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SCHOOL NOTES

CHESTERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

By Janet MacVean

The chief news at C. H. S. this week seems to be the arrival of a new student. His name is George S. Rex and he is a Junior although he takes several subjects with other classes. He comes from Albany, New York.

Other recent arrivals at C. H. S. are six very small, very pink white rats. The science club is overjoyed.

Mr. Willis has very suddenly finished his book case which was designed by Mr. Greenwood. It will be in place by the end of the week.

Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Joe Irwin, and Miss Miles from the P. A. L. were at C. H. S. Tuesday afternoon to discuss the spring athletic meet with the teachers of Kent County. A movie of volley ball games played in Baltimore at the state meet was shown. Among these were views of the C. H. S. team in action.

The "Dragon" is feebly spitting flames in an effort to gain the $194.98 needful for its existence.

Ten tenth grade French books have arrived and are being distributed among deserving and needy scholars. Now nobody can say he didn't learn his vocabulary because the page was out of his book.

Speaking of French, Elizabeth Fontaine has had a second letter from France. Quite speedy correspondence, isn't it?

In the Commercial Room the Seniors are making individual shorthand notebooks. Those who are on the honor list for typing are Fern Blackway and Zoa Coleman, 40 words a minute, and Audrey Lee and Helen Willis, 50 words a minute. Work is still proceeding on the Eagle Pencil contest in shorthand. The Seniors seem to feel that $2.00 is no mean prize to compete for.

Although the reports have been out for several days, the Honor Roll has not been completed.

So far girls' basketball injuries have limited themselves to broken glasses and sprained fingers.

The boys played their first P. A. L. game of the year Monday evening when they defeated Tri-County 23 to 18. The game was very close up to the last three minutes. Captain McMahon was high scorer with ten points, and Wright followed closely with eight points. Our quintet will meet the winner of the Oxford-Cambridge contest on Thursday at Easton. The game Thursday will be the semi-final for the Shore Championship.

The Commercial Room became a prison quite accidentally Tuesday afternoon. One of the teachers locked the door quite forgetting to see if anyone was in the room. Carlyn Metcalfe was rescued a few minutes later by a much amused classmate. She's very glad that glass was put into the doors this year.

The Cafeteria now sells chocolate milk instead of soup.

Much credit is due to Herschel Calloway for the way in which he is organizing a track team in C. H. S. for the spring meet. He has been chosen manager which position he is filling well. All classes are showing enthusiasm. The plan calls for a certain number of points to be awarded for each event and felt and chenille C's to be given as the highest awards.

It is reported that the Easton Utilities Commission has submitted to the Public Service Commission revised electrical rates that will save the users of electricity in Easton about fifteen thousand dollars a year. If these rates are approved, and there is certainly no reason to assume that they won't be, they will become effective as soon as the Mayor and Council give their consent.

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TO REDUCE GAS RATES

(continued from page one)

The problem before our company, therefore, is how to reduce gas rates when the return on our investment is two-thirds of what it should be according to law and sound business. Nevertheless, in spite of the low return, we are prepared to make rate adjustments on the theory that 1932 was as bad a year as we could find, and that 1933 and subsequent years ought to be better.

The plan which we submit is different from both of the previous plans and is of such a nature that there can be no misunderstanding between the company and its customers, for it depends on the mutual cooperation of both for reduction of rates.

First of all, it must clearly be seen that no rate reductions are possible under the conditions existing at present in our system unless there is an increase of business.

Secondly, the company has taken the attitude that, irrespective of its legal rights, it will not take the stand that the whole profit from any increase in business shall come to it until it has Rather it is prepared to return to its customers a portion of the profits resulting from the increased business, month by month, as this increase develops. There is no waiting over a period of time for certain results to be accomplished. Each month will speak for itself.

The plan is as follows:

The gross, or total gas revenue for each month of the year 1932, will be set down and established as the base from which all increases will be calculated. Each month of 1933, beginning with the month of May, the total gas revenue will be compared with the total gas revenue of the same month in 1932. The percentage of increase in business ofthe month in 1933 over the same month in 1932 will be determined.

In order to obviate any discussion as to the accuracy of these figures, the company invites the city auditor to meet with the company's auditor each month and determine the increase in total gas revenues and the corresponding percentage.

The decrease in the rate will depend directly in proportion to the total gross consumption as follows:

Revenue Increase	Rate Decrease
5 per cent	1.50 per cent
10 per cent	3.0 per cent
15 per cent	4.50 per cent
20 per cent	6.0 per cent
25 per cent	8.0 per cent
30 per cent	10.0 per cent
35 per cent	12.0 per cent
40 per cent	14.0 per cent
45 per cent	16.0 per cent
50 per cent	18.0 er cent

These rate reductions will only be guaranteed to those consumers who pay their bills on or before the 10th of the month.

It may be readily seen that if there is an increase in gas revenue of as little as 10 per cent there will be a decrease in gas rates of 3 per cent and if there is an increase in total gas revenue of as much as 50 per cent. there will be a decrease in gas rates of as high as 18 per cent. The total gas revenue for the year 1932 was $20,626.00.

We believe that a rate of this nature ties the company and the consumer closer together than any other plan can. It does not take a great deal to increase business 50 per cent in any community that is using such a small average per meter as the Chestertown Gas Company. In 1932 the average per meter was only 2,100 cubic feet per month per meter. The number of customers has fallen off considerably.

A cooperative effort on the part of the customers with the company would result in increasing the company's business almost immediately. By this plan any increase means immediate reduction of some sort to the customer, month by month. Any reduction in business would be the company's loss and not the customer's.

Practically, the plan would be put into effect in the following manner:

Each month the city auditor and the auditor for the company would determine the increase in total gas revenue of that month over the same month in 1932. This method of determination would be continued until April 1, 1935, or for a period of two years.

Each month the increase in business would be converted into percentage of increase. If there is no increase, or if there is a loss in business, the rates would remain as they now exist. If there is an increase in business the percentage of increase would be laid out as shown above.

In order to get the plan started the Gas Company will guarantee a 15 per cent. reduction for the months of April, May and June. If the increase in business should make the reduction more than 15 per cent. then the customer will have advantage of it. In the meantime the gas company will conduct a campaign of education in the use of gas with various household appliances.

GALENA

Mr. and Mrs. William Otty, of Upper Darby, Pa., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Heston Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Powell and family, of near town, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ireland spent Sunday with relatives in Port Deposit, Md.

Mrs. G. W. Zieders, of Baltimore, spent the week end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Scott.

Mr. Harry Griffith, of Middletown, Delaware, spent Sunday with Mr. James Mulford.

Mr. William Johnson and Miss Helen Mills, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent the week end with the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Caldwell, of near town, spent last Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Walter Gale.

Mr. and Mrs. Holton Parr, of Baltimore, spent the week end with their aunt, Mrs. Harry Todd.

Mrs. Mabel Justis and daughters, Mrs. Felice Fanconniere, Miss Gertrude Justis, Messrs. Alfred Gray and Ott Gray, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent Sunday with the formers' mother, Mrs. Walter Hadley.

The Women's Club met at the home of Mrs. T. C. Cruickshank last Wednesday.

Harold Stradley, of Cecilton, was indicted on five arson charges by the Cecil County Grand Jury. Stradley is accused of being the fire bug who terrorized the community around Cecilton last summer by setting fire to numerous buildings.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby givn that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County letters of Administration on the personal estate of

HARRY F. JEFFERSON

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of August, 1933, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand this 21st day of February, 1933.

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