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**THIS MONTH'S COVER**

Dominion Natural Gas replaces a section of eight-inch main under 25 pounds pressure at St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada. With the welded fitting on the main and the gate valve on the fitting, the C-1-36 power operated Mueller drilling machine with adapter and shell cutter attached are lowered into place.

*Recording Our Thoughts*

A report from the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association to its members in regard to the results of atomic tests recently indicate that the gas industry is ready to withstand such an attack in the event of World War III.

The report said in part: "The score or more of GAMA manufacturers who volunteered valuable equipment and know-how to the recent A-Bomb test at Yucca Flat should derive great satisfaction from the first official findings of 'Operation Cue'.

"Indeed, we are certain that the gas industry as a whole has good reason to be proud of the results, as reported by Roger Johnson, West Coast representative of Carl Byoir & Associates.

"In the natural and manufactured gas tests of Operation Cue the project officer reported the gross effects observable within the first hours following the shot. He found that preliminary evaluation showed underground piping, valve pits and regulator vaults at 1,470 feet and 4,700 feet apparently undamaged except that above ground four-inch ventilating pipes of regulator vault

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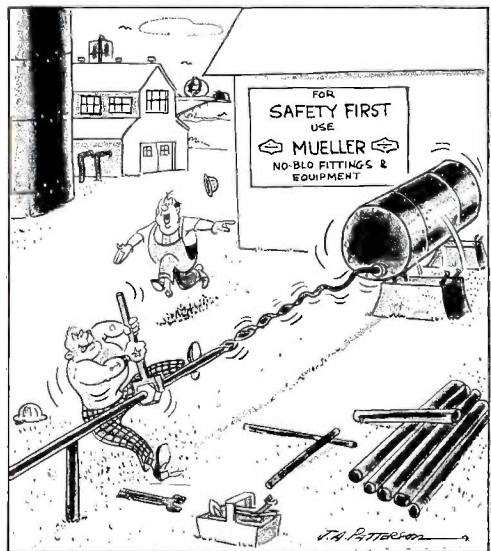
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*"Stop it, Muscles . . . stop it!"*

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A Dominion Natural Gas Company by-pass connection is shown at right assembled to a Mueller stopping machine.

# Mueller, Ltd. Serves Gas Men In Canada

United States gas companies are familiar with the part played by Mueller Co. in serving the gas industry. Since several may have wondered who serves these needs of our friends in Canada, we take this opportunity to tell something of our associate company in that country and one of that firm's customers.

Mueller, Limited, is located in Sarnia, Ontario, and has been serving the water and gas industries in Canada since pre-World War I days. George W. Parker is president and treasurer of Mueller, Limited.

A typical Mueller, Limited customer is the Dominion Natural Gas Company, a subsidiary of City Services of New York with headquarters at Buffalo.

A user of Mueller products for many years, the company operates in South-western Ontario with divisional points at St. Catherines, Dunnville, Brantford, St. Thomas and Leamington. George Stammers is the general superintendent for Canada with headquarters in Brantford, Ontario.

J. R. Reeves is president of City Services of New York.

Recently a situation arose at St. Catherines where Dominion Natural Gas Company used Mueller line stopper equipment successfully to complete a job. The cover photograph and the picture with this article demonstrate in part the use of the equipment.



## U. S. CHAMBER HITS FEDERAL REGULATION

Federal regulation of natural gas prices will divert gas to intrastate uses, discourage exploration for new gas sources and interfere with state conservation measures, thereby resulting in greater waste of gas, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States has advised Congress. The result, the Chamber said, will be higher prices to consumers.

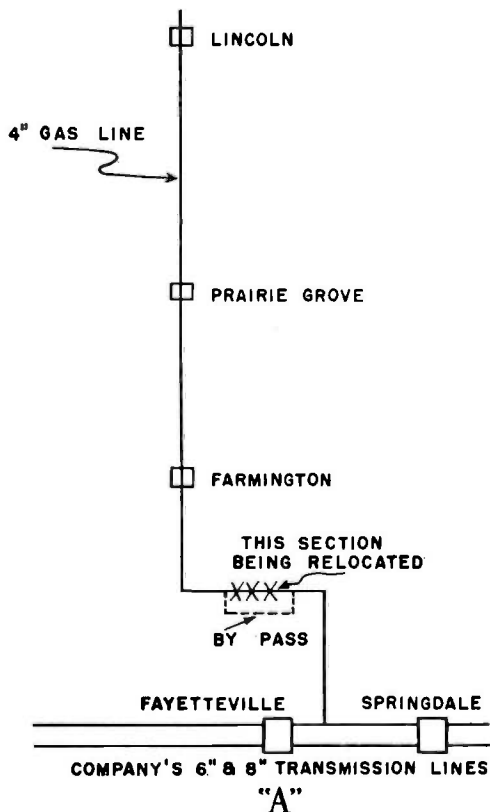
In testimony before the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee recently, a Chamber spokesman, H. B. Fell, President, Simpson-Fell Oil Co., Ardmore, Okla., also pointed out that federal regulation of the highly competitive gas producing industry sets a "dangerous precedent" for the regulation of other fuels.

Specifically, he urged approval of the Fulbright bill (S. 1853) exempting the independent producers and gatherers of

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# Uninterrupted Gas Service Paramount To Main Liners

By **JIMMY WALKER**  
 Operating Engineer  
 Arkansas Western Gas Company



(The following article appeared in **GAS'N GOSSIP**, employee magazine of the Arkansas Western Gas Company, and was written by Jimmy Walker, operating engineer for that company. Since the article concerns the use of Mueller Co. equipment, we naturally were very much interested in Mr. Walker's opinion. He explains how Arkansas Western Gas Company, faced with the problem of relocating one of their transmission lines while continuing service to several towns in the area, found the solution in the use of Mueller No. 2 line stopper equipment. With this equipment, the author describes how service was continued with perfect safety to residents of the area and to workmen on the job.)

