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Bits of Birmingham

Bert Penny of Route 3, Birmingham, has contributed a poem, "Late to Captain Slocum," to this week's (Feb. 22nd) issue of the Saturday Evening Post. It is the second of his poems to be published in the Post, and the current verse is in praise of a book title which tells what is inside the covers.

Leave it to Birmingham youngsters to add some smiles to the faces of their adults. This Wanderer, as he was waiting at Adams and Maple for the light to change in his favor, overheard the following conversation between two Adams School kindergarteners: "We got a new baby at our house," remarked the first boy. "Ya did? Whereja get him?" asked the second youngster. "Doctor Nelson bring him," replied the first. "We took him from him, too," was the surprising statement of the second.

Those Birminghamites interested in new audio-visual equipment for schools are invited to attend the audio-visual conference to be held in the Pontiac Senior High School all day tomorrow, Feb. 21. A similar conference was held some weeks ago here in Birmingham by school officials and teachers, but there may be some PTA members who missed the local demonstration and would like to take in the Pontiac affair. Visitors will be welcome.

A local chap reminded this Wanderer this week about the two men on a tandem bike who struggled up a steep hill and barely made the top of the grade. Agreeing with the fellow on the front of the bike, the second man said, "It sure was a stiff climb; if I hadn't kept the brake on, we would have gone backward down the hill!" The local resident likened this story to various governmental problems. "If a lot more people took their feet off the brakes, we'd

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got to the top of our hills a lot sooner, with less effort," he pointed out.

After hearing a statement from Mayor Milton Calder, this Wanderer hastens to put in this little item this week: Oak street has not been forgotten by the city and is in the process of having various cost estimates figured. This reminder was prompted by the Mayor's remark that he had received a query from some resident in the Oak street improvement "area," wondering what had happened to the project for he hadn't seen it mentioned in The Eccentric for some weeks now.

For the information of all those residents in this area who are having trouble filling out their income tax statements—WHICH MUST be filed no later than March 15—has come to this Wanderer's attention that a deputy collector of Internal Revenue will be in Birmingham at the Municipal Building next Thursday and Friday, February 27 and 28. He will be available on those days to help any citizen out with his annual struggle. For Southfield residents, a deputy collector will be in the Township Hall at 10 1/2 Mile and Berg on March 3 and 4.

A new dental office will be opened in Birmingham Monday by Dr. Neil S. MacVicar, formerly of Crowell, Mich. This Wanderer learned this week. Dr. MacVicar has practiced dentistry in Crook U of M in 1929. He and Mrs. MacVicar recently purchased a home at 18 Hupp Cross road Bloomfield Village.

This Wanderer was on the scene last Monday night at Hunter and Maple when the Birmingham fire department changed to a stop to investigate what was thought to be a motor fire in a huge semi-trailer stopped there. The fire turned out to be a very minor one caused by leaking alcohol, but the incident pointed out, less on courtesy that could be practiced with good results in our non-trucking public. In the short space of time that the one semi was parked with flares indicating trouble, three other huge trucks

pulled in to see if they could be of assistance. Soon as they heard the good word, they were off again with a cheery "So Long." How many times have you, Mr. Motorist, been "stuck" for help of some kind, and waited a long time until some motorist answered your wave for help? Or how many times have you been too busy to stop and help out a fellow motorist?

Just a reminder: Spring is but 29 days away, so it might be a good idea to look over and possibly repair those garden tools. Better keep the snow shovel handy, though.

According to tradition and custom, June is supposed to be the month favored by the great majority of girls as the ideal time in which to be married. But statistics here in Birmingham are all haywire. The Eccentric's society editor reports to this Wanderer. If you'll compare the number of weddings reported in this week's issue, you'll come up with 13 such accounts. Last June, however, the greatest number of weddings reported in any one week was only seven. It appears, or best we wait till June 1947—maybe the new year is bringing a corresponding increase in marriages?

Motorists who have occasion to drive over East Maple Ave., regularly are breathing sighs of relief this week. They no longer have to execute sharp maneuvers around many holes that have appeared in the concrete pavement during the last "thaw." The DPW this week went over the course and patched the hazardous asphalt. In fact, some of the motorists were seriously considering bringing to the attention of the City Commission this second Oak street.

If anyone thinks Oak street is a bumpy thoroughfare, let him try to negotiate Pierce street between Lincoln and 14 Mile at a pace faster than 15 miles an hour. Driving over Oak street is a spring mattress compared to Pierce—and this Wanderer isn't kidding. He's actually compared the two in a "test case."

Have you seen the two cigarette lighters Commissioner Bill Martin carries around with him? Well, it's not just because he wants an extra in case he loans one to someone. He wants to return the spare lighter in the event the first one doesn't work. This Wanderer has noticed several times when neither of them would work! A couple of Martin's friends have suggested he could save effort and embarrassment by simply carrying around a packet of flint and steel.

When Lincoln's birthday rolled round last week, one Birmingham oldtimer happened to think of a little remembrance that he had of that great president. Yes, sir, greens that even back in 1860, they went in for those campaign buttons, and the Rev. Dr. David W. Thornberry, one-time rector of St. James Episcopal Church here in Birmingham, has, in all probability, one of the few Lincoln-Hamlin campaign tokens in existence today. In the form of a locket, with a little ring attached so it may be hung from a watch chain, this button has a brass framed picture of Lincoln on one side and a picture of his running mate, Hamlin, on the other.

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\$25,000 County Quota for 1947 Easter Seal Fund

The Oakland County Society for Crippled Children will aim for a goal of \$25,000 in its annual Easter Seal drive which this year is scheduled to run from March 6 through April 6, according to William H. Wilcox, Pontiac attorney who is heading up the campaign as county chairman.

"The goal we've set for this year's Easter Seal campaign is somewhat higher than the amount we raised last year," states Hope G. Scott, executive secretary of the Society. "However, it reflects more nearly the amount needed for the work which the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children is faced with in the county."

"Many children need attention which we haven't been able to give them, and many adults can be made more self-sufficient and less of a burden to the public at large with a better program of adult rehabilitation," she said.

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