

# More than 4,500 Expected To See Thanksgiving Day Game

Sure, a terrific drain is being made on the man power of this country. How much of this "drain" do you think official Washington has created, by its multiplicity of unnecessary bureaus and departments? Certain U. S. Senators answer: "Maybe a million people ought to be removed from the federal payroll."

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## Gas Rationing

By G. R. A.

If These Requirements Will be met, Then I am O. K. The necessary rationing of people in a democracy such as ours, in these war days, results in a comparatively small business like "The Eccentric" where an average of from 65 to 75 people work, I can say truly that practically all the time of one woman is required just to fill out these forms and questionnaires. Business management, then, for you have been acquainted with the drift toward rationing; and the war has accentuated it.

Now that everyone who owns a car must comply with the gasoline rationing rules, more people are aware of this phase of war that requires detailed bookkeeping. Before next March 15, they must also know something about making out income tax blanks—and having to pay them, too.

For the past two weeks I've given a major part of my time to the company producing the ration books for all our fellow workers. I've spent hours and hours getting the data, and then transcribing it on the government forms; I've taken them to the rationing board, where additional data had to be made on some of the blanks, gotten the data back, again filled in the rationing board, and finally, after I had obtained the material for the "A" ration books; then had to start in on the "B" rationing forms. I have also, further information so that some of them, who live out of town, can get their own ration books and go to them back and forth to work.

## Forecaster Contest Uncovers Prospect

The final balloting in the Eccentric football forecaster contest uncovered not only the winner, but also a candidate for next year's Baldwin High football team.

He is Bob O'Brien, 16-years-old. Bob's father, who moved here with his parents four months ago, Bob just finished his senior year at Baldwin High School, and hopes to play on the Birmingham team next fall. He has a few friends in Detroit, tickets for the Michigan-Iowa game to be played Saturday at Ann Arbor.

In the contest, he missed only one of the 20 games. Ralph S. Dwyer, forecaster for the U. S. D. missed seven. Happy Walsh, 12 North Woodward, missed 10 games; and he picked six wrong games in Ohio State's victory over Michigan; Wisconsin over Minnesota, Auburn over Georgia, Arkansas over West Virginia, and North Carolina over Duke. However, he missed some of the easier ones.

## Thanksgiving Baskets Are Few This Year

The number of Thanksgiving baskets being sent out this year attests the prosperity of the times. In the smallest list of needy recipients in many a year, approximately 30 baskets will be delivered to families and invalids in the city of Birmingham. The food baskets which include a complete Thanksgiving dinner, are being made by the Catholic Women, the Business Women's Club, and the Community Club. The gifts, which go to invalids and shut-ins are contributed by the General Club of the St. James church.

## P.-T. A. Council Asks Recreation Tax

A tax-supported recreation program will be the only satisfactory one, a letter to the City Commission Monday night declared. The declaration came as a resolution adopted by the Birmingham P.-T. A. Council. The signers were Mrs. Carolyn S. Crookston. It follows a resolution adopted by the council at its meeting two weeks ago asking that recreation be financed by a more formal tax. The City Commission received the letter without comment.

**WOMEN WANTED**  
For work in bindery department at Eccentric. The work offers chance to learn operation of Linotype. Apply at once to Claude E. Walker, plant superintendent, adv.

## Turmoil Seen for Start of Gas Rationing

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## 'B' Drivers Won't Get Notification For Some Time

Birmingham motorists and merchants awaited the onset of gasoline rationing, set for Tuesday, with the expectation of turmoil on all sides unless the effective date is changed or other measures are made to establish order out of the confusion.

Last week, the schools issued 4,404 "A" books and almost all of the applicants requested supplementary mileage applications. These forms are now pouring into the rationing board office in the basement of the municipal building, but processing will not start until Monday, the day before rationed sales start.

Thus it will be a physical impossibility for the rationing board to immediately inform drivers whether or not they get supplementary mileage, and hence, a great many drivers will not know how fast they are using their gas, more people are aware of this phase of war that requires detailed bookkeeping. Before next March 15, they must also know something about making out income tax blanks—and having to pay them, too.

## Sam I. Slade Funeral Is Today

Sam I. Slade, 79 years old, said by a Detroit newspaper writer to have had "more friends than any man who ever lived here," died Monday at the Buel family homestead in Franklin where he had lived for many years.

Funeral services will be held today (Wednesday) at 4 p. m. at the Buel Funeral Home, 1500 1/2 Broadway, for the interment in the Franklin Cemetery. The Rev. Clifton Hoffman, of the Franklin Community Church, will officiate. Pallbearers will be selected from among the membership of the Detroit Players, of which he was a beloved member.

