The rise of Hitler and his gang to power in Germany proves that an organized minority in any land can, somehow, overcome the apathy of many times their number. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and those who fail to put down rising over-lords will yet lose their freedom.

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THIS and THAT

By C. R. A.

"Death and Taxes" in Which Taxes May Produce Much Mortality

The most important official group in the United States is the Congress. It originates and passes those laws which regulate practically every phase of the life of the nation.

Perhaps because of the fact that a majority of our citizens do not think wisely, a majority of the members of Congress (with an eye always to politics) write laws to please the majority—regardless of the final impact of certain laws upon the economic lifeblood of the United States.

Take the present tax laws, as an example. While I thoroughly agree that nobody should get rich from this war's industrial activities, I also believe that the heavy taxes upon industry will result in the death of industry, and with thousands of companies, in the re-conversion period following the defeat of Germany and later Japan.

This subject is well discussed by Marice, B. Franks, editor of the Railroad Workers Journal, official organ of the Yardmasters of North America. Mr. Franks, in his April issue, covered the subject so practically that I'm reprinting it here; it ought to be read by every worker in the United States. Writes Mr. Franks:

"Day by day our industrial highway is becoming more rough and at the pace we are traveling on this highway it will not be long until it becomes bumpy. Up to the present time little has been done to offset this condition. Speaking in plain language, our industrial condition today is nothing short of chaos, and simply because good business acumen is not being applied to offset an unnecessary shock which we will all face when this war is ended.

Surpluses Impossible

"Industries, large and small, are being forced to operate on a basis absolutely contrary to good business tactics, through a system of taxation based on fabulous wartime profits. Even the industries are able to lay aside enough surplus to take care of a sudden emergency, such as the abrupt ending of the war, the natural effect this war means the immediate re-conversion of industries, and under the present system of taxation, these industries face an inevitable crash.

"It seems to this writer that our government would do well to establish a plan whereby all business, large and small, would be allowed to set aside a reasonable amount of their profits to guarantee no stoppage of employment during the re-conversion period. Or safer yet, allow all business enough surplus to guarantee stability. Some people believe that five per cent of the gross would be an adequate amount. This may or may not be correct. For gigantic industries this would invariably be the excess of their requirement, and yet for small industries this amount may prove inadequate. This plan should be drafted to take care of conditions without making 'fish of one and flesh of the other.'

Another Depression

"Under our system of Free Enterprise we must accept the slogan of 'what helps business helps you,' and by this same token we must also recognize the fact that what hurts business hurts you. Therefore it is important to all of us, whether we be workers, labor leaders or the general public, to see to it that all legitimate industry be kept profitable, because unless it is, we are headed for another depression, which means unemployment and its natural effect—destitution for millions of workers.

"To tax industry to the point of jeopardy is to place it at the mercy of tax collectors, bureaucrats and politicians, who have little, if any, knowledge of how to operate business. This is a very serious problem and warrants attention right now—not after the war, or after the next election. That may be too late to save our industrial structure. We must act now.

"With the ending of the war will come the ending of war contracts and the resumption of competitive business which has been the backbone of our American System of Free Enterprise. Unless all business is permitted through sufficient surplus, to enter into this competition it will mean that business in general is going to go for a very rough ride over our industrial highway. And industry cannot stand the shocks are going to be shocked to death. Therefore, it is obvious that a reasonable amount of current profits set aside to surplus would be the SHOCK ABSORBER."

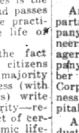
PRESSURE COOKER TESTS

Birmingham women with pressure cookers will get a chance to have their cooker gauges tested at a special demonstration at the Community House on June 9. Mrs. M. F. Mallender has arranged to have Mrs. Wayne Carpenter of the home demonstration agent's office in Pontiac to come to Birmingham on that day and hold a meeting from 9 to 12 a. m. All women are invited to bring their cooker tops in for testing. There will be no repair work.

