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Shall Liberty People Pay More for Electricity? Hearing Monday

Public Service Commission Will Come Here to Settle the Matter—Court House to be Place of Meeting

Bulletin.

The Public Service Commission of Indiana will hold a hearing beginning at 1:30 p. m., Monday, July 26, in the Court House, Liberty, in the matter of the petition of the Liberty Light and Power Company for authority to increase its rates for electric service in the towns of Liberty, Boston, and West College Corner.

On Monday of this week the Commission approved, after a hearing at Richmond on July 15, the petition of the City of Richmond for increase in rates charged by the municipal utility for electric energy supplied to the people and industries of Richmond and also to the Liberty Light and Power Company.

The petition of the Liberty Light and Power Company sets forth the fact that rates and charges made by it are predicated initially upon the rates and charges charged it by the Richmond Electric plant, and that with an increase in such rates, it becomes necessary for petitioner to increase its rates to the several communities served.

The Commission has made the new rates at Richmond effective as of August 1, and is expediting the hearing in the Liberty Light and Power Company's petition so that the order may be issued effective as of that date.

The Liberty Light & Power Company, Robert Ashe, Richmond, president, representing itself to be the largest consumer of the Richmond Municipal Electric plant, filed written statement Thursday of last week objecting to any increase in its own rates and charges but admitting the necessity of an increased revenue for the Richmond Municipal plant.

The statement of the Liberty Light & Power Company was submitted to E. I. Lewis, of the Indiana Public Service Commission, who presided over a meeting held at the City Council chamber in Richmond to hear the petition of the city of Richmond for an increase in the lighting and power rates for the Richmond Municipal plant, it being represented by the city that the revenue the plant has received under its present rates has been less than the plant's operating expenses since May 1.

The Liberty Light & Power Company serves the towns of Liberty, Boston and College Corner, in Indiana; New Paris, Ohio, and the Brookville, Ind., Electric Company. In its statement to the Indiana Public Service Commission, the company represents itself to be the largest customer of the Richmond Municipal plant, its bills of averaging \$1,100 to \$1,600 monthly.

Wilfred Jessup, attorney for the Liberty company, tried to show that the company operated on a different basis from any other consumer of power from the Richmond plant.

Superintendent Dillon of the Richmond plant was questioned by the commissioner as to the relation of the plant to the Liberty company and as to the peak load of the plant. It was brought out that under the existing contract the Liberty company has the privilege of taking current from the Richmond plant and that the Richmond plant must furnish the Liberty company with all the power it demands.

Under this contract, the Liberty company could embarrass the city of Richmond to a serious degree, if new power users should spring up in the Liberty territory.

The Liberty company could demand more than the surplus of the municipal plant. The contract was made before the city of Richmond assumed control of the light plant. The commission, however, directed the city to take over the conditions of the contract.

Robert Ashe, president of the Liberty company, has never taken advantage of the contract, and he says that he will never make any demands that will embarrass the Richmond plant.

Pounder the Host at a Weiner Roast

A weiner roast was enjoyed at the home of Francis Pounder Sunday evening. Those present were: Misses Charlotte DuBois, Esther McMahan, Maxine Maxwell, Enid Orr, Cleon Johnson, Martha Page, Natalie Johnson and Estelle Owen, and Messrs. Stewart LaRue, Franklin DuBois, Beauford Rodefer, Roland Duval of Indianapolis, Francis Pounder, Albert Martin, Ned Thompson and Earl Rose.

Epworth League Reds Entertain Whites

On last Thursday evening the Reds of the Epworth League entertained the Whites at a weiner roast at the Water Works park. Sandwiches, pickles, marshmallows and coffee were served. The evening was spent in playing games.

John Pinkerton Buys 150 Acres in Ohio

John Pinkerton, of Union County, has purchased the 150 acre farm of J. H. Lamm, located two miles east of Somerville, Ohio.

