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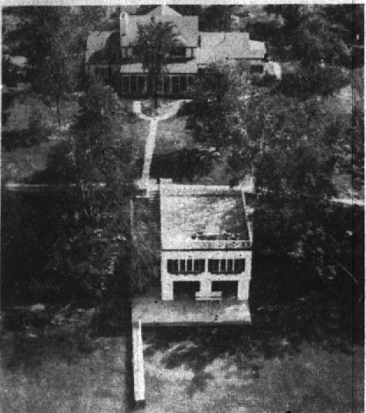
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Hats off to Birmingham merchant, Wayne C. Mortimer. During last Wednesday morning's snow storm when everyone was in his shovels for a moment or two, then went a couple of stores away and began shoveling again. The place of business where he went for his second stint is run by two women. Active evidence of how the Good Neighbor policy works in Birmingham.

Little Tommy Caldwell has this Wanderer's vote for being the early worm. He has written a thank you note to Santa, too, saying he's having a lot of fun with his Christmas sled, but Tommy doesn't stop there. No, sir! He's put in an order, already, for a cowboy suit next Christmas! There is a young man who's going places.

As planning experts prepared to talk and local citizenry prepared to listen at last week's Community Council Institute on "Why City Planning?", the chairman of the evening read a telegram from Jerrold Loeb of Chicago, regional chairman on Urban Planning for the American Institute of Architects who was unable to attend. The message stated that all places were grounded due

to the weather and that it was too late to take a train. "An example of poor planning," Loeb said, in closing.

Any ex-Red Cross overseas girls who live in Birmingham or vicinity are invited to attend a dinner meeting of the Arco League to be held next Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Penobscot Club, Detroit. League president Dorothy Osburn may be contacted for reservations or further information at 70 5-4662.

A great many people attended the dinner and meeting at the Community House Wednesday evening when the question "Why City Planning?" was discussed. At the checkroom, things were pretty busy, but not too busy for one of the boys to remark cheerfully, "Well, by tomorrow we ought to have the perfect city!"

Ray A. Palmer, Birmingham member of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors and former mayor, attended the meeting of the state supervisors held in Lansing last week. He was named to a special committee to attend from this county by W. C. Hutson, chairman of the Oakland County board.

Well, all winter long this wanderer has heard the youngsters growing from every corner because there was no skating in Birmingham this year. Apparently at least a part of them were satisfied last week, for as we sat shivering in the office Saturday morning, dreading an afternoon trip for groceries, two little girls went past—on ice skates.

It was a colorful affair in St. Clair a few days ago, and a Birmingham man played his important role, too. It seems that one John W. Green, of this city, ignored a red light. He happened to do it under the watchful eye of two members of the state police: Troopers John N. Brown and Kenneth L. Gray. Well what can you expect—all the stylists are predicting more and more color for the male population this year.

Howard R. Estes, Birmingham's representative to the State Legislature, this week acknowledged receipt of a recent letter from the Birmingham city commission asking that measures be taken to again combine the presidential ballot with the state ballot, as was the case in former years. Commissioners said a number of local voters were "disfranchised" by the new arrangement. In his letter, Estes stated, "This situation has appeared in other parts of the state according to discussion here in Lansing, and legislation is being considered at the present time to overcome the deficiency . . . I will be glad to do everything in my power to correct the situation."

And how do you like this taste of California weather that we've got this week?

Victor Peck has been appointed as the Rotary Club representative to the City Plan Commission's sub-committee on parks. Club President Paul Friedrich announced Monday at the weekly Rotary luncheon.

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Permits issued for new buildings in Birmingham during the past year will provide living quarters for 452 more families. Permits were issued for 313 single unit dwellings; four for two-family houses; eight for terraces which have a total of 124 units and one apartment building which is composed of seven units. These are being erected at a total estimated cost of \$4,749,355.

In addition to this permits were issued for 14 new business places and 100 new private garages, bringing the total construction cost of new buildings in the city to \$5,612,739.

One permit for building the addition at Pierce School was issued for an estimated cost of \$45,000. Other alteration and remodeling permits issued were for single family residences, 73 business places, 17 industrial places, three, and miscellaneous repairs, eight. The 101 permits carried an estimated total of \$304,355, bringing the construction total, of all types, to \$5,917,094 for the year.

Company Transfers Local Man to Canada

Russell Davies, who is completing his 34th year with the S. Kresge company, has been promoted to general manager of all their Canadian stores. He will assume his new duties in the spring. Davies, who resides at 917 Glenhurst, has been employed in Detroit as a buyer for infants' wear.

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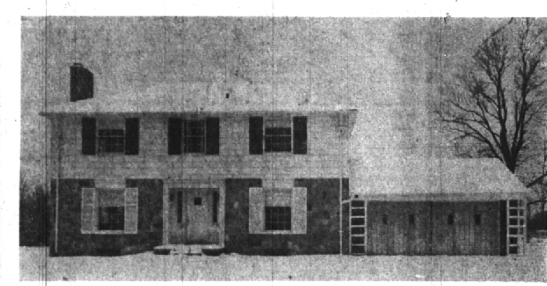
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