

Local Group Plans To Pool Trucks

Seeks to Conserve Rubber, Gasoline

Helena, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Several Billings wholesale merchants Wednesday made Montana's first large-scale move to conserve rubber and gasoline by pooling trucks to handle intra-city freight shipments.

The secretary of state's office issued a license to sell stock to the Billings Wholesalers Cooperative Trucking association, organized with \$100,000 in capital stock.

The application for the license stated in part:

"That, through cooperative action on the part of the members, constituting persons engaged in the sale of articles of merchandise at wholesale, a material saving can be accomplished in manpower and the use and consumption of automotive rubber tires and motor equipment as an aid and assistance to this nation during the period of national emergency."

In a letter accompanying the application, Rockwood Brown, Billings attorney, said that a survey of the Billings trade area showed that the work now done by 48 trucks hauling goods from the railroad or other freight depots to local stores could be done by 15 or 20 vehicles. He said about 60 or 70 Billings merchants have indicated they will join the association.

Organizers who signed the application were O. E. Stevens, Carl A. Rahn, H. C. Carpenter, W. F. Lambrecht, F. G. Connelly, C. O. Campbell and A. L. Hammerstrom.

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