One of the traditional customs of Christmas is the legend encouraged among children that there is a Santa Claus.". Most kiddies at some time believe that; as they grow up they learn that Santa is, personally, a myth; but somehow, most of them learn that Santa does represent the spirit of giving; of kindliness.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

An Anthem . . .

For majesty of Law that whirls the earth that moves an ocean,
That hangs out stars and suns and planets—gives them life and motion—
That sends us flowers, birds, and trees, the rain, the wind, the seasons—
Ah, tell me if for gratitude these aren't abundant reasons!
The world outside one's inner self is proof that God is living;
Within is Conscience, place of Truth, a Power that is giving
The world of Goodness, in these days, a banner high to carry;
With Law and Truth to guide our steps, our Goal we'll reach, nor tarry!
So, at this Christmas-tide, again, above the war's grim story,
An anthem to Christ's blessed birth we sing . . . unto His glory!

—G. R. A.

"Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas, and if you keep it for a day, why not always?

"But you can never keep it alone."

—Henry Van Dyke

"Y" Camp Reunion Dinner For Friday Evening, Dec. 29th

Camp Mahn-Go-Tah-See, the Oakland County Y.M.C.A. Camp at Loon Lake in Iosco County, will hold a big reunion in the Community House, Friday night, December 29.

During the 15 seasons at Loon Lake, more than 2,000 boys have attended this camp; many of them are now in active service in the war. Some have made the supreme sacrifice. This reunion will honor them.

The program will start with a dinner and after the meal a general songfest will be held with George Carhart as leader. Then games for young and old will be played under the direction of Glen Husted, 1944 games counselor. Pictures, some of them taken in Camp, will be shown by Homer Roberts.

Camp plans for next season will be stated by Robert D. Lynch, the director and Miles Robinson will be master of ceremonies.

Campers of 1944 and all former campers, mothers and fathers, counselors and former counselors and trustee members are all invited to attend.

Service men who have attended Camp Mahn-Go-Tah-See, either as campers or counselors, are especially invited to be guests at dinner.

Dinner is limited to 150 but others will come in after dinner. Hank Brice, the 1944 bugler, will blow "assemblies," play a special trumpet selection and close the reunion with "Taps".

Hire New Teacher For Adams School

At a session lasting three and a half hours the Board of Education on Tuesday evening studied a long list of business items of the Birmingham public schools, hired a new teacher, adjusted disputed claims, and heard a report from Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland on progress of educational work in the Irwin and Barnum schools and laid plans for future school operations.

The Board settled with the Cunningham Floor company a bill for added compensation for installing the new gymnasium floor, allowing $245.83. The Board confirmed bills and wages to the total of $29,833.67 and allowed accounts payable in the sum of $4,953.32. Requisitions for supplies which the Board approved totaled $454.27.

The Board voted to change the plan for paying salaries to a twice-a-month system, commencing in 1945.

A resolution was adopted appointing Mrs. Virginia Adams, 807 Chestnut, a teacher in Adams school for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Adams will serve as a substitute and extra teacher and assist in the school library.

At request of the Y.M.C.A. for permission to use the Baldwin gymnasium on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for athletic activities was referred to Superintendent Ireland, who will present the proposal to Principal Ross A. Wagner and other school leaders and then reply to the request. His findings will be reported at the next Board meeting.

Adams gymnasium is to receive treatment to improve the acoustics there and the Board voted to approve work at a cost of about $1,800.

A contract with Frederick B. Madison, Royal Oak, was approved for drafting plans for the proposed addition to Barnum school building.

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

Schools Close This Afternoon For Christmas

Sessions Are To Be Resumed Wednesday Morning, January 3

Birmingham schools, both public and Holy Name will close this afternoon for the annual Christmas vacation. School classes will be resumed on Wednesday morning, January 3.

The various room and school programs for Christmas, and the class and school gift efforts will have been completed by this evening, with large numbers of pupils participating.

Gifts to Servicemen

Among the outstanding efforts this year has been that of Baldwin High School where each homeroom organization led in the preparing of gift packages for the sick and wounded servicemen in Percy Jones Hospital at Battle Creek.

This program was completed Tuesday at the school Christmas program at the auditorium where the gifts were placed beneath the large Christmas tree and later are to be presented to the servicemen. In the packages were jackknife, pencil, socks, brushes, shaving outfits and other articles.

