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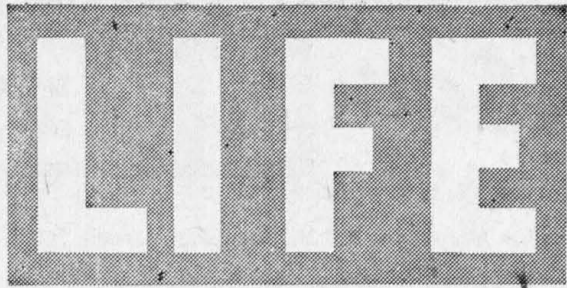
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Ada Zoning Board Meets Over 4 Hours Decision on Ferrall Case Must Wait for Result of Court Trial

It was after 5 o'clock Saturday evening before the meeting of the Ada Township Zoning Board adjourned, after hearing three matters. This combined meeting of the zoning board and Ada township board convened at 1 o'clock Saturday, at the Ada town hall.

The matter first to be brought

to the attention of the public meeting was that of Robert C. Ferrall, who wishes to build a new garage and auto sales building on US16 in Eastmont. Forty-seven signatures were obtained on a petition objecting to this construction, based on the terms contained in deeds to their properties in Royal Oaks Estates subdivision.

John VanderWal represented the petitioners, and William J. Halliday, jr., was the attorney representing the Ferralls. Mr. VanderWal stated that some of the petitioners' signatures may be withdrawn, according to letters which he has received from some of the residents indicating their desire to withdraw from the petition.

R. M. Shivel, attorney for the township, brought up the fact that the township will be relieved of the responsibility of making a decision on this matter at this time inasmuch as Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wojakowski have brought suit in Circuit Court against the Robert C. Ferralls, and Mr. Ferrall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Ferrall (the original owners of the plot, who sold the lots to some of the petitioners now filing protest against the construction of the new garage building).

A preliminary hearing on the Circuit Court matter is being held today, (Thursday) according to Mr. Shivel, but no decision will be made by the township until the final disposition of the pending legal proceedings by the Wojakowskis. This portion of the zoning hearing, therefore, was adjourned and will convene within 10 days of the final disposition of the Circuit Court matter.

Two Other Variations Sought

Two other matters were handled after the Ferrall case. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bowen of Bennett road were granted a "variation" request, so that they could continue to hold their summer day-camp for children at their property. The signatures of required 66 and two-thirds per cent of the adjacent property owners were obtained on a petition and filed with the zoning board.

Edmund V. Sinz, 8900 E. Fulton, was also granted a "variation" for the use of a portion of his home for an office, and for the display of boats and motors at his residence. The required signatures on a petition were also presented in this case.

Explorer Scouts Prepare For Canoe Race May 3-4

The Cascade Explorers of Troop No. 334 have been working for several weeks on the repairing and fibre glassing of a canoe for the Grand Valley Council Canoe Race to be held May 3rd and 4th on the Kalamazoo River, starting at Otsego on Saturday morning and ending at Saugatuck.

On Saturday, April 27th the Explorers of the South Kent District will hold a practice canoe race on the Thornapple River, starting at Cook's bridge, where some boys will camp on Friday night, and will end at the Ada Dam, with a portage at the Cascade Dam.

On Saturday morning, they will be instructed on the proper handling of a canoe, by a canoeing instructor from the Council.

The relay race itself will get under way at 1:00 p. m. If you live along the river, cheer on the boys in the black canoe.

Respect and obey all traffic signs.—DRIVE SAFELY

Girls League Enjoys Southern Tour

During Spring vacation the Girls League for Service of the Ada Community Reformed church took a four-day trip to Kentucky. They left on Wednesday morning, April 17, and arrived back home Saturday night, April 20. While they were gone they visited Churchill Downs at Louisville, Fort Knox, Lincoln's Birthplace near Hodgenville, Mammoth Caves, and the Reformed Mission at Annville.

Mrs. Harry Tichelaar, Mrs. Mart DenBoer, and Mrs. Fred Dalstra took Marlene DenBoer, Iris Bruinekool, Rosie Dalstra, Ruth Ann DeGood, Arlene Heemstra, Shirley Engen, Linda Tutt, Shirley Miendersma and Marian Wride by car.

Businessmen Will Sponsor Little League Ball Club

The Cascade Businessmen's Association will meet for its monthly meeting at the Cascade Fire Station on Thursday, May 2nd at 8:00 p. m.

There is to be a "Little League" ball team in the community. The three sponsoring groups will be the Cascade Businessmen's Association, the Cascade Christian Church and the Thornapple Lions Club.

The "Little League" is a National organization, and is for boys twelve years old and under. The team is still in the early stages of organization, but the Lions Club will be building a diamond and bleachers in the Lions Park on Thornapple River Dr. There will be further news on this as the program progresses.

Honor Ceremony Awards Martin-Collins Scouts

Monday evening April 22nd Martin-Collins Troop No. 284 held their 2nd Court of Honor Ceremony at Martin School which opened with a formal flag salute by the troop.

Conducting the candlelight ceremony for the Court of Honor were Senior Patrol Leader Spencer Wilcox, Troop Scribe Tom Price, who were assisted by Scoutmaster Herbert Wilcox and Assistant Scout Master Joe Mittner.

The following boys received awards of advancement: Van DeWitt, Den Chief Cord; Jack Rogers, Tenderfoot Badge; Joe Leale, Robert Lock, Mike Parr and Mike Ruffin, Second Class; Larry Lippert, Second Class and Marksmanship Merit Badge; Jay Mittner, Second Class, Marksmanship Merit Badge and Den Chief Cord; Tim Karst, Art Merit Badge; Tom Price, First Class and Marksmanship Merit Badge; Spencer Wilcox, First Aid, Picnicking, Citizenship in the community, Marksmanship and Fishing Merit Badge.

The ceremony closed with Scoutmaster Wilcox given the Scoutmaster's Benediction followed by taps sounded by John Vandenberg.

