

COMMITTEE MOVES TO OBTAIN NATURAL GAS FOR CITY

PROPOSALS FOR SUPPLY ASKED OF COMPANIES

Ruling Is Expected Soon on Stockholders' Suit by High Court.

LAY ASIDE ONE PLAN

Mayor's Group Decides It Has No Authority to Act on Lease Offer.

Written proposals for supplying natural gas to the Citizens Gas Company will be sought immediately from all owners and operators of natural gas properties by Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan's special gas committee.

The committee, headed by Henry L. Dittmer as chairman, decided on this action late Friday at its organization meeting.

In a statement issued at the close of the meeting, the committee mentioned specifically the Kentucky Natural Gas Company and the Marion County Gas Corporation, both of which have tentative proposals before the committee.

The Kentucky company is seeking permission to lay mains in the city to supply natural gas in wholesale lots to twenty-three industrial firms under contract. The company has suggested furnishing natural gas wholesale to the Citizens company later.

Would Lease Plant

The committee decided it was not authorized to consider proposals similar to that submitted by the Marion county company Thursday.

The company proposed to finance acquisition of the Citizens company by the city and to operate the company under lease, paying the city a flat annual rental fee and also a percentage of net income.

The plan also included piping natural gas here and mixing it with artificial gas to increase heat units and also reduce gas prices, making gas available and economical for all purposes, including heating of homes.

The mayor's committee was named to consider proposals for natural gas only. Results of its study are contingent on upholding of the city's right to acquire the Citizens company under the 1905 charter provisions, by the United States supreme court.

Court Ruling Soon

The high court is expected to rule within a few weeks on petition of Citizens company stock certificate holders for review of the federal court decision sustaining the city's claim.

The committee requested that any natural gas company desiring to communicate with the committee address the newly-elected secretary, City Attorney James E. Deery.

During the committee meeting, the Kentucky company, through its attorneys, filed a supplemental offer to sell natural gas to the city. The company stated that at any time within five years after beginning delivery of natural gas here, if the city should take over the Citizens company, the company would sell its mains here to the city at cost plus 10 per cent less depreciation of 2 per cent a year.

Also, it offered to sell natural gas wholesale to the city following such purchase, at a price to be agreed on as soon as right to lay its mains is granted.

INMATE CROWDING IS BLAMED FOR KILLING

Lima State Hospital Guard Death Starts Inquiry.

By United Press  
LIMA, O., May 2.—Overcrowding at the Lima State hospital for the criminal insane was charged here today as authorities maintained a heavy guard over two inmates who murdered Louis Kiehl, 50, hospital guard, yesterday in an escape plot.

Dr. W. H. Verbaan, superintendent of the hospital, said today that while the institution was built to quarter thirty-five inmates, over forty are now being cared for. Overcrowding made this killing possible, he said.

The two men guarded are Sam Nelson, 20, of Cleveland, and James Powell, 24, of Columbus. Nelson, a Negro, was captured last night by a posse which found him covering in a dead end alley from the hospital. Hospital guards captured Powell a few minutes after Kiehl was found strangled to death in a lavatory.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen belong to:  
Charles Truck, 802 West Twelfth street, Ford truck, from West street and Indiana avenue.  
George Bryden Yeasel, 2320 North Talbot avenue, Ford roadster, 743-528, from Michigan and Meridian streets.  
Vernie L. Martin, 1225 North Beville avenue, Ford coach, 55-427, from in front of Kings & Co. office.  
Marshall Cooper, 11 North Grant street, Buick coach, 460, from in front of 15 North Grant street.  
Ben Pinkelstein, 1101 Union street, M-1-429, from Alabama and Massachusetts avenues.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Stolen automobiles recovered by police belong to:  
Harry Whitney, 628 West Vermont street, Nash sedan, found at New Jersey and Market streets.  
Watch Theft Reported  
Theft of a platinum watch valued at \$125 was reported to police today by Robert Redding, 1624 North Pennsylvania street, today.

Foot Crushed by Train  
Trying to board a freight train at Pennsylvania railroad and Brookville road Friday, Alexander Mitchell, 27, Negro, of Alexandria, La., slipped beneath the wheels. One foot was crushed.

