

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 RICHART

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, he predicted.

Mr. Teckemeyer said that the "real decline" in gasoline purchases by the average motorist 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-tenants, 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

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FIGHT LOOMING ON LEFT TURNS

Safety Board Sets Next Tuesday for Hearing on Loer Proposal.

By NOBLE REED

The proposal to change left turn traffic regulations in Indianapolis as a means of eliminating congestion has run into opposition.

The new regulations, providing for left turn traffic to cut into the center of the intersection instead of going around to the right of it, were recommended to the Safety Board a week ago by City Traffic Engineer James E. Loer.

Safety Board President LeRoy Keach revealed today that "serious opposition" has developed to the plan and announced that a public hearing will be held next Tuesday before the Board acts on the recommendations.

Safety Council Divided
He said the engineering division of the Chamber of Commerce Safety Council "is divided on the plan" and reported that other groups interested in traffic regulations had questioned some phases of the proposed new regulations.

Some engineers advising the Chamber of Commerce committee reported that the inside left turn plan would not work on streets where there are street cars, including most of the busy downtown corners.

"They said one automobile standing in a left turn lane on street car tracks would delay 40 persons on a street car heading straight through," Mr. Keach said.

Others objections to the plan include the necessity for a prolonged publicity campaign to educate motorists to the new regulations.

Part of Codes, Says Loer
"It may be that there are already too many promotional campaigns going on right now to educate the public, and another campaign to teach motorists new driving habits might only confuse them more than they are now,"

Traffic Engineer Loer, in his recommendations to the Board, cited the codes of several other large cities which he said have been using the inside left turn plan many years.

"The left-of-center turning is in the universal traffic codes followed by most cities and has proven a help in unjamming jams at busy corners," Mr. Loer said.

He explained that the present right-of-center turning causes lines of cars to deadlock against each other at corners, preventing left turn traffic from clearing before other through traffic has started.

In the left-of-center turning, Mr. Loer said, the inside lanes could move into the next street without interference.

MRS. MARTIN DEAD; SERVICES TOMORROW

Mrs. Mary Louise Martin, wife of Frank V. Martin, general passenger agent for the Monon Railroad since 1912, died yesterday at her home, 2001 Hoyt Ave. She was 62.

The Rev. Frederick R. Daries of the Zion Evangelical Church will officiate at the services to be held at the home at 2 p. m. tomorrow. Burial will be in Washington Park. Survivors, other than the husband, are a son, Cecil, and a grandson, Wayne Martin, both of this city.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, annual dinner meeting, Clatsop Hotel, 8 p. m.
Indiana Manufacturers of Dairy Products, convention, Clatsop Hotel, all day.
Indiana Historical Society, Glenn A. Black lecture, State Historical Building, 8 p. m.
Indiana Chapter 37, American Society of Tool Engineers, meeting, Hotel Washington, 8 p. m.
Foreign Trade Division of Chamber of Commerce, meeting, Hotel Washington, 8 p. m.
U. S. Employment Service, meeting, Hotel Washington, 8 p. m.
Advertising Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, Clatsop Hotel, 12:30 p. m.
Construction League of Indianapolis, luncheon, Clatsop Hotel, 12:30 p. m.
Beta Theta Pi, luncheon, Clatsop Hotel, 12:30 p. m.
DePaul Alumni Association, luncheon, Clatsop Hotel, noon.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

These lists are from official records in the County Court House. The fees, however, are not responsible for errors in names and addresses.
Charles W. Lane, 36 Sunnyside; Mildred A. Nevitt, 32 of 824 Graceland.
John E. Gray, 26 of 417 E. Randolph.
Sam E. Harper, 32 of 411 E. Randolph.
Lillian M. Lewis, 36 of 411 E. Randolph.