YOUTH GROUP PLANS PROGRESSIVE DINNER

On Saturday evening, April 27th, at 5:30, the C. Y. F. of the Cascade Christian Church will hold a Progressive Dinner. The appetizer course will be served at the home of Miss Nancy Yahnke, 3480 Goodwood; the salad will be served at the home of Miss Nancy Fox, 7088 Thorncrest; the main course at the home of Perry Vanderveen, 2228 Thornapple River Dr. and the dessert will be served in Fellowship Hall, followed by games and dancing.

Four-Year-Old Mark Earl Cheyne Saved From Drowning by Brother

Mark Earl Cheyne, age 4, son of Donald Cheyne, 3180 Thorncrest dr. S. E., was saved from drowning early Saturday afternoon by the prompt action of his brother, Larry, and the quick response of the first aid car from the Cascade Sheriff's Department, and the Cascade Fire Department.

Mark was playing in the yard of the Pullen home, near his own home when he fell off the dock into 8 to 10 feet of water in the Thornapple River. His brother Lar-

ry dived in, after the boy had sunk below the surface, found him, and brought him onto the dock. It is estimated the boy was under water between five and seven minutes.

Mrs. Snyder, a neighbor, started artificial respiration; meanwhile Mrs. Rosena Pullen had put in a call to the Cascade Fire Department.

Special Sheriff's Deputy George Strain, and Fireman Jack Buys responded with the first aid car and the newly purchased fire department disaster equipped station wagon. Mr. Strain took over the artificial respiration and Mr. Buys administered oxygen. Other firemen led by Chief Sy Dykhouse arrived and assisted, as did Dr. Jay A. Wiersma, O. D.

Twenty-five minutes after the respiration started, a faint pulse was noted, and the boy began to breathe erratically. The boy began to recover slowly, but the oxygen supply was running low, so with two firemen assisting he was removed to Osteopathic hospital in the first aid car, escorted by Patrolman Kenneth Weaver of the State Highway patrol. Mark was kept in the hospital overnight for observation.

This rescue could not have been successful were it not for the first aid training the people of Cascade have received from the Red Cross, and the prompt response of the first aid man from the sheriff's department, and the availability of emergency car of the Cascade fire department, equipped with the oxygen set donated by the girl scouts.

Boosters Postpone Friday Meeting

The Forest Hills Boosters club meeting originally scheduled for this Friday (April 26) has been postponed until sometime in May, the date to be announced later in this paper.

The Club has been one of the instigators in the formation of the 9th grade football and basketball teams which are now scheduled to play for the season of 1957-58. The men have taken it upon themselves to sponsor the 9th graders in their new sport venture, and will assist them in obtaining the necessities of such activities.

Collins P.T.A. Disburses Funds As Year Ends

Monday evening April 15th the Collins School P. T. A. meeting was held.

During the business meeting the following reports were given: \$177.30 was taken in on the pancake supper with \$64.10 as expenditures and \$113.20 profit; the blackout shades have been installed; and a \$25.00 donation was made by the P. T. A. to purchase playground equipment for the school.

Also it was voted to leave \$50.00 in the treasury for the incoming P. T. A. officers and anything over the \$50.00 would be divided equally with half going towards new kitchen equipment and the remainder will be donated to the Booster club for athletic equipment.

Mrs. Hussey, Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Merchant were appointed to serve on the kitchen equipment committee.

The Collins School picnic will be held May 28th or 29th with more details on this at a later date.

Elect Officers

The following people were elected to serve as P. T. A. officers for the 1957-58 year, President, Mrs. A. Lutkus; vice president, Mrs. Clarence Mellema; treasurer, Mrs. Pleun Lock; secretary, Mrs. R. L. Edison.

There will not be a P. T. A. meeting on May 20th, instead a student concert has been planned for Tuesday evening May 14th.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Edward Nozal, Mrs. Charles Gertzinger, Mrs. Albert Wiersma, Mrs. Lawrence Wintzloff and Mrs. Clinton Helsel.

On May Jury List

Hazel L. Kline of Ada township, Rosena Pullen of Cascade and John Scott of Grand Rapids will represent this area during the May term of the Circuit Court for Kent County. They have been summoned to serve and will report for impaneling on May 6.

Others from this area are: S. J. Byrne, of Grattan, Betty Yeiter of Lowell and Ben DeHaan of Vergennes.

Forest Hills Bond Sale Is Held Up

Forest Hills School building program is facing another hold up because of an interpretation of the law by a New York bond opinion firm, Wood, King and Dawson who asked for an opinion by Forest Hills School attorney Paul O. Strawhecker and their answer was that the bond issue may be invalid.

The bonds were held invalid by this firm not because of anything that was wrong in the Forest Hills action but because of the way the state law passed in 1955 was written, claiming that the question on the ballot was double-barreled one for the state to borrow a hundred million dollars and the other part of the vote was to alter the 15 mill tax limitation.

Other Schools Have Used Law

Some 200 other schools in the state have been using this law and have borrowed nearly a hundred seventy five million dollars. Detroit and Chicago bond opinion firms have approved these bonds.

The main problem as related to our own schools is the hold up that may delay getting our bonds sold and being able to let contracts for the building of the new Forest Hills High School. Louis H. Schimmel, director of the municipal advisory council of Michigan, feels personally that the bonds are perfectly valid, but the question will no doubt have to be taken to the Supreme Court of Michigan for a ruling.

Two Grass Fires!

Two grass fires occurred in our area over the week end.

Cascade had one Sunday morning, apparently a passing motorist tossed a cigaret out of his car, and it started a fire along the roadway of the By-Pass, just across from the Marsman Lumber Company.

Ada had a fire Saturday afternoon; the alarm was called in after 2 o'clock, sending the Ada department out to the Mathew Verhills on Bennett road.

HOST GROUP AT MASONIC DINNER DANCE SATURDAY

Saturday evening April 20th Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hall of Ada Dr., were host and hostess at a Centennial Pot-Luck Dinner and Dance sponsored by the Valley City Lodge F. & A. M. 86 at the Masonic Temple.

