One difficulty in obtaining real education from universities, etc., is that too many faculty members get to thinking that their jobs are sacred unto themselves; your average professor, of al, imagines himself above the necessity of "selling education"—"take it or leave it" seems to be the campus motto.

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THIS and THAT

By C. R. A.

Our Post-War Fight Must Be Carried Against Regimentation

Insofar as food, clothing, and numerous comforts and conveniences go, the war emergency has done little real hurt to your average citizen of the U.S.A. The loss or lack in any of these items will be restored in the not too distant future, of course—no bureaucrat can prevent that happening.

The real and basic losses that have come to the United States are those controls set in motion by government, both through legislative and administrative methods. You can bet your last dollar, for example, that most of the army of bureaucrats in Washington and elsewhere will fight to retain their offices, their regimented controls.

The real task before our people is to restore individual independence, the right to be wrong if one so wishes; to restore conditions in which personal thrift, industry, talent may be harnessed up with ambition—the right to think and work and thus win honest rewards. Having defeated foreign fascists, from now we'll have to lick 'em on the home front.

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President Harry S. Truman (how strange that sounds, after so many years of FDR) is a quiet, modest man; but he has ability, some phases of which of will be brought forth on his new job; he will delegate responsibility, plus authority to act, to others in his administration; he will no doubt remove many impractical theorists from important posts; actually, President Truman now has the opportunity to make some of FDR's best policies work—and let's hope the entire nation backs him and Congress up in such efforts.

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In quite a way, projects for the improvement of government—even local—are like the weather; plenty of talk, but nobody does anything about it.

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When the story of this war is written, insofar as it relates to the sadistic and inhuman treatment of their enemies, the Nazis and the Japs will be revealed as the dirtiest devils ever let loose en masse upon this earth. As one reads the reports of such treatment that come out from day to day, one gets sick in his stomach; surely the Nazi and Jap leaders are worse than ordinary beasts. Their ultimate capture and punishment must be a part of Allied treatment of them—else, among other things, what are we fighting for?

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Under the more careful administration of President Truman, no doubt the public utterances of some members of his cabinet will become less vitriolic. We all shall wait with interest the next statement, for example, of Harold Ickes, "the old curmudgeon." Will Harold vilify everybody who disagrees with him? . . . Or will he again become a private citizen with no governmental sounding board to shout from?

Next Paper Pickup Will Be On May 4

Birmingham's next waste paper pickup will be conducted on May 4th, when city trucks will cover every nook and corner of the city, gathering in bundled paper for the war effort. Residents are again asked by the salvage committee to have their bundles of paper out at the curb by 8 a. m. so that the city trucks can make fast time covering the area.

The committee today made another plea for a large amount of paper for this pickup. "Every home with a bundle or more!" is the slogan.

Chairman Dom. S. Caputo, of the city's salvage committee, reports the following salvage for the month of March:

Waste paper, 130,000 pounds; salvage metal, 9,000 pounds; prepared tin cans, 6,000 pounds; waste fats, 5,136 pounds, and rags, 5,800 pounds.

Sgt. Edward Spicer, Awarded Air Medal

Sgt. Edward D. Spicer, whose wife, Margaret, and small son, Edward, Jr., reside at 227 Gray Court, has recently been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

The citation reads: For meritorious achievement, in accomplishing with distinction several aerial operational missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness, and skill displayed by each of these individuals in the face of determined opposition materially aided in the successful completion of the missions. Their actions reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

Sergeant Spicer, has been at an air service station in England since last Dec. 8, as a waist gunner and engineer on a B-24. He also wears four bronze stars.

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

Big Clean-up Campaign Set For May 7-12

Ross Wagner Heads Committee; Council Members to Assist

The dregs of winter are about to be eliminated from Birmingham's streets, alleys, back yards, attics, garages and gardens as Mayor Wilmer E. Moody's Clean-Up and Civic Pride Week committee swings into action. Ross A. Wagner, president of the Birmingham Community Council, has been named general chairman and various delegate-members of that organization have been named on his committee. The date for the clean-up is set for May 7 to 14.

Chairman's Appeal

Chairman Wagner has mailed to each member of his committee this letter:

"Mayor W. E. Moody has designated the week of May 7-12 as Clean-Up Week for the City of Birmingham. During this week he is endeavoring to stress the importance of clean-up in maintaining civic pride. A special effort is being made to have all people clean up their own property. Yards, vacant lots, attics, basements, and store rooms are sources of many materials which should be discarded.

