The Curbstone Diplomat

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The Gas Company, according to their own figures, cannot reduce rates. This is caused by the fact they are unable to get new costumers. Can this be because so much Sterno is being sold? Canned heat is very warming?

Chestertown is really a dry town at times. The problem is not, to be able to get liquor, but to be able to get water. When the Water Board starts enforcing the Dry Law on us, it is not a "noble experiment," but a grand success, as far as being dry is concerned.

Whether this had anything to do with a land terrapin crossing High St., on Sunday is hard to say. Maybe Mr. Terrapin saw the new good looking light pole on High street and thought he was in the country. Anyhow, some way or other, a land terrapin got on the Main St. and started parading; a fast town on Sunday afternoon.

When the new street light was placed on High street, it was another voice added to a feeble chorus. The new light was needed bad enough, but another eye-sore to the street was not. Some say "the pole menaces traffic and is liable to cause an accident." If this is true, it is hard to understand why the Town Council should construct anything, that would be a menace to traffic.

We thought the State Roads commission liked to have the credit for traffic dangers. Anyhow the State Roads commission still holds the prize, with the concrete wall at Maple Ave. and Water St., and to beat this, will be some undertaking.

Again I repeat, "If you want to see real street lights and a well lighted town, go out to Worton.

The report is that the post-office crowd thought the new pole was put there, so Mr. Stafford would have something to tie his horse to.

Now, I see, "The Lancer," thinks Chestertown has the worst lighting system in the world. It must be bad. Also, "The Lancer," thinks the newspapers should get behind a move to purify the river front. Gee, did my eyes deceive me when I read that? If a disposal plant were built in the near future, it would be the salvation of one of the town's greatest assests.

Just so the Chamber of Commerce has a clean cup to drink from, they do not seem to care much what they drink. They yell their heads off about cleaning up the river banks and keeping them clean, but they do not show much enthusiasm for cleaning up the river itself. They claim they have done some work along this line but if they have, it has been weak. Let's see some real pep.

A pig loves swill. Chester River resembles swill enough, to attract a pig for a swim. A sober man tells me, that he saw a pig swimming way out in the river, in the vicinity of Emory's wharf last Sunday.

It has always been my belief that a pig could not swim because his front feet, which are sharp, would cut his throat, when he paddled the water with them. However some body must have told me wrong, because the pig on Sunday was not cutting his throat. The pig was way out in the river too. Well call me what you will but I saw a squirrel swimming across the Choptank River. When we told this at Cambridge they laughed at us. I say we because there were four of us that saw it.

The Democrats are still having a big time in Chicago—Mayor Cermack said, "The country has an over supply of food and yet many are going hungry."—Raskob took a drink of water—When it comes to repeal, why not include some other amendments along with the 18th. Take for example, why not repeal Nos. 14 and 15—Kent Countians have already started work on the Ritchie greenbag.

PENINSULA NEWS

While fishing Friday morning below the Conowingo power house, Mr. Archer E. Calder, landed a monster rock that excited the curiosity and admiration of a large number of people who saw it later in the day.

The rock weighed twenty-nine pounds and three ounces, was forty inches long from tip to tip and ten inches wide. As it is against the law for rock of over fifteen pounds to be retained Mr. Calder donated his prize catch to the County Home.

Thomas G. Pullen, Jr., who has recentely been appointed Superintendent of Schools for Talbot County has advised President Caulk Kemp that he accepts the appointment.

The annual donation and inspection day of the Miracle House will be held on Saturday, July 2, 1932. The Miracle House will be in full operation and visitors will have an opportunity to see the children.

The Board of County Commissioners for Cecil county met in special session on Thursday, and after laboring all day finally set the tax rate for the ensuing year at $1.20 on the $100, which is a reduction of 10 cents in the rate compared with the present year.

AVOID HOLIDAY ACCIDENTS

Calling attention to the danger that lurks in the use of toy pictols, firecrackers, torpedoes and other explosives, Dr. R. H. Riley, Director of the State Department of Health, says "Have the best time ever in celebrating Independence Day, but show your patriotism in some other way than by shooting off blank cartridges or sending off other explosives. There are plenty of other ways of celebrating the national holiday. They may not be as noisy, but they are both safer and saner.

"Hospitals and health officers dread Fourth of July accidents from fire works and other explosives because of the danger of lockjaw that is associated with them. Accidents of this sort usually result in deep seated wounds in which particles of dirt are crushed into the flesh along with the wadding carrying the gunpowder. The germs that cause lockjaw or, tetanus, to give the disease its scientific home, are practically always present in dirt, street dirt and stable dirt, and unless very prompt action is taken, sometimes even when it is taken, lockjaw may develop.

"A person who has an injury of this sort, no matter how it is caused, should get to a doctor as quickly as possible to have the wound treated and so that the doctor may administer tetanus antitoxin to prevent lockjaw from developing. Tetanus germs develop quickly in a closed wound, so it is of the utmost importance that the wound be thoroughly opened, surgically cleansed and cared for, and kept open. The preventive dose of tetanus antitojin should be administered immediately. Don't wait until symptoms develop, by that time, it may be too late.

"Tetanus antitoxin for the prevention of lockjaw, is supplied free of chare to physicians in the counties by the State Department of Health, through the County Health Officers. The larger quantities necessary for the treatment of advanced cases are furnished at cost."

