

# Men In The Service

Elmer L. Meeker, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Meeker, 787 Wallace street, who is stationed with the 15th Air Force, has been promoted from private first class to corporal. Cpl. Meeker has also recently been awarded the good conduct medal.

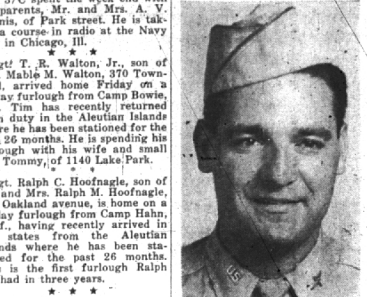
Le. Col. Harvey J. Wilson left Monday for Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, after spending a leave with his family at 18260 Birwood road. Wilson is post signal officer of Wright Field.

Lloyd V. Dennis, radio technician 3/C spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dennis, in Chicago. He is taking a course in radio at the Navy school in Chicago, Ill.

Sgt. T. R. Walton, Jr., son of Mrs. Mable M. Walton, 370 Townsend, arrived home Friday on a 1-day furlough from Camp Bowie, Tex. Tim has recently returned from duty in the Aleutians where he has been stationed for the last 26 months. He is spending his furlough with his wife and son, Tommy, of 1140 Lake Park.

Sgt. Ralph C. Hoofnagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Hoofnagle, 174 Oakland avenue, is home on a 1-day furlough from Camp Hahn, Calif., having recently returned from the states from the Aleutian Islands where he has been stationed for the last 26 months. This is the first furlough Ralph has had in three years.

## Flying Officer



**Joseph Miller**  
BIG SPRING, Texas.—Among the young "hell from heaven" men who won their silver wings today at the Big Spring Bombardier School is a Birmingham man who graduated with Class 44-12 and received his appointment as a flying officer in the Army Air Forces. He is Flight Officer Joseph J. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller of 740 W. Lincoln. F.O. Miller is a graduate of Baldwin High in Birmingham, and before entering service was employed by Fisher Body Co. in Detroit. He has been in service since February of '41, about a year of this time in the Aleutians.

## Capt. Charles Matheson, Husband of Hilda Brown of Birmingham, Knocks Two Nazi Planes Out of Sky Over France, Aug. 25th

A 9TH TACTICAL AIR COMMAND BASE, France.—Knocking two Nazi planes out of the sky in one mission is the latest feat of Captain Charles F. Matheson of 876 Hazelwood, Birmingham. This exploit occurred while flying with his squadron of P-38 Lightnings on a bombing mission in the neighborhood of San Quentin, France, on Aug. 25.

The mission was to bomb enemy airfields and dispersal areas in search for targets of opportunity following the mission. After successfully accomplishing the mission they were attacked by a formation of Nazi planes and an air battle took place in the sky. Planes twisted, turned and rolled in the sky but both formations dodged each other's fire. Capt. Matheson got on the tail of

## Law Enforcement Conference Is Called For Friday in Detroit

The keynote of the FBI law enforcement conference which will convene at 1:30 on the evening of September 15 at the main auditorium of the Horace H. Rackham Memorial Woodward and Farnsworth, Detroit, is "Law Enforcement in the Post-War Period."

All police officers have been invited to attend this session, under the direction of R. A. Guerin, Special Agent in charge of the Detroit FBI office. The conference will afford a means to define the various types of problems that may arise in the readjustment of the post-war era and plan for closer cooperation with all agencies.

"We have already seen indications of what may confront us," said Mr. Guerin, "as we review the sporadic outbreaks of crime and gangland killings in our larger cities, reminiscent of the hoodlum era of a decade ago." To emphasize the fact that law enforcement may again be faced with post-war gangsterism, the names of Roger Touhy case will be reviewed by a Special Agent of the FBI.

One of the highlights of the conference will be a demonstration

of "Jude" disarming and defensive tactics, stressing the physical requirements vital to an officer for the efficient discharge of his duties.

Other features of the conference include an Army film, titled "Brief for Invasion," depicting actual battle scenes of the Normandy invasion, and an exhibition of slides of fugitives wanted by local law enforcement agencies and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"We feel that this is the most opportune time to prepare for whatever problems ensuing months may bring. By means of exhibits, demonstrations, educational programs and free exchange of ideas, law enforcement can form the nucleus of an organization that may easily expand to meet any emergency. In this way it can best serve to assure the security of the public," concluded Mr. Guerin.

## Cranbrook Football Veterans and Their Famous Coach



These Cranbrook gridiron stars of '43 are among the boys who are likely to shine in the Cranbrook bowl this fall. Left to right are, John Shuell, end, John Eden, backfield, Paul Fletcher, tackle, Coach Wendell Wilson, and Hank Whiting, center, all of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills.

## Overseas Christmas Mailing Season To Open Tomorrow; Paper and Wrapping Will Be Problem In Most Birmingham Homes

"Where can I get a mailing box, paper to wrap it in and twine to tie it?"

"What can I send, how much questions and how often?"