"Materials to be discarded should be placed at the curb and city trucks will pick them up.

"Mayor Moody is asking that the Community Council cooperate in stressing the importance of this work. As a delegate to the Council, we are asking that you bring this matter before your organization, and do what you can to make the project a success."

Members of the general committee includes these delegate-members of the Community Council:

Mrs. Gilbert Gove, Mrs. H. H. Corson, Mrs. R. E. Hopkins, Howard Tuggey, Mrs. Charles Butters, Amos Gregory, Rev. Ralph Bacon, Mrs. Hugh D. McLeese, Dr. John P. Wood, Mrs. Victor Spike, Mrs. E. G. Barney, Mrs. John K. Ormond, Mrs. Thos. Marquardt, Mrs. Roy Smith, Mrs. J. E. Fowler, Mrs. W. H. DeGraf, Miss Irene Hanley, Ross Wagner, Robt. D. Lynd, Mrs. Arthur Schoen, L. A. Cady, Mrs. Glen Davis, Mrs. Ward Cruickshank, Mrs. Wilbur Johnstone, Mrs. Norman Lyle, Mrs. Esther Minto, Mrs. Merl Broock, Rev. Max Moore, Mrs. E. W. Allen, Mrs. Donald Stanton, Herbert Hoffman, Donald Cummings, Mrs. George Forester, Mrs.

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Birmingham Will Send Trophies To County War Show

Many trophies from the present World war are expected to find their way from homes of Birmingham, Bloomfields Hills and the surrounding area to the Oakland County War Show which opens at Cranbrook Saturday, May 12.

Three hundred dollars in War Bonds will be awarded for the most interesting trophy exhibit. The first prize will be a $100 bond and other awards include a $50 bond and six $25 bonds.

Entries April 26

The Public is invited to submit war trophies and souvenirs all of which will be insured and returned. Entries will be accepted between the hours of 1 and 5 p. m. on Thursday and Friday, April 26 and 27, and on Sunday, April 29, at the Cranbrook pavilion on Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills.

Members of the Oakland County Women's Volunteer Corps in charge of accepting trophies at the Pavilion and will issue receipts which should be retained in order to retrieve exhibits. Suggested venirs should be mounted in order to display them to best advantage. Each exhibit must be accompanied by a card listing the owner's name and address, the service man or woman who obtained the trophy and where it was obtained.

Other dates for accepting entries are May 1, 3, 4 and 6 from 1 to 5 p. m. and on May 5 between 9 and 12 noon.

From South Seas

Many souvenirs of native tribes in remote South Sea islands will be included in the trophy display, adding color to the exhibit. Other features planned for the show include manufacturers' exhibits of war material produced in the county. Some of these exhibits will be first shown at Cranbrook and later displayed at various places throughout the country.

The Oakland County War Show will be open to the public from 2 to 5 p. m. on May 12 and 13, May 18, 19, and 20 and May 25, 26, and 27.

LUD EMDE PROMOTED

Appointment of Lud Emde, of 32385 Mayfair, Birmingham, to an executive position with the Temprite Products corporation, Detroit, has been announced by the board of directors of that company. He becomes vice-president, general manager and a member of the board of directors. For 15 years Mr. Emde has been with the Worthington Pump and Machinery corporation.

IF selling your car, why not call your local Chrysler dealer, 472 So. Woodward. Phone 4021. Adv. tf.

Birmingham Boys May Now Be Marching Into Berlin

Here is shown the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin—Germany's Arc de Triomphe—through which Birmingham soldiers with the American armies in Germany may even today be marching. With the heavy bombardment of the German capital city this arch may not now be in as good condition as shown here for news tells of some very accurate fire by Allied big guns and Allied big bomber planes. The picture shows haughty Berlin in 1940, when Nazi troops paraded through the arch on returning from war successes in the west. Since then Berlin has been pounded heavily by Allied air attack.

Dumbarton Oaks Rally Is Declared Splendid Success

Against a brilliant background of United Nations flags, James B. Reston, noted international correspondent, addressed a capacity audience at the Community House, last Thursday evening at the Dumbarton Oaks rally. Mayor Wilmer E. Moody, introduced by Mrs. F. G. Garrison, chairman of the affair, spoke briefly. Rev. Arnold F. Runkel, who introduced the speaker, disclosed the results of the poll conducted by the League of Women Voters to be overwhelmingly in favor of a world peace organization. Songs by the Russian National choir and a pageant of United Nations costumes added color to the scene.

