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PUBLIC SERVICE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY OBTAINS GRAY BUS LINE

Announcement Made Yesterday of Purchase of Line of Buses Running Between This City and New Brunswick and Other Lines of Company—Public Service Official Promises New and Modern Buses.

The end of this month marks the expiration of the time allowed the attorneys for the preparation and filing of briefs in the injunction proceedings over the use of the road leading from Burts Creek to the Kearney Dock road in Mechanicsville. The attorneys referred to are Francis P. Coan, of this city, representing the R. U. Rue Company, and Warren G. Schenck, of New Brunswick, representing the Sayre and Fisher Company, of Sayreville, and Graham & McKeon, of Perth Amboy. Hearings have been held in the office of A. T. McMichael and F. P. Coan, whose offices in the Post Office building adjoin each other, by Special Master Schuyler C. Van Cleef, on several occasions and the testimony of a large number of witnesses taken. It is estimated that the testimony taken will require some 500 pages when written out for presentation to Vice Chancellor Malcolm G. Buchanan who granted the temporary injunction on April 11th at Trenton on application of Mr. Schenck.

The proceedings are the outgrowth of matters in connection with the building of the southerly approach to the new Victory Bridge being built across the Raritan River. It seems that the R. U. Rue Company were one of the unsuccessful bidders for the contract for building the approach to the bridge, the contract going to Graham & McKeon, of Perth Amboy. Graham & McKeon in turn awarded a sub-contract to George R. Delaney, of this city, for a part of the all.

The R. U. Rue Company some years ago had leased from Henry Wolf a tract of land near the end of the bridge approach and in bidding on the approach probably figured on using the stripping and other gravel, etc. off this tract in filling the contract. When Delaney was awarded the sub-contract he began hauling material from Sayre and Fisher ground through the Wolf property along a road leading from Burts Creek to the vicinity of the new approach. (Continued on Page 4)

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. HOWARD QUADT

The news of the death of Mrs. Anna Mae Quadt, wife of Mr. Howard Quadt and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Tice, of Second street, shocked and saddened many people in this city on Thursday. The end came suddenly at about three o'clock in the morning at the City Hospital where Mrs. Quadt had up to Wednesday been recovering from childbirth some weeks previous. Although the hospital authorities notified the family soon after a change in the patient's condition was noted, the end had come before the parents reached her.

The deceased would have celebrated her twenty-first birthday on the 14th of next month. She became Mrs. Quadt about a year ago and continued to make her home with her parents. She is survived by the parents, a husband and an infant son, two years old. Funeral services will be conducted in her late home at 236 Second street at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon and interment in Christ Church cemetery will follow. E. S. Mason Son have charge of the funeral arrangements.

Complete stock of Kodaks, Films, Supplies at Peterson's Pharmacy, 6-20-tf

Deal for Roasting 14c pound, at Nathan's, David street. Adv.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of South Amboy will meet at City Hall on Friday, July 19th, 1924, at 8 o'clock.

ROTARIANS HEAR T. FRANK APPLEBY

Former Congressman Speaks Here Tuesday—Business Meeting To Be Held Next Tuesday.

Members of the South Amboy Rotary Club were given a most interesting talk last Tuesday noon by former Congressman T. Frank Appleby, of Asbury Park, upon his recent trip to the Orient. Mr. Appleby, in a party of four, visited the Philippines, Hawaii, Japan, China, and Korea. He told of the quaint customs that prevailed in these places, and described the scenery and economic conditions in the Orient in a way that was most pleasing to his hearers. "Jim" Newmeyer was the winner of the "stunt" last Tuesday and was sentenced to eat a quart of ice cream. He was so successful that he did not have to pay a fine.

Next Tuesday will be given over to Rotary Club business, the entire period being devoted to matters of business before the local Rotarians. The local club is in receipt of a letter of congratulation from district governor Bill Cope upon its 100% membership during the month of June.

The program committee, with Jim Housel in charge, is planning to hold the fish dinner at Seidler's on August 8th, instead of July 25th, as originally planned. There will be a special program of events, the Rotarians going down to the beach early in the evening.