State Policeman Hurt  
KOKOMO, Ind., May 2.—A cut leg was suffered by Roy King, state policeman when the motorcycle he was riding struck an automobile driven by John S. Harvey of Rochester on state Road 31 north of here. Severe bruises were suffered by Mrs. Agnes Baney, 50, and her son Edgar, 14, who were riding with Harvey.

May Queen



Miss Pauline Riley

Two-thirds of the votes cast for May Queen of Indiana Central college recently were in favor of Miss Pauline Riley, Milford, Ind. Every girl in the junior class was a candidate for the honor. Miss Riley is a graduate of the Napanee high school.

MINIATURE LAKE LATEST CRAZE

Street Corner Fishing Puts Peewee Golf Behind.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance  
LOS ANGELES, May 2.—Last year it was miniature golf. This year Los Angeles offers something new.

Vacant lots in this city are being converted into trout streams and lakes for the amusement of its masculine population young and old.

For twenty-five cents you may rent a rod and all other necessary equipment and fish to your heart's content. If you catch a trout it is yours.

Some of the trout streams are most decorative, with miniature waterfalls included in their course. They take up no more room than miniature golf and seem just as popular.

The only trouble is that the trout soon become wise to urban ways and urban menaces and are extremely difficult to catch. That is probably what makes the trout streams solvent business propositions.

PARENT-TEACHERS TO HOLD CHORUS HOUR

Sacred Musical Numbers to Mark Community Program.

Sacred musical numbers for a "community sunset hour" from 5 to 6 p. m. Sunday at the North Baptist church, Sangster and Fifth-second streets, will be given by Parent Teachers chorus of school 91 under the direction of Mrs. Fred Hawk.

Members of the chorus are: Mrs. William B. Reed, Mrs. Frank C. Kircher, Mrs. M. A. Blake, Mrs. W. O. Cuddy, Mrs. J. K. Wood, Mrs. H. D. Gorman, Mrs. F. M. Shackelford, Mrs. William Hazen, Mrs. C. M. Wilder, Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Clarence Lowe, Mrs. R. E. Parley, Mrs. H. D. Kurtz and Mrs. Slim Hartzell. Mrs. Don Wilson is pianist.

An address will be delivered by the Rev. T. J. Parsons, editor of the Baptist Observer.

FIREMEN 'RUN RAGGED'

'Alarm Bug' Leads Smoke Eaters on Four Wild Goose Chases.

Checker boards were untouched Friday night in five fire stations and firemen were exhausted today after an "alarm bug" led them on four wild goose chases.

The false alarms came in rapid-fire order, calling equipment from engine houses 3, 11, 15, 20 and 2. The boxes were pulled at English avenue and Laurel street, Noble and Market streets, Newton and Rural streets and Trowbridge street and Southeastern avenue.

KILLS THREE SONS, SELF

Despondency Over Business Blamed for Tragedy in Garfield, N. J.

GARFIELD, N. J., May 2.—John Lubig, 46, shot and killed his three young sons and committed suicide early today. Business worries are blamed.

Police said Lubig came home while his wife and children were sleeping. Mrs. Lubig ran to the boys' room when she was awakened by the shots, and found them and her husband dead.

Lubig came from Yugo-Slavia and when he lost his factory job recently, he desisted his savings in a confectionery business. He became despondent fearing the investment was a failure.

BERT THURMAN BETTER

G. O. P. Chief Report Improving After Operation.

Continued improvement in the condition of M. Bert Thurman, Republican national committeeman, was reported today at St. Vincent's hospital. He underwent an operation Thursday for mastoid infection.

\$100,000 Loss in Mine Fire

By Times Special  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 2.—Fire which destroyed a tippie at mine owned by the Miami Coal Company caused a loss of \$100,000. Men working in the mine climbed to safety through a manway, after the burning structure fell into the main shaft.

BUSINESS MEN DODGE ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

C. of C. Ends Its Session With Nothing Done on 'Crucial' Matters.

BY THOMAS L. STOKES  
United Press Staff Correspondent

ATLANTIC CITY, May 2.—The United States Chamber of Commerce left here today with a mass of good intentions, vocally expressed, to do something about the unemployment problem, but with no concrete and definite proposal as a basis for action.

All that stood on the record after the three-day sessions, in which unemployment was one of the chief considerations, was a resolution endorsing a study already begun two months ago by a special committee into "the possibilities of business and employment stabilization."

