Each of us, in our church association, puts his own voluntary price value on the value of the comfort and inspiration received. While "the widow's mite" is still a lot of money, yet I often wonder if enough people really pay a decent price for the merchandise of Christianity. On the whole, I think it too, too little.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

The Right to Utter Is A Part of Democracy

A lady sends me, but fails to sign, a letter, and in the last paragraph writes: "From a family that is trying to end all strife, not to keep putting on more live coals." She criticizes me for allowing certain material to get into this newspaper.

She centers her criticism off a specific case, which is the type of copy Fenton R. Mathews uses in his weekly classified advertisement. In part she writes that "I want to send the Eccentric to my boy but I won't, for he gets fighting mad at this man's way of downing our government. . . . American folks ain't so dumb; we are trying to live right, and such against our government makes us sick at heart—for it is against the American way of life."

Well, I've had other criticisms on this score, too. All I can say is simply this: The columns of The Eccentric are open to anybody who wants to use them for legitimate reasons, whether their copy is published free in the news section, or paid as in advertisements. Mr. Mathews has the same right to express his own opinions as does anyone else. This is a fundamental part of what is called "a free press" in these United States.

The lady mentioned above no doubt believes in freedom of speech; she would fight any law that attempted to suppress or control free speech; that same attitude ought to enter her mind when considering "freedom to print."

Personally, I do not agree with everything that Mr Mathews says in his other; however, if he keeps his utterances within the law of libel and a sense of moral decency, I believe he is entitled to use a part of his ad to say what he wants to say. Indeed, perhaps he finds this sort of "attention compeller" an accepted technique in mail advertisement writing.

Another suggestion I would make to this lady: read over the statements that have been made, and we will be using both Democratic and Republican leaders in this coming campaign; in them you'll find plenty of mudslinging, plenty of deceit, unfair, and unjustified criticism, plenty of declarations which easily, according to this lady, could be labeled "downing our government."

But, unfortunately, perhaps that is the way democracy works—yet it has given us the free-est government on earth today, and we all want to keep it. That's "one of the things we are fighting for."

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Graft Doesn't Pay

Conviction of 20 of the 22 men indicted for graft in connection with the 1939 Michigan State Legislature proves that in Judge Carr and special prosecutor Sigler the forces of justice have obtained able and valiant defenders.

The long trial held in Mason brought forth considerable defense legal talent—another proof that Messrs Carr and Sigler prepared their evidence thoroughly. The ultimate value of these convictions to the taxpayers of Michigan is beyond estimate, which also suggests that additional funds to carry on the Carr Grand Judy investigation should be forthcoming without objection.

Mr. Sigler has promised further indictments relating to the corruptive acts of other members of various Michigan Legislatures, too; knowing this gentleman as I do, I predict that before he steps out of his present role he will cause numerous other Michiganders to become "guests" in the Jackson Southern Prison of Michigan.

While public opinion certainly condemns those weak Legislators who accepted bribery, it must not be forgotten that certain business interests were party to the corruptive practices.

There are always those who give and those who take—and one is just as evil as the other. Crime doesn't pay.

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"The government of the United States is a government of laws and not of men," exclaimed the famed Chief Justice Marshall many years ago. But that was before the New Deal; its idea appears to be nearly the opposite. It subscribes to and fiercely defies every out centralized government, wherein Congress abdicates in favor of rule by capricious men.

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There is no question about the Allied Nations winning the war; on every front this is evident. Which suggests that, since we are going to win the war, nor the peace to follow, on the home front, which office is more important: the Presidency or Commander-in-Chief?

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More City Sidewalks Are To Be Repaired

Sidewalks in the central section of the city where they are most used are to be repaired and improved, it was decided Monday night by the City Commission. This is a continuation of the program of repair started last year when many walks were put back into good shape.

A list of more than 60 pieces of sidewalks needing repair was included in the resolution directing the Department of Public Works to proceed. In addition there are many stretches of walk, for which the city must handle the cost.

Cave Dwellers

Fear of what the invaders might do is clearly written on the face of this Jap woman shown just after emerging with her child from a cave on Saipan, smoked out with some 200 others who had taken refuge there.

City Recreational Program One of Best In History

The Summer Recreation Program for Birmingham children for the season of 1944 has come to a close. All activities have ceased, the materials have been checked and stored—the playgrounds are deserted—Hill school and Poppleton is strangely silent and there isn't an echo or a ripple in the Barnum pool.

