

gasoline crisis: The Region Gets Short-Changed Again

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"Last Sunday evening Bill Wilcox, the State Fuel Allocation Officer, called me and asked me to tour the area with him Monday, advising me that it was a crisis," Mr. Lasala continued.

Backing up Mr. Lasala's explanation, Mr. Wilcox, during the same press conference, said that he was unaware of the gas shortage in the northeastern part of the state until Friday. "I learned about it from a phone call from a Scranton newspaperman who called me Friday," he said.

"I get more mail from Congressman Flood than I get from anyone else about Luzerne County," Mr. Wilcox continued, "but somehow I had not received word from the congressman concerning the gasoline shortage."

"It is routine in my office that calls from mayors and public

officials receive high priority," Mr. Wilcox said. "But the fact of the matter is that no such calls about the gas shortage here reached me until the crisis was already severe."

Mr. Wilcox admitted that he had missed lots of calls once the crisis was evident. "We were contacted by the telephone company and notified that calls trying to reach my office were tying up the whole system of greater Harrisburg," he said. "We have estimates that we received 10,000 telephone calls yesterday that never got through."

A spokesman in the office of Scranton Mayor Eugene J. Peters acknowledged that the mayor had not contacted state and federal officials until last week. "The mayor took the position that he needed authorization from council," the spokesman said. "As soon as the resolution passed council, the mayor acted."

Scranton council president James Doherty, however, laid the blame at the feet of Congressmen McDade and Flood. Calling the situation more of a "disaster" than an "emergency," councilman Doherty said that the congressmen have been "derelict in their duty."

Mr. Doherty said the congressmen announce everything, "even the weather," and he declared that if the problem is to be solved, it will be solved in the House of Representatives. Later, however, a council spokesman said that he "doubted" that councilman Doherty had notified state or federal officials either.

In Luzerne County, Commissioner Edmund Wideman Sr. told Greenstreet News that it had all happened too quickly for the commissioners to act. "By the time we knew about it... it all happened in one week... we never heard of the proper forms until last Monday when Wilcox came to town. We then immediately made application," he said, referring to the federal Form 17.

"From last Monday on the acuteness of the gas shortage became known," Mr. Wideman said, as if he had failed to notice the long lines of motorists vir-

tually all over the county. "Prior to Monday we had no way of knowing the extent of the shortage," the commissioner said.

"We're being short changed because the present law has nothing to take care of the fact that so many gas stations in the area have been shut down. Gulf has pulled out and we're supposed to be getting 85 percent of last year's gas, but we're only getting about 50 percent," Mr. Wideman concluded.

When asked specifically who was derelict in reporting the gasoline shortage in this region, Mr. Lasala took a different approach. "The community as a whole was derelict," he said. "My job is to move the product, and as soon as I was made aware of the crisis situation, I took action."

The Wilcox approach to the dereliction was distinctly different: "The oil companies are taking advantage," he chided. "We have begun an investigation," he told Greenstreet, "and we think there is more gasoline stock in storage than there was at the same time last year. In fact, we think there is more than one third more than a year ago. We think the FEO should insist that this gas is distributed. We think this view will be supported widely in the next four to eight weeks."

Laying blame for the regional gas shortage squarely at the feet of his counterpart, Mr. Wilcox said that "the confusion has been brought about because of the lack of leadership and federal guidelines at the Federal Energy Office," taking a similar approach to that of Gov. Milton Shapp. Both Congressmen Flood and McDade also took the same approach. Answering the charge that the FEO was not notified about the gas shortage in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Mike Clark in Rep. Flood's Washington office told Greenstreet News last Thursday that the congressman had kept the FEO office in Washington and Philadelphia continually informed about the local situation "for at least a month."

"FEO officials are misinforming the public about the

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Form 17s also," a congressional spokesman said, explaining that the allocations granted through the use of the FEO Form 17 is normally handled completely through the oil companies and seldom go through any government office. "The normal procedure is for the major oil companies to provide the forms to local retailers. Should the retailer run low on gas, he should submit the completed form back to the parent company, which then processes it, and grants an increased allotment.

"Only when the request is for no more than 20 percent more than the 1972 monthly allotment does the form have to be submitted to the FEO office for evaluation," the spokesman said. "I hear there is a back log of the forms in the FEO office in Philadelphia that might be responsible for a small percentage of the problems there, but I was in that office Wednesday, and I think they will have the back log cleared up soon. There is probably a larger back log in the corporate office of the oil companies.