In repairing gas transmission and distribution mains, the problems of interruption of service is of prime importance. It is economically impossible to design transmission and distribution systems to provide for 100 per cent uninterrupted service in the event of line repairs at any given point on the system.

Another very important factor is that of handling the distribution of gas, not only from a standpoint of public safety, but for the safety of workmen themselves.

To overcome these two factors, Mueller Co. along with several other suppliers of equipment to the gas industry, have developed various types of equipment for use on gas main repairs. This equipment eliminates, to a great extent, the hazards of making repairs to both high and low pressure mains.

In order that we may maintain efficient operating procedures and customer service, Arkansas Western utilizes the latest of equipment as illustrated by the accompanying photographs.

This illustrated operation involves the relocation of a section of our Prairie-Grove-Lincoln gas transmission line as shown by diagram "A". Because of the large number of consumers served by this line, it was necessary to keep the line in operation and to avoid any interruption of service beyond the relocated

section of main. In picture "B" the first three steps of relocating can be seen. The first step is that of laying a by-pass line around the section being removed from service. The by-pass can be seen where the workman standing above the other three is resting his left hand.

The second step is that of installing the special line fitting which is directly beneath the gate valve to the left of the workman resting his foot on the main. The third stage is that of attaching the gate valve and drilling machine to the line fitting; this machine is seen being supported by the other two workmen in picture "B".

In picture "C" this same machine is shown after the air motor is attached. This motor is operated by gas pressure being supplied through the connection to the by-pass which is controlled by the workman at right.

The purpose of this drilling machine is to drill out the pipe inside the line fitting on each end of the "dead" section so that stopping equipment can be inserted to shut off gas going into the pipe section being moved.

In picture "D" this stopping equip-

"B"

Four workmen set the machine for cutting.



"C"

The cutting operation is underway.



"D"

In foreground, the stopping equipment is installed. Men in the rear weld in the new line.





"E"  
Mainliners line up the new gas line before welding.

ment is being attached to the gate valve after the drilling operation has been completed. The stopping equipment being installed consists of an elongated hard rubber stopper inside the housing. This stopper is attached to a shaft with a handle that when turned expands the stopper inside the line making a gas tight seal. The two men in the rear of picture "D" can be seen welding the new section of line into place. The old pipe section can be seen at the extreme bottom of the ditch.

After the new section of line has been placed in the ditch as seen in picture "E" and properly lined up, each end is welded into place. The stopper at each end is then removed allowing the gas to flow through the new section. The line fitting is then plugged by means of a special tool, the gate valve removed from the fitting and the by-pass line disconnected. The operation is completed and Mrs. Housewife has, all the time, been enjoying convenient uninterrupted natural gas service.

## JAMES D. BAILEY IS NEW CREDIT MANAGER FOR MUELLER CO.

James D. Bailey, new credit manager for Mueller Co. plants in Decatur and Chattanooga, brings to our firm a background of training and practical experience in finance.

He was with the Credit Department of the Millikin National Bank in Decatur for two years before joining Mueller Co. Prior to that he was with Dunn and Bradstreet from 1948 to 1953.

A native of Decatur, Mr. Bailey is a graduate of Decatur High School. During World War II service with the Navy, he studied engineering at Purdue University. Following the war, he continued his education at Millikin University in Decatur where he studied business administration.



**JAMES D. BAILEY**

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have two daughters, Carol, 5, and Jane, 18 months.

# Ray Fallon Retires, Enters Sales Work As Consultant

For most men, retirement means a period of rest and reminiscing. Not so for Raymond D. Fallon, Sr., Mueller Co. sales representative, who elected to retire May 1. Mr. Fallon first joined our company in 1929.

Ray, as he is known to our customers in the border-to-border territory of New Mexico, Colorado, Montana and Wyoming, is leaving our company "so I can do all the things I have wanted to do for some time now."

Specifically, he is making use of his vast knowledge of and experience in sales work by establishing himself as a consultant in sales promotion, advertising and public relations with offices at 601 Colorado Blvd., Denver, Colorado.

His son, Ray Fallon, Jr., has been assisting him in this territory, and with his father's retirement now effective, Ray, Jr. will continue to cover the Rocky Mountain territory as our representative.

An astute writer and poet, Ray, Sr., composed the following farewell which is directed to the many friends he made during his tenure with Mueller Co. We are publishing it in toto:

"I came, I saw, I went to work.

"(If that was a long time ago I am not aware of it). The Company was good—it was honest and so were the products. It was not difficult to transfer this thought to the minds of buyers—many already knew. That was what they were looking for, so they placed their orders, liked the products and the service, had no trouble, and became steady customers.

"Aside from the details, that's about all there is to my story except for the human side of it—the most important and gratifying part of it all. Friendships developed and grew stronger with the passing of time. I could not have fared half so well—in business or in happiness—without the splendid companionship and stalwart assistance of so many loyal



**RAYMOND D. FALLON**

friends. "Redundant fancy can entwine only wishes such as flow from friendship's pure unselfish glow."

"Good friends: Although my retirement promises various pleasant possibilities, and a little relaxing and regenerating leisure, it will not be easy for me to forego visiting you as often as of yore. I shall never forget you and I hope you will always remember me—and I trust that Ray Fallon, Jr., my successor, will continue to enjoy and foster the same pleasant relationship with you."