Looking backward over the eight weeks period there is a great feeling of satisfaction when one sees a good constructive program carried out so successfully. New arts were learned. A proficiency in games was acquired. Many children overcame a fear of the water and later conquered the strokes and became swimmers, while more able swimmers passed their diving and swimming tests.

Many Enjoy Pool

The pool was successful because it reached all ages and offers equal opportunity for the timid or the brave. Peggy Kohs was in charge of the pool in the afternoon sessions and achieved a fine record in teaching the children to swim. The boy assistant was Charles Bingham, but when industry lured him away, Bob Watt took his place until called into service. Bruce McClintock finished out the season. Connie Coulter was in charge of the pool at night. These were mixed sessions and many high school boys and girls who were working took advantage of these swims. Approximately 6000 persons were registered with a total swim attendance of 5,646.

The music program under the direction of Arnold Berndt reported the same registration as last year —77 pupils—which was encouraging, considering the fact that so many of the teenage boys and girls were doing their part in the war effort by taking a job. The total attendance for the season reached 1,814—some pupils took part in more than one class.

Four playgrounds were in operation all summer. Quarton playfield was supervised by Connie Coulter; Adams playfield, by Pat Williams;

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Tennis Doubles Reach Finals

Birmingham's doubles tournament has reached the finals stage and arrangements are now being made for the championship play at Hill School courts.

In the mixed doubles Paul Penfield and Jean Miller will battle it out over the nets with Bud Gregg and Amy Roosevelt. This game has been set for Friday evening, probably at 7 o'clock. The Penfield-Miller team won its way into the finals by defeating Mr. and Mrs. William Spicer to the tune of 6-3, 6-4. Gregory and Roosevelt won the hard way from Paul Meadows and Jane Stoney, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.

The men's doubles championship battle was run off last evening.

The finalists were Paul Penfield and Jerry Genn, who played Gene Florez and Paul Meadows. The Penfield outfit won from John Simer and Bill Bird by default while Meadows and Florez had a battle on their hands to win from Charles Crandall and Bud Gregory 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.

J. T. Clark Retires From Standard Oil

After 25 years continuous service with the Standard Oil company, for many years as its agent in charge of the bulk station in Birmingham, J. T. Clark retired last Friday. The Clark home is at 528 West Brown.

Taking the Birmingham post with the company is O. W. Elsey, of Detroit, who has come here to operate as agent at the bulk station. Mr. Elsey has been with the company for many years, principally in Detroit. He plans to move his family to Birmingham.

All makes of inner spring mattresses renaired. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY, PHONE B'HAM 1-0788. —adv.

Group Returns From Study of New Volcano

Dr. Robert Hatt and U. of M. Scientists Make Their Report

The Mexican volcano, El Paricutin, has destroyed two towns, dispossessed 4,000 people of their homes, and affected all forms of plant and animal life within a radius of fifteen miles according to Dr. Robert T. Hatt, director of the Cranbrook Institute of Science, who has just returned from a Cranbrook-University of Michigan expedition which camped at the base of the volcano.

The scientists initiated the first investigation concerning the effect of volcanic action on plant and animal distribution ever undertaken while the forces of destruction were still active. The party obtained a collection of plants, animals, rocks and minerals which will serve to verify reports of conditions at the volcano this summer.

New Volcano

Paricutin is the volcano born at 5:00 p. m. February 5, 1943, in an Indian's cornfield two hundred miles west of Mexico City and twenty miles south of Uruapan in the Mexican state of Michoacan. It has in this time attained an altitude of about 1,700 feet, its base has covered a half square mile of land, its lava flows 15 times this, and its ash has affected agricultural lands to a distance of twenty miles or more.

Members of the expedition were Dr. Robert T. Hatt, director of the Cranbrook Institute of Science and the expedition; Dr. William H. Burt, curator of mammals, Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan; Archibald N. Goddard, Cranbrook trustee and Mrs. Hatt.

The expedition used as its base the Tarascan Indian village of Angahuan, seven miles north of the volcano, which, since the destruction of San Juan Parangaricutiro, is the nearest occupied place to the center of geologic disturbance.