Robert Griffiths

Studies in Capital

Robert Griffiths, 225 Clearview Ave., Trucksville, is enrolled in the Drew University Program in Washington. He is one of some 25 Drew students who each spring study at George Washington University, intern in Congressional offices, and come together for some 40 to 50 meetings with senators, congressmen, Supreme Court Justices, lobbyists, journalists, and congressional, White House, and independent agency executives.

The resident director of the program is Susan Tolchin, Ph.D., an experienced college teacher and author, who recently collaborated on a book about political patronage with her husband, Martin, of the "New York Times."

Mr. Griffiths, a senior at Drew, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffiths of Trucksville, and a 1970 graduate of Dallas Senior High School.

Drew University is a small, independent university located in a 150-acre forested campus an hour west of New York City.

Back Mountain Matmen to Compete In Class B Tournament in Scranton

The 30th annual District 2 P.I.A.A. wrestling tournament scheduled for March 1 and 2 will be divided into two divisions, Class A and Class B. For the first time in the history of the district, schools will be divided and the two divisions will run concurrently at different locations.

The A champions will be decided at Coughlin High School in Wilkes-Barre while the B titles will be determined at the John Long Center, Scranton University.

Preliminaries in both events will get underway Friday at 6:30 p.m. with semi-finals starting Saturday at 1:30 and the finals Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Teams participating in Class A include Abington Heights, Bishop Hoban, Bishop O'Reilly, Coughlin, Nanticoke, Meyers, Pittston Area, Scranton Central, Scranton Tech, West Scranton, Wyoming Area, and Wyoming Valley West.

Consolation bouts are returning in Class A and the top three wrestlers in each weight class will advance to the Northeast Regional Tournament at Williamsport, March 8 and 9. Luther Richards is the "A" tournament director with Jim Ferris as assistant director.

Teams participating in Class

B include Bishop O'Hara, Crestwood, Dallas, Dunmore, G.A.R., Hanover, Lake-Lehman, Scranton Prep, and West Side Tech.

The top two wrestlers in each weight class will advance to the Northeast Regional Tournament also scheduled for the John Long Center March 8 and 9. Dallas, Hanover, and Lake-Lehman are the pre-tournament favorites.

Four District 2 champs from last season will return for another go at their titles. Bill Heller, 88 lb. champ from Abington Heights, and Bob Watlock, 105 lb. titlist from Wyoming Valley West, will participate in the Class A event, and Dave Puchalsky, last year's 132 lb. champ from Dallas, and Len Kaminski, 126 lb. crown winner from Hanover Area, will have another go in Class B.

A rundown of Lake-Lehman Coach Chip Sorber's probable entries and their records for the season are: Mike Galka, 2-2 league (88); Steve Klemunes, 13-2 overall, (95); Dwight Barbacci, 13-2 overall, or Jim Higgins, 8-4-1 overall, (105); Ed Nixon, 15-1 overall, (112); Doug Agnew, 15-2 overall, (119); Keith Bonham, 1-0 (126); Hugh

Jones, 4-2 (132); Joe Haczewski, 7-6-1 (138); G. Naugle, 5-9 (145); R. Case, 6-7-1 (155); Fred Webber, 2-8 (167); Mark Wallo, 7-8 overall (180); Tom Williams, 7-8 overall (hwt.)

The Lake-Lehman grapplers are strong in the lightweights and could well place most of them in the finals although much depends on how the wrestlers drop or go up in weight classes. This plus seeding has much to do with the final outcome.

Coach Larry Schuler, whose Mountaineers shared the winners' circle this season with the Meyers Mohawks, hopes to place at least 10 in the finals Saturday night going with the luck of the draw.

His probable entries and their records are: Dave Dierolf, 8-3-1, or Steve Pinter, 9-3-1 (10-4-1 overall) (95); Dave Konnick, 9-0-1 (12-0-1 overall) (105); Mike Cook, 10-3-1 (12-4-1 overall) (112); Rich Bridle, 5-1 (119); Jim Kasper, 7-6-1 (126); Frank Hazeltine, 9-4-1 (132); Todd Kirshner 8-4-1, or Dave Puchalsky, 14-0 (17-0 overall) (138); Dave Puchalsky or Todd Kirshner (145); Russ Thrasher, 13-1 (155); Ed Williams, 1-0, or Gary Ostrum (167); Skip Shook, 8-5 (180); Art Gramps, 12-1-1 (hwt.).

Coach Sorber has two sophomore entries, Galka and Jones, six junior entries, Klemunes, Barbacci, Agnew, Bonham, Naugle, and Webber; and five seniors, Nixon, Jaczewski, Case, Wallo, and Williams.

