

Dr. Woodburn Ross to Address Library Group Next Thursday

Mrs. Alec Parnie, program chairman for the Friends of the Baldwin public library, said Dr. Woodburn Ross of Wayne university will speak at the April 20 meeting. The session will be held in the library, beginning at 8:15. Dr. Ross spoke recently on "What Is Modern Fiction About?" for the Detroit Women's city club, surveying some of the works of well-known modern authors.

Mrs. Parnie is being assisted on the committee by Harold Chalk, Charles Guilford, Dr. Earl Kelly, Miss Jeanne Lloyd, the Rev. Lawrence W. Pearson, Mrs. Lois Place and John W. Watling.

Local Businessman Is Exchange Speaker

William Breech, president of the Great Lakes Tractor & Equipment company, spoke to the luncheon meeting of the Birmingham Exchange club Tuesday noon on the distribution of Ford tractors in this area and the general picture of farming throughout the country.

Guests at the luncheon, including Edward Wyman, compeller of Breech's company; Delbert Adams, local florist; Jack Winfield of the Warfield Paint company and Howard Johnson, Jr., son of Exchangeite Howard Johnson.

Senior Activities

The next meeting of the Senior Activities group will meet Monday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community House.

Localites Spend Spring Vacation in Bermuda



Three Birmingham girls who are students at Bradford College are shown above as they were snapped boarding a Pan American World Airways Clipper for Bermuda. Left for right they are: Miss Eloise Day of Henrietta street; Miss Anne Bennett of Westwood drive and Miss Elizabeth Miller of Fairfax avenue. They are spending their spring vacation on the island.

WIPF Will Meet Next Monday

Glady Walter, accredited observer to the United Nations for the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Oakland County branch on Monday, April 17 at 8:00 p.m. The group will be the guests of Mrs. Harold Chalk on Manor road.

Mrs. Walter will present the W.I.L. qualifying principles under which this international women's peace organization believes that support of President Truman's Point Four will aid in strengthening the U.N.

The meeting is open to the public.

WITH THE Collegians

Bob Webster, a freshman at the University of Michigan, was recently initiated into Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He is the son of the Don Websters of Frank street.

Ruth Shain Class

For the first time, the Ruth Shain International Affairs Class will hear a report on "Africa, the Last Stand of Colonial Jurisdiction." Mrs. F. G. Garrison will present the account at this meeting next Tuesday, April 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the Community House. The public is invited.

Torch Drive Plans to Say 'Thank You' to Its Supporters

Henry Whiting, chairman of the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin Torch Drive, has announced that April 16-21 has been designated as "Torch Drive Thank You Week" in the Detroit area.

He said invitations have been mailed to all volunteer workers in the area to attend the "Thank You" meeting at the Community House April 20 at 8:00 p.m. Awards will be presented to workers who will hear board members' reports on the most recent information of the Torch Drive.

During the week, teas and meetings will be held for the more than 3,000 volunteers who conducted the door-to-door drive. Thankgiving services will be held in the Metropolitan area churches on Sunday when workers and donors will be publicly thanked.

A SPONSORED luncheon Tuesday will honor Frank Pierce, campaign chairman, and other leaders. Wednesday will be chapter "Thank You" day, when labor and management will receive their official thanks from the United Foundation.

On Friday a program will be presented at the Adcraft club meeting to thank advertising people, plant paper editors, newspapers, radio and television stations, the printing trades and their suppliers for their contributions of time and talent in the production of the Torch Drive's advertising materials.

All who are interested are invited to attend the meeting here next Thursday evening.

Street, Alley Vacation Asked

Two requests, one for the vacation of a street and the other for an alley, have been referred to the city plan commission for study and recommendation.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit seeks the vacation of Watford, between Melton and Hereford, to permit the entire two blocks to be developed with a complete parish plant within the next few years.

Percy M. Nelson, Inc., builders, has asked that an alley behind several lots on Pierce, north of Southlawn, be vacated.

General society news deadline is 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

"Any Way You Slice It"

BY HAL P. BUEGGE

Before we get too far past the season, I'd like to pass out a bit of credit where I think credit is due. Lloyd Cooper is recognized by all sports fans locally and most in this area as a top flight basketball coach with an outstanding record.

