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THERE WAS A DAY-- Your eyes are not deceiving you...this out of service Atlantic gasoline pump still shows a 28.9 cents per gallon gas price. Sort of a memorial to times past. (Photo by Bill Herron)

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Trucksville volunteers begin fundraising drive

The annual fund drive of the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company and the Kingston Township Ambulance Association is underway in the Trucksville, Bunker Hill, Midway Manor and Carverton areas of Kingston Township.

Letters of explanation have been mailed recently. Enclosed in the letter are emergency phone number stickers to be placed on telephones.

Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company recently purchased a new pumper to replace its 1951 pumper. The cost of the new pumper was approximately \$40,000 of which \$20,000 was borrowed from the state.

The new pumper carries 500 gallons

of water, has special lighting equipment and generator, air packs, first aid equipment, a gas driven saw capable of cutting through metal, wood and concrete and many other items making it a quick attack pumper.

The Kingston Township Ambulance Association has a committee formed to look into the purchase of a new ambulance at this time.

Both organizations are "keeping up with the times" by undating their equipment as often as possible.

"With the continued support of the residents of Kingston Township, we can stay ahead of the times," said Charles Woolbert, chairman.

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Gas supply 'tight,' local dealers report

by Tom Mooney

No, the Wyoming Valley area is not in a state of war or siege, with necessities being rationed or in short supply and prices soaring out of sight as the enemy closes in.

But it might as well be, for, according to good sources, supplies of gasoline and heating oil are adequate for the immediate future only, and prices can be counted on to rise steadily for as far as anybody can see.

These pessimistic conclusions seem inescapable on the basis of a sampling of the views of area gasoline and fuel oil dealers.

Frank Orloski, owner of the Orloski Service Stations, a major gasoline retailing operation, said that supplies at the moment are generally "tight" so far as the oil firms are concerned.

He foresees not so much a shortage of gasoline for consumers as a "tightage," which he defines as a pattern of temporary shortages or delays in supply, particularly of unleaded gas.

"This situation is generally true nationally," he points out, though some other areas of the country, located at greater distance from refineries, will probably feel the pinch more than we will.

Bill Spurlin, operator of the Dallas Exxon, said that he as well foresees no sudden and dramatic shortage, though adding that his supplier "has not told us anything yet." He did predict that dealers representing the larger refiners, such as Exxon, could end up in a better position than some others and have better supply, taking note of one chain, holding many stations in the area, that has reportedly told its dealers to prepare for Sunday closings.

The home heating oil situation appears also to be a bit shaky at the moment. Anthony Butler, president of Mahaffey Oil Co. in Luzerne, said that there are "no problems" right now but that if the winter were just beginning we would be in some supply trouble.

"We're coming out of the heating season now," said Butler. "But as for next fall, God only knows."

Oil refiners, Butler continued, are about to convert from heating oil to

gasoline production in anticipation of heavier summertime driving, which would mean that we are past any possible crisis point for the time being at least.

The other area in which consumers are getting hit is that of price. Not only are there definite tightages and possible shortages, but constantly rising prices for what gasoline and heating oil is available appears a certainty.

George Laskaris, president of the Keystone Garage Owners Association, a federation of local service station and garage owners, and proprietor of a service station in Kingston, made the most pessimistic predictions.

"Prices are going to go," he contended, saying that he foresees a fairly standard charge of 75 cents a gallon by spring at least.

"Most dealers had to raise their prices a cent or two just last week," he observed. He said that prices of 75 to 80 cents a gallon are to be expected before long, with dollar-a-gallon costs before the end of the year a definite possibility.

Orloski predicted a slower but equally steady rise. "I look for gradual increases of a cent or so a month," he said, which would probably bring prices well up into the 80's by the end of the year.

For the immediate future, he predicted, don't be surprised at having to pay 70 cents a gallon for regular.

Spurlin noted that Exxon has not increased its prices this month but said that costs to dealers and consumers "probably will rise" as time goes on. He suggested that users of gasoline had better anticipate an increase of about 20 cents a gallon for foreseeable future.

Heating oil prices have likewise been on the rise. Last year homeowners paid about 40 to 45 cents per gallon to heat their homes. This year they're paying more like 52 to 56 cents, and the temperatures have been lower.

Butler acknowledges that his firm has had to move prices up, but he points out that he has been responding

to his own rising costs.

He also says that he is "mystified" about why constant increases, passed on to dealers like himself, are necessary. "I can't find the justification in the increases we've been getting," he continues.

Heating oil prices, according to Butler, have recently gone up faster than they did during the 1973 Arab oil embargo, when shortages were distinct and acute.

What to do about it all? There's where real disagreement sets in.

Orloski suggests that freeing the oil firms from government regulation would enable them to find more oil and ease dependence upon foreign sources.

Some service station owners say privately that, as long as prices edge upward, supply will continue as far as they can see, suggesting that the oil suppliers are playing a push-and-pull game with the public.

