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## Mail Route Change Begins Saturday



Jack Haglund, 3245 Thornerest dr., Cascade and his friend Bart Baker, were happy to hear about the request by the Post Office Department, asking residents on Route 3, Grand Rapids, to raise their mail boxes to 55 inches. With time on their hands for the remainder of the summer, the boys hope to do a rushing business installing new posts. Besides raising the boxes, Haglund and Baker will paint the boxes and place house numbers and names on them if the householder so desires. The extra height of the boxes will enable the mail truck drivers to place the mail in the boxes with a minimum of trouble. Most boxes are set for automobile height.

This Saturday, July 28, many residents living on Route 1 Ada, will be transferred to Route 3, Grand Rapids by order of the Post Office Department.

Suburban Life knew of this change for several months but was unable to procure information from the Grand Rapids Postal Department. Officials in Grand Rapids refuse to divulge details of the change which is supposed to bring better postal service to this area, until a formal announcement is received from Washington.

In a letter sent to residents of Route 3 Grand Rapids, the Post Office informed them that they would receive city delivery starting Saturday and that house numbers and names should be printed on the mailboxes.

The letter also stated that the boxes should be approximately 55 inches from the ground. Residents attempting to comply with this request soon discovered that this is easier said than done and local lumber yards and hardware stores are beginning to do a brisk business in cedar posts.

Two additional trucks are supposed to be added to the new set up and we hope the mail service will work out better than our futile attempts to get a reasonable amount of information. Concerning this change, Route 3 patrons will agree however, that there is room for improvement in the mail service.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY SURPRISES MISS JANICE WASHBURN

Miss Janice Washburn was honored with a surprise party on her 16th birthday, Saturday night, July 21st at the Ada Town hall given by her mother Mrs. Alfreda Washburn, her sister Ellamae Fuller, and May Loring. Janice received many gifts, refreshments were served including coffee, ice cream and the traditional birthday cake.

Games were the evening diversion. About 30 relatives and friends were present to wish Janice a happy birthday.

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## Citizens Group Elects Officers

This past Wednesday evening, members of the citizens advisory committee, appointed last week by the new school board of District 15 Fractional, elected the following officers: James Shear, former Knapp district, president; Joseph Gillard, Ada, vice president and Mrs. Robert Smith, Cascade, secretary.

The group discussed a possible name for the new high school district and stated that persons residing in the ACE area are invited to send in any suggestions they may have. Deadline for sending in your choice of name is August 6.

All names will be carefully considered and those chosen will be recommended to the board. The final decision will rest with the school board. Those wishing to send in their choice of name should address their envelopes to Mrs. Robert Smith, Martin School, 4362 Cascade Rd., Grand Rapids 6.

The group also began work on the high school curriculum and plans to invite a representative from the U. of M., one of the accrediting agencies for high schools in our state. At this time it is not known who the speaker will be.

Next meeting of the citizens advisory committee will be held on Tuesday, August 7.

At the present time the school board is working on various aspects of the coming bond issue. Both the attorney retained by the board and Fred Sherk, public accountant are finishing details on bond issue data. The board hopes that the bond issue can be brought before the voters in August.

A favorable vote on the bond issue would mean that property owners would begin paying their assessment towards the new high school on this year's taxes.

Mrs. Vesta Richardson spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Kline of Marne caring for the children while the parents were on vacation trip to the Wis., Dells and northern Mich.

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## Bus Service For Eastmont?

Residents of the Eastmont section along US 16 are seeking means to procure daily bus service between Cascade and Grand Rapids. Still unorganized, leaders in the rapidly growing development which is centered in the Forest Hills area, feel that there are enough potential riders to make a daily service financially feasible.

Recently the Greyhound line cancelled a 1 p.m. bus that Eastmont ladies used as a means of getting to town and the movement to revive a former plan of having bus service was reactivated.

Several years ago a plan seeking bus service for the area was dropped when it was pointed out that the number of potential riders would not warrant the high cost of equipment and insurance necessary for such a venture.