The Birmingham team this year did little to distract from an unusually good coaching record which Cooper has compiled since taking over the basketball coaching reins here five years ago. However, few people have stopped to realize how this year's good season was accomplished with the greenest crop of material ever to represent the Maples in modern times and undoubtedly one of the greenest teams to play basketball anywhere.

There was not one veteran basketball player on the squad. When Bud Boynton and Mac Booth were both ruled out of the team due to football injuries sustained late in the season, it took the only two experienced boys who were available from last season's court squad. Both of these boys graduated in January, so their service to the team would have terminated at the half-way mark in the season, anyway.

Next in line in point of service were two players who played on the second team of a year ago and were carried on the varsity during the tournament campaign only. They both started a run-around ball game or two for very short intervals that year. Varsity experience of the two players perhaps wouldn't have amounted to three minutes between the two of them. These boys were Bob Hardy, a guard on this year's team, and Howard Liverance, strong center of this season's successful squad.

The rest of the regulars had very less experience. Art Fairbanks, six-foot-four forward, had no varsity experience and not much second team seasoning. Don Halpin was in the same category. Barry Wall, one of the brightest stars of the current outfit, did not compete in basketball at Barnum Junior High School and was a member of the second squad a year ago.

Tom Tracy the fifth regular is a tenth grader who will probably never know what it means to be a member of a reserve team or even a substitute on the varsity. He joined the squad with no high school experience at all. He was considered one of the outstanding basketball players in this part of the state this year and was the play-maker and spark plug of Cooper's team this year.

Cooper took this bunch of boys, whose combined experience wouldn't have begun to measure up to that of one full-fledged letterman, and went right ahead with another winning season. They were a long way from his best team, but nevertheless they made a good showing and in their own right they were amazing.

Baldwin High School is a class "B" school and the smallest in the Eastern Michigan League. There are no other schools on the schedules of local teams that have a smaller enrollment. Playing nearly an all class "A" schedule, the local team dropped only four games.

Three of these were during the regular season and the fourth was a tournament game with Nativity of Detroit. The locals held a one-point decision over Port Huron, class "A" finalists, although Port Huron defeated them in two other games. One during the regular season and one in the Eastern Michigan League Tournament during the holidays. Mr. Clemens edged them in the final seconds of one of their regularly scheduled games and the Maples whipped them twice in the same manner that Port Huron took their measure.

This year's squad also kept intact Cooper's record of never losing a district tournament. It was the fifth successful conquest. Most of the boys who represented Birmingham on the court this season are products of Cooper's Saturday morning class which he instituted when he came here. A large portion of his success is due to his stress of fundamentals to which he introduced most of these boys.

Next season's squad will be a veteran one and there is no reason to doubt that it will be one of Cooper's best.

New Cars for City

For a net price of \$638.10, the city is going to trade in three motor pool cars for new ones. The city commission Monday night approved the trade and purchase from the South Chevrolet Co. low bidder.

Inspector Named

Burkley G. Omann, assistant to Acting Inspector E. S. Clark, has been appointed building inspector for the City of Birmingham. Omann has already assumed his new duties.

New DPW Tractor

Purchase of a \$5,849.28 tractor to be used by the DPW has been approved by the city commission. The tractor will come from the city's equipment fund.

Industry's desire to paint when necessary is making the manufacture of industrial finishes a year-around business, thus stabilizing employment.

Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Etter, formerly of Detroit, and children, Sharon and Leslie who are making their home at 1057 Gracefield Mr. Etter is advertising representative for the New York Times.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ferguson who, with their daughters, Marilee and Janet have moved from Indianapolis, Iowa to 1784 Gracefield Mr. Ferguson is with the Michigan-Wisconsin Pipe Line Company.

Around The Cracker Barrel . . .

Last Saturday morning my wife handed me a white carnation. Now I don't receive a carnation every day, not even every Saturday. Immediately—man-like—I began to worry. What I wondered, can be the meaning of this? What day is this? Whose anniversary, whose birthday, whose what? So, with a bland and sweet smile as we could conjure up we tried to get over this hump with "My dear, do you really think we'll have so many customers today that we'll need a floor-walker?" That's the sort of crack a forgetful husband is likely to employ while his mind works at lightning speed trying to remember just why he should get a white carnation. And knowing something of feminine psychology (maybe), we were desperately trying to figure out if that white flower wasn't a gentle reminder of something we'd forgotten.

