

Gas Utility Pledges Rate Reduction '41'

Firm Officials
Plead Case for
Panhandle Deal

By DAN KIDNEY

Times Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—A \$24 million rate reduction was promised Indianapolis gas consumers 1951-52, provided Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co. is ordered to deliver natural gas to the Citizens' Gas and Coke Utility. The promise was made by Elliott G. Peabody, assistant to Citizens' General manager Thomas L. Kemp, in the Federal Power Commission hearing which returned here today. The FPC hearing is on a petition of the city to bring natural gas to Indianapolis for distribution by the Citizens'.

Rate Hike Possible
If natural gas isn't obtained the rates will go up instead of down due to necessary capital investments for manufactured gas, Mr. Peabody said. Under the projected plan the natural gas would be mixed with manufactured gas and he named four companies as possible suppliers. Panhandle would effect the greatest savings, he sought to show by exhibits presented to FPC Examiner Edwin B. Marsh.

The Indianapolis case is under jurisdiction of Commissioner Harrison Wimberly.

Lots of Protesting

Panhandle has protested inability to give Indianapolis the requested 10 million cubic feet of gas daily and the other companies and their present customers also are protesting. Other producers named in the case are Texas Gas Transmission, Texas Eastern (Big and Little Inch lines) and the Tennessee Gas Transmission Co.

Presents Figures

Mr. Peabody presented seven studies showing the capital installation costs of various projected plans. They ranged from \$27,155,593 for manufactured gas down to \$9,130,339 for the least expensive natural installation for mixed gas service. The figures represented an estimated expenditure over five years starting in 1949.

He estimated that the 25-mile hook-up to Panhandle's main line would cost \$1,335,000 and a 55-mile line to Texas Eastern \$2,933,000 for a 16-inch pipe.

Under the municipal trusteeship the board of directors determines gas company policy and has promised the rate cut if FPC acts favorably on the petition, Mr. Peabody declared.

Eric Larsen, consulting engineer for Ford, Bacon and Davis, New York City, and former FPC natural gas expert, testified that Mr. Kemp and other company officials had talked with Panhandle, Texas Eastern, and the others but that no agreement to bring natural gas into the Indianapolis market could be reached in 1947 and 1948. He will seek to show that only an order from FPC can cause any of the companies to do so and exhibits offered will try to prove that this is possible.

Farm Price Index Down 4 Per Cent

Indiana farmers received 4 per cent less for their products in February than January, Purdue University and federal statisticians announced today.

The farm price index stood at 226 (1935-39 is 100), marking the seventh straight month of decline. Purchasing power of Hoosier farm products was down 11 per cent from a year ago.

Hogs were up (\$19.70 to \$20.40) in February and apples rose from \$2.75 to \$2.95.

Milk, eggs, corn, calves, turkeys took an abnormal drop for the season. Cattle, butterfat and oats fell instead of rising. Soybeans, wheat and chickens also dropped.

Women's Democrat Club Officers to Meet

New officers of the Marion County Women's Democratic Club will meet at 2 p. m. today at the Clayton Hotel to plan for a meeting of the organization on Tuesday, Mar. 15.

Officers are Mrs. Kathryn Price Dunn, Bridgeport, R. R. 1, president; Mrs. Agnes McCammon, 116 Adler St., first vice president; Miss Pauline Swier, Lawrence, second vice president; Mrs. Mary Markey, 37 W. 21st St., recording secretary; Miss Ann Forrestal, 1505 Fischer Ave., corresponding secretary; Mrs. Mary Nordick, 349 S. East St., treasurer, and Mrs. Betty O'Connor, 25 N. Tacoma Ave., auditor.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of School Commissioners of Indianapolis until 11 o'clock A. M. Friday, March 25, 1949 for sale to the Board of the following property:
1-10 H. P. motor
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All accounts with the Board's specifications and instructions to bidders on file in the office of the Board at 150 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Indiana.
THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
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Earham Lists Faculty Changes

2 Professors Retire; One Hired at School

Times State Service
RICHMOND, Mar. 8.—Earham College today announced faculty changes including the retirement of two professors and the employment of a new one.

Clara Comstock will retire at the end of this year with the title of "dean of women and professor of physical education emeritus." She has been dean of women since 1929 and professor of physical education since 1915.

Dr. William E. Berry, now head of the department of religion and Greek, will receive the title of "professor of religion emeritus" and teach next year on a part-time basis.

