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Letters To Editor

Citizens Feel Annexation Proposal Best

Letter to Editor:

During the past several weeks there has been considerable discussion in the local press about the matter of annexing a small portion of the new Kent County Airport to the City of Grand Rapids. We are all aware of why this is being sought and no further discussion of this is necessary at this time.

My first reaction to this was the same as many others in our township, that being to believe this action wrong and bad for the area. However, after objectively looking at the problem I am now convinced that this would be in the best interests of all concerned. If the Township Board does not go along with this proposal the property will undoubtedly be annexed by other methods and in all probability more than just the terminal complex will be taken. You know better than I what the long range effect would be on the tax base in Cascade Township and the two school districts covering the area.

As you know I have spent a considerable amount of time over the past several years working on the planning for the future of Cascade Township. One of the main concerns was the area surrounding the new airport and the results would be very tragic if this whole area were removed from the township jurisdiction. While none of us like the idea of giving up a portion of the airport we

might as well be sensible and consider the alternatives which face us should the Township Board choose not to approve the proposal presented. It's fine to be idealistic in our thinking but we shouldn't carry it to the point of winning the battle and losing the war.

Perhaps I have rambled too long on this subject but I strongly feel that the Township Board has an obligation to consider the implications involved in denying this request. No one can deny that a great deal of the development of Cascade Township is tied to the growth of the airport and the surrounding area. Let's not sit idly by and see the whole area removed from our jurisdiction when by giving up a little we at least have a fighting chance of retaining the balance.

Yours very truly,
E. S. Thompson

Letter to Editor:

After careful weighing of all the circumstances, I sincerely believe that the annexation of the Airport Terminal Building by the City of Grand Rapids is logical and will give the advantages of metropolitan police and fire protection without a sacrifice in the Cascade Township tax base.

It has to be acknowledged that Grand Rapids will contribute a substantial portion of the traffic through the Airport and their proposed friendly and non-aggressive annexation will give the Airport operation the benefit of metropolitan backing and the support of Grand Rapids civic organizations.

In addition, I am very confident that any affiliated restaurant or dining facilities will be operated on a commendable basis.

Very truly yours,
Harvey R. Conrie
7361 Grachen S.E.
Grand Rapids 6, Michigan

5690 Cascade Rd., S. E.
Grand Rapids 6, Michigan
17 December 1962

Cascade Township Board

It is my understanding, through recent publicity, that County Aviation authorities have suggested a transfer of the Terminal Building area, four acres, to the City of Grand Rapids, and I am aware of this plan to attempt securing this area, or possibly the entire Airport, by petition if the transfer plans fail. Since it appears inevitable that some transfer or annexation will take place, I encourage the Board to accomplish this in a manner consistent with the best interests of the Township. I believe this to be the transfer of the Terminal Building area.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. J. W. Rollison

Cascade Township Board:

In view of the present annexation issue of the airport terminal building to the City of Grand Rapids: the township board has a duty to the township to vote "yes" on the proposal. It is either annexation by force or by mutual agreement, and the board should cooperate with the City by voting yes on this proposal.

Lewis J. Hawkins
2333 Thornapple River Drive,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Services Held Monday For
Cathie Rodenburg, 14

Miss Cathie Rodenburg, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douwe (Dick) Rodenburg, 4935 Ada Drive, S. E., passed away Friday evening following an illness at the Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital.

Miss Rodenburg was a ninth grader at Forest Hills High School. Miss Rodenburg was a ninth grader at Forest Hills High School. Sympathy is extended by the community to the Rodenburg family.

Services were held at 2 p. m. at the Eastmont Reformed Church, Monday, December 31. The Rev. Collins Weeber officiated, and burial was made in the Ada Cemetery.

Besides her parents, Miss Rodenburg is survived by four brothers, Frederick, Gary, William and David; two sisters, Donna and Mary, all at home; and her grandmother, Mrs. Allie Winters of Caledonia.

KENT PTA COUNCIL
MEETS JANUARY 8TH

Kent County Council of P.T.A. will be held January 8 at Northville High School.

Registration will be held at 9:30 a. m. followed by the business meeting at 10 a. m. Conferences will be held for the following: Officers: Council Delegates: Membership: Parliamentary Procedure and By Laws: Home and Family Living, Library and Founders Day.

Rev. H. Herbert Taylor will be the speaker. His subject will be "A Direct Line to Johnnie's School."

Special Meeting Thursday
ON ADA COMMUNITY HOUSING

Special meeting on Thursday, January 3 at the Ada Townhall, of the Ada Community Housing Corp. at 8 p. m., everyone welcome.

Rangers Play Comstock Park

The Forest Hills Rangers will travel to Comstock Park on Friday, January 4 to meet the Comstock Panthers. The Reserve game will start at 7:00 p. m.

Students will be admitted at the door for 50 cents by identifying themselves as Forest Hills Students. There will be no pre-game sale at the high school.

Boosters Club To Meet

A very important meeting of the Forest Hills Boosters Club will be held Wednesday, January 9 at the high school at 7:30 p. m.

Several committee reports will be given, and plans for the future will be discussed. All parents are invited to attend, including mothers.

Mothers' March Needs Volunteers

"Every mother should be thankful, because she no longer has to face the fear of polio!"

This is the message of Mrs. Louis Vander Kaay, chairman of Kent County's Mothers' March of Dimes.

To continue the fight against crippling childhood diseases, mothers in 1963 will be marching to conquer birth defects and arthritis as well as polio.

More marching mothers are needed in the ACE area. A few hours of your time may mean either successful treatment or a crippled child. The goal of the county committee is one marching mother for every 15 homes in Kent County.

Please join our team. Call Mrs. James Carpenter, area chairman, at 949-0406; Mrs. Ray Soles, Grand Rapids Township chairman, at 949-1316; Mrs. Bernard Rooker, Ada Township chairman, at OR 6-3481; or Mrs. James Banta, Cascade Township chairman, at 949-2595.

Murphy Community Club Plan Teachers' Dinner

The Murphy Community Club lent a helping hand to a family at Christmas time, taking a basket of groceries and dolls for the children in the family to be given at Christmas, at the last meeting held December 17.

The organization will have a teachers' appreciation dinner on January 31, time and other details will be planned at the next meeting of the Murphy Community Club, Monday, January 21.

