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Date Set For School Bond Issue

It was tentatively decided by the board of the new Forest Hills school district at their Wednesday evening meeting, to bring an \$800,000 bond issue question before the electors of the newly organized district on Tuesday, September 18.

This figure will provide funds for a new high school, its site, pay architect and attorney fees, and provide a balance for additions in the next couple of years, to one or more of the existing schools which are rapidly becoming overcrowded.

Although final cost of the new high school building has not yet been determined, the board feels that the above mentioned goals can be attained. An estimate of the new building's cost cannot be determined until a site is chosen. As yet, no decision on this matter has been reached.

John Adrianse, president of the new board, stated that public meetings will be held before the election. At these meetings citizens will be given the opportunity to discuss all aspects of the approaching bond issue with members of the school board, Paul O. Strawhecker, the attorney retained by the board, Fred Sherk, accountant who is compiling the tax structure for the bond issue, and members of the architectural firm who will be in charge of construction.

The following tax levies for each former school district were computed by Sherk and show the total school tax for 1956 BEFORE a vote on the bond issue. These figures include both the operating expenses and the debt retirement on existing bond issues. The amount of tax is, of course, per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Ada, \$28.50; Carl, \$28.00; Strong, \$14.00; Cascade, \$25.50; Thomas, (part of which is now definitely in the Forest Hills district), \$14.00; Collins, \$24.80; Martin is divided, those in Grand Rapids township paying \$24.80, Ada township paying \$25.00; Cascade township, \$23.40 and Paris paying \$21.60. Knapp will pay \$35.70; Orchard View, \$15.80 and Murphy \$24.45.

Once again it is important to point out that these figures are for 1956 and BEFORE a bond issue vote is made.

A proposal to merge the bonded indebtedness of the former districts will NOT come before the electors at this time. Because of divided legal opinion this proposition will not be brought up for three years. It may then come before the people at a special election.

Although millage rates have not been determined, Sherk stated that the cost to the taxpayer if this bond issue is approved, would vary from \$6.50 to \$7.20 per \$1,000 valuation.

Due to a printing deadline, Suburban Life is unable to print the complete breakdown of figures presented by Sherk. In the weeks to come we plan to work closely with the school board and these figures plus ALL the facts pertaining to the coming vote, will help our readers decide whether they will vote Yes or No on this important proposal.

The school board is planning to keep everyone in this area posted on each new development.

Auxiliary Officers Installed Friday

Friday evening Aug. 24 at the Cascade Town Hall the new officers elected last month for the McDonald-Osmer Auxiliary Post 451 were installed by Mrs. F. E. Campbell who is the State Rehabilitation Chairman for Michigan's 5th Women's Auxiliary.

Ada Christian Opens Sept. 5

Ada Christian school will open its doors on Wednesday, Sept. 5. Four teachers will make up the staff. Two of them, Mrs. Carol Hand and Miss Erma Kock, taught at Ada last year.

Replacing Gil VanSolkema as principal is Clarence Brower. The second new teacher is Mrs. Ione Meindersma.

A bulletin will be sent out to all parents informing them of bus routes, schedules and other information pertaining to the new school year.

Cascade Church Plan Fall Meetings

With summer rapidly drawing to a close, members of the Cascade Christian Church are looking forward to a busy Fall and Winter schedule. Society life will soon be in full swing again and many new committees are being organized. Meetings and conventions are the order of the day for the coming months and the following list notes a few of the most important.

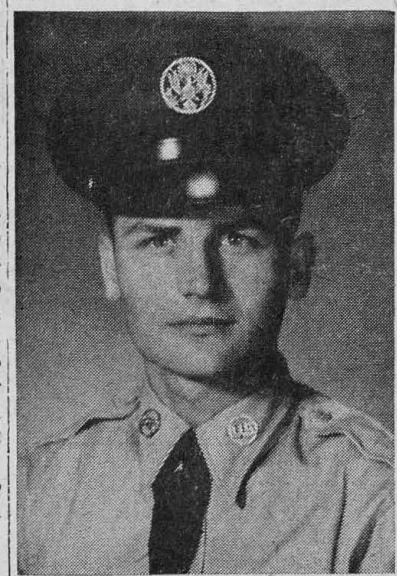
September 14 to 16 the National Convention of Christian Men will be held in Cleveland, Ohio. At least five representatives from the local church will attend. Among the speakers are such notables as Billy Graham and Norman Vincent Peale.