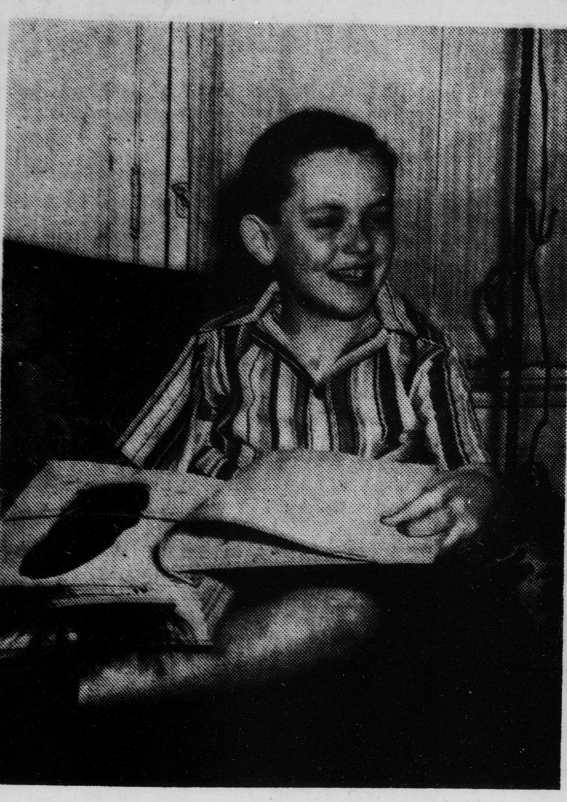
Quiz Kids to Display Talents at Butler Field House Friday Night



Ruth Duskin

The Quiz Kids will make a personal appearance in Indianapolis Friday, when they take part in the celebration of President Roosevelt's 60th birthday at Butler Fieldhouse.

Five Indianapolis newspaper executives and writers will match their wits against those of the prodigies. They



Gerard Darrow

are Eugene J. Cadou, head of the Indiana Bureau of the International News Service; Wayne Guthrie, city editor of The Indianapolis News; Miles Tiernan, assistant managing editor, and Mary Boswick, feature writer of The Indianapolis Star; and Norman E. Isaacs, managing editor of The Indianapolis Times.



Harve Fischman

The five Quiz Kids who will take part in the anti-paralysis benefit are Ruth Duskin, 7; Gerard Darrow, 9; Harve Fischman, 11; Richard Williams, 12, and Jean McMann.

Joe Kelly, chief quizzer, also will be in the show.

CITY FINANCIAL OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Deery Estimates Balance Of \$310,000 in All Funds On Dec. 1, 1942.

Despite war-time uncertainties, City Hall's financial outlook for 1942 is the brightest in years.

Its deficit has been liquidated. Its 1942 budget requirements are being financed by the highest tax rate in local history—a rate which budget experts predict will net the City a \$700,000 balance at the end of this year.

Counting on the full-tilt operation of municipal services, City Controller James E. Deery today estimated that the City will have a balance in all funds of \$310,000 on Dec. 1, 1942.

Cash in Police, Fire Fund

This includes a \$200,000 balance in the general fund under which police and fire protection, street cleaning, engineering, garbage collection and other services are financed.

The Controller anticipates a slight decrease in revenue from traffic violations on the theory that motor car operation will diminish. But he does not expect any drop in gasoline tax revenue which is fixed by statute.

If materials are available, the 1942 street construction and repair program will approximate the extent of last year's program.

City Hospital is expected to be more expensive this year because of food price increases. Officials also fear a rise in the cost of coal which the hospital and the Sanitation Plant buy by hundreds of tons.

Don't Need Deficit Levy

The City ended 1941 with a cash balance in all funds of about \$270,000, instead of the deficit of \$150,000 which officials said they anticipated.

Budget experts foresee the possibility of a much higher balance at the end of this year than the \$300,000 anticipated by Mr. Deery. The experts believe the balance will be nearly \$700,000.

This estimate is based on the theory that 8 cents in the record \$14.3 tax rate for 1942 was set aside to retire the anticipated deficit which did not actually occur.

