

Gas Mains

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time to avoid any duplication of this explosion.

"The Consumers Power Co. has as at this time established a constant watch at the pressure recording instrument in the City of Birmingham, this to continue until approved alarm system can be installed.

"They have reduced the pressure outside at the street on all service lines entering all buildings in the City of Birmingham and on most mains to a pressure not in excess of 13 pounds.

Danger Areas Vented

"They have vented all mains to the surface in the danger areas where cast iron main is carrying gas. This to me is most assuring and proof of their intentions to make the system safe.

"On any future detection of gas leaks or faulty gas appliances the people in the City of Birmingham are to carry out the following procedure:

"1. When ever any odor of gas is detected in the home or if a gas appliance is not functioning properly, you should evacuate and get all people out of the house. Take your family to your next door neighbors and call the Consumers Power Co. between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on phone number, Birmingham 1174, and tell them just what has happened, giving correctly your street and house number.

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1949

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750 South Woodward

of 1948, in an attempt to relieve the local gas situation:

This is in reply to your letter of December 14, concerning our gas distribution system in Birmingham, other than the cast iron mains on Woodward Avenue, which subject was covered in your letter to you under date of December 16, 1949.

"1. EMERGENCY SERVICE AVAILABLE IN CASE OF FIRE

—In compliance with our understanding, the Company has completed its inspection of every customer shut-off valve in the City of Birmingham. Each curb box is properly located and is in usable condition.

"Also, in accordance with the suggestions made at the February 28, 1948 meeting, all of the Birmingham records showing curb box locations have been moved to Birmingham.

"One industrial gas serviceman and one gas serviceman A live in the City of Birmingham and are equipped with service trucks for emergency service. One of these trucks is equipped with mobile telephone and service truck for emergency service. Further, more, we now have available at all times a qualified Street Maintenance Man with a fully equipped maintenance truck stationed in the immediate vicinity of Birmingham.

"2. DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OPERATING PRESSURES—All customers served by high pressure and indicated on Exhibit 1 of the April 1, 1948 report as scheduled for 1948 conversion to intermediate pressure, have been so converted and the work was completed on October 6, 1948.

"The specific area converted during 1948 included Ruffner, Humphrey, Benaville, Chapin, Emmons, Davis and Smith from Grant to Woodward Avenue and all of Bird Avenue, and the alley west of Woodward Avenue.

"All customers scheduled on Exhibit 1 to be converted in 1949 have been so converted. In addition to the above schedules, all customers served from the 4" steel transmission pipe on Quarten Road, Oakland Avenue, Ferndale Street, Euclid Street and Woodward Avenue were converted to intermediate pressure on Friday, December 16, 1949.

"New brick regulator stations have been constructed at Woodward near Fourteen Mile Road, and Woodward near Quarten Road, and these were tied in on the date above mentioned.

"The old regulator stations at Oak Street and at Lincoln Avenue will be abandoned and the entire stretch of 4" transmission line between these two stations now has been converted to intermediate pressure. Consequently, all high pressure mains within the limits of the City of Birmingham, as stipulated in Exhibit 1 of the report of April 2, 1948 for conversion to low pressure during 1948 and 1949, have been so converted. This embraces practically all of the area between Quarten Road and the Clawson Road, and from Cranbrook Road to Eton Road east.

"3. LEAKAGE RECORD OF MAIN AND SERVICE LINES

—Since April 1, 1948, leakage supplied by the Company and by the Birmingham Fire Department, and reports of unidentified individuals, have disclosed 70 leaks of gas mains, and 163 leaks of gas services. Most of these leaks were of a minor nature and caused no damage. However, some resulted in tree damage.

"4. MAIN AND SERVICE REPLACEMENTS—Since the April 2, 1948 report, 28,780 feet of coated and wrapped steel pipe have been replaced, replacing bare steel where leak reports showed the necessity.

"Having no knowledge of any areas in which we have not replaced our steel pipe, it is at any time the City Engineer of Birmingham shall certify to the City Manager, writing that in certain specific areas within the corporate limits of Birmingham, it is necessary to be subject to setting, caving or sliding, Consumers Power Company, upon such conditions, will replace the existing cast iron mains in such areas with new coated and wrapped steel gas mains. This applies to any or all of the cast iron pipe now in service within the City of Birmingham, none of which is presently known to the Company as requiring replacement.

