

EXTENSION MUST BE JUSTIFIED

Important Ruling Made by Commissioner Brecht in Schuylkill County Case



The Public Service Commission today dismissed the complaint of John O. Ulrich, of Tamaqua, who charged that the Eastern Pennsylvania Light, Heat and Power Company would not extend a gas main to his premises. The case attracted considerable attention in Schuylkill county and the decision is important because Commissioner Brecht, who wrote the decision, says "Certain local conditions may exist that would make it unduly burdensome upon the operating company to make extensions to its plant equipment without some estimate or assurance of the probable consumption from the consumer for a comparatively limited period that might be taken as an index of the prospective earnings from such extension."

Mr. Brecht also remarks "The mere fact of having corporate rights and authority to exercise the same within a borough is not in and of itself a sufficient and compelling reason under all circumstances, and conditions why a public service company should be required to extend its service to any portion of the town on the application of a prospective consumer residing within the borders of the municipality."

After some dealers—State Highway Commissioner Black has given orders that persons having dealers tags on automobiles can use the cars so li-

censed only for "demonstrating, testing or selling." It is charged at the department that in a number of cases it has been found that dealers have been hiring out cars licensed for their own business use and that they have been used for pleasure parties in direct violation of law. The department is arranging to co-operate with police officials of several cities.

Dr. Dixon Offers Farm.—State Commissioner of Health Samuel G. Dixon yesterday offered his farm near Malvern to the Governor for use for military purposes in case of war. The farm has a valuable water supply and a race track which can be used for training purposes.

Must Improve Stations.—The Public Service Commission last night handed down a decision requiring the Pennsylvania Railroad to improve its stations at Bala and Cynwyd.

For New Troop.—A call has been issued for the organization of the headquarters troop of the First Cavalry. The troop will be formed by Colonel J. P. Wood in person.

Mr. Ainey Complimented.—Chairman W. D. B. Ainey, of the Public Service Commission, was complimented today by friends at the Capitol on the address given yesterday by him on the work of the commission. The address discussed all phases of the work of the commission.

Expect Many to Attend.—The attendance at the dinner of the State Society next week is expected to be the largest gathering of people connected with the State government and the Legislature in years. A number of prominent guests will attend.

Scranton Men Called.—Complaints that certain jitney operators in Scranton were ignoring the order of the Public Service Commission to take out certificates have been received at the Capitol and several of them have been ordered to appear here on April 26.

Holiday on Hill.—Today was a legal holiday at the Capitol but the offices of the Governor, Adjutant General and Commissioner of Health, as well as the State police, were open.

More Changes Likely.—It is probable that more changes in the National Guard will be made within a week. The lists of officers are being filled up as rapidly as selections can be made.

ALL GERMAN SHIPS HERE ARE SEIZED

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91 Ships Taken Over.—German vessels now in American ports number 91 with a gross tonnage of about 600,000. This includes 23 ships in refuge at the Philippine Islands, at Honolulu and one at Pago Pago, a port of the Pacific Islands. There are 27 German ships at New York anchored on both sides of the Hudson river and off Staten Island, five at Boston, three at Baltimore, two at Philadelphia, three at San Francisco, two at New Orleans, two at Southport, N. C.; two at Adria, Ore.; one each at Portland, Ore.; Winslow, Wash.; Seattle, Norfolk, Va.; Savannah, Charleston, Jacksonville, Fla., and San Juan, P. R.

The total also includes two German vessels which have been interned. The ships lying at their slips at the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd docks at New York and Hoboken include some of the flower of the German merchant marine. The Vaterland, one of the largest vessels in the world, is by far the most valuable. Next in size is the George Washington, 25,570 tons. Others of more than 15,000 tons are the President Grant, President Lincoln and Kaiser Wilhelm II. Four Austrian steamships also are tied up here.