People Coming and Going

Miss Caroline Pierce returned Sunday to her home in Muncie after a two weeks' visit with relatives here.

Miss Hilda Flory, of Eaton, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Little and daughter Harriet this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maibaugh and daughter Hilda took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Clint Montgomery Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Esoff, of Muncie, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Henderson Sunday and Monday.

Misses Lorene and Nellie Stahr and Messrs. Paul Farley and Herbert Ellison spent Sunday evening in Richmond.

Mrs. Francis Farley left Wednesday for Marion Ohio, to spend a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Farley entertained at dinner Monday Mrs. Minnie McMahan and daughters Elsie and Esther.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fromeyer and children, of Cincinnati, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Toole Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William McNaughton and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reeder of Connersville spent Sunday here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Beard and daughter Mary Agnes were the guests of friends in Greenfield, Ind., Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Wilson's Sunday School class enjoyed a picnic at the home of Mrs. Joseph Coddington Sunday afternoon.

Calvin Beck and Esther Ridenour and Mrs. George Ridenour attended children's exercises at Greenwood Sunday night.

Mrs. Minnie McMahan and daughters Elsie and Esther and Roland Duval of Indianapolis motored to Brookville Thursday.

The company asks the following schedule for the towns of Liberty, West College Corner and Boston: For lighting, 13 cents a kilowatt hour for the first sixty kilowatts, and 10 cents for all more than sixty, with a minimum monthly charge of \$1.25; for power, \$1.50 per H. D. connected, with 5 cents a kilowatt hour additional, and for rural lighting 10 cents a kilowatt hour.

The company resells power to the Brookville Electric Company, at Brookville, and it also asks for an increase in its rates to the Brookville company.

A hearing on the petition of the city of Richmond was held last week before E. I. Lewis, chairman of the commission, and he intimated after the hearing that an increase would be granted. A decision in the case will be given in the next few days.

Inspector O. K.'s Rude and Carter Factories

Ted Love, of Elwood, a state factory inspector, was here on Thursday of last week inspecting the plants of the Rude Manufacturing Company and the Carter Paint Company. Mr. Love found both of the local factories in first class condition, which speaks decidedly well for them. Mr. Rude and Mr. Shock, the managers of the two local institutions, are deserving of congratulations. Mr. Love was entertained at dinner, while here, at the home of N. Harbit, he and Mr. Harbit having been raised together at Elwood.

To Bring Body of Simon E. Snyder Home

Isaac N. Snyder, Sr., of Clifton, has just been apprised by the Red Cross that the body of his son, Simon E. Snyder, who was killed in action during the World War and now is buried in France, will arrive in the United States some time after September 15. Private Snyder was killed on October 18, 1918, and the local post of the American Legion was named the Simon Ethelbert Snyder post in his memory. Isaac N. Snyder is in possession of a photograph of his son's grave.

Brings First Wheat to Brownsville Elevator

L. J. Cully, one of the proprietors of the Brownsville elevator, took the first new wheat in Union County to Brownsville Saturday from his farm. The wheat was of good quality. It averaged fifty-nine pounds to the bushel, and seventeen bushels to the acre.

Lee Huntington Has Three Upsets of Hay

Lee Huntington has been having hard luck. Three times during the past week he has had upsets with loads of hay. The third time was early Wednesday afternoon, when Mr. Huntington's wagon ran into the ditch near Roseburg and spilled the hay all over the road.

Liberty Ladies Attend District Rebekah Meeting

Mrs. Abbie Leach and Mrs. Charles F. Bond went to Connersville Thursday to attend the district meeting of the Rebekah lodge as delegates from the local lodge.

County Health Report is Given

Benett Colyers spent Tuesday in Connersville on business.

Mrs. Hannah Stewart is spending this week in Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Addison of Connersville are the proud parents of a son, born Wednesday, July 21.

