

EVERYBODY BUYS TAXOLINE

Many oil companies have recently developed special new "powered" gasolines which you have been seeing in the newspapers, on service station banners. Probably several times you've bought some of the new fuel to keep the old bucket of bolts rolling this fall—to work, to shop, to church, over to a shindig in the next town, to the basketball game, etc.

Funny thing about all these new gasolines. The companies put their best brains onto the job of working out new scientific formulas to get any bad things out of your gas, to put more pep into the engine, to make the car go more smoothly and less expensively. And they have done a great job—put in some new ingredients, took out a few bad ones, changed ratios around and made some other improvements.

But there's one ingredient the oil companies left right in there because they had no choice. It's a mighty big one, yet an awful lot of people just don't know it's there. We're talking about the gasoline tax.

That's why all the service stations this fall and winter are putting up special little signs on their gas pumps reading: "PRICE INCLUDES 8¢ TAX ON EACH GALLON" (or whatever the right figure is). They merely want you to know that the federal law and the various state laws force them to mix in 6-7-8 and sometimes 9¢ or more of tax with each gallon.

They just want you to know all the things you're getting for your money when you say "a dollar's worth, please". The real answer is that you get 67¢ worth of gas and 33¢ worth of tax (on the average). That is, you're really buying not only fuel but also a very heavy and powerful ingredient called "tax".

Watch the pump grind this "tax" right in with the net price next time you pull up to your service station.

You may have one favorite brand of gas or more than one . . . but everybody buys TAXOLINE.

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PILLAR TO POST

By MRS. T. M. B. HICKS

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and depends upon circumstances, the season of the year, domestic complications, and the temperature. There have been times when a daffodil, a flowering dogwood, a bluebird or a baby's hand have elicited poetic outpourings from this frozen soul, but right now a bucket of hot water registers as the handsomest thing in the world.

Since the banishing of the family teakettle to the junk yard and the installation of modern hot water heaters, most people take a continuous supply of hot water for granted, and as for cold water, that just grows like the leaves on the trees. Turn a tap, and there it is, unlimited quantities of it.

Read about your neighbor's drought in the paper, and the item filed in the ho-hum department. Too bad, but nothing heart-breaking. Until it happens at home.

The night the pipes froze up, Herb appeared with two large buckets of water, one hot, one cold. Herb, his face wreathed in smiles and the right hand bucket wreathed in steam, tapped on the door.

"Think this will hold you until morning?" he wanted to know.

Like a drowning man grasping for a straw I grabbed the bucket of hot water.

"Herb, go on home. This will fix me up just dandy," I gabbled, my mind on a hot bath.

Herb quibbled. "Now that bucket," indicating the cold water, "is not for drinking purposes. It's for other things." And then, abandoning delicacy and the oblique approach, "How about my filling the tank upstairs and going back for another bucket for the downstairs tank?"

"Herb, this is plenty. Alone in the house the way I am, and gone all day during the week, I don't need too much water."

"Well, I'll go home and bring you a pitcher of drinking water."

"I don't drink water once in a blue moon."

"You'll need some for coffee."

"For Pete's sake, Herb, get going before that bucket of water cools off. I AM GOING TO TAKE A BATH."

Herb retired and I raced upstairs with the treasure.

Who says you can't get a bath in a bucket? Circus people do it all the time. Not only that, if you're thrifty enough you can dunk your socks and lingerie in the bath water and rinse them in the half bucket you thrifflily poured off before starting ablutions.

And cooled off, the water just about fills the tank.

That's what is called making two blades of grass grow where none grew before.

Nothing like learning first hand how the submerged tenth gets along without running water. It leads to a more sympathetic understanding of why people used to take a bath once a week instead of every night.

In case anybody else gets frozen pipes, take a tip from one who knows: the way to get that hot bath is to set the bucket into the tub, step in alongside and do it piecemeal, with the tub catching the splash. Don't try pouring it into the tub, it cools off too fast.

But the plumbers are doing a land-office business after this succession of zero nights, especially those who have the electric pipe-thawing equipment.

Drat that ground-hog. Out Punxsutawney way, where ground-hog watching is big business on the second of February, the wretched rodent saw his shadow at 7:30 a.m. and retired for another spot of shut-eye, leaving the frozen East holding the bag for another six weeks.