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY. PHONE BIRMINGHAM 1-0788. —adv.

Death Takes Arthur Brandt In Cleveland

Body Brought Here For Funeral Service Friday Afternoon



Arthur J. Brandt, 56, senior partner of the A. J. Brandt Company, Detroit Consulting Engineers, President and General Manager of the National Tool Company, Cleveland, and Board Member of the Consolidated-Vultee Corporation, died after a long illness on May 30 in Lakeside hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

An internationally known production engineer, Mr. Brandt was a leading citizen of Birmingham where he resided with his family since 1924, and where he served as City Commissioner during 1933, 1934 and 1935.

He was born in Walnut, Kansas, and graduated in 1911 from the Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, where he starred on the football team for three years and became one of the school's few eight letter men in athletics. Following his graduation he took a position with E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., which organization he later transferred to General Motors where he ultimately became vice-president in charge of operations of the Pontiac Motor Division.

Visited Many Countries

Mr. Brandt's industrial career was marked by conspicuous success in the rehabilitation of industrial enterprises that took him to several foreign countries and to numerous cities in this country. In 1929-30, he was commissioned by the Soviet government to help rebuild the trucking industry in Russia. While there, he laid out, built, equipped and put into operation the then largest truck manufacturing plant in the world at Moscow.

His re-organizations also included the Austin Motor Co., Ltd., of Birmingham, England and industries in Spain, Switzerland and Italy, as well as the Parker Pen Co.

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Funeral Service For Sarah E. Sly Is Held Monday

Funeral services for Miss Sarah E. Sly were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Hill Funeral home with the Rev. Warren Forsythe in charge. Burial was in the old family lot at Franklin.

Miss Sly, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Sly, died at her ancestral home May 27 aged 74 years.

She had been in failing health for some time, but became critically ill one week before her death.

Sarah E. Sly belonged to one of the oldest pioneer families in Oakland county. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sly, came to Michigan from Pennsylvania in 1824 and purchased land known as Sly Farms, West Maple road, where three generations of the family have continued to live for 120 years.

She was a devoted member of Christ Church Cranbrook, a member of the Bloomfield Branch of the Farm and Garden Association, a member of The Daughters of the American Revolution, Historical Memorial Society, The Detroit Garden Club and Mrs. Foxe's parliamentary law class of Detroit.

Miss Sly was graduated from Harper hospital as a nurse in 1899. She has always taken a warm personal interest in nurses' work and held office of distinction in the state and national associations.

In 1937 she was made an honor member of the Alumnae Association of Harper hospital.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Emma Sly Hupp, Addie Sly and Martie B. Sly.

Corp. Hopkinson German Prisoner

Corp. James F. Hopkinson reported missing in action on January 30, 1944 is now a German prisoner of war. Word was received May 29, by Mr. Uncle and Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank House, 1084 Bennaville.

A card, mailed from a German prison camp under date of February 17, 1944, has just reached Birmingham.

In the message Corporal Hopkinson states:

"I am prisoner in German captivity, but in perfect health. From here I shall be transported during the next few days to another camp, the address of which I shall give you later. Only there I can get your letters and can reply to them."

Community House Fund Workers Urged To Finish Their Job

The big annual Community House drive for funds is still underway, with about 500 solicitation cards still to be turned in by workers. It was stated last evening that there were still about 80 workers to report their successes. With reasonably large returns from there, it is said, the drive will go well over the top of its goal of $16,000.

Final returns, however, are held up by lack of returns from the 80 workers whose work is not finished.

Chairman Hubert J. Quinn said, "If these solicitors don't make their contacts within the next few days it will be practically impossible to obtain Thanksgiving response from those persons not yet solicited because of the tardiness of their calls."

A report from workers states that today in the Community House appears this notice: "Community House Fund Drive—80 solicitors not yet reported and quota not yet reached. Please finish your calls."