"So, you've forgotten what day this is!" This came with a most charming and disarming smile, one of those we husbands know are fraught with danger. "I'm not surprised when you forget to wind your watch. I know perfectly well you often forget to read your mail, let alone answer it. I well know you forget to get gasoline in the car, know you will order groceries and forget to pick them up. Then I am used to, but I and now that smile is really beguiling in its witchery, 'to think you'd forget the birthday of our offspring, just two years old today!'"

"Madame," we reply, as we raise ourself up so high that the ceiling light makes the top of our head shine even more than usual, "we have no two-year old offspring. You will recall that we have one son who is a sophomore in university, another who is a freshman in high school. You yourself have commented upon the difference in their ages. But a two-year old in our family just happens to be one of those items I have not heard about."

"Well you think it over, and see if you can't remember our two-year old. Wear the white carnation. But I do think you should have had dozens of white carnations, so that each of the customers would have gone out wearing one." And with that she was gone.

Customers! White carnations! Two years old! Then came the delayed flash—'tis the birthday of the Village Store. That was last Saturday, and that was the day—just two years prior—when we timorously opened the doors of the Village Store.

Looking back the whole thing seems like some sort of a miracle. We had reasoned that Harpo Marx never had taken lessons on the harp, that Irving Berlin could work only in the key of C, that Norman Bel Geddes had never studied architecture. If they could do without special training, maybe we could operate a village store. We admit now that this sort of reasoning is the type which produces the answer one is determined to have. Some call it wishful thinking.

But with no more reason than that, plus a great desire, we had started the Village Store. With no previous experience in merchandising we probably often fed the offspring goat's milk when it should have had a fancy formula. We pretty much ignored all of the "professional" advice so freely offered, and opened the sort of store we imagined we'd like to shop in ourselves.

It was rank lightheartedness. Not a single person of experience gave us a single word of encouragement. And not only was there no encouragement, but the blakest sort of doom was forecast. Word got around the trade that there were a couple of greenhorns in Birmingham who were ripe for a picking. And some of these sharp boys told us a bill of goods—but just once.

At times we've paid hard U. S. dollars for experience, and not knowing too much yet it is our expectation that we will pay yet again. But while we were making glorious mistakes, other things were happening. People were beginning to come in numbers to the Village Store. They were telling their friends, were bringing in their friends. Friends were writing in from other cities, from Maine to California, ordering merchandise.

The business was growing, and we were straining ourselves to try to gain experience as fast as sales mounted. It was, and is, still a tough race. With every single month larger than its previous corresponding number, we sometimes wonder when we'll begin to level off. Not that we want to, understand.

But while our experience is still very limited, we've learned a lot of interesting things. We've found out that people really do like a store that is different. People really do like quality in what they buy. They like to know that a fair price is being charged in the first place, and that what they buy today will be the same price next week. People don't like to be high-pressed; they want to buy, not be sold. And they like to come in, visit or wander about, buy nothing at times, and still know they're genuinely welcome.

If the Village Store was different than this we don't think it would have grown as it has. So we'll try hard to keep the atmosphere the same, yet keep new and interesting merchandise coming for your approval. We want you for a customer.

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Land-O-Lakes Butter lb.	75c

The new Nash Rambler custom convertible offers full-size five-passenger accommodations. Exterior appearance is highlighted with sweeping front-to-rear fender lines.

The Rambler revives the name of one of America's first mass produced cars first built in 1902 at Nash Motors, Kenosha, Wisconsin plant. It claims to have new standards of safety. The car offers the protection of two heavy steel rails overhead at the top of side

windows. These safety rails also form a strong structural bridge-beam for extra rigidity of the chassis body.

Priced below the lowest of today's five-passenger convertibles, it includes at no extra cost about \$500 worth of custom upholstery, weather eye conditioned air heater, radio, one piece windshield, direction signals, clock, rubber foam cushions and many others.

