Large Crowd Is Expected at Ice Carnival Saturday Afternoon

Institutions of higher learning will teach much to their students if they prove to them that an education is not any guarantee for the making of money; Plenty of money is made by persons who have little of what is termed "education." But money alone cannot provide the happiness and serenity of a well developed mind.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

FREDDIE AND ANDY

When the lads were little codgers,
and their father gave them candy;
One of them was little Freddie;
t'other was little Andy.
Andy always took a bite off and
bestowed it in his jaw,
Where he let it stay dissolving
like a January thaw;
But not Freddie—he went at it
like a farm hand at his lunch.
Andy always sucked his candy—
Freddie liked to hear it crunch.

Course a short hour later Freddie'd be plum out of candy,
And he'd try his very darndest for to get a piece from Andy;
But that kid would cooly tell him,
"Guess you had as much as me—
If you'd a sucked instead of chewing, why you'd still have some
—Ye see?
But 'twould be the same next time,
Freddie gave her took his lunch;
Andy still kept sucking candy—
Freddie liked to hear it crunch.

Now they're men; Fred has no money; he's a bully boy—a dandy;
So he's broke before pay day—but Andy, so with Andy.
Andy saves his dough and hoards it, puts it tenderly away,
Waiting as he always tells me for some gloomy, rainy day.
Consequently he has gathered quite a noticeable bunch—
Andy still just sucks his candy,
Freddie still likes to hear it crunch.

—Strickland Gillian

Give Dogs Some Freedom

Something of the hysteria that may sweep over people is evidenced in Birmingham's official action upon the subject of dogs; by this it mean that our City Commission and I'm not questioning their good faith or intent), falling victim to the perennial scare about "mad dogs," has required that every local dog, before a license for its keeping is granted this year, must be immunized against possible rabies. Now, I'm not going to argue the merit or demerit of this at all; but what I can't see is why the City Fathers also insist that dogs, after being immunized, are to be kept on leash or within the owner's house or yard. Most dogs are friendly, anyway; if they are immunized against rabies, then the only harmful thing they can do is bite—and friendly dogs need not be feared on this score.

Do You Realize How Much You Pay For Battleships?

'Tis unsound enough, for the efficient working of American labor, to have to support the burdensome system of military self-defense in any nation; that statement will not be challenged by any informed person—for the maintenance of a military system is a definite item of expense for things that people do not eat, wear, or accept as homes.

If, however, on top of the essential burden of supporting a military establishment we also add those expenses that appear to be excessive costs—then the burden appears to assume the shape of something bordering on profiteering; too much profiteering may become a scandal.

For example, let us take the cost of battleships, according to an article in the January 6, 1941, issue of The New Republic. Twenty years ago the cost per ton of a battleship was $403.00; today it is $2,444.00 per ton.

Perhaps the answer to the question may be found, in part, in the statements of two of the nation's naval leaders. Said Captain C. W. Fisher, U. S. N., Director of Shore Establishments: "In these perilous times, Mr. Chairman, we should make government business about as attractive as possible."

Said Admiral Robinson, when asked why destroyers today cost four times as much as during the World War: "Well, everything in the whole United States seems to be increasing in cost . . . I cannot account for it . . . I suppose it is largely due to the increase in labor costs basically."

The facts, however, reveal that neither increased material nor labor costs have sky-rocketed the whole costs to where they are.

It looks to us as though President Roosevelt's, and the Congress', conviction that no one shall profit from the present war emergency will require some very, very close application, to be realized.

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Here's a practical thought that you ought to commit to memory. A colored washerwoman was asked by her mistress how she kept so white. "Why, ma'am," she said, "I just uses Fels-Naptha soap—and I rubs it!"

Victor and Bluebird Records, New releases weekly. Leonard Electric, 162 W. Maple. adv.—tf.

Students Pick King, Queen For Ice Event

Invite All Skaters To Compete; Figure Experts to Show Art

Barbara Beecher, vivacious 17-year-old Baldwin High student, has been elected queen of the second annual Birmingham Ice Carnival which will be held Saturday afternoon at Quarton Lake, starting at 2:30 p. m. A crowd of several thousand people is expected to attend.

