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GAS CO.'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY BRINGS BIG RATE REDUCTION

In Some Instances You Can Use Twice as Much Gas For Practically the Same Money Under Old Schedule

Seventy-five years ago, March 1, 1863, what is known as the Elkton Gas Company, started. The following announcement appeared in a local paper, 75 years ago. "The subscription papers to the proposed Gas Company in Elkton, are in the hands of E. L. Staples. Thirty-two subscriptions have been obtained and if seventy-five can be had the town to erect twenty street lamps and the county to introduce gas into the public buildings; Messrs. Baker & Co., will put up the works at once."

Mr. P. C. Williams, manager of the Company, announces the new gas rates effective April 1, which schedule of rates is printed on page 5 of this issue of THE STAR. Mr. Williams in discussing the new rates said, "In 1935 fifteen hundred cubic feet of gas cost $3.60 net, while on April 1, this year, the same amount of cubic feet wil cost only $2.80 net." The Company works on the principle—the more gas sold the cheaper will be the price, they have consistently reduced their rates whenever possible, which speaks well for the efficient way it is managed, along with the consumers co-operation.

Special Lenten Services At St. Mark's Church

In addition to the 9.30 a. m. regular Sunday service at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Aiken, the Rector, the Rev. Dr. J. Warren Albinson, announces that a special service will be held every Thursday evening during Lent at 8.00 o'clock. There will be a guest preacher at each o fthe services and the people of the surrounding community are cordially invited to join with the members of St. Mark's in worship on Thursday evenings.

The list of preachers is as follows: Thursday, March 10th, the Rev. J. Randolph Field, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Cecilton; Thursday, March 17th, the Rev. Robert Bell, Vicar of Old Swede's Church, Wilmington; Thursday, March 24th, the Rev. Edward H. Ehart; Thursday, March 31st, the Rev. Milward W. Riker, Rector of St. James Parish, Stanton, Delaware; Thursday, April 7th, the Rev. Charles Traill, Rector of Grace Church, Talleyville, Delaware.

"National Used Car Exchange Week"

A national drive to sweep the American automobile industry out of the current recession and stimulate American business generally was announced in New York by Alvan Macauley, speaking for every American automobile manufacturer and the nation's 46,000 automobile dealers.

The campaign, to be known as "National Used Car Exchange Week," and scheduled for March 5 to 12, is an outgrowth of recent conferences at the White House between President Roosevelt and leaders of the automobile industry, Mr. Macauley said. The President has been advised of plans for the campaign, which is the first cooperative effort ever undertaken in which all American automobile manufacturers have taken part.

Today, the automobile manufacturers, their suppliers, the nation's 46,000 dealers and allied industries are launching a similar drive.

So far as the automobile industry is concerned, the most serious barrier to business improvement is the large stock of used cars in dealers' hands, Mr. Macauley pointed out.

"The present situation has resulted in the best used car values in the country's history. We are confident that used car stocks will be reduced sharply as soon as the public becomes aware of that fact," he added.

"Too many unsafe, wornout, unreliable cars, without modern safety brakes, safety glass, large tires and steel bodies, are in operation today," he continued. "Too many are costly to operate. Eleven million cars seven years old or older are licensed for operation throughout the country.

"Many of these cars can be replaced during National Used Car Exchange Week—to the great advantage of the buyer and of the public—with newer, 'up-to-date' cars, without initial investment beyond their present car and on terms to suit the average pocketbook. These new cars offer modern equipment and are a good investment in comfort, safety and economy."

Charlestown Homemaker's Club

Mrs. William Henry attended the Rural Women's Short Course Club business meeting and luncheon in Baltimore, Feb. 22.

Mrs. Sarah Graham and Mrs. John Owens are on the sick list.

The Homemakers' Club will hold a flower mart, April 13, 1938.

Daniel H. Garrett Announces Candidacy

Daniel H. Garrett, of Elkton, has announced that he will be a candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court, subject to the September Democratic primary. Mr. Garrett has served four years as County Commissioner for the lower end of the county.

