ALL CLASSES OF TRADE AT FUEL MEETING

Retailers Affected by Orders Make Plea to Have Their Expenses Lessened.

Representatives from every kind of retail business affected by the fuel conservation orders were gathered in the lobby and rooms of the Rock Island club this noon when the fuel committee went into session, seeking to get a hearing for their individual cases. There was a crowd totaling at least a hundred there from 11:30 until late in the afternoon.

The butcher, the baker, the pool room keeper, the cigar store man, the grocer, the confectioner, the ice cream parlor proprietor, all were there. Organized labor was largely represented by heads of unions and other leading men. The ministers of churches were there, with suggestions, petitions and hearings on grievances to put before the committee. It dawned upon the bystander that the fuel orders hit a large portion of the population directly.

Lest the consideration that substations of the postoffice being operated in retail stores should be used as an argument by them to remain open, the postmaster, H. P. Simpson, notified all such places that the postal station must be closed together with their business at the time set by the committee.

The big point urged before the meeting by most of the retail men was that while their places of business are closed they are losing the business which would otherwise come to them at that time, but which they are willing to sacrifice, if in the meantime they do not have to pay for heat they are not using. They represented this as being a big financial difficulty to them, which they are unable to escape because of contracts with landlords.

The committee promises to use every effort to adjust the situation the best way possible, but with the admonition that the present plan was the most effective they are able to formulate at the present time. The meeting continued until late in the afternoon, more than a dozen audiences being given the trade and other representatives affected by the fuel committee's new orders.

CITIZENS GIVE COAL ORDER AT CENTRAL POINT

Clearing House Opened Today in Rock Island—Davenport Dealers Adopt Similar Plan.

W. H. Lamont, manager of the Rock Island clearing house for coal orders, with headquarters at room No. 222 Robinson building, corner of Second avenue and Eighteenth street, announced this afternoon that coal orders are being received slowly at the office. However, he said that the public should become informed as to the proper way of placing orders.

No orders can be placed with individual dealers. All orders must be placed in person at the clearing house. Deliveries are to be made the day following.

The office in the Robinson building is open from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Davenport Dealers Agree.

At a meeting held this morning the Davenport dealers reached a decision to open a clearing house in that city. Fred Denger was named manager of the office, which is to be opened tomorrow morning at the Davenport city hall.

The Davenport clearing house will be governed by the same rules that govern the clearing houses in Rock Island, Moline and East Moline, as were printed yesterday.

Obituary

William C. McCulloch.

William C. McCulloch of 415 Twenty-ninth street, died at 7 o'clock yesterday evening at Mercy hospital, Davenport. For more than a year he had been in failing health.

He was born Oct. 29, 1851, at Urbana, Ohio. In 1875 he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Lamoree at Sullivan, Ill. In 1881 he came to Rock Island, where he had made his home ever since. For 37 years he had been employed at the Ben T. Cable estate as coachman and gardner. In 1887 he became a member of the Modern Woodmen lodge, No. 29. He was a member of the Christian church, with which he united as a young man.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth McCulloch, two sons, Joseph and William of Rock Island; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Ruhser of Moline; and two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Robertson of Deering, Kan., and Mrs. Sarah Radley of Dunlay, Ill. A son Harry, died in 1906.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Moeller undertaking parlors at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. Launcelot Hadaway officiating. The Modern Woodmen will be in charge of the services. Burial will be made at Chippiannock cemetery.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

The public library will be open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., until further notice.

C. J. LARKIN, President.

There are nearly three hundred active volcanoes in the world, many of them, however, being quite small.

Latest Official Regulations For Conservation of Fuel As Announced by the Committee

Several changes are made in the old schedule, with the orders issued this afternoon by the fuel committee. One of the most radical alterations is the clipping of two hours from the working day of factories whose load is less than 30 horsepower. They may now operate from 9 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. instead of 7 to 3:30. All larger consumers of power and light are limited to six and one-half hours or less of operation. Twenty-four hour plants are ordered to close two days a week.

It is especially stressed by the committeemen that whenever the words "light" or "heat" are mentioned in the orders the words apply to any and all forms of light or heat. Light produced by candles, oil contrivances, gas or any other means come under the rulings naming "light" as surely as do electric consumers. Heat produced from gas, oil, coal or any other way is affected the same.

Drug stores may sell drugs or fill prescriptions from 8 a. m. to 8:30 p. m., but are limited as before with all other retail stores to the hours of business, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. The exceptions to the 9 to 4 rule are groceries, meat markets, milk depots, fruit stores and bakeries (sale departments) which are allowed an extra hour, 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

An important section is that allowing entertainments, concerts, lectures, church fairs and the like, only adminishing them to conserve fuel in every way possible.

The hours for barber shops are changed from 9 to 4 to 10 to 6.

Further careful consideration by the committee, helped by suggestions and pleas from many citizens, resulted in adding to the list a number of regulations not included in the original restrictions. None of these are stringent, but chiefly apply to smaller branches of business, confirming that they are affected by the same rules the larger ones are subject to.

The new regulations follow:

On account of the non-production of coal and the necessity for conserving the existing supply as long as possible for the welfare of the people of the community, the following limitations are placed on the use of coal and of heat, power or light produced by coal or other fuel or hydro-electric power.