Mrs. B. M. Nye and Mrs. C. C. Grover spent Wednesday in Brownsville.

Miss Florence Addison was the guest of relatives in Connersville Wednesday.

Gilbert Bond and Raymond Toler were in Raymond, Ind., on business Wednesday.

Miss Mary Carlyle of Cincinnati is the guest of Miss Corinne Snyder for a few days.

Mrs. J. C. Clawson and son Joe are spending a few days of this week in Cincinnati.

Miss Katherine Regan of Connersville and guest spent Monday with Miss Addie Maibach.

Mrs. Will Rose and son Earl, Mrs. M. J. Bevis and Beauford Rodefer spent Wednesday in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Little, Richard and Robert Ross and Earl Rose motored to Richmond Tuesday evening.

Miss Elvira Kempton and Glenn Kempton of Richmond were the guests of Miss Elsie McMahan Wednesday.

Miss Elsie Shouse returned to her home in Rushville after spending the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Virg Shouse.

Misses Nellie Stahr and Nondus Moore and Messrs. Herbert Ellison and Roy Creek spent Friday evening in Richmond.

Misses Dorothy Beaver, Nellie Stevens and Elsie Shouse of Rushville are the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Shouse.

Mrs. W. A. Fosdick, Mrs. Herbert Fosdick and daughter Alice and Mrs. Donald Fosdick and son James spent Wednesday in Eaton.

Mrs. H. E. Page and daughter Mildred and Martha and Mrs. Esther McMahan motored to Oxford Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. LaRue and son Stewart and Mrs. Stewart were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pulen at dinner Sunday.

Misses Corinne Snyder and Mary Rebecca Pignan and Messrs. Gilbert Bon and Ralph Kitchel motored to Oxford Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bickler of Indianapolis, Mrs. Bina McGrath and Mrs. Blaine McGrath and son Ted spent Sunday in Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Driggs and son returned from Advance, Ind., Monday, after spending the past week there the guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Krehnenbrink and daughter Helen, of Cincinnati, Ohio, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dorsel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Berth and daughter Dorothy and son Maxwell left Wednesday for Bayview, Mich., to spend the rest of the summer.

Misses Emelie Tappan and Alice Humpsher and Messrs. Fred Barnhart and Charles McMahan motored to Connersville Sunday evening.

Jesse Stevens, Ralph Robertson, W. P. Richardson, L. E. Snook, Everett Abernathy and Virgil McCarty attended the baseball game in Cincinnati Tuesday afternoon.

Misses Vivian Douthit and Mary Rebecca Pignan and Messrs. Eber Brown of Lynn, Ind., and Lloyd Stevens spent Sunday at Funk's Lake.

Misses Ruth Jones of Middletown, Charlotte Husted, Mary Rebeccah Pignan, Ruth Kitchel and Kate Husted, and Messrs. Ralph Kitchel, Dwight Orr, Albert Post, Milo Nye, and Robert Stevens attended the dance at Jackson Park Friday evening.

Teachers for Center Township Selected

Teachers for Center Township for the coming year have all been engaged by Trustee E. Z. Gainey with the exception of one. No teacher has yet been definitely engaged for the Beech Grove school, but a selection will be made shortly. The teachers for other schools in the township will be as follows:

Greenwood—Osa Duvall, principal; Dean Dell Williams and Emma Gilmore.

Salem—W. H. Creeract, principal; Mrs. C. C. Abernathy and Margaret Dooley.

Witter—Lucile Bannon.

Music and Art—Helen Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Lafuse, Mrs. Hiner Hunt, Mrs. Elsie Morgan, Mrs. Flora Wilson, Norman Johnson and Richard Ross motored to Oldenberg Tuesday and spent the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Krehnenbrink and daughter Helen, of Cincinnati, Ohio, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Biggs, of Connersville, were married at the M. E. parsonage at Richmond Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Stokes of the M. E. church officiated. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Parrish of Chester, Mrs. William Plankenhorn, Mrs. Cloyd Judkins, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Clevenger and Miss Elsie Houser.