New Committees For Red Cross Work Are Named

Mrs. F. W. Du Bois of 303 Baldwin, is the new chairman of the Birmingham surgical dressings work room at the Community House. Mrs. William Colt, Jr., of 756 Henley drive, is the vice-chairman and Mrs. Elmer Meeker, 787 Wallace street, will be in charge of production. The appointments have just been made by Mrs. A. L. McHattie, chairman of surgical dressings for Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross.

This workroom has, since March 15th, been open five days and two evenings a week under the guidance of Mrs. Bradford Kempton, vice-chairman of surgical dressings for the Oakland County Chapter.

Appreciation Expressed

At the time these appointments were made Mrs. McHattie expressed her appreciation to the supervisors who have been acting as day chairmen—Mrs. Allee, Mrs. L. B. Billings, Mrs. Wm. K. Carter, Mrs. Du Bois, Mrs. H. L. Foster and Mrs. F. B. Patterson.

Mrs. McHattie also expressed her gratitude to the several staunch workers and supervisors "for particularly mentioning Mrs. Meeker who had attended every meeting, and her faithful assistants Mrs. A. G. Holland and Mrs. O. S. Gully.

Women who have previously done sewing and knitting and who are not busy at this time, are urged to assist with the making of surgical dressings. The Birmingham workroom is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 4, and Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30.

Paper Pickup to Be Held Friday

The big June paper pickup for Birmingham will be on Friday of this week and the city truck drivers hope to secure many tons of paper scrap for the war effort.

This city has maintained a high record for the ingathering of waste paper but the May campaign was not quite up to the amount expected for the general campaign. However, the assistance of a number of groups helped bring the quota to a good figure.

Every part of Birmingham will be visited by the city trucks starting early Friday forenoon. The work will be handled through the usual district system for the rubbish collection. The trucks will start early and probably continue late into the day in order that all sections of the city may be visited.

Residents are asked to have their bundles of paper, all well tied, out at the curb not later than 8 a. m.

The committee in charge and Chairman John Gafill, of the paper collection committee, declared that the paper should be placed at the curb rain or shine. They say it does not hurt the paper if it gets wet.

Air Force Officer

Lieut. Charles Lewis

Charles W. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lewis, 272 Hawthorne road, received his wings and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces at Napier Field, Ala., on May 23, after completing advanced single engine pilot school training.

Lieut. Lewis graduated from Baldwin High School in June, 1940, and was a junior at Denison University when he entered training as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces. He is spending a week's leave at the home of his parents, and will return to Napier Field for his next assignment.

Few More Tires Promised Here

The Birmingham Price and Rationing Board reports a little relief from the tire shortage with release of a few more tires under the general tire quota, but indications are the new quota will still be far from filling all applications for tires. Word out of Washington lately is that there may be further relief coming along within a few weeks or months.

A change in the schedule for hearing violations of the gasoline regulations is announced, according to Mrs. A. L. Genung, chief clerk. The violations panel of the board will meet once each week. Price violations hearings will be conducted each Monday evening.

Notice has come through that new gasoline coupons are to be issued June 1, in an effort to combat the gasoline black market. The coupons will be known as B-4 and C-4. Mrs. Genung called attention to holders of coupons B-2 and C-2 to instructions that these should be exchanged for the new coupons. The old ones will be invalid after June 1. The coupons B-3 and C-3 are still good, Mrs. Genung says.

Attention of fuel oil users is called to the blanks now being mailed out and Mrs. Genung reports that the board is asking these blanks be filled in and returned promptly. Blanks for persons using space heaters and similar equipment are to be mailed out within a short time, it was indicated.

To all those Birmingham residents planning to can fruit, the board calls attention to the sugar regulations. Twenty pounds of sugar per person is to be allowed for canning and this will be issued in ten point certificates, the first for use up to August 1 and the second for use after that date.

Still Time For Victory Gardens

Victory gardeners of Birmingham, fretted because excessive rainfall has held up planting, are being reassured by Charles Rust, Victory Garden chairman, that there is still plenty of time to plant most garden crops.

