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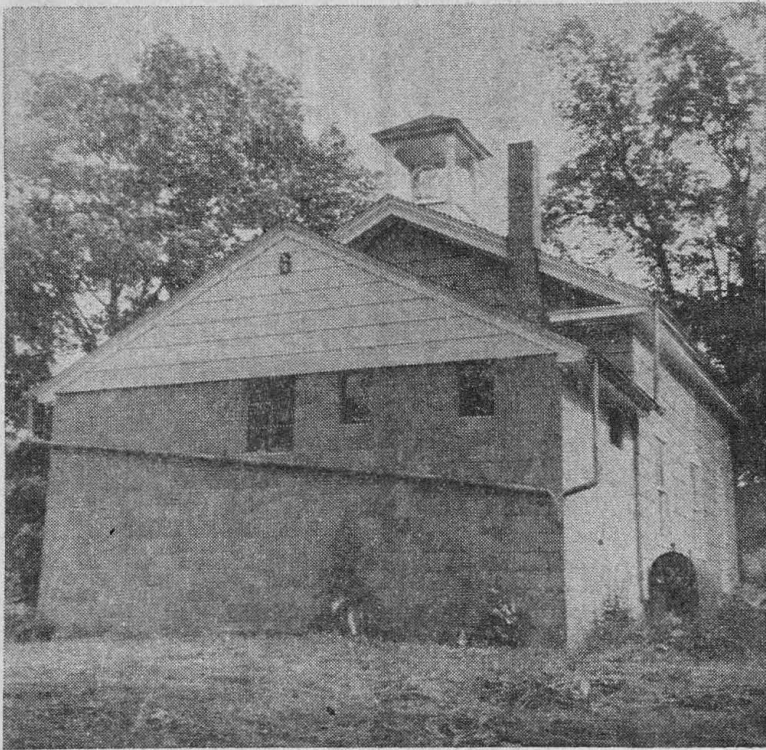
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Thomas School Ends 100 Year History



With the sale this week of the Thomas school building, another country school with a history dating back for over 100 years, will be remodeled into a home. Originally a log cabin school stood at this spot, and the present building was erected about 70 years ago. Youngsters of pioneer families attended the first school building and Indians made baskets and sold maple syrup not far from here. According to old time residents the school was open for only four months of the year, helping their fathers clear the land of virgin timber kept the pupils busy during the long "vacation".

With the sale to the highest bidder this week of the Thomas School building on US 16 and Snow ave., memories of pioneer days are revived in the minds of the few remaining children of the area's early settlers.

One of the oldest, 94 year old William E. Thomas, 30th st. near Cascade, vividly remembers incidents from his school days almost 90 years ago.

Thomas school, named after William's family was then a log building with three small windows on two sides of the structure. It was heated by an old square stove which devoured three foot long slabs of wood by the cord. Thomas stated that in those early days the school term lasted for only four months of the year. The remainder of the year was spent helping to clear the virgin maple, beech and oaks from the family farms.

Teams of oxen were employed to snake the trees into long windrows where they were left to dry and then burned.

Land for the Thomas School was donated by a Mr. Taylor, Thomas recalled although date of it's construction he could not remember. It was however, at least a hundred years ago.

Pupils in the early school, said Thomas were hard on teachers, many of the students being in their early twenties. After losing several teachers in succession, the board hired a man named Zeno Carter who was known to be a strict disciplinarian.

Taking the job on the condition the board would "let me handle things my own way", his first act was the cutting of several beech switches which were placed in a convenient spot in the school room. These switches, plus a heavy black walnut ruler, wielded mightily, son subdued the wildest pupil and the 3 R's were absorbed in varying degrees.

Recalling his own misdeamomers at the log school, Thomas recalls the time he was introduced to the feel of black walnut.

The present Thomas School minus additions and remodeling, was built about 70 years ago. For several years the old log building served as a woodshed.

This past week the board sold

the building to James Koetsier, Spaulding ave., for \$3,600. Spaulding's bid was the highest received by the board. Koetsier plans to remodel the structure for a home. Slowly but surely with each succeeding year, the old country school houses are becoming a thing of the past. Many adults in this area can well remember those days before the school busses brought their loads of students to the door, those miles of tramping through deep snow, heavy mud, driving rain and bitter cold.

Many modern day exponents of education look with disfavor on the few remaining one-room schools of an almost bygone era. No one can deny however that many of our country's greatest men, leaders who will never be forgotten, received their training in the one room schoolhouse. Obsolete now because of the tremendous economic changes in our country, schools such as Thomas played a most important part in the development of our country, and teachers like Zeno Carter, harsh though they were, taught a respect for authority that helped to build strong characters so necessary for the hardships of the early years of our state and country.

Presents Radio To Local G. O. C.

This past week the Thoranapple River Valley GOC post was presented a radio for their post by Earl Mollitor, Cascade area radio and TV man.

The 6 tube AC-DC set was made by Mollitor and was presented to the post "In appreciation of the constant watch by the GOC and the protection they give to my family and the people of this community".

With the radio, the windometer and the barometer soon to be purchased by the post members, the local observer's tower will be one of the best equipped stations in this part of Michigan.

Mr. John Smith of 4638 Ada Dr. would like to thank all the friends and neighbors who sent cards and gifts to him while convalescing at home from injuries suffered in a fall.

Registered Voters In Ada Township

Blanche Loveless, Ada township clerk, announced this past Monday that registrations in the township total 1,147. This is a gain of 100 since April 9.

Precinct 1 has 500 registered voters and the Second precinct has 647. Before the registration deadline last week Monday, Mrs. Loveless had transferred 10 voters to other districts and she stated that approximately half of the old registrants had signed the master file now required by state law to be signed by all registered voters before they can cast their ballots in the coming elections. This can be done at the polls on election day.