This year, for the first time, the queen will have an official escort. The king, no less, will be Dick Neely, 17-year-old, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Neely, 607 Oak street. Miss Beecher's parents are Mr. and Mrs. George A. Beecher, 359 Madison avenue.

Dick

Barbara

Big Bob Sled

The king and queen will be crowned by Robert Cole, president of the Student Congress and their royal reign in office will be a big bob sled which will be driven around the lake, drawn by a span of big black horses. Attendants of the sled will be others whom students voted for in the contest: Natalie Seaholm, Nadine Hecker, Virginia Bostwick, Gloria Gruber, Sally Gosling, Margaret Newell, Ginger Cosgrove, Jean Taylor, Nancy Kirn, Bill Stolberg, Nick Martin, Bill Roberts, James Lee, Edgar Riedell, Warren Watts, Bill Hopkins, Henry Dahlquist and Phil Breitmeyer.

A call has been issued for all skaters, in school and out of school

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H. S. Burlingame Taken by Death

Services were held Monday afternoon at the Bell Funeral Home for Harold S. Burlingame, who died Saturday afternoon at his home at 281 Lake Park drive where he had been ill for the last three weeks.

Born in Providence, R. I., 59 years ago on Oct. 18, 1890, he came to Birmingham from Montclair, N. J., six years ago.

For the past 21 years Mr. Burlingame had been director of operations for the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company, central western division.

Surviving are his widow, Caroline Lunt, and two sons, Richard L., who attends the Westtown School at Westtown, Pa., and Andrew D., a student at Baldwin High School.

Cremation was in White Chapel Memorial Park. The Rev. Warner L. Forsyth officiated.

'City of Flowering Crab' to Be New Title for Birmingham, Declares Club

Birmingham is about to become the city of the flowering crab tree (malus floribunda) just as Holland, Mich., is known as the city of tulips and Washington is famous for its cherry trees.

This title will result, members of the local unit of the Woman's National Farm and Garden association declared, from the elaborate Arbor Day program that is already under way.

Reason Chosen

After extensive research this special variety of flowering crab tree was chosen last year by the Garden club because of its immunity to rust and other typical tree diseases. Through cooperation with the State Highway Department several hundred of these trees are being prepared for planting this spring on Hunter boulevard, and to further carry a similar tree motif throughout the city a campaign has been launched to plant many of this type in the city proper.

Aid of the schools, merchants and Boy Scouts will be enlisted, spokesmen for the Garden club pointed out, in order that the planting of the trees may become city-wide.

Red Winter Berry

The trees to be planted in the city will be from four to five feet in height, will flower in early spring and in the fall a red berry will appear that will remain all winter, giving color to an otherwise barren tree.

Also as part of this Arbor Day program the Garden club will donate to the city a mature tree in order that Birmingham may see how the smaller trees will look when they reach their full growth.

Governor Murray D. Van Wagoner is expected to set aside a special Arbor Day for the month of April. The day is usually named in mid-February.

Crowd As Draftees Left

This is the crowd at the station at 8:25 Tuesday morning when 13 young men entrained for the induction center in Detroit. First came a meeting at the Municipal Building in which Mayor John E. Martz gave a brief talk. Two of the boys, Wesley Cinador, Troy Township, and Clifford Powell, Bloomfield Hills, were rejected in Detroit in the physical exam. February's quota has been set at 26. (Eccentric Photo.)

Eduard Lindeman, Social Scientist, To Speak Monday

Eduard C. Lindeman, professor of social philosophy at New York School of Social Work, and an authority on public science, will speak Monday evening at 8:15 at the Community House under the auspices of the American Association of University Women.

Mrs. Charles J. Shain, international relations chairman of the Birmingham unit of the A. U. W., was instrumental in bringing Mr. Lindeman here.

President of the Institute for Propaganda Analysis, Lindeman was from 1935 to 1939 the first director of the recreation division of the Works Progress Administration and later Planning Consultant of the Professional and Service Division of the W. P. A. in Washington.