The International Convention will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, during the latter part of September and at least three delegates from the Cascade area will be present.

The Denison Guild will meet September 4 at the home of Mrs. P. M. Denison on Thornapple River Dr. The Tri-Cees are planning a potluck supper at the church on Friday, September 7, the CYF will hold an overnight planning retreat at Camp O'Malley September 7 and 8, Cradle Roll Guild will hold their first meeting on September 13 at the Stuart Ehles on Thorncrest Dr. Doerr Guild meets September 17 at the R. Dale Charter's home on Denison Dr. and the Christian Men's Fellowship will also meet in the near future and elect new officers.

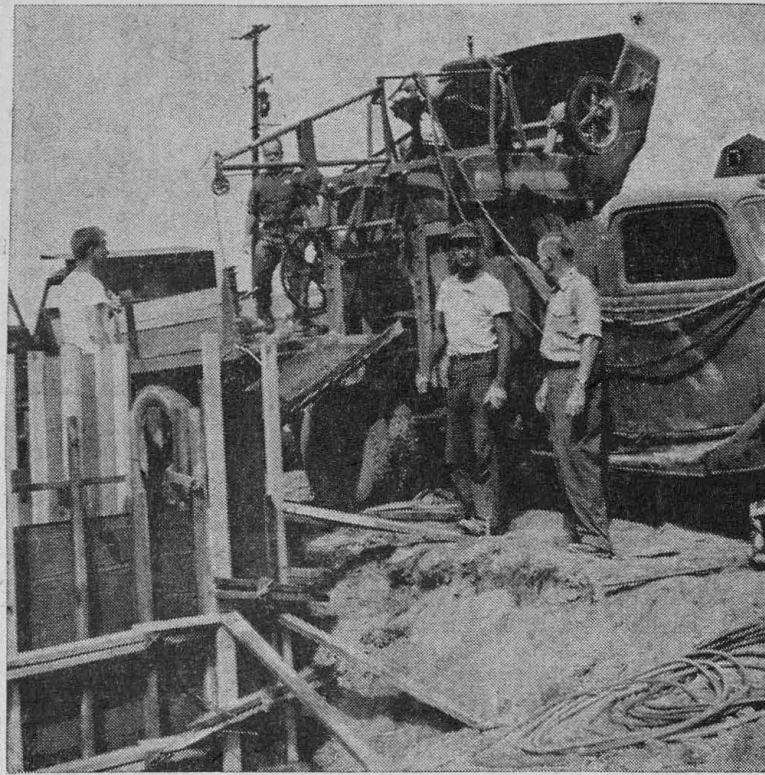
The Edward DeWitt family have returned home from a 10 day vacation which they spent at the oval at Grand Haven.

News of Servicemen



Jerry Van Stee, son of Mrs. Eileen VanStee, 28th St., is taking his basic Airforce training at Parks A. F. Base in California. Jerry will serve with flight 361, Squadron 3281, 3275th Basic Military Training group. VanStee was a graduate from Lowell High school in 1956.

Basement Poured for Local Church



Last Saturday afternoon the final load of concrete was poured in the basement forms at the Eastmont Reformed church on Ada Dr. Members of the congregation are doing most of the work on both the church and the parsonage which has entered the finishing stage. Plagued throughout the construction period by bad weather, several work bees planned for Saturdays were cancelled because of rain. The new church building will cost approximately \$60,000.

Ada Team Still In Tourney

The Ada Merchants are still in the play offs in the Softball Tournament games being played each night at the Ada Ball Field. Losing their first game with Forest Gove last week, the Merchants banged out a 4 to 1 victory over the Grand Rapids Athletic Club this past Monday.

Ada's win eliminated the Athletics from further play off games and put new life into the local team. Ada played good ball and one of the largest crowds of the season was on hand.

Ron Boersma pitched good ball and no errors were committed. Pat Bigelow's homer in the fourth had the crowd on it's feet and good fielding helped keep the opposing team from scoring more than their lone run.

This Thursday Carrier's Hardware is pitted against Sherman St. Christian Reformed in the first game and Forest Grove and the Lowell Moose will battle it out in the nightcap.

Friday will see the Freeport Merchants versus Kendall Furniture for the first game and the Garfield Majors and Creston Recreation will finish the week's games.