Under Heavy Guard.—Since the President delivered his war message to Congress these ships have been under a heavy guard stationed by the collector of the port. Their officers have said that lying at their docks since the beginning of the war these vessels have become so fouled and their ships so choked with mud that it would have been virtually impossible for them to get away unless they were extricated by dredges. At various times there have been reports that the machinery and boilers have been wrecked by their German crews but of this there has been no official confirmation.

Collector McGovern, after boarding the North German Lloyd steamer Wilhelm at New London, said that her engines were apparently in good condition.

The first vessels taken over were the Hamburg, Koenig Wilhelm II, Prinz Ritel, Friedrich, Prinz Joachim and Albatross in the Hudson river at the foot of One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street.

Large Boarding Parties.—These ships total 85,128 tons and there are 41 officers and 173 men in the crews.

The boarding party comprised deputy marshals and collectors, immigration agents and United States infantry. When they took possession some of the Germans were disturbed, but for the most part they exchanged jokes with their visitors. The crews assembled personal effects and were taken to Ellis Island pending orders as to the disposition of them. Captain Letner of the Koenig Wilhelm II and several of the sailors protested against this procedure, saying they had American citizenship papers. It was decided to detain them until their status was announced in Washington.

A small guard of soldiers was placed on each vessel.

MIDDLETOWN

H. M. Edwards, aged 65, died suddenly this morning from acute indigestion at his home in East Main street. Dr. H. W. George was summoned when Mr. Edwards became ill. He died shortly after. He is survived by three daughters, Margaret, Harrisburg; Mrs. Annie Cook, Elizabethtown; Mrs. James Shoemaker, Toledo, Ohio; one brother and three sisters. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. M. P. Hocker will officiate. Burial will be made in the Middletown cemetery.

Dorothy and Harold, two children of Mr. and Mrs. John Redman, were operated upon at the Harrisburg Hospital yesterday morning where they had their tonsils and adenoids removed.

Daniel Bennett was injured at the car works when a box of bolts weighing 1,600 pounds fell on his legs.

Mrs. H. K. Baum has returned from Philadelphia.

Valentine Beachler of Toronto, Can., is spending some time in town.

Mrs. E. K. Baum has returned from Philadelphia.

Miss Minerva Peters of Philadelphia is visiting in town.

Mrs. Charlotte Romberger of Williamsport is visiting her mother in Pine street.

Mrs. Sherman Hawthorne of Harrisburg was the guest of the social circle which met at the home of Mrs. Webster Weaver.

Bruce Peters of State College is spending ten days in town.

Harry Troupe, of Syracuse, N. Y., is spending some time in town.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will present an Easter program on Sunday evening.

Dr. H. W. George is in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bergstresser and son, have returned from Philadelphia.

U. S. Takes Over Ships As Means to Protect Property

By Associated Press

Washington, April 6.—Seizures of German merchantships in American ports according to official statement today are measures of safety for the ships themselves and adjoining property. The crews aboard are regarded as German reservists on German territory.

The further question of what is to be done with the fleet now comes up for consideration. Two courses, it was said, are open to the government. The ships may be impressed into service and paid for at the close of the war or they may be confiscated altogether without violating the terms of the Prussian-American treaty of 1828. Many officials oppose the latter course unless it should be decided to take it upon the principle of taking a ship for every American ship destroyed illegally by a submarine.

NEWS OF STEELTON

QUETLY OBSERVE HOLIDAY IN TOWN

Banks and Post Office Are Closed in Keeping With Good Friday

Nothing exceptional marked the observance of Good Friday in the borough. The Steelton National Bank and the post office were the only institutions to close down for the day. The banks were closed all day and the post office was open between 7 and 10 this morning and will be open between 5 and 8 o'clock this evening. There were two deliveries and three collections of mail during the day.

Six judges of the debate at the High school this morning on the question, "Resolved, That Capital Punishment Should Be Abolished" voted a tie and the winner was not decided. The debate was one of the most spirited in the school for some time. The affirmative debated were Miss Mary E. Shelley, Miss Hazel E. Heck, and the negative contestants were J. Reese Beyrnt, J. Gibbons McCall and Emory C. Myers. The judges were selected from the High school and consisted of Miss Hazel E. Heck, Miss Margaret Lord and Russell Baker, Seniors; Miss Elizabeth Couffer and Claude Knoderer, Juniors; Miss Margaret Lord and Miss Margaret Weiger, Sophomores.