## Citizen's Committee To Work With New School Board

With the appointment last Wednesday evening of a 27 member citizen's advisory committee, the newly organized ACE area school district enters what will be, for this area, a novel experiment in direct cooperation between school board and school electors.

First task of the new group will be to advise the board on a name for the new district, it will also help set up a curriculum for the new high school and have a direct part in discussing major school policies.

Members of the committee are Donald Swem, George LeHew, Mrs. Robert Linden, Paul Slater, Robert Paine, Mrs. Robert Smith, Gordon A. Yager, Fay Johnson, Joseph R. Gillard, Jr., Orville Summers, Mrs. Glenn Morse, Ray Patterson, Gerald Gretzinger, Richard Hansen, James Shear, Adrian VanderStoep, James Meeker, David Mohr, Emery Watrous, Mrs. Kenneth Clapp, Mrs. Carlton Runciman, jr., Gerald Brian, R. B. Somerville, Don Stites, Henry Riemersma, Kenneth Simons and Mrs. L. Paul Farnsworth.

According to Harold S. Chambers, superintendent of the newly organized district, a site for the new high school has not yet been chosen although several possible locations have been visited by the board.

Chambers stated that there are at least eight suitable sites for the new building in a two mile radius of the geographical center of the new district. In the Chambers report, recommended size of a building site for a modern high school was 40 acres. This large area would permit future growth, would allow room for a driver training range, athletic field and other possible recreational projects.

The board is working on the transportation problem at the present time and "spot maps" showing the location of each school age child are being made.

The board believes that a great savings can be effected by proper routing of the school busses. It is possible that the schedule being set up at the present time will have to be revised during the first few weeks of school and the board requests the cooperation of all parents whose children will ride to and from the nearest school.

The board also petitioned the county board of education to consider the request of voters in part of the Gove School district to transfer a portion of Gove to the new 15 Fractional District. A hearing on this question will be held next Monday, July 30, at 9:30 p.m. in Rockford.

## Transfers Cause Controversy

# Annexation Problems Arise in Gove and Thomas School Districts

When the electors of the Gove school district—Cascade No. 3—recently voted 69 to 2 to become a part of the Lowell school district, in accordance with an invitation extended by the Lowell Board, it apparently was the beginning of what has become a complex problem.

As soon as the area became a part of the local district several citizens requested that their property should be set over into the newly-formed Cascade Area School District. Accordingly, the County Board of Education has issued notices providing for a hearing on Monday, July 30, at 9:30 p. m. to be held in the Parkside School at Rockford.

The County Board has jurisdiction in the matter but an appeal can be made to the Department of Public Instruction at Lansing.

### New Problems Arise

The Lowell Board had also extended an invitation to the electors of the Thomas District—Cascade No. 6 fractional—to become a part of the Lowell district, provided they would also vote to assume their proportionate share of the Lowell bonded indebtedness.

However, when the former Gove district joined the Lowell district it made the adjoining Thomas district contiguous to Lowell, and it then became possible for the Thomas district to become a part of the Lowell district under another plan, as provided by law.

On July 17 the electors of the Thomas district voted to sell the school property, and they also voted to request that the County Board of Education should transfer about half of their district to Lowell, an area consisting of all property east of Quiggle avenue, plus the John Cox property. In so doing the electors neglected to vote

## Boys Team Gets Free Eats

Free banana splits wre the order of the day early this week for the nine members of the Ada third team. In a rash moment, Dave Sakson, proprietor of The Village Store, told the boys that if they won Monday's game with Alto, each one would get the deluxe treatment.

Dave underestimated the magic power such a prize can exert over young teen age boys and the local boys played as they never did before. Final score, Ada 12, Alto 4. Before noon the next day, most of the team had drifted into the local soda bar and Sakson, true to his word, dished out the promised reward.

## Reception Held In Ada Town Hall

Ada Township Hall was the scene this past Tuesday evening of the wedding reception of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hand who were married in Ripon, California, on Friday, July 13.

Approximately 100 persons were present at the reception and refreshments were served. Gifts for the couple were opened and displayed before the reception ended.

Mrs. Hand is the former Carol Dingerink of Ripon, California.