The Girls Athletic Association members entertained on Monday evening at the high school for 20 orphans from the Pontiac Juvenile Home, presenting a program, gifts and a group of games.

There were entertainment in most of the schools this week, with the students being made more aware of the near approach of the Christmas season.

Many Teachers Away

The closing, set for today, allows time for teachers living out of the city and wishing to return to their homes for the two-weeks holiday, time to make the trip and reach home for Christmas. It is reported that most of these have their reservations made and will be leaving the city today.

Topping the fun list for the students and children will be the Ice Carnival.

During the vacation period any necessary repairs or changes in the buildings or equipment will be made and the various schools will again be in top condition when school resumes on Jan. 3.

Once back in school the 12A students will be in the midst of their final month of school. They will be completing final examinations and making plans for their mid-year graduation ceremonies, which are to take place Jan. 26.

Change Asked In Zoning to Allow Business Spread

City Manager H. H. Corson, in reporting to the City Commission Monday evening, explained that the matter of the cans and bottles being thrown onto Quarton Lake is being handled by the department of public works that the department hopes soon to eliminate the menace.

He explained that the work of sanding the streets is receiving constant attention, the department workers inspecting streets all over the city and sanding those needing it. He reported sanding of several hill section streets.

Need for the additional voting machine, leased for the last election, was up for study and the commission decided the machine will be returned.

The Commission adopted revised sections of the ordinance on fire prevention to include dry cleaning and dyeing in a new classification to be known as "Class 3-A". This action was deemed necessary in order to change the zoning ordinance to allow dry cleaning in sections of the city listed as "Business A". The Commission called a public hearing on this ordinance and set the date as January 8.

Careful Driving Is Preventing Accidents

Chief of Police John P. Hackett said yesterday that Birmingham residents have been doing a lot of careful driving and that there have been few serious accidents during the past week when the streets have been very slippery and rough.

In one accident Michael Fitzgibbon of Park drive received head injuries when he lost control of his car while driving on North Woodward and the car struck a utility pole. Fitzgibbons was taken to St. Joseph Mercy hospital for treatment.

In addition to this accident there have been a number of minor car crashes. Some cars have slid into ditches and others have banged against curbs.

Chief Hackett said there seemed to be a tendency toward careful handling of cars and that with a continuation of this type of driving the city may escape more serious difficulty. He urged everyone—drivers and pedestrians—to use great care while traveling on the slippery streets and walks.

Local Men Are On Board Of National Bank Of Ferndale

Permission recently was granted by the Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C., for the institution of preliminary steps toward the organization under federal charter of a bank in Ferndale, to be known as "Ferndale National Bank." The population growth in Ferndale and the increasing importance of the city as an industrial center, prompted leading industrialists and business and professional men of Ferndale to give thought to the provision of additional banking facilities.

An approach was made to men active in the management of The Birmingham National Bank for suggestions with reference to initial steps to be taken in that direction. A general study of the commercial, industrial and financial situation in Ferndale resulted in a decision to make application for permission to organize a bank there.

The organization committee includes Verne L. Anderson, secretary of The N. A. Woodworth Company; Thomas H. Ealand, owner of The Ferndale Theater and president of the Ferndale Chamber of Commerce; Carl W. Forsythe, attorney and mayor of Ferndale; T. Kenneth Haven, vice-president and chairman of the Finance committee of Reichhold Chemicals, Inc.; Charles E. Lewis of the legal firm of Hill, Hamblen, Essery and Lewis and director of The Birmingham National Bank; Herbert H. Gardner, president of The Birmingham National Bank, and Lawrence M. Kelly. Mr. Kelly, formerly a long-time associate of Mr. Gardner in the financial field, has been chosen for the position of vice president and cashier.

The Ferndale National Bank will be a separate and independent institution, operated under its own charter and in no way identified with The Birmingham National Bank.

Various sites for the location of the bank are under consideration. It is expected that active banking operations will be undertaken early in the spring of 1945.

A WHITE CHRISTMAS

The weather man, in his forecast for the remainder of the week and next week indicates Birmingham will probably have a white Christmas. This city has no weather prognosticator—no official ones—but the amateurs claim to see a bit more snow; maybe some warmer days, but not enough change in temperature to melt the present covering of white.

