

COAL GAS USED AS SUBSTITUTE

Fuel Is Converted by Device on Car

Wartime Gasoline Price In England Goes to 37 Cents

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London (U.P.—Britain's 2,000,000 gasoline-starved motorists are looking hopefully to coal gas as a partial solution to their wartime difficulties. Their hopes have been buoyed by publication of a report by the government committee on emergency conversion of motor vehicles to produce gas.

This report said that the mines department already had licensed 25 farms to manufacture gas-producing units conforming to the committee's designs. These units may be mounted directly on the vehicle itself or towed on a trailer.

Little change need be made on the automobile engine, only the carburetor being affected. The committee said fuel for these gas units already was available and soon would be ready for nearly 10,000.

Dampers Put On Optimism
Transportation authorities have warned private motorists against over-confidence that these new units

will provide an immediate solution for their troubles, however. While it is true that the units may be available eventually for the small-car owner, their cost at present is prohibitive. Manufacturers plan to concentrate on the commercial vehicle field for the time being.

Should the cost of the conversion units—presently estimated at more than \$200 each—be reduced, it is likely that manufacturers would find a ready-made market in the small-car field since the cost of fuel such as coal and coke would be much less than that of gasoline.

Wartime restrictions have struck a particularly hard blow at the motorists. Each privately-owned car now is rationed only enough gasoline to permit it to go about 200 miles a month, which is less than a third of the monthly mileage of the average motorist before the war. This compares with a monthly mileage of nearly 1,000 miles by the average American driver.

Gasoline of One Grade
All brands and all grades of gasoline now are combined and sold as pool gasoline at 37 cents a British gallon, which is equal to 30 cents for the smaller United States gallon. This represents an increase of 6 cents a gallon over the pre-war cost.

But that is not the only increase the war has saddled on the British motorist. The registration tax has been boosted by \$2 to \$5 per horsepower a year. Thus the owner of the smallest British car—eight horsepower, which would be the same as 27 horsepower in the United States—must pay \$40 tax. The owner of a 30-horsepower car (equal to \$2 United States horsepower) must pay \$150 tax, which is \$60 more than he was required to pay at the beginning of 1939.

These increased costs, coupled with the blackouts, have resulted in hundreds of thousands of motorists laying up their automobiles either for the duration of the war or until expenses can be reduced. In London alone registrations dropped from 160,000 in 1939 to fewer than 80,000 for 1940.

Sisters

Sisters, March 20 (Special)—Mrs. Walter Daron was hostess to the newly organized book study club of Sisters, Wednesday, Mrs. J. B. Gillis reported on the book, "Children of the Rising Sun," by Price. The club will meet March 27, at the home of Mrs. Victor Roach.

A group of friends met Thursday for a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Dan Beougher and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Allen whose house burned recently, burning all of their household goods. Men of the community have been helping erect a new house for them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Barnes and family, of Prineville, visited here Sunday at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Dow and family. During the afternoon while the children were playing Roland Dow had the misfortune of getting a pitchfork ture run in the calf of his leg.

CCC boys are busy this week erecting a rustic pole fence around the state forestry buildings here. Poles about ten inches in diameter are being used, with short poles stood on end at gate and cattle guard openings in the fence and used as posts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Crum who last fall purchased the W. N. Cobb place and other ranches and holdings on Squaw creek have returned to the ranch from the east where they spent

the winter. His nephews, Joe and Ben Crum of Texas, have been running the ranch.

An educational moving picture was shown at the Sisters school gymnasium Monday evening showing the fundamentals of irrigation. Other short reels including two comedies, pictures on the manufacturing of cars and news reels about Finland. The pictures were shown by George Karloff, of Tumalo, and A. E. Perry and George Aiken, of Sisters.

Mrs. Ernest McKenzie, Mary Lou and Cecil McKenzie and Miss Lucille Huntington, of Prineville, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Daron attended the Rebekah ham dinner in Bend Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson are having a large five-room house built on their corner lot just west of the grade school here.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Russell last week purchased the vacant lot just west of the Sisters market from Edgar and Paul Miller. They plan to erect a business building on the lot this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Elba Taylor and daughter, Darlene, of Bend, spent the week-end here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vine Stidham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Swartz and daughters, Marie, Ruse and Doris, accompanied by Mrs. Lillian Duding and Arlene Zastera went to Prineville Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Mal Sharp and infant son, William Mal.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Daron visited friends in Madras Sunday.

Gordon Wagner, of Medford, is here to work with his brother, Larry Wagner, who falls timber for Peterson's mill. Gordon is staying with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wagner.

Harvey Banks and five-year-old son, Foster, who went to Ink, Me., just before Christmas, and spent the winter with relatives there returned Sunday and brought a daughter, Rosalee, who has been with her grandparents since the family came to Oregon two years ago. Mrs. Banks and two daughters, Betty Jo and Billy Lynn, stayed here through the winter so that the children could attend school.

Mrs. George Abelein who has been ill with the flu is still unable to be up. Mary Ellen Shaw is staying with her.

Mrs. Pete Brundage and small daughter, Norma Joyce, are home from the Sisters nursing home and are being cared for by Mrs. Laura Myrner.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zumwalt Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Bruns and daughter, Betty, of Camp Sherman.

Homer Elkin and Hannah Wagner spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Inacore who live at Johnson's mill at Grandview.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Moss and daughter, Shirley, of Kennebec, Wash., are here where he is looking for work. They are staying in one of the Davis cabins.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Sorenson made a trip to Burns Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Scott and daughters, Nancy and Barbara, of Tumalo spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Edgington. The women are sisters.