### Grange Picnic

The Egypt Grange annual picnic will be held at Long Lake near Sparta Sunday, July 29. Potluck dinner at 12 o'clock sharp bring lemonade mix. Ice cream will be furnished.

to assume their proportionate share of the Lowell bonded indebtedness.

The County Board will conduct a hearing in their offices in the County Building Annex on Tuesday, July 31, at 12:15 p. m. to hear arguments for or against the proposal. Representatives of the Lowell Board will attend both hearings.

It is possible that the Lowell Board will object to the transfer of too much of the area of the former Gove district and it is also likely that the Lowell Board will request the electors of the Thomas District to vote a special millage to assume their proportionate share of the Lowell bonded indebtedness.

In either or both cases it is likely that an appeal will be made to the proper authorities in Lansing.

## Old Papers Depict "Good Old Days"

Several copies of the Grand Rapids Eagle, a paper printed before the turn of the century, were discovered in the bottom of an old trunk, by Peter VanDenBerg of Ada recently. Dated 1889, the yellowed sheets graphically depict the tremendous changes in our country since that time.

The Grand Rapids National Bank, for example, listed its capital at \$500,000. Those vacationers taking a trip across Lake Michigan on a "large modern steamship" could leave from Grand Haven and cruise to Chicago, round trip, for \$6.50.

A celebrated Magnetic Healer in Grand Rapids could treat "all persons suffering from chronic diseases of every description".

Wood was \$2 a cord, children's wool suits, \$2.68, Steketee's Worm Destroyer was a popular drug and there was also "A Radical Cure for Catarrh".

An item concerning a new suburban trolley line in Detroit informed the public that an 11-mile trip could be over in 15 minutes and there would be no "disagreeable noise or jolting, pounding or changing horses". Officials of the new line stated "There seems to be no room for improvement".

A plaster treatment for cancer was offered to the gullible, and a cure was guaranteed. A local man was killed when his horse-drawn carriage tipped over and threw him under a passing street car.

Grocery prices were high as they always are and breadwinners were grumbling over the nine cent a pound ham and seven cent beef roast. Coffee was 25 cents a pound and a bargain Saturday night special of 10 bars of soap for a quarter assured the sight of well scrubbed children in church the next morning.

Considering their age, almost 70 years, the papers are in remarkable condition. They will not stand rough handling however, and Van Den Berg is understandably cautious with them. Many of the stores advertising their wares have been out of business for many years but oldtimers can remember when most of them were thriving establishments on Canal street (now Monroe Ave.)

The oldest printed book is the Constance Missal printed by Johann Gutenberg about 1450. The first printing in the Western Hemisphere probably occurred about 1539 in Mexico City with the first printing in the United States beginning in 1638 at Harvard Academy in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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## ACE report

by Ken Ezinga

Although we don't anticipate trouble this week, next week's issue of Suburban Life may be late. With the new route changes going into effect this Saturday, it is possible that things may be slightly "balled up" for a few days. This, if it happens, will actually be unavoidable, because a major change such as this is almost certain to bring many problems to the Post Office and Mailmen.

Things will work out after a few mistakes, we are sure, and urge our readers to bear with the Post Office department. We trust all of you will send us the necessary information regarding your address change.

People here in Lowell are very weather conscious this week. The success of the Lowell Showboat de-

pends almost entirely upon the weather and each cloud is discussed by dozens of persons until it drifts harmlessly overhead.

This small village turns, each year during showboat week, into what sounds like a weatherman's convention and the stock reply for the visitor should be, "No, I'm sure it won't rain" or "Yes, it sure looks like rain, but I think it will blow over."

The question of a site for the new high school is one of the main topics of discussion in the ACE area these days. Final decision will be made by members of the newly elected five man board of education, but this simple fact has failed to stop the guesses, suggestions, and ideas that are constantly going around.

A moment's thought will soon show, however, that this important decision should be left entirely up to the board. It would take months, possibly years, of discussion to pick a site if it were left up to you and I. Every section of the new district could advance dozens of reasons why the new high school should built in their area.

The approximate center of the new district will see the new school and this is as it should be. We give the new board our sympathy and are thankful that we have no part in selection of a site.

