

### Truman Nominates Birmingham Officers For Permanent Rank

Four Birmingham men were among the nearly 200 Michigan Army officers nominated by President Truman last Friday for permanent commissions in the U. S. Army.

The four are: 1st Lieut. John H. Chick, who served as a lieutenant colonel during the war; 1st Lieut. Oliver D. Loomis, lieutenant colonel during the war; 1st Lieut. Charles E. Porteous, of 502 W. Frank street, major during the war; and 2nd Lieut. Edward M. Dooley, first lieutenant during the war.

## Merchants, Shoppers Give Opinions on Removal of OPA

Here are the comments of various Birmingham shoppers and merchants concerning their reactions to the sudden removal of OPA restrictions on prices of various kinds of merchandise:

**MRS. EDGAR BEATTY, 612 Brookside, housewife:** "I will wait to see what happens, but if prices go much higher I think housewives will have to organize to do something about it—like the men in political office won't do anything, so the women will have to."

**WALTER LANG and MRS. GRACE GLASSFORD, department managers at Mulholland's:** "We will use the same old prices we would have used in 1939, which for our store means prices will not go up—unless, of course, future shipments to us are marked up. Then we will have to pass the mark-up on to customers, if it comes."

**MRS. S. J. Bawden, 476 Park, housewife:** "I will buy just as little as possible and will not waste food. I think possibly clothes and food will be more plentiful now that price control has been removed."

**PAUL KURTH, owner of Huston Hardware:** "Our store will not lack up prices on any merchandise we have in stock. Incoming shipments will not be marked up unless the manufacturer has raised the cost to us. Only as prices are raised to us, will we have to raise them to the public."

**MRS. GEORGE ELY, 411 S. Adams, housewife:** "It had to be discontinued sooner or later, and if everyone would clamp down on buying and buy only essentials, then prices would get back to normal sooner."

**RALPH WILSON, owner of Wilson Drug:** "There will be no change in prices unless the drugs come along to us. We do, however, expect some price increases in certain types of articles."

**MRS. ESTHER SANDERS, owner of Esther Sanders, Health Studio, 212 Hanna Bldg.:** "Now that the O. P. A. is gone, all possibility of black marketing is gone. Possibly prices will be a little higher for a while, but they will stabilize eventually. I believe it is a good thing that the OPA has been eliminated."

**MRS. JEAN COLE, 512 Martin, receptionist at End and Graves Insurance Agency:** "We will probably have inflation, and although the OPA was not always fair to the consumer, there is a definite need for price control."

**FOSTER T. O'GATHACKER, of Shain's Drug Store:** "As far as Shain's is concerned, there will be practically no increase in prices. During the war many drug store items have been reduced slightly in price. By far the majority of the price increases have come along in the food line."

**ROBERT MCKEE, of McKee & Larsen Service, 7050 S. Woodward:** "The OPA had continued for six months more, we would have had a better supply of materials. Now it is going to be tough on people earning \$2,500 a year or less, especially if they have families. I think it will be worse than the last war."

**MISS KATHLEEN DOYLE, of 617 Florence, receptionist:** "I think it is going to be awful. Prices will go up sky-high, but wages will not go up as much. I think it will be worse than the last war."

**PHIL WILLIAMS, owner of Williams Shoe Store:** "We will have no increases in price unless we have to because of increased cost of materials. We expect a price raise in shoes, however, but it will not be because of the removal of OPA controls last Sunday night. The rise was coming through before OPA expired."

**DARK-ROOM ASSISTANT at A. E. Arnold Photographic Studio, 211 Theater Bldg.:** "I feel sorry for the people who are renting, but I do not think food will go any higher than it now is. If clothes go higher, I will have to limit myself."

**G. F. MACK, owner of Camera Shop, 152 S. Woodward:** "It is a good thing not to have the OPA any longer. Inflation will come, sure, but open competition will take care of it and prices on everything, including cars, will go back to normal quickly."

**ALFRED J. LABELLE, owner, LaBelle's Book Store:** "Probably there won't be any more price increases in our lines for some time, and then only because of increased manufacturer's costs."

**MRS. H. C. HOLDEN, 683 Emmons, receptionist:** "I hope that people will keep their heads and hold buying to a minimum, thereby preventing any more inflation, and staying off a depression."

**LAWRENCE LACEY, owner of Birmingham Service Station, 120 Hunter:** "I believe the OPA will be back in 6 months. After the inflation that's bound to come, people will be crying for OPA control."

**DOMINIC CAPUTO, of Birmingham Fruit Co.:** "We have no control over what the manufacturers and the wholesalers do. But if the people keep their heads and don't buy any more than they have to, things will get back in line. We retailers are in the middle."