1—Factories and Shops. Industries and other large consumers of power and light, whose load is less than 30 h. p., to operate from the hours of 9 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. Larger consumers of power and light to operate not to exceed 6½ hours, the actual period to be determined by conference with the power company furnishing the current. Industries producing their own power and light not to exceed 6½ hours. Until such time as the national or state authorities establish a distinction between essential and non-essential industries, the committee does not undertake to make the distinction. Twenty-four hour plants to shut down two days a week.

2—Retail Stores, except as otherwise covered, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Closed Saturday evenings.

3—Groceries, Meat Markets, Milk Depots, Fruit Stores and Bakeries (sale departments). 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

4—Confectioneries, Soft Drink Establishments, Etc., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

5—Drug Stores: 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. May be open for the sale of drugs and the filling of prescriptions from 8 a. m. to 8:30 p. m.

6—Wholesale Houses: 9 a. m to 4 p. m.

7—Barber Shops and Shoe Shining Establishments: 10 a. m to 6 p. m.

8—Theatres and Movies: May be open 7 p. m. to 10:30 p. m. except Mondays. Closed at other hours. When open light to be reduced 50 per cent, heat reduced as far as practical, not over three lights on canopy. No afternoon performances.

9—Dance Halls: May be open two nights a week, 7:30 p. m. to 11 p. m., with reduced heat and light as for theatres.

10—Pool Rooms, Bowling Alleys, Cigar Stores: May have the choice of store hours, 9 a. m to 4 p. m. or of places of amusement hours, 7 p. m. to 11:30 p. m. May keep open both for pool playing, bowling and sale of cigars, one period or other, but not for both. Light reduced 50 per cent.

11. Entertainments, concerts, lectures, church fairs, etc., permitted, but urged to conserve fuel in every way possible.

12. Office buildings: 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

13. Banks: Close Saturday evenings.

14. Churches: Limited to usual Sabbath services. Recommended that churches unite in union services and use smaller auditoriums.

15. Lodges: One meeting a week.

16. Schools: Continue for the present.

17. Electric signs, store window lighting, boulevard light and ornamental illumination: Not permitted at any time.

18. Hotels, clubs and restaurants: No restrictions on regular business, but to observe the rules of retail stores in sale of cigars, candy, etc. cent.

19. Flat buildings: Saving in heat, hot water and light to be effected as far as possible.

20. Garages, liveries, etc., cut light 50 per cent.

21. Gasoline filling stations: 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. No canopy light.

22. Street railway: Service in the least essential lines be suspended or reduced as follows:

Fourth street, Davenport, suspended.

LeClaire street, Davenport, reduced to one car.

Third street, Davenport, suspend west of double track.

Brady and Harrison loop, reduce one car.

Stevens park, Moline, suspended.

Thirty-eighth street line, Rock Island, suspended.

Elm street line, Rock Island, suspended west of junction.

Tower car line, Rock Island, suspended.

Third avenue car, Rock Island, take off two cars after factories close.

East Moline, 15 minute service instead of 10.

Bridge line, turns at Scott street.

West Third street and Rockfinued. Clinton, Davenport & Muscatine interurban passenger service reduced 50 per cent. Park Place line, Muscatine, service reduced 50 per cent.

Street cars: heating eliminated, light reduced 50 per cent.

24—Temperature: It is recommended that temperature of stores, hotels, flats, offices, houses, etc., be kept as low as consistent with health, 60 to 65 degrees being suggested.

25—Conservation: It is recommended that heat be conserved by careful firing, shutting off unused rooms, by reducing heat at night, etc., and that light be conserved by shutting off lights in unoccupied rooms and by using no more light than necessary. Gas and water should be conserved the same as coal and electricity.

26—In case any consumer disregards these rules the public utility company is ordered to discontinue power, heat and light, and fuel dealers to discontinue supplying fuel and said consumer shall not be reinstated without order from this committee.

27—The fuel committee intends the word fuel to mean coal, coke, wood, oil, gas, or any other class of fuel.

28—The above rules are to be strictly observed, regardless of whether an individual or firm furnishes their own light, heat or power.

29—The fact that any person or firm uses oil or gas in place of coal, or does not require power or light does not, in any way change these rules. Furthermore, gas is not to be substituted for coal or oil.

Rock Island, Dec. 5, 1919.

JOINT COAL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE.

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C. E. Mitchell, East Moline.
J. L. Simmons, East Moline.
F. W. Rock, Bettendorf.
Robert E. McNutt, Muscatine.
Edward G. Fairfield, Muscatine.
Edward K. Putnam, Davenport, secretary.

Personal Points

Lieutenant Colonel John W. Stewart, who has been in the Rock Island engineer's office, as assistant to Colonel Harry Burgess, has been transferred to the office in Vicksburg, Miss.

Mrs. J. K. Dunkin and baby daughter Betty Ann of Chicago, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Dunkin's sister, Mrs. Arthur Johnson.

Judge R. W. Olmsted spent yesterday in Peoria on important business.

Miss Margaret Johnson of Springfield arrived in the city last night for a two weeks' visit with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Leath of Aurora, who have been visiting at the B. A. Miles home, 606 Twelfth avenue, returned to their home yesterday.

Miss Alice Selhost, 606 Fourteenth street, has returned home after a three months' visit at the home of her brother, Emil Selhost in Duluth, Minn.