Mr. Reston, who has spent considerable time in Europe since 1927, and has attended most of the important wartime conferences, stressed the fact that Dumbarton Oaks cannot be the "perfect answer" to aggression.

Need Faith

"Our basic problem," he said, "is lack of faith. Therefore our basic hope is to achieve an assembly of the powers with full assurance that one will not take action against another."

The Russian question and the great barriers to be crossed before an understanding with that country can be reached were discussed at length.

Mr. Reston warned against expecting too much of the San Francisco conference. "Remember," he said, "the blueprints were drawn up at Dumbarton Oaks. What happens on the coast cannot change the basic plans. San Francisco's primary purpose is to straighten out technical difficulties. Two important questions to be answered are the number of members to compose the Security Council (the uncertain factor being France), and the forces of power to be set up, i.e., ports, air bases, etc."

Answers Questions

Following his talk Mr. Reston answered questions of the audience. In conclusion he praised the people of Birmingham who made the rally possible, giving such meetings and gatherings all over the country credit for the early formation of peace plans in this war, as compared with World War I.

Birmingham Man Wins Promotion

Appointment of Garrett W. Arnold of Birmingham as assistant service manager of Pontiac Motor Division is announced by H. J. Bathrick, general sales manager. Mr. Arnold succeeds Ottar M. Dahl who is joining the Boas Motor Company of San Francisco.

The new assistant service manager has been a Pontiac employee since graduation from Michigan State college in 1926. After an orientation period in the Pontiac plants he was sent to the Chicago zone as service representative. In 1928 he went to the Indianapolis zone as service manager and in 1932 to Cincinnati in the same capacity. He returned to the Pontiac central office in 1935 as an instructor in the Service training program. In March, 1942, he went to the purchasing department on special assignment, later specializing in the purchase and delivery of steel.

As assistant to Service Manager Earl M. Taber, Mr. Arnold will devote himself to the furtherance of Pontiac's wartime mechanic training program and to post-war service planning to bolster Pontiac's expanded peacetime production schedules.

Mr. Arnold and his family reside at 487 Madison avenue in Birmingham.

Clothing Collection Is Still Short of Quota

The Birmingham part of the United Nations Clothing Collection campaign has been moving ahead in fairly good shape, according to William Brown, of the publicity committee. Thus far about 45,000 pounds of used clothing has been collected on a quota of 60,000 pounds.

Mr. Brown said the committee requests that persons who have not yet made their contributions may leave their bundles of used clothing in the bin at the Birmingham post office or may take it to the Peabody Fruit Market, Hunter and East Maple, where the clothing is being stored, sorted and packed for shipment. The drive continues through April 30.

In an effort to swell the total collection the Birmingham theater is giving a special Clothing Collection matinee Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at which time free tickets will be issued to boys and girls on the basis of one ticket for each five pounds of used clothing brought to the Peabody Fruit Market. The market will also open at 12:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon for weighing of bundles and giving out of the free tickets. Each child will have to pay the war tax on his ticket. The program is being worked out by Manager Howard Holub of the theater and the Clothing Collection committee.

Annual Concert by Baldwin Band Will Be Given Tuesday

The annual concert by the Baldwin High School band is to be presented on Tuesday evening, May 1, at 8:15 o'clock at Baldwin auditorium, it was announced today by Arnold W. Berndt, band director.

In addition to a group of 11 numbers by the band, there will be three special saxophone solos by Larry Teal, of the Detroit Symphony orchestra; one number by the student soloist, Robert Marsh, first clarinetist and one number by the violin quartet composed of Jean Kelly, Doris Minks, Burton Bronson and Marjorie Henshaw.

Mr. Teal, who resides in Detroit, has a cottage near Birmingham and is a frequent visitor in this city. He has been a member of the Detroit Symphony orchestra for 12 years and a member of the faculty of the Teal Music Studios. He is a former member of Glen Gray's Casa Loma orchestra and has appeared as saxophone soloist on both Columbia and NBC radio networks. With the Detroit Symphony orchestra he plays bass clarinet, B flat clarinet and the saxophone.