Sophomore entries for the Mountaineers are Dierolf, Hazeltine; juniors, Cook, Kasper, McDonald, and Shook; seniors, Pinter, Konnick, Bridle, Puchalsky, Kirshner, Thrasher, and Gramps.

Dallas fans have an opportunity to travel to the Class B event in Scranton by bus chartered by the Dallas Booster Club. Reservations for Friday and Saturday may be made by calling the office at the Dallas Senior High School. Reservations are taken on a first called basis, the limit 48 persons.

The bus will leave the high school Friday at 5 p.m. and again Saturday at noon.



The Lake-Lehman Junior High champs and runners-up in the P.I.A.A. District 2 wrestling tournament at the Lake-Lehman gym are pictured above. Kneeling, left to right: Walter Hannebault, 1st, 115 lbs.; Lew Thomas, 2nd, 90 lbs.; Tom Tranell, 1st, 100 lbs.; and Tony Klemunes, 2nd, 75 lbs. Standing: Sid May 2nd, 120 lbs.; Paul Cilvik, 2nd, 154 lbs.; Jack Zaleskas, 1st, 110 lbs.; Dana Sutliff, 1st, 165 lbs.

Highlanders Get Revenge; Beat LCCC Cagers, 54-52

The College Misericordia Highlanders got their revenge against Luzerne County Community College Saturday afternoon by downing the Minutemen, 54-52, in a game played on the LCCC home court.

The LCCC cagers had defeated Misericordia in a game played earlier this season. The Misericordians drew first blood in the game against LCCC but found themselves down by one, 13-12, by the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, paced by the accurate shooting of Sophomore Sharon Poplawski, the Highlanders outscored their opponents by nine points to set the halftime score at 27-19 in favor of Misericordia.

For the third period, the Highlanders kept their lead intact but saw it almost go down the pipe in the last period as the LCCC cagers began hitting from outside, outscoring the Misericordians 18-10. At the final buzzer, the Misericordians

were able to keep a two-point lead, wrapping up their first win over LCCC in several years of play. Poplawski was high scorer with 17.

In other recent games, the Highlanders defeated Marywood College, 46-34, in a game played at Marywood. It was the second time this season that Misericordia defeated its traditional rivals. The first win occurred on the Misericordia home court at 62-39.

Just prior to Marywood, the Highlanders lost to Bloomsburg State in a game played at Bloomsburg. The Huskies outscored the Highlanders in every period of play, finally winning at 54-40.

Misericordia high scorer against Bloomsburg was freshman JoAnn Montecalvo with 16. Sharon Poplawski paced the win over Marywood with 15. Misericordia's season record to date is 5-3 with three games remaining to be played.

Hawkeyes Retain Mat Title In Junior High Tournament

The Hanover Hawkeyes returned as defending champs in the District 2 Junior High Wrestling championship tournament, and for the fourth consecutive year copped the 'champ' title, at the Lake-Lehman gym last weekend.

The Lake-Lehman grapplers placed second, Wyoming Valley West, third, and Dallas Mountaineers, fourth.

Meyers' F. Castrigano was voted "Outstanding Wrestler". He earned the honor by pinning Fogelman (C) in the quarter finals, turning over Young (AH) in 2:50, then going on to flatten Mras (WWV) in 2:13. He took the title in the 90 lb. class by decisioning Thomas (LL), 3-0, in the finals.

The Lake-Lehman team produced four District 2 champions including Tom Tranell, 100; John Zaleskas, 110; W. Hennebault, 115; and Dana Sutliff, 165.

Dallas placed two finalists, B. Corbett, 80 lb., and M. Cook, 95 lb.

The Lake-Lehman grapplers

placed T. Klemunes (75), L. Thomas (90), S. May (120), and P. Cilvik (154) in the finals in runner-up position.

D. Gramps (145) placed in second spot in his class behind Kutyna (AH).

Brian Corbett (80), Dallas ninth grade student, came in second in the Districts last year and this year finished the season 9-0 before taking class laurels in this year's competition. Cook (95), Dallas, also in ninth grade, completed the league season at 8-1 and took the 95 lb. class by collecting two falls and two decisions.

Lake-Lehman's 100 lb. T. Tranell is in eighth grade and might well be called the "surprise" of the competition. He finished the season with a 2-4 record before winning by way of the decision route to cop his title.

Ninth grader J. Zaleskas (LL) finished the season with a 9-1 record and went the 110-title route without having a point scored against him. He beat out

announce this morning that additional gasoline is now moving into Luzerne, Lackawanna and Wyoming Counties. These additional supplies amount to 576,822 gallons of gasoline distributed through 100 stations. This amounts to about one normal day's pumping.