He is a contributing editor to the "New Republic, "The Journal of Social Forces" the "Journal of Adult Education" and has written seven books on social subjects.

He serves as chairman of the Social Planning Commission of the New Jersey Library association and in rural New Jersey, where he lives on a farm, he acts as chairman of the Hunterdon County Library Commission.

Mrs. W. A. P. John is chairman on the ticket committee that consists of Mrs. Arthur J. Brandt, Mrs. W. J. Daeschner and Mrs. Merle P. Bailey.

The public is invited to attend. Reservations for the dinner at 6:30 are to be made before Saturday by calling either Mrs. J. J. Rouns, Jr., 865 or Mrs. Charles F. Dyer, 2223.

New Bike Licenses Ready For Sale

Owners of bicycles were advised this week by City Clerk Irene E. Hanley that 1941 licenses are now on hand and ready for distribution. Those with 1940 licenses should bring in their old plates. Those never licensed before should bring their bicycles, she said. The cost is 25 cents. Robert Peck, of 1440 Birmingham boulevard, secured license No.1.

Refugee Girl, 13, Begins Classes

Jean Nicholson, [illegible] refugee girl from E[illegible] finding out this week what a great difference there is between American and English schools. Her brother, Peter, age 11, already knows for he has been a student at Quarton School since September, when they arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Evans, 31615 Evergreen road, Beverly Hills.

This week, Miss Nicholson, although already having finished a course of study similar to that here, decided to go back to school at Baldwin High and explore the American curriculum.

Mr. Evans, a vice-president of General Motors, met the children's parents when stationed in London before the war, and indorsed them to send their children here for the duration.

2,650 Gallons a Minute

Flowing at the rate of 2,650 gallons a minute, water pours from the new city well at Southfield and 14 Mile road. T. W. UPDEGRAFF, veteran worker for the Ohio Drilling Co., told The Eccentric that the well is "one of the best in the country." This test was run during rain a week ago.

Test Proves Worth Of New City Well

Deep down under Birmingham lies a layer of rocks and gravel, deposited during glacial days, and in a particularly large and porous vein of this material, drillers have found a new source of water for Birmingham's rapidly - increasing needs.

So large is the supply of subterranean water that a huge electric pump brought forth some 2,700,000 gallons in two days time, pumped at a rate which often hit 2,650 gallons a minute without appreciably diminishing the supply.

Pleased With Result

T. W. Updegraf, veteran engineer for the Ohio Drilling Co., who superintended the delicate job of boring a hole 250 feet down and sinking two casing into it, told The Eccentric this week that he was pleased with the well.

"In fact," he said, "it is one of the best wells of its kind anywhere in the country."

Although the hole is 250 feet

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Beauty Rest Mattresses Repaired. Royal Mattress Co., Phone B'ham 1077-3

Council Asks Half Mill Levy For Recreation

The Same Officers Returned to Posts For Another Year

With but one exception, all officers of the Birmingham Community Council were re-elected at the second annual meeting of that organization held Tuesday morning at 9:30 in the Community House.

Mrs. Cleveland Walcott is again serving as president; Mrs. Lee A. Pierce is vice president; Ray A. Miner, secretary; Mrs. Ralph Fischer, treasurer, chairmen of the various standing committees are Howard D. Orpin, Adult Education; Mrs. Julia K. Lally, Volunteer Service; Robert J. D. Lynd, Recreation; Mrs. Earl G. Potter, Community Calendar; Heber P. Dunn, a new officer, is chairman of the civic improvement committee.

More Responsibility

Mr. Lynd, in presenting a report of the past year's activities of the Recreation Committee, pointed out that the consensus of the committee was that the governmental agencies, schools and individuals assume more responsibility for providing facilities, programs and leadership for recreation in the community.

Mr. Lynd pointed out that probably more than $2,000 will be needed, as contrasted to the $1,900 spent during the previous budgeted period. This extra money, he said, will be needed to employ supervisory help that still not be available this year from the W. P. A.