Fine Special Numbers

At the band concert he will play these alto saxophone numbers: "Carnival of Venice," arranged by Staegers, and will be accompanied by the band. "The Girl With the Flaxen Hair," by Debussy, and "The Flight of the Bumble Bee," by Rimski-Korsakov. His piano accompanist will be Harold Lehenerz, accompanist for Gus Henschen's all-string orchestra, heard over a national hookup each week.

Robert Marsh is the first chair clarinetist with the Baldwin band. He was the first division winner in solo and ensemble finals and a member of the Baldwin clarinet quartet. He will play "Concertino" by von Weber and will be accompanied by the band.

The violin quartet will play Schubert's "Scherzo from Op. 78."

The Baldwin band of 40 members was rated first division in Class B in the Southeastern Michigan band and orchestra festival held in Highland Park this spring. The adjudicator, Louis Blaha, of Chicago, in his comments about the band, said, "A nice appearing band with good instrumentation, intonation, balance and tone quality. I enjoyed listening to your band and let me congratulate you for a fine job."

The concert is sponsored by par

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Several Teachers Resign Positions In Local Schools

The problem of securing teachers and other staff members for the Birmingham public schools again has the Board of Education and Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent, worried. Just when the superintendent thought he had every post filled for the year, in came three teachers with word they will be employed elsewhere next season and another is returning to college.

Dr. Ireland reports that four posts are now vacant and that he will be busy with personal visits, letters, telegrams, and through direct dealings with state colleges and universities, trying to line up replacements.

Those Have Resigned

Among the teachers who are not returning are Miss Inis McCoy, teaches of the fourth grade room at Pierce for some time, who is going to Wyandotte to make her permanent home with a sister, who is a teacher there. The two plan to secure property and establish permanent residence.

Mrs. Irene Bluhm Hannah, Adams fifth grade, and Mrs. Phyllis Crum, second grade teacher, are leaving to accept teaching positions in Flint. Miss Edna Miller, teacher in the second grade at Pierce school, is resigning to enter Wayne University next autumn to complete work on her master's degree.

Mrs. Carolyn Laughran, visiting teacher in the public schools, has been retained for another year, Superintendent Ireland told the Board that her work was proving very helpful and recommended she be re-appointed.

Sign Franklin Teachers

Although no definite word on the annexation of the Franklin school district to the Birmingham district has come from Dr. Eugene Elliott, state superintendent of public instruction in Lansing, he has recommended that Birmingham district go ahead and arrange contracts, and this action is said to have led the Birmingham Board of Education to believe that final action in the matter is coming shortly.

The entire staff at the Franklin grade school is being contracted for another year. The contracts are so written as to be valid for both the Birmingham and the Franklin districts and are to be signed by the boards of each district.

Offered new contracts are Mrs. Grace Harris, Mrs. Genevieve DeCou, Mrs. Daisy Belle Richards and Mrs. Doris Lange.

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Capt. Machus Tells of His Escapes from Prison Camps

Captain Harris G. Machus, 1031 Madison, is just back from three years of war. He arrived Friday and already some of his friends have been able to dig out some highly interesting bits about his experiences in prisoner of war camps. A cavalry officer, he served with the American armour during his actual battle experience of several months in North Africa.

Fighting the wars would not be so bad, he says, but getting it in the neck with a piece of enemy shell; being captured while still unconscious from wounds; wandering for months in the wild wooded and mountain country of Italy and through the deep snows in 30 below zero weather in Poland just do not make one anxious to repeat the performance.

Captain Machus went through all this and much more during his three years of army service. For two years he was a prisoner of war of the Italians and then the Germans; first in Africa, then in Italy and Germany and finally in the bitter cold of a Polish winter.

Wounded In Tunisia

He was wounded in Tunisia when the German armour, with our American force, knocked out every tank and killed or captured all the men. The sixth shell through his tank put Captain Machus out of business. A shell fragment wounded him in the neck. When he came to consciousness he was in a field hospital well back of the German lines. He was taken by hospital ship to Italy and after about three months went to a prison camp for British and American officers on the Adriatic coast near Chieti.

After the Italians surrendered the Germans took control and soon packed the men aboard trains and started them toward Germany. Captain Machus escaped and it was six months before the Germans recaptured him. He and a companion were surrounded in the mountains, just 10 miles from the Allied lines. His companion was killed.

Once more the Birmingham man

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All makes of inner spring mattresses renovated. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY. PHONE B'HAM 1-0788. —Adv. tf.