MAY REDUCE ITS LIGHTING RATES

The Monmouth Light Company has filed a notice with the Public Utilities Commission, stating it is about to reduce its rates for the Borough of Keyport from 14 1/2 to 12 1/2 per K. W. A public hearing on the reduction is to be held next Thursday. The explanation according to the letter of Secretary A. M. Barber, of the Commission, is to make uniform the rates throughout the territory served. If this is really so and the lighting company is going to be consistent in its readjustment of rates, South Amboy ought to be the next to receive attention in the matter of rates. Local rates are 15c per K. W., as compared to 10c some years ago.

CITY HAS NOW 121 LICENSED DOGS

The records at the City Hall show that up to today 121 dog licenses have been issued. Chief of Police Gleason stated that there were more complaints being made to him of annoyance from dogs howling, fighting and congregating on private property than ever before. He estimates that there are more than 1,877 dogs running loose and a whole lot that are chained up and making noise about it. He believes that the dog nuisance is being aggravated by people from other communities who wish to dispose of dogs bringing them to this city in automobiles and then turning them loose here.

SPECIAL
Best make gas water heater, complete, attached to your range boiler, \$20.00 for July only.
Who would be without hot water for the bath for this small amount and think of the convenience.
P. J. MONAHAN
Broadway and David St. Adv.

Now is the time for all good Households to have the quality of their but-

RADIATOR EXPLODES SCALDING TWO MEN

The explosion of an automobile radiator Monday morning put two men in the local hospital suffering from scalds and burns. The unusual accident happened to a Mack truck loaded with horses, at the top of the hill near Broadway and Main street. The truck was coming up the hill from Perth Amboy. The horses were part of a shipment from Newark to Lakewood and following the disablement of the truck the horses were unloaded and driven the rest of the way to the destination.

It is presumed that the overflow pipe on the radiator became stopped up and the resultant pressure of boiling water and steam caused the radiator to burst. The driver, Stephen O'Connell, of Newark, and a colored helper, Harry Clark, also of Newark, were removed to the hospital, the driver being burned the most seriously. The helper was discharged on Tuesday but the driver remained for several days. The truck was removed to a Perth Amboy service station Monday afternoon for repairs.

Following the explosion of the radiator, the truck traveled along Main street without a driver for some distance when O'Connell jumped off without waiting to stop the machine. Bystanders applied the brakes and brought the car to a standstill.

SUROWSKI GETS 30 DAYS IN WORKHOUSE

Upon complaint of his wife, John Surowski, was taken into custody by Officer O'Connor on Sunday and left overnight in the City Hall to sober up.

Monday morning, Judge Forgotton sent him to the workhouse for a month to get the alcohol out of his system and also as a lesson to let his wife alone when in a fighting mood. Surowski got his free ride to the Work House on Monday afternoon. According to his story Surowski got into the trouble by visiting places in Perth Amboy, visiting too many, so to speak.

WILL INSTALL OFFICERS NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

Next Friday night Joel Parker Council No. 63, Jr. O. U. A. M., of this city, will hold the semi-annual installation of officers.

The officers to be installed are as follows: Counsellor, Robert Thorpe; Vice Counsellor, Henry Mullander; Conductor, Frank Hall; Warden, William Sprague; Inside Sentinel, William Lambertson; Outside Sentinel, Britton Grover; Past Counsellor, Albert Cole.

The installation will take the place of the usual entertainment—refreshment program.

BARGE CAPTAIN FOUND DEAD IN CABIN MONDAY AFTERNOON

Body of William Neill of the Barge "James H. Hughes" Found By Abe Hubbs, Boss Trimmer at the Dumpers—Coroner R. P. Mason Gives Heart Failure As Cause of Death—Was Former Yale Man.

Born to riches, reared in luxury, educated in the best colleges, lived in squalor and died alone amidst filth—in brief that is the life story of Capt. William Neill, of the barge James H. Hughes, of the Hughes line, who was found dead on Monday afternoon aboard his boat in the local harbor.

The body was found by Abe Hubbs, a boss trimmer at the dumpers, when he was investigating the non-appearance of Neill who daily came to visit the dumpers sometime during the morning. When he failed to appear as usual, Hubbs, knowing the seventy year old man to be in failing health and steadily growing more feeble, feared he had fallen somewhere and was perhaps lying, hurt, helpless and in need of assistance, searched for Neill and found him, beyond human aid, on the bunk in the cabin of his boat.