Mr. Rust states that a news bulletin from Paul R. Krone, chief of the Victory Garden section of the Michigan office of Civilian Defense, carries the news that most crops will do well if planted this week

Gas Franchise Renewal Vote Set for Aug. 15

Commissioners Call For Special Election To Decide the Issue

The question of renewing the Birmingham gas franchise of the Consumers Power company will be up for decision by the voters of the city at a special election called for Tuesday, Aug. 15. Decision accepting the proposed franchise was made by the city Commission at its Monday evening meeting. By the same resolution the Commission fixed the date of the special election, the cost of which will be borne by the Consumers Power company. A certified check to cover this cost has already been deposited with the city.

The matter of renewing the 30 year franchise was first up before the Commission on May 22 and was laid over for one week to give the Commission members time to study the franchise as proposed by the company. Minor changes by the Commission were accepted by the company and a unanimous vote of approval given.

Improved Service

The franchise does not fix rates as that is a function of the state.

The Monday meeting was attended by L. C. Megee suburban representative of the company, and by E. W. Brown, Birmingham manager.

The men reported many improvements in service now being installed in Birmingham, with new safety valves for use in case of fire, worked out in co-operation with the Birmingham fire department; increased emergency telephone service and many other additions.

Study Tax Question

Closing the evening's business of the Commission was another report on activities of a group of representatives of cities in Southeastern Michigan in connection with the move to get back some of the state sales tax.

Commissioner Howard Estes reported that he and Mayor Ray Palmer had been called to a Flint to a regional meeting similar to the one he attended earlier in the month with Elmer Haack, city assessor. He said the group favored intensive effort to secure necessary signatures on petitions to have a constitutional amend-

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Polar Bears Hold Their Ceremonies At White Chapel

The Polar Bear Association, composed of World War I veterans from Michigan and Canada who fought at Archangel, Russia, concluded its twelfth biennial reunion Tuesday with memorial services at the Polar Bear monument, White Chapel cemetery, in honor of its war dead.

Many Birmingham veterans and other local residents attended the ceremonies, which followed the Birmingham program.

The Very Rev. Kirk B. O'Ferrall, dean of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Detroit, gave the invocation and memorial address, in which he praised Polar Bears who died in the frozen wastes of Russia in the service of their countries.

The following officers were elected Monday afternoon and took office following the reunion: President, David Cronberger, Detroit; vice-presidents, J. Truman Streng, Birmingham; Frank H. Evans, Hugh McPhail and George Comstock, all of Detroit, and Edward Steinman of Grand Rapids; secretary, Harry A. Cicotte, Detroit; treasurer, Homer M. Steinhauer, Detroit; auditor, Michael Macalla, Detroit; historian, Harry Salter, Chicago; and board of governors, Alonzo Portlance, John T. Hunter, Allan McGregor, all of Detroit, Michael T. Berish, Grosse Pointe Farms, and Francis Williams, of Grand Rapids.

Our Honored Dead

Following are the names of Birmingham dead of World War II as read by Maj. Guy Jensen of the MOMS club at the Memorial Day Ceremonies:

William A. Borden
Harvey P. Cornwell, Jr.
Earle H. Cunningham, Jr.
Thomas R. Giles
John W. Gillette, III
Wallace Gail
Thomas Green
Otto Kern, Jr.
Norman Lyle, Jr.
Garrett Mack
Robert C. Mack
John Maynard, Jr.
Laurence McKenny
James C. Palms
John Richey
John S. Saunders
Orville Setter
Robert Thom
Robert W. Uhlmann
Thomas R. Walton

156 Will Graduate from Baldwin High School This Year

Commencement activities of the 1944 graduating class of Baldwin high school will open at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening, June 4, with the traditional baccalaureate sermon in the First Baptist church. The commencement program and presentation of diplomas to the 156 class members will take place in Baldwin auditorium on Thursday evening, June 8, at 8 o'clock.