City Buys New Machinery For Oiling Streets

Mayor Moody Urges Petitions for Repair Be Filed Once

The City Commission, meeting Monday night, authorized the purchase of a new power oil distributor for use on new street improvement and street repair. The machine, with a tank of 800 gallons capacity, will be mounted on a city-owned truck and is expected to be delivered and ready for use in about 60 days. The necessary requisition has been approved by the War Production Board.

The outfit is one of the newest turned out by the Wolverine Tractor and Equipment company, Detroit, and will cost the city $2,802.50. It will be equipped for handling both ordinary road oil and the heavier sealer coat for paving.

A number of bids were received by the city, including both used and new equipment. City Manager H. H. Corson said he believed the equipment purchased would prove quite satisfactory for the city's needs.

A city-owned truck will be sent to Cincinnati, Ohio, where the company will mount the tank and install the complete equipment, and probably test the entire equipment.

File Requests Early

Mayor Wilmer E. Moody at the Commission meeting urged that property owners wishing their streets oiled should begin work at once on their petitions, collecting signatures and getting the entire proposals in the hands of the city as quickly as possible. "These requests for street oiling will be handled in the order in which they are received," he said, "so if you want your work handled early in the summer you should get your plans all made, costs collected and in the hands of the city right away."

The Commission approved a recommendation that the city contract with the state highway department for its share in the cost of maintaining traffic signal lights at the intersection of Hunter and Oakland and Hunter and Maple streets. Mr. Corson said the state would pay 75 cents of the city 25 per cent of the cost and that similar contracts were expected to be signed by other nearby cities.

The Commission set aside from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. and Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. In 1944 there were 138,000 bandages made and volunteers put in a total of 12,038 hours in the workrooms.

The blood bank has used the House for its headquarters for over a year and has been able to report very successful collections. For the many people who have worked each time, it is still an exciting experience to watch the mobile unit drive up to the front door with its cots, iceboxes and other equipment, and within 60 minutes transform our social and welfare center into a miniature hospital. The layout of the first floor makes the House an ideal one for the admitting and examining rooms and the 16-bed bleeding room. The equipment stays in place during the three days of the blood bank and then with equal speed, it is removed and the House is again transformed into the center for service clubs' weekly meetings, the Boy and Girl Scout activities and the other regularly scheduled weekly meetings.

All the classes in Canteen, Home Nursing and Staff Assistance have been held at the House. It has also been the headquarters of the Red Cross War Fund Drive, supplying a meeting place for the committee and dispensing material to workers.

Since the beginning of the war in Europe there have been two groups who have sewed weekly for the British and French Relief.

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State Funds Sent to Baldwin Library

The Baldwin Public Library received a $223.92 check today from the State Board for Libraries, reports Miss Adeline Cooke, librarian.

This is the first payment on a grant from the general library fund for which the Library has qualified and is about half of the amount expected for this year.

The grant is from an appropriation made by the 1944 Legislature for the development of Michigan libraries and is given with no restrictions except that it cannot be used for capital expenditures.

Rolland Langerman Made 1st Lieutenant

ARMY AIRWAYS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, Pacific Headquarters—Rolland J. Langerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Langerman, 608 Dewey street, Birmingham, was promoted to first lieutenant on April 5, 1945. A member of Army Airways Communications System, AAF, Lieutenant Langerman has served in the Central Pacific area since September, 1944.

Lieutenant Langerman, a graduate of Michigan State Normal College, entered active service in July, 1943, at Boca Raton, Fla. He was commissioned in April, 1944, upon completion of his training at the Army Air Forces Cadet School of Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

Kick-Off Dinner to Open Community House Fund Drive

The heavy part of the annual financial campaign of the Birmingham Community House will get underway on Monday evening at 7 o'clock when workers, their wives and husbands, gather for the "kick off" dinner. With Paul S. Averill as chairman the group will enjoy a program of dinner music and receive final instructions regarding their solicitations for funds for the House.

The main speaker for the evening will be William Norton, Detroit, chairman of the Michigan Chapter, American Red Cross, who will stress the importance of such institutions as the Community House and the vital need for its support.

The early part of the annual Community House fund campaign is reported to be moving along nicely. Birmingham residents are finding the House one of the city's most valuable assets and have always supported it financially.

All the usual confusion in arranging for a central meeting place, for common to pay the electric light bill or to heat a building was done away with when the Birmingham Community House was built and paid for by the public. During the last few years, the House has served as the center for the many war activities.