The entire program was presented by the D class and was in keeping with the Easter season. Others who took part were: Miss Ruth E. Walker, Miss Margaret E. McCurdy, Miss Agnes R. Mace, Miss Elizabeth M. Humer, Miss Mildred P. Westra, Miss Margaret A. Gassner, Miss Gladys H. Billeit, Miss Anna Z. Smetzer.

Members of the three missionary societies of the Centenary United Brethren Church observed Good Friday with special services in the church this afternoon.

The Rev. A. K. Wier, pastor of the Centenary Church, will preach a Good Friday sermon in the United Brethren Church at Oberlin this evening.

Music at St. John's Lutheran Church Sunday

Special music will be one of the features at St. John's Lutheran Church Sunday. At the sunrise service at 6 o'clock the following program will be given: Prelude, organ; voluntary, Baliste; male duet, "The Empty Tomb," the Rev. Mr. Lauffer and Mr. R. Alleman; baritone solo, "Behold the Place Where They Laid Him," H. R. Rupp.

At the morning communion service at 10 o'clock, the following program will be followed out: Organ, "Easter Morning," Malling; anthem, "God Is Loved the World," by Stainer; anthem, "Down in the Lilled Garden," by Willson; organ, "Hallelujah Chorus," Handel.

In the evening the Easter cantata, "The Gospel of Easter" will be sung by the choir. The choir is composed of the following: Sopranos, Mrs. L. B. Roth, Mrs. H. R. Rupp, Mrs. H. Withers, Mrs. L. George, Mrs. C. N. Munnia, Mrs. Earl Thomas, Miss Olive Dayhoff, Miss Elizabeth Pretz; contraltos, Mrs. W. E. Dehner, Mrs. H. F. Lupper, Mrs. C. M. Pannell, Mrs. Lee Wilt, Miss Mary Alleman, Miss Margie Wagonbach, Miss Susan Reigle; tenors, M. R. Alleman, Earl Thomas, Harold Wells, T. J. Bittner; basses, W. E. Dehner, William Kreis, Joseph Heckert, E. Reukugler, Paul Shatto, Hart Trawitz, C. Reukugler and the Rev. G. N. Lauffer, Mrs. Charles Lawrence, organist; H. R. Rupp, director.

Issue Call For Bids on 1918 School Supplies

Notices have been posted by the committee on supplies of the School Board to the effect that all persons desiring to offer bids for stationary supplies for 1918 should file their bids at the office of the superintendent of schools not later than May 28. Persons desiring to offer bids for furnishing coal and kindling can secure information from M. C. Zerby, chairman of the committee.

MARSICO FUNERAL

Funeral services for John Marsico, aged 22, who died at 366 South Second street yesterday of pneumonia, will be held in St. Ann's Catholic Church to-morrow morning.

DVONEKOVIC FUNERAL

Funeral services for John Dvonekovic, 321 South Second street, who died at the Harrisburg Hospital Wednesday, from injuries received in the local steel plant, were held this morning.

JOHN HARLACKER DIES

Funeral services for John Harlacker, aged 41, who died at 719 Mohr street Wednesday afternoon from pneumonia, will be held to-morrow morning from the St. John's Catholic Church.



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Steelton Snapshots

Main Street Entertainment.—An Easter program will be presented by the Main Street Church of God Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Those who will take part are: Carl B. Stevick, the Rev. G. W. Getz, Meredith Keyser, Evelyn Cocklin, Charles Shiner, Ruth Nogle, Ida Albright, Bessie Hahn, Arthur Baker, Thelma Corke, Sara Hager, Maynard Schlessler, Helen Warner, Orville Crumlish, Josephine Neser, Norris Harrow, Pearl Row, Hazel Tuptanowski, Mildred Herman, Thelma Funk, Romaine Funk, Ruth Donley and Mildred Stevick.

