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Bits of Birmingham

Apparently the Birmingham police department does not appreciate the fact that some persons pin great faith on the old adage "waste not, want not." At any rate, one which recently came to their attention was a motorist who could not see the sense of wasting street space. Hence, and accordingly, he proceeded to park his car behind the barrier which is partially blocking Woodward avenue at Oakland. The police were not economy-minded in this instance, and did not add their blessing to his having saved a parking place for someone else. The driver was asked to move on.

According to Mrs. Carol Plumsted, assistant director at the Community House, there must be a lady in Birmingham whose suit doesn't match. At least that is what the staff members have been led to believe. A few days ago a local lady called to ask if they had had a black gabardine suit jacket turned in at the office. They had. She came to get it, and discovered that while it was almost matched her skirt, it was not her jacket. Now the question is, who has the missing jacket, and would she like to make the necessary trade?

The 1950 edition of the per-

ennially-popular "Telephone Almanac" is now available to the public, without charge, at Michigan Bell's Birmingham office. Local manager Walter B. Tuser reports to this Wanderer. The 1950 edition of this year's almanac is the most complete and interesting account of the telephone system in Birmingham with his fellow-men. Words and pictures trace his progress in this endeavor from the days of the used drums, horns and cannon, up to his present-day use of radio dial, teletype and a telephone in his automobile.

The mystery is solved. The College of Mount St. Joseph—the Ohio does not have an intercollegiate sports program and so the information is not needed. The information was passed on to this Wanderer last Thursday morning by Mrs. Kay Riley, wife of Doug Warden Ralph R. Riley. Mrs. Riley, who was enrolled there in 1944, says the co-educational school does have several college songs, however, and informs us that they are very beautiful. She says that she, and the several others from Birmingham and vicinity who attended the College of Mount St. Joseph-on-the-Olio, refer to it simply as "The Mount".

Members of the postoffice staff had a few busy days explaining why their flag flew at half-mast last week. While the explanation may come a bit late, it will ease the minds of those who did not quite dare call in and did not happen to meet their postman face to face. The flag was flown thusly to mark the death of a World War II hero, Gen. H. H. (Hap) Arnold, the nation's first general of its air force. The general was buried in Arlington cemetery last Thursday afternoon.

Floyd street residents can expect their street to get a roadshow treatment this coming season, City Manager Donald C. Egbert stated at Monday night's commission meeting. William F. Kennedy, 1068 Floyd, asked the city manager: "When will this improvement be made? We already have paid in our assessments for it." Stated Egbert: "We plan to include it in the work to be done this summer. There was no sense in doing the street before the sewer was put in. The sewer is now in, and we can proceed with the improvement when the weather becomes dry and warm enough to permit a good job."

Two Birmingham property owners are seeking to have the Oakland county map changed to include an additional two lakes to the 400 or more that now exist in the county. At Monday night's city commission meeting, Seymour Hamrick, Jr., 2455 Buckingham,

said the next door lot is practically a lake until late in the summer every year. It is a hazard to neighborhood children," he declared. Harlie H. Hicks, 1860 Oak, got to his feet and pointed out another "lake" on the other side of town. "Right in back of my lot is another lake on which the kids are skating this winter," Hicks said. "It may dry up for a week this summer, but meantime the mosquitoes there in the summer are terrible. They eat you alive, as my neighbors tell me." Mayor Donald S. Bell asked the city manager to look over the situation to see what relief, if any, could be obtained.

Snowballing is fun for youngsters, but sometimes it can become a nuisance if pushed too far. Take the instance at Quarton Lake last weekend as city crews attempted to clear the snow from the ice so people could enjoy skating. Several youngsters persistently snowballed the tractor crew, so much so that the crew almost retired without finishing the job. A snowball or two I'll take anytime, especially from a youngster who gets a little fun, a crew member explained to this Wanderer. "But when you've got a job to do and are continually being hit with snow, it becomes distracting and distasteful." He hinted that perhaps there would be no more weekend clearing of Quarton Lake if this practice continued, regardless of how much snow fell to hamper skaters.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert will be in Ann Arbor today and tomorrow to attend the second annual management clinic for Michigan city managers. Over 40 managers from throughout the state will participate in the session, sponsored by the Institute of Public Administration of the University of Michigan, the Michigan chapter of the International City Managers' Association, and the Michigan Municipal League.

It has been said of Birmingham that it has an extremely courteous and efficient police department. Friday, a local lady put this statement to a test. As she sat in a beauty parlor, she heard the police "scooter" and recalled that

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Have You Met . . .
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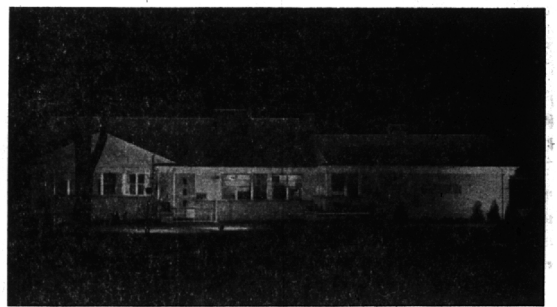
There is a two-fold purpose behind the effort to reorganize the Executive Branch of the Government: One—the elimination of inefficiency caused by overlapping and duplication; two—this should lead to a reduction of your taxes. If our Government can save from three to four billion dollars a year by more efficient methods of conducting our business, failure to act is stupid short-sightedness.

Action, however, depends upon the President and Congress. The President has already submitted a number of reorganization recommendations. The Congress has adopted several of these, most important having to do with the housekeeping of the armed forces, which save the taxpayer more than \$500,000,000 a year. But these are only first steps. There will be more ahead if Congress is made to realize Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer want more tax-saving economies. Congressmen and Senators will vote for just as many of the Commission's recommendations as you, their constituents, will.

What can you, as an individual, do about it? The answer is to write your Congressman and Senators. Tell them you want the Recommendations of the Commission on the Organization of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government made the law of the land. Join the non-partisan Citizens Committee set up to obtain the necessary action to make the Commission's report work. Write the Chairman, Committee for Reorganization of the Executive Branch of the Government, 1421 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania. For more information about the Commission Report. Tell your neighbors about it. Make speeches! Make your representatives in Washington act—now!

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