Members of the expedition expressed astonishment on reading a published report bearing a date line from March 1 at the time they were in the field. Contrary to the terrifying conditions then portrayed, Dr. Hatt reported the volcano relatively quiet at the time, flow less than one-tenth that attributed to it. San Juan was all but completely covered with lava in mid-July, but movement of the rock stream was so slow as not to

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Franklin Man Is Made Major with Army In Italy

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy.—For meritorious service as a staff officer in the 88th Infantry Division during the fierce drive and capture of Rome, Capt. William R. Frye, Jr., of Franklin, Mich., received promotion to major recently on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

Major Frye received his original commission as second lieutenant in the Reserve Corps, R.O.T.C., at Purdue University in June, 1940. He was called to active duty on March 1, 1942 at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Prior to assignment to artillery headquarters, Major Frye served as battery commander, liaison officer, and assistant S-3.

He completed the Battery Officers' Course at Fort Sill, Okla., and served assignments at Fort Bragg, N. C.; Camp Gruber, Okla., and Fort Sam Houston, Tex. In civilian life he is a tool and die engineer.

While participating in the drive up the Italian peninsula recently, Major Frye was notified he had become the father of a son.

His wife, Mrs. Dorothy T. Frye, lives at Franklin.

Harold Randolph Reported Wounded

Harold Edward Randolph, seaman first class, and son of Mrs. Ilene Hall, 390 E. Maple, has been wounded in battle, it was reported Monday to Mrs. Hall, in a telegram from Washington.

The message from Vice-Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of naval personnel, only stated briefly that the Birmingham naval man had been wounded. It promised further details later and that the mother would be kept informed of any changes in the youth's condition.

Seaman Randolph has been in service nearly three years, two of them in foreign waters.

Ann Holmes Replaces Goodrich At Baldwin

Announcement has been made by Supt. Dwight B. Ireland of another addition to the teaching staff of Baldwin High School.

Ann E. Holmes will replace Larned Goodrich as social studies teacher in Baldwin. Mr. Goodrich was selected to take over the guidance department and act as boys' counselor when Lloyd Chapman resigned this position.

Cranbrook Woman At Mexican Volcano

Above is one of the thousands of rock bombs thrown out by the Paricutin Volcano in Mexico, recently visited by the Cranbrook-University of Michigan expedition. A report on plant and animal survival is being prepared as a guide to continued biological study. Dr. Robert T. Hatt of Cranbrook, head of the expedition, took this photo of Mrs. Hatt standing beside a typical chunk of crusted lava which resembles a huge clinker. Others to a length of 35 feet were measured.

Baldwin High School Makes Ready for Opening Sept. 11

Ross A. Wagner, principal of Baldwin High School, is asking that all students who do not have schedules completed for the opening of school on September 11, report to the high school office some time between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. August 28-September 1. Students who did not attend Baldwin last year or who have attended summer school are particularly requested to register and arrange schedules.

Mr. Wagner has personally prepared all student schedules this summer and is eager to have every student properly scheduled before the opening day. In this way changes can be avoided after school has commenced and the whole program will run more smoothly and efficiently. Most of the students planned their schedules last spring and all cases of conflict have been consulted and an adjustment made.

New Manual Written

In addition to building the schedule, Mr. Wagner has written an administrative manual for the high school which will enable all teachers and students to understand school policies and procedures. Seven new teachers will be on the staff at Baldwin this fall, and this manual is expected to make it easier for them to familiarize themselves with their new position.

The high school offices have been open daily from 9 o'clock to 5 o'clock Monday through Friday, all summer. Miss Lucille Delay, and Miss Dorothy Allen, English teachers, have been in charge of high office in the absence of a regular clerk. They have assisted in the preparation of the schedules and have completed the installation of the new Michigan Cumulative Records.

They have completed the transfer of students' academic records from the old forms to this new folder, which makes it possible to establish a more complete personnel record of each student. It also effects a centralized source for complete student information.

Miss Dewar and Miss Allen have assisted many parents and students in the preparation of transcripts and blanks for college entrance and for entrance in various branches of the armed forces. Several hundred such blanks have been sent out during the summer.

Present indications are that the enrollment of Baldwin High School will be about the same as last year. Between 680 and 700 students are expected.

Birmingham Youth Killed In Crash

Services for Hector Sandoval, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Sandoval, 747 Buffmer, were held Tuesday afternoon from the Mabley Bailey funeral home and burial was in Roselawn Park cemetery. Dr. Merlene W. Crumpp, pastor, conducted the service. The youth had died in a truck crash last Friday near the intersection of Eleven Mile road and Evergreen road and two other Birmingham boys were critically hurt in the accident. The truck is said to have hit a bit of loose gravel and to have somersaulted several times. It belonged to the Schauer Tool and Die company of Birmingham.