ACE Area to See Last Big Top?

According to all news accounts, the return this week of the Ringling Brothers Circus to their winter headquarters in Florida, supposedly marks the end of the Big Top era.

ACE area circus fans, however, will have a last chance on Monday, September 10, to see the big tent and all the sights, sounds and thrills that accompany it, when the Mills Brothers 3 Ring Circus and Horse Show puts on what may well be the last old time circus that this country will ever see.

Members of the Cascade township fire department have engaged the circus for a one day stand, with afternoon and evening performances on that date. Definitely a large production, the show will receive newspaper, radio, and TV publicity throughout the Western Michigan area and the local firemen who will sell advance tickets are having 9,000 of them printed.

This may, in all probability, be the last chance anyone will have to see a circus being set up. Pulling into Cascade shortly after dawn on Sunday, September 9th, the magical sight of animal cages, burly roustabouts, mess tent, midway displays, and above all the mighty big top going up, will undoubtedly be witnessed by hundreds of persons. Many old time circus fans stoutly contend that this spectacle is the best part of a circus and is well worth the few lost hours of sleep.

At Monday evening's fire meeting the local firemen decided to bring the circus to this area and they will be aided by members of the McDonald-Osmer American Legion Post and Boy Scouts.

Advance sale tickets will be printed soon and Fire Chief Sy Dykhouse stated that a large percentage of this profit would go to the Cascade township fire department. Part of the entire gate will also go to the department and this money will be used to purchase equipment for the fire protection of the township.

Dykhouse also stated that advance sale tickets will be sold at reduced prices and besides the groups mentioned above, merchants in Ada and Eastmont will also help in the ticket sales.

A special matinee for school children will be held. Location of the circus grounds will be next to the Cascade Lumber Co. on US 16, across from the gravel pits.

Ice Cream Social

The Pilgrim Fellowship of the Ada Congregational Church will hold an ice cream social in the Ada Town Square on Saturday, July 21, serving from 2 to 9 p.m. Home made cake, pies and strawberry sundaes. c-17

Phone your want ads to the Suburban Life.

Boat Tips, Fishermen Saved

Last Saturday evening about 11 p.m. two Campau Lake area men, Glenn Snyder and Joe Marshall, escaped possible drowning when their cries for help were heard by Ron Boersma and Stan Osmolinski of Ada.

Staying at a cottage on Campau Lake, Boersma and Osmolinski heard cries for help coming from Buck Lake which is just East of Campau. Driving over to the other lake they rushed down to the shore while another person in their car called the Sheriff's department to bring a boat.

The boat in which the two men were fishing had overturned and for approximately an hour and a half the pair had clung to the craft. Marshall had managed to climb aboard the boat where he shared space with a dog who was also with the men. Snyder was hanging to the side.

Boersma found a boat tied near shore and with Osmolinski's help, rescued the pair. After bringing them to shore, they righted the boat and towed it in. Both men were exhausted and might have given up hope if their cries had gone unanswered.

New Officers For Auxiliary

New officers elected at the last Auxiliary Meeting of the McDonald-Osmer Post No. 451 are as follows: President: Edna DeWitt, Vice President: Eileen Barnowski, Secretary: Donna Warners, Treasurer: June Hunter, Chaplain: Zeatha Shalk, Historian: Dorothy Dykhouse, Sargeant-of-Arms: Evelyn Binford, Executive Board: Bertha Blaine, Edna Osmer, and Olive Fletcher. Installations of the new officers will be held at their next meeting in August.

Read Suburban Life Want Ads!

Ada Life Resident Dies July 12

Frank (Mike) Quiggle, 84, son of Silas and Marguriet Quiggle, early settlers of Cascade, and a life-long resident of this vicinity, passed away at his home in Ada on July 12.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Roth chapel, Rev. Norman Woon officiating. Burial in Cascade cemetery.

Besides his wife, Nettie, he is survived by one son, John A. of Grand Rapids; 2 daughters, Mrs. June Bishop and Mrs. Pearl Averill, both of Ada; 7 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Charles of Ada.

Seven Permits In Cascade Township

Seven building permits were issued last month for Cascade township. Largest building project was begun by the Cascade Christian Church which began construction of an Educational Building.

Other permits granted were issued to Andrew Van Den Berg, John H. Peck, Norman Burgess, Peter Vanden Bos, J. E. Meyerl and Don Geelhoed.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rooker of Ann Arbor announce the birth of a son, Joseph Eugene, weight 8 lbs., 9 ozs., July 11 at St. Joseph hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Spring are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter Melissa Morris, weight 7 lbs. 7 ozs., at Butterworth hospital July 13.

A son, Howard Thomas, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Martin Rudolph on July 16 at Mount Victory, Kentucky. Mrs. Rudolph is the former Margery Seeley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Seeley, Cascade rd.

Local Choristers for Lowell Showboat



Left to right: Front Row—Marsha Verspoor, Cary Stiff, Jr., a veteran with 5 years behind him, Barbara Heaven, Carole Sawyer. Back Row—Martha Stiff and Julie Frahm.

Miss Sawyer was selected, along with two other girls, to accompany Miss Showboat, Sue Adams, of Rockford, when extending Showboat invitations to the Governor and the mayors of Jackson, Battle Creek, and Lansing on Wednesday, July 11.

1956 Lowell Showboat—July 23 through 28. Show starts at 8:30 each evening. All seats reserved: \$2.20, \$1.60, and \$1.00. For reservations, write or call Showboat Ticket Office, Lowell, Michigan. Phone TW 7-9257. Make checks or money orders payable to Lowell Showboat.