The members went away with a warning of Julius Barnes, chairman of the organization's board of directors, against any "deceptive legislative panaceas," which was taken to refer to some of the proposals for state unemployment insurance and other advanced measures which crept into the various sessions.

Ignore Wage Cut Fight

The vociferous applause that thundered through the great ballroom of one of Atlantic City's big boardwalk hotels at the conclusion of his speech indicated general agreement with his philippic against government interference with industry in any way, in meeting its unemployment problem as in handling others.

The most effective warning seemed to be that of several advocates of unemployment benefit who told the business men that unless they do something themselves they are bound to have state unemployment insurance laws, framed by others, forced upon them.

The chamber completely ignored the wage cut controversy that rolled up its very doors and was the subject of talk in the corridors of the auditorium where the meeting was held and in the hotel lobbies between sessions.

The chamber seemed to be timid about taking a positive stand on many of the issues discussed in the twenty-five resolutions adopted, except for a strong declaration against a tax increase, against government interference with business and on some relatively important matters.

Shy on Tariff Discussion

Revision of the anti-trust laws was urged by several speakers who are intimately familiar with the subject, but the chamber merely recommended that, if the board of directors approved, a study be made of the various proposals submitted.

As regards the threat of Soviet Russia "dumping," which some business men here seemed to take very seriously, the chamber recommended that if present provisions of the tariff laws were not effective congress enact others.

The chamber shied completely away from the tariff, though an occasional speaker was bold enough to hint that the Hawley-Smoot rates might be too high. It did urge a study of the depressed silver market by a special committee, but took no position on the proposal for an international conference.

Silas H. Strawn, Chicago attorney, was elected president by the board of directors, succeeding William Butterworth of Washington. The term is for one year.

Julius H. Barnes was re-elected chairman of the board, and Oscar Wells of Birmingham, treasurer.

'TIM' M'MAHON NAMED

Traffic Officer Made Assistant in Park Safety Office.

Appointment of Timothy McMahon of the police traffic department as assistant to Lieutenant Frank Owen in directing safety and discipline at city playgrounds and parks this summer, was announced today.

McMahon, who is Owen's assistant in the accident prevention department, was named to the recreation department work at a meeting of Owen, Police Chief Jerry Kinney, A. C. Sallee, park superintendent, and H. Walden Middlesworth, recreation director.

CELLAR FALL IS FATAL

Jasper Campbell, 57, Dies of Injuries; Topped Down Stairs.

Jasper Campbell, 57, of 118 North Noble street, died early today at city hospital from skull fracture sustained Friday night when he fell down the cellar stairs at his home.

He lived at the Noble street address with his son-in-law, Emil Schaefer.

TAX RIGHTS STRESSED

Must Receive Value for Every Dollar, South Side Club Is Told.

Right of taxpayers to receive value for every dollar paid in taxes should be demanded by citizens, the South Meridian Street Civic Club was told Friday night by Howard M. Meyer, Indianapolis president of the Isaak Walton League.

Meyer declared public officials who would benefit financially by new legislation should be removed from office. He also outlined purposes of the league.

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Five other motorcycle officers who breaking in new mounts like those pictured are Sergeant Patsy McMahan, Ernest Haight, William Tremp, Clarence Griffin and Jake Hudgins.

\$115,000 IS GIVEN TO I. U. BY REALTOR

Foundation Established by William Patten, Alumni, City Man.

Children of posterity will hear the world's eminent educators and scientists when they attend Indiana university because of a gift of \$115,000 to the university by William Patten, Indianapolis real estate operator and graduate of the school's class of '93.

The gift, announced today, is in the form of an endowment and will be known at the university as the William T. Patten Foundation.

The income from Liberty bonds and municipal and county bonds forming the endowment will be used to bring prominent men to the university for residence and lectures.

During the life-time of the donor the income from the benefaction will be paid Patten.

Patten has been an active leader in the Democratic party in the state. He was auditor of Marion county from 1912 to 1916. During the World War he promoted war chests and Liberty loan drives.

He was the leader in the fight against abandonment of railroad track elevation in the city during the war.

The donor of the endowment is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and the Knights of Pythias.

RULE KILLER INSANE

Wife Slayer Near Death, Sent to Prison Hospital.

Near death, suffering from a bullet which surgeons have been unable to remove from his brain, Herbert R. Kaster, 30, confessed wife slayer, today was to be taken to the state prison hospital for the insane at Michigan City to serve a two to twenty-one-year sentence.

