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The bi-partisan Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, created by Congress with the approval of President Truman and headed by former President Hoover, has provided a chart for the elimination of governmental extravagance and waste.

This past year, because of duplication and overlapping in the Armed Services we wasted about one billion dollars out of the fifteen billion spent for National Security.

In 1948 two agencies planned to build the same dam in nearly the same place at Hell's Canyon, Idaho. Each set of plans cost about \$250,000. The plans differed by approximately 76 million dollars in estimated cost of erecting the dam.

It now costs the Post Office Department two and a half cents to print and deliver a penny post card. The Veterans Administration, at the time of the Commission's survey, had 6,500 empty beds in its hospitals, yet VA and other government agencies have planned or are building additional hospitals at a cost of over a billion dollars, when 84% of the available beds are not now occupied. This is also in Wonderland.

It takes more than \$10 worth of paper work to complete a governmental purchase order. For example, by the time the necessary paper work is completed, a 50¢ typewriter ribbon costs the taxpayer about \$10.

Turnover of labor is recognized by all industry as expensive. Yet in the Federal Government labor turnover runs about 25 per cent, a rate much higher than any private business could stand. This means that every year approximately 500,000 either leave or enter a government job. The personnel system is clogged with red tape. The best men leave because of the low pay scale, and the inefficient cannot easily be discharged.

If enacted into law, the Commission recommendations to remedy these and other defects in conducting our Federal business would save the taxpayer three to four billion dollars a year.

To play your part in putting a stop to this wasteful extravagance, join the non-partisan Citizens Committee, which is working for the enactment of the Commission's suggestions. Write to the Citizens Committee for Reorganization of the Executive Branch of the Government, 1421 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania. Write your Congressman. Inform yourself about the Commission Report. Tell your neighbors!

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Bits of Birmingham

The Wanderer

By passing the Birmingham Theatre last week the small fry poured out onto the street after a viewing of "Alice in Wonderland" which the AAUW sponsored. We were, as it happens, appalled at the miniature riot which enveloped all pedestrians in that block. Youngsters are supposed to be energetic (or else something is wrong with them) but when they're that and armed with padlocks also, it's another matter. For awhile it looked as if someone would get it in the eye. While in a doorway, a rootie's look was going on—against odds, we might add. It's hard to control what the offspring do while away from mums and paps, but at least the parents can see to it that the kids go off to the shoe with equipment other than their own effervescence.

Lots of people carry good luck charms and last week this Wanderer heard that one of the local merchants who has been in business here about 25 or 30 years isn't taking any chances. He carried a silver dollar the very day he opened his store and has kept it in the cash register as a memento ever since. In the following years others have come into his possession but those he's passed on.

Three new stamps are claiming the attention of local philatelists. A three-cent stamp, issue of Jan. 27, out of Washington, D. C., commemorates the 100th anniversary of the death of Samuel Gompers. At the local post office, according to Bernard Fowler, acting postmaster, the special issue honorarium of the American Bankers' association is now on sale. The local air mail stamp marking the anniversary of the flight of the Wright brothers' Kitty Hawk in December, 1903.

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out personal experience or contact with one: You do get more information for your fine money.

Have You Met

Former Detroiters, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Fowler of 1653 Graefield? Mr. Fowler is with the Veterans Administration.

Well, the squirrels should be happy, if no one else is. On Sunday, Feb. 6, we open a national event—National Peanut Week. We are not sure just how these "national" affairs start, but in this particular instance, we feel whoever did it was in error. When we, personally, think of peanuts we have visions of baseball games, monkeys and elephants. That's what we see, and that's what makes us wonder why anyone would put National Peanut Week on February. The best of seasons is weeks away, and the elephants and monkeys are all housed in their nice warm zoo. Perhaps one is supposed to be reminded of those coming attractions and begin to lay in a supply of popcorn. Could that be it?

Fire Chief Vern W. Griffith's investigation into the cause of the Dec. 11 gas explosion at the Mother & Son Antique Shop has been completed and sent to Lansing, Griffith told this Wanderer Monday. "A state law requires me to make this investigation and report it to the State Police Commissioner Donald Leonard, who is also the chief fire prevention officer in the state," Griffith explained. It is now up to the state to take further action, he said.

"Meanwhile, Birmingham residents should be patient until the final findings can be released for publication," the chief advised.

In checking over the "Have You Met" news this week, this Wanderer was surprised to notice that a John O'Gorman had moved to Birmingham from Buffalo, N. Y. Since a John O'Gorman is a city commissioner, we began to think it must be a hard, long commuter's trip between here and the east end of Lake Erie, especially after a lengthy session at the municipal building. A more careful comparison of the names, however, showed that our city commissioner was "John M., Jr.," while the former New Yorker is "John M." Too, John S. lives on Abbey road while John M. has taken up residence on Graefield road.

Congratulations to the Boy Scouts of America who this week are starting a prolonged program in celebration of their 40th anniversary. Throughout the country Boy Scouts will prepare special programs to observe this event. They will be the honored guests of churches and civic groups, and individual members will receive honors for their accomplishments at well-attended Courts of Honor.

Down in Lufkin, Tex., according to Time Magazine (Dec. 25, 1949), lives Ernest Kurth, who has become a considerable financial success by dabbling in banking, lumber, insurance, theaters,

construction, etc., etc. When some Time readers in Birmingham came across the item, they wondered if Birmingham's Ernest Kurth, 556 Wallace, might not be some relation. They point out that both Ernests are sons of German immigrants, that the Birmingham Ernest also is interested in several types of business: insurance, real estate, rentals, notary public. They are about the same height, same weight, even have similar facial characteristics.

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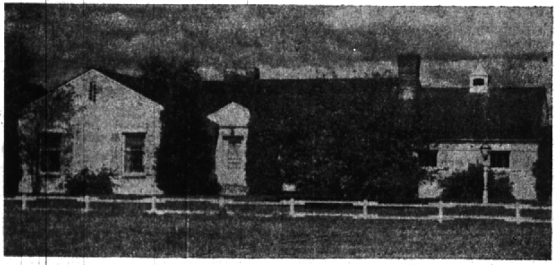
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