Pastor Receives Calls

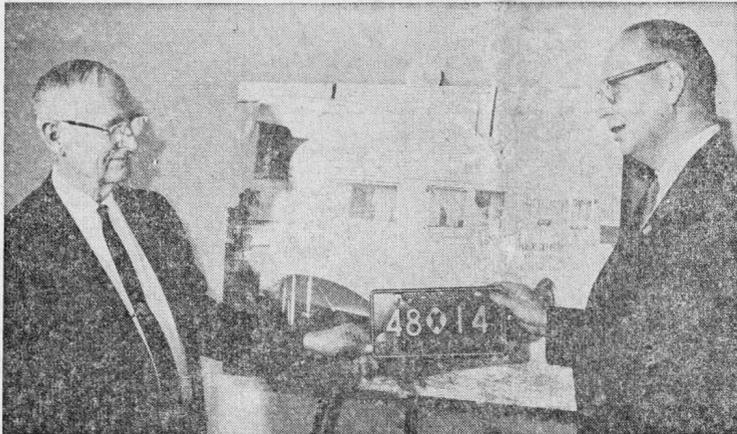
Reverend Collins Weeber, pastor of Eastmont Reformed Church, has received a call from the Classis of California to serve in the organization of a new church in Riverside, California.

He has also received a call to serve the Palm Springs Community Reformed Church of Lakewood, Florida. Mr. Weeber will visit these places early in January.

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Next regular meeting will be held on January 17 with John Garigan, official from the H.H.A. Chicago office will be present.



"FIRST" HISTORIC LICENSE PLATE—Secretary of State James M. Hare (right) awards Michigan's first "Historic Vehicle" license plate ever issued for a mobile home to this 1936 Vagabond travel trailer manufactured in New Hudson, Mich. Fred C. Burt, president of Vagabond Corporation and an industry pioneer, accepts the plate. In Michigan a vehicle must be 25 or more years old to qualify for the "Historic Vehicle" plate. Previously only motor vehicles had been awarded these plates.

Thornapple Extension Holds Annual Christmas Party

The December meeting of the Thornapple Extension group was held, Thursday, December 27, at the home of Mrs. Richard Timmer. There were 12 members present.

We had our annual Christmas party. The home was beautifully decorated in holiday style, with the scent of pine in the air to add to the festive atmosphere. A delicious punch was served by our hostess and the party was on the way. We had games of every kind (with prizes), a lunch never to be forgotten and exchange gifts.

It was an evening we'll remember for some time. Thanks to Mrs. Richard Timmer for all the effort she put into making it such a nice evening.

Mrs. Al Bishop has been transferred from Butterworth Hospital to Mary Free Bed Hospital for therapeutic treatment.

Miss Cyndy Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Carpenter, was hospitalized, following an accident on Cascade Road, in Grand Rapids Osteopathic Hospital.

Fred McGrath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard McGrath, Jeanlin Drive, will remain in Osteopathic hospital following the accident incurred Sunday, December 16.

Kevin Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Murphy, Jeanlin Drive, was a patient in Blodgett Hospital for a tonsillectomy.

Harry Beimers of Pettis Road is a patient at Blodgett Hospital.

Adrian Vader of Vergenes Road is under observation at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Read Suburban Life Want Ads.

Social Briefs

On Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Geib of Thornapple River Drive drove to Carmel, Indiana, to visit with their son and his family, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Geib and children.

During the Christmas week-end, Mr. and Mrs. John Hamer of 6460 Burton Street had as their guests Mrs. Estelle Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Urka and Meg, and Julie and William Crane from Marshall, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fosner of Denison Drive left on the Sunday evening train to spend New Year's in Chicago. Mrs. Fosner returned home on Tuesday, but Mr. Fosner will be staying on for another ten days for the Furniture Market.

Last December 20th, Mrs. Ward Geib of Thornapple Drive had a Christmas Tea in her home. Those present were Mrs. Raymond Gaylor, Mrs. John Durno, Mrs. Phil Johnson, Mrs. Peter Price, Mrs. Roy Miller, Mrs. Dale Mayhall, Mrs. Ralph Fosner, Mrs. Warner Bruins Slot, Mrs. Ralph Schurtz, and Mrs. Songstad. Mrs. Geib's decorations around her home were lovely, as were the Christmas refreshments.

KNAPP SCHOOL CHILDREN SHARE WITH LESS-FORTUNATE

Instead of exchanging 50 cent gifts within the rooms the Knapp School children bought 25 cent gifts, if they wished, to exchange among themselves. Those who desired gave 25 cents or more to charities.

Some of the charities the children wished to help support were: the Santa Claus Girls, Muscular Dystrophy, and CARE.

ADA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL MOTHERS' CLUB TO MEET

The Mothers' Club of Ada Christian School will meet Thursday, January 10 at 8:00 p. m. at the school.

You can buy and sell anything with Suburban Life Want Ads.

Mrs. BruinsSlot Is New Reporter

Beginning in January, a new News Reporter will take the news for Suburban Life, Mrs. Elyn BruinsSlot, 1655 Laraway Lake Drive, phone 676-1724. Mrs. BruinsSlot will replace Mrs. Charters, who has taken a full-time position as Secretary for the Grand Rapids-Kent Council of Churches in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Charters enjoyed serving as reporter and found it interesting, and a special thanks to all those who cooperated in giving the news to her each week.

Mrs. BruinsSlot will be contacting you before meeting times, and it is hoped you will give her the same cooperation and consideration given in the past.

Happy New Year to all the readers of Suburban Life.

Ada P.F. To Hear Speaker On Iron Curtain Youth

Members of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the First Congregational Church of Ada will meet at the church at 6:15 p. m. next Sunday, January 6, and will proceed from there to the Second Congregational Church in Grand Rapids to hear Dr. Roger Shinn speak on "Young People Behind the Iron Curtain."

This special trip will take the place of the group's normal Sunday night meeting.

EASTMONT COFFEE GROUP TO MEET WITH MRS. D. DAANE

The Eastmont Coffee Group will meet Tuesday, January 8, at 9:30 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Daane, 1137 Patterson Avenue. The co-hostesses will be Mrs. Barbara Briggs and Mrs. Hope Kappas.

Letter To Editor

Service of Liquor At Airport Needed Chamber of Commerce Member Says

Mr. Gerrit Baker, Supervisor:

As an employer of residents of Kent County, our principal group of customers is the furniture industry whom we serve on a nationwide basis. Literally we have customers from Maine to California and from Washington to Florida.

In calling on the trade and attending markets, we have occasion to talk to many people in the home furnishing industry, both on the retailing as well as the manufacturing level. When the conversation gets around to where we are from the response is always interesting and very often informative. As furniture people there is never any question about where what Grand Rapids is or was.

