Washington Office Gets 1,000 Inquiries About Pontiac Tire-Saving Experiment

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Have you joined a "car club" yet?

Sharing automobile transportation has become an act of war patriotism in Michigan this spring. Japs on the other side of the world seized rubber plantations in Malaya, a good 10,000 miles away. Funny, isn't it, how the world has grown smaller in 1942!

The "car club" idea was initiated by State Highway Commissioner G. Donald Kennedy at Pontiac where it received a thorough test and has been popularly labelled the "Pontiac Plan."

The plan calls for a maximum use of buses and a minimum use of automobiles to conserve existing supplies of cars and tires for transportation of workers to war production plants.

Routine of peace-time lives was disturbed with inauguration of the plan March 16. Alarm clocks were set to conform to new working hours; housewives rearranged shopping schedules; school children welcomed the later opening of classes, and workmen started their new shifts cheerfully.

"Surveys of Michigan war plants," Kennedy explained, "called attention to the fact that 75 per cent of workers depend upon their automobiles for transportation to and from work. This clearly indicated that unless existing facilities were conserved, a critical condition in war industries would soon develop."

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A survey made by the highway department revealed that Pontiac's industries employ more than 25,000 workers. Of that number, the survey showed 4,000 use buses, while 12,000 residing in the city and 9,300 living outside use private automobiles in going to and from work.

Selected as a typical Michigan industrial city, Pontiac was chosen for the first test, and after more than four weeks of experiment its success is believed assured.

By use of the "club plan" whereby workers pool and alternate use of their cars, the "Let's Ride Together" phase of the program has already increased passengers per car from an average of 1.3 to 2.0.

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Staggering factory shifts, together with later opening of stores, offices and schools, has resulted in bus lines reporting that school and office bus loads formerly bunched from 7:45 to 9 have been spread between 8:30 and 10 and entirely miss the industrial workers. Buses are also operating under capacity between the hours of 10 and 2:30, showing that shoppers are using the facilities to further advance the plan.

Traffic volume also has been reduced materially according to police department reports, and a sharp drop in number of accidents and loss of man hours is hailed as an important secondary result of the conservation program.

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In March, 1941, Pontiac experienced 295 traffic accidents in the city, as compared with only 170 for the first 26 days of March this year. "Not only is traffic spread out more evenly," said Lieut. Shigley, of the police traffic division, "but volume has been reduced materially. Formerly, traffic division counts showed an average flow of 1,000 vehicles an hour on South Saginaw street, one of the principal thoroughfares. This recently has been cut by 100 vehicles an hour."

As success of the "Pontiac Plan," became more certain, field representatives of the Automotive Safety Foundation reported more than 1,000 inquiries had been received already at the Washington office.

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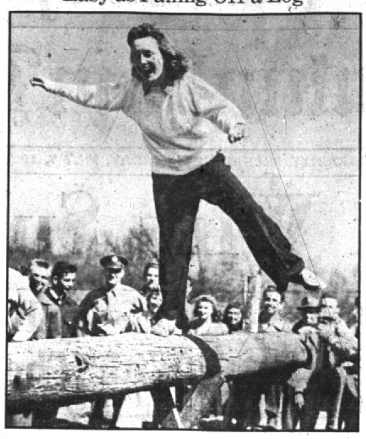

Not to be outdone by the Reserve Officers Training Corps, co-eds of the University of Maryland are toughening up for possible war service. Rosaleen Pifer walks a log to perfect her balance.

SALVAGE

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recreation fund, and the group has no truck with which to pick up paper. In the past, in cases where the donor could not bring the paper to the warehouse, some of the aides have picked up paper in their own cars. If the warehouse is not open when you arrive, put a brick on the paper so that it does not blow away.

Phone 4014 for information.