Members of the Eastmont Reformed Church have been busy working on their new parsonage the past couple of weeks and last week some of the ladies helped put up the rock lathe in preparation for the plaster job.

Their pastor, Rev. Collins Weeber, is living in Holland at the present time but will move here as soon as the parsonage is completed. The home is located on Ada dr. near Forest Hills.

Besides the construction of the new parsonage, several other building projects are nearing completion in this area.

Ada Oil Company's new station is almost finished, Cascade Lumber recently remodeled the front of their bldg. Orie Weaver switched his showcases and display shelves completely around and the Cascade Christian Church's new educational building project is under way.

Homes are going up in every section of the ACE area, and perhaps the most prominent one is the House That HOME Built, advertised over TV almost every day and located in the new Forest Hills

## Chairman's Job Is Linked to Convention Strategy

The committee on permanent organization, the second of the four great committees, has its most important business the selection of the permanent presiding officer for the convention. Normally the permanent chairman is expected to be neutral, at least to the extent of not himself being a candidate for the nomination.

As a matter of practical politics, the permanent chairman is often selected weeks in advance by the national committee's committee on convention arrangements.

He is sometimes friendly to one candidate, and meets in preliminary caucuses with the candidate's backers to map strategy to assure that person's nomination. A candidate with the permanent chairman's backing has definite procedural advantages.

For instance, by failing to recognize the opposition backers, the chairman can make the best of plans come to naught. Senator Sam Rayburn's rough handling of Senator Paul Douglas and the Kefauver delegates to the 1952 Democratic convention is a good example. He refused to recognize Douglas when Douglas, in desperation, came up to Rayburn's desk asking permission to be heard. Rulings on procedure may also prove devastating to the opposition, and give advantage to the candidate the permanent chairman favors.

The rules committee recommends the rules of procedure under which the convention will operate. Usually this committee merely advises that the rules of the last convention be adopted. But it may draft more important changes. In 1936, for example, the Democratic committee recommended abolition of the party rule which required that a presidential nominee receive a two-thirds vote. Franklin Roosevelt, in the flood tide of his political power, had determined that never again would the Southern Democrats exercise veto power over the majority choice of the convention.

The platform committee is responsible for presenting a draft platform to the convention. Most of this work has actually been done long before in committee meetings. The committee usually spends most of its time during the convention going through the formalities of listening to representatives of various organizations desirous of promoting or opposing some possible plank.

In cases where the president is to be renominated, the party platform is usually written according to his personal wishes. Thus President Eisenhower, if he so decides, can probably draft the Republican platform under which he will campaign.

The committee's recommendations on a platform are normally

### "Don't Rock the Boat" Just One Safety Tip

With Michigan's summer season in full swing, fishermen and others using small boats are reminded that safety precautions should be observed.

One of the surest ways to court disaster is to stand or walk in a small boat. Boating experts agree that passengers in a small craft should change positions only in shallow water where a sudden mishap will not be tragic.

Some other safety tips from boating experts:

Do not stand when you raise or lower an anchor, for you are overbalanced when doing so and may tip the boat. For fishing and casting, it isn't necessary to stand.

If an accident occurs and the boat does capsize, don't leave it. A floating boat will support many persons clinging to the sides. It's your only link to life, so stay with the boat and wait for help.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Silverman of Grand Rapids were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Mary Cramton of Cozy-nook on Grand River Drive.

The annual State Plowing Matches in Michigan will be held at Constantine, Aug. 27-28.

accepted by the convention. However, floor fights are not unknown, and it is likely that one will develop this year on a civil rights plank in the Democratic platform.

A majority and minority committee report are expected on the issue, and it will probably be fought out on the floor of the convention. In the 1948 Democratic convention, Senator Hubert Humphrey's battle to insert a strong civil rights provision was successful, and led to the walkout of two Southern delegations, and formation of the Dixiecrat party. Southern leaders have said there will be no such third party this year, but they will try their utmost to get a civil rights plank acceptable to the South.

The late Wendell Wilkie, Republican presidential candidate in 1940, brushed off party platforms as "fusions of ambiguity," and another commentator said the tendency of the political platform is "neither to define nor to convince, but rather to attract and confuse."