The 8-cent levy is expected to raise about \$425,000, which some budget experts believe is not allocated in the general budget. Added to the \$270,000 balance achieved at the end of 1941, this sum would produce the \$700,000 balance.

STUDY WIRE TAPPING BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (U. P.).—A bill to permit the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the intelligence services of the State, Navy and War Departments to tap wires for counter-espionage purposes was before the House today.

Deaths

Charles, Violet Graham, at St. Vincent's.
Earl, Francis Washburn, at St. Vincent's.
Harold, Eleanor Van Fleet, at St. Vincent's.
Joseph, Alice Wautel, at St. Vincent's.
Joseph, Emma McNally, at St. Vincent's.
Joseph, Ethel Gier, at St. Vincent's.
Frank, Greta Swindler, at St. Vincent's.
Wayne, Ruth Medel, at St. Vincent's.
Harold, Dorothy Cooner, at St. Vincent's.
A. E. Mary Sharp, at St. Vincent's.
Harold, Dorothy Cooner, at St. Vincent's.
Ben, Noia, Wood, at 1518 Rembrandt.
Inez E. Gordon, 68, at City carcinoma.
Elizabeth C. Reine, 92, at 1033 N. Oak.
Joseph C. Wilson, 65, City, myocarditis.
Cora Bortoff, 68, at 239 E. 11th, epilepsy.
Charles House, 27, at Long, cerebrospinal fluid pressure.
Cora Jewell, 52, at City, uremia.
Raymond C. McCullough, 26, of 1224 N. Holmes, Rube R. Walker, 30, Terre Haute.
Edward B. Morgan, 26, of 1224 Rube R. Walker, 30, Terre Haute.
Helen C. Anderson, 26, of 1224 Rube R. Walker, 30, Terre Haute.

BIRTHS

John, Barbara Bush, at Methodist.
John, Jeannette Hall, at Methodist.
Richard, Lydia Modell, at Methodist.
Robert, Elmer Moran, at Methodist.
John, Alberta Jones, at Methodist.
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Insures Against Girl Friend Loss

CAMP CALLAN, Cal., Jan. 28 (U. P.).—For 25 cents every payday, Pvt. Clifford Elliott, former Altoona, Kas., farmer, insures the affections of the girls who were left at home.

He has sold his "policy" only to members of his battery, but the idea may attract customers from others among the 10,000 men stationed here.

Pvt. Elliott collects a monthly total of \$15 from worried rookies. The first to prove he has lost his girl friend gets the pool.

Selectees having more than one girl friend must decide which to insure.

PRICE CONTROL GOES TO F. D. R.

President Expected to Sign Anti-Inflation Measure Today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (U. P.).—A Price Control Bill carrying broad authority to fix price ceilings on manufactured commodities goes to President Roosevelt for his signature today—seven months to the day after he asked Congress to enact it.

The final bill is somewhat different from the version sought by the Administration because it limits Price Administrator Leon Henderson's authority to keep down the price on farm products.

Senate acceptance, 65 to 14, last night of a conference report ended a long Congressional battle between Administration forces and the Farm Bloc. But in the end both sides got most of what they wanted.

May Sign Today

Mr. Roosevelt is expected to sign the bill immediately.

The bill directs the Price Administrator to attempt to keep prices in the same general relationship as prevailed from Oct. 1 to 15, 1941, and to keep rents in defense housing areas at approximately the April 1, 1941, level.

He may license commodity dealers as a means of enforcing the act, and violators are subject to a maximum penalty of \$5000 and two years' imprisonment, as well as to civil suits for triple damages. The Government also is authorized, for a second violation, to use court procedure to revoke a violator's license, thus putting him out of business.

The bill contains four minimum ceilings below the highest of which it is specifically forbidden to fix farm prices—and then only with the prior approval of Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard.

They are: 110 per cent of parity; the market price of Oct. 1, 1941, or of Dec. 15, 1941; or the average market price prevailing from 1919 to 1929.

