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Natural Gas For Cecil County Delayed

Pennsylvania Governor Stops Extension Of Lines Owing To Anthracite Probe

Distribution of natural gas in northern New Castle county, Del., and in Cecil county, Md., has been delayed by the action of Gov. George Earle of Pennsylvania, in ordering the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission not to permit the extension of any more natural gas lines until completion of a probe of conditions in the anthracite regions.

An announcement had been made by the Delaware Power & Light Co. on Dec. 3rd, that it would supply natural gas at substantial savings to its customers as soon as the company with which it has signed a preliminary agreement, could pipe the gas to the Delaware line. It was expected the installations could be made this summer.

Shortly after the Pennsylvania Gas Transmission Corporation filed with the Pennsylvania commission an application to pipe nautral gas from Western Pennsylvania, Kentucky and West Virginia, into Southern Pennsylvania, Governor Earle announced his action.

When the report of Gov. Earle was called to the attention of Thomas W. Wilson, president of the Delaware Power and Light Co., he said the Pennsylvania Gas Transmission Corporation is the company from which the Delaware Power & Light Co. expects to obtain natural gas and that evidently the gas transmission company is being delayed in securing the necessary permits in Pennsylvania which would enable it to deliver natural gas to the Delaware State line.

The application of the Pennsylvania Gas Transmission Corporation proposed distribution of natural gas to companies now serving the manufactured product in Chester, Lancaster, Dauphin, Berks, Lehigh, Northampton, Bucks, Montgomery and Delaware counties in Pennsylvania.

The application will be held up under the governor's order until completion of studies by a commission seeking a remedy for the "bootleg" coal situation in the anthracite regions.

Extension of natural gas into Eastern Pennsylvania was protested by the United Mine Workers.

It had been hoped by the Company supplying gas to sections in Cecil county that natural gas would have been available next summer, but the delay will probably cause a postponement.—Oxford News.

ELKTON FIRE COMPANY ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Elkton Fire Company, held Feb. 1, the following directors were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Raymond Arrants, H. Wirt Bouchelle, Charles Dennis, John J. Denver, Calvin Fox, William C. Feehly, Oliver C. Giles, Sr., F. H. Leffler, Richard Masemore, Sherman Marcus and Lewis Peterson.

The board organized by electing Oliver C. Giles, Sr., President; Calvin Fox, first vice-president; Richard Masemore, second vice-president; John J. Denver, third vice-president; Casper Dunbar, secretary, H. Wirt Bouchelle, treasurer; Lewis a Peterson, chief of department; John Everett, chief truckman; Sherman Marcus, chief of motors; Richard Masemore chief pipeman. Chief fire recorder Mitchell Boulden reported that the company was called out 87 times during the past year, 36 of which was to quench chimney fires and 4 false alarms.

SHOOTS HOLES IN BOAT

Buffalo Bill shot horses from under his Indian foes and motion picture G-men bang away at the tires of the autos of the gangsters they pursue. But Ray Streeter, of Morgnec, earned himself some little fame and, incidentially, a $25 fine, for shooting the boat from under a group of fishermen.

When the Capel brothers, well-known watermen, fished their nets off Streeter's property on the Chester river, the latter opened fire with a high-powered rifle and filled the boat with holes. The Capels had him arrested and his actions drew a heavy fine.—Chestertown Enterprise.

Returns in the 1937 assessors' books declare that there are 57,773 acres of timber land and 496,177 acres of cleared land, making a total of 553,910 acres in the forty-one townships, in Lancaster county, Pa.

Short Paragraphs

Sunday next, the 14th, is St. Valentine's Day.

Friday of this week, the 12th, is the 128th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

Lent began on Wednesday of this week, Ash Wednesday. Easter occurs on Sunday, March 28.

The bake held in Pogue & Roberson's store window, by the Young People's Group, realized about $17.

The receipts from the supper held in the Church House, at Zion, by the Ladies Aid Society, amounted to $100.

The Governor of Maine, enroute home from Washington last week, stopped at Rising Sun Hotel for dinner.

A largely attended meeting in the interest of improving the Blue Ball-Childs road was held at Childs on Wednesday night last.