Manila, P. I., to Canton

The distance, by boat, from Manila, P. I., to Canton, China, the water route, is 822 statute miles.

Lenten Sermons Start At St. Stephen's Chapel

The first of a series of special midweek Lenten services will be held at St. Stephen's Chapel, Cecilton, at 7.30 Tuesday evening, March 8, when the Rev. Charles L. Atwater, M. A., will be the preacher. Mr. Atwater is rector of Emmanuel Church, Chestertown, and comes to the Cecilton congregation as the first of five guest preachers who will visit the Chapel during Lent.

Evensong, with Litany, will be the order of the service, which will be read by the rector, the Rev. J. Randolph Field.

Others who will addres St. Stephen's congregation this Lent will be the Rt. Rev. George W. Davenport, Bishop of Easton; the Rev. L. Irving Insley, rector of St. Mary's, North East; the Rev. Edward H. Ehart, Th. B., curate of the Cecil County Cooperative Parish, and the Rev. William L. Dewees, on the staff of the City Missions, Philadelphia.

D. E. Ralston Announces 30-Day Contest by Oldsmobile

D. E. Ralston, general sales manager of Oldsmobile, today announced a nation-wide 30-day contest in which a car a day will be given to motorists who write the most interesting comments on their reactions to a trial drive in a 1938 Oldsmobile.

The contest, which extends from March 1 to March 30, inclusive, will be conducted through the 3,500 members of the national Oldsmobile dealer organization. It is being announced to the public nationally by a series of newspaper advertisements which will continue through the month of March. Any resident of the United States over 16 years old is eligible to enter.

After taking a trial drive in a car provided by an Oldsmobile dealer, each contestant will receive an entry blank which must be countersigned by the dealer or his representative. Space for six comments of 25 words each is provided on the blank under various subject headings such as performance, ease of handling, safety, etc.

When ready for submission the completed blanks must be mailed to the Oldsmobile factory at Lansing, Mich., where they will be judged by Chris Sinsabaugh, editor of Automotive Daily News, Clare D. Wight, co-publisher of Automobile Topics, and D. P. Brother, president of D. P. Brother & Co., advertising counsel.

Postmark dates will automatically divide the contestants into 30 groups, each of which will be in competition for one of the 30 Oldsmobile Six Two-Door sedans offered as prizes. For example, a person who describes his driving impressions on an entry blank postmarked March 12 will be competing, not against all who may enter the contest, but only against the group whose entries bear the postmark of March 12. In case of ties, duplicate prizes will be awarded.

Winners will be notified and their names will be posted progressively in Oldsmobile dealers' showrooms as soon after March 15 as judging can be completed, continuing until all 30 winners have been announced. If it should occur that a winning contestant has purchased a new 1938 Oldsmobile car during the period of the contest, he will receive credit for the retail delivered price of an Oldsmobile Six Two-Door sedan in the city where the purchase was made.

"St. Patrick's Day" Social

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Leeds M. P. Church will hold a St. Patrick's Day Social in the Sunday School room of the church on Monday evening, March 14th, 1938. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Silver offering at the door.

Oldest Jewish Cemetery

The oldest United States Jewish cemetery was established in New York in 1656 through permission of Peter Stuyvestant. It is maintained by the Spanish and Portuguese synagogue.

Elkton Supporting Beetle Campaign

Japanese Beetle Program Adopted In Maryland Counties

County commissioners in eleven Maryland counties have made appropriations for support of the cooperative Japanese beetle retardation program, according to Dr. T. B. Symons, director of the University of Maryland extension service. The counties that have joined in the program thus far are Baltimore, Anne Arundel, St. Mary's, Calvert, Charles, Harford, Carroll, Cecil, Worcester, Allegany, and Caroline. In addition, Elkton, Chestertown and Millington are among the municipalities actively supporting town programs.

Dr. Symons states that the program this year is the most thorough and complete that the State has ever undertaken on the Japanese beetle. It is under the direction of Dr. Ernest N. Cory, state entomologist, and Dr. George S. Langford is in charge of operations. The program, he says, is not designed to eradicate the beetle, but will consist of retardation work in all lightly infested areas to delay increase and spread of beetles and to relieve farmers and nurserymen of unnecessary expense in marketing their produce. In heavily infested areas, large scale demonstrations are to be made to show methods and means for protecting crops and ornamental plantings from excessive Japanese beetle damage. All retardation work is to be done on a cooperative basis between the State, Federal government and local people.