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The Barefoot Boy

"Modern poets mix too much water with their ink". This touching phrase is credited to a famous man who lived way back in the days when Beethoven was writing his immortal music. In fact, Johann Wolfgang Goethe, who died in 1832, was a good friend of Ludwig Von Beethoven until they both fell in love with the same woman. But there you are. Well over two hundred years ago someone said it and Goethe, in saying it, had in mind, of course, what was being written in his day when he mentions the water in the ink of "modern" poets. I wonder if you would agree with me that the saying can still be applied to much of what passes from poetry in this realistic, exciting twentieth century. But not all of what is being written, of course.

In every age there are great men, truly great, who are not recognized in their own times. It would be foolish, for example, to deny the possibility such as man as the audacious Carl Sandburg may someday be considered a notable master of lyric poetry. Both Walt Whitman, a democratic idealist of the recent century, and also that exponent of the New England way of life, Robert Frost of our day, are perhaps marked for continued fame in the centuries to come.

I like poetry; particularly the kind that deals with the commonplace and the elemental in life, I'm speaking, of course, about content. Little do I know, if anything, about metre, style and good technique. But I love good poetry which expresses the beauties of nature and the simple things of creation.

The work of John Greenleaf Whittier is a case in point. I'd like to print a bit of one of his poems at the close of today's visit. But let me tell you a little about him first.

Not everyone thought Whittier a great poet. But may be you'll agree with me that there's a genial piety, a fine simplicity in what he's written. This American, who

was born in 1807 in Haverhill, Mass., and who died in 1892, was a Quaker. And, by the way, he was the editor of several weekly newspapers, too. Fact is the major part of his life was spent as an editor and reformer. With little formal education, Whittier still was able to make a great contribution to such worthy efforts as the anti-slavery movement. He was long interested in politics and sat in the Massachusetts legislature in 1837.

The latter part of Whittier's life was devoted to writing narrative and ballad poems about the legends, traditions and history of colonial America. His most notable work is perhaps Snowbound which tells of the rural life he came to know in his boyhood while living on the farm.

Let us grant that much of his work does possess a certain want of compression (?) and that he had a tendency to moralize, and even as has been said, his rhymes are on the faulty side; Whittier was still a great poet. Here are a few verses taken from his poem, The Barefoot Boy. Try reading them aloud; for poetry, like music, gains its meaning best when interpreted by the human voice.

THE BAREFOOT BOY

Blessings on thee, little man,
Barefoot boy, with cheek of tan!
With thy turned-up pantaloons,
And thy merry whistled tunes;
With thy red lip, redder still
Kiss by strawberries on the hill;
With the sunshine on thy face,
Through thy torn brim's jaunty
grace;

From my heart I give thee joy,
I was once a barefoot boy!

Cheerily, then, my little man,
Live and laugh, as boyhood can!
Thought the flinty slopes be hard,
Stubble-speared the new-mown
sward,

Every morn shall lead thee
through

Fresh baptism of the dew;
Every evening from thy feet
Shall the cool wind kiss the heat:
All too soon these feet must hide

In the prison cells of pride,
Lose the freedom of the sod,
Like a colt's for work be shod,
Made to tread the mills of toil,
Up and down in ceaseless moil:
Happy if their track be found
Never on forbidden ground;
Happ if they sink not in
Quick and treacherous sands of
sin.

Ah! that thou couldst know thy
joy,

Ere it passes, barefoot boy!

ACE report

The Ada ball field is really being used this season. The newly installed lights are a big help of course and members of the Ada Township Athletic Association who worked and planned for them should be given a word of thanks.

Almost \$4,000 has been invested in the local field since last fall and for a group to make such tremendous improvements in such a short length of time is really amazing.

Without the cooperation of the hundreds of civic minded neighbors in the ACE area the job could not have been done. All money raising projects promoted by the Association have met with wonderful response and no one can say that only Ada residents have a share in the local field.

From its inception, officers of the Association have attempted to let everyone in this area know that the field is NOT for Ada residents alone but is intended for the enjoyment of all ACE area residents, young and old.

Every game sees dozens of local youngsters present at the field and we know of no better way to keep them out of mischief than the fun of seeing a good ball game.

The recently organized team of 10 to 15 year old boys is also a step in the right direction and we intend to get some pictures and a write up or two on their games.

Credit should also be given to members of the Ada township board who gave the Athletic Association the go ahead signal. Without their baking and moral support, it would have been impossible to make the local field one of the best in Western Michigan. Every member of the board could see the value of the Association's plans, not only for Ada, but for this entire area and it was voted unanimously to allow the group to begin their improvement schedule. It is impossible to know the amount of vandalism and malicious destruction of property (usually done out of sheer boredom) that has been avoided because of the work the Ada Athletic Association has done.

With four games every week, local youngsters just don't have the time or inclination to get into too much trouble.

Those living in Eastmont, Cascade and the outlying areas are urged to come down to the next game. With the concession stand, bleachers and good lighting system, the Ada field is a perfect spot to spend an evening.

We feel that many of you are missing a good thing by not advertising in our classified section. If more people would use it when they have something to buy, sell, rent, or trade, we think you would have good results.