Heads Department
Thomas Shipley Brown of Westover School has been appointed new assistant professor of religion in the combined department of religion and philosophy. Dr. D. Elton Trueblood will head the department.

Paul Hastings, who taught at Earham from 1946 to 1948, is returning from a leave of study to be reappointed assistant professor of business administration.

Minton Urges Extra Judge

Times Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—Judge Sherman Minton, New Albany, member of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago, testified before a House Judiciary Subcommittee here in favor of adding an additional judge to the court.

Cases are sent there from the Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin Federal District Courts and the docket is overcrowded, Judge Minton told the subcommittee.

Rep. Winfield K. Denton, Evansville, Democrat, is a member of the House Judiciary Committee which will act in the matter.

Should a new judge be added, it is likely that the appointment would go to an Indiana Democrat.

Those mentioned previously for a vacancy caused by retirement of Judge William L. Sparks, Indiana Republican, included Democrats Nathan Swaim, former State Supreme Court Justice, Howardough, Indiana, and Roger Brannigan, Lafayette.

ANCIENT COINS FOUND

TOULOUSE, France, Mar. 8 (UPI)—A box containing gold coins more than 800 years old was found in a cave here yesterday. Some coins were dated 1130.

Hogs Off as Much as \$1; Steers Steady but Sluggish

Hog prices suffered a 50 to 75 cent, and instances, \$1 loss today in the Indianapolis Stockyards in comparison to yesterday's early and best prices.

Good to choice hogs in the 162-225-pound class moved at \$20.75 to \$21.25 with a top of \$21.50 paid sparingly. A few lots brought \$20.50 per hundredweight.

Good to choice 225-250-pounders sold at \$20 to \$20.75 and a few brought \$21. Weights 260-290 pounds sold at \$19 to \$20.50. One load of big weight 400-pounders brought \$17.25.

Lightweight 100-160 pounders brought \$17 to \$19.50.

Trolley Kills
Woman Downtown

The city's 1949 traffic death toll stood at eight today, the latest victim a woman pedestrian who stepped in front of a trackless trolley in midday. A woman was in scarce supply.

The victim, Mrs. Sarah Baer, 62, of 3021 N. Delaware St., died en route to General Hospital shortly before 2 p. m.

She was injured east of the intersection of Meridian and Washington Sts. as she stepped from behind a westbound trackless trolley into the path of an eastbound Brightwood trolley. The operator was William Radford, 4012½ E. 31st St.

The fatal accident was one of three pedestrian mishaps within a few minutes of each other in the mile square yesterday.

2d Trolley Mishap
At Illinois and Market Sts., Mrs. Margaret Turner, 26, 743 N. New Year St., was struck by a trolley operated by Everett Evans, 638 Madison Ave. She was treated at General Hospital.

Another pedestrian, Ray Millikan, 24½ E. St. Clair St., escaped serious injury at St. Clair and Alabama Sts. when two cars collided and one car struck the pedestrian.

Melvin M. Parr, 52, of 2503 W. Howard St. and Delmar Hillard, 26, 810 S. Pershing Ave., were injured when their two cars collided at Howard St. and Pershing Ave. Parr was taken to General Hospital in fair condition. Hillard was treated for shoulder injuries.

18th in County

The latest traffic fatality, Mrs. Baer, was Marion County's 18th traffic death in 1949. A native of Lithuania, she had lived in Indianapolis 53 years.

Surviving are her husband, Oscar; two daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Goldstein, Indianapolis and Mrs. Sylvia Abramson, Los Angeles; two sons, Joe Baer, Los Angeles and Dr. Fred Baer, San Francisco; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Sachs and Mrs. Sadie Robinson and a brother, Max (Red) Sachs, all of Indianapolis, and seven grandchildren.

ANN SOUTHERN SINGLE

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 8 (UPI)—Ann Southern was free today from her second husband, actor Robert Sterling. The actress picked up her final divorce decree yesterday after a two-month delay because she was out of the state.

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U. S. Statement

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8 (UPI)—Government expense statement for the current fiscal year through Mar. 4 compared with a year ago.

Expenses \$23,787,944,130 Last Year \$22,532,122,422

Receipts 25,162,585,609 27,402,564,138

Surplus 1,355,640,672 4,869,435,710

Cash Balance 25,162,585,609 27,402,564,138

Public Debt 232,082,771,553 \$34,998,523,829

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