Mrs. Florence England, chairman of the Red Cross for Calvert section, collected over $88 for the relief of sufferers in the flood area.

Barnard T. Kelly, Oxford real estate broker, sold the 12 acre poultry farm of Wilbur Morris, Oxford, R. D., to Miss Alice Singleton, Sylmar.

The receipts from the Presidential Birthday Ball, held at the Elkton Armory on Jan. 29, were about $170, donated to the infantile paralysis fund.

Irving Stauffer has sold his property in Providence township, Lancaster county, of 27 acres, to Jacob Scheuing also of Providence township, for $3500.

John Wells, colored, sentenced by Magistrate Pugh, of Port Deposit, to two years in the Maryland House of Correction tor larceny, was taken to that institution on Friday.

An inch or more of snow fell on Thursday night, and the mercury fell also, going as low as 16 degrees. A day or two of skating was enjoyed by the young folks before it moderated.

A barn on the property of Mario Zunino, near Avondale, was completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin Wednesday morning. The loss is estimated at $2,500 with $1,500 insurance.

At Sheriff's sale Thursday, the 56 acre property in Lower Oxford, Chester county, Pa., of the late Kelso A. Johnson, was sold to the Dime Savings Bank, West Chester, for $1.00 for debt of $2,500.

Margaret Mackie, 24 years old, Oxford, Pa., has been granted a divorce from Leroy Mackie, 28, Oxford, on gorunds of desertion, cruelty and indignities. The decree was signed by Judge Ernest Harvey. The couple were married Dec. 23, 1929, and separated March 16, 1935.

CCC CAMP IN CECIL

State Forester F. W. Bosley and Deputy Game Warden Richard T. Norris, were guest speakers at the monthly meeting of the Elkton Womans' Club in the New Theatre, Tuesday afternoon. They discussed the development of wild life in the county, replanting of forests and the establishment of a CCC Camp for boys in Elk Neck. A large part of that section will be taken over by the government as a park and recreation area where the men of the CCC Camp will be placed. Many improvements will be made, including improved roads.

BAND LEADER'S AUTO KILLS PEDESTRIAN

John Powers, Kennett Square, died as a result of injuries received when he stepped in front of the automobile of Leon Hoffmann, known in Oxford as the leader of Les Leonard's Swing Band, which plays every Saturday evening at the Center Restaurant ball room. Hoffman was on his way to Oxford when the accident occurred. The injured man was taken to the Chester County Hospital, but died in the ambulance before reaching the institution.—Oxford News.

TRUCK AND FURNITURE DESTROYED

A large truck, loaded with new furniture, enroute to Philadelphia, caught fire along the Elkton-Perryville road, near Bacon Hill Saturday, and was practically destroyed, together with most of the cargo valued at $10,000. The Elkton Volunteer Fire Company was called to the scene, but the blaze had gained such a headway it was impossible to render much assistance.

Tome School Building Damaged By Fire

Manual Training Room Is Wrecked---Loss Will Reach $6,000

Fire of undetermined origin, that was discovered at 7:15 o'clock Saturday evening, in the Manual Training room, located in the basement of Memorial Hall, of Tome School, Port Deposit, damaged the building to the extent of about $6,000, which is covered by insurance.

The Port Deposit and Perryville fire companies responded to the alarm, but before the flames were extinguished the Manual Training department, with machinery, tools and other equipment, had been totally wrecked.

The fire burned its way through the ceiling to the office of one of the professors directly above, and badly damaged it also.

Smoke damaged the upper floors and walls throughout the building.

JURORS DRAWN FOR MARCH TERM OF COURT

Associate Judge J. Owen Knotts, of Denton, has drawn the following jurors to serve at the March term of Circuit Court for Cecil county, which will convene in Elkton on Monday, March 1st:

First District—Roy C. Carpenter, Howard Benson, H. B. Manlove, Wm. H. Husfelt, Oldham W. Davis, Frisby Boyer, colored.

Second District—Benjaminm H. Ross. Clinton Foard, John Schaefer, Frank S. Hutton, John L. Shelton, George Thornton.

Third District—William C. Feehly, John K. Burkley, Murray J. Ewing, J. Hayes McCauley, J. Frank Blake, Jr., John Jenness, Dr. S. C. Sykes.

