs plenty of exercise, but jumping and strenuous running should be avoided. During the last few days she may enjoy short walks, but don't over-tire her.

A few days before the puppies are due, her coat should be sponged with germicidal soap. Clip the hair around her vaginal and mammary regions and clean carefully.

When labor begins, she will be restless and will quite literally tear up her bed. If she is attached to you, she'll probably appreciate your being around during the normal labor period of five or six hours.

Puppies are occasionally born in a sack-like membrane which the mother will tear open with her teeth. If she doesn't, the membrane must be removed immediately, or the puppy will die from lack of oxygen. Should complications arise, such as a green discharge, or if labor is prolonged, call your veterinarian.

See that the mother and babies are warm. After whelping (giving birth) give her warm milk, but no solid food for several hours.

Feeding Tips: When weaning puppies, feed them a soupy mixture of a good prepared dog food, with twice as much lukewarm water as food.

ACE report

by Ken Ezinga

Looking over a pamphlet put out by one of the insurance companies we found statistics about the horrifying accident and death rate that took place on our highways last year.

Total number of vehicles involved in fatal accidents was 46,500. Now hold your hats because, after checking the causes it was found that 44,780 of these vehicles were, before the accident, in good mechanical condition. Only 790 vehicles had defective brakes, only 50 had defective tail lights and less than 300 crashes were caused by blowouts. It is very apparent that the drivers of these cars were at fault.

There were 2,397,500 vehicles involved in non fatal accidents last year. Add the two figures-get 2,440,000 accidents and you will readily see that unless YOU begin using extreme caution, the chances of your being included in next year's statistics are very well possible.

Experienced drivers were the worst offenders, those having a year's experience or less being involved in only 880 of the fatalities. Women drivers were responsible in only 4,260 cases and the 25 to 64 year age group was responsible for the high toll although 27 per cent were caused by drivers under 25.

What caused this appalling toll? Passing on curves?—Only 180 killed. Cutting in a lane of traffic? Only 150 died, reckless driving? That is not the answer either, although 3,610 lost their lives in this way.

Speed was the killer last year, has always been the major cause of accidents and apparently always will be. You, the reader, can draw your own conclusions. We have merely attempted to give you some idea of why these accidents continue to happen. Remember, only you can obey the law.

Up at our place we had been anxiously awaiting the arrival of a litter of kittens and had fixed up a nice comfortable "maternity ward". Tuesday morning, spurning our efforts, the young mother chose the neighbors front porch and then decided that mothering was not for her. All five of the tiny tykes died from exposure.

The school consolidation movement has now reached it's final stages. Two years of work and planning will soon be put to a vote. Next month electors in the nine districts will have the opportunity to either accept or reject a high school for the ACE area.

Many meetings were held and citizens had an opportunity to express their views. Petitions asking for a vote on the question were circulated through each district twice, and each time the required number of signatures was obtained. The next step is up to you.

We urge every qualified elector to vote on this important issue. Only you can decide whether your children will continue to attend schools in Lowell Caledonia, Rockford and Grand Rapids or if they will all go to one centrally located school in our own area.

All things considered however, everyone must admit that numerous opportunities were given for those in opposition to the movement to express their views. We are still amazed that on such an important issue so little organized opposition existed. The only conclusion we can draw is that by far the largest majority of the people are for the new high school.

Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Seeley of 4925 Cascade Rd. returned home after a three month vacation in Bradenton, Fla. On the return trip they visited a daughter in Kentucky for three days, arriving here April 10.

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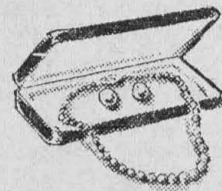
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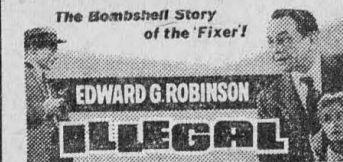
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