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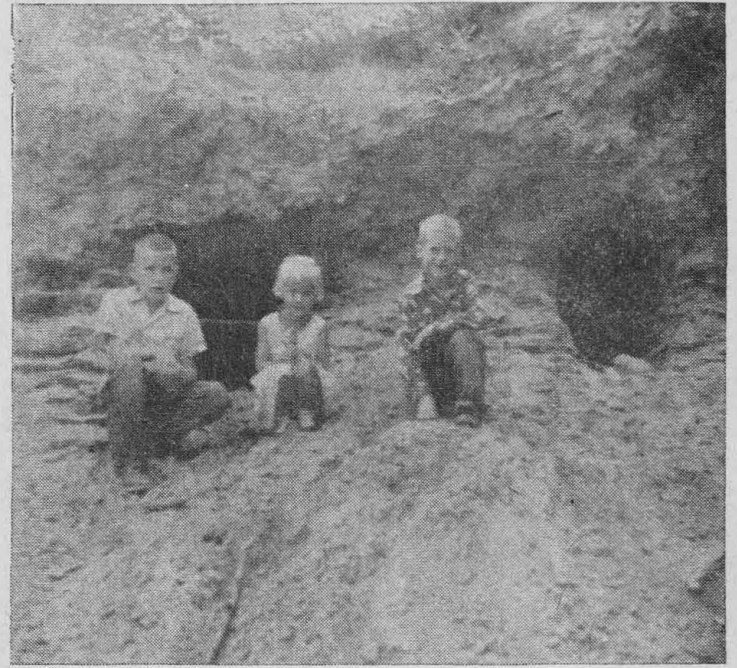
Those in the Ada area or just passing through can drop off their ads at the Ada Hardware store. Dick Sytsma will be glad to pass them on to us.

Talking the other day with Mrs. Grace Whaley, librarian in Ada, we learned that more people are taking advantage of the splendid selection of books this summer than ever before.

Next month the annual party for children who have been getting books regularly will be held. Perhaps your child can get in on this big event. At any rate, why don't YOU take advantage of the books at your convenience either in Ada, or at the Bookmobiles in Cascade, at Martin or Murphy Schools?

Susan Courtright of Grand Rapids is spending a few days with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Courtright.

Danger — Children Keep Out



Although the youngsters in the picture are unaware of it—sudden death lurks a few feet behind them. Each year several youngsters lose their lives by suffocation when caves such as these in the Eastmont area, or ditches, dug in fun, collapse without a moment's warning. Local parents are urged to warn their children of the danger such places hold.

These hillside caves, dug last week by youngsters in the Eastmont area, look very enticing to adventurous children. Many a happy hour of childish play could be spent holding off attacking cowboys and Indians.

An ideal place for secret powwows or a hiding place for buried treasure, the caves offer an innumerable list of possibilities for any youngster with a vivid imagination.

The soft, sandy clay soil is easy to dig out and each day the caves can become enlarged until there is room enough for three or four youngsters to crouch in comfort while the next raid on Mother's pantry is planned.

Death by suffocation, however, is the very probable fate of any youngster who enters these or any other such youthful lairs. Each year, in all parts of the country, many children are buried when the soft earth gives way without a moment's warning. Dozens of parents have lost a little son or daughter who was buried alive when hundreds or even thousands of pounds of earth suddenly collapsed and the childish laughter was stilled forever by the dull thump of the falling sand.

Local parents are urged to warn their children of the grave danger caves or ditches hold. Accidents among experienced workmen who use proper bracing and other precautions when digging are very common. This fact proves, beyond a doubt, that small children, or even teen agers, should never invite disaster by making hideaways of this nature. Fun it may be, but probable results condemn this type of childhood play.

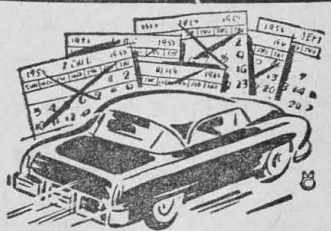
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Honey Creek News
Mrs. Leona Hunt

Pedro Club met at the home of Nellie Lewis on Buttrick rd. Prizes were won by Laura Bell, Edyth Andrews and Monette Baer.

Mrs. Fred Bentley gave a bridal shower for her niece, Ruth Jean Boone, at her mothers home in Grand Rapids. Attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Andrews, Mrs. Bernard Baer and Mrs. Nellie Lewis and daughter Rosalee.

Honeycreek Farm Bureau will have their picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Bolt at Chauncey July 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anderson are returning to Fort Trotten, New York where they will reside until next May.

Misses Barbara and Patty Bentley, Mark Richard and Marylyn Wilson attended Michawana Camp at Long Lake near Yankee Springs.

Mrs. Leona Hunt attended the funeral of her aunt Mrs. Melvina Hunt at Owosso last Thursday.

Egypt extention group will have this years picnic at John Ball Park July 24. All members invited.

Mrs. Evelyn Visser and son Merle, and Mrs. Cramton motored to Muskegon Sunday afternoon where Merle will spend a week at a boy scout camp north of Muskegon, located on scenic drive.

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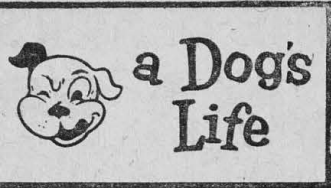
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INTRODUCING THE LEASH

by Bob Bartos
Prominent Dog Authority

A favorite subject of cartoonists is the dog on leash, pulling its owner willy-nilly down the street or winding him up with the leash. You can avoid such not-so-funny situations by teaching your dog to heel, which simply means that the dog walks calmly by your side.

Place the dog on your left and hold the end of the leash in your right hand. Keep it

**Dog of the Week:
PEKINGESE**



Toy classification. Size, medium; weight, extreme limit, 14 pounds. Coat, long with thick undercoat, straight and flat; profuse mane; feathered thighs, legs, tail and toes. Colors: red, fawn, black, sable, brindle, white, parti-colored, black and tan.

slack, using the left hand to jerk the leash to keep the dog in position or to gain his attention. Command the dog's name and "Heel!" and walk briskly forward. If the dog lags behind or runs ahead, jerk the leash with the left hand, and bring him back into position; then repeat the command. Don't pull him; use sharp jerks on the leash. Make right angle turns to the left and right, keeping the dog in place and repeating the command with each turn.

Along with this lesson, teach the dog to sit whenever you stop. Command "Sit," while pulling up on the leash with the right hand and pushing down on his haunches with the left hand. Don't let him lie down.

When he has mastered the "Sit," his next lesson should be the "Stay." With the dog in a sitting position, drop the leash, extend the left hand, palm open, in front of the dog's face, command "Stay," and walk away. If the dog follows you, take the leash and again go through the heel-sit-stay routine.