Peter Freeze, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Freeze, 611 Ruffmer, was badly crushed and received other critical injuries and Frank Macaskill, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Macaskill, 792 Chapin, received many painful bruises. Frank, in the Merchant Marine, is home on furlough from an extended trip to India and will return to New York for further orders. Both were taken to Redford Receiving hospital.

Hector Sandoval came to Birmingham with his parents about eight years ago from Manistique. He was born at Kingsford, Mich. He attended the public schools here and was said to be awaiting call to service. He was a member of First Baptist church of this city.

Surviving him besides his parents are three sisters, Dorothy, Mrs. Beatrice Gable, and Mrs. Edith Henderson, and a brother, Pat.

NEW CITY OFFICE

City Clerk Irene Hanley has moved into her newly arranged office on the first floor of the Municipal Building. The new location affords the clerk more room for her records with tables and counters for caring for her book work.

Cpl. Stolberg Tells of Visit to Rome

Printed below is an unusually interesting and informative letter which was received by Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Stolberg, 584 Riverdale, from their son, Cpl. Thomas Stolberg, USAAF. Cpl. Stolberg entered the service in February, 1943, and has been stationed in North Africa, Italy and Corsica. His wife, the former Betty Peabody, and their son, Larry, are making their home with her parents.

The length of the letter requires that it be printed in two installments, the first of which follows:

"Here it is, the three days I have waited for to visit Rome. The date and means of travel are not permitted due to censorship regulations, but that will not detract from the outline of the visit. Frankly, I was sceptical as to what could be covered in three days, but a terrific application of foot-power plus a Red Cross Tour, rides in many horse drawn hacks and a few rides in ancient taxis covered Rome quite well.

Bill Runcie, Joe Weymouth and I stayed in a room in a small hotel off Via Nationale which had three single beds in it and which cost us only a dollar a night apiece, plus the fact that the woman proprietor spoke English. This was to be our central headquarters for the duration of our stay.

On our arrival we still had half a day to go sight-seeing so away we went and the first building of interest we saw was the Memorial of Victor Emanuel II. This monument is in the center of town and all roads seem to wind up either there or at the Pantheon. What Victor Emanuel ever did to warrant such a magnificent monument is something I do not pretend to know, but it is a masterpiece of craftmanship. Built entirely of white stone, it is a series of steps leading up to an imposing array of huge pillars, the tomb of the unknown Soldier, and many statues. In the sunlight it is a beautiful sight. If you will look at the pictures that I will forward shortly, it will give you a good idea of it.

Situated right across from this is the palace of Mussolini and the famous balcony from which he delivered his speeches. To make sure there would be a large audience and much clapping and cheering, all of the notable business concerns in Rome were forced to send 20 people who were taken in front or scattered through the audience and on a given signal would all break out in cheers. There was trouble if you didn't.

The palace itself is very plain and was originally built about 400 years ago by the Austrians for an embassy. From there we went to the Coliseum which is but a short walk up the avenue This, if you recall, was the scene of the gladiatorial combats which were famous in those days, plus mock naval engagements, fights between wild animals or wild animals pitted against men, the pleasant pastime of feeding the Christians to the lions, and the

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Victor and Bluebird Records. New releases weekly. Leonard Electric. 162 W. Maple. adv.

Blood Bank Is Well Past Its August Quota

Birmingham Drive Brings In 498 Pints; Plan December Bank

The August blood bank for Birmingham proved very successful exceeding the quota of 400 pints of blood and bringing into the work organization a large number of Birmingham men and women. There were 738 appointments made, with 645 persons reporting.

A total of 498 pints of blood were donated during the two days —Wednesday and Thursday of last week, with not all of those who had signed up for the blood bank appearing to take their places.

Then, too, under the new hemoglobin tests used the rejections averaged quite high, a total of 147, it is said.

Mrs. Malcolm Welty, serving as Birmingham blood bank chairman for the August campaign, said that the entire committee was highly pleased with the results obtained and with the apparent increase in interest in this worthy part of the war effort.

Plans are already underway, she said, for another blood bank to be held here during December, probably early in that month. She said that donors are eligible to give blood every 56 weeks, providing there is no change in their physical condition. The new tests used, she pointed out, are for the protection of the donor, so that there will be no reaction to the donor after their visit to the blood bank operating room.