The baccalaureate will be held in the First Baptist church, Birmingham uniting for the service.

The program will begin with Prelude No. IV played by Mrs. Walter E. Turner. The senior processional to "Pomp and Circumstance" will follow. The invocation will be given by Rev. Charles C. Bevier followed by an anthem "The Heavens Are Telling" sung by the combined choirs of the churches.

The scripture will be read by Rev. Warner C. Forsyth. Next will be the hymn "Stand Up, Stand UP For Jesus" followed by the sermon by Rev. Wilden Harris.

Rev. Max O. Moore will give the benediction, postlude, Grand March, will be played by Mrs. Walter E. Turner.

Commencement June 8

Commencement exercises will be held one week later, Thursday, June 8, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Opening the program will be the processional of the graduating class accompanied by the Baldwin band playing Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance." This will be followed by the invocation, to be given by Rev. Theodore Wiggazzi Jr., pastor of the English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

Next on the program will be a trumpet solo, "Russian Fantasia" by Levy, by Robert Hart. Following this, Ed Brungraber, class president, will present the class gift, to be received by Bill Garfield, retiring president of the Student Congress.

Ella Clark will play a piano solo, "Warsaw Concerta" by Richard Addinsell.

Highlighting the program will

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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Erdman Harris, M.A., Th.D., of Lawrenceville School, New Jersey, will be the commencement speaker at Cranbrook School Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in Christ Church Cranbrook. Dr. Harris is the author of "New Learning in Old Egypt," "Twenty One," and "Introduction to Youth." He is a director of Miss Fine's School, Princeton, N. J.

HONOR BOY SCOUTS

Last night at the high school many Boy Scouts received special recognition. Among them were William Eustis, Troop B-6, who was made an Eagle Scout; George Allen and Henry Price, Troop B-8, made Life Scouts. On the list of those made Star Scouts were Richard Stoll, Troop B-4; Tony Baldwin Troop B-8; and John Lurkins and Steve Campbell, Troop B-11.

Speaker Scores Hidden Enemies

Giving the main address of the day at Birmingham's Memorial Day ceremonies, John E. Martz, member of the City Commission and former mayor, heavily scored all those persons who wilfully or thoughtlessly retard the nation's job of winning the present war and of destroying the known enemies of humanity.

War profiteers; those who leave the work and fighting to others; those who buy bonds grudgingly; those who are phony conscientious objectors; black market operators; those who foment strikes contrary to the law in time of war and those who say the war is practically won when the worst is still ahead, received the denunciation of the speaker.

The veteran of the other world War spoke feelingly and with force. He said:

Memorial Day-1944

"What wouldn't we give if our holiday programs in Birmingham could again be the kind we had in time of peace. We may wait for entertainment or local improvement; now we meet in terms of saving our way of life, attack on the fighting front and casualty lists.

"Our last public program, held on a cool afternoon in November, was in honor of more than two thousand of our own people who were in service at home and abroad. That day we reminded ourselves of what the living might do in the form of sacrificial support, of wartime restrictions.

"But this program is our part in a national holiday proclaimed in the midst of the fighting for our country in all its wars. We can pay no greater respect to the supreme sacrifice they made that to remind ourselves of what they would say this morning about our attitude toward the war.

"Let us call on one soldier of the Revolutionary War, one of the War of 1812, one of the Civil War, one of the Spanish-American War and one from each of the two World Wars. They would say: 'Like you, the most precious thing we had was our lives. We lost them in battle fighting for the

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Five Are Hurt In Accidents Here

Five persons were reported injured in accidents here over the week end.

Mrs. Dominic Caputo received serious hurts Sunday shortly after noon in a car crash at the intersection of Townsend and Chester streets. Her daughter, Camela, 14 and her son, Arthur, 10, received less serious hurts as did also Mabel Mehs, of Royal Oak, in the same accident. Susan Anderson, 10 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn P. Anderson, 1528 Ridgedale, was injured at the intersection of Hunter and Oakland on Saturday afternoon.