"Down" is also taught with the dog in a sitting position. Hold the leash taut with the right hand, and push down with the left hand on the dog's shoulders while giving the command "Down."

Feeding Tips: Hard-working dogs require larger amounts of food than those which lead less active lives. A safe, dependable all-purpose dog food, such as Friskies, provides dogs with all necessary vitamins and minerals.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brian and family motored to St. Joe Saturday to attend the silver wedding anniversary of their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spink.



by MEL OTT

THIS SCARRED veteran of many a baseball campaign well remembers my 1934 season with the New York Giants when we were leading the league by something like half a dozen games on Labor Day, yet blew the pennant to the St. Louis Cardinals on the final day.

The Carus went on to quash the Tigers in the World Series but that isn't the point of this story.

The point is that we were all veterans of the championship 1933 team and certainly knew what the game was all about. Yet we went into an unexplained slump, nothing we could do was right, and the next thing we knew we wound up trailing the Cardinals.

Similar difficulties befell the Tigers, although under less acute circumstances, when they suffered their recent 10-game slump. It was the fault of no individual, it was something that was (and is) difficult to explain and little or nothing could be done about it except to keep giving everything you had every day.

Still in Contention

I still believe that should the Tigers ever get all the parts clicking at once, and keep them that way, they're going to be a very tough team to keep out of the first division.

This was proved on the last Eastern trip when they posted a highly commendable 11 won-5 lost record while whipping the Yankees three straight.

Despite the absence of Ned Carver, the pitching staff was go-

ing along smoothly. The batters were coming through in the pinch. And the defensive play was superb.

The team returned to Briggs Stadium full of confidence. If they could do so well on the road, wouldn't they do even better at home? Naturally.

Trouble—All At Once

Then the roof fell in. Harvey Kuenn, who'd been injured in Boston, failed to respond to treatment and remained out of the line-up. Frank Bolling, whose play at bat and at second base had been outstanding since his return on leave from the Army, had to go back for his discharge.

Bill Tuttle went into a slump. Ray Boone's ailing knees acted up. And, as if all this weren't enough, bad luck seemed to dog those who remained. A fielding misplay that ordinarily wouldn't have mattered turned out to be a crucial play. Or the batters simply couldn't drive in important runs, no matter how hard they tried.

Such a combination of circumstances is enough to make anyone discouraged. But the Tigers weren't discouraged, only disgusted, particularly over blowing the close ones during that 10-game ordeal.

Finally it came to an end. The ailing players recovered, the absent player returned and the team started hitting and fielding again. That's the way it goes in baseball.

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Ada Community News

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**STUKKIE BIRTHDAYS
CELEBRATED TOGETHER**

A hamburg fry was held last Saturday outdoors in the backyard of the Herman Stukkie, Sr., home to honor the birthdays of Herman and his son, Norman. They both celebrated their anniversaries on Saturday.

Those present were Herman's sister, Mrs. Edward Heidema of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Stukkie and family of Mt. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stukkie, Jr., of Eastmont, Mr. and Mrs. John Veneman and family of Grand Rapids, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Duthler and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Duthler and baby.

Roger Injured

Roger Stukkie, R. M. 3, was injured while swimming last week. While waiting in New York at the Navy hospital for a knee operation, he went swimming in the hospital pool. His knee gave out, however, causing him to fall, suffering a broken vertebra in his neck, and head cuts which required 5 stitches to close.

Plan Ice Cream Social

The Pilgrim Fellowship of Congregational Church will sponsor an ice cream social in lot across from Weaver's store Saturday afternoon and evening, July 21. Any donation of cakes and pies will be appreciated.

Other Ada News

Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Fitch were Mrs. Leona Gilpin from the Michigan Veterans Facility and daughter Mrs. Charlotte Gilpin of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Fla. S. Tworek and children, Cathy, Laura, Margaret and Charlotte left early Friday morning to motor to their home in Norfolk, Va. after spending the past month with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tworek of Columbus, Neb., and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fitch. Mrs. Pete Kamp and daughter Gertrude, Esther and Ethel re-

daughter of Detroit are spending the summer months at their home on Pettis ave.

Mrs. Grace Whaley, Ada librarian accompanied Mrs. Evelyn Smith, Alto librarian to Sand Lake Monday to attend the Kent County Library staff meeting and annual picnic. About 30 members of the board were present and enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner.

Mrs. Hubert Freyermuth assisted by her mother entertained with a charcoal steak fry at the Freyermuth home in Grand Rapids Saturday afternoon in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Freyermuth who left Monday for a vacation trip to Yellowstone Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris and Mrs. Orison Weaver and children spent the week-end at their cabin at St. Helen.

Donald and David, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rooker of Detroit and Barbara Ann daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rooker of Ann Arbor spent a few days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rooker last week.

Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Svoboda at Silver Lake were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Courtright and children of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Courtright.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Nellist spent last week vacationing with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fox at their cottage at Hicks Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Collins attended Showboat amateur night after which they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Duke Thomet.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Collins spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gaunt at their cottage at Long Lake.



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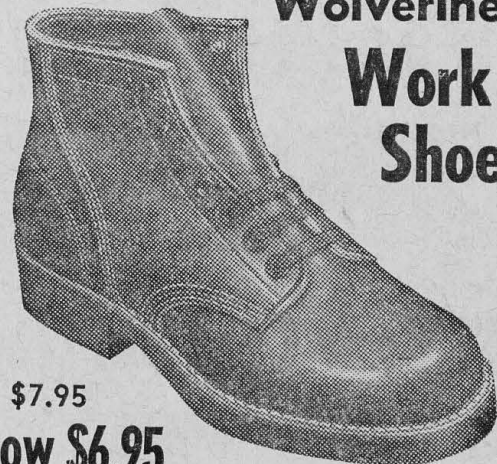
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Description: The south 165 feet of the North 800 feet of the east 325 feet of the NW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 26, Town 6 North, Range 10 West.