It is a mixture of denunciation, declamation and conciliation."

Once the report of the platform committee has been adopted, the convention is ready for its real and most exciting business: nominating the candidates.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wright of Kent City spent Sunday with their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Frank Averill and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hurley and family of Lowell spent Sunday afternoon with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Kellogg.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris were Sunday afternoon visitors of his brother Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morris of Cannonsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Faulkner have rented their home on Fulton Road and are moving on Conservation Road.

Gene Pettis who was a patient in the Veteran's Hospital at Ann Arbor for several weeks underwent surgery and recovered so as return to his home on Pettis Av.

Capt. and Mrs. Vernon Bridgman of Loreda Texas who are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Miles Fase spent a few days last week with his sister Mrs. Jerry Wagner of Chicago. Dianna and Montie Fase accompanied them. They will spend about 2 weeks there after which they will leave for Japan to be gone three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Morris were Sunday evening callers on Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Wood at Croton.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Morris were Saturday night supper guest of their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Allie Schmidt of Dorr.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayes were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rohr, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frazee and Kathy, all of Grand Rapids.



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Bunco was played with the prizes going to Mrs. Jean Garner and Mrs. Evelyn Beak. The door prize went to Mrs. Maude Beak. The hostesses were Mrs. Erma Beak and Joanne Eadie.

Mr. Al Zeigler of 4810 Cascade Road has been confined to The Sparrow Hospital at Lansing recovering from a broken ankle, broken ribs, and a dislocated hip received in an accident while repairing an elevator in a Lansing building.

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Photo by Herb Harris

Miss Katherine Maxine Moerdyke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Moerdyke of 30th street, Cascade, became the bride of Donald LeRoy Samuels of Grandville last Saturday afternoon, July 21, at the Ada Congregational church. Mr. Samuels is the son of Earl Samuels of Grandville.

Rev. Williams Reynders conducted the double-ring wedding ceremony and traditional wedding music was provided by Mrs. Arnold Wittenbach at the organ. Mrs. Wittenbach also accompanied the soloist, Miss Delores Bashara, who sang "I Love You Truly", "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer".

The church was decorated with palms and candelabra, and the bride, presented in marriage by an old friend and neighbor, Archibald Thomas, chose a waltz-length

gown of nylon net and lace for her wedding. A heart-shaped tiara secured her fingertip veil of French illusion, and matching lace sleevelets completed her ensemble. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and white carnations.

Miss Frances Moerdyke assisted her sister as maid of honor, and only attendant. She wore a blue and white nylon lace gown, and a corsage of pink carnations. Mr. Samuels was attended by Richard Duda of Grand Rapids.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Moerdyke chose a blue cotton dress and beige accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations.

A reception for the couple was held immediately following the wedding ceremony at the home of the bride's parents.

The couple went to Detroit for their honeymoon after which they will make their home at Spaulding road and U. S. 16. Mrs. Samuels is employed at the Cascade Pharmacy, and the bridegroom works for McInerney Spring & Wire in Grand Rapids.

The bride is a Lowell High School graduate, and Mr. Samuels graduated from the Grandville High School.

Friday July 20 Mr. and Mrs. Carl Behnke of Cascade Rd. were host and hostess at their home for the annual picnic of The Grand Rapids Branch of the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company. Approximately 30 guests attended including department heads from the Grand Rapids and Chicago office.

**Line Drive**  
by MEL OTT

**HARVEY EDWARD KUENN'S** quest for his third 200-hit season in four full campaigns with Detroit received a serious setback when the blond shortstop was forced to leave the line-up for 16 days after injuring his foot in Boston.

Despite this loss of opportunity to fashion hits, plus the limitation of succeeding days when he served only as a part-time player while the injury continued to hamper him, the aggressive Mr. Kuenn is as determined as ever to regain all his lost ground.

Knowing Harvey, I'd be the last one to discount his efforts. If he doesn't make the charmed 200 circle, it won't be by much. I'd guess he'll wind up with between 190 and his hoped-for 200 hits.