Many recall with nostalgia the times when they showed their ware here or when they used to come here on buying trips or to attend the furniture markets. Some of them still do.

From this point the conversation always gets around to why Grand Rapids isn't what it used to be and invariably one of the reasons given is that it's too hard to get to. We are accused of having done nothing to make it any easier for visitors to reach us and they cite the railroad station in the middle of a junk yard and an old airport where they couldn't find a seat in the waiting room and even had to stand outdoors in all kinds of weather to reclaim their baggage.

The image of a community is, of course, the sum total of all the things that an individual or group of individuals is exposed to with respect to that community. This image can be formed by direct observation or be passed along by hearsay and the fact that the com-

Newcomers

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Brouwer, 2439 Linda Street, S. E., are the parents of a boy, born December 18 at Butterworth Hospital. Mr. Brouwer is the principal at Ada Christian School.

Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Dosenberry, 2429 Linda S. E., are parents of a girl, Sharon Kay, born on Christmas Eve at Butterworth Hospital.

Girl Scouts To Stage Snow Squaw

Lowell Girl Scout Troops 407 and 511 will hostess a winter play day, January 5, at the Lowell Box Scout Lodge. The Lodge may be reached by driving east on Main Street in Lowell to Washington Street. Turn left on Washington Street and drive all the way out of town to the end of Washington which forms a circular drive in front of the Boy Scout Cabin.

The day has been named "Snow Squaw Day" and will feature such events as snow sculpturing, snow shoe races, and sledding. Troops from Cascade, Ada, and Forest Hills are joining the two Lowell Troops for the events. The Lowell Troops are serving afternoon refreshments; and hot cocoa will be a popular means of warming snow-cold scouts.

Each Troop Leader is asked to bring paper cups and napkins for her own troop. The events will begin at 1 p. m. and will last until 4 p. m. Every Scout must have a consent slip from home. Each Scout should be properly dressed for an afternoon out-of-doors and ment, and "snow shoe boxes" coated with paraffin.

The University of Michigan Herbarium is among the largest in the Western Hemisphere.

Choirs Present Christmas Music

St. Roberts Junior Choir, composed of 23 teen agers, under the direction of Mrs. Fred Beahan, offered a selection of traditional Christmas Music before Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

The two-part choral group sang "Angels We Have Heard on High," French Carol, "O Come Little Children," Johann Schulz, "Blossoms Flowered 'Mid the Snow," Pietro A. Yon, "What Child is This," traditional, "Silent Night," Franz Gruber, with incidental solo by Babe" by L. Reichardt, The Girls' Acappella choir sang "The First Noel," Old English carol, "A Babe is Born," with Karla Pruninski, soloist, and Miss Colleen Doyle organist.

The Senior Choir of St. Roberts Church, under the direction of Ray Moore, and accompanied on the organ by Mrs. George Grochowalski sang the High Mass. The program included the Propers of the Mass, by Sister Mary Florentine, The Mass in Honor of the Nativity of the Child Jesus, based upon traditional Christmas themes by Reverend L. A. Dobbstein.

The Offertory hymn was "Tollite Hostias" and "Adeste Fideles" sung by the entire choir and "Resonet in Laudes" by the men, was sung for the Communion Hymns. Eloise Butler, M.A.S.A., home on leave from Camp Pendleton, California, sang "O Holy Night" for the recessional.

Mothers Hold Luncheon; Listen To Guest Speaker

The Mothers of Thornapple Parent Club held a luncheon Tuesday, December 18 at Fellowship Hall of Cascade Christian Church. Mrs. Eugene Retersdorf gave a lovely program of poetry and prose and thoughts on Christmas, and Christmas Carols were sung.

The \$100 Gift certificate from Wurzburgs was given to Richard Crosby, Buttrick Road from the Benefit drawing sponsored by the Thornapple Parent Club. A \$3 gift certificate was awarded to Mrs. Warner BruinsSlot, who received the most donations.

A gift of Golden Book Encyclopedias was given to the school library by Mrs. Orland Smith and Mrs. Herbert Ray.

Post-Hi Youth Group Help Make 74 Children Happy

The Post-Hi Youth Group of Cascade Christian Church wants to thank everyone who helped them in making the project a success. Through this organization it was possible to help 74 children, who might not have known the happiness of Christmas that they did—a Christmas party, with Santa visiting, refreshments, toys, clothing, and entertainment. More than \$350 was raised to make all this possible.

Twelve families were helped in making their Christmas a most happy one. About 250 gifts were wrapped, and Mr. and Mrs. Tittsworth, the adult advisors of Post Hi want to thank all who helped them in wrapping.

Ada P.T.A. To Hear Speaker

The Ada P.T.A. will meet, Tuesday, January 8, in the Ada gymnasium.

Following a brief business meeting, Mrs. Don Van Artsen, Program Chairman, will present Dr. Robert Heiber who will speak on "How Music Enriches."

Citizens Advisory Group To Meet On January 6

The Citizen's Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, January 8 at Cascade School at 8 p. m. The Committee usually meets each first Tuesday of the month, this month being changed because of it falling on a Holiday.

Remember when the tax on a \$4,000 income was a penny?... When the clock on the courthouse told different time on three sides, and didn't work on the other?... Dad had congress shoes?... Rebutter was soft all summer and Grandma boiled the milk before anyone could drink it?...

My Neighbors

A poem, "Tutankhamen: Cat," by Cary P. Stiff, instructor in English and creative writing at Hamline University, will be published next January in the annual anthology of the National Poetry Association, it was announced recently in St. Paul, Minnesota, newspapers.

Stiff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cary P. Stiff, 620 Dogwood Road, Ada.

POEM TO BE ANTHOLOGIZED

Patronize Suburban Life Advertisers.

Letter To Editor Uphold Majority Opinion On Liquor By Glass Sale in Cascade, Citizens Say

Cascade Town Board Michigan Liquor Control Comra. The Suburban Life

Dear Sirs:

On Tuesday, November 6, 1962, the voters of Cascade township were asked to express themselves on the issue of the sale of liquor-by-the-glass in our community. As in past years (there has been no hard liquor sold in Cascade for over 80 years), the voters of the township voted NO on this issue. The exact vote was 567 Yes and 589 No. Granted that the NO vote was slim, still the percentage of majority was greater than that received by either Governor George Romney at the same election or President Kennedy in the 1960 election. However, as Americans, no matter how close the vote, we have come to live by the majority position or candidate.

