

ATKINS AWAITS STUDY ON GAS, OFFICIAL SAYS

Proposed Plant Removal
Not to Be Hurried, Is
Announcement.

E. C. Atkins, vice president of the E. C. Atkins Co., manufacturer of saws, said today no steps are to be taken to move the plant from Indianapolis until action on natural gas introduction promised by H. L. Dithmer, board president of the Citizens Gas and Coke Utility, has been considered fully.

"We would much rather stay in Indianapolis," Mr. Atkins explained, "but it is our first duty to consider our own costs. We certainly are not taking any hurried action in a matter which involves so much money and so many people. The possibility of moving our plant to Newcastle is not being considered for selfish reasons. If the Citizens Gas and Coke Utility can furnish the product we want at the right price, we would co-operate with them."

Recent Proposal

J. J. Daniels, attorney for the Columbia Gas and Electric Co., said he knew of no proposals made by his company to furnish natural gas to the municipal plant. "It has been some time since our representatives have discussed the matter with the Citizens Gas and Coke Utility," said Mr. Daniels.

Mr. Dithmer explained that his board was studying the natural gas problem, having been under consideration since the utility was acquired by the city last September. "We must first determine our costs before we are prepared to say what effect the introduction of natural gas might have on the consumer," he said. "We brought the utility—the only one I know of—out of the red in approximately six months. It has taken several months to study the situation before being prepared to take any definite steps."

"We have produced gas at a reduced rate, saved the city \$180,000 on the bond issue and reduced our pay roll 120 people," Mr. Dithmer pointed out. "Our board is now preparing a statement on the problem of natural gas and it is to be announced soon."

Consider Economy Plans

"We are considering not only the natural gas problem, but all other possible means of economy. We have had no definite bids from the Columbia Gas and Electric, but the matter has been discussed. Many changes in appliances would be necessary if natural gas is introduced here, but this not an impossible difficulty. We are interested only in furnishing the consumer with gas at the lowest possible cost," he said.

E. C. Atkins executives are to confer Monday with members of the Newcastle Community Council on the proposed removal of the manufacturing plant. A meeting early this week failed to bring a proposal from the Newcastle group, although it was said they were prepared to offer the Indianapolis plant a factory site and moving costs.

Robbed While Aiding Man

Miner Reed, 72, of the Methodist Memorial Home, Warren, Ind., was robbed of \$13 yesterday in the Y. M. C. A., because he tried to be a good Samaritan. While helping a fallen man back on his feet, Reed's pocket was picked.

NEW SUSPECT HELD AS BLACK LEGION INQUIRY IS BROADENED



Michigan officials have launched a far-flung investigation into activities of the Black Legion, suspected of having created a reign of terror in that and other Midwestern states. At the left, Allen Bascom, suspect in the flogging of Harley Smith

Norwell, Mich., is being fingerprinted. He was held under \$10,000 bond after he demanded an examination on charges of kidnapping and felonious assault. At the right is Justice of the Peace Ernest J. Rogers, the "one-man jury" conducting a John Doe inquiry into the terror cases.

RELIGIOUS GROUP CONFERENCES HELD

Teachers Are Prepared for Missionary Session.

Conferences continued today at the state meeting of the faculty of Young People's Summer Conferences in the headquarters of the Department of Religious Education of the United Christian Missionary Society. The session opened Wednesday.

The teachers are being prepared for conferences to be held at Oakwood Park, Lake Wawasee, Bethany Park, Brooklyn and Oakland City (Ind.) College, to which more than 600 young people are expected to attend.

Conference leaders include Myron T. Hoper, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. Edmund S. Conklin of Indiana University; the Rev. Richard E. Lentz, Wellsville, N. Y., and John W. Harms, state director of religious education of the society.

RETIRING INFANTRY SERGEANT HONORED

Regimental Review at Fort Harrison Scheduled Today.

A regimental review of the Eleventh Infantry stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison was to be held today in honor of First Sergeant Rollie Neel, Company B, Sgt. Neel is retiring from service Sunday after 30 years spent in the Army. He has been stationed at Fort Harrison since 1910. Stationed at various times at most of the important military posts in the United States and in Panama Canal, Sgt. Neel has served his entire enlistment in the infantry.

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GROWTH OF ASSETS	Reserve for Liabilities
January 1, 1916 \$2,407.15	Reserve for Contingencies
January 1, 1926 \$1,637,975.67	Surplus over all
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January 1, 1936 \$3,845,008.37	Total
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TECH TO ISSUE 1040 DIPLOMAS TUESDAY NIGHT

Butler Field House to Be Scene of Exercises Honoring Seniors.

One thousand forty seniors are to receive diplomas at the twenty-second annual commencement exercises of Technical High School, to be held at Butler University field house, Tuesday night.

Samuel Garrison, Board of School Commissioners member, is to present the diplomas. Dr. W. A. Shulmenberger, Central Christian Church pastor, is to give the invocation.

Following a number by the Concert band, "A Fantasia in Brass," directed by Frederic Barker, Dewitt S. Morgan, school principal, is to present the 18 special senior honors.

"The March of Democracy,"

played by the violins and Concert

band, is to precede the presentation of diplomas.

The overture, "Atlantis Suite," by V. F. Safranek, is to be played by the combined orchestra and band.

The pupils in Miss Florence Guild's English VII class at Technical High School have completed the third edition of "Ink Waves," a Supreme Day number consisting of essays, descriptions, monologues, dialogues, narratives, sketches, satires and poetry written during the semester.

Manuscripts of the following were included: John Barkhaus, Max George Beier, Virginia Berry, Glenn Fritzen, Russell Gladien, Richard Imel, Bill Johnson, David LaMar, Julia Lewis, Helen Marsh, Gerald McClain, Carolyn Machler, Mary E. Merideth, Ethel Osborne.

Guy Porter, Betty Riley, James Runyan, Nina Scott, Robert G. Scott, Ralph Smeal, Harold Shingleton, Dorothy Starns, Eileen Small, Norman Von Burg, Irma Williams, Robert C. Wente, Donald Windisch and James Worley.

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