### Check Cranbrook Seismometer Sunday



Members of the staff of the Cranbrook Institute of Science and spectators watched with much interest the institute's seismometer for evidence of earth tremors following the atomic bomb blast in Bikini last Sunday afternoon. No indication of tremors was registered by the instrument. In the picture are (left) William Schultz, Jr., head of the Science Department of Cranbrook School and associate astronomer; and (center) Donald Tompkins, building superintendent; and (right) Merrill McCintock and Betty Olsen (seated), Cranbrook Art Academy students.

### Birmingham Team Still Holds Lead

A spirited local nine continues to rule the Royal Oak Twilight Softball League, pacing the field with ten victories against only one loss. Number ten was chalked up last Monday, when Ray McBride hurled his eighth win of the season. The score was 10-5 over Wayne Oakland and Bard.

Next Tuesday Birmingham takes on second place Berkeley Creamery at the Royal Oak High School diamond. Wednesday at 13-mile and Rochester road, the local boys hope to avenge their only defeat against the Bluecaps. Games start at 8:30.

The local roster, playing under the colors of Oak Construction, includes the following names: Scotty Lowman and Contreras, Cle McBride, Ray McBride, Don Porteous, Bob Andrews, Dick Green, Paul Porter, Fred Green, Roy Yousant, Bob Thompson, Larry Rondeau, Art Rondeau, and Buck Redard.

### RETAILERS

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municipal City Commission might be able to appoint a "rent control committee" which could receive exorbitant rent increase complaints and try to adjust the difficulty. The directors of the board said they would be willing to cooperate in this respect as well as they can.

A statement from Boyd Barnard, president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards (of which the Birmingham Board is a member) said: "If OPA stays dead, there will not be any sky-rocketing of rents. Paul Porter, Administrator of OPA, told Congress recently that some increases in rents are inevitable because of increased costs since rents were frozen in 1942. This is true.

"Some increases are necessary where fuel cost, labor costs, and taxes have been advanced through action of government until in some cases they are 50 per cent greater than they were five years ago. Most tenants feel that some increase is fair and necessary."

"Our own belief, after a check-up of real estate boards in various parts of the country, that there will be no immediate across-the-board increase; that within the twelve-month period any increase might go up to ten per cent.

"In certain buildings where identical apartments are rented at widely different figures due to the arbitrary freeze date, there will be adjustments. This is a very simple justice, because two people in a multiple building should not have widely varying rents for the same accommodations. Adjustments of this kind will probably be heard of most. It is pertinent in this connection to remember that Paul Porter once said, 'Rent control is simply a system of freezing inequities.'"

The views and actions of realtors with respect to residential rents are and will always be tempered by the fact that tenants as well as owners are our customers. The day is not distant when we will be seeking tenants for properties that we manage. We are in their good will and their confidence."

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### TIPS

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"Removing this excessive winter coat—either by shearing or by combing—helps prevent the matting troubles that many dogs are so susceptible to in the summer."  
He advised a cleansing bath with toilet soap every two weeks during hot weather, the bath to be followed by a warm water rinse in which a teaspoonful of mild antiseptic was added to every quart of water.  
"This will tend to keep the dog free from fleas, which are a big problem in summer. Fleas breed very well in sand or fine dirt and the dog run might be sprayed with a fine mixture of kerosene oil about every third day. Placing a cloth cover over the door of the dog house will keep him cooler and keep out most of the flies."

**Play After Supper**  
Dogs—most of them, that is—are very friendly and love to be played and romped with. This can lead very quickly to over-exertion and resulting ill-timely if resorted to in the mid-day hours. Dr. Gasow warned. Play and romp with the dog after supper when it is cooler, he advised.

Lots of dogs like to be in the house during the day and let out at night when it is cooler. This way they get away from the heat that makes them pretty miserable.

I would suggest that dogs over a year old be fed only once a day during the summer, and this about 6 or 7 p. m., Dr. Gasow said. They can be fed their regular kibble or meal mixed with cooked meat broth, but not in an excessive quantity. Dogs don't eat as much in the summer as they do in winter.

**Repeat Dog Bites**  
To Dr. Gasow's knowledge, Birmingham hasn't had a case of rabies in over four years, which is due in large part to the City's requirement that dogs be vaccinated yearly.

"However, if anyone should be bitten by a dog, the matter should be immediately reported to the police department or city health department," he cautioned. "It never pays to take chances."

City Health Department official second this request, adding that dogs reported as having bitten persons are placed under observation for 15 days as a precautionary measure in case the dog does develop rabies.

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