The express purpose of this letter is one requesting the Cascade Town Board to live by and uphold the majority opinion registered at the polls but two months ago. The present proposal to annex four acres at the airport to the city of Grand Rapids, primarily the administration building area, we feel to be in direct violation of the thinking of the majority of Cascade citizens. The purpose behind the proposal, needless to say, is to permit the sale of alcoholic beverages at the new airport. Regardless of the rumors of forced annexation on the part of Grand Rapids, we feel that our Town Board should refuse to give even an inch of township property. If the city is to annex us, let the citizenry of Grand Rapids and Kent County be alerted as to the real facts behind airport annexation proposals. In other words, don't give us the ship without fighting!

When the aeronautics board first made overtures to Cascade township about placing the new airport in our midst, we were told all about the valuable taxable property that would be ours. But now, just because our township voted NO on Liquor-by-the-Glass, we are told if we do not give over four acres to Grand Rapids, that the city will take the whole airport and surrounding acreage. There are those that feel we must pacify this group. We, whose signatures appear below, are not in agreement with this proposal of pacification. We request that our Town Board will refuse to be a partner in giving away any acreage.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerald H. Waldron, John Hamer, Warner J. Bruins Slot, James S. Banta, Milton L. Heaven, Joseph R. Fox, Francis Wm. Dewep, Leonard Stormzand, Lester De Koster, Lester De Koster, L. R. Winslow, Raymond Gaylor, George L. Morgan, Iran Stilwell, Alfred Scott, H. L. Felker, Roger I. Wykes, Jr., Robert Van Strien, Roy Boeskool, Donald H. Crum, Ralph P. Auble, Charles J. Dennett, Hugh A. Slater, Oscar M. Smith, Guy Chandler, F. H. Warner, Guy Wert, Fred Johnson, and C. C. MacInnes

Scout Corner

Boy Scout Troop 334

Troop 334 held a Court of Honor recently at the Cascade Christian Church. The following awards were presented: Tom Koops, second class; Kim Cartmill, second class; Claude Boyle, first class; and Doug Dykhouse, first class. The following boys received their Tenderfoot Badges: Dan BruinsSlot, Jim Gurney, Douglas Fosner, Bill Buell, Tom Koops, Paul Jenks, and David Vekasi.

Merit Badges were awarded to: John Gurney, Weather & Wild Life Management; Dave Cope, Nature; Jerry Gurney, Physical Fitness; Joe Smith, Cooking; Dennis Dryer, Cooking; and David Reterstorf, Canoeing and First Aid.

Last December 7, Troop 334 traveled to Camp Rockford on the Rogue River for a camp-out and over-night hike. During their stay at the camp, the boys worked hard for their advancements. Altogether, there were 19 boys who attended, accompanied by their Scout Master, William Nurnberger, Michael Vekasi, Institutional Representative, Donald Crum, Member of the Troop Committee. They returned home the afternoon of December 8.

Messrs. Milton and Don Heaven, William and Tom Nurnberger, and John Gurney attended the annual banquet for the Order of the Arrow on December 27 at the Godwin High School.

The boys of Troop 34 are working hard getting ready for the Scouts' annual District Klondike Derby to be held at Riverside Park on January 26. They plan to have three sleds entered in this contest.

Ed Groening, District Advancement Chairman, announced the following:

Local boys in the area who passed the Board of Review will await presentations of the Eagle Award at their troop Court of Honor: Charles Reintges, Troop 290, Ada; Patrick Hanes, Troop 290, Ada; Gerald Gurney, Troop 334, Cascade; and James Groening, Troop 284, Martin.

The three boys who received the Award of the Palms are as follows: Thomas Nurnberger, Troop 334, Cascade; John Gurney, Troop 334, Cascade; and Harry Knopp, Troop 290, Ada.

At a recent Court of Honor and Christmas party for Boy Scout Troop 290 of Ada, there was a skit presented by Tom Stekete and Tim Hanes, followed by a movie entitled "Investment in Tomorrow."

Merit Badges were presented to Tom Carew (1) Brian Reintges (2), Tom Dygert (1), John Free (1), Jeff Horsman (1), Pat Hanes (5), Harry Knopp (3), Dan Olmstead (1), Charles Reintges (6), Tom Seidman (2), Rick Wilson (9), and Gerald Brian, Jr. (2).

In addition, Robert Hanes, Scout Master, presented Advancements in Rank to Richard Pullium, Tenderfoot; Tom Dygert, second class; David McDuffee, second class; Dennis Nowack, second class; Jeff Horsman, first class; Bob Stekete, first class; Rick Wilson, Life Scout; and one-year pins to Bob Stekete and Dennis Nowack.

Tom Crew and Harry Knopp each gave a brief talk on his experiences becoming a member of the Order of the Arrow last summer.

Next, Mrs. Kautenberger's third and fourth graders sang of the "Twelve Days of Christmas." The fifth and sixth graders concluded the afternoon with the singing of "On a Winter Morning," and the Spanish Carol "Fum, Fum, Fum."

Mrs. Pierre's room will have visitors in January. The first and second grade parents will see the children during Music class and also another class. Parents will remain during recesses during which time there will be a question and answer period. Room mothers will serve refreshments at this time.

These visiting days are a good opportunity for parents to view their children in a different setting.

Airman Daniel R. Mull To Receive Technical Training

Airman Basic Daniel R. Mull, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mull of 1180 Cramton Rd., Route 2, Ada, is being reassigned to Keesler Air Force Base in Mississippi, for technical training as a United States Air Force radio and radar maintenance specialist.

Airman Mull, who completed the first phase of his military training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, was selected for the specialized course on the basis of his interests and aptitudes.

He is a 1961 graduate of Forest Hills High School.

News From The Elementary Schools

The fifth and sixth graders from Knapp School invited parents to attend school, December 20, to listen to poems the children had written. The parents also had a chance to hear some Christmas songs the Knapp pupils learned this year.

The afternoon began with Mr. Black's pupils reciting the Christmas poems. Then, directed by their music teacher, Miss Sally Story, they sang the songs: "O! Mary" and "Go Tell it to the Mountain."

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Why a Christian School

Now that the Christmas season has past and most of us have expressed ourselves to the extension of good will among men in one way or another, I thought it might be appropriate to submit these thoughts in the hope that they might somehow advance the ideal of good will among men.

Most of us, upon one occasion or another, have seen a school bus lumber by with the name of Ada Christian School or East Paris Christian School painted on the side. At different times I've wondered to myself what the general public thinks is the reason that a group of people would erect and maintain a school in a neighborhood where excellent and adequate public school facilities are available. Therefore this attempt to explain is submitted in the hope that your understanding may be broadened.

