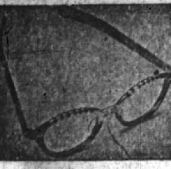


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Bits of Birmingham

Steps toward improving the appearance of the Southfield township hall were taken last week as the township board authorized Supervisor William Roeser to obtain prices to have the interior of the building washed and painted.

Keep calm, it's still Birmingham you're living in. The movie camera around town last week was merely shooting some advertising film and had selected the "For" service station on North Woodward as the background. There's no need to start installing swimming pools, etc. in every yard, 'cause we haven't gone Hollywood yet.

No one can say the police officer does not have variety in his work. A lot of his time is spent,

as we all know, trying to stop cars. He chases speeders and then has to pinch hit for a traffic light that has gone AWOL. Last Thursday one of our Birmingham officers was called upon to spend quite a few minutes in the middle of Woodward avenue helping a lady start her car.

Had you looked into Max's W. Maple barbershop last Thursday morning you no doubt would have guessed that Birmingham schools soon will call local youngsters back to their books. Every one of the six barber chairs was occupied by a small boy, with a dozen more waiting their turns. "We must have had 30 youngsters in this morning," smiled Max, as he ran his clippers over the cranium of a little blond boy. "What kinds

of hair-cutting do they demand? ... everything from a close clip to the latest in trimming."

Another "how many remember" item has come this Wanderer's way. It came about through a conversation with one of Birmingham's "old timers" who happened to mention the days when Lyman Peabody ran a store on what is now the Federal Loan site. The gentleman recalled a day when someone told Mr. Peabody an owl was sitting on the steeple of the First Methodist church. The businessman took from his stock what he considered the best rifle around, loaded it and started down West Maple. He stood across the street, some distance west of the church, and with one shot dispatched said owl. We understand the bird

was mounted and still occupies a place in the home of Mr. Peabody's son, J. Bert Peabody of 579 E. Maple. How many remember?

About noon last week, Wednesday a truck was parked just outside the city. It's passengers, four huge white hogs, didn't seem to mind that one rear tire was very, very flat. As this Wanderer drove past a couple of boys mounted their bikes and peddled away, glancing over their shoulders and laughing. We slowed down for a look-see and chuckled to ourselves as we read the legend chalked on the side of the vehicle: "State Fair or Bust!"

This Wanderer found out the other week that the shells used by the police department at their pistol range at Cranbrook and Lincoln are not discarded after firing. The department owns a unique reloading machine by which the cartridges are re-filled and used over again, saving quite (Continued on Page 3, Part 3)

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