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School Merger Top News Story In 1956

At the end of another year we pause for a few moments and look back over the months that have made up the now almost vanished year of 1956. Tremendous changes have occurred in the area your paper covers, changes that will have far reaching results in shaping the news of the future in this area.

Suburban Life considers the school consolidation and the resultant favorable vote on the \$800,000 school bond issue the biggest news story of the past year.

Because of these two major news events, the entire educational and economic future of this section of Kent County has been changed and we believe this area is heading for a period of tremendous growth. History in this section of the state has proved that good schools and

rapid residential growth go hand in hand.

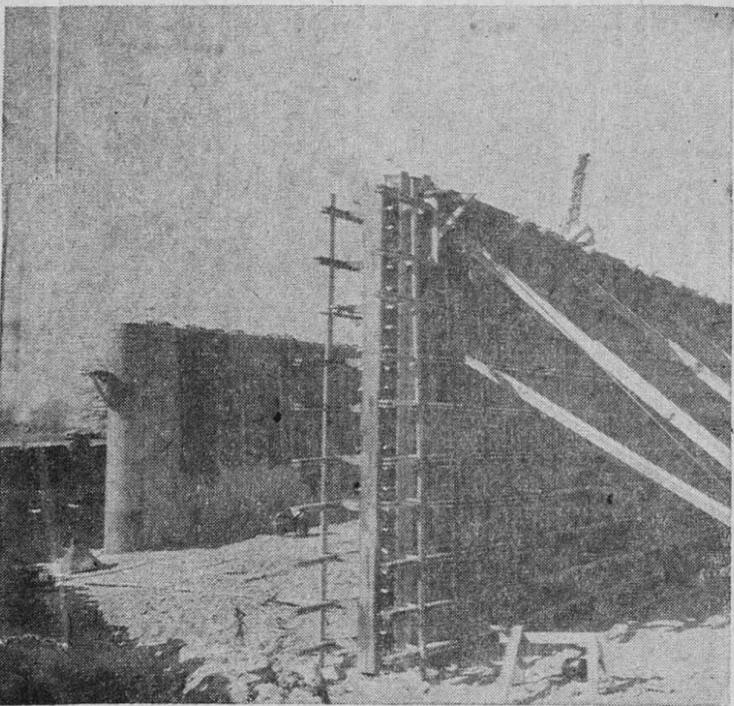
Because of the school merger and the new high school that will eventually be constructed, the recent proposed changes in the Cascade township zoning ordinance and the formation of a businessmen's association which will seek to lure business and industry to that area were also, we believe, among the top major developments in a year that saw many important local changes.

Going through last year's weekly issues of Suburban Life we can see, in pictures and news stories, the many local events as they occurred and the part they have played in your life and ours.

School news played an important part in last year's history and almost every issue carried some news of the educational system in your community.



Heavy voting at the school consolidation election held in this area last year, showed that the educational needs of their children were of prime importance to local citizens. It is expected that in a few years 1,200 students will be enrolled in the new high school which will be constructed as soon as conditions permit. Both the consolidation and the \$800,000 bond issue election passed with an amazing absence of organized opposition.



The start of construction work on the new M-21 bridge at Ada was another milestone in this area's history in 1956. The \$640,000 structure is now well under way and is scheduled for completion next November. The four-lane bridge is designed to handle traffic without congestion for many years and will undoubtedly prevent the unusual number of accidents that occur periodically near the old structure which will be torn down.

The new M-21 bridge construction has been followed closely and several feature stories and pictures of early bridges gave us a bit of local ancient history.

A subscription contest among schools in this area resulted in hundreds of new subscribers to paper and Van De Witt, top salesman won a table radio for his efforts. Many

other prizes were also awarded.

Life and death, marriages and births were naturally enough, featured consistently each week. Both the first and last issues of 1956 (excluding this week) carried stories of bad automobile crashes, both of them coincidentally, involving cars that were demolished after striking two trees.

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Cascade Has New Reporter

Mrs. Ethelyn Heaven, Denison dr., is the new Cascade correspondent for Suburban Life. Mrs. Heaven has written for our paper in the past, usually keeping us well posted on Cascade Scout activities.