In the Sunday accident, the report to the police disclosed that a 1936 coupe, owned by Harriet Klokke, 29921 Southfield and driven by Harry Wiggle, 17, of the same address, struck, the side of the Ford car, which Mrs. Caputo was driving. Mrs. Caputo and daughter were thrown from the car and the former received serious hurts about the back and head and possible internal hurts. The daughter had injuries to one leg and ankle. The son was bruised and cut. Mabel Menz, 20, riding in the Ford was reported hurt in the crash. Mr. Caputo, riding with his family, was thrown against the front of the car but managed to stay in the machine and to grab the steering wheel and turn the car off the street. Mrs. Caputo was removed to St. Joseph's Mercy hospital. The others were taken to their homes in Twins. Officer of the police department, reported that a test of the Ford car disclosed it unsafe. The driver was held on a charge of driving without an operator's license.

In the Saturday accident Susan Anderson is reported to have run across the street directly into the side of the car driven by Mrs. P. Frieling, 984 Oakland. The latter reports he had stopped his car for the light and had just started it moving again when the accident occurred. She says his car was moving about five or six miles an hour. He states the child fell when she struck the car, but picked herself up and walked over to the curb. Mr. Frieling reports he took her to the office of Dr. W. L. Kemp who took the child to Ford Hospital in Detroit for examination,

Who's Who in Board of Education Election

Seven candidates — and seven is considered the perfect number —are in the race for the four posts to be filled on the Birmingham school district board of education. There are five men candidates, including Lee E. Joslyn, Jr., present president of the board, and two women candidates and it is thought the vote will be quite heavy as school elections go in Birmingham. Last year there were but two candidates and the voting was confined to late afternoon and early evening. This year voting will be all day long on Monday, June 12, and well along in the evening. Every qualified and registered elector is going to get a chance to name the candidate of his or her choice, present board members declare.

Missing from the board after the close of the present school year will be John H. Risso who has served through some trying times in school matters. He says he is happy to leave at a time when the school is running smoothly and well. He sees some busy, interesting days ahead as the public educational institutions of Birmingham continue to grow and improve.

President Joslyn, after serving several years on the board of education, really needs no re-introduction. An attorney, with main offices in Detroit, he has shown keen interest in the public schools of this city.

Women Candidates

The two women members on the list of candidates are Mrs. Norman Lyle and Mrs. Lewis B. Sappington. Both women have been active in Birmingham civic and cultural affairs for many years.

Mrs. Lyle received her education in the Chicago public schools where her father was an educator. After her formal education she took an extensive course in business management, followed by ten years in the field of business. Mrs. Lyle has lived in Birmingham for twenty years, has two children, both graduating from Baldwin High School. She has been a member of the Community House board of directors and was the first president of the Birmingham Musicale. She is hostess of the Birmingham welcoming service, which seeks to acquaint newcomers with the various services and facilities of Birmingham.

Mrs. Sappington is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is active in the Birmingham U. of M. League and the Alumnae Council in Ann Arbor. She has lived in Birmingham for nearly fifteen years and is the mother of three children, two of them are now in Baldwin High School. Mrs. Sappington is a member of the board of directors of the Baldwin P.T.A. and vice president of the Birmingham Musicale. She has also been deputy chairman of the Neighborhood War Clubs since their inception in Birmingham, and is an active member of the Red Cross Motor Corps.

These Seek Places

Amos F. Gregory, probably more widely known for his work in Boy Scouting in and near Birmingham, is one of the men candidates for a place on the board. Coming here from Detroit 10 years ago Mr. Gregory has been active in the civic and social life of the city. He is trustee and secretary of the Kresge Foundation and with his family lives at 1248 Dorchester. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania State college, State College, Pa., and a member of Birmingham Rotary club. There are three Gregory children, one in Baldwin, one at Barnum and one at Adams.