LABEL ALL POISONS

KEEP SUCH THINGS OUT OF REACH

"Put a distinguishing mark of some sort on all acids, poisons, antiseptics and other danger drugs or compounds that you keep in the house, and put them away out of reach of the children" is the advice of Dr. Robert L. Swain, Deputy Food and Drug Commissioner of the State Department of Health, to all housekeepers.

"This precaution" he continued, "will safeguard grown-ups as well as children, but it is particularly needed when young children are around. As a result of their unfailing curiosity and their willingness to try anything, we are constantly hearing of children who have endangered their lives by picking up or tasting this or that drug or medicine or household article that looked attractive to them.

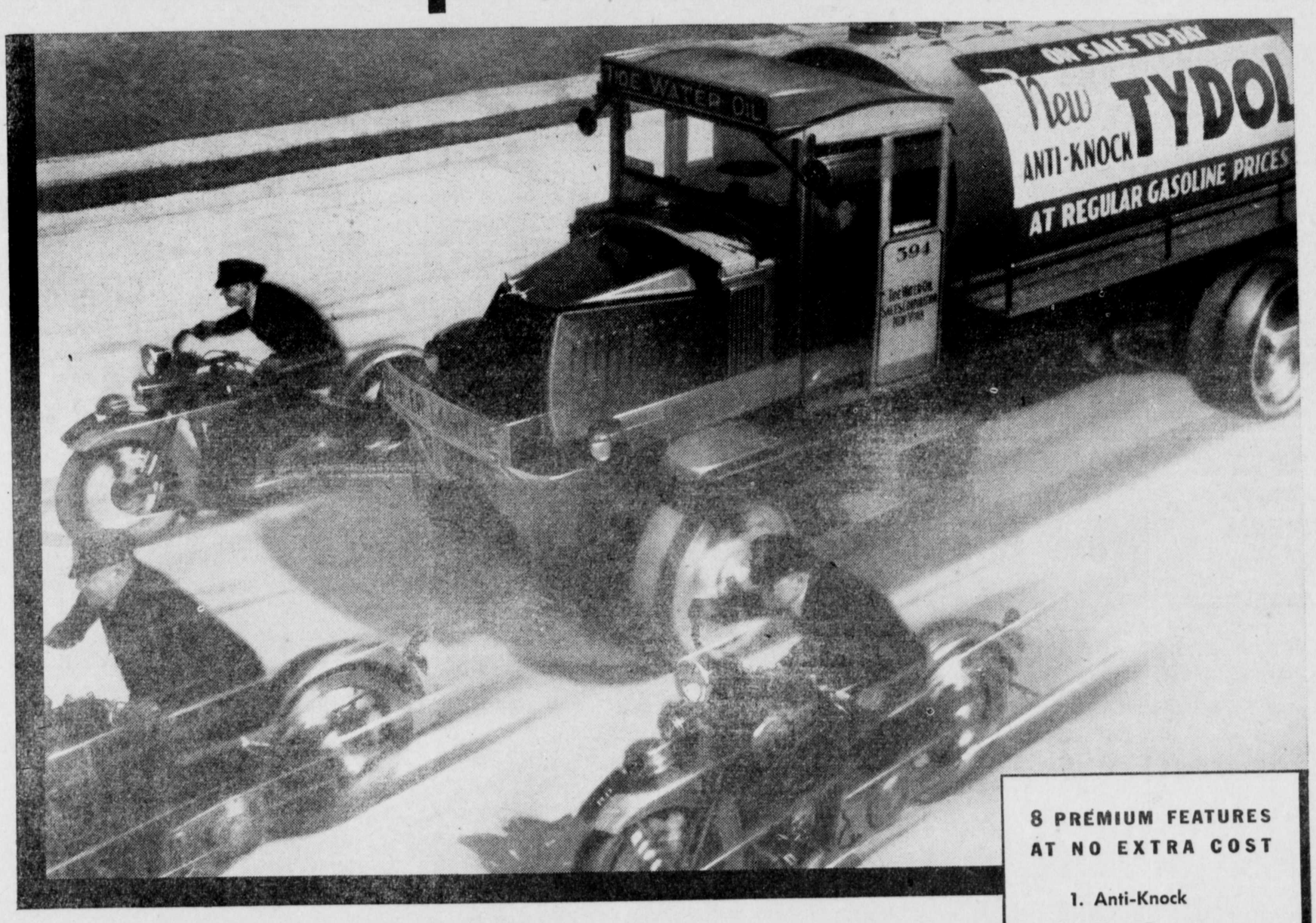
"Household lye is one of the articles that has a peculiar fascination for children. It looks sugary and they think it is sugar. The burns and inflamation of the mouth and throat and digestive tract that result from swallowing even a small quantity of lye are agonizingly painful and so serious that they are likely to end fatally.

"Very few housekeepers realize the hazards they are subjecting their families to, when they leave a can of lye, a bottle of concentrated household ammonia, or similer household supplies, on the pantry shelf or in any other place that is easy of access. So many children, and older people, too, have met with serious injuries, through the accidental handling of household supplies of this sort, that twenty-four states, Maryland among them, have enacted laws which require all packages or containers of such supplies, to be clearly labeled in large letters as POISON.

"But no matter how well such containrs are labeled, these things are a source of very great danger unless they are kept in a safe place and where the children can not get at them."

There is not a reason why "thank you" should become commonplace.

Heads up! Here it comes!



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