Appoint House Committee.—The house committee appointed by Steelton Lodge, No. 382, Loyal Order of Moose, is as follows: D. S. Wenrick, B. F. Kelsey, S. T. Durborrow, F. V. Meals, Herman Brandt, John Neser and Preston V. Low. Plans are being made for the observance of a ladies' night this month in German Quartet club hall.

Rabbi Haas to Speak.—Rabbi Robert Louis Haas, of the Ohev Shalom Temple, Harrisburg, will speak at a session of the Young Men's Hebrew Association Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Choir Rehearsal.—The final rehearsal for the Easter music to be presented by the choir of the First Reformed Church will be held this evening.

Goes to Akron, Ohio.—Dr. Annie R. Stees who has been practicing medicine in the borough for a year left for Akron, Ohio, to accept a position in the Health Department of the Goodrich Rubber Company.

Special Music.—The choir of the Centenary United Brethren Church, directed by A. B. Stouffer, will present the following anthems for Easter Sunday morning: "Sweet the Moments," "Soldiers of Christ," "Arise," by Whittier; Solists: soprano, Pearl Beidel; contralto, Opal Pierce, and baritone, Harry Hollman.

OBERLIN

The program of Salem Lutheran Sunday school Sunday evening at 7:30 will consist of the following: Anthem; choir; processional, "Earth Now Awakes," Sunday school; Scripture lesson; Gloria Patria; anthem, choir; solo, Mary Reigart; recitation, "A Risen Saviour," Fred Jefferson; hymn, "Come, Jesus, Redeemer," Sunday school; hymn, "The Garden Tomb," Sunday school; exercise, four boys; hymn, "Victor O'er Death"; recitation, "Joyful Things," Sarah Dieckey; chorus, "Seek Ye the Lord," exercise, "A Light For the Wide, Wide World"; nine little girls; carol, "Little Spring Beauty," primary department; exercise, "The Meaning of the Easter Flowers," six girls; solo, Romaine Brehm; recitation, "Easter Lilies," Caroline Swigart; carol, "Ring, Happy Bell"; acoustic, "Christ, the King," thirteen children; address, pastor; hymn, "Enthroned Above."

The regular monthly meeting of the teachers of Swara township schools will be held in the high school room Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The program is as follows: "The Teaching of Geography and History Through Pictures," Miss Brubaker; "Relation of the Study Received During the Recitation Period," Miss Green; "Teaching Arithmetic in First and Second Grades," Miss Cooper; Assignment of Lessons. How? When? Mr. Snoko.

Miss Bertha Eby is teaching the primary grade in the absence of Miss Short.

At a meeting of the board of directors this week the following was announced: The transfer exercises will be held in the Church of God, Enhart; the Rev. H. S. Kiefer, of the United Brethren Church will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class; the commencement exercises will be held in Salem Lutheran Church; the address to be given by Dr. T. L. Bickel, of the Boys' High School, Reading.