The barge has been lying in the local waters for over a year. It is loaded with two Diesel engines purchased from the government and now being held for future sale.

Coroner R. P. Mason was notified and after making an inspection of the body gave an opinion that death was the result of heart failure and that death had taken place some twenty-four hours before. The body, as well as the whole cabin, was in a terrible state of uncleanness with tin cans, papers, cast off clothing and rubbish

of all sorts scattered about. The cabin had the appearance of never having been cleaned and it was apparent some of the rubbish had lain undisturbed for years.

The body was removed to Mason's morgue and prepared for burial. The widow, Mrs. Carrie Neill, of New York City, came here Tuesday and made positive identification of the dead man. From her appearance Mrs. Neill seemed to be cultivated and refined and bore evidence of being comfortably fixed so far as worldly goods were concerned. She stated her husband was well born of a socially prominent and wealthy family in New York City and that after being educated at Yale University, he had drifted away from her and his own family into a life of adventure and wandering up and down the world in which old "King Alcohol" played a prominent part in the squandering of his fortunes.

Neill leaves a son, Howard H., of Valley Stream, New York, and a brother, Dr. James Neil, of 154-24th street, New York City.

Although the police conducted an investigation and search, no clues pointing to anything suspicious in the man's death was found. The body was removed by automobile hearse on Thursday afternoon to Woodlawn Cemetery, New York City, where funeral services were conducted and interment made.

POPULATION INCREASING

During the month of June, the Registrar of Vital Statistics reported 23 births, 12 marriages, and 4 deaths. The Registrar, William J. Nagle, advises that he will be at his office at 317 John street from 8 A. M. to 12 noon and from 4:30 to 8:30 P. M. daily, for the convenience of the public and those desiring his services.

TO USERS OF CITY WATER

All users of city water, who have been served notice of unpaid water bills, will be shut-off within one week unless payment of same is made.

JOHN J. BRANEY,
Water Commissioner

MANY ON EXCURSION

The Union Sunday School excursion to Asbury Park on Wednesday was liberally patronized by pleasure seekers from surrounding communities as well as this city. The eleven steel coaches furnished by the railroad for the accommodation of the excursionists were comfortably filled when the train left the local station at nine o'clock.

The day at the shore passed very quickly, the weather favoring the full enjoyment of the many attractions of the seaside resort.

WILL PROBATED

The will of John Salmon, of David street, who passed away on June 24th, was probated by Surrogate Forman on Wednesday. The surviving wife, Amelia Veronica, was named as executrix of the will, which was dated February 3, 1921 and witnessed by John J. O'Connor, of this city, and Robert W. Olson, of Red Bank.

VICE-CHANCELLOR WILL GET BRIEFS IN ROAD CONTROVERSY

R. U. Rue Company, Local Concern, Claims Ownership of Road Leading From Burts Creek to Kearney Dock—Sayre and Fisher Company and Graham and McKeon Dispute Claim.

LOCAL MAN OUT UNDER \$2,000 BAIL

Norman Marcella Held As Proprietor of Alleged Disorderly House—3 Companions Also Held.

Norman Marcella, of Catherine street, this city, is under \$2,000 bail, and three young women are being held in default of \$1,000 bail each as material witnesses, as the result of a raid on an alleged disorderly house in Cliffwood last Saturday night.

The raid was conducted by Chief of County Detectives John Smith, of Monmouth County, with several of his officers and assisted by Marshal John Mulsoff, of Matawan. The raiding party found no one except the three young women and Marcella in the house and Marcella was held as the alleged proprietor of the place. According to Chief Smith, the place has been in operation for about three weeks and had become an attraction for many automobile parties. It is known as the Gelhaus homestead and stands but a short distance from the State Highway on the old Gelhaus property.

The prisoners were taken before Recorder Gesswein at Matawan immediately after the raid where Marcella entered a plea of not guilty to charge of operating a disorderly house. The young women gave their names as Rose Brown, 106 Second avenue, New York City; Rose Gardner, of 149 River street, Scranton, Pa.; and Anna Cartilla, of 85 East 10th street, New York City.