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Triple Jointure Board Meets In Routine Session

Squier's Illness Puts Damper On Evening's Business

Due to Lester Squier's illness, Lehman-Jackson-Ross school board meeting Tuesday night was largely routine, dealing with payment of bills, requests to board members to attend a meeting of supervising principals and directors at Luzerne County Office February 21 at 1:30 p.m., and a reshuffle of a recent meeting of the triple jointure with Lake-Noxen directors and supervising principal Robert Belles, with E. S. Teter.

The Building committee reported lowering of the coal door at Ross Township school to permit chuting instead of shovelling of coal. Myron Moss, principal of Ross, reports that with one janitor it is difficult to keep the building warm enough in sub-zero weather. Mr. Moss personally superintended thawing of a frozen water-pipe and insulation of pipes threatened by freezing during the recent cold snap.

Automatic heat was tentatively suggested as a solution, with inquiry into cost proposed this spring, well in advance of next winter's problems.

Purchase of necessary cafeteria equipment was referred to the Building Committee, with findings to be reported to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Discussion of the recent meeting with Lake-Noxen directors, carried out at the proposal of E. S. Teter, County Superintendent, revealed the triple jointure board as in a fog of bewilderment, wondering what had been accomplished by the meeting and indefinite as to the future of a possible jointure promoted by the County Office.

Present were: Edgar Lashford, president; Lewis V. Ide, secretary; Dean Shaver, Laing Coolbaugh, George Bulford, Arthur Ehret, Samuel Rhoads, William Naugle, Vernon Cease, Charles Long, Paul Crockett, William Birth, Jesse Hann, Arthur Bronson, John Fielding, Myron Moss.

Tamaqua Couple Hurt As Car Skids In Slush

Mrs. Sterl Williams was discharged from Nesbitt Hospital Wednesday afternoon, her chest tightly strapped to hold down movement and protect broken ribs sustained in an accident Sunday afternoon on the upper Demunds Road. Her husband, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams, Noxen, suffered a broken jaw. The couple had recently moved to Tamaqua, and were on their way home from visiting the family during the downpour which made roads treacherous with slush and underlying ice.

Indian On Program

Dr. Rustum Roy of Calcutta, India, assistant professor of Geo-chemistry at Penn State University, will be the third speaker in the "Our World" series at Shavertown Methodist Church on Sunday evening at 7:30. Mrs. Carl Hontz is chairman. Dr. Roy comes from one of the oldest Christian families of North India. He is married to an American who has her PhD in the same field of research as he. They have two boys.

Blind To Meet

The Luzerne County Federation of the Blind will meet, Sunday, February 13, at the IGLW Hall, 41 S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, at 2 p.m. Following the Business meeting a social hour will follow with games and prizes, and also refreshments will be served.

Leaves Hospital With Broken Leg To Attend Father's Funeral

With her fractured leg in a cast and still nursing other injuries received in the auto accident Sunday afternoon in which her husband and young son were also injured, Mrs. J. Robert Graves, Shavertown, was discharged yesterday morning from Coaldale Hospital to attend the funeral of her father in Philadelphia.

Her husband remains a patient at the same hospital where he is recovering from head and leg injuries, a lacerated face and other bruises. Their son, Robert, who has a hand injury, was discharged with Mrs. Graves.

Mrs. Graves' father who has been seriously ill for sometime and whom she had been attending last week in Philadelphia before starting home Sunday at 1 with her husband and

son, died shortly after the Graves were hospitalized.

The accident in which they were injured occurred early Sunday afternoon near Coaldale when the Graves' machine skidded on the ice and crashed into another car occupied by a man and woman. Both of the occupants of the other car were hospitalized.

Mrs. Graves and her son are expected to return to their home on East Center Street, Shavertown, today or tomorrow.

Her husband is the district representative for Gerber Baby Foods. Both are active in community affairs, he as a member of Dallas Rotary Club and Mrs. Graves as a member of Dallas Woman's Club. Both participated in the Woman's Club Minstrel.

Former Governor's New Home



Sitting snugly atop the highest hill on the former John Hildebrand Farm midway between Meeker and Loyalville is Governor John S. Fine's attractive new home now nearing completion. Although nestled among a thicket of young trees, the house, nonetheless, has an unsurpassed view of the Pennsylvania hills.

Family Hound Snaps At Child

Sandy Elston Has Plastic Surgery

Her face badly bitten by the family coon-hound, five year old Sandy Elston submitted to plastic surgery at General Hospital Tuesday afternoon. She will remain for several days longer, to eliminate danger of infection. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Elston of Noxen, say that there is no question of rabies, as the dog is in excellent physical condition, and as much surprised as anybody to find that he snapped his little playmate.