Their guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Groening, Mr. and Mrs. James Byerly, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Dekker and guests, and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gaskell from Eastmont. Also Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cool, Mr. and Mrs. John Ameling and guest from Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Gaskell of Detroit.

An obstinate man does not hold opinions—they hold him.

Win 4-H Ribbons At District Show

Area 4H club members came home from Caledonia Saturday, April 20, after the two-day Southeast 4H District Achievement Show—with their fists full of ribbons.

This week end, April 26 and 27, the County show is being held in Grand Rapids at Lee high school, and all blue-ribbon articles will be exhibited there. A good share of them will be from this locality.

The Forest Hills Eagles 4-H Handicraft Club has three blue ribbons to show for their entries in the district show: Carl Huisman, John Pillerett and Jack Postma.

"B" marks, or red ribbons, were earned by Robert Somerville, James Vandenberg, James Duthler, Joe Gillard, and Nick Uramkin.

Carl and Jack are in their third year of handicraft as are Robert and James (Vandenberg). James Duthler and Joe Gillard are second year club members, and the others are in their first year.

COFFEE GROUP PLANS POT-LUCK LUNCHEON

The Ada Drive Mother's Coffee Group will have a planned pot-luck luncheon in place of their regular morning meeting Wednesday, May 1st at 12:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Basil Culp, 1172 Eastmont.

Any member who did not attend the last meeting and would like to attend please call Mrs. Culp GL1-0851 regarding food.

WILL SERVE SPAGHETTI

River School in Egypt Valley is holding a spaghetti supper this Saturday.

The Parent-Teachers association is trying to raise money for a new projector for the school.

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Gerrit Baker Says Fire Dept. "On The Ball"

Standing on the sidelines I would like to make a few remarks about the efficiency of the Cascade Fire Department and the cooperation of the general public in the Cascade area.

On Saturday afternoon, April 20, Mrs. Rosena Pullen noting that some children were playing on the river bank, saw a boy floating helplessly on the water, a long distance from shore. She did not become panicky but immediately went to the phone to call for help. Yes, you guessed it—a couple of neighbor women were visiting on the phone. Mrs. Pullen immediately told them that a boy was drowning in the river—and please call the Cascade Fire Department at once. Here is where cooperation started.

CHURCH SERVICES



Cascade Christian Church

Sunday School — 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship — 11:00 A. M.
Pastor: Rev. Herbert Barnard

Ada Community Reformed CHURCH

Morning Worship... 10:00 A. M.
Sunday School... 11:20 A. M.
Evening Worship... 7:30 P. M.
Pastor—Rev. C. A. VanderWoude

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Sunday School... 9:30 A. M.
Pastor—Dr. Ralph J. White
Nursery Provided
Pilgrim Fellowship... 6:30 P. M.

Cascade Christian Ref. Church

Morning Worship — 10:00 A. M.
Sunday School — 11:15 A. M.
Evening Worship — 7:15 P. M.
Pastor — Rev. Jacob P. Boonstra

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This unknown party put through this call at once. George Strain, an expert on artificial respiration, was immediately despatched to the scene and started working—almost before his car had stopped. Jack Buys and Grover Buttrick rushed the oxygen tanks to the scene. Dr. Wiersma and Dr. Paine were there as soon as the alarm was sounded.

The boy apparently was blue and unconscious when taken from the water, but that did not mean giving up. After nearly ½ hour of expert artificial respiration by the new method, the boy started showing signs of life.

He was then taken to a Grand Rapids hospital, where chances for his complete recovery are excellent.

Another fine piece of business-like tactics in fighting a fire was demonstrated at the Cascade Pharmacy fire about a week ago. About 1:30 in the morning a passer-by, Robert Welch, coming home from work, noted smoke pouring from the drug store. He stopped at the Cy Hatch business place, told him what he found and the alarm was sounded. In a matter of minutes the fire truck was there, and started working. The fire was confined to the basement where it originated.

There was no fire or water damage to the stock or fixtures—only goods stored in the basement. The new equipment recently acquired by the department enabled them to handle the fire efficiently and save this building for the community.

Gerrit Baker

Other States Seeking Increased Fees For Hunting and Fishing

Michigan is not alone in its quest for increased hunting and fishing license fees, according to a recent survey.

The survey, conducted by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, covered 47 states and reached the following findings:

Twenty-seven states are asking increases this year in hunting licenses, fishing licenses, or both.

Six states reported they expect to ask for increases at the next session of their legislatures.

Six states received license increase approvals at the last session of their legislatures.

Four other states reported special situations and requests involving additional money, but not involving specific increases in license fees.

Across the nation, the increases requested range from 13 per cent to 100 per cent in various fees.

Date April 28, Time 2:01 a. m.

We'll Be Able to Dial Long Distance Numbers Directly

Telephone users here will be able to dial direct to 25 million telephone in 20 states across the country after 2:01 a. m., Sunday (April 28), when the Michigan Bell Telephone Company introduces the new service.

Intricate switching equipment has been installed at Grand Rapids which will permit direct distance dialing. The nationwide Direct Distance Dialing network, with complex electro-mechanical equipment located in other long distance points in the country, functions like one big, interconnected machine that stretches from coast to coast—a machine that is about the biggest in the world.

The key to the direct distance dialing plan is a huge electronic brain which searches out an available circuit when a call is dialed into it and rings any telephone in most of the nation's major cities in a matter of seconds.

And automatic accounting equipment will register each step of a customer-dialed long distance call for billing purposes.

This accounting system works like this: As calls are made, information needed for accounting is automatically stored up on reels of paper tape, with equipment located in the telephone exchange. Holes are automatically punched in this tape in a coded pattern which can later be read and interpreted by accounting office machines.

These reels are taken daily to an accounting center where a battery of machines assembles, translates, sorts, summarizes, and prints the information, thus making it ready for use in preparing subscribers' telephone bills.

