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Clement Atiles

Sheffield May Purchase Gas Co. Properties

Action Contingent Upon Data Revealed By Coming Survey

The Sheffield city commission has signed an agreement with Wm. Easton, Robert G. Co. company, to purchase all of the company's franchise rights...

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At Theatres

SHOALS—Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn in "Adam's Rib." PRINCES—Leo Gorcey and Johnnie "Red" Boyer boys in "Hold That Baby."

British Deciding Today On Fate Of Socialism On Isle

LONDON, (AP)—Britons formed the most important queue of the past five years as they lined up today to mark their "X's" for or against re-electing their Socialist government.

Sheriff Consorted Freely With Ku Kluxers, charged

ROME, Ga., (AP)—Sheriff John W. Lynch of Dale county was charged today as consorting freely with Ku Klux Klansmen leading the bare knives of seven Negroes to a church.

Unmasked Gang Shoots Storekeeper After He Tells Son Ku Kluxers After Him

PELL CITY, (AP)—An unmasked gang of seven storekeepers shot to death at his home last night just after he told a son: "I think the Ku Kluxers are after me."

Results Morning Games In 7th District Tourney

T. M. Rogers Takes Deshler; Addison Downs Lynn Quip (See earlier story on sports page)

Measure Likely To Be Pigeonholed By Weary Congressmen

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A Fair Employment Practices (FEPC) bill with few friends and no enforcement provisions failed to pass the House today.

Capitol Hill Is Still Talking Of Mine Seizures

BY HAROLD W. WARD WASHINGTON, (AP)—John I. Lewis and coal operators were reported today to have agreed to a truce between them in their long drawn out haggling over a new mining contract.

Winter Slaps Slippery Ice, Snow in East

Sleet, Rain Also Impeding Motor And Air Travel (See Associated Press)

State Readies Its Evidence In "Mercy Death"

Foreman Of Jury Saw His Own Wife Die Of Cancer

Grace Church To Have Layman's Day

Churchmen of Grace Episcopal church, Sheffield, are planning Laymen's Sunday for Feb. 26, at 11 o'clock in which men of the parish will conduct the service.

Mahan Candidate For State Senate From 31st District

W. B. Mahan, well known here as an Alabama today formally announced his candidacy for senator to represent the 31st district in the next Legislature.

U. S. Industry Scrapes Bottom Of Coal Barrel

Number Emergency Measures Being Put Into Effect

PITTSBURGH, (AP)—More emergency measures went into effect today as industrial America scraped the bottom of the coal barrel.

Nation-Wide Phone Strike Threats Lifts

Union Workers OK President Truman's Trade Proposal

BY STERLING F. GREEN WASHINGTON, (AP)—The threat of a nationwide strike scheduled for tomorrow, has been lifted by union acceptance of President Truman's 60-day bargaining treaty.

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The Weather

Alabama—Clearing and cool today. Partly cloudy tomorrow. Fair and a little cold tonight with a light south wind.

Lewis Races To Get Soft Coal Agreement Before Federal Court Can Slap A Multi-Million Dollar Fine Against His Unionists

Bearing on the operators was the Lewis and the operators were deadlocked over new contract terms, the peace efforts of creek-union director Cyrus S. Chung and the coal industry's president, John L. Lewis, were reported today.

The report—officially unconfirmed from either side—was that operators had agreed to a new contract between them in their long drawn out haggling over a new mining contract.

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