Persons wishing to keep their neighbors well posted on community events in the Cascade area are urged to call her at her home. Mrs. Heaven's phone number is OR6-2977.

In this week's issue, the news about the Cascade area was sent in by our new correspondent.

To Seek Township Office

Four newcomers to the political scene in Cascade township will seek office in the coming February primaries. Seeking positions as trustees are Everett Marsman, Jack Buys and Paul Slater.

Ben Zoodsma will run for justice of the peace

Marsman, well known in the Cascade area, is affiliated with the Marsman Lumber company on 23rd st., while Slater and Buys have been in the service station business in Cascade Village for many years. Zoodsma is owner of the Thornapple Hardware store.

C. Matt White is township Justice at the present.

Incumbent trustees are William Venneman and Miner Cook. All present members of the Cascade board are planning to run for reelection.

In Ada township the present board members will be unopposed

Ada Hardware Has New Owners

Two transactions in Ada village sparked local business news this past week. Dick Sytsma, proprietor of the Ada Hardware store, announced the sale of the business to John Sytsma, also of Ada.

Dick Sytsma also began construction of a one story building, next to the hardware store that will be leased by Bob Hand, owner of the Ada Shoe Store.

According to Sytsma who still owns the building housing the hardware store, the new building for the Shoe Store will be 60 feet long and 20 feet wide. Sytsma, well known fur buyer in this area, will continue this part of his business.

Aside from the recently remodeled Ada Oil service station this past summer, the new store will be the first completely new building in the village since the Town Hall was built in 1949.

Ill health forced Sytsma, who has been in the hardware business for almost 11 years to sell out.

Before moving into the present store, Sytsma was located in what is now the Ada Plumbing and Heating company store.

Athertons Give Dinner Party

This past Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. James Atherton gave a dinner party at the Charles Manor for their son James, and Miss Anne Marie Hicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hicks. The occasion was the birthdays of James, 16 and Miss Hicks, 15.

Birthday and Christmas gifts were exchanged at the Manor and later in the evening the group, including Mr. and Mrs. Hicks attended a theatre party in Grand Rapids.

Fast Mail Service in European Cities; Phone Companies Also Provide Aids

While Europe may lag behind America in technology, Europeans enjoy faster mail service and some public services that would be welcome on this side of the Atlantic, reports Robert Bendiner in a December Reader's Digest article, "What Europeans Can Teach Us About Public Services", condensed from Collier's.

"In London, by dizzying contrast," reports the writer, "a housewife can mail her grocery order before ten in the morning and have her groceries delivered in time for dinner that evening. Both London and Paris take for granted three punctual deliveries a day.

Living in Huntington, Long Island, on the fringe of New York's metropolitan area, Bendiner regards it as normal for a letter from the city to reach him in two days.

"A Parisian can get a letter to anyone in the French capital and its environs in an hour or two by dropping it in a special slot for pneumatic-tube mail at the nearest post office . . . Almost everywhere from Glasgow to Moscow a letter will go by the fastest method available at the moment, whether it carries airmail postage or not."

European telephone systems offer many services. In Paris, you have only to dial INF-1 (information) to catch a recording of the most recent news bulletins, which are freshened every two hours. In Amsterdam, a recorded voice will list the films showing at movie theaters along with the comment of local critics.

In Vienna, telephone service supplies stock quotations, recipes, bedtime stories for children, practice dictation for secretarial students, even perfect pitch A for the tuning of musical instruments.

Fire Destroys Empty House

Fire, apparently set deliberately, destroyed an empty house on the corner of Cherry Lane and US 16 early Sunday morning. The house, moved to the Floyd Atchinson property several months ago from Grand Rapids had been sitting in a field by the roadside since that time.

Cascade Fire Chief, Sy Dykhouse, estimated damage at approximately \$2000. The upper story of the large building had been removed and the remainder of the structure burned completely except for one wall. Valuable timbers belonging to the house moving concern which were still blocking the dwelling, were saved by the firemen.

The house has an interesting history since it was moved last spring to make room for the Christian High building project in Grand Rapids. The first house mover hired by Atchinson, dropped the building, damaging it severely. Another concern moved it to the corner of Lake Dr. and the East Beltline where it remained for several weeks upon order of the State Highway Department. They feared that further movement would damage the highway because of soft shoulders.

