

Plan for Gasoline Rationing Registration Starting November

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Plan Night School Starting Oct. 27

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By G. R. A.

What is Congress? Congress is a melting pot of honesty, devotion, hypocrisy and greediness, and patriotic notions. Each member has his faults, like us who pay increasing taxes to help defray the cost of heating that has become too high. It must be said that Congress is no better, and no worse than those of us who shout and shout and even are a curse—for Congress is not what it is because we are at election to the polls and vote our thoughts and thus make selection.

Of that great body in D. C. that writes our laws and rules—If Congress is a foolish group then we are just plain fools. For in those moments beneath the dome wherein that body gathers we at election time do choose the deeper mind that acts for us. Truth, the fact is, leave or take it.

Congress is just a melting pot, its metal what it will be when the election campaign for the Presidency gets under way, that Wendell Wilkie runs with the endorsement of President Roosevelt. Wilkie might run as a Republican, or Independent Republican, or a Democrat. For I honestly think that Mr. Wilkie is being "conditioned" through contacts with the White House—and he in reality isn't so far afield from thinking as you do.

(The only difference, perhaps, in their talents by 1944, will be that Mr. Wilkie is a more practical executive.) Time will tell the story.

2 Holdup Men Arrested Here

Two holdup men were captured here at 6 a. m. Monday by Patrolmen Robert Durg and Malcolm Ross. They were Orville Ernest and Henry Old, of Axton, Highland Park, and John Brantley, 21, who gave his address as the Poston Hotel.

The pair is charged with holding up a gasoline station at Orchard Lake and Telegraph. After the stoppage was reported to Pontiac police, officers there failed to notify Birmingham but a call from Bloomfield Hills put officers here on the alert and the local patrolmen expected to find the car at Woodward and 14-Mile road. A 38 caliber pistol was found in the trunk of the car. Pontiac police took them into custody.

Swimming Pool Request Received

Another request for operation of the swimming pool was received by the Board of Education Tuesday night for December, January, February and March would cost \$14,000. That figure included the cost of the pool, the engineer's time, but not the maintenance and two locker attendants.

Randall believes the cost would be higher, and submitted figures showing that eight weeks of operation during the summer cost \$8,500 without figuring the cost of the supervisors.

"If we assumed that Mr. Miller's figures are correct, our budget still would not permit the expenditure of the \$14,000," President Lee E. Joslyn, Jr., commented.

W. Maple Widening Now Under Way

Oakland County Road Commission workers Tuesday began filing in the excavated shoulders to complete the widening of the road. The slab was only 16 feet wide and a source of hazard to drivers. The City is paying for nearly half of the cost of the improvement.

Ask Clubs to Plan November Programs Cover Interests

ASK Birmingham organizations are urged to plan their November programs around the Community Institute which will hold its annual meeting at the Community House. Mrs. Charles J. Shain, class in International Relations at the University of Michigan, is being honored by Mrs. John H. Ormond. The program will be a consideration of the Reconstruction program and the Post War program. Mrs. Cleveland Walcutt is in charge of the evening meeting which will open with a dinner at 6:30. A widely known authority on recreation will speak and the meeting will continue with a panel discussion on "Recreation, Its Finance and Management in Other Cities."

In Charity Clothing Project

Birmingham's official Needlework Guild Day was held Friday, and that day the photographer found these Guild members at work at Mulholland. They are, left to right, Mrs. Ford M. Brock, Mrs. Lawrence C. Howe, Mrs. H. Perry Williams, Mrs. Paul B. Hoffman and Mrs. Frederick E. Booth. (See Story on page 5.)

Gas Rationing Registration Starts Nov. 9

To Use Schools During One Week As Drivers Apply

Registration for gasoline rationing will take place in Birmingham starting Monday, Nov. 9. It was announced Tuesday by Mrs. R. B. McCutcheon, deputy county administrator in charge of the county rationing office here.

During that week, from Monday through Saturday, all automobile drivers who want to buy gasoline when rationing goes into effect Nov. 22 will be required to register. Mrs. McCutcheon said that the use of public schools was planned, and that it was possible that teachers might be asked to help. However, she has no intention of this as expected to most of the work.

YMCA Campaign To Start Oct. 23

The Birmingham Y.M.C.A. will launch its 20th annual campaign Monday at the Community House on Friday evening Oct. 23. The objective will be \$40,000 and all workers who will participate in the venture.