Thirty

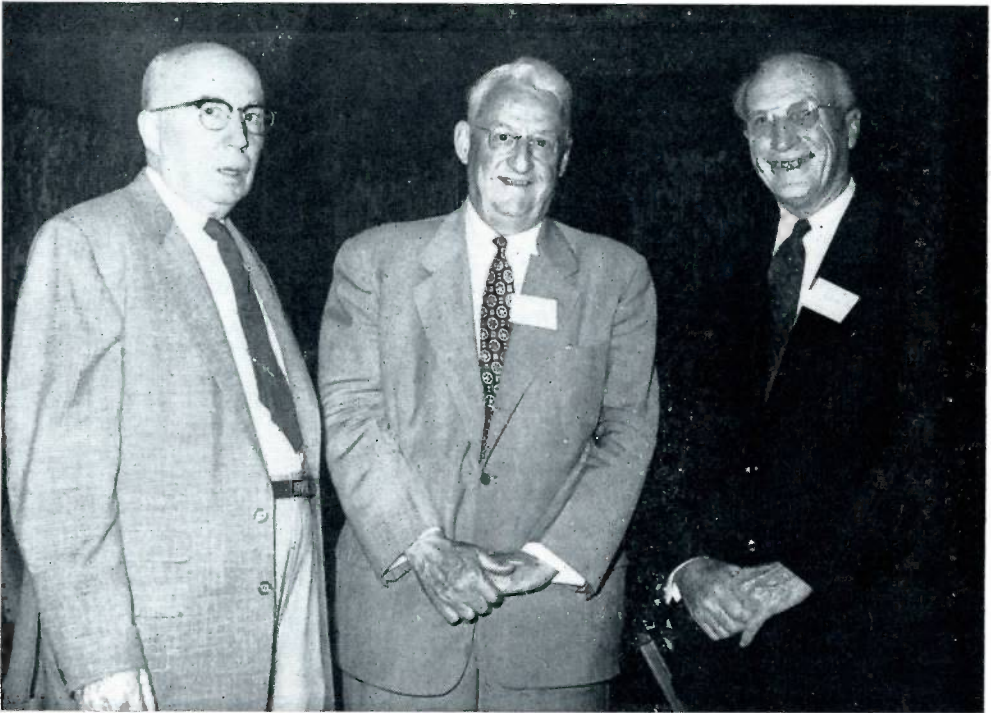
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray Fallon". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Woman: "What's your cat's name, little boy?"

Boy: "Ben Hur."

Woman: "That's a funny name for a cat. How did you happen to pick up such a name for it?"

Boy: "Well, we just called him Ben until he had kittens."



Visiting during the dinner given by Mueller Co. executives are, left to right, Albert G. Webber, Jr., Mueller Co. president and treasurer; Frank M. Lindsay, president of Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers, Inc., and Fred Riggan, Sr., Mueller Brass Company president.

Frank H. Mueller, center, Mueller Co. vice president and director of engineering, visits with Fred Riggan, Sr., left, Mueller Brass Company president, and Fred Riggan, Jr., the firm's executive vice president, during their recent visit to Decatur.





## He Began with Mueller Co. as a Stenographer

# Fred Riggin, Sr., Is Now President of Mueller Brass Co.

*Executive Tours Our  
Plant; Recalls History  
Of The Michigan Firm*

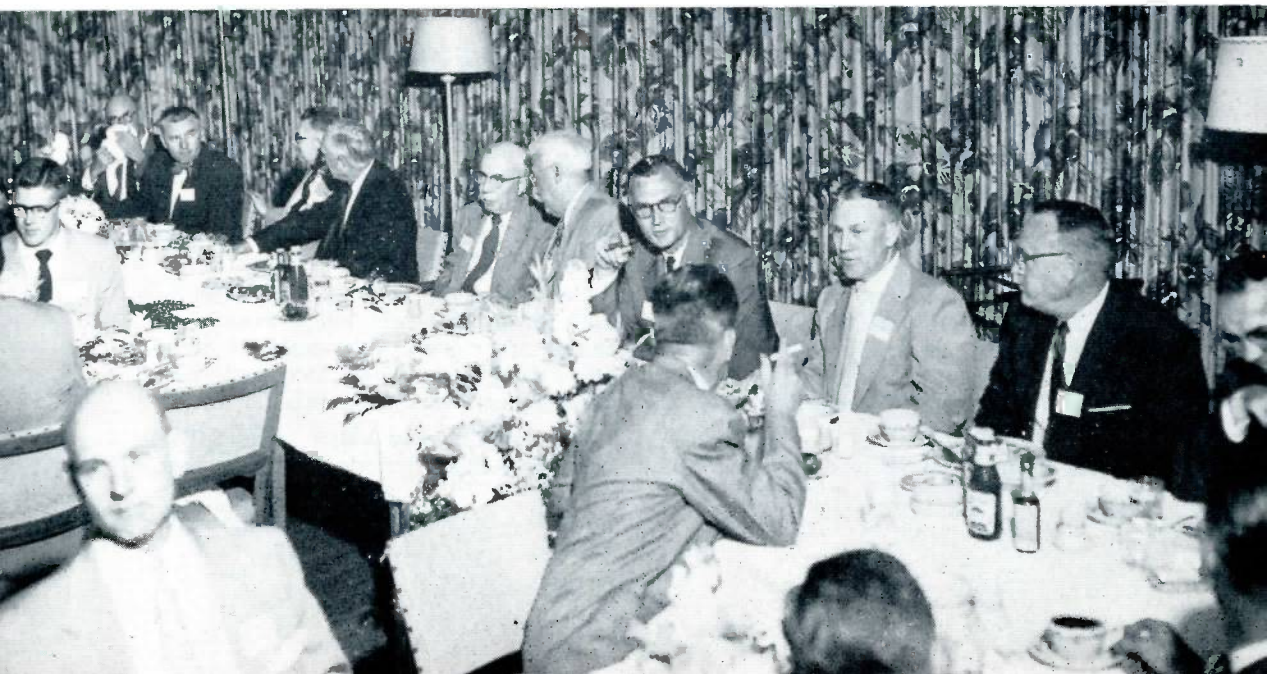
Fred Riggin, Sr. president of Mueller Brass Company of Port Huron, Michigan, and the man who got his start in business 50 years ago as a stenographer in the Mueller Co. Advertising Department, returned to his former home in Decatur recently to visit friends and our company.