Yet there are studies that indicate that the major oil refiners have actual supply problems and are caught in a price squeeze just as surely as the service station owner or the motorist or homeowner.

With next year hazy, all predictions have to be limited to a few months at a time. But what seems certain is that it's going to cost more to drive anywhere or to keep warm at home—and there may be some inconvenience in getting the oil products to do either.



SIGN OF SPRING--David Lewis takes advantage of the slightly warmer weather to get out the bike. Hope he isn't acting too soon. (Photo by Mark Moran)

Bloodmobile visits here this Friday

Residents of the Back Mountain are urged to support the Red Cross bloodmobile on March 9, by Ms. Phyllis Mazula, Chairperson.

The bloodmobile will be set up at the Gate of Heaven School Cafeteria from 1:15 to 6:15 p.m.

The goal is 250 pints of blood. Many volunteers will be on hand to assist the Red Cross staff with the processing of donors to achieve the goal. Members of the Dallas American Legion, Post

672 will serve the donor refreshments. Babysitting service will be provided for the convenience of donors at the school.

Mrs. Mazula reminds Back Mountain residents that success of the collection will assure sufficient blood for patients in the 47 hospitals served by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Regional Blood Center in Wilkes-Barre.

The Russians are coming!

by Liz Seymour

Thanks to the efforts of the dedicated members of the Back Mountain Wrestling Club, the outstanding USSR wrestling team will be making Wilkes-Barre its first stop in an American tour later this month.

The Russians, who have dominated world wrestling in recent years, will spend a total of four days in the area. The purpose of their visit is a wrestling meet to be held with an all-star American team at King's College on March 28th.

"We've been working on bringing the Russians here since last May," explains Bob Hislop of Trucksville, one of the organizers of the event.

"We were in some pretty stiff competition at the beginning. Places like Princeton, Penn State, and other big schools all wanted the team to come to their gyms, but in the end it boiled down to two choices: a sports complex in Orlando, Fla., and the Back Mountain Wrestling Club. We got organized early, did our homework, and in the end were chosen." The Club worked through the AAU, of which it is a member.

The Back Mountain Wrestling Club, which was organized primarily to promote wrestling among elementary school age children, has a total membership of about 300, of whom 50 or 60 are actively involved in the Club.

"When we submitted our proposal to the AAU we emphasized our desire to promote wrestling in this area,"

Hislop says. "Northeastern Pennsylvania is strong on collegiate-style wrestling, but freestyle or international-style wrestling is very weak here. This meet will give people a chance to see a different kind of wrestling."

The ways in which the two styles differ will be explained to spectators on the night of the meet. Hislop characterizes international-style wrestling as "100 percent wrestling" in which contestants have to be wrestling at all times. Most holds are legal, and the scoring differs substantially from that for collegiate-style wrestling.

The names of the ten Russian team members will not be made public until about ten days before the meet, but it is known that the team will be coached by former world champion Yuri Shakhmuradov, the Soviet national coach; he was recently outstanding coach of the world by a group of international world calibre coaches.

Assisting him will be Zagalov Abdudekov, a former Olympic champion. The Russian team will be accompanied on its tour by an official representative of the United States, Richard Voliva, a silver medal winner at the Berlin Olympics.

The American all-star team will also have the benefit of a distinguished coaching team, headed by Stan Dziedzic, a world champion wrestler. His assistants will be Dan Gable, the only US Olympic gold

medalist in wrestling, and Bill Weick, a national champion and coach of last year's Junior World and World Cup teams.

The Russians will wrestle the Americans four times in the course of their trans-continental tour. Since the Americans will use those meets in part to determine what wrestlers should go into the World Cup championship, the team composition may change as the tour moves along.

The ten wrestlers for the March 28 meet have been chosen, however. They are: Bob Weaver (105) and Mark Lieberman (177) from Lehigh; Gene Mills (114) from Syracuse; Randy Lewis (126), Tim Cysewski (136), and Bruce Kinseth (149), from Iowa University; Wade Schalles (163) from Clemson University; Jeff Blatnik (220) from Springfield College; and Greg Wojcichowski, wrestling in the unlimited heavyweight class, from Toledo University.

The tenth member is one who will be watched with special interest by local fans. He is Floyd "Shorty" Hitchcock, a Bloomsburg State College graduate and former Olympic wrestler, who now coaches athletics at Lake-Lehman High School. He will be wrestling at 198 pounds.

In addition to the meet itself, the coaches of the two teams will offer a wrestling clinic, tentatively planned

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TOBY'S CREEK RAMPAGE--Sandbagging operations get into full swing at the K-Mart store in the Mark Plaza shopping center, Edwardsville, Tuesday afternoon. Toby's Creek, a chronic problem in the area, backed up and entered the stores from the rear. (Photo by Tom Mooney)

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