

Evening Record

WEATHER
Rain with slowly rising temperature tonight and Saturday. Probably fair and colder Sunday. Lowest temperature tonight about 40.

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20 SUSQUEHANNA CHANGES SOUGHT; 9 TO HIT BERGEN

Utility Commission To Hear Bankrupt Line's Appeal April 14

18 FEWER TRAINS

26 Eliminated, 8 New Runs Proposed By Kiddle, Trustee

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
Newark, April 8—Twenty changes in trains operating on the New York, Susquehanna & Western division of the Erie Railroad were asked today by Walter Kiddle, trustee for the bankrupt road. The New Jersey Board of Public Utility Commissioners set April 14 for a hearing on the proposed changes, which will go into effect, if granted, April 24.

Of the proposed changes, nine will affect Bergen County stations on the line or bus connections from Bergen points to Passaic County stations.

The Board also announced today that a hearing has been set for April 12 for discontinuance of 26 trains and the substitution of 8 new ones on the Northern Railroad of New Jersey, serving Leonia and Northern Valley points in Bergen County.

Kiddle told the Board that the changes on the Susquehanna would save the road about \$53,000 a year. He reported that it is now losing on its passenger service more than \$13,000 a month. Kiddle was appointed trustee of the road recently when Federal Judge William Clark granted its petition for bankruptcy.

FOLLOWS ERIE CUT

If the changes in the road's schedule go into effect, it will mean that Bergen County commuters on all roads servicing Bergen County except the Erie Main Line and the West Shore Division of the New York Central have either reduced or sought a reduction in service during the past year.

Only recently the New York and New Jersey branch of the Erie sought and obtained the elimination of 23 trains on that road, a compromise from the 29 it sought to cut out. Last year the Susquehanna dropped two trains from its schedule in Bergen County.

Trains which the line seeks to drop which affect Bergen County stations are the 7:24 A. M. from Butler arriving at 8:25 A. M. at Newark; the 11:33 from Butler, arriving in Jersey City at 1:10 P. M. daily except Sundays; the 9:20 A. M. from Jersey City, arriving in Newark at 12:20 daily.

The 7:24 from Butler is an important commuting train.

Bergen County towns which would be affected by the changes are Ridgeland Park, Bogota, Hackensack, Maywood, and Rochelle Park. In addition the road seeks to eliminate six other trains from North Hawthorne to Butler. Residents in the northwest section of Bergen County who connect by bus from Oakland to these trains would be affected by those changes.

COMMUTERS TO MEET

The changes are timed to go into effect with the beginning of the new daylight saving time schedules. Commuters, led by Mayor John F. Seal of Leonia are planning to pro-

BANDITS' LEADER IDENTIFIED BY ALLENDALE BANK

ALLENDALE BANK EMPLOYEES AID HUNT FOR BANDITS



Edward Hamilton, cashier of the First National Bank of Allendale, is shown above (left) with tellers as they pieced together the story of the robbery in which five bandits stole more than \$10,000 from the bank's vault. With the cashier are (l. to r.) Franklin Trinker, David W. Frazer, and Aleya Grossman.

Lodi And United Lock Horns Over \$6,000,000 Value Slide

Borough And Plant, Which Boettger Says Has Lost Ground Steadily, Battle Over \$105,000 Tax Cut

Rapid changes in valuations of the vast United Piece Dye Works, Lodi, were being studied today by the Board of Taxation. As a result of the Borough's demand for an equalization of the plant was listed as \$8,875,000 in June, 1935, and four months later dropped to less than \$2,000,000.

Theodore Boettger of Hackensack, chairman of the United Board, made the revelation in a hearing at Hackensack Court-house while reviewing the firm's steady rise to dominate the national dye market and its recent swift decline.

FILE CROSS APPEALS

Lodi and the United have placed cross appeals before the State Board for revaluation of the huge, rambling Lodi plant astride the Saddle River.

Telling an entertaining story of progress and retrogression, Boettger admitted he valued the plant at close to \$9,000,000 in application for a Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan.

Four months later on Oct. 1, 1935, the plant's value had dropped to approximately \$1,200,000 for tax assessment purposes. Lodi officials con-

BUS REGULATIONS BY TOWNS URGED

Serious Condition Is Due To Lack Of Control

(Special to the Bergen Evening Record)
Trenton, April 8 — Inadequate municipal regulation and control has created a serious situation in bus transportation facilities in northern New Jersey, the Board of Public Utility Commissioners told Governor Moore today in its annual report.