"The availability of proper materials and equipment and labor required to construct the new mains will, of course, have some bearing on the speed with which cast iron mains are replaced. We assure you, however, that we will expend every effort to carry out the replacement of cast iron pipe in the designated areas as rapidly as possible.

"Meanwhile, also, we will, in accordance with your request of today, immediately sink temporary vent holes alongside the cast iron mains in the immediate vicinity of the First Presbyterian Church and the Bloomfield Theatre, so as to provide a means for gas to escape to the outside air in the event of a leak occurring."

Brown also sent this letter to the city manager on Dec. 16:

"We believe our gas distribution system in Birmingham is in good condition and that no customer need be unduly concerned about his safety unless there is some definite indication to the contrary.

"Since war time restrictions were lifted we have rebuilt much of our system in Birmingham, spending about \$150,000 on this work. The lines where serious leakage developed in the past have been replaced or restored to good condition.

"It is impossible, of course, to eliminate all possibility of leaks or breaks in our lines, and we will appreciate the cooperation of Birmingham people in reporting any suspected leaks. We will investigate all such reports without delay.

Further Precaution

"As a further precaution we are bringing to your attention gas servicemen into Birmingham immediately to make a survey of the whole city, beginning with those districts and addresses from which complaints or inquiries have been received. We are taking action to correct any questionable condition of the gas mains.

"I want to emphasize that to the best of our knowledge and belief the gas distribution system is in safe operating condition. We are undertaking this survey in order that any doubt in this score may be eliminated and so that our customers may know that all reasonable steps have been taken for their protection."

Churches

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sanctuary at 8 o'clock on Christmas Eve.

On Sunday there will be a joint session of the Sunday school in the church parlors, starting at 9:45. A Christmas story in colored slides and script will be given.

Pageant, Song Program

At 11 o'clock the regular service will be held, with the sacrament of baptism. Special music has been arranged for the service.

Embury Methodist church held its special program last week, and will observe only the regular services on Christmas Day.

The beginners and primary classes of the Lutheran church of the Redeemer will have a program of pageant and song. Eight-year-old Johnny Zimmerman will tell the Christmas story. The scenes and musical background will be provided by other children of this age group.

At 11:30, Christmas Eve, the traditional midnight service of carols and canticles will be held. A second Christmas service will be held Sunday morning, when the pastor will speak on "A Momentous Event."

First Baptist church began its program on Wednesday evening with the children's Christmas program. Mrs. Ruth G. Davison has arranged a program of recitations and music by the children.

Candlelight Services

The Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held in the church from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., with special seasonal music.

On Christmas Day the regular Sunday service will also be marked with special Christmas music.

The church nursery will care for small children during all services.

A candlelight communion service will be held at Kirk-in-the-Hills on Christmas Eve, beginning at 7:30. Special Christmas music will feature this service, also.

Society club news must be submitted by noon each Monday.

Zoning Appeal

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After enactment of the zoning ordinance in question," he stated.

"There is not enough evidence to show the ordinance is unreasonable. The petitioners bought the property after their father's death for \$22,332.83, including the \$3.6 acre plot, and after the property was zoned. They have since platted the property into two subdivisions, leaving the home with five acres.

Restrictions in the subdivisions must on single family dwellings and three in the Hillwood Estates. Most of the lots have been sold and one had a sales price of \$47,000."

Sidewalk Petition

A petition requesting sidewalks for 13 vacant lots on Birmingham Blvd., between 14 Mile and Northlawn, has been referred by the city commission to the city manager for a report and recommendation.

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If it is necessary for you to exchange a Christmas Gift in any store, please do so by January 3rd.

Please note that no exchanges of Christmas Gifts can be made after January 3rd, 1950

Abuse of the exchange and return privilege can cause a great deal of unwarranted expense. Therefore, as a matter of assistance to the merchants of Birmingham who wish to continue to make this service available to you, we ask your helpful co-operation.

Birmingham Chamber of Commerce

Season's Greetings To All

We wish for a moment that we were back in the days when town-criers proclaimed the news. Then we'd stop off at the houses of all the folks we know, and personally wish each one of you a joyous and bountiful Christmas followed by a year filled with contentment.

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