

GAS TAX RECORD SET IN DECEMBER

Hoosiers Drove More and Bought More Fuel Despite Tire Ban, State Reports, but Big Decline Is Expected in Spring.

By EARL RICHERT

The ban on tire sales which was put into effect four days after Pearl Harbor had no effect whatsoever on Hoosier motorists as a whole last month, State Auditor Richard T. James reported today.

They drove more and bought more gasoline than in any other December in Indiana history, he said, in analyzing the all-time high gasoline tax collections of \$2,574,956 for the month of December.

The December collections were 4 per cent over the November collections and 17 per cent over the gas tax collections of December, 1940. (Hoosiers pay a tax of 4 cents on each gallon of gasoline they buy.)

But while the average Hoosier motorist didn't realize the seriousness of the tire and automobile situation last month, he is aware of it now," Deputy State Auditor Ross Teckemeyer said.

BIG DROP DUE IN SPRING
The tire and automobile rationing which went into effect this month has driven the fact home to him and gasoline tax collections probably will begin to show a decline in gasoline purchases this month.

Mr. Teckemeyer said that the "real decline" in gasoline purchases by the average motorists would probably begin to show up in March and April when many people who ordinarily would begin taking week-end trips would remain at home.

The Deputy State Auditor predicted, however, that for several months at least, there would be no sharp decline in the total amount of gasoline sold in Indiana since increased commercial traffic would consume more gasoline.

\$187,000 Is Refunded

Defense plants are consuming a huge amount of gasoline, but the state refunds the taxes which are used on this gasoline. (The state refunds the tax on all gasoline not used on vehicles on the road.)

This month, the state refunded \$187,000 in gasoline taxes, \$48,000 more than for January, 1941.

Of this amount, \$49,000 was refunded to defense plants, the Allison Division of General Motors getting back \$38,863.

APRIL 17-25 CHOSEN FOR '42 HOME SHOW

The annual home show exposition will be held at the Fair Grounds April 17 to April 25. J. Frank Cantwell, managing director of the Indianapolis Home Show, Inc., has announced.

Plans for the show were outlined at a meeting of the Indianapolis Home Builders Association at the Hoosier Athletic Club last night.

Mr. Cantwell said the executive committee will meet Friday noon at the Indianapolis Athletic Club to complete plans for the exposition.

The Home Builders Association was urged by Joseph J. Klee, a delegate to a recent housing meeting in Washington, to join in a national campaign to promote the building of homes by private enterprise.

The Association voted to contribute funds, magazines and books for canteens serving soldiers and sailors. Money will be donated at each association meeting for the canteen at Union Station.

SUB-CONTRACTORS' GROSS TAX RAISED

All sub-contractors must pay a 1 per cent state gross income tax. Attorney General George Beamer ruled today.

The gross income rate of 1 per cent also applies to rentals and sub-rentals, he said.

The opinion was issued to Fred C. McClung, chief counsel of the Gross Income Tax Division who had asked for an interpretation.

Since 1933, the division has assessed the rate of one-fourth of 1 per cent upon sub-contractors.

Gilbert Hewitt, Gross Income Tax Division director, said that in accordance with the Attorney General's opinion, the 1 per cent will be collected for 1942.

IN INDIANAPOLIS—VITAL STATISTICS

Here Is the Traffic Record FATALITIES

County City Total
1941 7 5 12
1942 4 10 14

TUESDAY TRAFFIC COURT

—Jan. 27—

Accidents 17 Arrests 283

Injured 3 Deaths 0

Cases Convic. Fines

Violations tried fines paid

Speeding 13 11 25

Reckless driving 7 5 78

Failure to stop at through street 1 0

Disobeying traffic signals 3 3 7

Drunken driving 5 4 140

All others 15 9 25

Totals 44 32 8490

MEETINGS TODAY

Indiana Retail Hardware Association, convention, Murat Temple, all day.

Indiana Manufacturers of Dairy Products, luncheon, Hotel Hoosier, all day.

Indians' Council of Parent-Teacher Associations, luncheon, Hotel Hoosier, all day.

Official Opening of Butler University's New College of Education, Butler Campus afternoon and night.

Indians' Committee for Russian Relief, luncheon, Hotel Hoosier, all day.

Perry Township Defense Meeting, Gen.

Robert H. Tindall, 19, Southport High, 18, of 301 Columbia Club, noon.
Indiana Real Estate Board, installation, Indianapolis Athletic Club, noon.
Credit Group, luncheon, Hotel Hoosier Club, luncheon, Clavodot Hotel, noon.
Co-operative Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.
Indianapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Indiana Chamber of Commerce, annual dinner meeting, Claypool Hotel, night.
Indiana Retail Hardware Association, convention, Claypool Hotel, all day.

Indiana Manufacturers of Dairy Products, convention, Claypool Hotel, all day.

Indiana Historical Society, Glenn A. Black lecture, State Historical Building, noon.

Indiana Chapter, 37, American Legion, meeting, Hotel Hoosier, all day.

Foreign Trade Division of Chamber of Commerce, meeting, Hotel Hoosier, 7:30 p. m.

U. S. Employment Service, meeting, Hotel Hoosier, 2 p. m.

Advertising Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, Indianapolis Athletic Club, noon.

Construction League of Indianapolis, luncheon, 231 N. Pennsylvania St., noon.

Beta Theta Pi, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

Sigma Nu, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

DePauw Alumni Association, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

These lists are from official records in the County Court House. The times, therefore, is not responsible for errors in names and dates.

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