M. J. VanderVeen
Cascade Township Clerk.
c-16-17

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anderson who left for Camp Fort Totten, N. Y. Tuesday were honor guests at a fish dinner Monday night at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson and family of Grand Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson and family.

Political Strife And The Four Great Committees

By Prof. Norton E. Long
Michigan State University

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles about the national political conventions prepared especially for weekly newspapers by Dr. Long with assistance of the M.S.U. Department of Information Services. An expert on public administration and political parties, Prof. Long is currently acting head of the department of political science and director of the Michigan Citizenship Clearing House.)

Some of the biggest battles of national convention history have been fought in the four great committees, or at the time the committees reported to the convention. An important factor in President Eisenhower's nomination in 1952, for example, was the overriding by his supporters of the late Senator Robert Taft's backers who controlled the credentials committee. Thus committee strategy plays an extremely important role in the actual nominations.

The keynote speech over, the convention's four principal committees are selected. These are the credentials, platform, rules and permanent organization committees. The chairman of each state delegation rises and presents names of delegates from his state to serve.

Usually, each state presents four names, one for each committee. Sometimes five will be nominated, with two serving on the platform committee. The four groups then set to work, while the convention continues. Much of the excitement may come with the reports of the committees. So, until they are in, the convention marks time and listens to speeches.

The credentials committee normally is first to report. The national convention is absolute judge of the qualifications of its members. Credentials are passed upon in the first instance by the national committee which draws up a temporary list of the delegates it deems qualified to sit at the convention.

By Republican Party rule, the national committee must place on the temporary list all delegates duly certified by the state's public officials as having been selected in accordance with the laws of the state. The Democratic Party has no such rule.

The delegates, if any, not seated by the national committee have an appeal to the credentials committee. This happens particularly with splinter groups, or "parties within the party." Two complete sets of delegates may show up at the convention, both claiming to be the "rightful" delegation from the state.

This is what happened in the Republican convention in 1952. The national committee, the convention arrangements committee and the four major committees were all Taft-dominated. Several states sent two delegations to the convention, one pro-Taft, the other pro-Eisenhower. With about 70 votes at stake, the Taft-dominated credentials committee recommended that most of the Taft-supporting delegations be seated.

When the committee report was read, the convention first passed a "fair play" amendment prohibiting contested delegations from voting until their contests were finally settled. This eliminated the 70 votes which would ordinarily have gone to support the seating of the Taft backers.

With the 70 eliminated, the Eisenhower-favoring convention then went on to seat all of the Eisenhower delegations, ultimately making possible Eisenhower's nomination and defeat of the Taft forces.

Thus it is possible that one candidate will control the machinery of the convention completely as Taft did in 1952, and yet fail to be nominated. This is probably one of Adlai Stevenson's fears this year.

A dramatic fight broke out in 1944 at the Democratic convention. The credentials committee recom-

THE DRIVER'S SEAT



"Don't worry about me, I can see in the dark. I can see like a cat."

With these words, the man started his car, drove off down the highway and, ten minutes later, wrapped himself around a telephone pole. He couldn't see in the dark; he only thought he could.

The idea that some people are peculiarly gifted with "night sight" is a fallacy apparently firmly fixed in our national folk consciousness. Another one is the belief that "lightning never strikes twice in the same place." Act on either of these notions and you're headed for tragedy.

Night vision is far from being merely the simple matter of seeing your hand before your face, or of distinguishing the headlights of an approaching car. What do you mean when you say you can "see" at night? Do you mean you can distinguish objects clearly under low illumination? That you can recover quickly enough from the glare of oncoming headlights to keep yourself—or someone else—from being an accident statistic? That you can judge accurately at night the distance between you and the objects you see?

If you can't do all of these things, you can't see at night—you only think you can. And the driver who acts on what he thinks he sees has a date with disaster.

The fact is, most traffic fatalities occur at night. The "ten hours of trouble" between dusk and dawn are the most dangerous driving hours on the clock. The experts who build our roads and highways know this. They also know, however, that many drivers won't believe this proven fact. Therefore, the scientists and engineers try to protect these drivers against them-

mended seating the "regular" Texas delegation which was opposing the fourth term of Roosevelt. As a conciliatory move, however, it suggested both delegations be seated, and each delegate be given a half vote, in effect cancelling out the Texas vote. When the convention adopted this recommendation, the "regular" delegation angrily walked out, thus assuring the nomination of F.D.R.

(Next: Platforms and the Politics of a Permanent Chairman)

selves by building into our highways safety factors especially designed to save lives at night.

There are the flashing red lights at railroad crossings, the special traffic signals that function only at night, and the reflectorized, 24-hour signs that warn of sharp curves, crossroads, and other highway hazards. In addition to these after-dark safety devices, many states are painting center and shoulder highway lines with light-reflecting material that gives drivers continuous safety guidance—day and night and in all weather.

The men who work to make your life safer on the highway know they don't have cat's eyes. They believe in their signs. You will drive farther and live longer, if you believe in them too.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Teeple of Howell and Larry Grant of Lansing were Sunday visitors of Jennie Grant and called to see Mrs. Lottie Teeple at the hospital in Grand Rapids.

Candy Reyburn is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Svoboda at their cottage at Silver Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Somerville flew to Charlevoix Tuesday to see their son Robert who is at Camp Charlevoix for a month.

Marcia Veeneman of Grand Rapids and Joanne Stukkie of Mt. Morris are spending the week with their aunt, Mrs. Jerry Duthler.