In an attempt to raise this addi-

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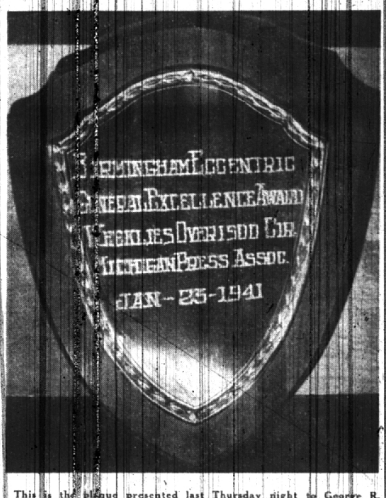
Eccentric Wins Award for General Excellence



This is the plaque presented last Thursday night to George R. Averill, publisher of The Eccentric, as the first award for general excellence for weekly newspapers over 1,500 circulation. Nearly 60 papers competed for the honor.

Plaque Awarded At Convention

The Birmingham Eccentric has been chosen as Michigan's outstanding weekly newspaper for 1940.

That was revealed last Thursday night at the annual convention of the Michigan Press Association when winners were announced for the state's leading nearly 60 weekly newspapers and many dailies.

Frank Hutchinson, manager of the New Jersey Press Association, and professor of journalism at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., acted as judge in the contest.

In the general excellence contest, there were two divisions, one for large and small weeklies. The Flushing Observer was awarded the plaque for papers with circulation less than 1,500. Judging was on a point basis: 40 points for front page; 30 points for inside pages; 20 points for news coverage; and 10 points for editorials.

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Teachers to Give Benefit Bridge

The Teachers' Club is holding a benefit bridge party at the Community House Wednesday evening to benefit the girls' shoe fund, scholarship fund and summer recreation fund.

A one-act play, "Fireman Save My Child," is to be given during the evening by club teacher cast. The time is 8 o'clock.

Pope Insurance Question Comes Up

A friendly suit to determine payment of $25,239.50 in insurance left by the late Mrs. Mary B. Pope, wife of Gustave D. Pope, Bloomfield Township, has been filed in Circuit Court. The day before her death on Aug. 9, 1940, Mrs. Pope signed a request asking the life insurance company deal to neither husband the beneficiary, rather than her estate. The request did not reach the company until she died, hence the company seeks court guidance in the matter. The question is important, for direct bequests of insurance do not pass through the probate court and are not taxable.

LABOR BOARD SPEAKER

George C. Halverson, a field examiner for the National Labor Relations Board, will be the speaker next Tuesday at the regular noon meeting of the Exchange club.

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Prowlers Active, And Bold at Work

Birmingham police are searching for a prowler or prowlers who boldly entered two bedrooms early Sunday and have also been sighted in several other neighborhoods.

The two homes entered this week provided easy access because of unlocked doors, said Police Chief John P. Hackett, advised the public to make secure house and automobile doors.

At the Elihan M. Bates home, 372 Watkins, police say the thief entered a bedroom upstairs, took a pair of trousers and filched $30 from them, also an Elgin watch. Downstairs, from Mrs. Bates' pocketbook, $40 was taken. The loss was not discovered until morning.

The chief evidently then went to the Elmer R. Meeker home, 787

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Red Cross Money Still Coming in

The closing date is long past but memberships for the Red Cross are still coming in, according to Mrs. H. H. Corson, Birmingham chairman. The fund now totals $32,740.12, contrasted to $31,369.90 raised last year. In addition, during 1940, donors gave $4,200 for the special Red Cross war relief fund.

Byron B. Webb, county Roll Call chairman, reported this week that $36,624.66 had been raised throughout the county.

Unit to Aid British Air Raid Victims Organized for B'ham-Bloomfield Hills

A Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills Unit of the British War Relief Society was organized in a meeting held Monday night at the Community House, and plans were made for a series of knitting parties for victims of air raids in Britain. Nearly 200 attended.