These are the frequent questions received over many post office telephones concerning Christmas gifts to the armed forces overseas.

It is going to be a serious problem for everyone. Now is the time to plan. Paper and wrapping material are scarce and will be scarcer as the Christmas demands mount for the boys and girls overseas. Merchandise is limited and gifts will probably be difficult to obtain later.

The New York post office expects to handle 40 to 50 million overseas Christmas gifts from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. Seattle, San Francisco, New Orleans and other

embarkation ports combined may reasonably be expected to handle that many or more. One hundred million boxes is bound to create a severe drain on the available supply.

Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 has been designated as the Christmas mailing period for these overseas forces. During that period requests are unnecessary to send gifts up to 5 pounds in weight, 15 inches in length and 36 inches in combined length and girth, as often as once a week, by or on behalf of the same person to the same addressee.

"Buy and prepare your gifts for mailing now," said Mr. Huston. "Mail them off or as soon as feasible. Sept. 15 is possible. These mailings will all funnel into huge concentrations of parcels at ports of embarkation from all over the country. Limited cargo space may

cause after-Christmas delivery of later mailings."

Mailers are especially urged to select gifts reasonably assured of being received in good condition. Foodstuffs and other perishable goods are not recommended. They consume cargo space and are often unfit for use when received. The Army and Navy departments advise that servicemen are amply provided with food and clothing. Since the overseas personnel are subject to frequent transfers, large bulky gifts are discouraged.

Suitable heavy outer boxes are urged to protect the inner contents. Mass storage, frequent handling and long distances are factors causing crushing and breaking of gifts in flimsy boxes.

Post-September 15, the Christmas season begins Oct. 8. To celebrate this occasion, the orchestra has been augmented to 110 musicians. The weekly folk series of concerts, twenty Thursday evenings, sixteen Saturday evenings, and a Mozart-Beethoven-Brahms and a Mozart-Beethoven-Brahms post-season festival of four concerts, the Saturday evening concerts are not a repeat of the Thursday evening programs, but an entirely distinct series. It was necessary to add this series because the Thursday evening concert were held out within three weeks of their announcement.

## Wilson To Coach Cranbrook Team

The football squad at Cranbrook school has started practice under the guidance of Wendell Wilson, former director of athletics at the University of Illinois. This is Wilson's second year at Cranbrook as director of physical education and he is enthusiastic about his current coaching job.

"We have a fine group of boys already up for practice," said Wilson, "and we will have many more as soon as the boarding students arrive at the school. The squad will not be limited at the beginning but probably will be trimmed down to 25 boys by the first two weeks."

"We have a tough schedule for the limited number of students at Cranbrook, but I expect the Cranbrook team to make a good showing in every game we play."

The team has seven games booked, four at home and three away. The schedule follows:

Sept. 20, Oxford at Cranbrook; Oct. 6, Port Huron at Cranbrook; Oct. 13, Pontiac at Cranbrook; Oct. 20, Walled Lake at Walled Lake; Oct. 28, Hazel Park at Hazel Park; Nov. 4, Cleveland University School at Cleveland; Nov. 11, Detroit University School, at Cranbrook.

**ORCHESTRA SEASON OPENS**  
Henry H. Reichold announces that the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Karl Kraeger, music director, will celebrate its thirtieth season beginning Oct. 8. To celebrate this occasion, the orchestra has been augmented to 110 musicians. The weekly folk series of concerts, twenty Thursday evenings, sixteen Saturday evenings, and a Mozart-Beethoven-Brahms and a Mozart-Beethoven-Brahms post-season festival of four concerts, the Saturday evening concerts are not a repeat of the Thursday evening programs, but an entirely distinct series. It was necessary to add this series because the Thursday evening concert were held out within three weeks of their announcement.

**Penultimate Proof**  
Mr. Oldboy—I've had my life insured in your name for \$10,000. Now can I do anything more than that to show my devotion to my Young Wife—No, not as long as you live.

**YOU NEED HIM!  
HE NEEDS YOU!  
BUY WAR BONDS**

# ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 7, 1944?

Wednesday, October 18th, 1944 is the last day to register for the General Election.

**YOU MUST REGISTER in person at the office of the city clerk:**

IF you have never registered in Birmingham for City or Federal elections. Registration for School elections does NOT constitute registration for the general election.

IF you have not voted within a two year period, and have not applied for continuance of your registration.

IF you have changed your name by marriage.

**You may advise the clerk by mail or phone:**

IF you have moved from one address in Birmingham to another since you last voted.

The City recently rezoned the city. If you formerly voted at either the Quanton School, Adams School or Municipal Building, your polling place may have been changed. Please Study the Precinct Map now so that you will not be delayed on Election Day, and if you do not know whether or not you have changed your address by mail. If one member of the family has transferred his address, there is no automatic transfer of other members of the family.

**In addition to regular office hours, the Clerk's office will be open from 7 to 8 P.M. from Monday September 18th through Friday September 22nd, and until 4 P.M. Saturday, September 23rd.**