The raid created a considerable sensation in Matawan and a large crowd gathered at the recorder's office to obtain a glimpse of the prisoners, who were later removed to the county jail at Freehold.

STATE ACTS TO OBTAIN LOCAL LAND

Negotiations are being carried on between the Morgan Heights Realty Company and representatives of the State Highway Commission for the land necessary to carry the highway across the overhead bridge over the railroad tracks at Morgan Station. The State appraisers have completed their work and plans for the bridge are far advanced; it is stated on good authority, and but little if any difficulty, is anticipated in connection with the securing of the necessary right of way.

The State Highway Board some weeks ago decided on plans for the grading of the new cut-off and it is expected that soon matters will be in shape to warrant the beginning of actual work as soon as the railroad is ready to go ahead with the bridge, which will be located at approximately the same place as the bridge formerly used by the Jersey Central Traction Company for its trolleys.

The new road will cut off the present road where it curves to the right just below what was once known as "Dead Man's Curve" and continue in an almost straight line through the property of the Morgan Heights Realty Company and across the tracks, joining the highway again close to the present draw bridge at Morgan. The construction of the bridge and cut-off will, it is believed, eliminate almost entirely the congestion of automobiles on the Morgan-Keyport road.

Former City Engineer A. T. McMichael has been working for some time on the titles of the property affected and has nearly completed the work.

Bathing Caps at Peterson's Pharmacy 15c and up. 6-20-tf

Part of the Whitehead, Brothers tract now for sale by T. F. Sullivan, 103 Stevens Avenue. 7-11-tf

Announcement was made yesterday that the Public Service Transportation Company has expanded its growing monopoly of bus service lines into this city by coming into possession of all of the capital stock of the Gray Bus Line, Inc., which operates a line of bus service between this city and its headquarters in New Brunswick. The announcement caused little surprise here for some such move was foreseen by the Banker interests, the instigators of the line, sold out to James A. O'Connell, of New Brunswick some months ago.

The Public Service is now negotiating, it is said, with the Burke Garage, Inc. interests in New Brunswick for the absorption of the bus lines operated by that concern, the principal ones being a New Brunswick—Jamesburg and a New Brunswick—Asbury Park service, the latter operating on Wednesdays only, although it was contemplated running the newest and biggest bus to Dravosland Park on Sundays. Thomas F. Burke, of New Brunswick, president of the Burke Company, and his counsel, County Solicitor Frederick P. Richardson, were in conference with Public Service representatives yesterday, relative to the closing of negotiations for the sale of the lines.

It is expected that the present officers of the Gray Company will tomorrow relinquish their offices to representatives of the purchasers pending complete transfer of the Gray Buses to the Public Service Company.

The lines now operated by the Gray Bus people, in addition to local service line of nine buses, are:

- New Brunswick—Perth Amboy. Operating over the highway way by way of the bridge.
- Metuchen—Plainfield, two New Brunswick—Highland two buses.
- Lincoln Gardens. Operating on the highway.

COMPLAIN OF FAST RUNNING FIRE TRUCK

Complaint has been made by Chief of Police Gleason to the Sayreville authorities relative to the excessive speed at which the apparatus of the borough travels through this city when going to the outlying districts. The complaint is the result of a trip to Melross last Monday afternoon when it is alleged that the truck came down the hill from the Sacred Heart church at a rate far above the city miles an hour. About a similar complaint was made by Sayreville authorities and was immediately forthcoming. It is alleged that henceforth more discretion will be used.

Chief Gleason says that there is necessity for them coming through this city at all because they have roads of their own that can be used to reach any part of their territory although they won't be able to speed on most of them.

In answer to a question in regard to local apparatus the Chief remarked that he was more concerned over the conduct of local automobilists when the fire alarm sounded than about anything else. He went on to say that the practice of auto clustering up the streets and rushing wildly in the general direction of the fire without paying any attention to the fire apparatus, other vehicles or pedestrians was a very dangerous one and should be broken up. He also mentioned the practice of owners parking their autos close to the scene of the fire, which parking habits results in the firemen having to go around, over or under the machine that are parked in their way. He offered the co-operation of his department to the fire wardens in breaking up the practice.

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