While the building was parked at this point, someone set it afire but this blaze was quickly extinguished. After the ground thawed the building was taken to the spot where it was finally destroyed.

Businessmen Meet Next Week

Next week Thursday evening the newly formed Cascade Businessmen's Association will meet in the Cascade fire barns. At this meeting an official election will be held and officers elected.

Temporary secretary Rex Kingsland announced this past week that all businessmen in the Cascade area are invited to attend the meeting. To date, the majority of the businessmen have joined but because of the deer hunting season and other activities, a few local men have not as yet been contacted.

Purpose of the organization is to develop a comprehensive plan that will give future business and industry seeking to locate in this area an idea of the population growth and business potential.

Youth Group Sings Carols

In spite of the rainy weather this past Sunday evening, members of the Christian Youth Fellowship of the Cascade Christian church, distributed clothing and toys to three needy families.

After the distribution, the group returned to the homes and sang Christmas Carols in the rain.

Five Crashes Mar Weekend

Five separate automobile accidents in this area were reported during the Christmas week end. Because of a flood of accident reports at the Sheriff's office, complete reports on these local crashes were not available as we went to press.

Two Saturday crash reports were completed however; one on the corner of Ada dr. and Forest Hills caused injury to the driver, a Grand Rapids man. He suffered a broken nose and knee cuts.

The driver failed to stop at the intersection and continued across Forest Hills rd., striking a tree. The car was severely damaged.

Donald A. McPherson, Lowell, escaped injury Saturday evening when his car left Thornapple River dr. at Buttrick and struck a telephone pole.

A crash was reported on US 16, near Seven Gables. According to witnesses, a car pulled out from a side road onto 16 and a car approaching from the East could not avoid striking it.

Another crash occurred at the corner Burton and the East Beltline and another on 28th st. near the Gateway Motel. The driver was injured in the latter accident.

A dog, riding in the 28th st. crash, knocked unconscious by the impact, was shot by an auxiliary policeman. Witnesses reported that it appeared to be a valuable animal and to all appearances was not severely injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Tomlinson, Denise, Debbie and Kevin, from Arlington Heights, Illinois, are visiting Mrs. Tomlinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will George, 3180 Jeanlin Dr., for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin George and Linda, from Buffalo, New York were also home for Christmas.

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Chronology 1956

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First major fire in 1956 was put out by the Ada department and Ada also played a big part in the last. The first was a \$3000 blaze at the Leo Hardin home on Vergennes rd., and the last at the Hammer residence on Conservation rd., where \$8000 damage resulted from flames and water.

Crime too, was a part of last year's history and several business places were the target of thieves, most of them now serving the consequences of their misguided ambition.

Two local churches, Cascade Christian and Eastmont Reformed, began building projects; a new educational building in Cascade and a church building in Eastmont.

This area escaped the tornadoes of last spring although one issue of your paper carried a full page of story and pictures about the damage in neighboring Alto. Local persons aided tornado victims by means of a clothing drive under the sponsorship of the Cradle Roll Guild of the Cascade Christian church and Boy Scouts from this area worked in Standale cleaning up debris and rubbish caused by the big blow.

The Ada Athletic Association, formed in late 1955, incorporated, and by means of various fund raising drives purchased and installed floodlights at the ballfield in the village. In one short year \$4,000 worth of improvements were added to the diamond and hundreds of loyal fans watched Ada battle some of the best ball teams in this section of the county.

A Civil Defense disaster unit was formed in Cascade township and a complete plan for feeding, housing, and evacuating hundreds of people is ready to go into action should tornadoes or other emergencies arrive in the future.

A record number of voters turn-

ed out for the big election in November and local deer hunters enjoyed themselves in the north woods, returning home with many fine trophies.

The gremlins in the back room of our printing shop were extraordinarily active this past year and many odd and unexpected errors were discovered after the paper was completely printed. Besides the usual typographical errors that occur in every paper, we had a few that were exceptionally exasperating.

In one of our news stories, almost half of it was lost somewhere between proofreading and the printing press. Oddly enough, the printed article made sense but the best part of the story was missing. Another classic example occurred under a picture. One of the persons pictured was not even mentioned, consequently rendering the accompanying story completely meaningless.