First may I say that I am not trying to prove a point. No attempt shall be made to defend the rights of a private christian school to exist nor shall the matter of government support be entered into. The only purpose of this article is to express the motivation for the establishment of such schools in this area.

Those who support the christian school are not so misdirected as to consider their offspring as some special kind of human being who require special private instruction. Their children have no special talents that are not present in other children. Even their conduct is not better or worse than those children attending public institutions. These parents also recognize that the moral attitude of very many children attending public institutions and the moral fibre of their parents is good and commendable.

Some might feel that the motive of a christian school group to build a private institution is to teach their children their own special brand of Christianity. Although religious instruction is given in a christian school, yet this is not reason enough to build a school since these parents also believe that religious instruction is the responsibility of the parent and the church. They believe that if religious instruction is to be given, it is first of all the task of the parent to instruct the child in these matters and second, the church is to assist in this instruction.

Well, then, why a christian school? Why don't these people send their children to a public school where neutrality is strictly adhered to and religious instruction could be done at home and at church. This seems to be precisely the point of departure. These parents do not believe that neutrality

is possible. Neutrality is a myth, not only in religious instruction but in every academic endeavor. For instance, how can politics be taught without some bias on the part of the teacher? How can history be taught without the teacher assuming some point of view or departure? An American teacher of history views the American Revolution in quite a different light than a British teacher of history. These parents believe that all subjects at all levels are taught with conscious or unconscious bias on the part of the part of the teacher.

When a child is taught that 2 x 2 is 4 he memorizes the facts as the teacher presents them and he also assumes the bias of the teacher. The teacher's bias at this time is that these facts are true, 2 x 2 is 4. The student not only takes on the knowledge of the teacher but also the attitude of the teacher. As the years pass by eventually the student will ask why 2 x 2 is equal to 4. At this juncture the student is far more likely to take on the teacher's attitude than his factual knowledge.

However, this denial of neutrality alone is not sufficient to justify the erection of a separate institution. Christian school supporters also believe that religion or the religious part of the human being is not one distinct category in a group of categories but rather the hub around which are all the other facets of man's life. For instance, these parents do not believe that history, mathematics, or science can be separated from religion or the religious core of man. Whatever the human being does or thinks, the attitude toward his acting or thoughts involves religious motivation.

If a man goes to the store to buy a loaf of bread, he has a certain attitude toward his buying the bread and toward the bread. His attitude, whether he senses it or not, stems from a religious core. The reader might feel that he can go to the store and buy a loaf of bread without any attitude at all. The christian school supporter would answer that bias is something like oxygen, a person never is aware of it until there is too little or too much of it. Nevertheless, oxygen is present with us all the time.

I hope that the reader may understand if not accept why these parents wish to build their own schools. If one believes that all teaching has a bias and that all bias is religiously motivated, then a christian would be inclined to have his children instructed by a teacher with a christian bias. The christian believes in a created and planned universe. He believes that all things are not natural but there is a supernatural part to life and living. If one believes these things to be true, then how can mathematics, science, history, literature or any other part of man's culture be taught without some reference or involvement with the Creator and His plans for all creation? These are the beliefs and convictions of the christian school minded parent.

I hope that next time you see a christian school bus that, even if you don't agree with the principles and conviction involved, you will still have a deeper understanding for the mission and sacrifice undertaken.

Corry Van Spronsen
Teacher, Ada Christian School

The 34th Artillery Brigade in Fort Sill, Oklahoma dropped a car 215 feet from a helicopter—to show what happens when an auto hits a concrete wall at 80 miles an hour.

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Township Clerks In Area To Attend Election Class

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And some of the symbolism was rather heavy-handed, particularly the gleaming crown which hung over the captain's bunk—representing, no doubt, the allegiance to the King's law which hung over Vere's head and which dictated his decision to crucify Billy.

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There was, however, much that was good about the movie: the close-up of the shoes which the usually barefoot Billy Budd dons just before his hanging, and the decision of the captain to fire the ship's guns at an out-of-range target in hopes of alleviating the tension which has built up among his crew.

And the settings and photography! All the sea shots were made aboard authentic brigantines and not on mock-up ships on some studio back lot. The end result was one of complete authenticity, with the black-and-white filming heightening the contrast between Good and Evil as no icky Technicolor could ever do.

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Patrol mileage for the year was over 14 million out of a department total of more than 23 million. Other patrol activity included verbal warnings to motorists, 332,477; cars arrested, 88,755; cars investigated, 140,743; property inspections, 156,300; and liquor inspections, 35,685.

At year's end, the 24-hour expressway patrol inaugurated by the State Police July 1 was covering about 823 miles of Michigan's 1,000-plus miles of interstate and high type limited access trunklines.

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The fire marshal division reported that Michigan had 65,191 fires in 1961 which claimed 235 lives and did an estimated damage of \$45,549,436. The deaths included 168 adults and 67 children but no firemen. Compared with 1960, there was one fewer death but 4,155 more fires and property damage increased \$4.5 million.

Provisional water accident figures for the year showed 235 persons drowned and 195 were injured in 455 mishaps, compared with 262 deaths and 231 injured in 560 accidents in 1961.

The department's enlisted strength was 1,112 at the beginning of

Peak School Enrollment This Year

Full impact of post World War II's "bumper crop" of babies has hit Michigan's high schools.

In releasing fall enrollment figures for the public and non-public high schools, Dr. Bartlett announced this week that an increase of 42,171 students has been counted in the state's secondary schools. "This increase is practically double the increase noted in the previous year, and brings total enrollments in our high schools to a record 441,568," he said.

The 1961-62 enrollment figure was 399,397, a boost of 23,523 over figures taken in October of 1960 and marked the beginning of the onslaught of the booming post-war birth rate on high school enrollments.

The true picture emerges when you consider that the 1960 increase over 1959 was only 2,376 students," Dr. Bartlett said. "In other words, Michigan has realized almost a 2,000 percent rate of increase in just three years.

"While the past two year's jump in attendance will probably be the biggest percentage-wise, they by no means reflect an end to spiraling enrollments. This merely marks the beginning of a tremendous up-surge in population, and Michigan school districts must continue to plan ahead in building programs and financial measures

the year and 1,110 at the close. Fifty-two officers were promoted and 20 retired. One active and three retired officers died.

One award for bravery during year went to Cpl. Frank P. Lyon, of the Bad Axe post. Eleven other officers earned citations for meritorious service.

