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City's First Korean War Fatality

Cpl. Kenneth Block Killed in 7th Inf. Division Withdrawal

By G.R.A.

Birmingham's first fatality in the war in Korea is Cpl. Kenneth B. Block, 22. A War Department telegram received Sunday by his mother, Mrs. Gerald Eller of 1832 Davis, said Cpl. Block was killed in action on Sunday, Dec. 3. No other details were given.

Mrs. Eller's last letter from her son was written late in November while he was at the 121st Evacuation hospital in Hamhung. He did not disclose why he had been hospitalized, but in that letter told his mother he expected to leave for the front the day after Thanksgiving.

SINCE HIS LETTER said he thought it would take about three days to rejoin his outfit, M Company, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, it is believed Cpl. Block lost his life as the Chinese Reds began their drive south from the Manchurian border on Dec. 2.

The 7th Division was one which had driven far into northeast Korea and was cut off as the Red drive began.

Cpl. Block was born in Oakland county on May 9, 1928. He attended grade school in Berkeley and the Big Beaver high school. He was a graduate of the Henry Ford trade school.

SHORTLY AFTER GRADUATION he joined the army and spent two and a half years with the medical corps in Denver, Colo., before being transferred to the paratroopers. Transferred to the 7th Division, he had been in Japan for the past two years. His six years' enlistment would have been up in March, 1951.

Besides his mother, Cpl. Block is survived by a brother, Gerald Block in California; a sister, Mrs. Jacqueline Renshaw of Birmingham and a half-brother and -sister, Robert and Darlene Eller, at home.

Top January Graduates Named

Marilyn Berg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Berg, 1429 Villa, and William Wilkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Wilkinson, 1620 Glenhurst, will be valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the last Baldwin high school class to be graduated in mid-year.

The 20 members of the class begin their final senior activities Jan. 15 with a dinner at Kingsley Inn, and terminate with their graduation exercises starting at 8 p.m. Jan. 25 in the high school auditorium.

The Rev. Edgar DeWitt Jones, pastor emeritus of Central Woodway Christian church, Detroit, will be the commencement speaker. His subject will be "Great Books as Life Teachers."

He will be introduced by Mrs. Lewis B. Sappington, board of education member.

BECAUSE OF the small size of the graduating class, tickets will not be given out for the program. The public is welcome to attend.

On Sunday, Jan. 21, the Rev. Dr. Arnold Runkel, pastor of the First Methodist church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at 7:30 in the First Presbyterian church.

Dr. Runkel will speak on "The Time for Greatness." Special musical selections will complete the service.

The committee in charge of the Jan. 15 dinner is Joyce Bildeau, Donna Alstrom, Kathy Hyland, Herb Hopkins, Paul Phillips and Janice Porter.

Dr. and Mrs. Dwight B. Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. Ross A. Wagner, Miss Vida McGiffin and Mrs. Mary Hartwick will be guests of the education members.

Editorial Is Entered In Record

A Dec. 21, 1950, editorial from The Birmingham Eccentric, entitled "Let Us Pull Together—As Free Men," has been entered in the Jan. 2, 1951, Congressional Record by Congressman George A. Dondero of the 12th district.

Written by Publisher George R. Averill, the editorial stressed the importance of constructive criticism in this nation's efforts to solve its domestic and foreign problems.

It called particular attention to the need for national unity, and asked for the resignation of Secretary of State Dean Acheson and his replacement with an individual who could command the people's respect and trust.

IN INTRODUCING the editorial into the record, Dondero stated, "Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the Congressional Record, I include therein an editorial from the Birmingham Eccentric, Birmingham, Mich., one of the outstanding newspapers of the congressional district which I have the honor to represent.

"The good sense and sound reasoning contained in this editorial is worthy of reading and consideration of every Member of Congress, I commend it to my colleagues."

In a personal letter to Publisher Averill, Dondero remarked, "Congratulations on your fine article. I wish we had more newspapers in our country showing the same brand of common horse sense."

NICE TUNE

Anyone can play it. Just place a few lines in the Eccentric's Classified Section and watch things start to hum!

THE METAL TAGS, according to Hamel, will be ready for mailing to residents in the near future. Laboratory slips carrying the identity of the person and his or her blood type, already are in the hands of the tag manufacturer, Hamel said.

He reminded that the tags are permanent records of one's blood type to be used in an emergency.

All makes of cars being manufactured here from Nov. 20 to Dec. 16 were processed in the Birmingham clinical laboratory under the direction of Mary Terry, director, and Mrs. James Kneale, technician.

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1950 Building Costs Set At \$13,323,340

City's Master Plan To Be Discussed at Series of Meetings

Construction Rises In All Types to Set New Record for City

The annual report of Building Inspector B. G. Omans shows the 1950 construction work in the city nearly tripled that of the previous year.