Exactly 190 hits is what the big, raw-boned young fellow with the crew cut and twinkling blue eyes achieved last year. But he wasn't satisfied.

**Hit Mark First Season**

Harvey looked to his first full year with the Tigers in 1953, when he connected safely 209 times, and to the following season, when he rapped out 201 hits, and he was determined to return to the 200 mark this year.

Energetic young Harvey was going along at a good clip, too, connecting safely 68 times by around a third of the schedule, when the bad break upset his plans. Sliding into second base at Boston last June 7, he injured his instep so severely that he still is not back to peak performance on the base paths or at shortstop.

But the painful disability failed to slow down measurably the smoking Kuenn bat. Once Harvey returned to full duty, he began hitting to all fields again and by All-Star game time, the half-way

mark on the schedule, he had reached 91 hits.

Of course, this sets him behind the pace in his ambitious effort, but records of other years disclose that Harvey is a strong finisher and does better in the second half of the campaign than in the first.

**Three-Way Race**

Naturally, as his hit output rises, so does his batting average, and Kuenn is betting around .350 as of this writing. He's in a three-way race for the American League batting title with Charley Maxwell and Mickey Mantle, and not a few of the Tigers privately believe that Harvey will win the crown.

This .350 figure is considerably above Kuenn's best in previous campaigns in the majors, the strong right-hander having turned in .308 - .306 - .306 in his other three years, but Harvey is still learning and there's no telling how far he'll go before he reaches his peak in baseball.

In his only season in the minors, Kuenn hit .340 in 63 games with Davenport of the Three-I League. Finishing the year with Detroit, he hit .325 in 19 games.

Afield Harvey is improving with each year's added experience and he has become one of the best shortstops in the league, not counting the current limitations of his injury. As a base runner, Kuenn was doing remarkably well, too, until he was hurt. But it is at bat that Harvey is the greatest terror—and that includes the quest for 200 hits.

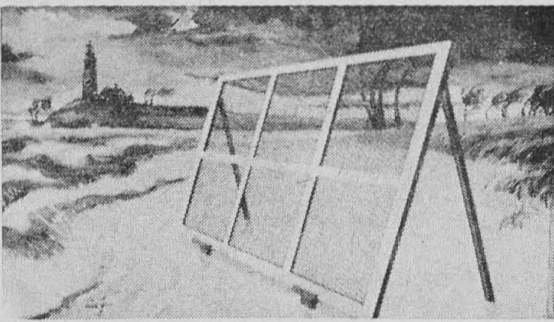
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Paul Gabriz of 1079 Patterson Ave., SE, sales supervisor of the Kraft Foods Co. branch here, received a gold tie clasp and citation certificate Monday in recognition of his 10 years' service to the firm.

Wednesday July 18 Mrs. Flora Bishop of 1117 Argo was hostess at her home for a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Marjorie Rice of 960 Patterson. A luncheon was served and Mrs. Rice received a beautiful birthday gift from the group.

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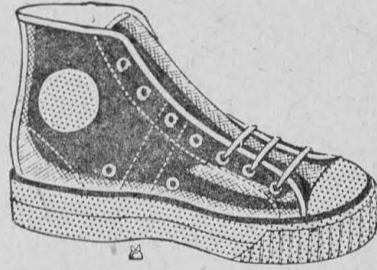
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Mrs. Evelyn Visser and son, Merle, and Mrs. Merle Cramton drove to South Haven Sunday to join Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cramton of Nashville Tenn., for a picnic dinner at the beach.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Vesta Richardson were her daughters Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartwell and Barry of Egypt Valley and Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Kline of Marne.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Summers and family, have returned from a week's southern vacation trip when they visited the Smoky Mountains, Mammoth Caves Livingston Ky., and many other places of interest.

Mrs. Kate Duberville and Mr. and Mrs. Abram VanderClip of Grand Rapids were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. James DeVovner.

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## So They Say

The language we use and speak in our everyday life is a constantly changing thing. A dictionary printed today will be very really out of date no sooner than it appears on the booksellers' shelves. This is because of the tremendous changes going on about us in the world. As an example let us take the field of electricity. Some years ago it was found over 4,000 new words came into use because of the discovery and development of this wonderful source of power! A similar increase in words has come about by reason of the vast progress made in all the other arts and sciences. Most new words, of course, are purely technical ones, but slowly they become familiar to more people and then are known as common words.

