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Someone reported to the Wanderer Monday that maybe real estate values have begun to sag slightly. Or so it would seem by the fact that in a nearby community one realtor's window was reported to have displayed a number of pictures of homes for sale all of which had been marked down as much as \$600 in price. Compared to the sale prices now being asked for many homes, this \$600 seems very small. But does it indicate a downward trend (as many prospective buyers earnestly hope)?

Since the Wanderer does not wish a man confined in his home because he didn't have the lower part of his "Sunday Best," the Wanderer, in cooperation with Mrs. Alton H. Haack, 560 Henrietta, this week is endeavoring to locate the man who apparently lost—on the way to the cleaners—a pair of blue pants. Mrs. Haack reports that she discovered them rolled up along the side of the street in front of her home. Since they appear in very good condition she wonders if the man who lost them is still interested in claiming them. Mister, maybe that's the "lost" pair which you accused the wife of giving to the old clothes man. Better check and find out.

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just for one day in order that the Birmingham youngsters will be able to enjoy skating this winter?

Here's something for the City Fathers to investigate: it would appear that Birmingham residents are now resorting to the use of flashlights in order to light their way along Birmingham's darkened streets. Anyway, the Wanderer one night this week saw one person pointing his "torch" along the sidewalk on Oakland Avenue.

In order to facilitate the exit of spectators from Pierce Field, the Wanderer wonders if the Board of Education could open the gate at the northwest corner of the field after the conclusion of each home game. Last Friday night's crowd jammed up at the central exit much like a NYC subway crowd at the rush hour.

In the event you hadn't known Birmingham was the home of the "Widgeon" sign, you should know if you have entered the city from the south. The Wanderer one night this week saw a "Widgeon" sign on the corner of Woodward Avenue and Hunter Boulevard has been "turned over" to Pat for his use in the coming gubernatorial campaign.

Residents in the Poppleton Park area have reported that at least a portion of the corrugated steel roof has been put along the sides of the queen beds already. However, the Wanderer sees that they are still far from completion.

Don't breathe a word of it, but there actually is a new store in Birmingham called "P. J." Or so it was Monday afternoon, as signs in the front window proclaimed. Has the commercial real estate situation begun to open up, the Wanderer wonders? Usually these signs are erected only when the basement is completely excavated.

The first power Gruesman "Widgeon" has been purchased by R. G. Clark of Willow Lane. The Wanderer learned this because the "Widgeon" is an amphibious plane with a 200-horsepower inboard engine. It was being kept out at Milt Berr's big hangar on East Maple.

The old saying, "It's the cat's pajamas" really had nothing to do with an episode concerning the P. J. belonging to the papa of a young girl the Wanderer knows. But do one of the recent, busy evenings, the man hung his bright green-striped job over the screen before a lively burning fireplace. A few minutes later he happened to smell an unusual amount of smoke in the room, but figured it might be because of his enthusiastic puffing on his pipe. Further investigation disclosed it wasn't the pipe but the P. J. which he had hung up to warm. He slept in his blue ones that night.

Maybe the reason you haven't seen so many new cars unloaded from haulways out in front of a dealer's showroom, yet new cars suddenly appear on the floor, is the fact that a number of dealers have told the drivers to pull up to the rear of the building to unload. The Wanderer is told that the moment a haulway leaves the front of an agency, the dealer is bombarded with phone calls from persons who want delivery of one of the new models.

Add to the list of embarrassing moments the situation a young filling station attendant found himself in the other day. A stranger approached him and asked for the manager of the station. Since the manager was home making entries in the financial records to bring everything up-to-date, the young lad jokingly said, "I think he's home fixing up the books." The fellow, however, later that the "stranger" was a representative of the oil company which the station represented.

Francis H. Phelps, president of the Houseman-Spitzley Corp. of Detroit, told the Wanderer this week of the opening of a new development in Bloomfield Hills, at the northeast corner of Telegraph and Long Lake roads, directly across from the new subdivision. Phelps believes that this district will become divided into small estates, and is destined to develop into one of the finest residential areas, due to uniform zoning and careful restriction. The area is thickly wooded and hilly, in addition to having several lakes close by.

The Wanderer has learned that the resignation of Marjorie T. Bingham, botanist and librarian at the Cranbrook Institute, has been announced. She has been at Cranbrook since 1933, and despite the great amount of work connection with the two posts, she has completed two books for the Institute, "Orchids of Michigan" and "Flora of Oakland County, Michigan." During her stay at Cranbrook she was active in programs of State and local scientific and conservation societies, librarian and museum associations, girl scouts and horticultural groups.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell E. Foster, 2371 Radnor road, this week asked the Wanderer to publicly thank the Birmingham fire department for the "excellent job they did in extinguishing the fire at their home in the Birmingham area. In the preparations taken in protecting the furniture, carpets, and other household furnishings, as well as the interior of

the houses." The neighbors, too, came in for praise in their attempts to help the family during and after the fire. "Everyone was so wonderful—firemen, neighbors and friends," Mrs. Foster declared. Incidentally, the Wanderer was told that Mrs. K. D. Chelton, 2408 Devon Lane, was the person who called the fire department to report the blaze.

The Wanderer this week came across an item in a national magazine by George Trevor, who says "Barring a momentous upset, the Army and Notre Dame eleven should come up to their November 9th rendezvous unbeaten and untied." Local U of M grads, however, are hoping for that momentous upset" of Army this coming Saturday at Ann Arbor. The Wanderer's grapevine says Army will come out way on top.

The Wanderer stopped in at the Maple Sales and Service two days ago and beheld the new Model Special on display in Birmingham for the first time. It's a four-door sedan, cream-colored and very swish-looking. John Cantanar, Birmingham Kaiser-Frazer dealer, told that this was the first of the many cars he anticipates in the next year.

Your Wanderer talked the other day with a native Costa Rican who came all the way up from San Jose to join the U. S. Navy, but who was placed in the U. S. Army Artillery Corps and shipped to Japan. He's back in the States now and very happy to be here, especially since he has only just become a citizen of the United States on Oct. 3. During our conversation he told us about the Costa Rican custom, in high families, of introducing young men to young ladies. It seems that the young ladies in pairs traverse the lower square, in one direction, while the young men go around in another direction. At the third time around, if the young man has caught the

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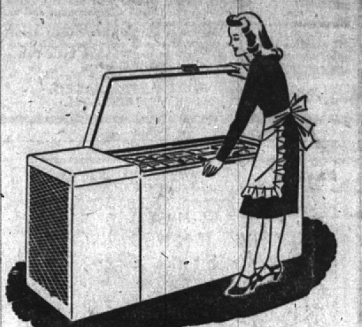
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young maid's attention for the next two times, he may break rank and walk along with her. If all goes well, and they like what they see and hear, they ask each other's name. Then the parade is continued. When the young lady goes home, however, comes the "Inquisition." Her father, brothers and uncles, in fact, all her relatives ask his name, then go into a huddle to see whether he is socially acceptable. If he does not belong to either the 20 high families or the



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