The sentence was imposed by Judge C. D. Kerr in Criminal court Friday when Prosecutor Herbert E. Wilson allowed Kaster to plead guilty to a voluntary manslaughter charge.

Kaster shot and killed his wife, Helen Kaster, 28, in a downtown store, Nov. 27, 1930. A bullet which Kaster afterward fired into his own brain is said to have caused him to become unbalanced mentally.

ACTRESS EUROPE-BOUND

Betty Compton, Unnerved by Divorce Publicity, Seeks Rest.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, May 2.—Betty Compton, musical comedy actress, who married and divorced Eddie Dowling, stage director, in little more than a month, was aboard the Europa today, bound for Southampton, England, and a long rest.

Miss Compton suffered a nervous strain the publicity occasioned by her hasty marriage and divorce and was ordered to go to Europe. She will visit London, Berlin and Paris.

43 QUAKES THIS YEAR

April Maintains Example of March in Number of Shocks.

By Science Service  
WASHINGTON, May 2.—With a series of eight earthquakes, culminating in the destructive Caucasus shocks at the end of the month, April has maintained the high earthquake record of the first quarter of 1931, and has followed the example of the preceding month, which ended with the wrecking of Managua on March 31. The total of major earthquakes for the year, up to April 30, now stands at forty-three.

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CARNEGIE HERO MEDALS GIVEN 23 IN NATION

Boy, 10, Girl, 12, in List of Persons Honored for Bravery.

By United Press

PITTSBURGH, May 2.—Twenty-three persons were the possessors today of bronze medals awarded by the Carnegie hero fund commission, and dependents of three others who lost their lives in acts of bravery were recipients of pensions aggregating \$600 annually.

Cash awards totaling \$20,000, of which \$8,000 was awarded five persons for educational purposes, also were made.

Pennsylvania led the list according to states, with six awards. Ohio was next with five.

Heroes recognized were: Pennsylvania—Trafton T. Buchanan, Renovo; Anetta L. Brennehan, Factoryville; Albert B. Taylor, Carnegie; Herman D. Sigal, Pittsburgh; Florence McArtan, Du Bois; Clarence C. Sponser (deceased), Everett.

Ohio—John Alfred Sanders, Charles H. Mears and Harry Neff, Salam; Marcus C. Easterling, Cleveland; and Sheldon J. Harris (deceased), Painesville.

New York—Jeanette S. Rogers, 12, Ulica; Lawrence J. Menig, Buffalo; Roger L. Slattery, Lockport; and Roderick M. Cunningham, 10, Rochester.

West Virginia—Charles M. Perry, Crum; and Garfield B. Muse, Okesee.

Texas—Clarence J. Farris and C. Ray Drake, Dallas.

Oklahoma—Mrs. Kleyne S. Foster, Oklahoma City.

Maryland—James T. Anthony, Chestertown.

Virginia—Charles S. Frost, Richmond.

North Carolina—William H. Bowen (deceased), Wilmington.

Jeanette Rogers, 12, won her medal by breaking the fall of a 20-month-old baby she saw clinging to a window ledge and thereby saving its life.

Ten-year-old Roderick Cunningham won his medal by saving Joseph W. Schwarz, 34, a sexton, from drowning.

Kiwanians Golf



A beautiful day brought out a big delegation of Kiwanis Club golfers Thursday to take part in the first monthly handicap tournament at Speedway course.

Alvin C. Ostermeyer, golf committee chairman, was about ready to sock one down the first fairway for his first drive, but it took 103 more before he got the gutta percha in the eighteenth cup.

Harrison Bennett and Walter Campbell tied for low gross honors with 83 each. Hal C. Meyer had a 71 net score.

CHINESE PATRIOTS RISE

'Humiliation Day' Meetings Protest Impositions by Foreigners.

PEIPING, May 2.—Chinese patriotic organizations begin Sunday observance of a series of "humiliation days," designed to call people's attention to impositions upon Chinese by foreign groups and nations during recent years. Mass meetings will be held in several cities.

Another huge gem robbery in the exclusive Central park section was revealed when Mrs. Florence E. Canfield informed police that burglars had forced an entrance to her home last Thursday night and stolen jewels worth \$25,000.

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Caramelized Sweet Potatoes .....10c

Creamed New Asparagus .....12c

Biltmore Salad .....15c

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