Then there was the ad that listed sleeveless sweaters on sale and the lucky buyer was told that these bargains had, of all things, double elbows.

That in brief is the history in your area as it was pictured and reported in this paper. In the year that lies ahead we will endeavor to give you the local news as it happens, to the best of our ability.

In closing, we the staff of Suburban Life wish you and yours the best year you have ever had.

Polio Threat Is Still Here — Use the Serum!

Polio is still a threat to health and life in Michigan. Polio caused 16 deaths in this state during the first 50 weeks of 1956.

Anti-polio vaccine has proved 90 per cent effective in preventing paralytic polio, the only form of the disease which can result in death. This means a person cuts his chances of getting paralytic polio 90 per cent when he receives the three-shot series.

Now that an effective vaccine is available and polio evidently has been knocked against the ropes, the problem at hand is to get the people into doctors' offices or into local health departments and then to get the vaccine into the people.

Most of us tend to become complacent and apathetic as soon as danger appears to subside. And yet, no one can say for certain that polio actually has subsided in Michigan.

Before polio vaccine became available, polio normally ran in seven-year cycles in Michigan, causing comparatively large numbers of cases and deaths every seventh year. The disease still may be running such a course, and the decline in cases during the last few years may represent the trough portion of the polio curve.

Until enough time elapses for health workers to learn exactly what polio is doing in relation to the vaccine, the wisest course for persons of all ages is to take advantage of the best protection at

The Driver's Seat

National Safety Council figures show that, in 1956, carnage on the highways continues to mount—traffic deaths in July hit a new high of 3,570 and highway fatalities for the first seven months of the year topped all previous marks with a total of 21,730.

To a great many people, statistics are boring—but these NSC figures concern every man, woman and child in the United States.

No one can afford to be bored by figures that disclose the vital statistics of life and death on America's highways.

There is no single, over-all reason for the highway slaughter recorded daily in the nation's press. Many human factors are involved including drinking, carelessness, inattention, deliberate risk-taking, fatigue and faulty vision. But other reasons are also important.

Foremost among these non-human factors is the condition of most rural roads—the roads that carry most of America's automotive traffic. These roads, the majority of which were laid down just after World War One, were not designed for the traffic they bear today. They are, for the most part,

narrow, poorly surfaced and inadequately marked and signed for even minimal driving safety.

One obvious means of reducing death and destruction on our rural roads is to work for the modernization of existing roads through local, state and national groups, and through representatives in state legislatures and in Congress. Such modernization is necessary, but it requires a great deal of time and money. A first step toward making these "everyday" roads safer for you and your family is proper traffic signing—and this is a step that can be taken immediately and at a mere fraction of the cost entailed in constructing new roads.

America has the highest living standard in the world. The nation's standard of dying—wasteful, unnecessary dying—is also unequalled, for last year 38,300 persons were killed in traffic accidents.

Marking of this sort, with reflective signs that do 24-hour, night and day duty in warning of danger ahead, can cut down traffic deaths, reduce accidents and help make your daily driving the safe pleasure it should be.



Many fires occurred in the area your paper covers and the combined loss was much greater than it was in 1955. In all cases however your fire departments did a fine job and should be commended for their work. Both the Ada and Cascade departments should, by their past history of promptness and efficiency, give local residents the peace of mind that many suburbanites in other townships miss.



One of the year's highlights was the improvement of the Ada ball field. With the live-wire Ada Athletic Ass'n plugging steadily for funds, local residents contributed thousands of dollars and the Ada Merchants played many thrilling games against opposing teams at the local field under the fine new floodlights purchased last spring.

hand by being vaccinated against polio.

And the sooner the better. A minimum of seven months is required to obtain maximum protection from the vaccine because of waiting periods between shots. And in seven months Michigan will be entering another summer and approaching the peak of another polio season.

Reduce your chances of getting polio next summer. Make an appointment today with your physician or local health department. Do the same for other members of your family until all are immunized. Urge your friends and neighbors to do the same.

Science has given us a powerful weapon against polio. Let's use it.

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 Pastor — Rev. Jacob P. Boonstra

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Neighbors in the Cascade community welcome the George Brown family of Gracehen Drive. They are living in the home formerly owned by Leon Vander Band.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weston have moved into their new home on Burton st. Cascade area residents are happy to welcome their new druggist to the community as a resident.



