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### Local Man Acquitted on Assault Charge

Walter Pierce, 40, of 936 Westwood, last week was acquitted on an assault and battery charge by a jury of six men and women. The case was heard in justice court.

Pierce was arrested on the complaint of Robert Nelson, builder and contractor, of 5210 Telegraph road. Nelson told police that Pierce attacked him following an argument over wages.

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# The Birmingham Eccentric

Thursday, January 12, 1950

## Bits of Birmingham

Birmingham is having door troubles. Again the police are finding many business establishments with unlicensed doors. Several persons have visited the headquarters of the "lock pickers" to open cars for them. Another group seems to have been locked out of their homes, too. Then, just to make the problem complete, a lady phoned in the latter part of the week to say her small youngster was locked in the bathroom. It seems to be an epidemic—either no locks at all being used, or just one too many.

Perhaps you recall the item last week about the kite seen over West Maple. To see a kite flying in mid-winter was odd enough, but the whole story, revealed to this Wanderer, is even better. Two boys, Bob Owens, 303 Park, and Frank Phillips, 811 Madison, were the ones flying the kite. They were behind the Eccentric plant, between Park and Fendale, more than 2,000 feet of cord played out. Bob told us that they tied the string to the side of his house and followed the kite to get its exact location before trying to bring it back in. Although it had a couple of close calls with trees and wires, the boys were successful in getting it back without damage, in spite of its journey of very nearly half a mile from the starting point.

Hundreds of star ice skaters, including a number from this community are expected to compete in the Gold and Silver Skates Derby scheduled for Belle Isle Jan. 14 and 15, an announcement from the Department of Parks and Recreation states. At stake in the meet, sponsored by the Times, are 49 midwest championships and the gold skates derby for women for men and boys. Beginners can compete, too—there are a number of events for novices.

At last! We have heard something in favor of parking meters. It was Saturday morning when merchants had been busy clearing the snow from their walks. The curbs had just about vanished under the accumulation when two ladies left their cars and started into a store. Slightly dismayed, they eyed the pile of snow they had to cross. One reached out a hand, grasped the upright meter, and pulled herself to "safety". "There's one use for those pesky things," she remarked grimly as she began feeding pennies into its hungry maw.

This Wanderer was amazed Saturday morning to learn how many persons go to get their license plates without having the titles to their cars with them. Actually, there are hundreds who do this, in spite of the block of red type on the blank which tells them it is necessary. Charles E. Mortenson, James C. Pedder, recently appointed to the city plan commission to replace Harris O. Machus who resigned, told this Wanderer Monday that he will be ready about February first to announce his new publicly committee. The plan commission has adopted a policy of permitting any new plan commissioner to choose new members of his working committees, if he feels it advisable, rather than have to fit himself in with a previously selected group.

The State Police Fire Bureau last week informed the Citizens Gas Co. that the latter must make a "thorough inspection" of the city's gas distribution system and make the necessary safety improvements. Stated the order from Arnold C. Bennett, chief of

the fire bureau: "You shall immediately cause a thorough inspection to be made of your entire distribution system in the city of Birmingham, Mich., and if any defective, unsafe, hazardous or dangerous conditions are found to exist in said gas distribution system, you shall immediately eliminate or remedy the same. The existing condition and situation in the city of Birmingham, Mich., is hereby declared to be an emergency to protect the security and safety of persons and property in the city of Birmingham, Mich."

As the hands of the municipal building clock swung past 8 p.m. Monday evening, there was some doubt that any official city business would be transacted at the city commission meeting. Only City Commissioners C. Theron Van Dusen, Garland Tull and John O'Gorman had arrived. Mayor Donald S. Bell and City Commissioners Milton F. Maller and Bruce G. Booth would not be present for those three were out of town on business. The quorum hinged upon the arrival of Commissioner Ralph A. Main, who came in a few minutes past eight. "Now we live on business," remarked Acting Mayor Van Dusen as he led the others into the commission room.

The snow had hardly touched the ground last week before youngsters of all sizes and ages were on it. Police received the usual number of calls about snowballs whizzing too close for comfort. One mother reported that boys were throwing them, against the side of her house, upsetting a small child who was ill. In another case, nine youngsters were brought into police headquarters for a man-to-man talk with Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley about what happens to boys who throw snowballs at passing cars.

The latest report from the citrus front: The Birmingham-grown lemon crop has been picked, ripened for one week, and has ended its career in a lemon pie. Hartland Smith, owner of the crop, said the pie has been eaten and was "delicious".

How many Birmingham residents will be among those who attend the golden anniversary celebration of Eastern high school? The affair will greet the alumni from 1899 to 1949 at Detroit Eastern high school on Saturday evening. It's going to include class reunions, refreshments, dancing and a stage show. Activities will begin at 8 p.m. when the 1899-1919 group meets. The 1920-1935 classes will have their reunion at 9 o'clock, with 1936-1949 taking over at 10.

The Girl Scout Swimming program, scheduled to begin today, has been postponed until next Thursday, Jan. 19, this Wanderer has been notified.

Purposes believed to be 300 to 400 years old are found on the Galapagos islands.

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First Mortgage Loans	\$2,230,353.81
Loans on Savings Accounts	33,950.47
Properties Sold on Contract	44,512.92
Investments and Securities:	
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	\$ 65,000.00
U. S. Government Bonds	377,995.19
Cash on Hand and in Banks	300,669.60
Office Building and Equipment, less depreciation	78,107.69
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	1,296.33
	\$3,135,186.01
CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$2,920,060.36
Loans in Process	45,351.90
Other Liabilities	1,774.15
Specific Reserves	2,508.11
General Reserves	814,491.49
Surplus	22,000.00
	165,491.49
	\$3,135,186.01

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I, Walter L. Moreland, President of the Birmingham Federal Savings & Loan Association, do solemnly swear that the above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WALTER L. MORELAND—President  
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