

SYNTHETIC RUBBER HAS FINE FUTURE

Gardner Greer Traces History Of Commodity Before Civitan Club

Gardner Greer, sales manager for McMillan and Cameron, told Civitans in their regular meeting in the Friendly last night, "In my opinion, synthetic rubber is here to stay. It opens great new horizons to the scientists."

Tracing the history of rubber and rubber substitutes, Greer predicted a great future for synthetic rubber, adding that the U. S. will never again be dependent on other countries for their rubber needs. The synthetic rubber industry began in the U. S. with a plant producing only five gallons of latex a day, expanding to a one million ton yearly capacity in 1944, he said.

Greer traced the history of rubber from its discovery by Columbus in 1492, through the experiments of Goodyear, who stumbled upon the process of vulcanization, making rubber usable, with an explanation of the political and economic struggles for control of the world market.

Well qualified to speak on the subject, Greer was with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company 10 years before coming to MacMillan and Cameron eight years ago. T. M. Walton, a returned service member of the club, was welcomed back.

OPA TO CONSIDER COSTS, PRODUCTION IN SETTING PRICES

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The prospect of greater production and reduced costs will be taken into full account in granting price increases to offset wage boosts, OPA said Thursday night.

The agency, in a statement of policy on price aspects of the new stabilization formula, said there is no requirement that the "full amount of an approved wage increase, or any part of it, must necessarily or automatically be reflected in ceiling price increases."

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