Major activities, according to Dr. Cory, will consist of trapping, spraying, lawn treatments, colonization of parasites and research. Special efforts will be made to find suitable planting dates that will enable corn to escape major injury.

How Fast Can You Go?

"How fast may I go?" is an oft-repeated question answered today in a comprehensive review of "speed limits" of the various States made public by the Keystone Automobile Club.

Nineteen states have no fixed maximum, the Club check up shows, but motorists are required to drive at a rate that is "reasonable and proper" under existing conditions. In most of the group speed limits governed by conditions are posted along the highways. The "reasonable" limit States are:

Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Thirty-five miles per hour is the maximum in Arkansas, Idaho, Maine, and Tennessee.

Forty m. p. h. is the limit in Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, New York and South Dakota; 45 m. p. h., in California, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Oregon, Virginia, and West Virginia; 50 m. p. h. in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Nebraska, Utah, Vermont, Washington, North Dakota, and Mississippi; 55 m. p. h., South Carolina; 60 m. p. h.,Colorado and Minnesota.

Motorists, the Club finds, are becoming "speed-conscious" because of enforcement drives throughout the country. The Pennsylvania and Delaware campaigns are particularly vigorous, and local motorists are cautioned to be on the lookout for the white police cars now patrolling the Keystone State's highways.

Calvert High School To Present Plays

Calvert High School Dramatic Club will present two one-act plays, "The Pampered Darling" and "A Good Girl in the Kitchen" at the high school on Thursday and Friday evenings, March 10 and 11. Curtain at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. I. D. Johnson Buried Tuesday

Word was received here late Saturday afternoon of the death of Mrs. Isabella D. Johnson, widow of Frederick T. F. Johnson, a former attorney of Washington, D. C., which occurred at three o'clock that morning at her home The Mendota Apartments, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Johnson was born at Barton, Maryland, and spent her girlhood in Baltimore, Maryland, coming to Elkton with her mother after the death of her father John Wilson of the firm of Black, Sheridan & Wilson, Baltimore, Maryland. Mrs. Johnson lived in Elkton until her marriage to Mr. Johnson when she removed to Washington, D. C.

Funeral services were held in Washington, D. C., at eleven o'clock Tuesday morning, March 1, 1938, and were conducted by the Rev. Dr. William S. Bishop of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church. The interment was in Loudon Park cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland, the Rev. Dr. Guthire Speer of Brown Memorial Church officiating.

Mrs. Johnson was the daughter of John Wilson and his wife, Isabella Clendenin Glover and is survived by her only sister Miss Catherine Eckels Wilson who lives in Elkton. Mrs. Johnson was a distinguished member of an old family, whose pleasing personality won her many friends who are now saddened by her untimely passing.

Socially prominent, she was active in patriotic work. She was past State office, ex-Regent and for fourteen years, Treasurer of the Mary Washington Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at Washington, D. C. Among other clubs in which her activities were an important part, Mrs. Johnson was also a member of the Washington Club, Washington, D. C., the American Association of University Women and of the Washington branch of the Wilson College Club of which she was the first president.

Monthly Meeting of Gleaners

The regular monthly meeting of the Gleaners was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church House, Tuesday evening. Officers elected for the year are: President, Mrs. Melvin Thompson; Vice President, Miss Grace Wells Price; Recording Secretary, Mrs. John Jones; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Joseph Lort; Treasurer, Mrs. Howard Davis.

Young People In Charge of Service

The Young People of the North East M. E. Church will have charge of the public service Sunday evening, March 6th. At that time they will give reports from the Youth's Conference at Calisbury. The public is invited.

The Low Down From Hickory Grove

Down on our corner we got a nice little drug store—with a pee-wee P. O. in the back—and the feller who runs it, we call him Dock, and he is around 60 and a pleasant kind of party.