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LOST—Brown coin purse, tan lacing, at Ada Town Hall on July 18. Driver's license, \$11 in change. Reward. Call GL 8-2802. c17

News of Servicemen

This past Wednesday Calvin E. Boersma, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Boersma, 36th SE, returned home after spending four years in the Navy and Fleet Marines. Boersma, who attained the rating of HM3, received his basic training at Great Lakes and has served in Korea and Japan. His latest post was Camp Pendleton, California and he was discharged from San Diego. Boersma plans to enter the carpenter business with his father.

Local Scouts Win Honors

All local Scouts attending camp Shawondossee the past week received advancements. Explorer, James Atherton passed the requirements for rowing and canoeing merit badges. Explorer, Don Heaven passed the requirements for lifesaving and canoeing, merit badges. Scouts Pat Kelly and Nick Duiven passed the requirements for canoeing, rowing and swimming merit badges. Douglas Stiles and Sybrant Dykhouse Jr. passed the requirements for canoeing merit badges. Tom Patterson passed the requirements for his marksmanship merit badge. The boys won first place in patrol competition in scouting activities; bringing home a plaque which will be placed with their other scouting laurels.

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Walter W. Gumser

Over one hundred local business and professional people of Lowell and vicinity including the Lowell Board of Trade have publicly endorsed the candidacy of Walter W. Gumser for nomination to the Michigan State Legislature from this district.

Nominations to the republican candidacy will be selected at the primary election Tuesday, Aug. 7.

As a member of the legislature Mr. Gumser would represent the residents of the southern eight townships in Kent county, the Second District, comprised of Lowell, Bowne, Cascade, Caledonia, Paris, Gaines, Wyoming and Byron Townships.

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Our present Lowell School superintendent was born at Muskegon Feb. 15, 1896, and moved to Holland in 1901. He is a graduate of Holland High School, Hope College, and the University of Michigan. He is a World War I Veteran, is married, and their one son is a World War II Veteran. The Gumser's moved to Lowell in 1926, when he became superintendent of schools here.

Mr. Gumser has been a teacher, coach or superintendent of schools since 1919. He is a past president of the Michigan Association of School Administration, and a member of the Michigan Educational Policies Commission.

Williams Praises G. O. C. Posts

The following letter was received by the Thornapple Valley GOC Post recently. We, along with the local GOC members, feel that it might be of interest to many of our readers and hereby publish it as a community service.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE GROUND OBSERVER CORPS: Saturday, July 14, 1956 is the fourth anniversary of Skywatch, the program under which thousands of civilian volunteers at observation posts throughout our 48 states maintain a constant aerial watch for aircraft which may be hostile.

In Michigan today there are more than 20,000 Civil Defense volunteers manning 618 observation posts. By giving unselfishly of their time and effort in spotting and tracking down unidentified planes, these patriotic men and women are making an invaluable contribution to the over-all defense of our state and our nation. In addition, they provide many extra community dividends in the form of assists in saving aircraft in trouble, fire spotting, tornado tracking and other weather information.

We owe a great deal to our friends and neighbors who, in every sort of weather, are on the alert for threatening danger. Whenever possible, we should enroll with them in this service so vital to the survival of our people in the event of enemy attack.

On this fourth anniversary of the Ground Observer Corps Skywatch, let me, through this letter, convey to every volunteer not only my personal thanks but the thanks of every citizen of Michigan for a job well done.

Sincerely,
G. Mennen Williams
Governor

Gove Lake Mrs. Leon Seeley

A-2 Lee Norton of Camp Francis E. Warren in Cheyenne Wyo. is spending a 15 day furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Knuppenberg of Muskegon spent Sunday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Gregory.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shimmel is spending some time in Lansing at the home of Mrs. Louise Groenleer caring for the family while Mrs. Groenleer is in the Hospital.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Frank Quiggle.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johns of Lansing called at the Leon Seeley home Sunday.

Snow School Reunion will be held Saturday, July 28, at the Snow Community Hall. Potluck dinner at one o'clock.

HEARING CANCELLED

The public hearing regarding possible division of the Gove School district which was to have been held in the County Annex building this past Monday was postponed for at least a month according to word received last Friday from Lynn H. Clark's office.

According to Clark, the new board of District 15 Fractional failed to pass a resolution regarding annexation of part of the Gove district and consequently a hearing on this controversial subject can not be held at this time.

Unless a proposal from the new board, headed by John Adriane, is before the County Board of Education, action of any sort can not be taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Ward returned home Saturday after spending a week fishing and vacationing at Lake Leelanau.

Collins Weeber Is Ordained

Thursday July 5, The Rev. Collins D. Weeber was ordained and installed as pastor of the Eastmont Reformed Church by the Classis of North Grand Rapids at the Calvery Reformed Church on Fulton.

Rev. Henry Kik, President of Classis presided, leading in devotions and reading the installation form. Rev. Henry Bast delivered the sermon.

The charge to the congregation was given by Rev. George C. Douma, pastor of the mother church. He also served as moderator of the Eastmont Church.

The charge to the pastor was given by Rev. George Weeber, father of the new pastor.

Mr. Weeber, who has just graduated from The Western Seminary, comes to Eastmont as its first pastor, and Rev. and Mrs. Weeber will reside at 4637 Ada Drive.

Wednesday, July 18, a congregational meeting was held at the Ada Town Hall for approval of the plans for a church building. Following the business meeting a reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. Weeber. A short program and refreshments were enjoyed.