Following the Birmingham Blood Bank, similar undertakings are planned at Oxford and at Utica. The Oxford event is set for Friday, when 200 pints of blood are expected to be received. Three hundred donors are being registered.

For the Utica event on Wednesday, August 30, the high school will be used. Again the quota is set at 200 pints with many persons registering as possible donors.

Still another evidence that blood plasma is badly needed is seen in the following story out of New York:

Red Cross officials said today that since the Allied might broke the Nazis' back in France, contributions to the blood banks fell off alarmingly in numbers. And in some centers, as many as 40 per cent of blood volunteers failed to keep appointments.

Rev. Glen Harris To Serve Army Camp Six Weeks

The Rev. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, left on Sunday night for Fort Benning, Georgia, to serve as an acting chaplain for six weeks. This is his third summer Mr. Harris has thus served the American army in this capacity.

At Fort Benning he will preach to the men in the camp chapels, in the hospital and at the USO and units in and near that army training post.

Last summer he served for six weeks at Lebanon, Tennessee, and the year previous was at San Antonio, Texas.

He will serve under the auspices of the War Time Service Commission of the Presbyterian church. Enroute to the army post Mr. Harris will visit a brother in New York and two young men friends located at Asbury Park, New York.

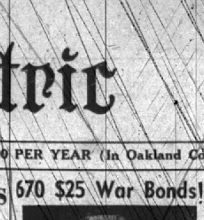
Preaching at the local Presbyterian church during the absence of the pastor will be the Rev. Kenneth Keyh, pastor of the Allen Park Presbyterian church for Sunday morning, August 27 and Dr. Hartman Lichtwardt, of Detroit, for the following five Sunday mornings.

Dr. Lichtwardt, a surgeon on the staff of the Ford hospital, is a former medical missionary in Persia where he served many years, and an ordained Presbyterian minister.

HURT IN CRASH

In a car crash on Hunter boulevard Sunday, R. A. Stinnett, Detroit, received head injuries. The car in which he was riding collided with a car parked on the side of the street awaiting tire repairs. The parked car was owned by Marion L. Fitzgerald, Detroit. Both cars were considerably damaged.

670 $25 War Bonds!



Railroad boilermaker Charles J. Derx isn't a champion $25 War Bond buyer, he'll do until one is found. He's purchased 134 during each of the five loan drives—670 in all. He and Mrs. Derx operate a small rooming house, so all his wages go for War Bonds. Maybe you can't do as well, but you could try harder.

Improvement of Holland Avenue Given Approval

Residents of Holland avenue, between Eton and Torrey, had their petition for street curb and gutter and gravel paving approved by the City Commission Monday night and a delegation attending the session heard the Commission instruct City Assessor Elmer Haack to draw up the assessment roll so that the improvement could be placed under way.

Last spring that long block on Holland was a regular quagmire with residents having a lot of difficulty getting their cars through the mud and deep ruts. They asked for an improvement this summer and the plan has followed the usual legal procedure until they now have visions of the work actually starting.

Must Wait On Steel

The street to be improved is fairly short, only 1,200 feet in length. It will include grading, a concrete curb and gutter to be built just as soon as the war situation clears enough to free supplies of needed steel, and a thick covering of gravel. This latter part of the project will be so constructed as to allow for a later covering of what is known as "black top," giving the street a splendid pavement.

The usual city plan calls for at least half of the property owners' shares of the cost to be paid in before the work is actually started. Those property owners present Monday evening believed that this part of the deal would be handled quickly as the residents seem very anxious to have the improvement made.

Cost of the improvement is estimated at $7,013, with the city paying $1,264.38 and the property owners paying $5,749.40.

Start Excavation Soon

Because of a lack of steel for reinforcement in the curb and gutter and also because of the lateness of the season the excavation and placing of the gravel is not to be undertaken first. The curb and gutter will then be added as soon as steel can be secured.

Mark Dance, head of the Department of Public Works, said he would start the job as quickly as possible, following completion of the necessary legal action by the Commission and property owners.

Need More Help For Polio Cases

The Oakland County Contagious hospital needs more volunteer helpers to handle the 13 new cases of infantile paralysis, according to Dr. Ethel Calhoun.

Dr. Calhoun states that any women wishing to volunteer for part or full time work in handling these cases should call her at Birmingham 2043, evenings.

Women are paid 72 cents per hour and their meals for this work. The arrangements being made through the Oakland chapter of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis.