Hitch your New Year to a star . . . look forward to the very best things of life in 1957 . . . which is exactly what we're wishing for you. Many thanks, for your friendship and patronage!

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You don't run around waving the flag or shout from the housetops about the joys of living in a free society.

Today we calmly accept many freedoms that our forefathers fought for—not just in bloody battles but in the courts and through community life. For many of us the one and only real opportunity we have to speak our piece is at the ballot box and many of us often seem to be too busy to do that. Indifference to the issues and apathy toward voting can endanger our wonderful way of life.

However, you can't vote in the November presidential election if you don't register. In order to register under the Michigan election laws, able-bodied electors must apply in person to the clerk of township, village or city in which their precincts are located. There are special provisions for registering the disabled or those absent for a long period of time. Forms for registering these people may be obtained from the clerk's office.

Also, starting this year, we have a new change in the law which allows persons moving from one city or township to another to vote in their new precinct if they have moved within 30 days immediately prior to an election. Those who have moved should go in person to the township or city clerk's office to take advantage of this new benefit.

You see it's made easy for you. Usually the local clerk's office is open early or late to accommodate busy citizens; the disabled and absent don't even have to take a step.

The last day to register for the November election is October 8. Participate in government at the polls. Don't put it off.

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Ada Community News

MRS. TOM MORRIS—PHONE OR6-4831

Family Christmas Party

Mrs. Henry B. Davis entertained with a family get-together Christmas party at her home in Grand Rapids Sunday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Rogers and Mary of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kitson and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Dryer and little David from Bostwick Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson, Mary, Marie and Bobby, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Davis, Caroline, Laura and Georgie and Mrs. Davis' mother, Mrs. Geo. Wilson of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson, Daryl and Glenn of Ada. A very pleasant evening was spent and delicious refreshments were served.

Other Ada News

Adolph Nelson of Sparta, fire chief for Kent county volunteers, called on Harry Fitch on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are leaving just after Christmas to stay until spring in Florida.

Mrs. Leona Gulliford from the Michigan Veteran's Facility and daughter Mrs. Charlotte Gulliford of Grand Rapids made a Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fitch on Sunday afternoon and evening.

Major Joseph Harris Weber, Mrs. Weber and daughter Paige made a Christmas visit on Thursday afternoon with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fitch. Mrs. Weber and daughter live at Tacoma, Wash., and Major Weber is stationed at the air base in Iceland. They are spending the

Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson B. Ashley, Grand Rapids.

The Ada Library Board will hold open house in honor of Mrs. Grace Whaley retiring librarian at the Ada library Friday, Dec. 28, from 2:00 to 5:00. All friends are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Morris entertained with a family Christmas dinner and tree at their home Sunday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Morris, Sandra, Sheila and Pamela of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Allie Schmidt and Dianne of Dorr, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morris and Mrs. Glenn Chaffee.

Rev. Kryger of McCabe road is very ill in the Grand Rapids Osteopathic hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cramton of Milton, Fla., are spending the holiday week with his mother, Mrs. Merle Cramton, Mr. and Mrs. Cramton are both teaching school at Milton.

The Herman Stukkies, Sr., held their Christmas party at the Ada town hall Christmas eve. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Stukkie and children from Mt. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. John Veeman and family of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stukkie Jr., of Eastmont, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Duthler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Duthler and Jerri Lee, and Miss Nancy VandenBeggan of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson, Daryl and Glenn were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson of Grand Rapids. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anderson of Grand Rapids.

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This 'n That

by Ken Ezinga

The Christmas season is once again a thing of the past. We hope everyone had a pleasant time with their family and friends.

Local residents escaped death and injury over the Christmas week end although there were several traffic accidents in this area. We urge each one of our readers to be extra cautious in the days that lie ahead and hope that our good record will continue.

Apparently mere words are not enough to prevent people in this country from slaughtering each other on the highway. By this time most of us know of the fantastic death toll that was chalked up during the season of "Peace On Earth and Goodwill to Men."

Nearly 700 traffic victims celebrated their last Christmas on this earth. Any one of these could have been you. Remember in almost every accident, it was "the other driver" who was at fault.