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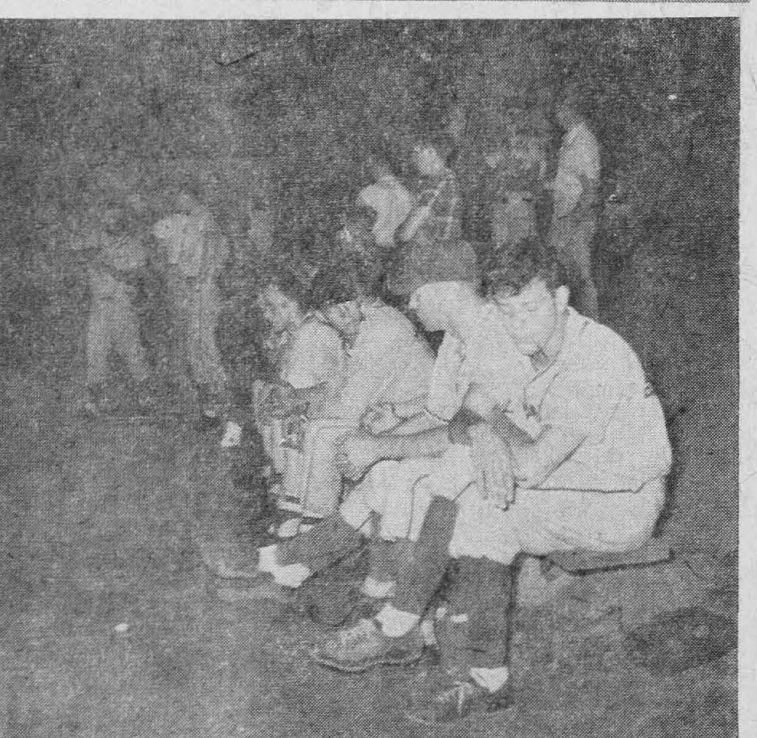
OBITUARY

This past Tuesday, John Vandenberg, 93, Ada, passed away at Pine Rest sanitarium.

Vandenberg was born in the Netherlands and came to this country in 1880. He was a farmer in Cascade township until his retirement in 1927 and was a charter member of the Ada Christian Reformed church.

Surviving are five sons, Peter, Joe, Edward, Dan and Roy, one daughter, 20 grandchildren and 46 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 3:30 P.M. Friday at the DeVries Funeral home, Rev. Arthur Verburg officiating. Burial in Cascade cemetery.



Upper picture shows part of the crowd at the Ada ball field last Monday evening. Ada lost 2 to 1 in a hot battle with Kendall Furniture. Middle picture shows Gardner Collins at bat while his teammates sit on the bench (lower view) waiting their turn at the plate. With the new floodlights and concession stand at the local field, the crowds have been flocking to see each game. The Ada Merchants play every Monday and Thursday and the Second Team every Tuesday and Friday.

A large crowd at the Ada ball field last Monday saw Kendall Furniture nose out the Ada Merchants 2 to 1 in a hard fought game.

In the second inning Jim Dollaway reached first base on a walk. Managing to steal two bases, Dollaway came across with Ada's one and only run when Larry Boersma's bunt was fumbled by Kendall's pitcher. Boersma failed to reach first on a very close play.

It was a hard fought game all the way and a spectacular catch by Kendall's third baseman seemed to be the play that lost the game for the Merchants. In the last half of the sixth with one out, Stan Osmolinski on first and Larry Boersma on second, Marve DeGood slammed near the third base line. It was speared by the third baseman and Larry Boersma trying to make third was the end of a very

fast double play. Ron Boersma was the pitcher for Ada.

Ada's 2nd team fared no better Tuesday night when they lost their second game of the season to Clarksville 11 to 9. Last Friday the Middleville team was the first to down the second team who had five straight wins up to that point. Herm Heemstra pitched both games.

In Tuesday's game Leonard Fase made a three base hit with one man on.

Schedule for the Ada Merchants is as follows: This Thursday, Freeport, Monday, July 23, Calvary Reformed, Thursday, July 26, C & O Railroad and on Monday, July 30 they play Steelcase No. 1.

This week Friday, July 20, the Second Team will be up against the Grand Rapids Athletic Club and on Saturday the local field has

been leased to the General Motors club. Their opponent is not known as we go to press.

Although the Merchant's are in a bad slump according to the official score box, they have been playing good ball. Harry Heileman used to say "The game isn't over 'till the last man is out" and local fans still turn out in good numbers waiting for their team to get the right breaks.

Second team fans who believe their team is better than the Merchants will be out in force next Wednesday when the two local clubs battle it out under the lights. Local soft ball lovers are urged to keep that night open.

Look Out For Bogus Bills

Merchants and residents in the ACE area are warned to be on the lookout for counterfeit \$5 bills. According to Henry W. Cohen, resident agent of the U. S. Secret Service, the passer of these bogus bills is believed to be switching his area

of operation from the East coast to the Middle West. It is possible that Michigan cities may be visited by the counterfeiter.

The bills bear the seal of the federal reserve bank of Chicago and the check letter and plate number in the lower right hand corner on the front of one series has the letter O, followed by the number 231.

Another series has the check letter J, with the number 171 following it. Back plate numbers, 2117, 2102 and 8225 have also been used. Another identification mark is the series number 1950 A, at the lower right of Lincoln's picture.

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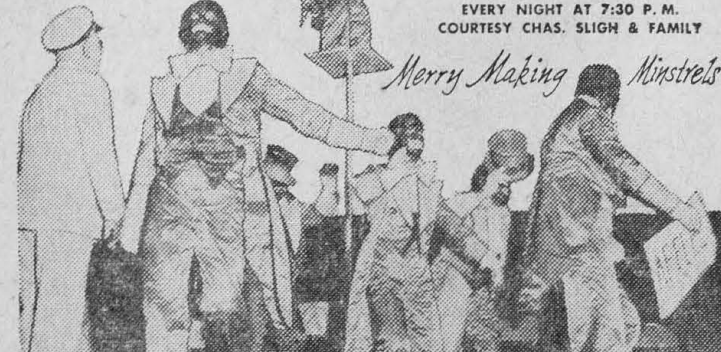


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