LIBRARY TO CLOSE

The Baldwin public library is to be closed at noon on Saturday, December 23, and will remain closed until Tuesday morning, December 26, for the Christmas holiday.

Birmingham Fire Prevention Bureau Offers Its Christmas Safety Rules

With the coming of Christmas and the holiday season, many fire hazards are unconsciously created in the home. These all too often turn the holiday season into one of tragedy.

The traditional trimming and lighting of Christmas trees, the installation of the trees, the packaging and unwrapping of presents can be safe if the following precautions, issued by the Bureau of Fire Prevention, are practiced.

1. Buy only a fresh tree. One from which the needles do not readily drop when handling at time of purchase.

2. If possible, keep the tree standing in a type of holder that permits water to be kept at the butt.

3. Keep the tree and all wrappings a safe distance from the fireplace or stove.

4. Dismantle and discard the tree as soon as the needles start dropping, or shortly after the first of the year.

5. Do not use wax candles, open flames, or cigarettes around tree or near combustibles.

6. Do not overload electric circuits with too many strings of lights or appliances. (Not over 1650 watts per 15 amp. fuse circuit.

7. Check tree lighting equipment thoroughly; if defective, and it cannot be repaired or replaced, discard it.

8. Never permit children to play with toys containing a heating element unless supervised by an adult.

Danger of fire always increases during this season. If the doctor must be called, let it be for the child that has eaten too much, not the one that has been burned!

Recently, certain state laws have been enacted prohibiting the use of light combustible materials for decoration for any place of public assembly. Before any decorations are used, they should be submitted to the Bureau of Fire Prevention for approval or rejection.

Yours for a happy, safe holiday season.

LEE C. CARROLL,
Inspector Bureau of
Fire Prevention.

Churches of City Planning Yule Rites; Song and Sermon Hail Birth of Christ Child

Birmingham churches are today completing plans for their fourth wartime Christmas season. Pastors and organists will be a season in which they will reaffirm the pledge of good will to men. In all the churches on Sunday the beloved old Christmas carols and hymns will hail the Christ-child's birth.

Christmas at the First Methodist church will open Friday evening with the Girls' Interest group Christmas party at the church house at 7:30 o'clock. Then on Sunday, at Sunday school, the story of the Saviour's birth will be told in terms of each age group's interest. At the morning worship hour there will be the singing of carols and the pastor, The Rev. A. F. Runkel, will preach on the topic "Naming God's Son." The vesper service is to be at 4 o'clock when the children's pageant of song and drama will be presented. Everyone will be given an opportunity of sharing in the White Gift offering for the Children's Village. At 6:30 o'clock Sunday, Christmas Eve, members of the Youth Fellowship will go in groups to sing carols for the shut-ins. Three parties are planned for the children next week. The primary will be Wednesday at 2 p. m.; the juniors at 7 o'clock that same evening and the intermediates at 7 o'clock on Thursday evening.

The Christmas program in the First Baptist church was initiated last Sunday night when the beautiful Christmas play, "Eager Heart" was given with a large attendance. The play was well presented under the direction of Mrs. Leland Smith. On Thursday evening, Dec. 21, 8 o'clock, there is to be held in the basement of the church the annual Sunday school Christmas party. Entertainment, Santa Claus and eats will feature the program. Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, the choir is presenting a Christmas cantata sing at 8 o'clock. An hour of fellowship will follow. Sunday morning, Dec. 24, at 11 o'clock the pastor, Dr. Melvine W. Crump, will preach on the theme "Where to Go and What to Do on Christmas." The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Harold C. Strong, will sing a beautiful Christmas anthem.

At the First Presbyterian church on Sunday, Dec. 24, there will be two Christmas services. The morning worship hour is 11 o'clock with special music rendered by the primary choir under the direction of Mrs. Charles Richards, the children will be assisted by Miss Mary Gardner. Two selections will be sung by the choir—"Away in a Manger," by Luther-Scholin; and "Silent Night," by Gruber. The sanctuary choir of the church will also offer renditions at this service. The Rev. W. Glen Harris will preach the sermon on the theme "Concerning This Child."

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon there will be a young people's Christmas vesper service. This will open with a carol sing which will be followed by the presentation of a Christmas play, "And the Angel Said." The members of the cast are: Kay Peters, Clara Gordon; Laura Brown, Gretta Seaholm; Mrs. Bates, Barbara Clarke; Aunt Libby, Martha Gruber; and Helen Tate, Joan Campbell. The play is under the direction of Mrs. William Milligan.