To be connected to the Direct Distance Dialing equipment in Grand Rapids, the gateway to the nationwide dialing system, telephone users in this area will first dial "112".

Then, dialing the area code and telephone number desired will set the Grand Rapids equipment in motion to connect the distant telephone.

When the telephone customer has completed dialing all the necessary letters and numerals, an operator will come in on the line briefly to ask the call for the number of the telephone he's using. She will register the calling number on a special keyboard, transmitting the number to the automatic message accounting machinery.

So now the automatic accounting equipment has all the pertinent information about the call—the number of the telephone from which it is dialed, the place called, how long the call lasted, the time and date.

If the call can't be completed, the information is cancelled out.

With some 25 million telephones to choose from, the possibility of dialing a wrong number can't be denied. The chances of the dial equipment making a mistake in completing the call are remote, but human fingers may slip—and misdirect a call.

And what happens if the caller ends up with the wrong number? He should find out what city he did reach, hang up, call the long distance operator, and tell her what happened. The operator will make the proper notes to prevent charging of the misdirected call.

Ada Twp. Life Resident Succumbs to Illness

Mrs. Donald MacNaughton, 51, a life resident of Ada Township, passed away Friday morning in Butterworth hospital following an illness of eight months' duration.

Mrs. MacNaughton lived at 2622 Egypt Valley av., N. E. She was employed by the Wolverine Brass Co. for nine years, retiring two years ago. She was a member of Ada Congregational church.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 22, at the VanStrien-Alman chapel in Grand Rapids, Dr. Ralph J. White officiating. Interment is in Findley cemetery, Ada township.

Surviving besides her husband are a son, Rollard E. Burnham of Annapolis, Md.; a sister, Mrs. Chester Whiteski of St. Clair Shores; and six grandchildren.



Telephone operators at Grand Rapids Centralized Automatic Message Accounting center will ask callers for the number of the phone they're calling from, then register the number at special keyboards. This information is transmitted to automatic message accounting machinery.



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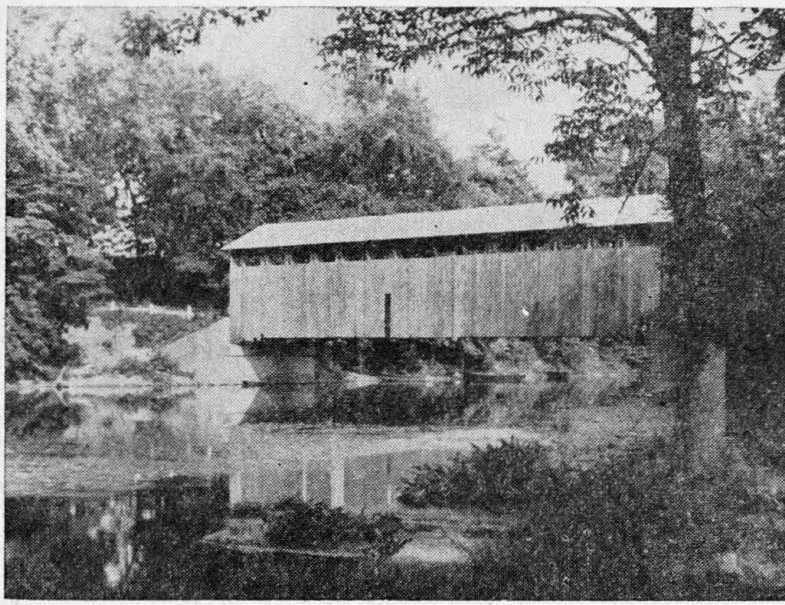
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History of Fallasburg Covered Bridge

(This report dated April 11th, 1957 compiled by Martin DeRuiter and Darwin Nellist.)



In the year 1871 the little town of Fallasburg, located about five miles north of Lowell on Flat River, celebrated the opening of a new bridge across the river. This bridge is still standing and in use today. Four other bridges had preceded this one at the same location, but they were narrow flimsy affairs that did not last long. The first one was built in the spring of 1839 and after being repaired several times was replaced in 1844 by Patrick. The second bridge lasted five years, but the records do not tell the cause of its failure. The third bridge, built in 1849, was a more hardy structure. It was constructed of hardwood and consisted of two spans with a wooden pier at the center of the river. It was an open bridge with long heavy timber stringers resting on the center pier and abutments, on which was laid a plank floor just wide enough to accommodate a single horse drawn vehicle. A timber railing was placed on each side to define the limits of the roadway and to furnish a support to lean upon for the men and boys who had the time to angle for fish, particularly the small mouth bass, which were plentiful in that stream. Also, the really skillful fishermen, notably the blacksmith, Jim Colvin, could occasionally spear a good sized fish by leaning far out over the same railing.

At this time the settlement was a thriving little town. The first settler to make his home at what is now Fallasburg arrived in 1837, while Lowell was still an Indian Village. He was John Wesley Fallas, born in the Township of Dryden, Tomkins County, near Ithaca, New York, and came to Michigan when about twenty-five years of age. He was followed several months later by a brother Silas S. Fallas, a doctor, who set-

tled on a farm one-half mile West.

Between 1845 and 1850 another brother, two sisters, and the father and mother came to the settlement which began to be known as Fallasburg. In later years, one "s" was dropped from the spelling. At its height, it was a village of about two hundred inhabitants according to C. W. and Edwin Fallas, whose father and mother, with seven children, came from Dryden, New York in 1845 in a covered wagon. C. W. Fallas was born in 1854, and his brother Edwin was born in 1844. Between 1850 and 1856, the town was most prosperous. It was primarily a lumber town, but grew to contain many activities. The sawmill, operated by waterpower, was erected in 1839 by Hecox and was a three story frame building that housed a chair factory on the third floor. The gristmill also was a three story building and was erected in 1840 by John W. Fallas. Besides these two buildings there were two general stores, two shoe shops, two blacksmith shops, a public school, a private school

a postoffice and about eighteen dwellings. Fallasburg was located on several main routes at that time. One was the old stage coach route from Ionia to Grand Rapids, next, in 1845, came the Lyons to Ada road, another stage coach route. The third was a state road from Lowell to Smyrna, laid out by Silas Fallas in 1869. What the future might have held for Fallasburg had the development of highways and motor vehicles preceded that of the railroads can, of course, only be guessed at. But about 1856, the surveyors located the old D. & M. Railroad, now the Grand Trunk, to run through Lowell and from then on the village gradually decreased in size until today only a few buildings remain.