Sandy, lonesome for her sister Bonnie, a big girl in the Noxen first grade, supported the coon-hound's head on a pillow and started feeding him a doll's bottle. The dog, resenting the indignity of a nipple, growled and snapped, tearing Sandy's nose and cheek in his huge jaws.

Dr. Lester Saidman said it was a case for an expert plastic surgeon, and sent Sandy to the hospital, where she is so well adjusted in the children's ward that she invited her Daddy to go home Tuesday night, saying she wanted to go to sleep.

Heart-Aid From Dairy Drivers

Only Area Using Bottle Collars

Back Mountain, says Nancy Braden, Heart Drive Chairman, is the only place in the Wyoming Valley area where milk bottle collars will aid collections. The plan has been highly successful for the past several years, replacing any house-to-house canvass for funds.

Eight local dairies, and two Wilkes-Barre dairies which have local routes, are cooperating. Collars will appear on milk bottles on Valentine Day, and donations may be placed in empty bottles. The driver turning in the largest amount of money will win a prize.

Signed up are these local dairies: Shady Side, Dallas, Elston's, Hartner's, Chase, Orange Farms, Orchard Farms, Forty-Port, From Wilkes-Barre, Woodlawn and Purvin's.

Jenkins Meets Old Friends At Nesbitt

"It was just like Old Home Week at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital on Monday" according to Atty. Mitchell Jenkins who is a patient there for treatment of a liver condition.

Other patients included Samuel Thompson, cashier of Kingston National Bank and former Dallas man, who broke his arm when he slipped while walking along Rutter Avenue; Mrs. Oswald Griffiths who was recovering from an operation and who has since returned to her home on DeMunds Road.

Kyle Cundiff Should Go For Crystal Balls Or Irish Sweepstakes

What happened to Kyle Cundiff is as improbable as drawing an Irish Sweepstakes winner. That boy ought to go into the business. He enlists in the Air Force, and guess what his serial number turns out to be? AF 12345678, in perfect sequence. It couldn't happen in a million years.

Kyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Cundiff, of Maplewood Avenue, Dallas, was with the General Electric in Cincinnati when he decided to get his service years over with, called his parents to inform them, and wrote his first letter with the fantastic serial number as a header.

He is at Shawtown Air Base.

Westmoreland Offers Course In Nursing

Sponsored by Red Cross, Taught By School Nurse

Thirty-six hours of training in home nursing under guidance of Eleanor Austin and sponsorship of the Red Cross is now offered senior girls at Westmoreland, according to James Martin's report to members of Dallas Borough-Kingston Township joint school board Monday night. Upon completion of the course, each girl will receive a certificate. Mr. Martin stated that next year it is possible the course might be offered to sophomores, as a help to them in baby-sitting, and assurance to mothers leaving their children that the babies would have intelligent care.

William Kistler, president of Shavertown PTA, appeared with Ralph Gerhart and Johnson Miers, as spokesman for his organization, to put it on record as solidly behind the board in whatever action should be taken on school bus stop signs. He expressed himself as horrified to find that a loophole in the traffic laws permits a driver to pass a stopped school bus in a limited speed zone.

Earl Gregory stated his case for erection of 100 feet of wire mesh fencing to prevent children from using his lawn as a shortcut to Trucksville Grade School grounds. He plans to plant a living fence as soon as there is protection for young plants. The matter was referred to the Property Committee, following a motion by Mrs. Charles Eberle.

Charles A. James, Supervisor of Instruction, reported on the Eastern Area Conference held last Friday at Lehigh University, where 200 educators gathered to discuss revitalizing of the educational program along broader and more forward looking lines.

A meeting of supervising principals and school board members is called for February 21 in the Luzerne County Superintendent's office, to assay revised criteria for payment of supplemental income to schools meeting certain standards. Discussion Jointure

Mr. James sparked a discussion concerning the larger school jointure proposed for this area by County Superintendent, E. S. Teter, inquiring into underlying causes for delay. Prior to drawing up a budget for next year, it seemed proper to board members to find out what the local situation might be within the next few months. Attorneys have been working on the plan, but up to date the jointure remains where it was in December, voted for by each of the four boards concerned, Dallas Borough, Kingston Township, Franklin Township and Dallas Township, but with nothing further to go on. Mrs. Eberle and D. T. Scott were delegated to visit the County Superintendent's office to inquire.

Three College Misericordia seniors are doing practice teaching: Constance Vohar, Trucksville Elementary school; Mary Theresa Purcell, music; Patricia Sullivan, English.