On Sunday, Dec. 31, at the morning worship service, Mr. Harris will preach on the theme "My Times Are in Thy Hands."

On that afternoon at 4 o'clock there will be a special communion service for service men and women home on leave, college students

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J. R. Woodruff Now An Army Captain

WITH THE 82nd AIRBORNE DIVISION, Holland — Captain Junior R. Woodruff of Birmingham, Michigan, has received a battlefield promotion from the rank of first lieutenant for leading his airborne company in a running engagement with the enemy for two days and a night.

Every hole was an emplacement of some kind, and the fighting was savage, it was observed.

On the second day the company and supporting units were about to be relieved by British troops when the enemy launched a vicious counter-attack with tanks backing up infantry. One of the Allied companies had pulled back from its forward position preparatory to being relieved when the enemy started attacking.

Captain Woodruff, who was at that time a lieutenant, hastily organized his company as a base and brought other units forward in support. He led his men forward and regained the position from which the other company had withdrawn. The stabbing counterattack was beaten off as a result of the action, it was said.

A short time after this action, Capt. Woodruff was cited and promoted.

IS NAVAL ENSIGN

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Midshipman Philip Breitmeyer II, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Breitmeyer, of 832 Madison, Birmingham, Mich., was among 1023 men commissioned as Ensigns, United States Naval Reserve, in ceremonies held today in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York. The group was the twenty-first class to be graduated from this oldest and largest Naval Reserve officers' school, and brings the total number of graduates from the New York school to more than 18,700.

NOTICE—Barber Shops Close 8 P. M. Every Night Including Saturday. 52-38

6th War Loan Total Placed At $890,000

City Fails to Reach Quota, But Sales of E, F, G Bonds is High

Birmingham has failed to reach its quota of $1,250,000 in 6th War Loan Bonds but did have a very satisfactory sale of the personal investment bonds of the E, F and G issues, according to news today from the office of the bond chairman, Herbert H. Gardner, president of the First National bank. Totals up to Tuesday were $890,000.

Mr. Gardner states that this total will grow each day during the remainder of December as more and more bonds are purchased by Birmingham residents. In addition, he states, there may be some sales of other types of bonds in fairly good sums during the remainder of the month.

Missing from receipts during the 6th War Loan were a number of large purchases by corporations who in the 5th War Loan made their purchases through Birmingham. It is said that these total well past the quarter million mark.

Good E Bond Sale

The sale of E bonds in Birmingham during the campaign totaled $329,520 while a total of $80,475 in F bonds were sold. The G bond total reported was $36,831. The 2½ bonds also were popular here, with a total of $106,500 purchased here.

Michigan headquarters at Detroit reported last Sunday that the state had gone over the top on its over-all quota of $472,000,000. Totals up to Sunday night were reported at $546,167,416. However, at that time the state was short by about 11 million dollars on its E bond quota. Series F and G quota had been met with sales of $87,750,000 against an $87,000,000 quota.

Corporation sales continued to soar, with sales of $356,451,565.50 reported against the quota of $244,000,000.

Big School Program

The fine part played by the schools of Birmingham in the 6th War Loan was outlined to the Board of Education Tuesday evening at the meeting in the school. Final figures, compiled as of Monday, disclosed the schools had sold a total of $148,737.95 in war bonds at cash value during the campaign.

The average for each child in the school, including Baldwin, Barnum, Holy Name, Adams, Pierce and Quarton was $75.09 per child. This was figured at maturity value.

Christmas Eve Sing Will Be Held At Civic Center Park

The Christmas Eve community sing, sponsored by the Birmingham Musicale, will be held at the Civic Center Park at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Arnold W. Berndt, chairman in charge of the arrangements, has completed plans for the program to take place before a crib with the Infant Jesus, portraying the scene of the Nativity.

The Christmas Story will be given by Mrs. William O. Merrill, narrator.

The high school brass ensemble, under the direction of Arnold W. Berndt, will be heard in several numbers. The young people taking part are Byron Wyatt, trumpet; Donald West, trumpet; Carolee Sproull, French horn; Eunice Engel, French horn; Herbert Herz, Berg, baritone; Clark Rogers, baritone and Burton Bronson, tuba.