The fourth bridge was primarily a reconstruction of the third bridge. This was done in 1860 by Jared N. Brasee for a cost of \$249.50. This bridge lasted until the spring of 1871. The wooden pier in the center of the river finally proved to be the undoing of the bridge for that spring an ice jam damaged the pier and the west span of the bridge dropped into the river.

Early in the summer of 1871 worked commenced on the present structure. Jared N. Brasee and Company was the builder and the bridge itself is proof that he built it well. It was constructed of white pine grown near Greenville. The original abutments were of timber, located at the edge of the water when at normal height. These timber abutments were repaired several times and were replaced by concrete abutments in 1905. The super structure, which is a single span one hundred feet long, is of the familiar lattice work construction the two sides being pin connected trusses entirely of wood, except the pins which are wrought iron. The top and bottom chords are exactly alike and are composed of four timbers each. Between each two timbers there is an open space, making three open spaces in both the upper and lower chords. The diagonal members are alternately single and double timbers which project through the spaces in the upper and lower chords. The diagonals are mortised into the top and bottom chords and the pins extend through the seven timbers, namely, the four timbers comprising the chord and three diagonal members. Floor beams 4 inches by 10 inches are laid on the bottom chords and 4 inch by 6 inch stringers are laid longitudinally on the floor beams. Transverse planking of 3 inch by 10 inch material is laid on the stringers with a "Wearing Course" 10 feet wide and made of 2 inch by 8 inch plank laid longitudinally. The roadway is fourteen feet wide between trusses and is twelve feet high from the floor to the top chord bracing. The bridge is housed in with a peaked roof and vertical plank on the sides to keep out the snow and rain which would otherwise soak into the joints between the timbers and rot them. This bridge was built for \$1,500.00.

In January, 1945, the Kent County Road Commission repaired and strengthened this bridge at a cost of \$3,000.00, twice the cost of building it in 1871. A Road Commission bridge crew under the supervision of L. W. Brunson,

bridge engineer, placed on entirely new floor system on the bridge and strengthened the wooden trusses with steel plates and steel tie rods. The clear roadway was not changed nor was the clearance of 12 feet increased. The farmer with the wagon load of hay or trucks needing more than 12 feet clearance will have to take some other road. This is the only timber bridge in Kent County which is still being used by vehicular traffic. One other is still standing over the Thornapple River in Ada, but is being used only by pedestrians. The old signs, which were placed on this bridge by F. A. Geill in 1872 at a cost of \$4.50, are still in place on the portals of this bridge although they have been painted several times by the Road Commission. They indicate that even in those days speed limits were necessary to control traffic. Today, a speed limit of twenty miles per hour is considered to be quite moderate, but these signs read, "\$5.00 Fine For Walking or Driving on this Bridge Faster Than a Walk".

NOTE: The information for this article was taken from Ver-gennes Township record books, dating back to 1837 and Kent County history books. Jared N. Brasee was a resident of Ada Township and was the first master of Ada Lodge No. 280 F. & A. M. in 1870.

CASCADE HOME EXTENSION MEETING

The Cascade Home Extension of Michigan State University, will meet on Monday, April 29th, at 11:00 a. m. for their monthly business meeting, luncheon, and lesson. The meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. Rue Osmer, 6062 Burton SE, with Mrs. Elmer Phillips as co-hostess. The lesson on "Foundation Garments" will be presented by Mrs. Will George.

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Scout Calendar For Martin-Collins Troop

The following events have been scheduled for the Martin-Collins Boy Scout Troop No. 284 for the month of May.

May 4th: Noon Cooking and training of tent pitching at troop headquarters.

May 11th: Pitch tents, cook supper, camp overnight and cook breakfast May 12th at troop headquarters.

May 18th: Pancake supper put on by Scouts and fathers at Martin School.

May 24th, 25th, and 26th: Jamborall at Allegan.

June 3rd: Outdoor Court of Honor at troop headquarters. This event completes the spring schedule. Next meeting in September.