We are really looking forward to the coming year. We feel that this area is on the verge of tremendous changes, and frankly are very eager to see them develop.

Cascade township especially, will

be the place to watch. As we mentioned elsewhere in this issue, the formation of a businessmen's organization is the forerunner of change.

Businessmen are ever on the alert for improvements that will increase their business and we predict that this local group is going to see to it that these improvements will soon begin.

The area around Cascade village has grown tremendously in the past couple of years and the businessmen feel that unless action is taken, this growth will be of slight value to them, and to the community at large.

We heartily endorse their goal of making Cascade township a better place to live and feel that the groundwork already laid is a fine start in the right direction.

Because of the short week, we are putting out a small paper. We were forced to do three day's work in two days and there just wasn't enough time to do all we should have done. Next week we'll probably have the same trouble but from then on we'll have clear sailing for several months.

Scouts Hold First Aid-O-Ree

Last Friday night, December 21, the Scouts of Cascade Troop 334 held their troop First Aid-O-Ree at the Cascade Christian church. Various First Aid problems were solved by the individual patrols on a demonstration and point basis.

The two patrols under the leadership of Douglas Stiles and Denny Hussey scored the highest number of points. They will represent the local troop in the district First Aid-O-Ree which will be held in January at the Godwin school. The next Scout and Explorer meeting will be on Friday, January 7.

News of Servicemen

The following Cascade area servicemen are home for the holidays on 15 day furloughs.

From Fort Carson, Colorado are, Richard Oatman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Oatman; also, Wayne Dowling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kerekes, Thornapple River dr. and Douglas Antonides, son of the Lester Antonides, 36th st.

Dalton Warner, CT, son of the Frank Warners, Whitneyville rd., who is in the Navy and stationed in Washington DC is home and so is 2nd Lt. James Marvin, son of the Glenn Marvins, Cascade rd. Lt. Marvin is in the Air Force, stationed in Texas.

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Here are two pictures which we used in our April 5th edition, showing sorrowful cattle amid the debris of the Elof Erickson barn, and the William Sterzick trailer, after flying timbers wrecked it, when the April 3rd tornado whipped through the farm area near Alto.

At College

Home from college for the Christmas holidays are Miss Sally Cutler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cutler, 2315 Cascade Springs Dr., from Michigan State University; Miss Carole Sawyer, grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd R. Winslow, 2986 Thornapple River dr., also from Michigan State University; Miss Jill Ostrander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ostrander, 1859 Laraway Lake dr., from Ferris Institute in Big Rapids.

Also Miss Barbara Heaven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heaven, 7249 Denison dr., from Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio; Miss Sandra Snow, daughter of Mr. O. B. Snow, 2551 Cascade Springs dr., from Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo; Miss Nancy Wykes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wykes, 2821 Thornapple River dr., from the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky and Miss Barbara Wykes from the University of Michigan.

Others home for the holidays are Nick Kik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Kik, 2429 Thornapple River dr., from the University of Michigan, Roger Wykes, son of Mr and Mrs. Frederick Wykes, 2670 Thornapple River dr., from Harvard in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Miss Georgia Strain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Strain, 2727 Thornapple River dr., from the University of Michigan; Campbell Steketee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Steketee, 2000 Thornapple River dr., from Yale, New Haven, Connecticut and their daughter, Mary, from Abbott Academy in Andover, Massachusetts where she is a high school junior.

Jim Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Fletcher, 2510 Thornapple River dr., is home from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Chapin and children of Sanford are spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Dalstra.

On Saturday evening, December 22, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Afton, Dan and Katie and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heaven, Barbara and Don, were guests of the Gerald Rawlings of Grand Rapids at the Valley City Lodge No. 86, F. and A. M. family Christmas pot luck and dance at the Masonic Temple in Grand Rapids.

RM 3 Roger Stukkie of Great Lakes spent the holiday week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stukkie.

BIRTHS

Pvt. and Mrs. Fred Carr, 1021 Roger N. W., announce the birth of a son, Fred J. Carr, jr., born on Friday, December 14. Pvt. Carr is home from his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and will return to school there at the end of his leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Patterson, Burton st., announce the birth of a daughter, Roxanne Marie. She was born on Wednesday, December, 19 at Blodgett Hospital.

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