Frederick A. Protheroe will direct the group in the singing of the Christmas carols.

The public is invited to enjoy the program and to participate in the carol sing.

Veterans Council Making Progress

At their last meeting the Birmingham Council of Veterans Affairs members made further progress in perfecting the organization.

Committees on organizations interested in membership and another committee reported it was continuing search for a location for an office.

The report on constitution and bylaws was received and copies will go to various organization members for further study before the election of permanent officers is held.

The next regular meeting is set for Thursday evening, January 11, at the Community House.

Hills Studies Plan to Hire Planning Experts

Members of the Bloomfield Hills City Commission Tuesday night tabled, for later discussion, adoption of a resolution authorizing Saarinen & Swanson, local architects and city planners, to prepare an overall plan for the future development of its area.

Last October the Commission appointed a Planning Commission, consisting of G. J. Graham, chairman, John R. McManus, Fred Sanders, E. A. Anderson, and E. A. Schirmer, with Mayor George C. Booth, Manager Harry S. Starr, and Com. Manley Davis, ex-officio. They made their report Tuesday evening. It was tabled to await more detailed data on just what the plan would provide for.

Members of the City Commission are George C. Booth, mayor; Clarence E. Wilcox, H. H. Kingsley, Manley Davis, and C. G. Eden.

The idea of preparing for post-war expansion by setting up such plans is gaining progress in many American communities. Plans for similar consideration are under way in Birmingham at present.

Community Chest Speeds Christmas Cheer Over World

Residents of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Village, Franklin and other places nearby who gave so liberally to the Community War Chest some weeks ago are interested if what their gift dollars are accomplishing in way of Christmas cheer for the rest of the world.

In the Southwest Pacific on Christmas Eve carols will ring out from the S. S. Klang, the United Seamens Service floating club anchored somewhere off the Philippines. Merchant seamen from vessels in the vicinity will go aboard and join in the singing and of other Christmas festivities which have been planned by United Seamen's Service, an agency of the Community War Chest. Plans are being made to broadcast this program by NBC shortwave to America.

On the other side of the world the United Seamen's Service has been busy. A six-foot Christmas tree was put in the cargo of the S. S. James H. Weaver as it sailed up the Schelde Estuary and into the recently liberated port of Antwerp. The officers and crew of the vessel, the fleet American Liberty ship, on dock at Antwerp, gave the tree to the merchant seamen's club just opened there.

The Community War Chest agency has transformed the 100 room Hotel DeWitte Leere into a rest center for American fighting men in Guingamp. The Christmas tree, set up in the hotel lobby, is in readiness for the Christmas celebrations being arranged by USO workers for the American seamen who will visit the club during the holidays.

In other parts of the world workers of Community War Chest agencies have also planned holiday entertainment. USO Camp Shows are presenting special Christmas programs and are striving to visit as many camps and hospitals as possible during the holiday season.

In Aruba, there will be special Christmas cookies in the USO club snack bar. Real Christmas trees and trimmings, as well as game chests are being distributed to the crews of ships sailing before Christmas by USS club workers.

Children of the Tientsin Chinese Industrial Cooperative Orphanage, which is financed by United China Relief, a Community War Chest agency, will have speeches, plays, songs, pine tree decorations and colored paper chains draped around the rooms. Santa Claus will be there and after the presents comes the feast of steaming beef, cabbage and rice noodles with trays of hot brown bread.

The British War Relief Society, another Community War Chest agency, has shipped to Britain for Christmas distribution 120,000 toys and games and 100,000 pounds of candy. These will be given to orphans of service men, to youngsters in hospitals, victims of the bombing, to children separated from their parents and to the very poor.

Christmas Package Delivery Speeded Through Loan Of Five Army Trucks

Today is the day when the usual great rush of parcel post Christmas packages begin pouring into Birmingham. Last year the occasion was waited with considerable dread, because of a shortage of help at the post office. But this year Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne says he is ready for the incoming Christmas gifts and hopes to keep them delivered almost the day they are received.

Five U. S. Army trucks have been loaned to the postal service to assist the regular mail trucks in delivery work. They are being manned by young men loaned by the high school for this week.

