

PLEDGE

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From \$10 to \$15 a week. However, when the landlady heard it was to be printed in The Eccentric, she promptly put the rent back down to \$10 and promised to keep it there.

From comments and opinions received in this survey, it is shown that the buyers of Birmingham are trying their best to keep price levels down.

A statement made by Mrs. Kirk Baldwin, 303 Greenwood, sums up the attitude of the people who were contacted: "Prices of some things which we consider necessities have gone way up. We will try to make use of what we have here. We bought our last pound of butter last week. If the price returns to normal we will buy again, but are trying not to buy if we consider the price too high. We have a garden, and will use vegetables from it until prices go down. During the war we bought only absolutely necessary clothes, and will continue that now until the price of clothes goes down."

Food Bills Double
Mrs. William Arpman of Royal Oak, who shops in Birmingham, told us that her food bills have doubled since the lifting of OPA. And food bills are not the only bills to increase. One woman said that, effective the first of August, her room rent would be increased

Senior Life Saving Course Offered At Barnum School Pool

Paul Carter, director of the Birmingham recreation program, has announced that a course in senior life saving, sponsored by the Red Cross, will be offered to anyone 16 years of age and older. The course will be held at the Barnum pool and will be under the direction of Mark Smith.

A preliminary meeting for those interested will be held at the pool Thursday evening at 7:00 o'clock. This will start next week and will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00.

No additional fees will be charged with the exception of the purchasing of the Red Cross manual. These classes will not interfere with the evening swimming program at the pool.

American interests control 96.4 per cent of the world's known oil reserves.

PRICES

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change unless forced to by heavily loaded wholesale prices.

Felix Takis, owner and manager of the restaurant, located at the Hill, stated, "It is difficult for restaurants. We had to add five per cent to about one-tenth of the items on the menu, but everything else remains the same. We are planning to use supplies which we have on hand as much as possible and not buy items that we have to use constantly until we see what happens."

Expects Increases
Men's and women's apparel shops, too, were asked for comments. Victor Peck of Charles R. Peck and Sons, stated, "Our prices are still the same, although I think there might be a very moderate raise in the future."

Mr. Peck does not believe the rumor that has circulated to the effect that manufacturers have been holding merchandise against OPA price releases. He said, "We are now getting a little more merchandise, but don't think it is due to the release of OPA controls. In the case of Boy Scout uniforms, for example, we have known for a long time that the manufacturers felt they could not afford to continue selling at the former price. The matter was brought before the OPA just before controls were loosened, and on July 1st the expected price increase came through. Other clothing items may be affected in the same way."

Prices Remain Same
Leah Davidson, of Davidson's Women's Apparel Shop, however, said "There have been no price changes in our store, and no manufacturers have yet raised their price to us. In fact, most manufacturers have informed us that all merchandise to date, or catalogued to date, will remain at the same price."

Likely, 47 W. Maple avenue, said "I think that within a period of a few months, some competition is being any out-of-line prices back to normal. Trying to Hold Prices
The Wakeek Pharmacy, 298 W. Maple, has not raised any prices yet, according to Mrs. Mildred Johnson, speaking for Manager Mark Bozars. She did say, "If wholesalers raise their prices too high we will be forced to, but are attempting to maintain former price levels."

Although tremendous increases in the prices of new cars have been rumored—one story being to the effect that a Detroit man was informed by an agent that the first of three cars was now available, at a cool price of \$600—Milton F. Collier, of Pontiac Sales and Service, 275 N. Woodward, said "Prices here are exactly the same as before the OPA died. Cars are not any less more in price."

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He warns people using incinerators not to go off and leave them burning, as surrounding grasses may quickly take fire, if not watched.

Children, he said, also start a great many of the summer grass fires, and parents should increase their vigilance over their children and matches.

"In order to legally burn grass," he pointed out, "it is necessary to get a permit from the fire department."

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Board of Education Authorizes Purchase Of New School Buses

Purchase of three 50-passenger school buses was authorized by the Board of Education at its meeting Tuesday night although delivery will not be made before the opening of the second school semester.

Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent, and Ernest W. Seaborn, treasurer of the Board, were authorized to investigate various available types of bodies and chassis.