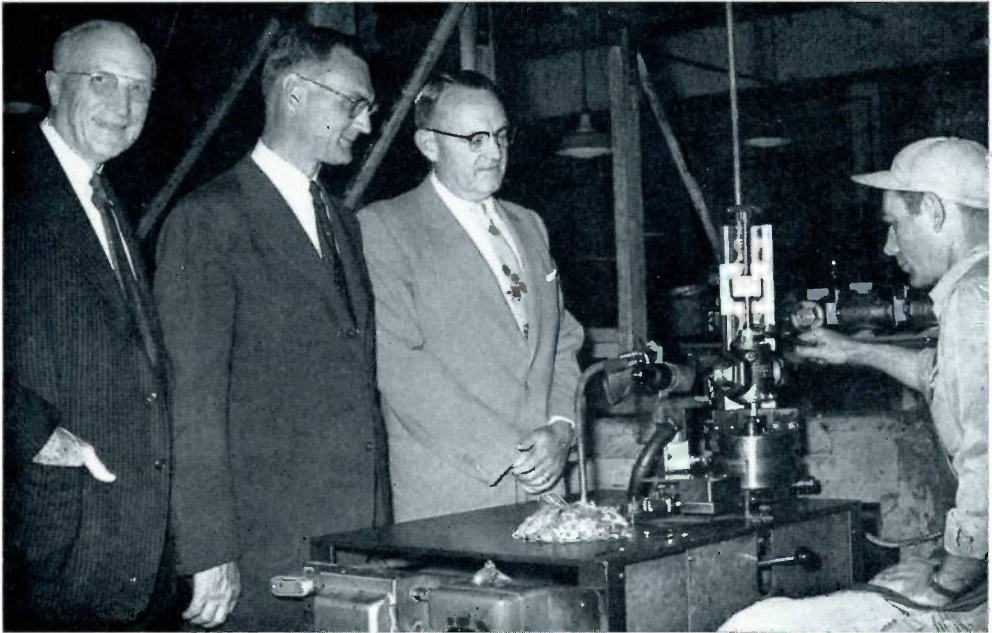
He was accompanied by his son, Fred Riggin, Jr., executive vice president of the Michigan firm.

Besides touring Mueller Co. plants in Decatur and visiting with friends outside the company, the visitors were guests of Mueller Co. executives at a dinner and reception.

Mr. Riggin recalled the history of Mueller Brass Company which in earlier years was one of the Mueller Co. plants. "We were organized almost by accident," he said. "Oscar Mueller and I went to Canada during World War I to help build the Sarnia plant (Mueller, Limited). Later, due to governmental regulations, we moved across the line into the United States and set up what was meant

Seated at the head table are Mueller Co. executives and guests. They are, left to right, Lyle R. Huff, vice president and plant controller; Robert H. Morris, vice president and general sales manager; William H. Hipsher, executive vice president; Fred Riggin, Sr., Mueller Brass Co. president; Albert G. Webber, Jr., Mueller Co. president and treasurer; Frank M. Lindsay, president of Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers, Inc.; Fred Riggin, Jr., Mueller Brass Co. executive vice president; Leo Wiant, administrative vice president; O. E. Walker, vice president and works manager; and Harry Martin, secretary.





Observing one of the steps in the manufacture of a utility product are Fred Riggins, Sr. Mueller Brass Company president; Fred Riggins, Jr., Mueller Brass Co. executive vice president; and O. E. Walker, Mueller Co. vice president and works manager. The visitors toured Mueller Co. plants in Decatur.

to be a temporary factory at Port Huron to make wartime materials.

"Fortunate circumstances enabled that plant to grow rapidly and it soon became an important part of the brass industry," he said.

"In 1927," Mr. Riggins said, "the Mueller Brass Company and Mueller Co. became two separate firms due to an exchange of stock within the Mueller family and the two have operated separately since then."

## H. S. Walker Succeeds H. A. Rose in AGA Post

Harold S. Walker, Jr., formerly of Lit Bros., Philadelphia, has been appointed secretary of the General Management Section of the American Gas Association. He succeeds Harrington A. Rose, who resigned to join the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation.

Mr. Walker was born in Philadelphia and was graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. in 1943 with a B.S. degree. He received a Master of Arts Degree in 1953 from Columbia University. He served with the United States Army from his graduation in 1943 to September, 1954 when he resigned with the rank of Major.

He joined Lit Bros. Division, City

Stores Inc., Philadelphia, in November, 1954. Here he was in charge of customer and merchandising service for floors handling home furnishings, appliances, furniture, and housewares.

## Recording Our Thoughts . . .

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at 1,470 feet were snagged off at ground level. Piping was of three foot depth. Valve pits and vaults had cast iron covers at ground level with the covers slightly displaced but intact at 1,470 feet, unmoved at 4,700 feet.