The women volunteer to help apply the Kenny pack treatment and it is said the work is simple to learn and that the system gives fine results.

Dr. Calhoun expressed the hope that many Birmingham women would volunteer.

2 Promotions Made In Fire Department

Two promotions within the ranks of the members of the Birmingham Fire Department have been made recently, according to Fire Chief Vernon Griffith.

Captain Walter Bensoster has been promoted to master mechanic and Unit One and Stanley Church has been promoted to the captain in Unit Two.

Lay Plans For Birmingham's V-Day Event

Rotary Club and City Commission Take Lead in Planning

The City of Birmingham, on Monday began laying preliminary plans for the celebration of V-Day.

The Rotary club presented the idea of a Birmingham program for that day to the City Commission on Monday evening, Rex Humphrey being the committeeman from the club.

The suggestion found immediate favor, with every member of the Commission voicing some suggestion for handling the situation. All agreed that there should be a controlled celebration in Birmingham.

No State-Wide Plan

On the suggestion of Mayor Ray Palmer, a phone call was put through to Captain Leonard of the OCD of Michigan, who resides here, for information as to any state-wide plans. Chief of Police John Hackett, the Birmingham OCD chief, reported that no state-wide plans were under way, the state-wide committee feeling that each city will likely want to handle its own celebration. It was reported that the OCD had already requested that liquor establishments be closed on V-Day.

Commissioner Ralph Carvell declared the idea for a celebration a good one; John Martz believed there should be a Birmingham celebration; Milton Mallender thought it a good idea to get the organization set up now and have it ready; Howard Estes suggested that inasmuch as the Rotary first offered the plan that club be asked to head up the movement; Wilmer Bowdell suggested additional consideration and careful planning; Wm. Cole Allee expressed approval of the idea and suggested that before the plan is followed, that, making use of all clubs, churches and other organizations for a large city-wide celebration.

Unified approval of the idea was given, with Mayor Palmer to head up the group to plan the celebration. It was thought that each club, group, church fraternal or recreational unit as well as each parochial schools will each be asked to provide a member of the general committee.

With the news from the war fronts becoming increasingly favorable to the Allied cause, and with Allied leaders predicting an early victory over the hordes of Hitler, the Commission members and the Rotary club vision V-Day in the near future.

Funeral Saturday For Robert Dunn

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Mabley Bailey funeral home for Robert W. Dunn, for 15 years a member of the Detroit police department. Mr. Dunn died very unexpectedly early last Thursday morning at his home at 647 West Fourteen Mile road from a heart attack.

He had served his regular hours for Wednesday and early Wednesday night and was in his usual good health. He was stricken in the early hours of Thursday and died within a short time.

Mr. Dunn was born 45 years ago in Kirksey, Kentucky. He married Wilda Mae Youngblood in 1920 at Paris, Tennessee and located in Birmingham about 20 years ago. For a number of years he was employed by the Detroit United Railway company, then joining the local police department. He was a member of the Birmingham Metropolitan lodge No. 1210 of the Methodist church, Kirksey, Ky.

Surviving are the wife, a daughter, Mrs. Mavin Long of Anniston, Alabama; a son, Robert W. Dunn with the U. S. Merchant Marine; three sisters, Mrs. Luther Matkins, Kingston, Mich., Mrs. Walton Ayles, Benton, Ky., and Mrs. Carman Lawrence, Hardin, Ky.; and five brothers, Irvan, Albert, and Brent, of Detroit; Hallet, of Benton, and D. V. Dunn, of Lexington, Ky.

The body was taken to Benton for burial. George Stephenson, brother-in-law of Mrs. Dunn, was escort for the funeral party.

On Monday evening the Birmingham Commission adopted a resolution expressing its regret in the passing of Mr. Dunn.

Birmingham Man On Battered Fortress

Steve Wygant, one of the fighting Birmingham youths who oversseas, writes to say "It's beginning to look as if we've got a lot of heroes in Birmingham. I ran into Art Jones in London a few days ago, and we talked over old times in a neighborhood pub." But what Steve really was interested in was not his visit with Art but to see that the Eccentric received a copy of a story telling that T/Sgt Edwin D. McNeil, 3033 Southfield, and his tail-gunner on a Flying Fortress, had shot down at least one German Me 109 which attacked the Fort while it was returning from a mission over Normandy. The Fort was riddled by gun and cannon fire, set on fire and badly crippled, with several of its crew wounded, but still it came home to a perfect landing.