In his earlier days he was highly successful actor, but he never acted in voice his career, and maintained a studio in Detroit until his death.

## Press Censorship Described in Talk

American newspaper readers are not getting all the war news, and "to a certain extent, you are getting a distorted picture," Miller, publisher of the Royal Oak Daily Tribune, told The Exchange Club Tuesday night.

## Recreation Worker Nearly All Churches Plan Services Thanksgiving Day

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Episcopal Union Service  
A union service for St. James Episcopal Church and for Christ Church Cranbrook will be held at 10 a. m. "Taking part will be the rector, the Rev. Warner L. Gresham, and the choir of the First Baptist Church, and the Rev. Dan B. Jorgensen of Embury Church, Cranbrook.

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## Defend Yourself Against Bureaucracy!

Specifically, this editorial is addressed to American businessmen and women who use commercial trucks to carry on their business; less directly, but of great importance, it concerns every home or other business being supplied, that depends upon the use of trucks for the delivery of their merchandise.

## Ride-Sharing Still Being Arranged

Persons who have not yet registered for ride-sharing may still do so. The Detroit Office of Defense Transportation, one local drug dealer, for example, was allowed 75 gallons of gasoline for a 90-day period, beginning Dec. 1. That is less than one gallon per day.

## Two Men and Guns Captured by Police

After a call from Royal Oak two men carrying revolvers in their car were arrested on Woodward avenue Friday night by Police Sgt. Earl Moody and Patrolman Ralph Bell and Edgar Carlson.

## Charge Violations In Recent Blackout

Seven alleged violations in the trial blackout last Wednesday night have been reported by the Police Department.

## Rationed Coffee Sales to Start

The Michigan coffee-lover, beginning with breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 29, must face the world on about a cup a day. Starting on that date, stamp No. 27 in your War Ration Book—the book you use to get sugar—will entitle you and each member of your family over 14 years old to one pound of coffee. The list will have to last for five weeks.

## Policeman's Car and Gun Stolen

"It can even happen to a police officer," missed Patrolman Larry Kamin this week as he awaited a call from State Police. He found him whether his stolen car had been recovered. Patrolman Kamin, a bachelor who has gone into the Army soon, parked his car outside his house last Friday morning in the morning. It was gone, and with it a .32 caliber gun and quantity of ammunition.

## Lt.-Col. Laurance McKenny Loses Life In Action Somewhere in Far Pacific

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His sister, Mrs. Harold C. Sims, 1875 Pine street, is reported to have been notified Sunday afternoon and is awaiting further word by May 1. In 1940 he was president of the Old Newsboys, Goodwill Fund and in the same year headed the Detroit Teachers' Association.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

Expect 4,500 to See Annual Football Tilt

30th Anniversary Royal Oak Game Thursday at 10:30

A crowd of more than 4,500 people is expected to throng Pierce Field on Thursday morning for the 30th anniversary game of football rivalry between Birmingham and Royal Oak High Schools. It is the first game of the year for both schools, and players and spectators alike are awaiting with great interest the kickoff at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow.

Two thousand extra seats will be provided.

The 30th anniversary game pep meeting will be held this afternoon at the Birmingham Theatre, through the courtesy of Howard Hahn, manager. Led by the Detroit Varsity Club and football players, students will march down Martin to Pierce street, and from there to the stadium.

After the cheers and speeches, students will be treated to a 7:30 movie.

Royal Oak holds the edge over the Maples in the matter of victory in the game since 1934.

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This season Royal Oak has racked up five victories against only two defeats. Both wins over Pontiac, 19-0; Mt. Clemens, 12-0; Grosse Pointe, 26-0; Monroe 21-0; and Farmington, 19-0. The Acorns have lost to such highly rated teams as Wyandotte and Fordson.

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All but one case occurred in residences, and all lights were left on by persons who were absent during the trial and forgotten to shut off all the lights.

According to Police Sgt. Grant Springsteen, no violation occurred in room 14 of the McCord Building, 124 South Woodward, and it is not yet definite which one of several users was responsible.

Another offender is "Mary Roe" a cleaning woman at 954 Surfside who left on the light when she left. Her name was listed when determined. Another case involved a home at 959 East 12th street. It is not yet possible to determine who was responsible.

Other cases, according to the police, involved a home at 954 Surfside, 951 Fairfax; Hubert G. Smith, 1078 Lake; R. E. Khuen, 1078 Lake; and a home at 954 Surfside, 124 West Bourbonnaise, 24 West Bourbonnaise.

**FUEL OIL**  
The rationing office started Tuesday mailing fuel oil coupon books, ending the necessity of them coming to the office. It is hoped to have them all in the mail by Saturday night.

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