Ada Scouts Seek New Advisor

Joe Gillard, publicity director for the Ada Boy Scout Troop, has issued a call for help. According to Gillard, the Explorer Scouts, boys of 14 and up, are in need of an advisor for their troop.

Any man between 30 and 40 who likes to work with boys is asked to volunteer for this important job. Duties of the advisor is to help the boys in their efforts to procure Merit Badges and to encourage them in Scout work and good citizenship.

Anyone interested in this job is asked to contact Louis Bitto or Bob Perrin. The first meeting of the Ada Scouts will be held on Monday September 10 at 7:30 p.m.

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Teachers Listed For New District

Ada
Ray Price, Principal and Junior High, Mrs. Mabel Campau, E, Mrs. Cathaleen Hardy, E, Miss Jenett McPherson, E, Miss Shirley Thomas, E; Miss Beverly Zimmerman, L, Charles Taylor, L, Ferris Post, Junior High.

Carl
Mrs. Doris Johnson, E, Mrs. Ellen Brown, L.

Cascade
Clarence Boerman, Principal, Miss Janet Gallagher, E, Mrs. Barbara Versluis, E, Mrs. Evelyn Lane E, Mrs. Joyce Ludwick, E, Miss Mary Delia, E, Mrs. Arlene Sooy, L; Mrs. Ethelyn Cook, L; John Hunt, L, John VanOeveren, L.

Collins
Mrs. Lorraine Schultz, Junior High, Edward Shy, Junior High.

Martin
Mrs. Mabel Hendricks, L and Principal, Mrs. Grace Hammond, E, Mrs. Joyce Kenny, E, Mrs. Martha Taylor, E, Mrs. Louise Arndt, E, Mrs. Barbara Garrison, E, Mrs. Esther Freyermuth, L, Mrs. Doris Roth, L.

Knapp
Mrs. Ruth Goldsmith, E, Mrs. Lenna St. Pierre, E, Mrs. Claire Earl, L.

Orchard View
Miss Dawn Phillips, E, Mrs. Reta Hilton, E, Mrs. Edith Robart, E, Mrs. Eva Beurmann, L, Miss Barbara Thompson, L.

Murphy
Mrs. Helen Allison, E, Miss Shirley Nessett, L.

Note
E is Early Elementary and L is Later Elementary.

Carla Stewart Breaks Leg

Carla Stewart, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Stewart of Ada Dr., received a broken leg last Friday Aug. 24, while being pulled in a wagon which accidentally tipped over while playing with a group of children at her home. She will be confined to a cast for at least eight weeks.

Gove Wrangle Still Going Strong

Forest Hills was the name chosen last week Thursday by board members of the newly consolidated school district. Representatives of the architectural firm, and real estate company met with the board and discussed various aspects of the proposed high school.

The choice of a site for the school has not yet been determined although a final decision is expected in a matter of days.

An interesting twist to the meeting was injected when Walter W. Gumser, superintendent of the Lowell School system, also present at the meeting, told the board of the Forest Hills district that Lowell is willing to pay the transportation and tuition of those children in the western part of Gove dist. whose parents are fighting to be annexed to the new district.

Gove district, the only source of organized opposition to the recently completed nine district merger, voted against the consolidation proposal during the latter part of February. At a meeting in the Gove School on June 29, a vote of 69 to 2 put Gove in the Lowell School system and supposedly ended the controversy.

Since that time however, Gove has been a hotbed of argumentation, those parties desiring to be annexed to the Forest Hills district seeking aid from the County Board of Education and those wishing to remain with Lowell doing everything in their power to keep the district from being split.

At a hearing before the county board of education on July 30, it was decided to annex a portion of the Gove district with the new Forest Hills school system. This decision was immediately appealed by Gumser to the State board of education and another hearing was held in the Capitol last week. A final decision was not made at this meeting although two hours of tape recording were taken for further study.

Enlarging on Lowell's offer to send some of Gove District's pupils to the Cascade School, Gumser pointed out that the "County board has settled this situation in an arbitrary manner and I feel that by postponing a final decision for a year, the two factions involved, can with the aid and advice of the Lowell and local school boards, settle this thing in a satisfactory manner."

Gumser also stated that "Lowell does not want families who wish to belong to another district" but clarified Lowell's position in the case by telling the Forest Hills board that boundary lines between the districts should be clearly defined and should not meander aimlessly throughout a district.