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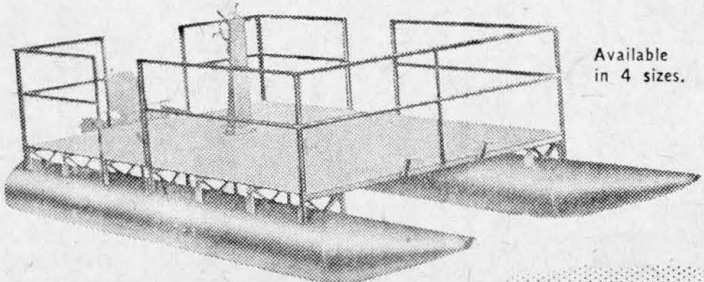
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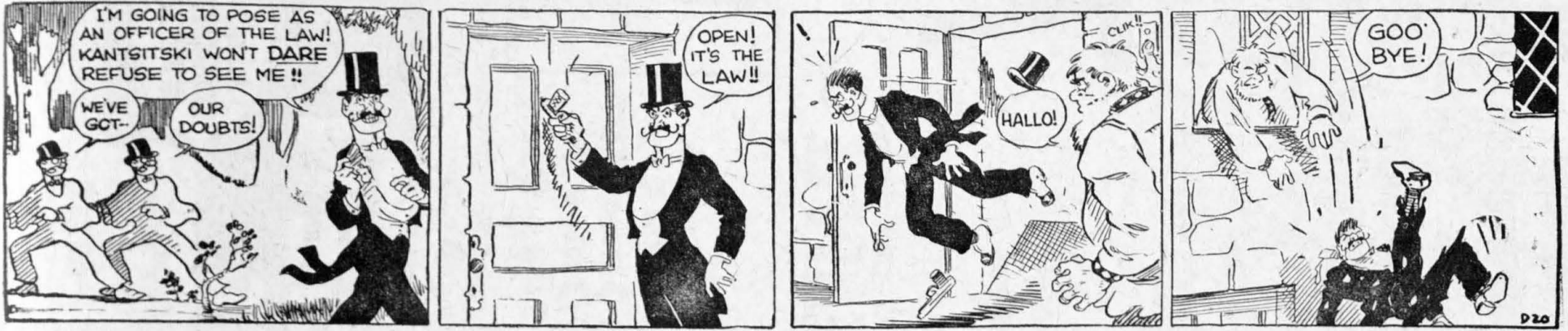
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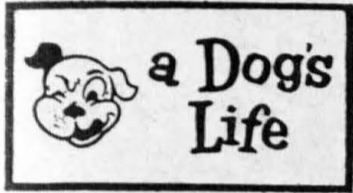
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by Bob Bartos
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Start off by putting him in a room by himself with his toys for short periods of time during the day. If he gets used to being alone during the day, nights alone won't seem so fearful. He may discover after his first few howls of rage that it's doing him no good. If he persists, however, order "quiet" every time you hear a yip. If this is ignored, accompany the word "quiet" with a rap on the door. If this too fails, go into the room and administer a folded newspaper to the backside along with a loud "quiet". Repeat this as often as necessary. He'll finally realize that you're within earshot and paper reach.

Your next step is to leave the house, or rather let him think you've left. Close the front door with a resounding bang, tiptoe back to the puppy's room and wait for the barks. At the first sound rap on the door, repeat your "quiet" order. The pup may be so surprised and puzzled as to how you got back into the house that he'll be quiet for the rest of the day. If not, you'll just have to repeat the routine supported with trips into the room.

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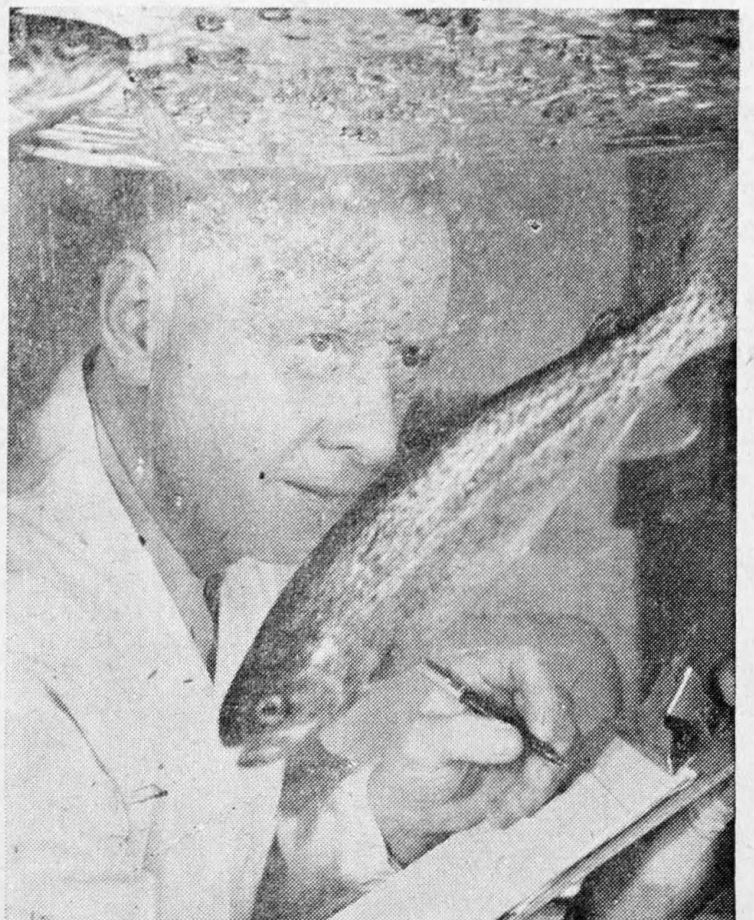
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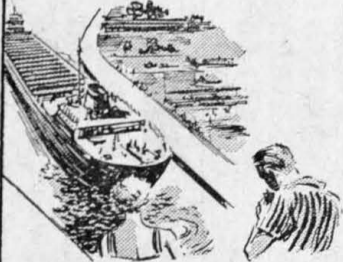
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Lost and Found

LOST—BLUE PARAKEET in Eastmont area on Friday, April 19. Reward. Call GL 6-6934. c-5

Robert Fulton, inventor of the steamboat, was an avid submarine enthusiast. He built several submersible warships, one of which was known as the Nautilus.

"If you don't like your lot, build on it."

Reception at Ada Hall Welcomes GI, German Bride

About one hundred friends and relatives of Marquis Spidell, 24-year-old Army specialist third-class and former resident of Ada, attended a reception Saturday at the Ada Town Hall to welcome him home after three years in Germany, and also to meet his bride from Germany, the former Lydia Elzenheimer.

The couple were married in Germany on July 4, 1955.

Also being honored at the reception was Miss Sylvia Karbach, the orphaned daughter of a cousin of Mrs. Spidell's. Sylvia is just 12 years old, and since she was a very small child has been cared for by her second-cousin, S3 Spidell and his bride, with the assistance of the Army, arranged for Sylvia to come to the United States to live, and arrangements are now being made for her adoption by Mr. and Mrs. Spidell.

"Mark" and his bride arrived "home" on the 30th of March. He has to report to Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, and leaves this Friday; he will enter Engineering school there and Lydia will remain here until he can make arrangements for a home for them at his new post.

