

# Pittsburgh, Soft Coal District, Prohibits Use Of Smoky Fuel

## Our Fair City Shies From Placing a Limit On High Volatile Sale

Pennsylvania Metropolis Adopts Strict St. Louis Plan for Curbing Long-Time Nuisance

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 28.—This is a bold city. Located in the center of a great soft coal district it dared to outlaw the burning of that soft coal in a way that would create smoke.

Indianapolis trembles when it thinks of doing the same thing. The Hoosier capital's proposed new anti-smoke ordinance dances warily away from any attempt to limit the amount of high volatile (smoky) coal which can be sold in the city.

Pittsburgh grew tired, finally, of its title "Smoky City" and adopted the strict St. Louis plan. It passed the ordinance in 1941 but delayed putting it into effect until after the war.

Regulations Extended On Oct. 1, 1946, commercial and industrial establishments went under the regulations. A year later the regulations were extended to cover all fuel consumers.

This was not done without a fight. Bituminous coal producers, with mines surrounding the city, expressed fear they would lose their local market. They and the United Mine Workers had been represented on the Citizens Commission which studied the ordinance. They had agreed to the program. They still said they would go along, but counseled delay until domestic consumers could buy the new stoves and furnaces which would burn bituminous coal smokelessly.

As the deadline for private homes approached, the coal producers, haulers and miners began calling for another postponement. Pointing out that mine strikes and railroad car shortages had made all solid fuel hard to get, they predicted a fuel famine in Pittsburgh if an attempt was made to enforce the law.

Even the friends of the smoke law were fearful. Pittsburgh had always obtained much of its solid fuel direct from the mines, by truck. The smokeless fuels would have to come in by rail, to the relatively few rail yards. Coke made in the district was a legal fuel but practically all supplies had been contracted for by booming industry. Disco, a semi-coke made in the district, could not be obtained in sufficient quantities. The gas companies, short of supplies, began refusing new customers.

But no fuel shortage developed even during a severe cold wave in midwinter. Low-volatile bituminous coal was brought in from central Pennsylvania; anthracite and anthracite briquets from eastern Pennsylvania. The available supplies of coke and Disco filled in the gaps.

Pittsburgh residents complained about the "new" fuel saying it "wouldn't burn" but most of the trouble was due to unfamiliarity with the low-volatile coals.

Some soft coal bootlegging was encountered and a minor politician organized an anti-smoke law group to fight for repeal of the law.

Complaints Diminished The Mayor and City Council stood firm. The Smoke Bureau and the anthracite producers sent men out to show residents how to fire the fuels. And, gradually, the complaints diminished.

Then toward the end of last winter, the Smoke Bureau discovered a fuel which it believed would whip most of last season's problems.

It is a 50-50 mixture of anthracite and soft coal. Because of the low volatile content of the anthracite, the volatile matter in the mixture is kept below the minimum of 20 per cent that the law specifies. The anthracite apparently helps to consume what smoke is produced by the bituminous.

More important, to the consumer, is the fact that a mixture containing small sizes of anthracite costs only a little more than pure soft coal.

Friend of Col. Winn Scoffs at Sick Report LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 28 (UP)—A close friend and business associate of Col. Matt Winn today scoffed at a syndicated columnist's report that the 86-year-old president of Churchill Downs was in poor health.

Sam McMeekin, secretary of Churchill Downs, said that "the colonel is in excellent health. He was out looking at the Downs yesterday and I flaked to him for more than an hour."

Col. Winn, guiding spirit of the Kentucky Derby, was in New York recently for a minor air operation, but Mr. McMeekin said "He was not laid up at all."

Navy Recovers Body Of Albert Rubush The body of Albert Rubush, Indianapolis Fire Department captain who drowned while fishing in a lake near the Crane Naval Depot last Sunday, was recovered by Navy personnel today.

Capt. Rubush was drowned after the small boat in which he and several companions were riding capsized.

Capt. Rubush, whose home was at 1153 Olive St., was stationed at Fire House No. 3 and had been a member of the department 16 years.



TRICKLE—John Dugle, a fifth-grader at Lowell School, tries to get a drink from the school's fountain but the low water pressure sends up only a trickle. The plumbing is said to be at fault and a new fountain has been ordered.