A group of about 25 men from Eugene are spending the week at the new lodge at Hoodon bowl. N. J. Scott who has operated the resort at Clear lake for some time is operating the new lodge on the Santiam. It is estimated that 750 people visited the lodge Sunday.

Eighteen thousand rainbow fingerlings were released in the closed areas of the Metolius river Monday. The fish averaged about four inches in length and were brought from the Oak Springs hatchery on the Deschutes river below Maupin. Another load of fingerlings were brought Tuesday and were released in some

Local Market to Feature Delicatessen Division

Opening of the delicatessen division of the O'Donnell market has been set for tomorrow, Mrs. Bertha Witte, in charge, announced this morning. This year, Mrs. Witte said, it is planned to have larger stocks than in the past. Also, Mrs. Witte said, foods for special orders are to be quickly prepared.

The O'Donnell market has been completely refurnished and repainted, and arrangements have been made for more complete displays.

Ralph Witte operates the meat market and Mrs. Witte concentrates her activities in the delicatessen.

SERVICE TONIGHT
A special communion service will be held at the First Baptist church tonight at 7:30. The pastor will bring a brief message on the subject, "The Meaning of the Lord's Supper."

of the more accessible creeks in the Metolius river country. Those stocked at this time are Abbott, Jack Canyon, Lake, Jefferson and other creeks.

Albert Allen is home from Walla Walla college and will work with his brother, Harry, at timber falling.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Edwards and family of Dietrich, Idaho, were here last week visiting at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Denison, and with her niece, Mrs. Albert Demaris, and nephew, Lloyd Hewitt. They left Wednesday for home and will visit in Seattle enroute.

The interior of the Breezy Pines cafe is being painted. New linoleum and builtins are also being put in. The cafe is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bedwell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Colver and son, John Elliott, visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parks in Bend.

Mrs. Ed Winkle stayed with her grandsons, Danny and Donald Billodeau, in Redmond last week while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Billodeau, were in Portland.

Visitors at the E. C. Zastera home Sunday included Allen, Lois and Ray Harrington, of Plainview, and Jean and Eweike McKay of Bend.

Miss Arlene Peoples, former teacher in the grade school here, now a student at Oregon State college, visited friends here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kelly and Joyce and Elbert Kelly of Corvallis spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. Chester McKenzie and family. Kelly is Mrs. McKenzie's cousin. Miss Betty Peoples, of Bend, accompanied the Kellys here from Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hinton, of Prineville, were also week-end guests at the Chester McKenzie home. The Hinton's are Mrs. McKenzie's parents.

Hans Rammon, of Medford, stopped here Monday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Daron. Rammon, postman of Medford, is on his vacation and is visiting friends and relatives in Central Oregon. He is Mrs. Daron's brother-in-law.

Mrs. J. H. Crasley of Madras is staying at the Archie Teller home while her daughter, Mrs. Teller, is a patient at the Redmond hospital.

The I. O. O. F. lodge of Sisters is sponsoring an invitational dance Saturday night for members of the lodge and their friends. Lloyd Baker's orchestra will furnish the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lantz and small son of Redmond were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Farleigh, Friday.

Buster Cochran, of Kennebec, is here for a few days visit with his grandmother, Mrs. Arthur Templeton.

First Presbyterian Cantata to Be Friday

The First Presbyterian church will present an Easter cantata Friday night at 8 o'clock in the church, under the direction of Homer Waltz, and Mrs. Lela Schwendker, pianist. "King Triumphant," by Mrs. E. L. Ashford, will be the cantata given, and the numbers are as follows:

"Thou Art My God," choir, alto solo; "The Entry Into Jerusalem," baritone solo, bass solo, soprano solo, choir; "Hail, King of the Jews," baritone solo, choir; "And There Was Darkness," male quartet; "Christ Is Risen," soprano solo, choir; "An Easter Prayer," contralto solo; "The Ascension," female quartet; "King Triumphant," choir.

Solos will be sung by Mrs. Max Nielson, Mrs. John Elbe, Miss Laura Lakin, Russell Lucas, Alvin Moon, R. H. Prentice.

Members of the choir are: sopranos, Mrs. John Elbe, Mrs. Max Nielson, Mrs. C. C. Fisher, Mrs. Daisy Brown, Mrs. Mary E. Walker, Mrs. Ralph Crawford, Mrs. Evelyn Thomas, Miss Mary Ellen Hank, Miss Laura Lakin, alto, Mrs. Finor Furman, Mrs. Claude McCauley, Miss Cylvia Fisher, Mrs. J. G. Jones, Miss Edna Fisher.

Tenors, Alvin Moon, Marion Armstrong, basses, Frank Clark, Russell Lucas, R. H. Prentice. A special request number, "O Morn of Beauty," by Eibelius, will be sung by the choir.

California's most important small-fruit crop is the strawberry.

Five Road Crew Men On Excavation Job

With five of the nine county road crew members manning equipment at the excavation and clearing project on the site of the new county courthouse, most of the work being done throughout the county this week is on maintenance, reports George McAllister, Deschutes county roadmaster.

Two motor graders and two men are working near LaGrange, and the full grader is at Brothers, with another two men. The five men at the Bond street cutoff are in charge of a gas shovel, compressor and jackhammer, cut and dozer, and three trucks.

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