"Mark" served the engineering corps near Neunhain while in Germany. He has been in the Army about 5 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Marquis Spidell of 8506 Fulton E., are the parents of the returned serviceman. Until they are able to move to Ft. Belvoir, Lydia and Sylvia will live in Grand Rapids, at the home of "Mark's" brother, Carl E. Spidell.

Thirty-Nine Enter Talent Exhibit From Lowell High

May 3 marks the opening of the 1957 Youth Talent Exhibit, at the Grand Rapids Museum. Opening night ceremonies will begin at 7:30 p. m. and checks will be awarded to the first prize winners.

The final list of entrants from Lowell High School includes:

David Carpenter, Sally Hoover, Herbert Jones, Albert Ketchum, Margaret Burgess, Connie Maxim, Gerald Maxim, Terry Paddock, William Richards, Edward Ridgway, Roger Rowland, Peter VanStee, Stuart White, Allen DeVol, Judith Odell, Joe Strouse, Marvin Vanden Heuvel, James White, John Atchinson, Sharon Griffin and Bonnie Howard.

Also included are: June Preston, James Adrianse, Norman Bruinekool, Sharon Ellis, Julie Frahm, Jeanne Liscomb, Sheila Olin, Galen Pletcher, James Smith, Darolyn Swanson, David Thaler, David Davis, Tom Kutchev, Harold Metternick, Fred Fuller, Judy Fuller, Daniel Himebaugh and Ann Mullen.

Miss Alice Veiva of Grand Rapids spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. G. V. McKee of Dogwood rd., while Mrs. W. W. Sherwood and Miss Alice Veiva were in Florida.

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Our Schools Need Federal Aid, Says Professor at U-M

Michigan's public schools need federal aid, says Howard R. Jones, professor of school administration at the University of Michigan.

"We must reach into the pocket where the money is, not one which is exhausted," he declares. "The federal government collects 80 per cent of all tax monies and we have been overlooking our greatest source of revenue."

He points out that the state's drastic need for more school buildings has been brought about by a population increase which has mounted steadily over the last 16 years.

"In this period of time we have more than doubled the number of births in Michigan. We're adding about 70,000 school children a year. By this time, it's obvious that the people who thought the birth increase was a war-time bulge were wrong," he says.

What tax source are we going to draw on to meet this need? Says Professor Jones, "Many of us feel the property tax is already overburdened. This has been the traditional source of local school revenue for school building purposes."

FOREST HILLS LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. E. Mathews, 1550 Thornapple River Dr., S. E. had as their week-end visitors, their sons, Richard from school in Liberty, Indiana, and Edward from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Miss Barbara Heaven, who has been home from Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, for ten days Easter holidays, flew back to Cleveland Monday morning to resume her studies. The following week-end she will be in Detroit with the college A-Capella Choir of 60 voices, to sing at the Woodward Avenue Christian Church on Sunday.

The Stanley Milanowskis of Cascade had as their week-end guests, their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Sufalko, of Elmhurst, Ill., who are just returning from a two weeks vacation trip to St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. George Isner, 1380 Spaulding Rd., S. E., have returned from Florida, where they spent several months this winter enjoying the Florida sunshine.

Edward Bishop of 869 Clifford returned home Friday, April 19th from Blodgett hospital where he had been confined since April 1st for treatment of an allergy.

BOYNTON MOTHERS PLAN SPRING CARNIVAL

Boynton School Mothers Club will hold their Spring Carnival at Ada Town Hall Friday, April 26. Supper will be served from 5:30 until 7:30.

A program will follow the dinner, at 8 o'clock, consisting of an imitation of Elvis Presley by Kay DenBoer, and a record pantomime by Linda Tuttle and Iris Bruinekool. Prize drawing will take place at 9:00 p.m., following the program.

Michigan's 58 state parks and recreation areas were visited by 15,710,229 persons during 1956. This total was topped only by the all-time record of 17,845,000 park visitors in 1955.

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Special Deputies, Frank Ather-ton, and George Strain, Red Cross First Aid Instructors, are completing a disaster size first aid case for installation in the Cascade Fire Department station wagon.

This kit is not for use in routine first aid cases and auto accidents, but for use in community size incidents such as large fires, tornadoes, or other accidents involving large numbers of people.

The nearest such kit is in Lowell, which is too far away to be promptly available in Cascade township. The case will be completed this week.

Some Problems

Equipping it will be a considerable problem. Some items can be improvised, such as 40 inch triangle bandages made from old sheets. But sterile compresses, antiseptics, army blankets, army type stretchers and traction splints will have to be purchased, or donated by the people of the community. Persons interested in helping equip the kit should contact either of the first aid instructors.

The kits will contain, in addition to first aid supplies, the necessary cards, pencils, and other materials necessary to record victims names and addresses, names of relatives, and hospitals to which they are dispatched after treatment, and the descriptions of their injuries. In this way, an information center can be maintained at the scene, or at a field hospital set up nearby, regarding the vic-

tims handled, and where they may later be found.

Operation of the information and records is one of the important functions of the Red Cross trained civil defense workers in emergencies.

JOAN HOBART HONORED

Mrs. Donald Beimers entertained with a bridal shower in honor of Miss Joan Hobart of Lowell last Friday night.

About 18 guests were present to admire the beautifully wrapped gifts.

Games were the evening's diversion and refreshments were served by the hostess.

MRS. SOUSER IS AT BLODGETT HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. Max Souser returned from Florida by plane this past week. Their daughter Mrs. Robert Harter accompanied her mother by plane from Detroit and took her directly to Blodgett hospital.

The reports from the hospital are more favorable and the family are in hopes she will soon be home.

Other Ada News

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Jansma and Merle Vissar were Easter dinner guests of her mother, Mrs. Merle Cramton.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor took a northern trip Sunday and had dinner at Newaygo.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pettis and daughter of Detroit spent their Eastern vacation at the farm on Conservation road.