A meeting of paper salvage zone chairmen, together with their adult and junior assistants, was held Wednesday morning in the Community House, under the general chairmanship of Mrs. Quinn, to inaugurate a long-term paper salvage program "for the duration," and as a preliminary to the Salvage Week campaign. Mrs. Quinn is assisted in the paper salvage program by an executive committee which includes Mrs. Russell Barnes, vice-chairman, Mrs. George T. Hendrie, and Mrs. William E. Essery.

The meeting was addressed briefly by Salvage Chairman John H. Harwood. The Salvage Committee is a committee of the Birmingham Civilian Defense Council.

Following this meeting, individual zone chairmen are calling meetings of their zone committees later on in the week to plan neighborhood cooperation in the salvage program.

Salvage Week is planned, according to Chairman Harwood, to concentrate local attention on the importance of the salvage problem to our national defense, at the same time giving each householder an opportunity to help at once through the very practical medium of spring house-cleaning. Printed dodgers giving full salvage information were distributed at each sugar registration booth Monday through Thursday of this week.

ECONOMY

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the new figure is $1,100, which includes two new police cars. A $1,000 cut is planned in street lighting, meaning that some lights will be turned out and smaller lamps used in some installations. Tree care has been cut from $4,700 to $2,700.

The proposed budget also provides $1,000 for civilian defense and also a $10,000 contingent fund, compared to $6,800 last year.

The Amorous One

Bobby, do you ever peep through the keyhole when I am sitting in there with your sister?

Bobby — Sometimes — when mother ain't there.

THANKS

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brought out. We struck rays of light at times, but never quite the key to the whole situation.

Maybe through the meetings of the last many weeks, the sobering effect of current world-shaking events, and a combination of things, we have at last gotten our feet onto the true road that we were groping for. It's not only the added financial help that is the immediate thing involved. There is something much bigger that has come out of this vote.

We on the Board are naturally highly gratified with the result of the election. It puts us back on the job with rekindled enthusiasm, but we are also very definitely sobered by such a vote, because in a very real way it is a vote of confidence that increases the serious responsibility of our already responsible and difficult job. I hope that the people of Birmingham will realize that we so interpret their votes on this issue, and will do our best to deserve their confidence. The Board has been working as a unit —how we feel that the people of the community, the teaching staff and the Board have been welded into a unit behind our educational system to a greater extent than ever before. Out of such unified effort should come tangible results. It's great to work for people who work with you.

If you can help to get that message to the people of Birmingham, you will be helping to get to them the essence of the spirit that prevails in their school system right now—thanks to them.

Yours very truly,
H. ROSS MACK

River Sometimes Runs Upstream

MANISTIQUE—A river that sometimes runs upstream instead of down is complicating the problem of stabilizing the level of Manistique lake, establishment of a stream flow measuring station ready this year by the U. S. geological survey, cooperating with the state conservation department, has revealed.

The station was set up on the Manistique river at highway M-98 bridge to measure the outflow from the lake, but this month the water was observed flowing up the outlet, into the lake. The stream's queer behavior is explained by the large discharge from the Fox river, which enters the Manistique downstream from the gaging station. Since the Fox river has had greater flood stages in the past, it probably has contributed more water to the lake in other years than it has this season, engineers on the job say. The upstream flow has been as great as 72 cubic feet per second this April.

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BLACKOUT

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When the siren's wail was heard, several Birmingham business places still had lights burning, because of oversight and faulty automatic switches. Persons responsible assured police that the lights were unintentional and that the next practice will find them completely blacked out.

In a report to Mayor Martz, Police Chief C. P. Hackett listed the following lighted places—in some cases, merely a night light in the back of the store.

Davidson's, Birmingham National Bank, Mortimer's, Miller shoe store, Murphy gas station, Dickinson's, Twin Shop, Mary Lindquist, Leonard Apartments hall light, Bloomfield Forge, and a clock owned by Leon's. Several cars were parked with lights on in the parking lot near the Bowling Alleys.

One Man Brought In

Lieut. Delyle Service brought in Andrew J. Vanell, 95 East Melbourne, for failure to stop and turn out his lights. He was released after a reprimand.