Fourth District—John Lawrence Jr., Alonzo B. Creswell, Millard E. Hess, Frank Stele, Nimrod Minner.

Fifth District—James Dixon, colored, Charles E. Day, John P. Logan, William E. Roney, James M. Pillenhouse, William C. Racine.

Sixth District—Kirk Gifford, Clarence Gifford, Ralph Wilson, Albert M. McNamee, W. T. Dinsmore.

Seventh District—Henry D. Smith, Elmer E. Campbell, Ralph Campbell, John R. Nesbitt, William Harvey Tome, Willis B. Gorrell, Wilton E. Owens.

Eighth District—Israel T. Reynolds, Alfred C. McGuigan, Robert A. McCullough.

Ninth District—William D. Ewing, Lawson Crothers, Ralph Thompson.

THE STORY OF CHARLESTOWN

The story of Charlestown—"one of the most romantic and historic old cities in the United States"—will be told by Carveth Wells in the Continental Oil Company broadcast, "Exploring America with Conoco and Carveth Wells," over radio station WBAL, Baltimore, at 7:30 P. M., Monday, February 15.

"Charlestown has an amazing record of firsts," says the famous explorer and radio star." This South Carolina city had the first steam railroad, first submarine, first torpedo boat, first department store, first drug store, first museum, first chamber of commerce, first Poinsettia in America, first golf course, first independent American government and first president!"

In addition to relating interesting incidents in Charleston's history, Wells will describe the many gardens for which the city is famous. "The most famous of all," he says, "is Magnolia Garden. Started in 1676, this garden is now conceded to be the most beautiful in the world."

SUIT FOR DIVORCE FILED

Henry L. Constable, attorney for Elizabeth K. Driscoll, has filed a bill in the Cecil County Court, at Elkton, for the annullment of her marriage to Harry J. Riebe, both of Bridgeport, Conn. The bill states that on June 21st, they drove to Elkton. She says she was threatened by the defendant and was forced to become his wife by threats made against her life.

FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Cecil County National Farm Loan Association, of which R. G. MacDonald, of Rising Sun is secretary and treasurer, was held in Elkton on Monday morning.

A representative of The Federal Land Bank of Baltimore was in attendance to outline the operations of the Federal Land Bank System and discuss the loaning policies of the Bank and the local Association.

Stolen Loot Left By Thieves

Sheriff Recovers Two Bags Of Stolen Chickens But Thieves Not Caught

Sheriff Eugene Racine's forces are endeavoring to learn the owners of two large bags of White Leghorn chickens, all dead, found in the edge of a field along the Elkton-Glasgow Road, east of Elkton. The officers believe the chickens were stolen and the thieves, imagining they were being pursued, threw their loot away, probably from an automobile.

The chickens were found by a resident of that section and turned over to the sheriff's office. The two bags contained about 40 chickens, all of which had their heads wrung. Quite a number of farmers and poultry raisers in the locality have lost chickens recently. One of the heaviest losers was Lyman A. Spence of Cherry Hill, who had 76 full grown turkeys stolen.

CECIL COUNTY NEWS PLANT SOLD

Two Elkton Newspapers Merge—News Established Fifty-Five Years Ago

The Cecil County News, a weekly newspaper established in Elkton 55 years ago by the late Dr. James H. Frazer, later purchased by the late Daniel H. Bratton, and edited and published by William D. Bratton for 25 years until his death about six weeks ago, has been purchased by the Cecil Democrat another weekly paper published in Elkton. The two papers will be merged and will be issued as The Cecil Democrat.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR ADDRESSES LIONS

District Governor Jos. T. Motz and Harry B. Hasslinger, of Baltimore, met with the Rising Sun Lions at th Village Restaurant on Thursday evening, when the District Governor gave a talk on the activities being carried on by the various clubs in the Twenty Second District.

C. M. Dannenbery, of West Chester, Pa., Assistant Scout Executive of Chester County Council was a visitor and spoke on the Boy Scout movement, the Rising Sun Lions being sponsors of a newly organized Troop, with Warren Warren, of the High School faculty as Scout Master. Mr. Warren was present and asked the cooperation of the Lions in making the Troop a going organization.