Dr. Ireland said that the buses would cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000 apiece, or about \$32,000 each.

The board expects to use Greyhound Bus facilities at least for the first semester of the next school year.

LEAGUE

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inning after being hit by a line drive.

Also on Monday, Mortimers won by the score of 14-12 over American Legion. The winning hurler was Bob Moody, going the distance.

For their third straight triumph, Cummings Field, went into first place by knocking over the Torrey Boys, 14-8, Tuesday evening. It was a close ball game for six innings, but Cummings took the ball game with an eight-run spree in the last stanza. Richard Cloutier tossed.

Last night the Barnum Dervils went against American Legion at Torrey. This evening the Torrey Boys battle the Torrey Field outfit at Torrey. Hoping to go into a tie for the leadership, undefeated Construction takes on the Barnum Dervils at Torrey Friday.

Next week's contests are scheduled as follows: Two games are scheduled for Monday evening, July 23, at Torrey, featuring Torrey Field and the Barnum Dervils, on the Torrey diamond; AV Cummings field, Clover Boys and American Legion. Tuesday night Cummings aid Mortimers at Torrey. No game Wednesday. Play ball is 6-8.

POOL

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different groups, beginners, advanced, and intermediate, with separate boy and girl classes. No matter which class is in, though, when the welcome signal of "Everyone in" is sounded, the players before time is up, ardent splashing, eager hailing of arms and arms, and blowing, blowing heads fill the pool.

No one wants to leave when time is up, and all have to be scooped out by the coaches to make ready for the next class.

Meyer Kershenbaum, 44 Loraine court, Pontiac, manager of the Kay Baum shop, reported to police that at 3:17 Monday afternoon his car was stolen from the rear of the store.

The car, a 1942 brown and tan sedan, had been parked in the alley while the stock boy went into the store to pick up a package. He found the keys in the car and when he returned he saw the car being driven away.

Kershenbaum called the police at once but as yet the car has not been found.

THE Mead War Profits Committee has been hearing a lot lately about the Chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee. One is left with the impression that all has not been proper in Prestonsburg.

It seems altogether fitting that the 21st annual peace treaty conference should be held in Paris, where World War I treaties were concluded. After all, mistakes can best be corrected at the point of origin.

American occupation troops have been issued a Japanese phrase booklet which includes "You're very pretty," "How about a date?" "Where will I meet you?" and 14 ways to say goodbye. Presumably good old G. I. ingenuity can take care of situations in between.

HEARINGS

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suggested that it be done in this case.

Huston Favors Plan
Presenting another side of the argument to the commissioners was Elmer Huston, who said he owned about 85 feet of Woodward avenue frontage which is to be affected by the proposed alley.

"This alley has been a bone of contention for 35 years that I know of," Mr. Huston told the commission, "especially in the past 15 years since the Willets case was closed. The trucks which turn around in the alley are of particular concern to me. I am in favor of the proposed alley going through as it is now planned."

Estimated cost of the alley and sewer, from Maple to Willets, would be \$11,057. Another \$11,000 approximately, would be needed to acquire right-of-way for the alley.

Commissioner Bill Moody suggested to the commission that further hearings on the alley be postponed until September 9 when the whole commission was present. Mayor Milton Mailender and Commissioner Ray Palmer were absent from the meeting Monday night on vacation.

THEFTS

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which thefts that have come in to us recently are from car owners who drive to and from Detroit."

Sgt. Bill Green said, "That is the only explanation we could give for the fact that persons could go right to the Mansfield garage, for instance, and know that the cars had brand new tires."

Chief Hackett asks that Birmingham residents do two things to help stop these thefts:

- (1) Lock their garages if their car is inside during the night.
- (2) Report to the police department immediately any suspicious cars parked on the streets at night or seen loitering around residential areas.

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New Officers Elected By Legion Members

At the annual election of officers of Charles Edwards Post No. 14, American Legion, held last Friday night, July 12, Chet Brown was named post commander for the ensuing year.

Other officers elected were Tom Gilbert, senior vice-commander; Jim Martin, junior vice-commander; Walter Barkley, finance officer; Dr. Peter Arlino, historian; J. J. Zoller, chaplain; Roy Brown, sergeant-at-arms, and Gene Beers, adjutant.

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