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- A comfortable home, in tip-top condition, near Lincoln and Southfield. Huge screened porch, big living and dining rooms, kitchen and large first floor bedroom or library. The three bedrooms upstairs are good size and the wardrobe space is exceptional. Hot water heat. 100 foot lot, with plenty of garden and play space. It's clean and neat. \$13,900
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Bits of Birmingham

"If it means more taxes to the property owners to provide more in the way of salaries for school teachers, then I am in favor of more taxes," a local woman told this Wanderer this week. "Education of our children is the most important thing in the country—regard to the nation's welfare than anything else. If youth is not educated properly, we will not find many great leaders of tomorrow. And they won't be properly educated unless we attract the best teachers to the educational field and hold them there. One way we can help is to provide the teacher with an attractive salary. I don't understand why more people don't realize this fact and offer to stand the cost of it. We will eventually reap untold benefits if all of us will do it."

W. D. Crim, 19461 Beverly road, wasn't the only announced candidate for the June 10 school election who discovered that a great number of the names signed on his nominating petitions were not registered with the Board of Education. But with only an hour left before the 5 p. m. deadline, he learned he still needed about 23 names of registered electors to bring his petition up to the requisite 500 names. He asked that his name be withdrawn from the race, tore his petitions in half and thus practically assured the other two candidates of election.

Police again report shoplifters busy in several stores of the city, with word that several suspects were chased out of town recently without officers catching up with them. Stores report the loss of merchandise and also money. One store reported most shoplifting suspects were women from out of the city.

One more shift of a fire hydrant in the center of the city is allowing additional parking space and also placing a hydrant near a street intersection where it will serve properly in all directions more efficiently. This Wanderer notes the hydrant has been removed from in front of the Sumner Restaurant on South Woodward and installed near the intersection of Woodward and Maple avenue.

Franklin School's fuel oil contract for 1946-47 has been awarded by the Board of Education to the Torrence Oil Co. of Birmingham.

In a letter from Pasadena, Calif., McBride Hardware Co. here received some "conscience money" one day last week. It read: "Dear Sir: About five years ago someone (who is now deceased) took an iron from your store. Inasmuch as I'm using it, I feel it should be paid for. Enclosed you will find five dollars." It was unsigned. But the real irony (no pun intended) of the situation was that almost simultaneously with the receipt

of the letter some other person had, unnoticed, taken \$88 from a small cash register in the front of the store. Russ McBride hopes that the thief will also have a conscience, and return it.

If double-dip ice cream cones indicate warm weather is on the way, then Birmingham is in for quite a warm spell and soon, at that. The girls behind the soda fountains have been scooping the dips from the 5-gallon cans at a good clip lately for Birmingham's "youngest set."

A seven-year-old child in the home of the E. Barclay family, just moving into the residence at 608 Stanley, would be very happy. This Wanderer is told, if those persons who entered the home last week and walked off with his electric train and other toys and books would return them to him. The family reports the toys were missed while moving operations were under way.

From the Underground Route this Wanderer learns that there may be something doing up in the City Commission within a few weeks on the matter of the street car parking for Birmingham shoppers. Plans were drafted some time ago by the City Plan Board, and backed by the Retail Merchants Association, City Manager D. C. Egbert has been giving a lot of study to the proposition and the city engineering department is reported to have had a hand in the task. Now the word heard is "maybe there will be something happening shortly."

After 28 months of active duty Charles H. Martz, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Martz, 724 Lakeview, has his discharge from the Navy. He was in active service all over the world, cruising more than 30,000 miles as a petty officer on Fleet Tug Attack 217. He was on both Atlantic and Pacific, East China Sea, the Caribbean, visited most Pacific naval bases, including Guam, Okinawa, Manila, Leyte and others. He has told his friends he is most happy to be back home safe and sound.

"Score one for the DPW," the fellow who pointed out to this Wanderer last week the parking on the north side of the Woodward end. "Bright and early Tuesday morning of this week I saw a new sign on the north side of Oakland, about 75 feet from Woodward, proclaiming, 'No Parking From Here to Corner'." He told us Tuesday noon. "Now I shall be interested to learn what the local fire department does to investigate parking on both sides of the rest of Oakland with the idea of keeping a right-of-way in case they should have to use it to answer a fire alarm to find only a few parts of the street. The street accessible because of the parking on both sides."

Another part of Oakland has come in for investigation and study. For some time the east end of the street, from Worth to Adams, has been closed during hours Adams School has been in session. Now the public schools have asked the City Commission to close the street for that one block to halt traffic altogether between the school on the north side of Oakland and the playground on the south side. The Commission has asked City Manager D. C. Egbert to take the matter up in conference with Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools, and then report back. This Wanderer hears that Oakland is the only street in the area which leads to a direct crossing on Hunter, Madison on the north and Ridgevale on the south do not cross Hunter.

Howard Holak tells us he is giving another of his popular Saturday morning shows for the Kiddies of Birmingham, and what's more he is selling just tickets enough to fill every seat in the house. "A seat for each child" is the slogan and what he terms "the biggest and best kiddies" show I have ever given." Asked by this Wanderer what was going to make the show so good Holak exclaimed, "Why, man, I'm giving them 17 cartoons one right after another. If that doesn't give them really something then I will have all my hard work

for nothing." The show is going to open at 9 so that children can come and stay as long as they want to and then leave.

Things appear to point to a rather hectic week at the Birmingham theater, according to Howard Holak, manager. He plans to bring Tom Breneman's Breakfast in Hollywood for a week's run, opening June 14, and this will mean the opening night Friday and his big Kiddies' party with 17 comics all in a row for the next forenoon. Looks like Howard is in for plenty of excitement.

It's going to cost more to play golf out at Springdale Park for starting on June 1. Playing fees are to be advanced a bit. The City Commission, acting on a recommendation of City Manager D. C. Egbert, voted Monday night to up the fees. Here's the way the thing has been figured out. Week day rates, nine holes, were 40 cents and have been boosted to 50. From 10 to 15 holes, 70 cents and will be 80 cents. For Saturdays, Sundays and holidays the nine hole rate was 50 cents and will be 70 cents, with the 18 hole rate of 90 cents boosted to \$1.25. The rates, this Wanderer is told, conform, in general, to rates charged at comparable courses.

"Yes, I have never seen so much lack of widespread citizen interest in State elections as during these days," Lieut. Gov. Vernon J. Brown told this Wanderer when he was in Birmingham Tuesday noon. "Apparently so many things of national and international importance take up the public thinking that people have less interest in State problems."

Great Lakes Greyhound buses, both local and those on through routes were having a field day during the short-lived railroad strike, which halted trains to Birmingham and this area. The buses going to Detroit were hard pressed to handle the extra load of about 150 commuters, but with extra equipment most folks got downtown without much difficulty. Buses out of Detroit coming back this way were late at times—quite late and some folks missed connections for business and social engagements. Local stores had an extra rush of business as buying speeded up with some folks fearing a food shortage, but from all this Wanderer can learn there was no evidence of starvation in Birmingham. The shortage of some kinds of food did force the Boy Scouts of the city and region to postpone their planned spring pow wow, which was to have been (Continued on Page 2, Part 2)

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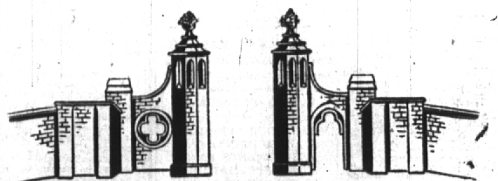
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