Service piping to houses at 4,700 feet and 10,500 feet and house meters and regulators outside east wall of houses apparently undamaged. House piping in same houses was undamaged."

Mueller Co. gas valves and fittings were used in conjunction with the test.

Laid In Record Time . . .

# New Line in South Carolina Brings Natural Gas To Charleston, Columbia

*(For pictures, see next page)*

A new high pressure transmission line laid in record time across the state of South Carolina is bringing the blessings of natural gas for the first time to residents of Columbia and Charleston, two of the state's major cities. The line was completed and officially placed in operation for the first week in January, 1954.

The ten-million dollar project, built by the South Carolina Natural Gas Company, is tied in at Aiken, South Carolina, to a line belonging to Southern Natural Gas Company. The latter firm is a transmission company which brings natural gas from its gathering fields to Aiken through a line carrying about 900 pounds pressure.

Southern Natural Gas Company delivers the gas to South Carolina Natural Gas Company which in turn delivers it to its parent company, the South Carolina Gas and Electric Company, for distribution.

From the starting point at Aiken, a gas property of the Atlanta Gas & Light Company, the 16-inch line travels approximately 53 miles to a point known as Salley Junction. Here, one stretch of ten-inch line goes to Columbia, a distance of about 40 miles.

A 12-inch line from this same junction goes to Charleston.

Orangeburg, South Carolina, is also served by a lateral line that feeds from the new transmission line. Several more such lines are proposed for the near future.

The line was engineered by the Ebasco Services, Inc. of New York City. It was laid during the autumn of 1953 by Williams Brothers, one of the largest gas line contractors in the nation. The accelerated rate was made possible in setting a new record since most areas

usually thick with swamps were dry due to the unprecedented droughts of that period.

Approximately 425 pounds pressure is carried by the line which actually was designed and built to carry up to 1,000 pounds pressure. If such becomes necessary, a new pumping station will be installed.

Cathodic protection for the entire transmission line was installed.

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company has been taking approximately 30 million cubic feet of gas a day from the line. All excess gas not required at this time is being used by the Haygood Electric Plant in Charleston, a generating plant for South Carolina Electric & Gas Company.

Manufactured gas served Columbia and Charleston prior to the introduction of natural gas; therefore the rapid climb in number of meters in these cities is understandable. Columbia has 16,000 meters while Charleston runs a close second with 12,000.

Despite this already tremendous growth, the actual future potential of South Carolina Electric and Gas Company is indeed great. The Charleston area yet to be served contains the Navy Yards as well as many types of manufacturing firms and chemical plants.

In addition, many housing projects are close to the transmission line and all will be served with natural gas just as soon as the company can complete the tremendous task at hand.

In little more than two years, this transmission line has proven a boon to Charleston and Columbia and promises to bring in the future a new, more convenient way of life to residents of the state all along the line.



Dried swamp areas made the work easier, faster.



A workman inspects

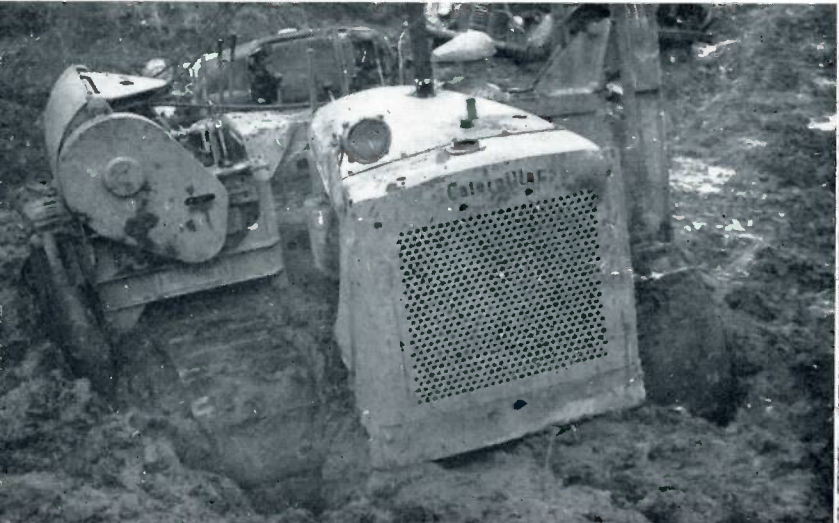


The line is placed into position.



Mud such as this pre

This tractor found the going rough but held its own.



Crossing





the transmission line.



A general view of the scene of operations.



ented its problems.



All swamp areas were not dry as this photo indicates.



he river.



Blowing the line.

## PRESENTATIONS DESIGNED TO AID GAS MAN

# Five Salesmen Review No-Blo Demonstration

*Illustrates Safest Way  
To Use Gas Equipment*

Five Mueller Co. sales representatives recently returned to the home office in Decatur, Illinois, to review and standardize the No-Blo demonstration that is given before gas men throughout the United States.