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Tenth grade enrollments tower over other high school grades, a breakdown of the figures revealed. They number 147,500 in comparison to 91,256 in ninth grade, 113,425 in eleventh grade, and 89,387 in twelfth grade. "This figure gives only the number of students enrolled in high schools which include the ninth grade in their operation. Many other ninth grade students are enrolled in junior high school programs."

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State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie has been elected president of the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHO) for 1963. As president of AASHO, Mackie will be top spokesman for Highway Departments in all 50 states. He's one of the youngest men ever elected AASHO president.

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Why a Christian School

Now that the Christmas season has past and most of us have expressed ourselves to the extension of good will among men in one way or another, I thought it might be appropriate to submit these thoughts in the hope that they might somehow advance the ideal of good will among men.

Most of us, upon one occasion or another, have seen a school bus lumber by with the name of Ada Christian School or East Paris Christian School painted on the side. At different times I've wondered to myself what the general public thinks is the reason that a group of people would erect and maintain a school in a neighborhood where excellent and adequate public school facilities are available. Therefore this attempt to explain is submitted in the hope that your understanding may be broadened.

First may I say that I am not trying to prove a point. No attempt shall be made to defend the rights of a private christian school to exist nor shall the matter of government support be entered into. The only purpose of this article is to express the motivation for the establishment of such schools in this area.

Those who support the christian school are not so misdirected as to consider their offspring as some special kind of human being who require special private instruction. Their children have no special talents that are not present in other children. Even their conduct is not better or worse than those children attending public institutions. These parents also recognize that the moral attitude of very many children attending public institutions and the moral fibre of their parents is good and commendable.

Some might feel that the motive of a christian school group to build a private institution is to teach their children their own special brand of Christianity. Although religious instruction is given in a christian school, yet this is not reason enough to build a school since these parents also believe that religious instruction is the responsibility of the parent and the church. They believe that if religious instruction is to be given, it is first of all the task of the parent to instruct the child in these matters and second, the church is to assist in this instruction.

Well, then, why a christian school? Why don't these people send their children to a public school where neutrality is strictly adhered to and religious instruction could be done at home and at church. This seems to be precisely the point of departure. These parents do not believe that neutrality

is possible. Neutrality is a myth, not only in religious instruction but in every academic endeavor. For instance, how can politics be taught without some bias on the part of the teacher? How can history be taught without the teacher assuming some point of view or departure? An American teacher of history views the American Revolution in quite a different light than a British teacher of history. These parents believe that all subjects at all levels are taught with conscious or unconscious bias on the part of the part of the teacher.

When a child is taught that 2 x 2 is 4 he memorizes the facts as the teacher presents them and he also assumes the bias of the teacher. The teacher's bias at this time is that these facts are true, 2 x 2 is 4. The student not only takes on the knowledge of the teacher but also the attitude of the teacher. As the years pass by eventually the student will ask why 2 x 2 is equal to 4. At this juncture the student is far more likely to take on the teacher's attitude than his factual knowledge.

However, this denial of neutrality alone is not sufficient to justify the erection of a separate institution. Christian school supporters also believe that religion or the religious part of the human being is not one distinct category in a group of categories but rather the hub around which are all the other facets of man's life. For instance, these parents do not believe that history, mathematics, or science can be separated from religion or the religious core of man. Whatever the human being does or thinks, the attitude toward his acting or thoughts involves religious motivation.

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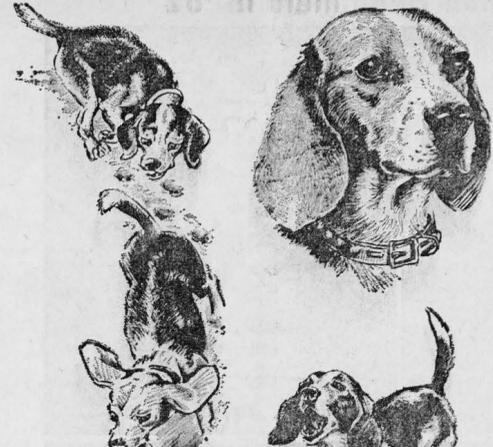
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Tpr. Hubert C. Rosema, of the Rockford post, became the first winner of the new "trooper of the year" award donated by Dr. Carl A. Gerstacker, Midland, chairman of the board of the Dow Chemical Co. The award is given for outstanding community service.

Patrol mileage for the year was over 14 million out of a department total of more than 23 million. Other patrol activity included verbal warnings to motorists, 332,477; cars assisted, 88,755; ears investigated, 140,743; property inspections, 156,300; and liquor inspections, 35,695.

At year's end, the 24-hour expressway patrol inaugurated by the State Police July 1 was covering about 823 miles of Michigan's 1,000-plus miles of interstate and high type limited access trunklines.

Rural school bus accidents in 1961 numbered 496 and resulted in deaths of two children and injury to 347 persons. Compared with 1960, there were one less death and 62 fewer accidents while injuries were up one.

The fire marshal division reported that Michigan had 65,191 fires in 1961 which claimed 235 lives and did an estimated damage of \$45,549,436. The deaths included 168 adults and 67 children but no firemen. Compared with 1960, there was one fewer death but 4,155 more fires and property damage increased \$4.5 million.

Provisional water accident figures for the year showed 235 persons drowned and 195 were injured in 455 mishaps, compared with 262 deaths and 231 injured in 500 accidents in 1961.

The department's enlisted strength was 1,112 at the beginning of

striking the master-at-arms with a lunging, double-fisted blow that sends Claggart to the deck, dead with a broken skull.

Capt. Vere's only course, under the stern Articles of War, is to court-martial Billy Budd for killing a superior officer. And the only penalty prescribed by the Articles is death. "We don't deal with justice here, but with the law," Vere sadly convinces the group of officers sitting in judgment. The Court, knowing of no way to save Billy, makes the soul-wrenching decision to execute him.

And so, on the next morning, a resigned Billy Budd is led before the assembled crew, a rope is slung over a spar and the noose placed around his neck, and four husky seamen "do their duty" and jerk him aloft—but not before he has had a chance to utter his last words: "God bless Captain Vere!"

When I saw the movie—at a recent advance showing—I was bothered at first by the central character's complete, almost unbelievable goodness. Fortunately, an unknown English actor, Terence Stamp, was cast in the part, and, after getting used to his unruly mop of blond hair, I managed—never having seen him play any other role—to be able to suspend disbelief and accept him as the one and only Billy Budd.