Last year the Army came to the rescue of the local post office when the pile-up of packages became frightening, it is said. This year the full crew has been on duty at the post office and with the aid of the added equipment and men, the delivery department hopes to keep right up with the incoming mail.

The post office is to be open Saturday afternoon and the windows for receipt of late Christmas packages will be open from 2 to 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The post office will be closed on Christmas day except for the delivery of special delivery mail and parcel post.

Over the last week and both city and rural carriers worked long hours endeavoring to keep ahead of the mail. Both city and rural carriers were covered last Sunday and full crews worked in the post office, preparing outgoing mail and handling the incoming loads of mail.

The automatic counting machine for outgoing letters showed a total of 197,900 pieces of letter mail between December 15 and 18. There were 240 pouches of letters received and 141 pouches of letters sent out during that time.

And today the rush is even heavier. For the first time this season the great flood of work began piling up on Tuesday and today is still far ahead of the local crew. Postmaster Byrne said he expected

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Birmingham's Blood Bank Is Fine Success

Quota of 600 Pints Passed. Next Bank to Be March 26, 27, 28

Birmingham's latest Blood Bank closed last evening, well past its quota of 600 pints of blood. Leaders declared last evening that the latest effort was a splendid success in every way and especially because of the wonderful assistance given the effort from so many organizations and individuals.

It was said that every organized group in the city contributed in some way to the success of the undertaking. Churches, ministers, business men and business women and a large number of individuals joined in the campaign.

Next Event in March

Announcement also was made that the next Blood Bank will be held at the Community House on March 26, 27 and 28, 1945, with the same quota of 600 pints of blood, with at least a thousand donors' appointments asked for.

Report of this week's Blood Bank disclosed this daily record: Monday, 225 appointments, with 275 persons appearing to keep their appointments; 54 persons rejected and 216 pints of blood donated. Tuesday, 298 appointments, 295 persons on hand, 54 rejected, 241 pints of blood given. Wednesday, 312 appointments, 270 persons on hand, 56 rejected, 209 pints of blood given.

Voices Appreciation

Harry D. Hoey, Oakland county chairman of the Red Cross Blood Donors' Service, was most enthusiastic in his appreciation of the way Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills residents met the request for blood. "The need for plasma and whole blood at this time is much greater than most of us understand and, if we do not give now, we are weakening and prolonging the struggle that our armed forces are making all over the world," Mr. Hoey stated Wednesday forenoon. "Birmingham went over the top on each of the first two days of the Blood Bank and it looks at this time as if we would more than make our total quota. We, as the Central Committee, are most grateful to you. Words are inadequate to express our appreciation to the Eccentric for its enthusiastic cooperation, and to all of the other individuals and civic agencies who made the collection so successful."

Ice Carnival To Be Held Dec. 29 At Quarton Lake

The annual Birmingham Ice Carnival will be held at Quarton Lake, Friday, December 29th, at 1:30 p.m. This will be sponsored by the Baldwin High School Student Congress and the Y.M.C.A. The Y.M.C.A. will provide $25.00 for expenses.

Yesterday the students elected Jeanne Helgeson as Carnival queen and Weldon MacDonald as Carnival king. Queen Jeanne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angus G. Helgeson, 2155 Bowlby boulevard, Bloomfield Village, and King Weldon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth MacDonald, 236 Puritan. Both are members of the 12B class in high school.

The following committees have been appointed:

Ronald Johnson, general chairman; Gladys Gordon and Sue Collins, decorations; Chuck Adams and Ernie Anderson, hockey games; Martha Rossack, prizes; Dick Allen and Steve Miller, properties; Bud Gaser, Fred Phister and Nell Spicer, racing; 12-A Senior class, concessions.

It is expected that the program will include figure skating, racing for six to nine year olds, ten and eleven year girls, junior and senior high school. An obstacle course is planned for a race.

The Carnival will close with a hockey game. There will be an elimination between the sophomore and junior teams with the winners to play the seniors.

A13 COUPONS THROUGH

Gasoline A13 coupon will not be good after today, Dec. 21. On Friday, Dec. 22, "A-14" coupon in each basic "A" book will become valid for four gallons of gasoline each through March 21, 1945.

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of this section of The Eccentric for the beginning of our Classified Advertising. Due to an increase in this very interesting and helpful part of The Eccentric's weekly contents we have found it necessary to carry the extra image over to another page.