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Santa Arrives Here Saturday At 10 o'clock

By G. R. A.

Children's Party To Be Held At Birmingham Theatre

With a special V-mail letter from Santa Claus received this week by The Eccentric, the children of Birmingham are officially advised that the Christmas season is here now, and that Old Saint Nick will make a special stop at the Birmingham Theatre on Saturday morning.

So many children want to see him that the Birmingham Theatre is being closed for the day of his visit.

Herbert H. Gardner, new president of the Birmingham National Bank, began his duties this week. Gardner has been in charge of the bank since its opening on numerous friends and business men filed his office.

Only one phase of this gasoline rationing do I criticize. I say then I cannot criticize the idea behind it either. That phase is the manner in which the ODT (not local or county rationing boards), has handled the allocation of gasoline.

Report Death Of Sgt. Saunders

Definite word on the fate of Staff Sgt. John S. Saunders, of Bloomfield Hills, continuing the news by his mother, Mrs. Ruth Sterling Saunders. Reported missing three weeks ago, it has now been established that he was killed in action during a bomber raid over Western Europe.

GO TO PONTIAC

A delegation of eight Birmingham merchants attended a commercial-vehicle owners' meeting at the Pontiac High School auditorium to hear a talk by Leslie W. Patterson, manager of the seven concrete days use of his vehicle in the month of December, take the data to ODT in Detroit, and review of his situation; this ought to provide for accurate, up-to-date records, and enable ODT to contribute its patriotic efforts to keep America free—both at home and abroad.

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V. . . . MAIL LETTER

To All Children of Birmingham

From—Santa Claus (Sender's name)

North Pole (Sender's address)

Birmingham, Michigan

U. S. A.

Dec. 1, 1942 (Date)

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Hello, there, children of Birmingham! Your old friend Santa is sending his annual greeting and invitation to greet him at the Birmingham Theatre Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. I am just now leaving the North Pole with my sleigh and jeep, loaded with toys and other good things for good girls and boys. I'll get here with the sleigh and reindeer, for the reindeer eat hay; but the jeep burns gasoline and I haven't yet got my "C" ration book. However, don't worry. I'm not. See you all Saturday! Get your ticket from your teacher! Love,

SANTA

Draft Registration Starts Next Week

Boys 18 years of age who have not yet registered for Selective Service must do so this month, starting on Friday, Dec. 11, 18 is announced by the Detroit office.

Goodfellow Sale Set for Dec. 19

Birmingham's annual Old Newsboys Goodfellow sale will take place this year on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 10 a. m. at the Birmingham Convention Center.

High Wind Brings Snow and Cold

Winter hit Birmingham and Michigan Wednesday, with winds of high velocity sweeping snow which began to drift across the roads last night.

Franklin, Bloomfield Postmasters Leave

Two of the postmasters in this area are now in the Army. Latest to go is William Jones, postmaster at Franklin, who, despite the fact that he has a wife and child, could not resist the urge to enlist.

Gasoline Storage Warning Issued

Don't store gasoline in your home, fire Chief V. W. Griffith warned Birmingham residents again this week. Monday, the day before rationed sales started, hundreds of people had all sorts of containers filled at gasoline stations.

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BY YOUR SACRIFICE YOUR PATRIOTISM IS MEASURED

Commercial car operators, however, are still up in the air.

Service stations which did a land office business on Monday as 99.9 per cent of the district's gasoline tanks were filled to the top by midnight Monday, the biggest day's business in their history, pumping a combined total of 75,000 gallons over the weekend, it was estimated. The police department checked all underground tanks on Tuesday and found 43,000 gallons on hand, with most of them about one-quarter full.

A staff of volunteers started late last week to process the requests for supplementary mileage, with the result that on Wednesday all requests had been processed, although several hundred books had not yet been called for by the rationing office. R. B. McClellan, in charge, estimated that about 2,500 books had been issued, contrasted to 4,000 based on distribution. In addition, the workers here helped Pontiac and Ferndale.

Still in Quandary

Commercial car operators are still in a quandary as to their mileage for the winter. The ODT has handled through the Detroit office of the ODT, and drastic limitations have been imposed in almost all cases, favoring private drivers rather than those for private drivers.

Persons who feel that an adjustment should be made in their rationing allowances should apply for it within a few days—as soon as the proper blanks are received. Mrs. McClellan said.

Using the Coupons

With regard to the manner in which the coupons are used, it was pointed out by Mrs. McClellan that a coupon numbered "2" may be good through Jan. 21, 1943, and numbers in the A box may be used until after that time. However, B and C coupons may be used at will, except that the driver must make them last for three months.

How Can City Cut Gas Mileage?

How can the City reduce its excessive mileage? The city is actually reducing police patrol and other essential services.

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SELL THAT ALARM CLOCK!

There's a shortage of alarm clocks. Why not sell that extra clock of yours? Add the rest of an Eccentric classified ad (it's nominal) to your selling price.

PHONE 11 Before Wednesday at 4 p. m.