PASTORS ELECT REV. ELLIS HAY

Call for Enforcement of Gambling Laws at End of State Sessions.

The Rev. Ellis W. Hay, Indianapolis, pastor of the First Congressional Church, was elected president of the Indiana State Pastors' Conference here yesterday.

Vice presidents chosen at the business meeting of the conference which closed last night were the Revs. W. C. Nelson, Errol T. Elliott, S. E. Roesti and J. M. Nelson of Indianapolis; J. W. Montgomery, Ft. Wayne; F. E. Davidson and Roscoe Wilson, South Bend; N. G. Talbot, Evansville; H. W. Turpin, Columbus; and Walter P. Halbert, Shelbyville.

Re-elect Baumgartel

Dr. Howard J. Baumgartel, executive secretary of the Church Federation of Indianapolis, was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the conference.

The conference adopted several resolutions, among them one calling for rigid enforcement of state anti-gambling laws and for opposition to any possible attempt to push bills through the next Legislature legalizing gambling.

Other resolutions asked that liquor manufacturers not be granted priorities for sugar and other liquor ingredients; that the sale of liquor be banned in communities where military camps are located and that governmental bureaus adopt a "Christian attitude on all phases of racial segregation and discrimination" in relation to the defense program.

Name Committees

Committees named for the coming year are: Program—the Rev. H. C. Armstrong, Anderson, chairman; the Rev. Mr. Hay, Dr. Baumgartel, the Rev. W. C. Nelson and the Rev. Mr. Turpin. Committee for war emergency and Christian service—the Rev. C. A. McPheeters, chairman; the Rev. Sumner L. Martin, the Rev. J. M. Horton, the Rev. A. D. Lowe, the Rev. George Southworth, the Rev. Virgil Hunt and the Rev. Mr. Elliott, all of Indianapolis.

Members of the committee of ministers' wives are Mrs. E. R. Bartlett, Greencastle, chairman; Mrs. Ralph L. Holland and Mrs. Ernest Piepenbrock, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Melvyn Thompson, Rushville.

ONE OF 13 INDIANA ALIENS RELEASED

Only one of 13 enemy aliens arrested here and in southern Indiana after the outbreak of the war has been ordered released following hearings before the Enemy Alien Examining Board.

The release of one suspect was authorized by Attorney General Francis Biddle following receipt of recommendations from the local board.

The enemy aliens were taken into custody by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents the day after Japan attacked Hawaii. The suspects were listed as "dangerous to the security of the United States."

OFFICIAL WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau
INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST—Not much change in temperature this afternoon and night.
Sunrise... 6:57 Sunset... 4:39
TEMPERATURE
—Jan. 28, 1941—
6 a. m. 26 1 p. m. 28
Total precipitation since Jan. 1... 0.00
Deficiency since Jan. 1... 2.12

MIDWEST WEATHER

Indiana—Not much change in temperature this afternoon and tonight.
The following table shows the maximum and minimum temperatures in other cities at 6:30 a. m.
Station High Low
Bismarck, N. D. 31 23
Boston 34 25
Chicago 37 29
Cincinnati 31 23
Cleveland 39 32
Denver 30 22
Evansville 35 28
Kansas City, Mo. 35 23
New Orleans 44 36
New York 44 36
Oklahoma City, Okla. 43 28
Omaha, Neb. 43 28
Pittsburgh 31 23
San Antonio, Tex. 44 38
St. Louis 41 31
Washington, D. C. 41 35

Marines Still Hold Midway; Ex-Culver Student Is Cited

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (U. P.).—The American flag still flies over Midway Island today because that tiny outpost's Marine garrison dished it out—hot and heavy.

The combination of American courage and good marksmanship was too much for the Japanese and so their first assault on Midway, on the night of the Dec. 7 attack on Pearl Harbor failed. They turned tail and ran after the Marine shore batteries scored damaging hits on a Japanese cruiser and destroyer.