I was not so lucky with the other characters. Every time Robert Ryan came on the screen, for example, I found myself saying, "Hmmm. There goes Ryan again, making believe he's that evil old Claggart." Even his costume was distracting—he looked just like the jolly little man on a Quaker Oats box.

Nor could the incomparable Ustinov transcend his own personal image. He always seemed to be just Peter Ustinov the actor, not Edward Vere, captain of the Avenger, though at times he did manage to look a little like a hairy Charles Laughton.

And some of the symbolism was rather heavy-handed, particularly the gleaming crown which hung over the captain's bunk—representing, no doubt, the allegiance to the King's law which hung over Vere's head and which dictated his decision to crucify Billy.

But the biggest shortcoming was the ending, which, in my estimation, stunk. Capt. Vere should not have been conveniently killed by a well-timed falling mast; how much more poetic it would have been if he had been forced to live with his decision to choose the Law and not Justice.

There was, however, much that was good about the movie: the close-up of the shoes which the usually barefoot Billy Budd dons just before his hanging, and the decision of the captain to fire the ship's guns at an out-of-range target in hopes of alleviating the tension which has built up among his crew.

And the settings and photography! All the sea shots were made aboard authentic brigantines and not on mock-ups on some studio back lot. The end result was one of complete authenticity, with the black-and-white filming heightening the contrast between Good and Evil as no icky Technicolor could ever do.

Because of these strong points, I highly recommend that, when "Billy Budd" comes to the local bijou, you hop in the car and go see it.

It beats Gun Smoke any day.

Peak School Enrollment This Year

Full impact of post World War II's "bumper crop" of babies has hit Michigan's high schools.

In releasing fall enrollment figures for the public and non-public high schools, Dr. Bartlett announced this week that an increase of 42,171 students has been counted in the state's secondary schools.

"This increase is practically double the increase noted in the previous year, and brings total enrollments in our high schools to a record 441,568," he said.

The 1961-62 enrollment figure was 399,397, a boost of 23,523 over figures taken in October of 1960 and marked the beginning of the onslaught of the booming post-war birth rate on high school enrollments.

The true picture emerges when you consider that the 1960 increase over 1959 was only 2,376 students," Dr. Bartlett said. "In other words, Michigan has realized almost a 2,000 percent rate of increase in just three years.

"While the past two year's jump in attendance will probably be the biggest percentage-wise, they by no means reflect an end to spiraling enrollments. This merely marks the beginning of a tremendous up-surge in population, and Michigan school districts must continue to plan ahead in building programs and financial measures

the year and 1,110 at the close. Fifty-two officers were promoted and 20 retired. One active and three retired officers died.

One award for bravery during year went to Cpl. Frank P. Lyon, of the Bad Axe post. Eleven other officers earned citations for meritorious service.

Mackie Elected



State Highway Commissioner John C. Mackie has been elected president of the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHO) for 1963. As president of AASHO, Mackie will be top spokesman for Highway Departments in all 50 states. He's one of the youngest men ever elected AASHO president.

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FOREST HILLS BOYS IN FLORIDA ON VACATION
 Four Forest Hills High School boys, Spencer Wilcox, Clarence Stiles, Doug Beckett and Bob MacIntyre left for Florida on Christmas Day. They went on a two week stay in the sunny south. They arrived at Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Post's residence on Thursday, Dec. 27th and spent the day swimming in their pool. They were leaving for Miami on Saturday, Dec. 29th. They will arrive home on January 6th.

Businessmen's Meeting
 The regular meeting of the Cascade Businessmen's Association will be held Wednesday, January 9, at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall of Cascade Christian Church.

Our Savior Lutheran
 On Friday, January 4, the Inter-Parish School Board will meet at 8 p. m. at the home of Walter Kayser, 2261 DeLange Drive. A meeting of the Sunday School teachers will be held Thursday, January 3, at 7:30 p. m. at the school.

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Conservation Headliners in '62



Victory over the sea lamprey appeared close at hand in Lake Superior as a result of chemical treatment of streams in recent years--firearm hunters registered the fifth highest deer kill in the state's history--outdoor recreation reached new heights in popularity and pointed up broadening challenges for state lands. These stood out as some of Michigan's top developments in conservation--resource management and use--during 1962. There were others, of course. Hopes of meeting future leisure-time needs were lifted when a \$200,000 federal grant was made to carry out a state-wide recreation and land conservation plan. Michigan's permit-bonding program for state parks swung into high gear, with some \$2 million worth of construction projects contracted and about \$1 million spent for new recreational lands through this second year. Five new scenic drives were set up in state forests to add another dimension of recreational use to these lands. The year also saw much "lost" progress, particularly among game and fish program which were hard ridden by a prolonged cash crisis.--Mich. Dept. of Conservation

Believes In Junk Mailings

Editor's Note: We print this letter just to prove that there is two sides to every question. We leave it to the reader who has to empty his mailbox of unwanted mailings to decide the merits of the case.

Letter to The Editor:
 Dear Sir:

I am surprised that your paper would print an unsigned letter, such as the diatribe against "junk mail" printed in the December 20, 1962, issue. It would seem that persons who do not wish their names to appear should not be extended the privilege of having their thoughts published.

The disparaging references to "junk mail" in the letter are evidently due to a lack of understanding of the facts. In a free enterprise democracy such as ours it is vital that business be able to communicate with the public. The personal incomes of most citizens, as well as the tax incomes of the governmental units, depend on a healthy business climate. If business were not allowed to advertise and promote or sell its goods, demand would soon slow down, factories lay off help and eventually close down, and unemployment would become catastrophic. This would start the vicious cycle of a depression from which no recovery would be possible, and the economic upheaval would result in complete government control of all phases of life and loss of our free society. Advertising and selling are the keys to continuous prosperity in our free enterprise system.

Advertising material comes to us unsolicited in many ways: through the mails, in newspapers and magazines, over the air waves in television and radio, on highway billboards, to name just a few. We, the consumers, pay for all of this. It is included in the price of every product. And we should be glad that it is, because it is a very nominal price to pay for the privilege of living in a free country. Even if we at times become irritated by advertising and selling, we should always remem-

ber that the only way to eliminate it is to substitute a Marxist society for our own. Passing laws to tax or increase the cost of advertising and selling only results in an increased price of goods to us, the consumers. And eliminating advertising would wreck our system.