And the reason I am tellin' about him, is because he is one person who is not squawkin' about big business eating him alive, but he is goin' ahead and selling whisk-brooms, and sodas, and lipstick, and stamps—and I reckon some drugs, maybe.

And Dock he does not have a stomach ache about the chain stores, etc., and he is makin' money and sellin' our family a new kind of toothbrush every time we go in, and he has 4 or 5 clerks—and is not a gloom—so we all go back.

But he says the woods is full of meddlers, like little business versus big business, and all kinds, who don't know sour apples. But he says it has been great stuff for his business, so far—says he is out of head-ache powders half the time.

Yours, with the low down,
JO SERRA.

Payments To Unemployed In Md. Total $750,000

Claims Still Coming In

The payments of unemployment compensation benefits by the State of Maryland to persons out of work have now passed the $750,000 mark. The disbursing section of the Unemployment Compensation Board is still working under high pressure in an endeavor to catch up with the claims which are still coming in at the rate of nearly a thousand a day to which must be added many claims filed as far back as January 3. It is hoped that in another week or ten days payments will be brought up to date. The clamor for overdue payments is steadily abating. To date the figures assembled by Social Security Board show Maryland near the front in the percentage of benefits paid. The latest available figures put only three states ahead of Maryland.

The Unemployment Compensation Board had been sending out notices to employers who have less than eight employees, calling attention to their possible liability under the amended law. The Maryland act, as originally passed, covered employers of eight or more and those who voluntarily chose to come in. Under this provision, those found liable for contributions were more than 6,300. Now that the law has been amended to embrace employers of four or more, the aggregate of those liable has been brought up to 8,700. Many are still to be heard from.

It has been found that about seven per cent of the claimants have failed to give a Social Security number as required by law. No claims are paid without a Social Security number.

Gleaners' Birthday Party

The Gleaners celebrated their birthday with George Washington's on Feb. 22 in the Church House. Two Colonial plays were presented, "Candle or Kerchief," a romantic comedy featuring Mrs. Nicholas Larzalere as Sally Jordan; Mrs. Thomas McIntire as Mrs. Jordan, her mother; Mrs. J. Wirt Lynch as Mistress Sophia Keith, sister of Mrs. Jordan; Miss Anita Leech as Miss Becky Franks; Mrs. Roy McKeown as Miss Nancy White, friends of Sally and Mrs. Watson Phillips as Agnes the slow-moving somewhat stolid maid. Miss Nancy White and Miss Becky Franks are true historical characters and all references and details were historically accurate.

"The Wedding Veil," a royalty, one-act drama was presented by Mrs. Theodore Ott as Mistress Drusilla Kemp; Mrs. J. A. Wolevere as Mistress Charity Kemp, and Mrs. Roy Schmidt as Miss Janice Doane.

Mrs. Frank Blake, Jr., played the ever delightful Beethoven's "Minuet in G." Mrs. Roy Schmidt, Mrs. John Jenness, Mrs. Joseph Scarborough ang"Old Time Favorites" and "Sweet Miss Mary."

The Colonial costumes and setting made a very pretty picture, those present expressing themselves as being delighted with the entire performance.

Following the program ice cream and cake were served. The birthday cake was a three-tiered white iced cake topped with candles, pretty as well as delicious.

Sunday Services

Services Sunday, March 6, at Elk Neck Charge will be as follows: At Hart's: Church School at 9.45 a. m.; Epworth League at 7.30 p. m., Miss Mary Jane Wood will be the leader; preaching at 8 p. m.

Wesley: Church School at 2 p. m.; preaching at 2.30 p. m. These services wil be held in Wesley Chapel.

Quilting Party at Bay View

The Ladies Aid of Bay View Church will have a quilting at the church rooms on Tuesday, March 8th. Chicken potpie dinner. All wecome.

North East High School To Hold Carnival

The North East High School will hold its second annual carnival in the high school building on Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12. This carnival promises to be an even greater success than the one held last year.

For those who like to eat, there will be everything from hot dogs and pop corn to pink lemonade.