Bids for supplies for general, art, industrial arts, science, health, physical education, janitor, coal and school bus transportation will be advertised, and bids opened March 25.

Mr. Martin was authorized to contact for diplomas, programs and caps and gowns for commencement. The Baccalaureate speaker remains to be announced.

Routine matters were handled. Present were James A. Hutchison, Dr. Robert Bodycomb, Lewis LeGrand, Charles Mannard, D. T. Scott, William Clewell, John Wardell, Mrs. Charles Eberle, L. L. Richardson, James Martin, Charles James, Eleanor Jones.

Greenhouse Eats Coal In Sub-Zero Weather

Two tons of anthracite every twenty-four hours for six days running during the recent sub-zero cold snap, went up in smoke at the Goodman Greenhouses in Idetown. Mr. Goodman and assistants sat up nights to keep the fires burning. Worst spell in years, says Mr. Goodman, with a reminiscent eye on the thousands of square feet of glass heating up all outdoors in an effort to keep tender plants from freezing.

Harry "Buck" Edwards of Huntsville Nursery also claims he never shoveled so much coal in his life in order to keep the "greenhouses green." He spent this week recuperating.

Delivers German Car

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Meeker of Kunkle Motors drove down to New York this week to pick up a newly arrived Mercedes-Benz which they delivered to Edward Welles of Wilkes-Barre.

A. J. Sordoni Jr. Heads Company Founded By Dad

Served As Fighter Pilot In Pacific During World War

Board of Directors of the Sordoni Construction Company at their annual meeting elected Andrew J. Sordoni, Jr., president of the corporation, succeeding his father to that position. At the same meeting, Andrew J. Sordoni, Sr., was elected Chairman of the Board.

Until this time, Jack Sordoni has served the past five years as Executive Vice-President and General Manager of the Sordoni Construction Company.

The Sordoni Construction Company, founded in 1910, is composed of two divisions, the one, Building Construction; the other, Electric &



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Telephone Line Construction. Both its divisions are known throughout the East for the many building and line construction projects they have completed, and are presently engaged in. The company's headquarters are maintained at 45 Owen Street, Forty Fort. Its line Division has offices located in Binghamton, N. Y., Reading, York and Johnstown, Pa., and in Dover, N. J.

In addition to his new post, Mr. Sordoni, Jr., serves as president of many of the other Sordoni Enterprises, including the Commonwealth Telephone Co., the Harveys Lake Light Co., National Tree Surgeons, Public Service of Pennsylvania and the Sterling Engineering & Manufacturing Company. He is also Vice-President of the Andrew J. Sordoni Foundation, and of the Montrose Inn, the Arlington, Sterling, Altamont, Americus and Hamilton Hotels, comprising the Sterling Hotels System. He has also developed and serves as president of the Valley White Truck Company, and Wyoming Valley Equipment Division, Kingston and Forty Fort.

Active in community and civic endeavors, he is a Director of Luzerne County Manufacturers' Association, Pennsylvania Independent Telephone Association, Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce, Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, Wyoming Valley Hospital and of Wyoming Valley Veterans Building, Inc.

He is a member of Landmark Lodge 442 F & A M, Keystone Consistory, Irem Temple AAONMS of Wilkes-Barre, Rotary, Union League of Philadelphia, Metropolitan Club of New York, American Legion, V. F. W., Lodge 109 B.P.O., Elks, Pennsylvania Society.

During World War II, he served as a fighter pilot in the Army Air Force, with the 35th Fighter Group, 5th Air Force, on active duty in the Pacific Theatre. Entering service in January, 1941, as an enlisted man, with the 109th Field Artillery, he was discharged in February, 1946, as a Captain in the Air Force.

Commands Squadron

Major Charles R. Rinehimer, assistant plant manager of Natoma Mills, has been appointed commander of Flight F of the 9543rd Air Reserve Squadron which will meet twice monthly at Wilkes College for specialized studies under the supervision of Dr. Charles B. Reif.

Major Rinehimer was assistant operations officer of the 446th Heavy Bombardment Group of the 8th Air Force based in England during World War II.

It Pays To Advertise

Dallas Post classified ads get results. Five minutes after one advertiser unfolded her Dallas Post last Friday, the car she was offering was snapped up, sight unseen. And James Kozemchak, advertising for a good home for a little white dog, was swamped with replies from Beaumont, Harveys Lake, Noxen, Wilkes-Barre and Dallas.