

## Mrs. Hawkins' Rites Planned

Funeral services are planned Wednesday for Mrs. Mabel A. Hawkins, 59, fourth victim of a gas explosion in the Home Café here last week.

She died yesterday afternoon in Jay County Hospital of third degree burns from the waist down. They were caused by a broken steam pipe.

### Other Victims

Also dead in the blast were William Bailey, 27, of near Bluff Point, an electrician for the Gross Electric Company; Walter H. Muys, 37, of Richmond, a salesman for the Dietzen Baking Company, and Guy O. Dollins, a member of the Portland Fire Department.

Mr. Bailey and Mr. Muys were crushed to death under debris, and Mr. Dollins was stricken with a heart attack while helping removed trapped victims.

Still in the hospital are Mrs. Hawkins' husband, Ben, and John Jenney, 57, a counterman. Both were reported in "fair" condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins formed a partnership with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Rohn Slick, in 1928, and opened the café.

### Native of Greene

Mrs. Hawkins, who was serving as cashier when the blast occurred, was a native of Greene Township and a life-long resident of Jay County. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and president of the Modern Priscilla Club.

Surviving in addition to the husband are three daughters, Mrs. P. G. Goodrich, Mrs. Roger Earhart and Mrs. William Thomas all of Portland; three sisters, Mrs. Virgie Slick, Miss Nellie Thomas and Miss Opal Thomas, all of nearby Portland; a brother, Virgil Thomas, of Portland, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Baird funeral home at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. E. C. McCance. Burial will be in Green Park Cemetery.

### Many Visit City

Hundreds of persons visited this city yesterday to view the blast damage.

The North Meridian Street block in which the business places are located remains closed to traffic and will not be reopened until the cleanup work is completed.

The state fire marshall's office Friday ordered walls of the Home Café and Valentine Confectionary torn down, at the same time ordering that Beal's Café, just north of the other restaurant, remain closed until the walls are razed.

### Large Crowds

A large crowd attended services Saturday for both Mr. Dellins and Mr. Bailey.

Many out of town members of the Indiana Firemen's Association, of which he was a trustee, were present at the former chief's funeral in Baird Chapel.

Numerous World War II veterans attended the military rites for Mr. Bailey at the Bluff Point Friends Church.

Final tribute was also paid to Mr. Muys in Richmond Saturday.