The Forest Hills board is willing to take the Gove pupils offered by Lowell but stated that they are definitely planning on abiding by the final State ruling on the matter. R. Dale Charters, one of the board members said, "Our board has a moral obligation to the people in Gove who wish to send their children here. "The Forest Hills board is definitely not interested in a tug of war with Lowell over part of Gove district.

If the county board's ruling stands, those property owners in Gove wishing to annex with Forest Hills can vote on the bond issue. If turned down, the Govites will have to use other means to seek entry into the new district. Whatever the outcome, it seems apparent that high feelings and legal skirmishes will continue to disturb the tranquility that prevails in the new district.

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75th Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Averill entertained with a family dinner Sunday in honor of her mother Mrs. Floyd Wright's 75 birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Wright of Sparta Mrs. Audie Baldwin of Grand Rapids and Floyd Wright of Kent City.

Mrs. Lloyd Walcott of Grand Rapids spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Shirley Ward.

Other Ada News

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frazee (Annett Hayes) announce the arrival of a 11 pound baby boy Walter James, at Butterworth Hospital Aug. 26.

Mrs. Robert Harter who underwent Surgery at Blodgett Hospital Aug. 18 was able to return to her home.

Capt. and Mrs. Vernon Bridgeman who have spent several weeks

with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Fase left Wednesday morning for Japan to be gone three years. Capt. Bridgeman is of the U. S. Air Force Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Morris spent Sunday with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Allie Schmidt and Dean of Dorr.

Maurice Ward and friend of Ionia Mel Bermond of Grand Rapids and Webb Ward left Sunday to spend a week on a fishing trip in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wride, Marion and Norma visited Deer Park at Muskegon Sunday afternoon.

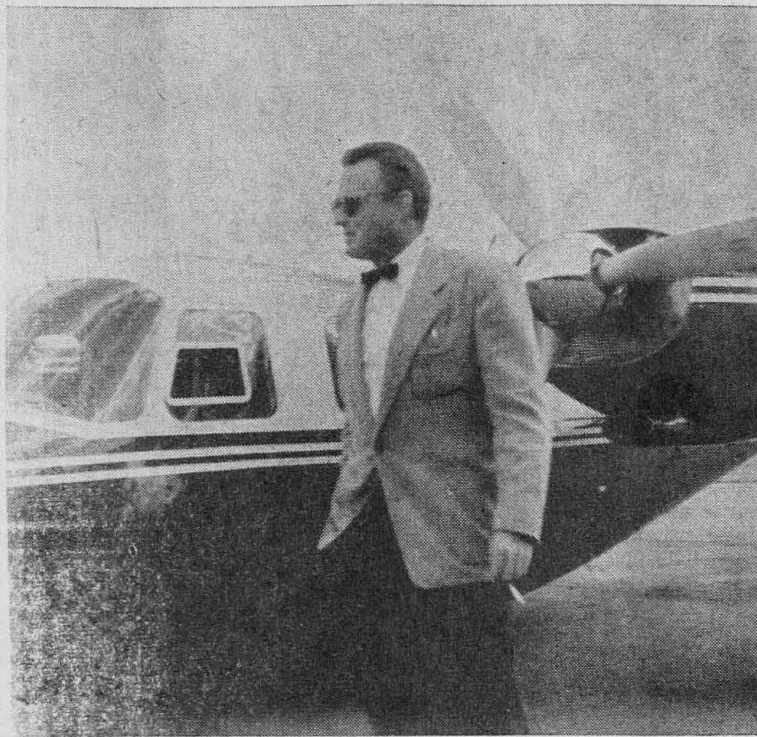
Mr. and Mrs. Orison Weaver entertained for Sunday dinner her parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris in honor of their 63 wedding anniversary and their daughter Jindra's 2nd birthday.

Last Thursday Mrs. Josie Kamp and her sisters Mrs. Kate Hoekstra of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Bessie DeGraaf of Cascade visited their cousin Mrs. Libbie Van Hoven of Zeeland several other relatives were also present.

Sunday guests at the Pete Kamp home were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Posthumus of Bowne and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Beimers of Grand Rapids, Ronnie and Jack Kamp spent the week end with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Nellist were Sunday night supper guests of her brother Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fox on Knapp road.

Ada Man is Test Pilot for Lear, Inc.