Pat Farrell on McCabe road had his family home for Easter dinner Sunday night. They were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Downs and children, Mrs. Helen Harcourt and Judith from Mt. Clemens, Mrs. David Sheils and children, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Farrell and Miss Marcella Farrell of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Don Ward and children. Marcella showed slides of her trip to Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb Ward had Easter Sunday dinner with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert DeVries and family at Greenville. Sunday evening visitors at the Webb and Don Ward home were Mrs. Holly Hand, Mrs. Kathryn Wilson and daughter, Barbara.

Ada Community News

MRS. TOM MORRIS—PHONE OR6-4831

Mrs. Grace Whaley spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. Hubert Freyermuth and family in Grand Rapids, and attended an Easter tea Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Freyermuth in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stukkie jr., of Eastmont were Easter dinner guests of his parents, and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Stukkie and Pete jr., and Johnnie of Mt. Morris spent Sunday evening with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stukkie sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCormick, Mary Ellen and Joanne were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harrington in honor of their little son, Pat's first birthday.

Mrs. Vesta Richardson returned home Monday after spending two weeks with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Kline and family at Marne.

Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Ward were Mr. and Mrs. Neal VandePeerle and Nellie, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fase jr., Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Good of Caledonia and Mrs. Ollie Ritter.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCaul had their family for Easter dinner. They were Mr. and Mrs. Pat McCormick and son of Lowell and Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCormick and family.

Easter Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Courtright were their son, Robert and family of Grand Rapids and her mother, Mrs. John MacLaren of Saranac.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Spring and baby Melissa of Birmingham spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Svoboda and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bruinekool and Pete jr., spent Easter Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben DeYoung of Big Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Orison Weaver and children had Easter dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Kamp and family of Grand Rapids were Easter dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Kamp.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frazee and two children of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. James McCaul and son were Easter dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayes. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rohr of Grand Rapids were afternoon and evening guests at the Hayes home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fitch visited Mrs. Floyd Pitcher and Miss Barbara Pitcher of Grand Rapids on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Henderson spent a few days last week and Easter Sunday with her daughter Miss Nancy Crother in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Fitch attended funeral services held on Saturday at the Metcalf chapel, for his aunt, Mrs. Leona Gulliford.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richardson had their family home for Easter dinner and supper. They were Mr. and Mrs. Willard Marks and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. W. Serne and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Averill, Lindy and Dawn and Jim McGreger from Pelton.

Floyd Wright of Sparta who recently returned from Florida and Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Wright also of Sparta were Sunday afternoon visitors of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Frank Averill and family.

Pete Kamp was in Detroit last week Thursday and spent the day with Clarence Schelton.

Gertrude Kamp of Ypsilanti spent the week-end with her parents. Easter Sunday dinner guests of Postmaster and Mrs. Mort Lampert were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ward and children and Mrs. Daisy Ward of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Whitmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dunneback and children of Alpine were Sunday dinner and supper guests of her mother Mrs. Blanche Loveless.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Kellogg were Easter day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hurley of Lowell.

Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Nellist were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Collins and Billy and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fox.

Mrs. Altie Silloway and Maud have returned to their home on Thornapple River dr., after spending the winter months in an apartment in the Cody hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bois and children of Eastmont were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Miles Fase home, and Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Grover Fase were Sunday evening callers.

Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Alice Ward in Grand Rapids were her son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Dick McCarthy, Miss Nancy Ward and William Muller.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rooker had their family home for Easter. They were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rooker and family of Battle Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rooker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rooker and family of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Ted Atkins of Plymouth who spent the week with her parents, and Mr. and Mrs. James Rooker and baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morris and Mrs. Glenn Chaffee spent Easter Sunday with the Harry Chaffee family at Lansing and were Sunday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Morris and family of Lowell.

Mother and daughter banquet will be held May 8, at 6:30 p. m. in Fellowship hall; for reservation call Mrs. Ronald Collins OR 6-2631 or Mrs. Orison Weaver OR 6-5811.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Morris, Sandra, Sheila and Pam of Lowell and Mr. and Mrs. Allie Schmidt and Diane from Dorr spent Sunday afternoon with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Morris.

Robert Tusch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Tusch of Grand River dr., a student at the Mining Engineering School at Houghton, Mich., spent the week with his parents.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to our relatives, friends and neighbors for the many cards, candy and fruit sent to me while in Blodgett hospital. Also for the beautiful plants from McDonald-Osmer Post Legion and Auxiliary.

Mrs. Helen DeGood

"Old Saw Rewritten: If a man makes a better mousetrap, the Internal Revenue Service will beat a path to his door."

MOTHERS CLUB TO HOLD LAST MEETING OF YEAR

The Mothers Club of the Cascade School, will hold their last meeting of the year on Thursday, May 2nd at 1:00 p. m. at the school.

The main part of the business meeting will be the election of officers. The nominating committee has put up the following slate of officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. Helen Burkhead; Vice President, Mrs. Dee Shusta, and Mrs. Mary Paauwee; Secretary, Mrs. Phyllis DeVries and Mrs. Susie Harter; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Clark and Mrs. Dorothy Snyder.

The refreshments will be served by Mrs. Doris Stiles' group.

MR. AND MRS. CLUB PLANS SKATING PARTY

On Tuesday, April 30th at 8:00 p. m. the Mr. and Mrs. Club of the Cascade Christian Reformed Church are having a skating party at Neiboer's Skating Rink on Plymouth Rd. The Ada, East Paris and Portland church groups will be attending also. All will return to the Cascade church for refreshments.

Return from Florida

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wride, formerly of Forest Hill rd., are spending a few days with the Milton Heavens, before returning to their home at Olin Lake.

The Wride's spent the winter at Tavare's, Florida, where they have a winter home.

Potluck and Dance

On Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Bert VanDerWerff, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Afton and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heaven, were guests of the Gerald Rawling's of Grand Rapids, at a potluck and square dance at the Masonic Temple, put on by the Valley City Lodge No. 86.

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