

Leonard Pudim Receives Award from Contractors

Leonard Pudim, Sweet Valley, superintendent for Raymon R. Hedden & Company of Dallas, has received a safety award for the superintendent having compiled an outstanding safety record for the year 1974, for the firm.

The award was presented to Mr. Pudim by James D. Burns, safety director of the Keystone Building Contractors Association, at the 36th annual meeting

held at the Hershey Convention Center, Hershey, Nov. 8.

The Keystone Building Contractors Association represents over 400 contractors in 51 Pennsylvania counties, and is a member of the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., Washington D.C.

Mr. Pudim has been employed by Raymon R. Hedden & Company for 14 years.



Leonard Pudim, right, superintendent for Raymon R. Hedden & Co., Dallas, was presented a safety award by James D. Burns, left, safety director of the Keystone Building Contractors Assoc. The award was given for an outstanding safety record for 1974.

Galaxy C.B. Club Holds Annual Election Meeting

The Galaxy C.B. Club held its election meeting at Starbuck Hall in West Wyoming.

The results of the club's elec-

tions were as follows: president: Hank Lyons Sr.; vice-president: Ed Starbuck; secretary: Dorothy Roxby; treasurer: Barbara Glowach; board of directors: Fay Williams, Hank Lyons Jr., John Phillips, Elmer Fisher and Hank Hann.

40th Loudon Hill Store Slated to Open Nov. 21

The 40th Loudon Hill Farm dairy store in the jug milk firm's rapidly expanding network of convenient neighborhood outlets in Northeastern Pennsylvania will open at Avoca, Nov. 21.

The new store will be located on Main Street in Avoca, according to Richard Alheidt, Loudon Hill Farm vice president.

Andy Glowach was appointed coriander of the Back Mountain Area, E.S.C. Kenneth Hunter was appointed deputy for the Back Mountain Area.

Randy Woelf was welcomed into the club as a new member.

Jon L. Stopay Christmas candy is being sold by the club members. Anyone wishing to purchase Christmas candy may contact Mrs. Edward Starbuck before Dec. 1.

Reservations for the club's annual Christmas Party have to be in by the December meeting.



Officials of the First National Bank of Eastern Pennsylvania and Berwick National Bank are pictured just before consummation of the merger and a name change to First Eastern Bank, National Association, Nov. 15. Left to right are Horace E. Kramer, vice chairman of the board, First Eastern Bank; Atty. J. Arnold Crisman, chairman of the board of the former Berwick National Bank and director of First Eastern Bank; LeRoy E. Bertis, executive vice president of the former Berwick

National Bank and senior vice president of First Eastern Bank; Richard M. Ross, Jr., president of First Eastern Bank; J. Donald Kile, president of the former Berwick National Bank and chairman of the Berwick Area Advisory Committee of First Eastern Bank; J. Jennings Welliver, secretary of the former Berwick National Bank and member of the Berwick Area Advisory Board of First Eastern Bank; and Frear H. Scovell, executive vice president of First Eastern Bank.

PG & W Notifies Customers No Natural Gas until March

Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company has notified its "interruptible" customers there is no natural gas available from now through the end of March, 1975. The utility also stated it was unable to determine at this time if natural gas would be available during the summer of 1975 to this group of customers.

According to Leslie M. Ward, vice president, administration, the situation has evolved for two reasons. The first, projected curtailments by Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company pipeline suppliers since early October have increased substantially above previous estimates. Secondly, the weather during October was much colder than normal. The increased heating load which occurred as a result of cold weather resulted in reduced injections into the firm's underground storage. The inventory Nov. 1 was considerably below that which had been estimated earlier, resulting in less gas being available for withdrawal from storage and delivery through the impending winter months.

Mr. Ward said available gas

through the end of March will barely be sufficient to meet requirements of firm customers. He added, "It may even become necessary to curtail deliveries to firm industrial customers if the winter is colder than normal or if curtailments by our suppliers are increased beyond currently projected levels."

Mr. Ward suggested to the "interruptible" customers to check on alternate fuel supply for the winter and attempt to obtain sufficient fuel to carry them through the entire winter.

Sensitive to the possibility that "interruptible" customers may be faced with a plant shutdown because of inability to obtain sufficient alternate fuel, or if there should be an equipment breakdown. Mr. Ward warned that they should not switch back to natural gas without having first called the company's gas dispatcher in Wilkes-Barre and receive permission to do so. He added, "We cannot give any assurance that permission will be given to resume service in the event of such an emergency." He declared emergency service will depend on the con-

ditions of the system at the time the request is made.

"Interruptible" natural gas customers were first advised of the company's supply situation in a letter issued Aug. 21.

During September and early October, Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company evaluated the "interruptible" market requirements in terms of critical and non-critical applications and human needs. A plan was developed to meet these requirements available for October through March, 1975.