Russell McBride is a long time resident of Birmingham, having lived in this city for the past 26 years; coming here from Detroit. Following his graduation from Baldwin he studied business and took a course in commercial work. He is a member of the McBride Hardware, a member of the Birmingham Lions club and keenly interested in the growth and development of the city. With two sons in school here he is interested in the city's educational sys-

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Birmingham Honors Her War Dead With Service on Tuesday

On Tuesday, May 30, Memorial Day of 1944, Birmingham joined with the rest of the nation in paying loving tribute to her war dead.

The heroes of the present world conflict, the other World War, and the other wars in which America has engaged were recalled and to them honor paid at services held on the north lawn of the Birmingham Municipal Building.

The great galaxy of Birmingham's war dead was recalled as beautiful floral wreaths were placed at the base of the flag staff by the Daughters of the American Revolution; Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, V.F.W. Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, City of Birmingham and the MOMS club. There was a prayer that they may not have died in vain, a silent prayer for those fighting today's war. And many eyes were dimmed with tears as each speaker in turn declared that these dead would not be forgotten, nor the cause for which they died ever be allowed to falter.

Attending the beautiful service were the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the children—the nation's men and women of tomorrow—and lovingly and tenderly they carried out their minor parts of the day's activities. Attending there the relatives—sons and daughters; grandsons and granddaughters—of the heroes of the Civil war; and veterans of the Spanish American War, the World War I and World War II; and their families, friends and relatives; city and county officials; representatives of the schools and churches, clubs and societies of the city.

State Troops Attend

The Baldwin High School band supplied the musical program of the day and the buglers for the closing ceremonies. Director Arthur Berndt was in charge of the boys and girls of the band who so kindly gave of their time for the occasion of memory. Company M of the Michigan State troops came from Pontiac to form the firing squad, not only at the program but at Graceland Cemetery during the earlier part of the morning. Lieut. Raymond S. LaBarge was in command. The color guard of the American Legion and Auxiliary of Birmingham furnished the colors and the colors ceremony of the day, while two marine vet-

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Local Thin Clads Close Year With TVAA Track Title

By FRED BOOTH

In one of the most thrilling meets of the season the Birmingham track team won the annual Twin Valley Athletic Association track meet last Friday by dramatically rallying from 50 to 61 at Briggs Field, Detroit.

The meet was not decided until the final event, which was the broad jump. Starting with the third place, Birmingham caught Ypsilanti at 29 points each and finished with a bang, taking first place in the 880 relay; second in the high jump and first and second in the broad jump.

The final score was Birmingham 50; Dearborn 48; Ypsilanti 33½; River Rouge 32½; Wayne 14; Ecorse 12; and Plymouth 0. The teams were hampered by extremely hot weather, and no records were broken.

Capture Relay

Birmingham's team of Art Marcotte, Clint West, Bill Old, and Pat O'Connor took the relay in a 1:38.8 race. Records pulled up

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Silent Moment Planned on D-Day

Birmingham has been asked to co-operate in the state-wide moment of silence to be decreed by Governor Harry F. Kelly to mark the Allied invasion of Europe.

While no effort will be made to force observance, by use of air-raid sirens or in other manner, the OCD siren will be sounded for 90 seconds to announce the moment of silence, and church bells will be rung at the same time.

Following the sound signal traffic will be stopped for one minute, and people in stores and on the streets are asked to remain silent, to pray for success of the invasion and to consider the consequences of the move.

It was stressed that the observance will not coincide with first news of the invasion. An appropriate time some hours after the first announcement probably will be chosen, particularly if the word of invasion reaches Michigan at night.

The sounding of the siren will not be intended as a signal for celebration. The observance is to be solemn and thoughtful, rather than jubilant.

Local business places are expected to co-operate in the moment of silence.

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