REPAIRS—Children at Lowell School are being inconvenienced while repairs to the building are being made. Here a workman paints pipes of a new boiler installed this year. New equipment takes the school's water system.

## Growing Pains Put Crimp In Lowell School Water

Lowell School, located on East Raymond St. in Warren Township, is having growing pains. The pains were so intense at opening time this year that Paul Ginder, principal, sent the kids home after the second day and told them to come back in a week.

Lowell School received a new addition during the summer. A large auditorium was constructed on the west side of the building with classrooms on the second floor.

But when school opened this month the children found workmen still at work and no water in the drinking fountains or toilets.

Closes School That is what forced the principal to close school after the second day. The well pump was remodeled and it now is able to pump water over the larger building. But as yet there is not an abundance of pressure.

The pump cannot operate all of the 14 toilets which have been installed in the new rest rooms so only eight are in use.

One outlet of the downstairs water fountain gives off a healthy stream of drinking water. Long lines of children wait for a drink at this one outlet because the will have to be dug.

## 68 Pupils Still Out in 'Strike' At School 32

Parents Protest Mixed Race Enrollment

The "strike" at School 32 began to dissolve today as a sizable number of the "hold-out" children trickled back to their classes.

At the height of the strike last week 133 students were absent. Yesterday the number absent still totaled more than 100. Today only 68 were absent.

Parents had held their children out of school in protest of the mixed white and Negro enrollment which began Sept. 17.

Continue 'Hands Off' School authorities continued their "hands off" policy toward the parents of the remaining 68 children in the hope they would be back in school within the next day or so.

Meanwhile, opponents of segregation in the Indianapolis schools began marshalling their forces for an all-out campaign to put through their plan of integration before election.

The integration plan advocates mixing school enrollments regardless of race.

The school board last night declined to alter its present policy of segregation in part of the city school system, but leaders of the movement for "total integration" appeared optimistic.

100 at Hearing One speaker for integration declared at the hearing last night. "There appears to be a growing feeling against segregation among influential groups in the city."

More than 100 persons jammed their way into the school board's meeting room for the hearing. Patrons of School 32 presented a petition to the board.

The petition asked one of three things: That Negro students now at School 32 be transferred to School 36, or that the school be given over exclusively to Negro enrollment, or that all schools in the city be opened to Negroes.

The board took no action on the petition.

Henry Richardson Jr., attorney representing patrons opposing segregation in the School 43 district, presented the board with what he called a "blue print of integration." His plan called for:

ONE: A definite commitment and declared policy of non-discrimination and segregation based neither upon race nor class nor religion.

TWO: A strong and efficient superintendent and administrative staff.

THREE: A uniform redistricting of the whole public school system, inclusive of high schools, wherein all children within their district shall attend the grade or high school within their district. No exceptions shall be made on the basis of race or religion but only on the basis of student objective and specialty.

Plan Outlined Mr. Richardson's plan, which he said had been used successfully in Gary, called for a gradual integration of white and Negro pupils to be completed in the grade schools by September, 1949, and at a later period in the high schools.

He also recommended that a new high school be planned for the far East Side specializing in industrial arts and training. Board members gave no indication of what they thought of the plan.

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Dr. Cornell, who held a medical degree but never practiced, died last week after a lingering illness.

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TONIGHT AND TOMORROW—Tonight, it will be rather cool all through the eastern states as rain sets in. The affected area of the fotocast tells us this rainy weather will extend from the Gulf States to Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, according to the Weather Bureau. Some showers are also forecast for Idaho, Montana and Oregon. The moist arrow at the bottom of the map pictures the air flow which will feed the eastern storm area.

**Official Weather**

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU  
Sept. 29, 1948

Sunrise 6:39 Sunset 5:33  
Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 1:30 a. m. 1.14  
Total precipitation since Jan. 1 31.14  
Deficiency since January 1 1.14

The following table shows the temperature in other cities:

Station	High	Low
Atlanta	62	58
Boston	78	68
Chicago	72	58
Cincinnati	72	58
Cleveland	78	68
Denver	77	62
Evansville	66	56
Los Angeles	82	78
Minneapolis-St. Paul	80	67
New Orleans	73	61
New York	83	63
Philadelphia	78	64
Pittsburgh	73	64
San Francisco	71	59
St. Louis	76	68
Washington, D. C.	72	61

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