However, additional curtailments since October from natural gas suppliers, colder weather and gas storage inventory, made it imperative for a change of program. Early in November "interruptible" customers were notified of the situation by telephone and later by letter.

First National Bank Merges With Berwick National Bank

The close of the Friday business day marked the merger of Berwick National Bank and the First National Bank of Eastern Pennsylvania and a name change for both banks to First Eastern Bank, National Association.

The former Berwick National Bank and all personnel will become a part of one of the oldest national banks in the country, with a national charter number of 30 dating to the year 1863.

Total assets of First National as of Sept. 30 were \$383,592,073.39, while Berwick National reported total assets of \$22,734,568.29 at the end of the third quarter, giving First Eastern Bank, N.A. combined assets in excess of \$400 million.

Officers of the Berwick bank, located in Berwick and Mifflinville, will bring to 23 the number of full service banking offices in the First Eastern organization. Offices are located in Columbia, Luzerne and Monroe counties, and extend from Bloomsburg to Stroudsburg.

Attorney J. Arnold Crisman, chairman of the board at Berwick National, said that "Friday, November 15, 1974 marks a great day in the history of our bank. We look forward with great enthusiasm to becoming an integral part of the First Eastern family while, at the same time, maintaining our

high standard of service to our customers and our community."

At the same time, Richard M. Ross Jr., president of First Eastern, officially welcomed officers and employees of the former Berwick National Bank into the growing First Eastern organization, and added: "We look forward to providing the same friendly and efficient service at First Eastern Bank which has made Berwick National such a respected part of the local business community over the years. We want to build on that sound reputation and to be a good and progressive neighbor here in Columbia County as in the other areas we serve."

Thomas H. Kiley, chairman of the board and chief executive officer at First Eastern Bank, National Association, commented on the reasons behind the name change: "While First National Bank of Eastern Pennsylvania was a distinctive name when the bank operated in a relatively confined area, the new name will more accurately describe the marketing area into which our bank is expanding."

It was pointed out that in most instances, the bank's name will appear as First Eastern Bank, N.A. making it simpler and

easier to write and use. It also will make the bank's offices more readily identifiable, officials report.

"We have approximately 17 'First National' banks in our marketing area," Mr. Kiley pointed out recently. "The new name will be less confusing for our many customers."

The history of First Eastern Bank, N.A. began with the establishment of the National Banking System on February 25, 1863. President Lincoln signed the bill as a solution to the cultural, economic and political development of the country during the troubled years of the Civil War.

Soon afterward, a group of prominent and public spirited residents of Wilkes-Barre executed "Articles of Association" required under the Act, dated April 24, 1863.

Thus began the history of a bank which, over the following 111 years, merged with the Second National Bank of Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 13, 1957; the White Haven Savings Bank, Jan. 3, 1964; the Conyngham National Bank, April 1, 1966; the First National Bank of Bloomsburg, Oct. 31, 1967; the First-Stroudsburg National Bank, Sept. 30, 1971, and, at the close of business Nov. 15, the Berwick National Bank.

Inspections Completed Of Kingston Twp. Roads

Kingston Township manager Michael Stanley reported that the annual fall road inspection was made Nov. 17 from 9:15 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. by the three supervisors Ed Richards, Willard Piatt and Ed Hall, and roadmaster Robert Chamberlain and Mr. Stanley.

All township roads are in good condition, Mr. Stanley said and there are only a few places which need patching. The township has approximately 32 miles of paved roads, and an inspection is made by the supervisors twice a year.

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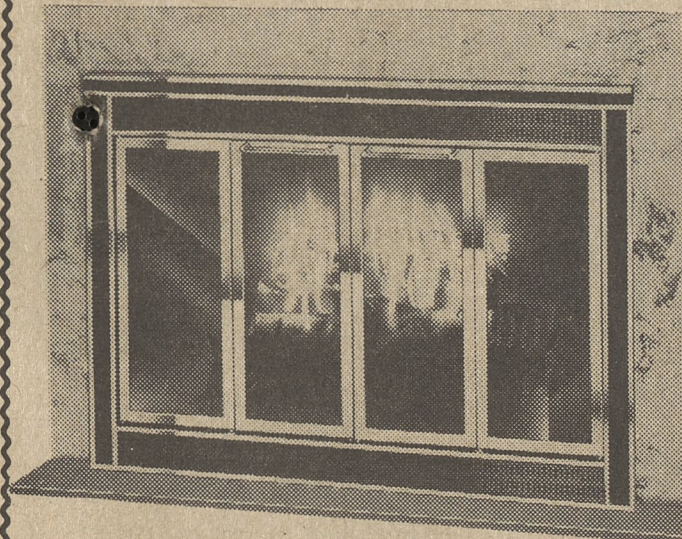
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