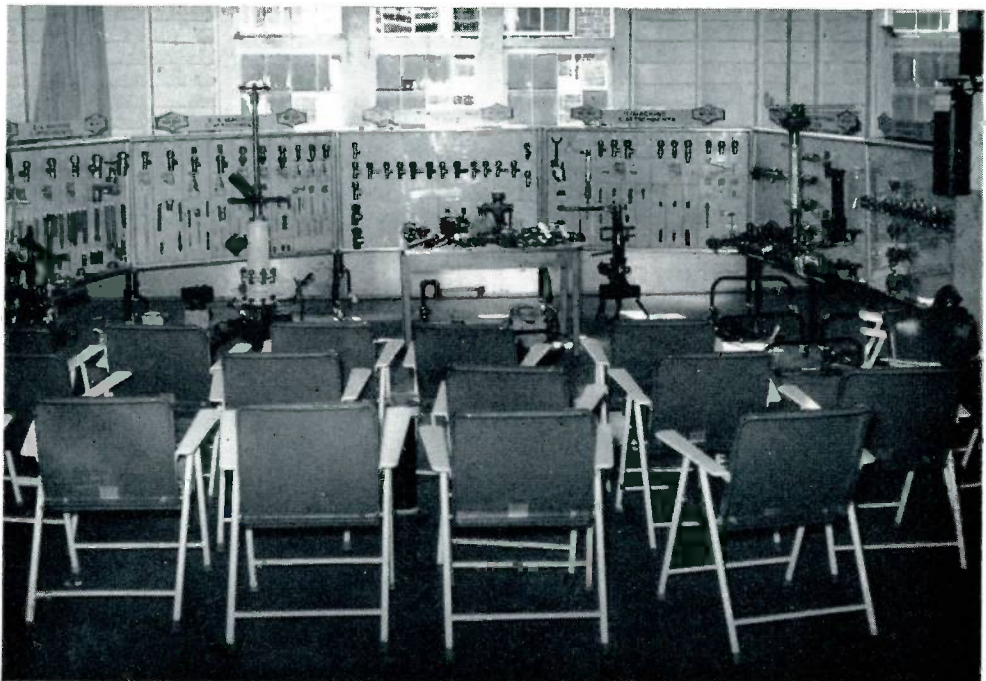
Several additions and changes, due to the latest improvements in our No-Blo equipment, were explained during the five-day program.

It was pointed out that the talk is not a product demonstration, but rather one to illustrate the safest and most economical use of Mueller equipment.

Every gas man desires to achieve the longest and safest use of equipment, and Mueller Co. makes every effort to make this possible.

The outline for talks at future demonstrations will include:

1. Need for safety equipment.
2. Origin of Mueller No-Blo equipment, a discussion of how ideas and practical application have developed over the years through the cooperation



A view of the No-Blo exhibit as it is set up for the demonstration. The displays are carried in a specially adapted trailer and are set up quickly by our representative.



During the five-day program in Decatur, five Mueller sales representatives listen to Francis Uhl discuss the Mueller DH-2 high pressure drilling machine. Left to right are Ed Fenstad, Richard K. Morris, Lorin Grosboll, Ray Roarick and Mr. Uhl.

between our company and the gas industry.

3. Design and production—the different stages of development, production and design of new products for the gas industry.

4. Unit No. I demonstration—a demonstration of our No. I stopping equipment under pressure showing typical examples of the single and double stop-off. This includes a discussion of the various tools and attachments used with the equipment.

5. Unit No. 2 demonstration—a demonstration of the single stopoff.

6. The demonstration under pressure of our smaller drilling machines on service connections (tees, service line stopper, fittings, etc.) Also included is a demonstration of the No-Blo stop changer under pressure.

7. A discussion covering our Unit No. 3 and No. 4 stopping equipment, the steel wedge stopper, and extension stopper fittings.

The No-Blo tour will be in your area in the not too distant future. Your Mueller sales representative may be consulted for complete details.

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natural gas from federal regulation. He testified against the Douglas and Magnuson bills (S. 1248 and S. 1880).

Mr. Fell said the Douglas bill in attempting to establish a "utility rate base" in determining prices paid producers, does not take into account the costs of dry and abandoned wells, which usually outnumber the producing wells, nor the rising costs of searching for and developing natural gas. This, he said, would make it impossible for producing companies to finance the development of additional reserves.

The Magnuson bill, Mr. Fell said, would place even greater restrictions upon the natural gas industry than present regulations resulting from last June's Supreme Court decision. The Court held that the Federal Power Commission was required to regulate producer's prices. The Commission itself testified before the House against such regulation.

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# *A Customer Leaves His Calling Card*

Three Japanese gas industry executives recently came to Mueller Co. to study the means whereby their Far Eastern cities can change from low pressure to a high pressure gas system.

Yutaka Kagei, chief of the Distribution Section of the Tokyo Gas Company, Limited, visited our company after learning that major American gas companies use Mueller equipment to accomplish the same job in this country.

In another visit two chief engineers from the Osaka Gas Company, Limited, were given a demonstration of our equipment. They are Sumio Harada, director

and chief operating engineer, and Yoshimoto Sagawa, chief distribution engineer.

During each visit a representative of the New York City export firm of Toyomenka, Inc., Akira Kawai, served as interpreter for the visiting Japanese.

Mr. Kawai, speaking for the visitors, said that the Tokyo company and the Osaka company were familiar with the Mueller Co. but that their visits were prompted by the fact that a number of major United States gas and pipeline companies were using our equipment to in high pressure gas systems.

F. R. Seevers, Mueller Co. administrative assistant, uses a Mueller catalog to point up use of our products. Looking on are Akira Kawai, center, representative of Toyomenka, Inc., New York export firm, and Yutaka Kagai, chief of the Distribution Section, Tokyo Gas Company, Limited.