Under the leadership of Mrs. F. W. DuBois, the surgical dressing unit of the American Red Cross meets each Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 4, and Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30. In 1944 there were 138,000 bandages made and volunteers put in a total of 12,038 hours in the workrooms.

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City Program For V-E Day Is Ready

L. A. Cady, chairman of Birmingham's V-E Day committee, announced today that plans for the day have been completed. The committee named by Mayor Wilmer E. Moody and the Junior Defense Council of the public schools have arranged and will carry out the program.

The plan calls for the continuation of activities in the schools as well as business places.

There will be a parade from the high school, led by the high school band and joined in by school children and adults, to a platform erected in the municipal park.

There will be short speeches by local speakers, emphasizing the thankfulness of a grateful community and a determination to continue until victory is won in the Pacific.

The program will terminate in time for churches to hold their services at 8 p.m.

The committee in charge consists of L. A. Cady, of the American Legion; Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools; Ralph Main, city commission; Mrs. H. T. Ellerby, Moms' club; Amos F. Gregory, Boy Scouts; Harry Binsert, Merchants' Association; Amos Gregory Jr., Junior Defense Council of the public schools.

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Many Stores Will Be Open Friday Nights

Nineteen Merchants Agree to Try Plan Starting On May 4th

A group of nineteen Birmingham retail merchants today announced a plan to remain open on Friday evenings, commencing on Friday, May 4. The plan, similar to that used in many other cities, will provide local residents with an opportunity one evening a week for shopping.

The idea is being developed through the Birmingham Retail Merchants association which has held a number of meetings to study proposals and arrange details of getting the plan under way.

To the list of 19 stores is added the two drug stores, which are open every evening of the week, and the A. & P. and Kroger stores which have been open Friday evenings for some time, and numerous candy stores and some small shops which have been on a regular evening opening plan.

Survey City's Needs

The Association officers state: "A recent survey made by the Birmingham Retail Merchants association indicated a need for this added shopping convenience. Birmingham merchants invite you to make their stores your Friday evening shopping headquarters and hope that this new service will make your shopping chores easier."

Merchants active in the campaign have stated their belief that many more retailers will join the program once it gets under way.

The list of stores in today's announcement includes: Hawthorne Electric Co., D. J. Healy Shops, Williams Boot Shop, Mulholland's Department Store, Garrett and Kennedy Market, Leonard Electric Co., Birmingham Hardware Store, The Cheer Shop, Herbert Burr Shoe Store, S. S. Kresge Co., Peck Men's Store, Huston Hardware Co., The R B Shop, Miller Shoes, F. W. Woolworth Co., The Maxwell Shop, Dickinson's Men's Store, Martinez Men Store and Kay Baum Shop.

A full-page announcement from the various stores going in on the plan appears on the pages of part two of this edition of The Eccentric. The merchants state that they hope through this cooperative movement to make Birmingham a much more convenient shopping center.

Pfc. Willis A. Smith Given Bronze Star

Pfc. Willis A. Smith, of 1220 Cedar drive, has recently been awarded a Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievement in connection with an attack on enemy troops on Feb. 9, 1945. The award was announced at the headquarters of the 78th Infantry Division. Mrs. Smith is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy K. Lewis at the Cedar drive address.

The citation which accompanied the medal reads:

Private First Class Willis B. Smith, 36966553, Infantry, Company B, 310 Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 February, 1945, in the vicinity of Germany. Private First Class Smith, first gunner on a light machine gun, remained in an open and exposed position to fire on an enemy tank blocking the advance of the company. The fire from his gun caused the crew to button up the tank. Although his ammunition bearers were pinned down and 88 mm fire was striking a nearby house, Private First Class Smith aided materially in the advance of his platoon. His devotion to duty and complete disregard for his personal safety are in accordance with the highest military traditions. Entered the military service from Michigan.

Remember These New "Deadlines"

Due to war-time man-power problems of producing this newspaper, we are compelled to make the following changes in "deadlines for all copy," as follows:

CLASSIFIED ADS must be in by 5 o'clock each Tuesday of the week of insertion.

DISPLAY ADS must be in by six o'clock each Tuesday evening.

SOCIAL NEWS must be in our office by 5 o'clock each Tuesday afternoon. CLUB NEWS must be in by Monday noon, as usual.

STRAIGHT NEWS COPY must be in our office by 9 o'clock each Wednesday morning.