"These additions, including the figures in our release on Tuesday bring the results of our 60-hour efforts to 772,500 gallons moved through 158 stations. We are anticipating doubling the number of stations and the gasoline totals serving the area by the end of the week.

There remains a hitch, however, according to Mr. Lasala. "The dominant fining is that we still have not received FEO 17s in a number that begins to approximate what we believe to be the estimate of gas stations in the area. Therefore, we urge that every gas station owner submit to their supplier this critical form as soon as possible. Nothing can happen without that form properly completed."

Mr. Lasala also expressed concern for the future. "I wish to issue a warning to all our citizens," he said at the news conference. "The gas shortage is real and will be with us a long time. All statistical evidence predicts an average of a 20 percent shortfall. This means that the luxury of filling up at will is over. Therefore, all of us must manage our use of gasoline on the basis of about 80 percent of what we used to use."

"Because the situation has now begun to get desperate, we are urging local officials to make contingency plans for a very serious future," Mr. Lasala continued. "Under a good plan, local officials can guarantee that gas will be available for emergency vehicles like police and ambulances. But they should be acting now and not wait until all the stations are closed and there is no gas around anywhere."

(Editor's Note: In a forthcoming issue Mr. Freeman will discuss some of the reasons why there is a gasoline shortage in Pennsylvania as well as the nation.)

Physique Competition

Five local physique stars will be competing at the Greater Scranton YMCA in Dunmore March 3, at the Junior and Senior Mr. Pennsylvania Physique Contests, 1973's Mr. Anthracite of Wilkes-Barre, David Budnick, plus John Soratore, Mickey Coglietti, Joe Bunomo and Bob Porietto have announced that they will compete.

Awards will be given to the first five place winners in each contest by Scranton Mayor Eugene Peters and Miss Keystone State, Lyn Seamen, of Scranton. Prejudging, which is opened to the general public, will start at 10 a.m., Sunday. The place system will be used in judging the winners.

Bob O'Leary of Scranton, contest chairman, has announced the following have been appointed judges: Abe Goldberg, Leonard Krisando and Dr. Harry Shafran, of Scranton; John Kuc, Kingston; Franklin Page, Louisville, Ky.; Dick Shatel, Long Island; Val Vaughn, Houston, Texas, and Jim "Mr. World" Handley, of Baltimore, Md.

The Mid-Valley Karate Club, under the direction of second-degree black belt-holder Roger Sparks, will put on a "One Karate Exhibition" featuring a "Tang So Do" breaking exhibition which will feature ladies as well as men breaking bricks and two-by-fours.

Mounts' Jayvee Grapplers End Season with Two Wins

Dallas Jayvee grapplers took the final two meets of the season last week to post a season record of nine wins and five losses.

In the meet with West Side Tech Feb. 20, they turned back the young Titans 43-0.

E. Lozier, 119 (D), flattened Doran in 2:40 to put the team on the board at 6-0. D. Parrish, also 119 lbs., added three more by decisioning Greskiewicz, 9-2.

With the score 9-0, C. Riegel, 126 lbs., turned over Urbanski in 3:44. Bob Hislop, 132 lbs., put Fannon on his back in 1:42 and B. McDonald earned a superior 10-0 win over Belles to run the score to 25-0.

R. Harrison, 145 lbs., picked up six more for the young Mounts, pinning Roper in 3:16.

and H. Evans, 145 lbs., outscored Reed 7-6 to gain another three points, and the score moved to 34-0.

G. Ostrum, 155 lbs., decisioned Yurek 6-1, and E. Williams put Eckert flat in 3:53.

W. Brooke Yeager III officiated the jayvee bout.

Last Saturday night the young Mounts turned back the Knights' jayvees 24-6, in a contest prior to the varsity meet at the Lake-Lehman gym.

The Mounts got off to a good start with E. Lozier's (119) decision over T. Shaw. B. Hislop put up six more team points by turning over K. Diddlebock in 1:59.

John Fox, 138, put the Knights on the scoreboard by pinning H. Evans in 4:57. Rick Harrison

(145) took six back by flattening A. Sutton in 3:52.

With the score 15-6, C. Riegel (145) moved it to 21-6 by putting C. Allen (LL) to the mat in 3:26. G. Ostrum (167) outwrestled E. Weber 9-3 to post the final three points for the Mounts.

Official for the jayvee meet was Bob Herman.

Booster Club Sets Basketball Program

The Dallas Area Lettermen and Booster Club will meet March 7 at the American Legion Home, Memorial Highway, Dallas, at 8 p.m.

The program will feature basketball night with members of the Dallas High School basketball teams in attendance.