There will be bingo to try your luck, dancing to try your skill, and artists to draw your pictures. There will also be fortune telling, boxing, eight big entertainment acts, and plenty of surprises.

It has been rumored that a furious bull will appear in one of the acts. You will be sure to see some good dancing and to hear some good singing' There will also probably be a very funny play.

The following pupils will take part in the entertainment: Vieno Westerinen, Bayes McCauley, Jane Howard, Charles Rothermel, and others.

These pupils are some of the teachers' chief assistants in seeing that everyone enjoys himself these two evenings: Mildred Kass, Ruth Patchell, Dorothy Lum, Dean Krumrine, Donald Preston, Samuel McDowell, Leon Demond, George Williams, Frances Arrants, Martha Ruth Cramer, Florence Graham, Charlotte Cooper, Charlotte Murphy, Vernon Alexander, Irene Rehill, Lucille Bailey, and Edith Ann Wilson.

There will be an admission charge of ten cents. A door prize will be given away each evening.

The school will appreciate any donations that may be used as prizes.

Peace Problems To Be Discussed

Mauritz A. Hallgren, Howard county dairyman and a nationally-known writer on politics and economics, is making a speaking tour of Maryland during the next several weeks. His immediate schedule includes several speeches in Baltimore and others at Prince Frederick, Takoma Park, Chevy Chase, Westminster and other central Maryland towns. He is also slated to address church, peace, farm and labor groups in the near future at Towson, Chestertown and Cumberland, among other places.

Before some of these groups Mr. Hallgren is discussing various aspects of the peace problem, while the topics he is taking up in his talks before other groups include: "The Relationship of Monopoly to the Cost of Living," "The Independent Vote in Recent Elections," and "Back to Hooverism?"

Author of several books and for a number of years associate editor of the Baltimore Sun, Mr. Hallgren plans to give over much of his time in the future to political and civic affairs. His home is in Glenwood, Howard county.

Singerly Fire Company To Hold First Annual Dinner

The first annual dinner for the members of the Singerly Fire Company will be held this evening. One hundred and seventy-five firemen, together with the Presidents and Chiefs from the Newark, Chesapeake City, North East, Rising Sun and Havre de Grace Fire Companies, County and Town Commissioners are expected to be present, at the Ritz Hotel, at 6.30 p. m.

The firemen and visitors and then turn the meeting over to Mary Henry H. Mitchell who will act as toastmaster. After the invocation by Rev. J. Warren Albinson, the dinner will be served. The menu follows:

Oyster Cocktail
Cream of Chicken Soup with Rice
Celery Olives Pickles
Roast Maryland Turkey, Dressing
Cranberry Sauce
Mashed Potatoes Giblet Gravy
Fresh Limas Rolls
Lettuce and Tomato Salad
Home Made Apple Pie Ice Cream
Coffee

The speakers will be Mr. Leo M. Moore, editor, Havre de Grace Ledger, and Prof. Howard W. Criswell, in charge of the fire instruction schools of Maryland, and Professor of Engineering at Maryland University.

Woman's Club Meets

The Woman's Club met at the Elkton M. E. Church House on Tuesday. Mrs. Bertha D. Phillips was program chairman. Bruce T. Baer of Westminster, Maryland, was the guest speaker. The entertainment features were vocal solo by Mrs. Roy Schmidt, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Blake; piano solo, Miss Miriam Jeffers, and solo dance by Nancy King.

To Love and Be Loved

To love is to be useful to oneself; to make others love you, is to be useful to others.

Leaders Send Joint Plea To President

Business, Labor and Public Officials Hit Uncertainty

In a spirit of cooperation, business and labor leaders and city officials of St. Louis, Mo., have dispatched a joint plea to President Roosevelt and the Missouri delegation in Congress asking that steps be taken to relieve the uncertainty over future government policies.

These uncertainties were described by the leaders of the meeting as "the principal contributing cause of increasing unemployment."

The meeting was called upon the suggestion of labor leaders on the heels of publication of figures showing a sharp increase in January employment compared with a similar period in 1937.

