

Tire Board Has Changed To Three Men

Final Authority On Rationing To Stay in Pontiac

The tire rationing set-up has been changed, with final authority now residing in a three-man county board, City Manager Don C. Egbert was advised yesterday in a conference at Pontiac.

Last week, a five-man local board was set up here on advice from Lansing. It will still be a Birmingham board which will act in an advisory capacity. Egbert said that the board will consist of Mr. Minis, chairman; Justice Forbes S. Hascall, secretary; and a representative of the Retail Merchants Association.

The board will receive applications for tires and rubber goods, which are obviously unjustified, turning over to the county board for final action. The local commodities board will continue to act on all the proper forms received from the state.

The county board's duties for January has been set at 210 automobile tires; 182 tubes; 377 truck tires; 100 motorcycle tires; and 315 truck bus tires.

Two of the three on the county board are James M. Minis, chief clerk, and A. J. Diebel, of Bloomfield Village, co-chairman of the County Defense Council. The third is a representative of the Masonic Temple Building.

OTHER DEFENSE NEWS

First step in training the new recruits will be to get them to police the bad nations; they may talk about providing access to the world's natural resources; they may talk about international exchange; they may talk about the necessity for almost complete Christianization; or making more honest and ethical, a majority of the world's population; and they may talk about the necessity for a more equitable distribution of the world's resources.

115 Give Blood To Red Cross Unit

One hundred and fifteen Bloomfield residents gave blood to the first trip of the Red Cross mobile blood bank at Birmingham, Mich. Water truck will come to Birmingham Feb. 3 and registrations are now being received at the Red Cross.

National Bank Pays 75-Cent Dividend

The Board of Directors of the Birmingham National Bank has declared a 75-cent dividend on its common stock for the year ending December 31, 1941. The dividend is payable to stockholders of record as of January 15, 1942.

Wife of Army Officer Tells of Jap Raid On Hawaii; Staying Here for Duration

A first hand story of the bombing of Hawaii was told by Mrs. Stanley Reinhart, who arrived in this country last night. She said that she was the only woman to escape the second transport of evacuees from Hawaii. Mrs. Reinhart and her husband, Colonel Reinhart, were on the transport when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Tire Shortage Crowds Trains, Buses; Housewives Unite On Shopping Trips

How is rationing of tires affecting transportation and deliveries? That is what The Eccentric attempted to determine this week. It was found that there is a shortage of tires on some trains, and there has come a demand for a more efficient use of tires on some trucks.

Mixup on Approval For West Maple Aid Will Delay Project

The question of money, as it most projects, appears to be the stumbling block at the present time. The West Maple Avenue project is being handled by the City of Birmingham, but the approval of the County Road Commission is still pending.

Home of C. Leonard Leaves Business To His Employees

In one of the most unusual bequests ever made in Birmingham, C. Leonard, electrical merchant who died Dec. 4, left his business to his employees. The business is now being operated by the employees.

Surprise Angle

A surprise angle was developed Tuesday by Chairman Allen in the report of the Birmingham City Council. The report revealed that the city is in a better financial position than previously reported.

Milk Prices Here Take New Rise

Several people asked The Eccentric to report this week on the city ordinance covering milk supply. The price of milk has risen again, and the city is taking steps to ensure a steady supply.

Junior Defense Council Divides City Into 15 Zones for Waste Paper Drive

Birmingham's Junior Defense Council met Wednesday morning and made further plans for the waste paper drive. The city is divided into 15 zones, each with a designated collector.

New Rural Route Scheduled Here

A new rural route which will be better service to patrons in the south and west areas will be inaugurated shortly. The route will be operated by the Post Office.

Bargain for Soldiers

A special low price for men in the uniform was announced this week by the Birmingham and Bloomfield Stores. Men buying their own tickets will be admitted for a special price.

'41 Best Year For Building Since 1936

Despite the uncertainties of war and priorities, Birmingham building showed its biggest year since 1936, exceeding a million dollars. The 1941 total was \$1,138,203, compared with \$965,110 in 1940.

Was One of Two Million-Dollar Years In Past 10 Years

Permits were issued last year for 12 single-family residences, averaging \$2,747 each, and totaling \$32,976 in value. Three two-family houses totaling \$27,500. One new church (Reformed Lutheran) and additions totaling \$49,400.

Civics Classes To Govern City

Hang on to your hats! The Baldwin civics classes are going to govern the city. The classes will meet every Tuesday night, and will discuss the duties of citizens.

City Will Tighten Licensing of Dogs

City Manager D. C. Egbert proposed a new ordinance to tighten the licensing of dogs. The ordinance will require that all dogs be licensed and that owners be responsible for their dogs.

School Tax Comes In Better Than '41

With Friday the deadline for payment without penalty, tax payers for school districts are considerably ahead of last year at this time. The total school tax for 1942 is expected to be higher than for 1941.

City May Retire Ancient Fire Truck

Birmingham may retire its ancient high-wheeled fire truck put in service 20 years ago. The truck is being replaced by a more modern model.

Jan Lou Poetzinger Wins Acclaim As Birmingham's First Baby of Year

Birmingham's first baby of the new year was Jan Lou Poetzinger, born to Mrs. E. A. Poetzinger and Mr. J. L. Poetzinger on Jan. 1, 1942. The baby is the first child born in Birmingham this year.

City's D.P.W. Men Again Ask Raise

Birmingham's department of Public Works employees, organized as chapter 35 of the A.F. of M., have presented new demands for a raise in their wages. The employees are asking for a 10% increase.

Innovations Introduced In Schools

Following are Birmingham "firsts" for 1942: First baby, Jan. 1; first chimney burned out, Jan. 1; first public relations program, Jan. 1; first vocational program, Jan. 1.

Plan Dean of Girls, New Secretarial And Retail Course

Birmingham's new superintendent of schools, Dr. Herman L. Shiber, is now more acquainted with his job and has made several innovations in the system. He has planned a new secretarial and retail course for girls.

Selective Service Quota for Month Only 2 Thus Far

Birmingham's quota for January is remarkably low, with only two men appearing for selective service. The quota for the month is expected to be higher in the future.

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Bankers Enjoy Big Gain In Past Year

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