The organization includes Young Men's Christian Association, F. Roy Woodruff, and Dr. J. H. Ormond as presidents. The captains are Wesley Gilbert, Larned G. Spring, James H. Berry, John H. Green, and H. P. Robert Peck. Carson Brigham, Dan Millman, Amos Gregory, O. Harold Gullberg, and H. P. Robert Peck are captains who will assist seven other men to work with him in solicitation. In addition to these teams, a special committee made up of Mr. Smith, Dr. Ormond, Ernest C. Scholten, and H. P. Robert Peck, and a team of F. W. Allen, and Robert D. Lynd, will make solicitation for the campaign.

16-Year-Old Youth Wins Grid Contest

A 16-year-old high school student was the winner in last week's Football Grid Contest, sponsored by The Electric with the cooperation of 10 local merchants. The contest was held at 118 Stadium, 2388 First Avenue, and the winner was William H. Jeffers, a student at the Northwood University of Michigan game in Detroit. The contest was held on Saturday, Oct. 10, and the prize will be a trip to the Illinois-Michigan game on Oct. 11.

High Twelve Club Being Formed Here

An organizational meeting for a new High Twelve Club in Birmingham was held Monday evening in the Community House under the auspices of the Historical Park club, which is sponsoring the new club.

Ride-Swap Survey Is Started in City

Because ride-swapping will be a requisite under the gasoline rationing program, according to a recent announcement by William H. Jeffers, "raider czar," a survey of the city's ride-swapping needs is being conducted by the local War Transportation Committee.

3rd Annual Halloween Celebration Will Be Held Saturday Eve. Oct. 31

The 3rd annual community celebration of Halloween will be observed Oct. 31 with the traditional parade in 1942 by S. J. Wray Bell.

MAN COLLAPSES

C. F. Packer, 65 years old, of 3904 Walnut, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital suffering from a stroke, police said.

Estimate 20 Tons of Scrap Collected Here Since Sept.

Birmingham has collected an estimated 20 tons of metal scrap since Sept. 1, it was announced Wednesday by John H. Harwood, general chairman.

The announcement came at the conclusion of a three-hour collection of junk in the business section which an estimated six tons was picked up on Woodward and Maple, four tons of it in a truck pulled by old-fashioned steam engine loaned for the occasion by Dwight C. Baldwin. The Birmingham Retail Merchants Association helped stage the pick-up.

Holy Name Leads In Scrap Contest

A survey made Wednesday indicated that Holy Name School is in the lead in the school scrap collection drive. The school has collected 15 tons of scrap.

Shain Heads Group For Third Year

A final business meeting of the Birmingham Retail Merchants Association was held Tuesday night at the Community House. Charles H. Shain was elected to a third term as president of the association.

Collect Every Week

Like most cities, every week in Birmingham is scrap collection week if householders wish to put out their salvage for regular City pickup. However, householders are encouraged to leave their trash for the last week of every month, providing they do not add it to a pile at one of the schools.

Poison-Gas Class To Be Taught Here

Poison gas decontamination classes sponsored by the OCB are being organized in Birmingham now. Mrs. Charles D. McCall, who is making arrangements for the classes, will be the instructor.

Scrap Is Admission To School Dance

The Baldwin Student Congress is active in the current drive for scrap. They are sponsoring a pep assembly for the Gorse game and a dance Friday afternoon.

Shoplifters Take Pens

A City truck driven by a conservative driver was stolen from the West of the distance south on Woodward, picking up two tons of scrap. The truck was valued at \$200 and was stolen from Wilson's case.

Rep Next Week

A number of Birmingham Republicans are going to a county GOP rally to be held next Tuesday at 8 p. m. at Lincoln High School. Ferdinand Hall, party leader here, has promised to be in the parade in good order as the costume youngsters proceed down Woodward.

CANCEL MEETING

A dinner meeting of the Masonic Lodge and the Chapter set for Friday has been cancelled, according to William Dove, master of the lodge. The speaker, Rep. George A. Dondero, was unable to attend.

ARREST FUGITIVE

George Robert Steinhilber, 19 years old, of Clawson, was arrested in connection with a tire theft from Mike's service station on Tuesday night by SAs. William Green and Grant Spriggs.

NO HUNTING—NO TRAPPING

THE ECCENTRIC OFFICE SPECIALS ON QUANTITY LOTS. (25-34)

MEADOW GUILD DUGGERATION

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SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE IN LUCK

Some people believe in luck. Some people believe in fate. Some people believe in destiny. Some people believe in the power of the stars. Some people believe in the power of the universe. Some people believe in the power of the gods. Some people believe in the power of the devil. Some people believe in the power of the devil's work.

RECORDS WILL PROVIDE MUSIC FOR THE "Scrap Scramble"

Records will provide the music for the "Scrap Scramble" as it is called and will be collected with the full cooperation of the student body. This should help well up in the scrap salvage drive.

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