The Lions went on record as opposed to Governor Nice's proposal to divert gasoline tax revenue from the road improvement fund to other purposes, by passing a resolution favoring the raising of the additional funds needed to balance the budget by some of the special taxes suggested by the Governor in his message.

DEPUTY INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTORS

Arrangements have been made to assign Deputy Collectors of Internal Revenue to various sections and communities throughout the District of Maryland for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing income tax returns for the calendar year 1936.

A Deputy Collector will be in Cecil county on the following dates: Perry Point, U. S. V. H., March 1; Port Deposit, March 2; Rising Sun, February 27; Elkton, Feb. 25-26.

JERSEY CATTLE CLUB BANQUET

More than a hundred members and guests attended the annual banquet of the Cecil County Jersey Cattle Club held in North East High School auditorium Friday night. Speakers included Kenneth C. Keler, head of the Animal and Dairy Industry of the University of Maryland; Miss Jessie May Hill of New York City, a noted authority on Jersey cattle and a member of the editorial staff of the American Jersey Cattle Club, and H. C. Barker, a prominent Jersey breeder. Prizes in the 1936 contests conducted by the club were awarded.

FIFTH DISTRICT TAX-PAYERS PROTEST

At a meeting held in North East on Friday night, tax-payers of the Fifth district registered a protest against the prevailing road conditions, urging improvement.

The present good road stops at Sandy Cove entrance and from that point to Turkey Point the road is part dirt and part gravel and is in poor condition. Residents of the Elk Neck section want the road improved.

Personal And Social

Harry Clay Hess was the guest of Marshall Pierce on Friday.

Miss M. Lidie Stewart is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ella Reese, in Philadelphia.

Ross Cameron, of Freehold, N. J., spent the week-end with his father, Jesse T. Cameron.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wiley and son have moved to Baltimore, where Mr. Wiley has a position.

Mrs. William M. Pogue has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Althea Summerill, in Woodbury, N. J.

Kirk Brokaw, Galion, Ohio, has been spending some time with his mother, Mrs. Louise Brokaw.

William R. Pogue, Syracuse, N. Y., was a recent visitor of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Pogue.

Miss Dorothy Deal and Donald Exler, of Philadelphia, were week-end visitors of Miss Mary Brumfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ashby and Mr. and Mrs. William R. Cherry enjoyed a trip to New York over the week-end.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of James C. Williams, of Liberty Grove, and Miss Helen L. Dubree, of Port Deposit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Dare, of Alexandria, Va., were week-end visitors of Mrs. Dare's brother, Ralph T. Wilson and family, Mapel Lawn, near town.

Mr. Joseph Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Algernon Carter and sons Richard and Charles, of Queenstown, Md., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wilson.

George Prettyman, a member of Rising Sun High School faculty, who has been a patient at the Coatsville, Pa., Hospital, is now recuperating at his home at Zion.

Mrs. Ella Reese, Mr. and Mrs. David Reese and Miss Mary Gamling, of Philadelphia, were Sunday visitors of Miss M. Lidie Stewart and Miss Mary Brumfield.

The engagement of Mr. George Grant, Jr., of Elkton, and Miss Lilian May Baker, of Fairlee, Kent county, has been announced. The wedding will take place during the early spring.

Mrs. Robert Campbell, of near Asbury Church, entertained the Asbury Sewing Circle on Wednesday last, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the group. Mrs. Campbell was one of the chatrer members.

Mrs. Daisy Olp and Theodore H. Brown, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Brown, of this town, who have been patients in Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, at the same time, were able to return to their home here on Thursday last.

OBSERVED NINETY-FIRST BIRTHDAY

In celebration of the ninety-first anniversary of Mr. Edwin Haines, one of Rising Sun's oldest residents, a dinner was held at his home on East Main Street, Thursday, Jan. 28. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Wm. H. Michaels, daughters Betty and Margaret, Media, Pa.; Miss Mary E. Haines, Miss Elizabeth R. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Haines, and son Lincoln.