Damage to the Marine Corps defense installations was negligible, it was said.

Phone Operator Cited

The commanding officer of the Midway Marines praised the coolness and courage of all hands, but singled out Lieut. Cannon for special commendation. Lieut. Cannon, he reported, was directing fire from a command post when it was struck by a Japanese shell. Both legs and the pelvis were fractured but he refused to be evacuated until other wounded men were first attended. As a result, he died from loss of blood.

The report also mentioned Corp. Harold R. Hazelwood, switchboard operator under Lieut. Cannon, who received compound fractures of the leg. In spite of his wounds, he set up his battered switchboard and re-established communications.

Rural Dealers Advised to Spread Word at State Hardware Parley.

Hardware men in rural communities were urged today to do their farmer friends a good turn by advising them to repair their plows, cultivators, binders, mowers and other implements before spring.

The suggestion came from G. F. Sheely, secretary of the Indiana Retail Hardware Association, which is holding its convention at Murat Temple.

Mr. Sheely pointed out that parts which might be needed for repairing farm implements may not be available at a critical time in the sowing or harvesting season.

Lull Is Forecast

The mobilization of industry for the war has upset the schedule of production of tools, implement parts and other metal equipment used in agriculture, he said.

George W. Starr, director of business research at Indiana University, told the convention that a drop in the demand for merchandise is to be expected.

"Some manufacturers will have to change over to war production," he declared. "During the change-over, there will be a certain amount of unemployment. This unemployment will have its effect on the purchasing power."

Exhibit Open Tonight

The association will open its exhibition of equipment to the public tonight at Murat Temple.

The convention will close Friday. Clarence A. Jackson, State Director of Civilian Defense, will address the convention tomorrow. He will talk on "Keeping the Home Fires Burning in '42."

BEAMER RULES ON JUVENILE DRIVERS

The new juvenile law which gives jurisdiction over all children under the age of 18 to the Juvenile Court Judge does not affect the power of the driver's license hearing judges to suspend children's driving licenses, Attorney General George Beamer said today.

His opinion was issued to Mahlon Leach, chief hearing judge of the State Public Safety division. The opinion pointed out that under the driver's license law, the hearing judge has power to revoke all driving licenses issued.

CO-OPERATION ASKED FOR ALIEN REGISTRY

Japanese, German and Italian aliens in Indiana were urged today by Governor Schricker to co-operate with the U. S. Department of Justice by filing applications for certificates of identification between Feb. 8 and 28.

In a proclamation, the Governor said that the alien identification program "is of utmost importance to the United States in its conduct of the war." Aliens may file their applications for certificates at all first and second class post offices.

STORE DELIVERY SERVICE CURBED

16 Retail Merchants Urge Customers to Carry Smaller Bundles.

Sixteen Indianapolis retail merchants today announced plans to conserve tires and trucks by the immediate curtailment of suburban delivery service and the elimination of special deliveries.

The stores asked their customers to co-operate by carrying small packages with them instead of asking for delivery service and by making returns in person.

The delivery restrictions were adopted voluntarily by the stores through the Indianapolis Merchants Association in a move to extend the life of existing equipment—for which there may be no replacement—as long as possible.

Policy Summarized

Beginning today, these stores will operate on the following delivery policy:

1. There will be no more special delivery service.

2. Suburban delivery service (outside the City but inside the County) will be made three times a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday instead of daily.

3. No merchandise will be delivered the same day as purchased, except to hotels, garages, stations and parking lots in the downtown area.

4. Regular package delivery schedules will be maintained as long as possible within the City limits but will not exceed one a day.

Conserve Equipment

Murray H. Morris, Merchants Association executive secretary, cited similar moves made by stores in other cities to conserve equipment. The delivery curtailment by the Indianapolis merchants is moderate by comparison, he said.

"The merchants have been informed that no replacements for tires and trucks will be possible for the duration of the war, he said, and they are attempting to keep their equipment rolling as long as they can.

Merchants Association