Persons who say that carrying advertising material in the mails is a burden to the taxpayers do not know the facts. Most advertising matter is sent by third class mail, the cost of which, after January 1, 1963, is 3 1/2 cents per piece, or 1 1/2 cents less than the first class rate. However, in exchange for this 1 1/2 cents reduction in price, the business mailer does many of the functions the postoffice performs on other mail, such as:

1. Sorts all mail into city and state packages, and ties it into bundles.
2. Prints and cancels its own stamps, in the form of the permit indicia.
3. Delivers the mail to the postoffice directly instead of having the postoffice get it out of a box.
4. Sacrifices the forwarding privilege, and the return if undeliverable privilege, except at extra cost.
5. Conforms to strict size and weight requirements of a stricter nature than other mail.
6. Under certain conditions even eliminates specific addressing (box-holder mail), thereby eliminating the necessity of reading and sorting addresses on the delivery route.

Accurate cost accounting methods have shown that the elimination of these services more than compensates for the small cost reduction allowed third class mail. In fact, it could quite probably be demonstrated that the complete elimination of third class mail would force the postoffice to hire a great many more employees, and raise the cost of all mail.

This newspaper travels to the reader by second class mail, the cost of which is considerably lower than that of third class or first class mail. Yet this, and most newspapers and magazines, are at least 50 per cent advertising material. A case could probably be made to show that the taxpayers are therefore subsidizing the delivery of the advertising material which appears in newspapers and magazines, and such a case might have more validity than one against third class mail. However, forcing such publications to pay first class rates would not solve any problems; only create more. Our subscription costs only end up paying for it anyway. Persons who insist on calling third class mail "junk mail" should, I suppose, then also call newspaper and magazine advertising material "junk advertising", but in both cases using such an appellation only indicates a lack of understanding of the facts.

Advertising and selling are vital parts of our economic system, not rackets or economic parasites. As long as they are carried on in an honest manner, they deserve our respect and support.

Jay VanAndel
 7186 Windy Hill Road, S. E.,
 Ada, Michigan

Area Church News

Ada Congregational
 The choir will rehearse Thursday, January 3 and 10--The junior choir at 4 p. m., the senior choir at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday, January 6, the Holy Communion will be celebrated at the morning worship service, and a Memorial Service will be held commemorating those who have passed away during the past year.

Sunday evening, the Pilgrim Fellowship will meet at the church.

Tuesday, January 8, a meeting of the P.E.G. will be held at 9 a. m. at the church.

The Women's Fellowship will meet at 8 p. m. at the church Wednesday, January 9.

meet Wednesday evening also, at 7:30 p. m.

New Year's Day at the 10 a. m. Year, the newly elected deacons and elders were installed: Messrs. John Mulder and Jacob Visser as elders, Fred Berkemaps and Carl Huizenga as deacons.

Eastmont Ref. Church
 The guest minister at Eastmont Reformed church Sunday, January 6 will be Reverend George Weeber of Grand Rapids.

The Consistory meeting will be held on Monday, January 7 at 7:30 p. m.

The monthly Guild Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8 at 8 p. m. at the church. New officers will be installed and assume their respective offices.

The regular Family Night program will resume on Wednesday, January 9 at 7:00 p. m. Choir rehearsal will be at 8:15 p. m.

Snow Methodist Church
 The Methodist Men's Club will meet Thursday, January 3, at the home of Clark Hoxie on Snow Avenue.

Cascade Christian Church

The Church Awards Class will meet at 10 a. m. in Fellowship Hall Thursday, January 3. The Teen Fellowship will hold an Outdoors Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hamer, 6460 Burton Street, on Thursday, January 3, at 2:00 p. m.

Choir rehearsal will be held at 8:00 p. m. Thursday evening.

Tuesday, January 8, the Denison Guild will hold an all-day Work day in Fellowship Hall with a lunch of soup, cookies and coffee served at noon.

The Dorcas Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. Virgil Kimble, 1850 Spaulding Avenue, at 9:30 a. m., Tuesday, January 8.

The Church Board will meet at 8:00 p. m. Tuesday evening, January 8.

The Christian Men's Fellowship will meet Wednesday, January 9 at 8:00 p. m. in Fellowship Hall.

On December 27, the Lydia Guild of Cascade Christian Church went to the Brookside Inn on Whitneyville Road for their Christmas meeting and dinner. Those attending were: Mrs. Clare Coger, Mrs. Guy Chandler, Mrs. Robert Sherwood, Mrs. Carroll MacInness, Miss Agnes Linsley, Mrs. John Hamer, Mrs. Charles King, and Mrs. Richard Buttrick. After a brief business meeting, they all exchanged Christmas gifts.

On Friday, December 28, the Tri-Cees of Cascade Christian Church had a Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Waldron, 5850 Hall Street. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. James Banta, Mr. and Mrs. Warner Bruins Slot, Mr. and Mrs. John Hamer, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Gaylord, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Coger, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Heaven, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Palm, Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanStrien, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll MacInness, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hovingh. A great time was had by all!

CYF of Cascade Christian Church have had some money-making projects to raise money to send representatives to the International Youth Seminar this Spring. Saturday, December 29, the Youth Group held a Bake Sale at the Cascade Pharmacy, and Tuesday, January 1, a roller-skating party at the Big Wheel in Lowell.

Ada Community Ref.

Sunday, January 6, the Holy Communion will be celebrated. There will also be an installation and ordination service for the newly elected elders and deacons: Elliott Bruinekoel and Cornelius De Young as elders, and Henry Tichelaar and Max Scanlon as deacons.

Tuesday, January 8, the Consistory will meet at 7:30 p. m.

The Girls League for Christian Service will also meet Tuesday evening, January 8, at 8 p. m.

Ada Christian Reformed
 The Calvinist Cadets will meet Thursday, January 3 at 7 p. m. at the church.

Newly elected officers were installed at the New Year's Day service held at 9:30 a. m. John Van Spronsen was installed as elder, Ernest Korhorn, and John Vanden Berg as deacons.

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Happy New Year

There is a touch of sadness with the passing of a year. We think of how swiftly time flies and we recall many of the joys and sorrows we have experienced in the year gone by. But there is something good about starting a new year. It may be only an illusion, but we get the idea of a fresh start. Unless age and experience have made us cynical, we begin a new year with hopes of being different and making the new year better. This is a good desire, when we think of our many failures and compare what we could be, with what we are. But as the days so quickly steal by, we often find our hopes unrealized. We need a fresh, clean start, but we don't seem to get it. The best way to begin the new year with a fresh start, is with lives washed clean by the forgiveness of Jesus. The way to enjoy a blessed new year is to stop our futile struggling, and to give our lives to our Savior to use. May your new year be a blessed one, is our prayer for you.

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