In a subdivision of its report entitled "The Problem of the Metropolitan Area," the Board said:

"There is the requirement of adequate transportation facilities from each point in the entire area to New York City. The result is a network of bus lines which is exceedingly complicated, is in a continuous state of change, and requires continuing attention on the part of the Board."

The Board made no specific recommendations for clearing up this situation, believing it to be a municipal problem, but it did suggest stricter parking and bus stop regulations by the municipalities them-

CLIMAX NEAR ON BLUM'S MEASURE

Senate To Vote On Dictatorial Powers Today

(By Associated Press)
Rice, April 8—Premier Leon Blum's bill for dictatorial powers is

G-Men, State Police Join Hunt — Loss Set At \$10,500

NEW BILLS LEFT

Detectives Certain They'll Capture Known Gunman

An ex-convict recently released from Trenton State Prison is being sought today as leader of the heavily armed bandit gang which took \$10,511.77 from the First National Bank of Allendale in Bergen County's first bank robbery in 15 months.

G-men, County detectives, and local and State police are co-operating in what they are convinced will be a successful search for the five gunmen who quietly looted the Allendale bank yesterday afternoon.

NO PRINTS FOUND

They escaped in a black 1938 Oldsmobile sedan bearing New York plates which witnesses said started with the designation 1C. Remainder of the license number was not taken down but police are convinced the gang uses a stolen car.

The man detectives feel confident they soon will capture is tall, thin, an ex-convict, 32 years old, released from prison several weeks ago and his roguish gallery photograph was promptly identified by witnesses of the holdup.

Despite the fact that the gunmen were nervous and appeared hurried in their handling of the robbery, no one was injured and there made a clean getaway.

So far all attempts to get identifiable fingerprints have proved unsuccessful. The bandits were smart enough not touch a \$600 pile of new bills whose serial numbers would have provided a method of tracing their movements.

Four unmasked men armed with revolvers and one submachinegun looted the bank about 2:15 P. M. yesterday while a fifth man sat behind the wheel of the stolen car.

Thomas J. Donegan, special agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New Jersey, and First Assistant Prosecutor William B. Mehler had their stenographers take down statements of the bank employees and witnesses.

ROAD SEARCH YAIN

Another conference on the case will be held today. Meanwhile details led by Chief Henry B. Lockwood of the Prosecutor's office and Chief William J. Reiser of Allendale's searched roads and abandoned buildings north of Allendale in an effort to find the gunmen's hideaway.

The bandits forced employees and witnesses to leave the bank as they obtained the vault keys from Cashier Edward Hamilton.

It took the gunmen 10 or 15 minutes to go through the vault and pick up bills from the cages. Their emphatic threats so impressed the five employees and two depositors that none of the seven witnesses made any attempt to turn in the alarm until several minutes after the gang left.

The extra delay gave them sufficient headstart to make them safe from capture on the road.

As in most bank holdups where witnesses are excited, descriptions of the men and details of what happened vary greatly. Three of the bandits were described as being between 25 and 35 years old while one was about 40. All wore soft hats with the brims pulled down over their faces. Beyond those meager facts the witnesses were unable to agree on how they were dressed. Two were listed as tall, two short and one fat.

THEY WANT THE KEY

Of the seven persons who were in the bank at the time, Franklin Trinker, 27, of Dater Avenue, Saddle River Borough, a teller, probably was in the tightest spot.

Like the others, he did not see the men enter and the first indication he had of their presence was when he heard, "This is a holdup. We don't want to hurt anybody in here so if you lie down with your faces to the floor."

The bandit was standing nearly opposite Trinker's window toward the rear of the bank and alternately swung his revolver from Trinker's direction and that of the third grill, where another clerk, Aleya Grossman, had been standing just before the men entered.

The next thing Trinker knew someone grabbed him, tearing a corner of his clerk's jacket, and commanded, "Get on your feet and come on in the vault." The bandit made him walk ahead at the point of a gun. Inside the vault another man joined them and Trinker was asked, "Hand over the key to the inner compartment." He referred to the key to the grillwork door that separates the lock-box section of the vault from that which contains the bank's private money and securities.

In the excitement, Trinker could not remember momentarily who had

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