

**Parents Announce Daughter's Troth**

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Anderson of Yarnouth road announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ellen May, to James B. Waterman. His parents are the E. B. Watermans of Fresno, Calif.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Stephens college, Columbia, Mo., and the University of Michigan School of Nursing. The prospective bridegroom attended Fresno State college and was graduated from Hastings School of Law.

Ellen recently returned home from San Francisco, where she is head of the nursery of the University of California hospital, in preparation for her wedding. The event will take place Nov. 12 in Carmel, Calif.

Among the parties honoring Ellen will be a table top shower today hosted by Mrs. George Mallin and Mrs. Robert Heckenkamp at the home of Mrs. A. J. Underwood. On Tuesday she was entertained at a luncheon given by Mrs. William Fritz of Franklin Hills at the Grosjean Pointe Yacht club.



ELLEN ANDERSON

**COMMUTER'S WIFE**

**Teachers Need More Parental Support And Home Influence**

By HELEN BRUNSON  
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Now that schools are organized and first reports are coming to parents, we will soon hear the usual criticism of the schools.

Some of this criticism may be valid, for many able teachers have been driven from our schools by the high cost of living and low salaries. They are out doing other things that bring their families a higher standard of living.

Yet we still have, mainly, dedicated and well-trained people in our schools—much better trained than teachers used to be. More than ever, any smart kid can learn, in spite of the teacher.

Where will this criticism come from? It will come mostly from parents who have never had the problems of a teacher, and know nothing of the difficulties she faces. And it will come from parents who can't make their children behave at home, but expect the teacher to do it at school.

SUCH A CHILD, when he gets punishment at school grades badly because of inattention, will come home with a sob-story. His parents will take it at face value and blame the teacher for the child's failure.

The teacher knows, thereafter, that she lacks a free hand in making the youngster pay attention and learn, and the child (he's at least smart enough to know this much) knows that he doesn't have to. And so another case of "reading difficulty" is chalked up, which in reality is discipline-difficulty.

Another difficulty teachers face is the constant demand on their time away from actual teaching.

ONE PTA I know of had the room teachers sell tickets to a PTA square dance, taking time to collect money, make change, and do accounting on it.

Other groups let a photographer come in for a half day and take up school time. Still another proposes to have banking or savings-stamp buying in the schools, all on school time.

Worthy projects, no doubt, but each taking time away from teaching, which after all is the school's business.

How can we help our teachers and therefore our children?

1. GO AND sit through a half-day in the school room and see just what the problems are there.
2. Tell our children (in effect): if you get a lickin' at school, you'll get another one at home.
3. Veto any project that takes teachers' time away from classroom, in spite of the eager beavers that want to promote it.
4. Help your child at home when

**Bloomfield Club Joins Cameracade**

Bloomfield Hills camera club was among nine Detroit area photography organizations that prepared sets for hundreds of photographers to aim their cameras at the recent fall cameracade at Veterans Memorial building.

Sponsored by the Greater Detroit Camera club council, the affair featured colorful backgrounds for several models, who included American Indians, ballet dancers, clowns, and several beautiful girls. Awards for best pictures will be announced later.

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

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**Consultant Speaker At Joint PTO Meet**

There will be a joint meeting of the Vaughan school and the Wing Lake school PTOs on Tuesday, Oct. 25th, at 8 p.m. in the gym of the new Bloomfield Hills high school.

Miss Joann Bigelow, reading consultant of the Scott Forsman company, will discuss the reading program of our basic readers.

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