Groups of words used together to express a thought or an idea are also continually undergoing changes in meaning and usage. In our big country the different parts of our nation all have their own peculiar ways of speaking, both in pronunciation and in the choice of words used. An expression used by the people in one section of the country means very little to others in another area. I am amused no end, for instance; by the way the southerner speaks. He, on the other hand, probably enjoys our way of talking, too.

There are expressions used, however, which many people everywhere either use or have heard used by someone sometime. But widely used and known as they are few can explain the source or meaning of them. They are the kind of sayings that seem to hit the nail right on the head—say a lot in a few words. American writers are great ones to use them. Let's talk about a few.

### "The Gordian Knot"

It is told that the people of Phrygia, an ancient country in Asia

Minor, were advised to choose as king the first man they met on the way to the temple. The peasant Gordius passed by, driving a wagon, and, hailed as king to his great amazement, he stopped at the temple and dedicated the wagon there. Gordius is remembered for the knot by which he fixed his wagon to the temple. So cleverly was it tied that no end could be perceived in the cord, and so goes the story, it came to be predicted that whoever could untie the Gordian knot would win the whole empire of Asia. Alexander the Great happened to pass that way in his sweep across Asia Minor. In attempting to undo the knot he was unable to solve the puzzle. Quickly he drew his sword and slashed the knot in two. This daring act impressed his soldiers, who already considered Alexander as the future conqueror of Asia. We now speak of any problem solved in a drastic way as a Gordian knot.

### "Achilles' Heel"

Greek mythology provides the source of this expression. Achilles was a mythical hero of ancient times, the Grecian ideal of youthful strength, beauty and courage. He was a powerful warrior. According to legend, while he was still a babe his mother dipped him in the River Styx, which protected his body forever against any weapon—with one important exception. The river water did not touch the heel by which his mother held him. That was his weak spot; and he died at Troy from an arrow wound in that heel. Nowadays, if we know that an otherwise strong person has a weakness, we call it his Achilles' heel.

And so it is with those little expressions which color our language. Hollanders, of course, as well as Poles, Swedes and the Irish all have cute idioms which can say it in a nutshell. But there's one other aspect of the peculiarity of lan-

guages about which I'd like to give an example or two. It's related to the practice of words coming into use by association of ideas and their root structures.

The newspapers in their modern form are usually regarded as having had their beginning in 1566, when the government of Venice, Italy, issued written news-sheets and exhibited them in the streets. Anyone was allowed to read them on payment of a small coin called a gazetta. Thus a news-sheet in those days become known as a gazetta.

Speaking of newspapers, by the way, there's a phrase, "Fourth Estate", of which you've probably heard, and thereby hangs a tale, too. In the Middle Ages, European society was usually considered to be divided into Three Estates, or classes; the Clergy, the Nobility and the Commons. The first two had special privileges and in time (18th century) also the third class gained authority through their representatives. The story goes that once, when Edmund Burke was making a speech in the House of Commons in England, he pointed to the newspaper men in the reporters' gallery. "Yonder," he cried, "sits the Fourth Estate, more important than them all!" He meant, of course, that newspapers mold public opinion and influence the course of events. Today "Fourth Estate" is a nickname for the press.

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Mr. and Mrs. Seth Van Wormer and son Ronnie of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Norotny and son of Charlevoix were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Morris.

Miss Nancy Ward of Grand Rapids spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nellist and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peters and Fred returned last Wednesday from a very enjoyable vacation trip through the upper Peninsula to Duluth, Minneapolis and St. Paul spent some time at the Wisconsin Dells, and Milwaukee returning home by the way of Chicago.

Mrs. Jerry Duthler and baby left by plane Monday night for Elmhurst Ill., to visit her brother Gerit Stukkie and family. They will return home with her husband who will drive there for the week end.

Mrs. Henry Bruinekool of Grand Rapids and son Roger of Great Lakes were Sunday guests at the Herman Stukkie home.