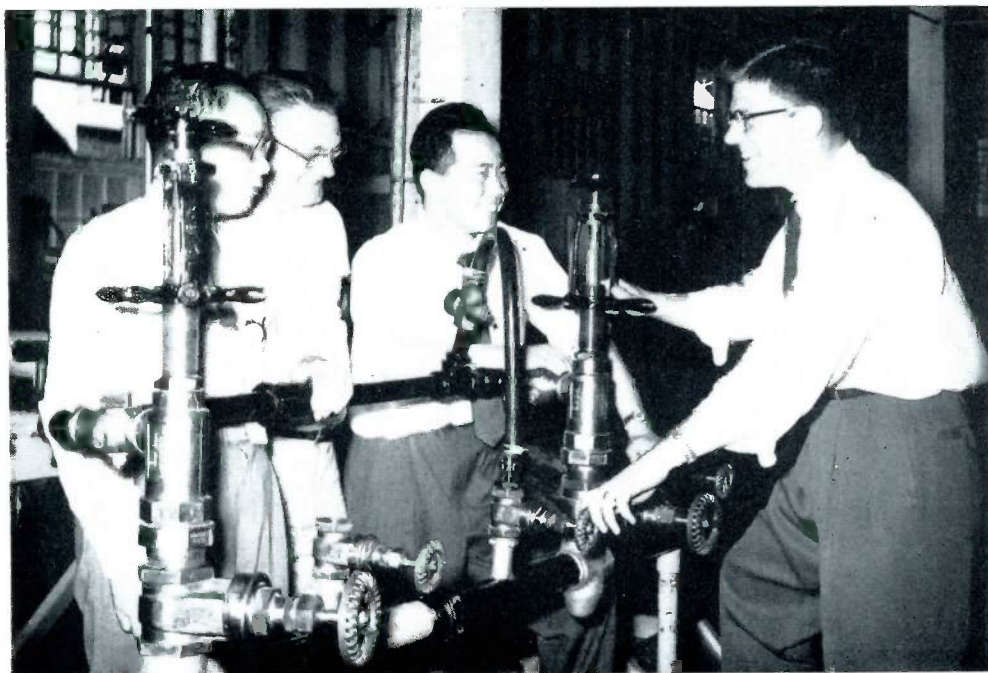




Left to right, are F. R. Seevers, Cecil Coffin, personnel director, Jack Chepan, Mueller service engineer, Mr. Kawaii (standing) and Mr. Kagei.



Visiting in the Mueller Board of Directors room are, left to right, Albert G. Webber, Jr., president and treasurer, Yoshimoto Sagawa, chief distribution engineer, and Sumio Harada, director and chief operating engineer, both of the Osaka Gas Company, Ltd., Osaka, Japan. Standing is Akira Kawaii, representative of the New York export firm, Toyomenka, Inc.



Mr. Kagei, Mr. Chepan, Mr. Kawaii, and Mr. Seevers inspect Mueller No-Blo equipment.

### Sixth Annual Conference . . .

# Gas Executives From America, Europe To Attend International Gas Union

THE SIXTH conference of the International Gas Union will be held at the Hotel New Yorker, New York City, September 25-30, 1955, it has been announced by Robert W. Hendee, president of the Union. Mr. Hendee, who resides in Colorado Springs, was formerly president of the American Gas Association, and was president, Colorado Interstate Gas Company. Joining Mr. Hendee in announcing the conference were the honorary presidents of the Union, Mr. A. Baril of Paris, Mr. H. Muller of Munich, and Mr. M. Brabant, Brussels.

The International Gas Union is comprised of representatives of national gas associations of seventeen countries. These are: United States, Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Canada, Den-

mark, Saar, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, England, Japan, Australia and Netherlands. It is expected that delegates from each of these nations will visit United States for the conference.

All members of the gas utility and pipeline industry as well as gas appliance manufacturers are invited to participate. Registration fees for United States gas men will be \$25. The conference will be open to all members of the gas industry from abroad without charge. Printed sets of all papers to be presented during the three meeting days of the conference will be available at A. G. A. headquarters in New York before the conference opens at a cost of \$20 per set.

A Committee on Arrangements, headed by E. W. Doebler, president, Long

Island Lighting Company, has arranged an excellent program, which includes parallel entertainment features for the ladies. Other members of the arrangements committee are: George S. Young, president, The Columbia Gas System, Inc., New York; Davis M. DeBard, vice-president, Stone & Webster Service Corp., New York; Charles E. Bennett, former president of A. G. A., and Manufacturers Light & Heat Co., Pittsburgh;

Walter S. Byrne, president, Seattle Gas Co., Seattle, Wash.; A. W. Conover, president, Equitable Gas Co., Pittsburgh; H. C. Forbes, executive vice-president, Consolidated Edison Co. of New York; Alexander Forward, former managing director, A. G. A., New York; N. Henry Gellert, former president, Seattle Gas Co.; Frederic O. Hess, president, Selas Corporation of America, Philadelphia; F. X. Mettenet, vice-president, The Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., Chicago; J. H. Moore, chairman, Moore Publishing Co., New York;

Clifford E. Paige, former president, The Brooklyn Union Gas Co.; M. H. Parkinson, executive vice-president, The United Gas Improvement Co., Philadelphia; W. F. Rockwell, Jr., president, Rockwell Manufacturing Co., Pittsburgh, and C. A. Schlegel, vice-president, United Engineers and Constructors, Inc., Philadelphia. Bruce A. McCandless, A. G. A., is serving as secretary of the committee, which posthumously includes Edward J. Tucker, vice-president, The Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto, who died recently.

The conference will open informally on Sunday, September 25th, with a reception for the delegates. Monday's program includes a boat trip around Manhattan Island, a meeting of the International Gas Union Council, and a dinner for Council members. On Tuesday formal greetings will be extended to delegates from officials, including F. M. Banks, president, A. G. A., and R. H. Touwaide, Brussels, General Secretary of the Union. E. Carl Sorby, vice-president, George D. Roper Corp., Rockford, Ill., will deliver the opening address. Separate meetings will be devoted to transmission and distribution and to gas production, with a reception in the evening.

