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Inflation

“Uncontrolled inflation is a serious threat to us all and responsible citizens must cooperate to curb it,” believes Mrs. Covert Robertson, economic chairman of the Birmingham League of Women Voters.

“If the facts of inflation and the varying opinions of all groups and individuals are understood by as many people as possible, perhaps we can stem the trend toward economic disaster in the United States.”

On Nov. 27 at a town meeting at the Community House, the LWV will present to the public a panel of experts in their fields who will discuss inflation and offer their opinions and solutions.

On the panel will be speakers representing labor, business, industry, farmers and the Federal Reserve Board. There also will be an economic analyst and a political science professor. The moderator will be Alan W. Joslyn. The meeting is open to the public.

Launching a fight against inflation, the LWV has interviewed many Birmingham citizens for their reaction to the present inflationary economy. In this and subsequent issues, these opinions will be published in this and subsequent issues of The Birmingham Eccentric.

Here is what some of your neighbors are saying:

Roland Reese, 1847 Webster (grocer):

Question 1: “What do you think about inflation?”

“Nobody knows the answers now. I would prefer to have a ‘man made’ inflation, in view of our big national debt. Once you start inflation under government auspices, it goes so far you can't stop. Even if there was a change in national policy and we went back to a real market, with supply and demand operating freely, the resulting deflation would have to be planned or it would be too sudden.”

Question 2: “Who do you think has been hurt by inflation?”

“Everybody is hurt. Corporation earnings will not be high this year. Banks are sound because they hold mostly short-term paper. The little fellow has more worldly goods than ever, much of it bought on credit, which is the main reason for so much inflation.”

Question 3: “Have you been affected by inflation?”

“I sure have. I work longer, harder, and have to invest more capital to earn less than before inflation. Labor is higher, rent is three times what it was six years ago, and because of high prices, competition is tougher.”

Thomas Casler, 25270 Franklin Park housewife:

Q1: “It is our greatest problem, next to war, and if no measures are taken to control it, we face the wrecking of our economy. I liked the ideas of Mr. Baruch when he suggested early controls across the board.”

Q2: “People on very low level incomes because they live on small margins and any advance in prices of food or bare necessities hurt them right away.”

Q3: “Yes. We are not saving and we find we have to curtail any replacement of furniture or draperies. We find it hard to budget for essential equipment such as a washing machine, and a hot water heater.”

T. C. Appel, 1310 Bates (barber):

Q1: “We sure do have inflation and there is some danger of its becoming uncontrolled.”

Q2: “Utility and government employees really catch it. They have a standard rate of raises but it doesn't match the high prices.”

Q3: “We made money at the old \$1.00 price for a haircut but not at the \$1.25. Now at the September \$1.50 price, we are doing all right until the new 11% increase in taxes hits us. We were really better off in the days of the \$1.00 haircut all around.”

Mrs. Vernon Mickelson, 1433 Henrietta, (housewife):

Q1: “Well, I think we all have to do something about it.”

Q2: “People on fixed salaries who have not had raises, and pensioners are hurt most. Those whose pay is based on escalator clauses are not hurt so much.”

Q3: “We definitely have a problem in our food shopping and are eating meat substitutes. We run a family clothing exchange to make the budget cover that item. We moved here from California.

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N. Adams Group Presents Views To Plan Board

Two representatives of the North Adams Property Owners association presented their views of the proposed Pine Hills subdivision at the city plan board meeting last week Wednesday.

Although the proposed subdivision is at Wattles and Adams road, Troy township, the spokesman wanted the Birmingham board to hear their impressions. Last month Covert Robertson, who wishes to develop Pine Hill spoke to the group.

At that time, the local planners notified Troy township they had no objection to the project. Plans call for 180 lots on the 88 acre site.

NORTH ADAMS ASSOCIATION representatives were Harry Klein and Leroy Vandervser. They voiced opposition to the development chiefly because of water and drainage problems it may cause.

Klein, a former Birmingham city plan commission member, stated that the water situation in that area is now critical and any additional large development might cause a reduction of the underground water table.

He also pointed out that most of the property in that district averages over 10 acres and this subdivision would set a precedent for a different land use. Approval of the subdivision is now before the Troy zoning commission.

New Clothing Policy For Fire Department Adopted in Southfield

A new clothing policy for members of the Southfield township fire department was set by the township board at last week's meeting.

Following Fire Chief Alfred Krack's recommendation, the board voted that all new firemen will purchase their own boots, helmet and coat. If they stay for more than a year, cost of the equipment will be refunded.

Photos must be submitted by noon each Friday to insure publication the following Thursday.

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