The work done here during the past year totaled 1,092 permits and costs of \$13,323,340 as compared to 438 permits in 1949 at a total cost of \$5,521,675.

The bulk of building was taken over by 778 single family residences at a cost of \$8,622,726. Housing facilities were also increased by the area field and terraces, providing 138 dwelling units and two new two-family residences. These represent a cost of \$721,700 and \$49,000 respectively.

The year just past also saw \$1,203,810 spent on alterations for dwelling units including single family and multiple units. In addition, Birmingham residents spent \$90,814 for construction and alterations of private garages.

Local Man Killed In Sunday Crash

William R. Revitte, 44, of 2217 Manchester, died Sunday in injuries received in an automobile accident near Centerline.

Mr. Revitte was born in Calumet on June 27, 1909 and for nearly 20 years has been a resident of the Detroit area where he was in the brokerage business. For the past two years he has been working as an accountant with the Bradley-Higbie company of Detroit near Centerline.

He is survived by his widow, the former June Perry, and two sons, John and William, all of Birmingham.

Services were held from the J. A. DeSantis funeral home in Detroit Wednesday morning with burial in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Dogs Taking Over S. Bates Neighborhood, Patterson Warns Fellow Commissioners

City Commissioner Richard Patterson's Bates street neighborhood is going to the dogs—literally.

"Why, they run around the area in packs, and it's getting worse all the time," he emphasized to fellow commissioners Monday evening.

Only last Friday a neighbor lady complained to me about the dogs. She likes 'em, in fact had one a little while ago. But she doesn't like the damage the canine population does to her house.

"It seems to be a case of neighbors letting their dogs run loose all night. The situation is terrific. And it will get worse this spring."

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN getting away with this practice so long they've forgotten about the city ordinance saying dogs must be confined or kept on a leash.

"Has anyone an idea how we can stop all this?"

Mayor Bruce G. Booth thought that a little night work on the part of the city's dog warden might do the trick.

"Couldn't he work a couple nights a week," the mayor asked solicitor Ralph W. Moxley, "the dog warden's boss?"

"Why, I don't know his schedule could be arranged to permit it," replied the chief.

But Commissioner Milton F. Mallender thought dog catching at night would not produce very good results.

"BEING AN old dog man, I wonder how you can catch a black dog at night?" he questioned.

New Exchange club officers were installed at the regular meeting Tuesday noon.

Lt. Charles R. Spath, of Selfridge Field spoke on his experience as a jet pilot.

It was emphasized that the plan commission has not yet adopted proposals made by its planning consultant, Charles W. Barr of Michigan State College. Barr's recommendation for future changes has not yet been made. The series of meetings being planned are designed to bring the problems of Birmingham's growth into the open, and to learn the wishes of citizens.

Barr, in submitting his proposals which would blueprint Birmingham's future expansion during the next 20 years, said, "The master land use plan is being prepared for a yearly list of improvement projects. The plans cannot be completed in one year nor can the citizens afford to forget the plan for even one year."

INSTEAD OF an unplanned growth, which may result in undesirable types of housing and crowded conditions, some guidelines which will form a pattern for any future expansion must be provided, he said.

"City planning is not a new idea in Birmingham," Barr said. "Michigan State College recognized the necessity for charting its growth along predetermined lines when it was still a village. The plan now under consideration is a new plan, but its roots go back to 1924 when the first overall study was made."

"It is essential that a clear understanding of the objectives of the people of a community by bringing about in an orderly manner the most healthful, convenient, balanced, attractive and economical city possible."

Exchange Speaker

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1,812 Visit Dearborn Motors Office and Warehouse Sunday

Dearborn Motors' new \$3,500,000 office, research laboratory and warehouse on E. Maple was visited by 1,812 persons at Sunday afternoon "open house."

On Saturday, more than 800 employees and members of their families were given the same opportunity to examine the facilities in the modern brick and steel structure.

Dedication of the building took place Thursday morning before 700 persons, including employees, municipal officials and members of the press.

Guests were guided through the building and functions of the company explained to them.

POINTS OF interest in the agricultural engineering center included the stress and strain laboratory, the chemical laboratory, and the well-equipped machine shop in which the experimental development of new farm implements can be made.

In the warehouse, which serves as the national distribution center for Ford tractor parts and accessories, visitors saw an almost completely mechanized operation.

Truck trucks are used to transport supplies on roads, and the warehouse can handle 10 box cars and 8 large trailer trucks simultaneously.

Light, airy offices in the headquarters building, facing on Maple, are completely air conditioned and have the latest type fluorescent lighting.

IN HIS dedicatory remarks Thursday, Dearborn Motors President Thomas A. Farrel said in part, "In the short time that we have been in our new home, the folks from the entire area have been most helpful and friendly, for which we want to express our sincere appreciation."

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PRESIDENT T. A. FARRELL (FACING CAMERA) WELCOMES GUESTS

Public given opportunity to view facilities at special 'open house'