The resolution containing the plea to the Washington officials read as follows:

"Whereas a meeting was this day had in the City Hall in the city of St. Louis of a large group composed of leaders of labor, business and industry and the municipal government, and

"Whereas it was reported to said meeting that the unemployment situation in the city of St. Louis is and has been, for the past several months, increasing to an alarming extent, and

"Whereas, it was the unanimous opinion of those present at said meeting that the principal contributing cause of such increasing unemployment is the uncertainty in business and industrial circles as to the future policies and course of the government, in this distressing situation which prevents government, business and labor from cooperating and capital from securing a fair return and labor's fair wage.

"Now be it resolved that this meeting hereby implores the President of the United States and all representatives in Congress to take such steps as may be necessary to relieve the uncertainty of mind prevailing in labor, business and industrial circles."

Ted Shawn and His Dancers at Mitchell Hall

Perhaps the outstanding number on the University Hour Program this year will be the program of Ted Shawn and his dancers scheduled for Mitchell Hall on March 8.

The Ted Shawn Dancers is the only group in the country composed exclusively of men. In the past few years they have had spectacular success with their programs.

"O Liberatad!" the dance drama which Shawn will present in Mitchell Hall, is based entirely upon phases of American history. Barbaric splendor, bitter tragedy, religious fanaticism, romanticism, humor and satire have gone into the choreographic patterns of Shawn's most recent dances.

The program is scheduled to begin at 8 P. M. There will be no advance sale of tickets. No seats are reserved, and tickets may be secured at the box office after 7.30 on the evening of the performance.

Lloyd B. Wilson Re-Elected President

Lloyd B. Wilson was re-elected president and Frederic J. Irish, general manager of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City serving the state of Maryland, by the board of directors at its regular monthly meeting held in Baltimore, February 28. Philip O. Coffin and John A. Remon were re-elected vice presidents, Walter B. Clarkson, vice president and secretary, Ralph A. Van Orsdel, vice president and general counsel, and Thomas B. Clarkson, treasurer.

Other officers elected were Franklin H. Kenworthy, general auditor; H. C. Ross, auditor; J. Brooke Boyle, assistant to general manager; L. M. Griffin, general commercial manager; J. L. D. Speer, Jr., chief engineer; C. L. Oswald, general traffic manager, and J. W. Talbot, general plant manager.

Virginia Treats 88 Per Cent More Drunks

Virginia, where liquor is sold under state monopoly, treated 88 per cent more inebriates in 1937 than in 1933, the year before repeal according to Dr. J. S. DeJarnette, superintendent of Western State Hospital, the state institution which cares for Virginia's drink victims.

Women patients at the Keeley Cure Institute at Dwight, Ill., increased 57.6 per cent last year over 1936, according to statistics just released by the institution. More women alcoholics took the cure during 1937 than in any single year since 1915.

NO HOLIDAY FOR DEATH

Last year accidental deaths in the United States declined 4 per cent from 1936. But there's nothing in that to cause us to throw out our chests—Nature, not man, was the cause of the drop. The mild, cool summer, according to the National Safety Council, was responsible for almost all of the decline, inasmuch as heat deaths were 4,500 below normal.

In fields where man is the governing factor, the death and injury total, with the exception of home accidents, continued to rise. The greatest killer of all time, the automobile, claimed 4 per cent more victims than it did in 1936, for a total of 39,700. Occupational deaths climbed 6 per cent, to 19,000. The grand total of deaths from all accidental causes was 106,000—with 375,000 persons permanently injured and 9,400,000, 8 per cent of the whole population, temporarily injured. The direct cost of these accidents is estimated to have reached the staggering total of $3,700,000,000.

There is 1937's accident record, expressed in cold figures. It is bad enough looked at that way. It is infinitely worse if you regard it in terms of human values—mutilated bodies, widowed mothers, orphaned children, blinded and crippled individuals, gore and carnage. And perhaps the most sombre reflection of all is that 90 per cent of the accidents were in all probability easily preventable—somebody was careless, somebody was ignorant, somebody took a chance, and there was no holiday for death.

Will 1938 repeat this grisly toll of life, health and dollars? It's up to us, all of us, to answer that question through our actions.