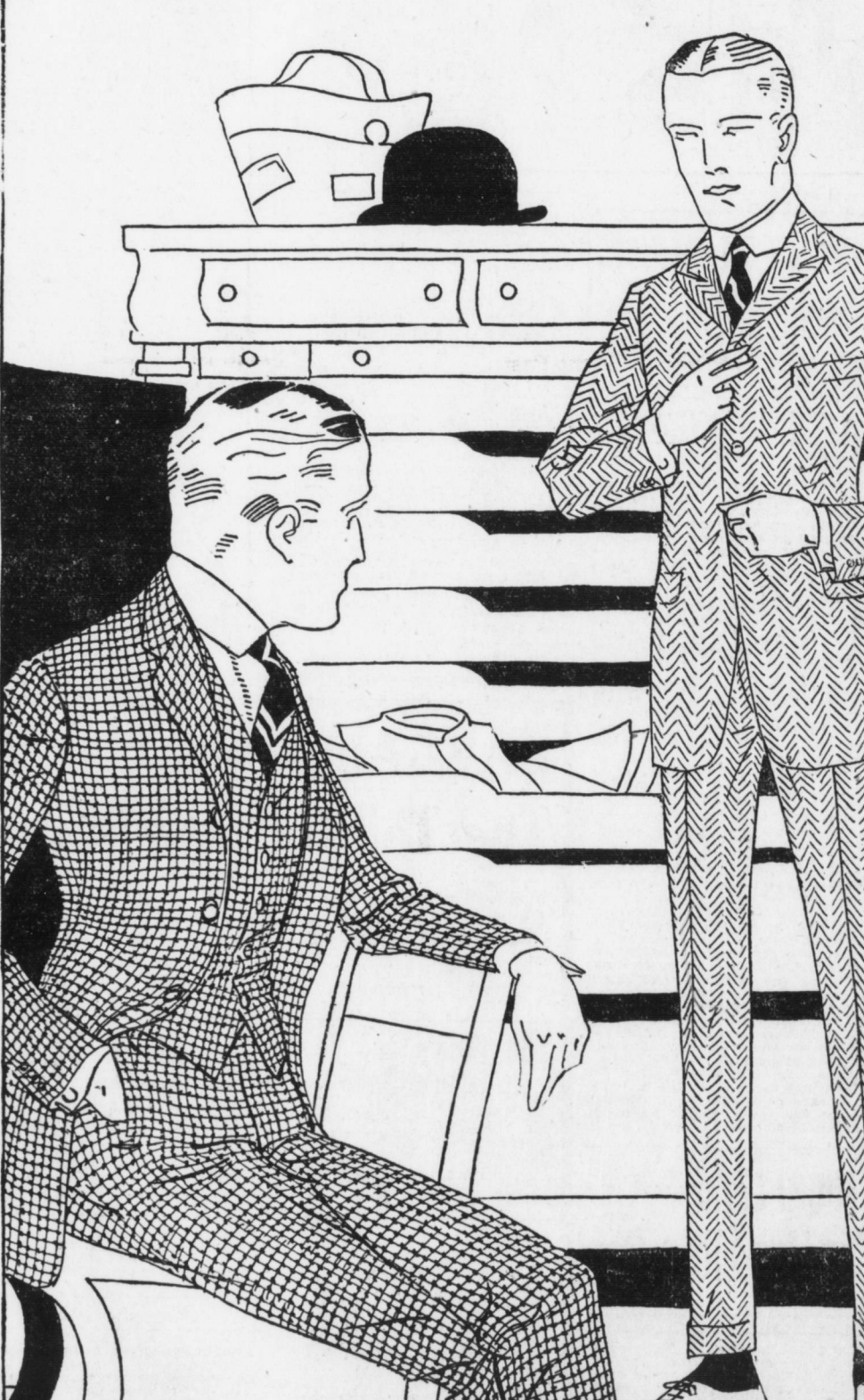
The board also set May 29 for the closing of the grade schools and June 15 for the high school.

An honor roll has been established in the township high school. An average of 90 per cent. in the various branches must be obtained. The following is the roll for the month of March: Senior class, Paul Peck, Franklin Paul, Mildred Rupp, Helen Brehm, Mildred Eshenaur; junior class, James Moyer, John Brightbill, Walter Vogt; sophomore, Enda Cassell, Ernest Fleisher, Foster Fought, Brandt Fleisher, Romaine Brehm, Wilbur Eshenaur; freshman class, Harrison Krider, Mary Clemens, Mary Hocker, George Roth, Foster Gerhart, Omer Kline, Joseph Cooper, Eva Eshenaur, Mary Boyer and Christian Beck.

NAME TIPSTAVES

Tipstaves for Common Pleas court, which begins next Monday, were named by the Dauphin County court as follows: John Potroff, Robert W. Green, M. E. Graham, Samuel Johnson, Henry Fulchner, Felix Newman, H. C. Winters, Frank Brown, B. R. Mitchell, John Moyer, Henry Chubb, J. U. Yentzer, George Efters.

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