W. Scott Chapman, Ada, gives Lear equipment installed in various planes at the company's Kent County Airport hanger, a final flight check before they are approved by the CAA. Chapman has logged several thousand hours in the last 20 years and has been flying since he was 14. Besides testing the electronic equipment, Chapman flies company officials to various parts of the country and has probably flown more different types of airplanes than any other pilot in this country.

If a person were to begin flying a plane next week Monday and continued to put in a five day, 40-hour week behind the controls for the next three years, he would, by September, 1959, have almost, but not quite, reached the present number of hours of flying time which W. Scott Chapman, Honey Creek Rd., Ada, has attained. By that time, of course, Chapman would have several hundred more hours of stick time to his credit.

Chapman, or Scotty, as he is known to his friends and co-workers at the Lear, Inc. hanger at the Kent County airport, has in the last 20 years chalked up nearly 7000 hours of flying time. Although it would be impossible to state the exact number of miles he has covered in this length of time, the astonishing figure of 700,000 can be determined by using an average speed of 100 miles per hour against the number of hours spent in the air. Higher speeds in the last 10 years, however, make it very likely that the above figure is a modest estimate.

Chapman actually holds down two jobs at the Lear hangar. Besides piloting company officials to such places as Boston, Chicago, New York and Ohio, Scotty checks out navigational and electronic equipment which is installed at the local field. He is licensed by the Civil Aeronautics Association as a test pilot for this type of work and gives tentative approval to such installations. CAA furnishes the final OK.

Planes are sent to the Grand Rapids field for installational work from every part of the country and Chapman has, in the last five years, flown every type of plane in current production in this country. Jets and four engined craft are the only exceptions. In all probability, Scotty is the only pilot in the country to hold this distinction. In his early thirties, Chapman's notable record began at the age of 14 when he started his flying career. In the Airforce during the last war, Chapman spent his time on the ground as a weather observor; his eyesight was slightly below Airforce requirements.

Despite the tremendous number of hours in the air, Scotty has had only one "experience". One spring day, a few years ago, shortly after leaving the local field, the engine on his plane conked out. Gliding to the nearest available spot, a very muddy wheat field, Chapman set the plane down without damage. Investigation showed that about seven gallons of waer had somehow been placed in the gas tanks. The next day, with water drained, the ship was towed by a farmer's tractor to firmer ground and he took off without incident.

Chapman never knows, when he reports at the hangar each day, exactly what the flight schedule, if any, will be. As an example,

during last week's interview with this reporter, a request to flight check a radio came into his office. Boarding the plane we rolled to the end of the runway and waited for take off clearance. Clearance and a request to return immediately to the hangar came almost simultaneously. Reporting back to the hangar, we discovered that a call had just been received from Chicago and Chapman had to fly a man down to pick up a plane for service work on it's Lear equipment.

Once again we waited for clearance. This time we were not called back and in ten minutes Holland was behind us and the black, waste laden water of the Kalamazoo river at Sagatauk could be seen pouring it's contamination into Lake Michigan like ink being spilled on a light blue tablecloth.

Across the Big Lake and soon the towering clouds of smoke from the Gary and Whiting, Ind., steel mills could be seen. Far below, long plodding ore freighters could be seen making their way to the ever hungry blast furnaces. The Navy Pier, Chicago's lake side skyscrapers, and then landing instructions from the airfield. After dropping off the spare pilot we immediately left on the return flight.

Scotty used the automatic pilot during the entire flight, putting it into operation shortly after takeoff and handling the controls only during the few minutes necessary to take off and land.

An almost uncanny device, the auto pilot keeps the ship at it's pre-set course and altitude regardless of weather conditions. Any tendency to roll, pitch or yaw is immediately corrected electronically, slight drift from proper course caused by strong wind conditions

can be rectified by turning a small knob.

Explaining the elaborate skyway traffic system that is used to control air traffic, Chapman showed us a radio facility map that all pilots use. Similar to a regular road map the aerial version is also complete with route numbers and intersections. Certain places near each field are designated as "Holding points" and these sections of the sky are reserved for those planes awaiting clearance to land.

Chapman pointed out that each plane in a certain area has it's prescribed altitude and course, and mid air collisions, even in the future, could not possible become very common. Chapman likened the airways to a railroad line and stated that collisions between trains on the same track are very unusual.

With an automatic pilot, a radio, compass, and map, "It takes real talent to get lost", said Scotty. "It is possible to fly from Grand Rapids to New York without touching the controls".