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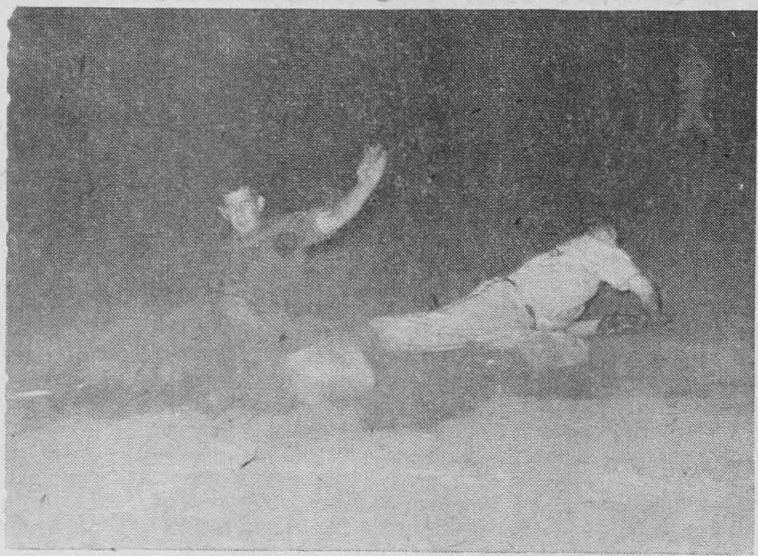
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In a close play at third base, one of Freeport's runners slides safely while Marve DeGood, third baseman for the Merchants, stretches for the ball. Ada won, 12 to 7, the team's first victory since July Fourth when they bested Cascade Christian Reformed Church.

Last Thursday's game with Freeport was the first win for the Ada Merchants since the Fourth of July contest with Cascade Christian Reformed. A total of nineteen runs came across the plate and Ada won, 12 to 7.

With the score 6 to 0, in favor of Ada at the end of the third, it looked like a walk away for the Merchants. In the fourth, however, pitcher John Sytsma loaded the bases and Freeport crowded in five runs. Settling down in the fifth, Sytsma regained his control and Ada soon walked away from the narrow lead.

Wednesday's game between Ada's first and second teams ended 12 to 2 in favor of the Merchants. At the end of the second inning the score was tied 2-2 and it looked like a rough battle was ahead. From the third inning on, however, the first team had their own way.

Ron Boersma was the winning pitcher and Herm Heemstra was on the mound for the second team. Up until the last inning the second team's fielding was handled nicely but the younger boys were no match for the power and experience of the Merchants.

Monday's game with Calvary Reformed went into an extra inning but the Merchants lost 8 to 7. Herm Heemstra pitched until the 7th inning when Ron Boersma took over the mound with a tie score.

The beginning of the end for Ada came when a batter was struck by a pitched ball. The next batter for Calvary hit to third base and the throw to first was wild. The runner on second base scored and the ball game was over.

Last week Friday Clarksville took Ada's second team, 11 to 9. Herm Heemstra was the losing pitcher.

This past Tuesday the Lowell Moose proved to be no match for a combination of the best of Ada's first and second team. In spite

of the use of three pitcher's, Ada lost 5 to 0.

Herm Heemstra started on the mound for Ada and allowed four runs in four innings. The Moose crowded in another run during John Sytsma's single inning and Ron Boersma, third pitcher for the local boys, stopped the score at five runs.

Larry Boersma, who suffered a broken finger early this season while catching for the Merchants, was hit in the right eye with a ball thrown by the Moose's second baseman in the last inning of Tuesday's game.

Larry was literally out twice, once when he failed to beat a throw to second and a split second later when the Moose second baseman trying to make a double play, struck Boersma in the eye as he attempted to throw to first.

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### Hand-Dengerink

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hand returned to Ada on Saturday, from Ripon Calif., where they were married on July 13th at the Ripon First Christian Reformed Church.

The bride of Mr. Hand was the former Miss Carol Dengerink, and serves as a teacher in the Ada Christian School. The couple will reside at 7190 Rix St. Ada.

Congratulations to Bob and Carol.

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