An executive committee, composed of the following persons, was elected: A. A. Bull, Mrs. Thomas Reaney, Mrs. John K. Ormond, Robert J. Waugh, W. D. Crim, Mrs. G. Lennox, W. A. Shaver, I. V. Severn, Mrs. H. H. Corson and Mrs. Frederick B. Smith, Jr.

Frank Evans was elected treasurer, and Mrs. Smith was chosen executive secretary. Mrs. George Heath was named chairman of the sewing and knitting groups. A public relations committee was named, composed of Mrs. W. A. P. John, Ralph L. Leonard and George R. Averill.

Mr. Bull presided at the meeting in the absence of Lt. Clayton Hill, and he introduced Harry Tirrell of the Detroit Unit, who explained the general objectives of the national organization and outlined the work that the local unit was planning. The purpose of the local unit is to be three-fold: 1. Collection of funds through membership and donations; 2. Collection of supplies, equipment and comforts for air raid victims; 3. Knitting and sewing of warm garments for air raid victims. The funds collected are to be turned over to the Detroit Unit, and by them to the National Society in New York.

Among the objects for which funds are being collected are mobile kitchen units, cots for air raid shelters, ambulances, x-ray equip-

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LEARN SPANISH
Next easy conversational method. Private or evening classes. Senor Segura. R. O. 6125. 44

Say Increased Attendance to Meet the Cost

Board of Education To Borrow $3,000 For School Project

Floodlighting of Pierce field football gridiron was ordered by the Board of Education in its meeting Tuesday night. The project, to cost about $3,200 will be self-liquidating through increased gate receipts, the Board determined.

Wednesday morning, Treasurer John Harvey Rosso and Business Manager Louis M. Randall discussed financing with Charles E. James, president of the Birmingham National Bank, seeking to borrow $3,000 for three years. James said he would recommend to his Board of Directors, meeting tonight, that the loan be granted.

Milo Fisher Gets Job

Bids from electrical contractors for installing the equipment were opened Tuesday night, and a contract for lamps, reflectors, underground cables and wiring was given to Milo Fisher. His bid, $2,244.19, was lowest of the three submitted. The Detroit Edison Company will erect the poles and install a transformer for $987.75, making the total cost $3,181.58.

The lighting plan, drawn with the aid of Detroit Edison engineers, calls for five poles on each side of the field, each pole to bear six reflectors. Each bulb will consume 1,500 watts of current, and are of the under-voltage type, burning with great intensity though with shorter life than the common Mazda lamp. The same principle is used in photoflood lamps used by amateur camera fans.

Before adopting the plan, the Board discussed briefly the effect on public opinion at a time when the schools are supporting a movement to raise the tax rate two mills.

Rosso declared, "Well, any way we act, we are bound to get some criticism."

More Can Attend

H. Ross Mack agreed, and added: "Night football will provide

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Real Estate Men Foresee Good Year

It was generally agreed among members of the Birmingham Real Estate Board which held its annual meeting Tuesday noon at Lotter's Tavern that the prospects for real estate activity in 1941 are even brighter than those for 1940, this in view of the fact that 1940 was acknowledged to far surpass in real estate activity any year since 1928.

Following a luncheon the following were elected directors of the board: George Wellington Smith, W. Whiting Raymond, Robert F. Watt, Clyde C. Bennett and Raymond H. Smith. Officers elected were George Wellington Smith, president; Mr. Bennett, of Snyder, Buck & Bennett, vice president; Mr. Raymond, of Walsh, James & Wasey, treasurer; and Watt, of Max Broock, Inc., secretary.

The next meeting of the board will be held Tuesday noon, Feb. 18 at Devon Gables.

It Rang the Bell

(Birmingham 1626)

11 TIMES!

(Before 11 A. M. Thursday)

Mrs. S. placed the following ad in the Eccentric last week:

FOR SALE—6 by 9 Twist Weave rug. Like new. Cost $40. Will sacrifice for $15. Birmingham 1626.

—OF COURSE SHE SOLD THE RUG!

Have you a little "Don't Want" in YOUR home?

TELEPHONE 11

Before 4 p. m. Wednesdays Ask for Adtaker