By this time the ship was over Wayland and by simply pressing a button, we slowly lost altitude and headed straight for the main runway. With a flick of a switch, the autopilot was disengaged and Chapman set the place down. Total time—to Chicago and return—one hour and 35 minutes.

The flight was strictly routine for Scotty; the radio we had originally set out to check was definitely not working properly and this fact was duly noted on the flight report along with comments as to the why and wherefore of it's failure. Besides flying the planes, Chapman must have a working knowledge of each piece of the complicated flight aids that Lear manufactures and be able to give a comprehensive report after each test flight.

Farewell Party

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Svoboda entertained with a family dinner at the Kenmore house in Grand Rapids Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Roger Spring and baby Melissa.

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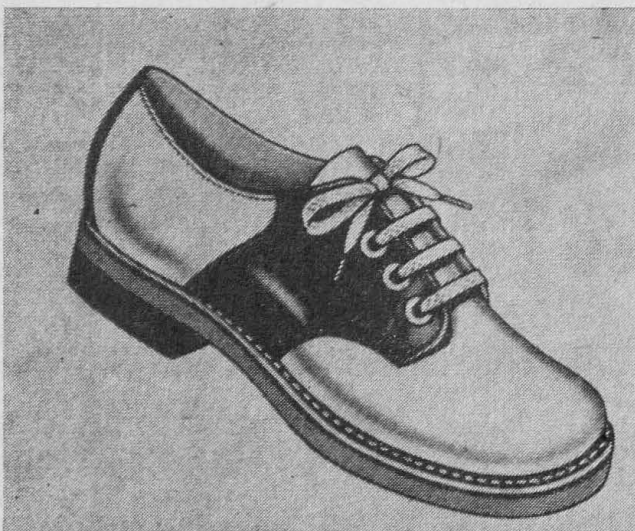
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Reagans Finish Western Trip

The George Reagans, Cascade Rd., recently returned from a three week, 7200 mile trip through the Western part of the country. Their three boys, George, Ronald and Bob, accompanied them. The Reagans visited 16 states and a few of the many points of interest were Boulder Dam, Yellowstone Park, Grand Canyon and Disneyland.


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ACE report

With the last summer Holiday coming up next Monday, vacation will be over for ACE area youngsters. As we write this column, all of the youngsters have escaped serious injury or death through the summer months. For this we are sincerely thankful and hope that with school days approaching, the same safety record will be continued.

The Labor Day week end however could possible spoil this record. With many of us planning short trips or outings, we urge each one of you to use the utmost caution, both on the road, at the beach, or wherever you may go. Don't let this last summer fling ruin your life or the life of one of your loved ones. Don't take foolish chances—Death can strike in a split second.

With the arrival last week of the first engineers for the new bridge on M 21, the years of waiting and pleading for the removal of the old structure are finally at an end. It will be many months however, possibly as long as two years, before we will have the opportunity to test the new structure. The recent steel strike will undoubtedly delay construction plans.

We plan to follow construction work as closely as we can in this paper.

We hope the construction crews and their families are welcomed into our midst. Most of the workers are family men and follow construction jobs all over the state. In most cases their children will attend local schools and their wives will do their shopping in local stores.

We congratulate the Ada township board for making provisions for trailer parking.

Many of these "mobile homes" are beautiful and their owners have thousands of dollars invested in them. A properly managed "camp" with sanitary facilities can be an asset to the township.

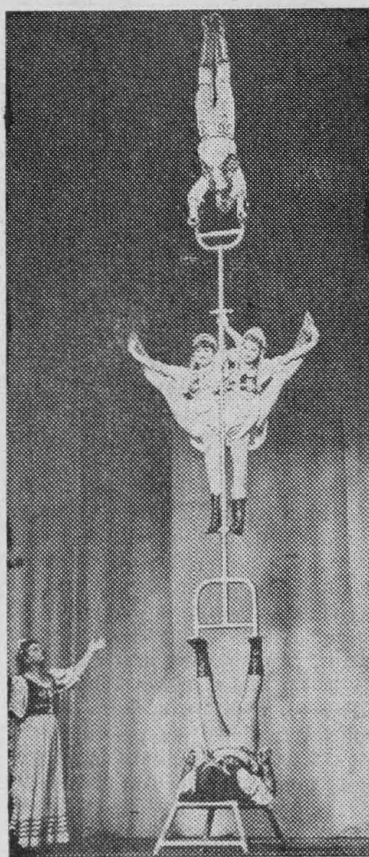
To those who feel that these construction workers are merely drifters and are to be looked at with suspicion, it might be pointed out that many finance companies give construction workers a very high credit rating. Repossessions among these people are extremely rare.