Mr. Haines enjoys remarkable health and daily attends to business at his hardware store, which carries the firm name of Haines & Kirk and was established about sixty years ago by Mr. Haines and the late Mount E. Kirk, who succeeded to the business which had been founded some years previous by the latter's father, the late Jesse A. Kirk.

FIRE COMPANIES TO DRAFT BILL

A meeting of representatives of the volunteer fire companies in Cecil county was held at North East on Monday night for the purpose of deciding on a bill for presentation to the Maryland Legislature providing for support of the fire companies from the tax levy.

The meeting held on Monday evening is to be followed by a joint meeting of the County Commissioners, representatives in the Legislature, and representatives of the various fire companies, for the adoption of a plan and the amount to be provided for maintinance of the different companies.

The purpose is to do away with the holding of carnivals by the fire companies.

Ninth District Farmers Club Meets

Opposes Use Of Gasoline Tax Revenue For Other Than Road Purposes

The February meeting of the Ninth District Farmers' Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fassitt near Calvert. Mr. T. K. McDowell, President, presided at the meeting. The roll call was answered by "The Blizzards I Have Met." After the customary business was transacted Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McDowell, Mr. Ralph Wilson, Mr. T. K. McDowell, Mr. Howard Brown reported the Pennsylvania Farm Show held in Harrisburg. It was decided that a resolution be sent to the Governor requesting revenue from gasoline tax and motor vehicle license be used for the improvement of roads and highways. Mr. J. Z. Miller, County Agent, announced the Cecil County Jersey Cattle Club Banquet to be held at North East High School on February 5. Our host, Mr. J. B. Fassitt read an essay on 'Get Our Minerals From The Soil by Growing Our Vegetables In The Right Kind Of Soil." The Program Committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown took charge of the meeting. Mrs. M. U. Zimmerman of Rising Sun sang in her very pleasong manner sevearl selections. Following a delicious turkey dinner the meeting was resumed. Professor Arthur Janes, Chemistry Department, Lincoln University, spoke on "Petroleum". The first method used to get the oil was called blanket mining. A blanket was put in the mine and allowed to absorb the oil which was then brought up and wrung out. The oil was sold at one dollar a gallon at first then came down to ten cents a gallon. Mr. J. Z. Miller, County Agent, announced that he would be glad to cooperate with the farmers who would have their soil analyzed.

The club will meet in March with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Kirk, near Farmington.

PROMISE OF BETTER SHORT LINE SERVICE

With the adoptions of a new schedule on January 1st, the Short Line through Rising Sun, discontinued its 9:50 a. m. bus to Baltimore, since which time there has been no service over this bus line to Baltimore between the hours of nine minutes after midnight and 2:39 p. m.

This service, or rather this lack of service, by the Short Line, led to the filing, about three weeks ago, of a protest with the Public Service Commission of the state by the publishers of this paper.

We have just received a communication from the Public Service Commission advising us that arrangements are being made with the Short Line Company to provide a morning trip to Baltimore, and that it is hoped the new schedule can be made effective by February 15th.

TRUCK STRUCK AT GRADE CROSSING

Attempting to cross the tracks of the Columbia & Port Deposit railroad, in Port Deposit, in front of an approaching freight train, the truck occupied by Vernon Reynolds, aged 20 years, and Frank Conway, Jr., of North East, was struck and badly wrecked. Both Reynolds and Conway sustained painful but not serious injuries. The drivers stated they did not notice the approaching train when they attempted to cross the tracks.

NEW HEAD OF STATE POLICE

Major Enoch Barton Garey, on Thursday, was dropped from the command of the State police.

To succeed him, Gov. Harry W. Nice named Elmer F. Munshower, 51 year old World War veteran and former Mayor of Frederick, where he still makes his home. He will not take office until the State Senate confirms the appointment.

Governor Nice said that he had come to a decision that Major Garey was "temperamentally unfitted" for the command of the State police.

HOMEMAKERS CLUB ORGANIZES

The women of Providence neighborhood have organized the Kenmore Homemakers Club with the following officers: President, Mrs. Henry Dunsmore; Vice President, Mrs. Albert Wilson; Secretary, Mrs. Samuel Miller, and Treasurer, Mrs. Frank Spratt. The culb numbers fourteen members at present, with prospects of an increased enrollment.