The bride wore a gown of dainty white organdie, with matching accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Riggs will spend a few days with the bride's parents and then will leave for future residence in Connersville.

The bride has for some time acted as the efficient Community Center correspondent of The Express and the publishers of this paper extend best wishes for a happy and prosperous future for the newly married couple.

LeRoy Jones of the Purdue Poultry Department will demonstrate the culling of poultry on next Monday, July 26, on two farms in Union County. The morning demonstration will be at Mrs. Roy Carson's, in Harrison Township, at 9:30 a. m. The afternoon demonstration will be at Mrs. Henry Scott's, Harmony Township, at 2 p. m. Plan to attend one of these demonstrations.

Miss Tappan Hostess to Delta Theta Tau

The local chapter of the Delta Theta Tau met at the home of Miss Emelie Tappan Tuesday evening.

After the meeting light refreshments consisting of ice cream with chocolate dip, macaroons, nabiscoos and ice tea were served. The members present were: Misses Natalie and Glyn Johnson, Miriam Kirker, Corinne Snyder, Isabel Sharp, Mary Rebecca Pignan, Ruth McCarty, Nelle George, Kate Husted, Ruth Kitchel, Charlotte Dubois, Mary Catherine Calkins, and Mrs. Spencer Stevens.

W. A. Fosdick Scare Bird Out of Harm's Way

W. A. Fosdick was observed on Monday morning carefully "shooing" a fledgling bird across the street and onto the Court House lawn, where it would not be run over. The bird had evidently fallen from its nest somewhere and strayed into the middle of the street. Mr. Fosdick does not like to see a bird harmed.

Entertain 500 Club at Chicken Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross entertained the Five Hundred Club at a delicious fried chicken dinner given in honor of Will Rose to celebrate his forty-first birthday Tuesday evening.

The birthday cake with its forty-one candles held an imposing place in the center of the table. Cookies were laid for twelve guests.

Well, WE'D Say This Will Be the Real Thing in Entertainments, Boy!

The motion picture machine which has been ordered for the use of the County Agent for the past five months has arrived. Fred Russell will furnish the Deleo juice, the County Agent will furnish the films, Charlotte will play the piano, Mary Rebecca will play the violin, and Kate will sing.

Who can beat this outfit for an entertainment?

is planned to use the machine considerably at township farmers' association meetings. Mr. Russell will

County Health Report is Given

Precautions Should be Taken Now Against Sickness of Babies

By Dr. Will A. Thompson

County Health Commissioner

The health of the county was lowered to the average of the summer months. The birth rate increased to the highest so far this year. There were thirteen births in the county and none in the town of Liberty. Three deaths occurred in the county and none in Liberty. There were three marriages in the county.

The season is here when the highest sick and death list among babies is prevalent. The usual causes for this high rate are mistakes in feeding and the hot weather, to which these little patients are so susceptible.

Every mother should be unusually careful with bottle fed babies and see that the bottles and food are sterile. Nursing babies should not be overclothed. The summer diseases, diarrhea, ileo-colitis and cholera infantum, may be lessened with extraordinary precautions.

Births

Harry W. and Bessie Hawley, a boy, Donald Hugh, June 1.

Vernon and Adalene Horn, a boy, Vernon Jr., June 3.

Delos and Mary Myers, a boy, Dean Allison, June 6.

Henry and Clara Frazier, a boy, stillborn, June 7.

Guy and Mary Bohannan, a boy, George William, June 14.

Kramer and Lena Charles, a girl, Marcelline Jean, June 14.

Lloyd and Ethel Harnmayer, a girl, Marjorie Ethel, June 15.

Alvin and Helen LaFuze, a girl, Helen Lucile, June 18.

Frank and Helen Rinehart, a girl, Geraldine Louise, June 19.

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