It will undoubtedly be several weeks, maybe months, before the bulk of the workers arrive. Many engineering problems must be settled before actual work on the structure and approaches will begin.

Parents—remember, Wednesday, September 5, is registration day for all students in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayse, Bobbie and their granddaughter Kathy Frazee accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rohr of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wilson of Comstock Park motored to Lansing Sunday for dinner at the Country Kitchen.

The Circus Is Coming



Lofty feats on towering poles, with the understander holding several hundred pounds atop the precarious perch, are featured by the Seven Hungarians, continental risley and equilibristic champions, who will appear here on Monday, September 10 with Mills Bros. Three Ring Circus.

They are among circus champions from 18 different countries the Cascade Township Fire Department brings to Cascade for 2 and 8 p.m. performances under the big top.

Mills Bros. is appearing to aid the local organization in raising money for necessary new equipment. Greatest proceeds for the local campaign come from advance tickets which members have on sale now.

The 17th anniversary edition of the world's largest motorized circus highlights trained animals, including a 40-ton herd of performing elephants, three rings of dancing horses, aerialists, jugglers, acrobats, cowboys, clowns and a blaring circus concert band.

Officers Chosen For Sunday School

Officers elected from members of the Cascade Christian Church to serve for the coming year in Sunday School work are: General superintendent, Mrs. John Hamer, assistant, Mrs. Robert DeKam, supply secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Paul Slater, recording secretary, Mrs. Clare Coger.

Superintendent of the Junior Department, Mrs. Floyd Shepard; Primary Superintendent, Mrs. Tommy Ray, kindergarten superintendent, Mrs. Glenn Marvin and Missionary Superintendent, Mrs. W. Lester Johnson.

Mary Kay Scripps is organist, Mrs. R. L. Edison, Karen Snyder and Nancy Charters are pianists.

Don't Forget to Register

Blanche Loveless, Ada Township Clerk, announced this past week that she will accept registrations for the coming election anytime after Labor Day.

Mrs. Loveless stated that all those who will be 21 years of age on or before November 6, should register. Newcomers to Ada township should also see Mrs. Loveless. On Tuesday and Fridays, the clerk will be at the Town Hall in Ada Village. On other days she can be reached at her home on Bronson St., in Ada.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Ward motored to Saginaw Sunday to visit their brother Russell Ward and family. Their mother Mrs. Ollie Ritter returned home with them after spending a week with her son and family.

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Trailer Park for Bridge Workers

At a special meeting of the Ada Township board last Tuesday evening, it was decided by unanimous vote, to make special provisions in the section of the zoning ordinance pertaining to the parking of house trailers.

Reason for the special meeting was the appearance last week Saturday of the 1st highway engineer, one of several, who will be in charge of construction on the new M21 bridge.

Under the township ruling as it pertains to the parking of house trailers (or mobile homes), transient trailers are not allowed to be parked in Ada township. Persons owning property, can, if planning to build, place their trailers on the building site for a four month period. When the four month period expires, a renewal of the permit is necessary.

Members of the board felt however, that this ruling would work a hardship on the engineers and other workers who will be steadily coming into the township as work on the bridge gets under way. The majority of the workers are married and many of them have children of school age. It is common procedure for the construction workers children to attend schools in the vicinity of their current highway project.

Henry Fase, township supervisor, pointed out at the Tuesday meeting that these special provisions are only temporary and concern construction workers only. In all other cases, while the bridge is being built and after it is completed, the usual ruling on trailers will definitely apply.

Details of the temporary amendment have not been worked out as yet although it is expected that at the monthly board meeting which will be held this Saturday, further discussion will be held on the matter.

Arrangements will undoubtedly be made for the payment of school tax for these new families. This is common practice in other localities. It was also tentatively decided

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to place the trailers on Ada dr, near Colner Ave.

Fase also pointed out to the board that these families will bring thousands of dollars in wages into the township and Ada business establishments would receive a large share of this money.

It is hoped that the people of Ada township will welcome these "visitors", many of whom will be here for two years, and that they will be considered a part of the community.

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