"I feel that the test blackout was very successfully carried out, from reports I have received from many citizens; and members of the Police Department, the auxiliary police and the air raid wardens did a very splendid job," Chief Hackett told the Mayor.

Mayor Martz issued the following statement:

Personnel Praised

"Chief of Police John P. Hackett and Chief Air Raid Warden Russell H. Fisher, their officers and men, regular and auxiliary, are entitled to public acknowledgment for the outstanding manner in which they all took their posts and performed their duties in our trial blackout.

"They met the first test of active duty and passed it with honor to themselves and to the city.

"Too many people have no conception of the extended training and preparation these patriotic men have willingly taken. The regular officers contributed many hours in addition to their full time duties. The chief air raid warden and his two assistants, Godfrey Strelinger and James Tuttle, have, without any pay, devoted days of their time to home defense. Their large corps met with them and trained night after night.

"Then, too, the Scouts, who have been specially trained by Fred Zoellin and William Cooper and others, are ready for their first duties as messengers.

"More later about the Fire Department, Salvage, Public Works, demolition, medical, gases and the numerous kinds of work already done by the women.

"With such devotion to the cause of home defense as we saw last Sunday night, Birmingham can well say that it is doing its part to win this war. Next week we tackle war bonds, then a complete blackout and other practice work. If the people want to catch the real spirit of fighting this war at home, they should watch those who are giving so much of themselves to it."

THIS AND THAT

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tee of a Million." He is a typical blatant politico who has found Michigan not so fertile for the planting of his seeds as Louisiana's voters were.

Typical of the utterances of a demagogue, Rev. Smith promises, among other Utopian items, "tires for everybody." How?

He is reputed to be close to isolationist Rev. Charles E. Coughlin; he is reputed to be anti-United Nations in this world war conflict; he is reputed to be anti-labor in his social doctrine; he possesses great oratorical ability, plus a kind of courage that makes him a veritable Billy Sunday in the political arena.

With others, I agree that some of Rev. Smith's utterances are essentially American; but he ventures too much of his talking with those phases of demagoguery to make me believe that, for a United States Senator from Michigan, he would be a greater liability than an asset.

Knowing Michigan voters, and Michigan newspapermen, as I do, I prophesy that the Reverend Gerald L. K. Smith won't get very far in his contest for Senator.

INDUCTION

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Oakland; William K. Luscombe, 2192 Yorkshire; Herman L. Stein, 1175 Crestview, Pontiac; Robert J. MacGregor, 868 Ann street.

William R. Bryant, 310 West 6th street, Royal Oak; John E. Thorpe, 15045 Chatham avenue, Detroit; George J. Frank, 439 Frank street; Ellwood W. Hill, Christ Church, Bloomfield Hills; Herbert Barrett, 4140 Rochester Road; Charles D. Lash, 1219 E. Square Lake Road, Auburn Heights; William Serniuk, 1971 N. S. Levern, Royal Oak; Charles H. Staples, 1366 Yosemite Boulevard; Philip S. Williams, 1103 W. First Street, Royal Oak; Kenneth E. Martice, 5016 Cumberland, Berkley; Steven S. Wygant, 536 Vinewood; John Fletcher, Route No. 2, Birmingham; William M. Wibel, 3825 Oakland Drive.

Enlisted

David L. Gafill, 776 Southfield, enlisted; Donald L. Hanmer, 40 Horatio Street, New York City, N. Y., enlisted; Palmer Watling, West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, enlisted.

Transferred

Induction of the following men has been transferred: William F. Lendzian, 105 E. Main St., Elizabeth City, North Carolina; Frederic K. Graef, 6th and Bowman St., Mansfield, Ohio; John K. Bagby, 119 East 64th Street, New York City; David F. Todd, 2807 Superior Ave., Middletown, Ohio; Frank V. Castellucci, 1561 Metropolitan Ave., New York City.

Bowling

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Davidson's	44	52
Mahlebland's	41	55
Bell	41	55
Baker's	35	61

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Team high, 3 games—McNellis, 2143.

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