Utilization and gas production will be topics for sessions on Wednesday, with a luncheon sponsored by Consolidated Edison Company. A visit to The Brooklyn Union Gas Company, and a formal banquet and entertainment also are included in Wednesday's program. Thursday's session will be devoted to educational subjects and reports on requirements for international standards for gas appliances and on gas conditioning. Colonel Rockwell will deliver a formal address to close the business meeting. Thursday afternoon will be given over to a visit to United Nations. On Friday a field trip to the Harrison (New Jersey) plant of the Public Service Electric and Gas Company is scheduled.

The committee on arrangements also has compiled a list of suggested tours covering points of interest in the United States and Canada both before and after the conference.

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## Accident Conference Set In Little Rock Sept. 14-15

Safety awards, films and panel discussions will highlight the Seventh Annual Accident Prevention Conference co-sponsored by the American Gas Association and Southern Gas Association Accident Prevention Committees, September 14-15 at the Marion Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas. More than 100 delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada are expected to attend.

The conference is being co-sponsored by the A. G. A. and S. G. A. Accident Prevention Committees whose chairmen are Leo Nuhfer, safety director, The Peoples Natural Gas Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Robert M. Hutchinson, director of research and safety, Houston Natural Gas Corporation, Houston, Texas.

Thus far 78 gas companies are among those to receive Accident Prevention Certificates for having reduced their 1954 accident frequency rate 25 per cent or more over 1953.

Conference sessions comprise an appraisal of Gas Industry Safety, Fleet Safety, Barricading Practices, Leak Detection Techniques and two field trips to nearby gas pipeline compressor stations.

# AGA Convention Goers Will Attend Big Western Barbecue at Disneyland

**D**ISNEYLAND, THE FABULOUS new west coast entertainment center, will be the site of a gigantic western barbecue on October 18, to which all delegates and guests attending the American Gas Association—Pacific Coast Gas Association Convention in Los Angeles are invited.

"Disneyland is different than anything ever before offered, and we can promise delegates an evening they will long remember," said F. W. Seitz, Southern Counties Gas Company, chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

The Tuesday night barbecue will be staged around campfires, with authentic cowboy singing adding color to the event. After the barbecue, the visitors will tour the four kingdoms comprising the fantastic empire that is Disneyland. These are:

**TOMORROWLAND**—a glance into the future with a giant space rocket, either 500 miles above the earth—or a trip to the moon. Also seen will be conceptions of highways, appliances and home installations of the future.

**FANTASYLAND**—which offers a Peter Pan ride on a pirate galleon over London to Never Never Land. Also a Snow White ride to meet the Seven Dwarfs. And a restaurant that is entered by a pirate ship.

**FRONTIERLAND**—where past history of America lives again, complete with Indians and leather stockinged frontiersmen. From a dock a 105 foot paddle-wheeler steamboat cruises American rivers.

**ADVENTURELAND** is the fourth kingdom in Disneyland. It offers the flora and the fauna of the paradises of explorers. Guests can visit Tahiti, Central and South America, Africa, Asia and Australia on an explorer's boat. And they may end their visit by a trip of a turn-of-the-century railroad which circles the park reviewing all of its wonders.

The entertainment program was only

one of the fine features covered in the excellent progress report made by subcommittees on arrangements for the annual convention to R. R. Blackburn, vice-president of Southern California Gas Company, chairman of the general convention committee.

Robert A. Hornby, executive vice-president, Pacific Lighting Corporation, reported progress being made in obtaining general session speakers. Arrangements for the press room at the Biltmore Hotel and plans for advance publicity were reported by J. T. Van Rensselaer, Southern California, chairman of the publicity committee. Other members of Southern California Gas Company, serving as subcommittee chairmen reported as follows.

W. A. Wilson told of arrangements for obtaining signs, public address systems and other props. Members of his committee will handle requests at each of the hotels where meetings will be staged.

The Housing Committee is working with the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. According to R. F. Ogborn, adequate housing will be available for all delegates. Mr. Seitz reported on plans for a ladies' sightseeing tour, a style show and the card party, in addition to the Disneyland barbecue party. Plans are being made for the President's reception and dance.

A registration list will be published, G. S. Coates reported. The Southern Counties executive said each registration booth would be informed of registrations made by other hotel booths. The transportation and hospitality committees, under C. A. Renz and F. A. McCanlies, reported progress. R. W. Johnson said that although it might not be possible for large groups to play together, arrangements will be made to see that anyone wanting to play golf may do so.

Kurwin R. Boyes, secretary and convention manager of A. G. A., reported

on preliminary plans for convention meetings of the various Sections of A. G. A.

The Accounting Section's sessions will be held at the Hotel Statler. D. W. Peterson, Minneapolis Gas Company, coordinator of the General Activities Group, will preside at a meeting in the Los Angeles Room, on Monday afternoon, October 17. The section will sponsor a luncheon and afternoon session in the Sierra Room on Tuesday, with A. T. Gardner, Delaware Power & Light Company, chairman of the Section, presiding. The chairman of the PCGA Accounting Section will greet delegates and participate in both meetings. Plans include presentation of the Order of Accounting Merit awards, a paper on electronic accounting, a customer relations panel, and discussions on taxes, mechanization, incentive compensation and cost management.

The Residential Gas Section and the Industrial and Commercial Gas Section will sponsor a joint luncheon on Monday. C. S. Stackpole, managing director of A. G. A. will welcome guests and a speaker will speak on the PAR program and the Gas Industry Development program.

On Tuesday afternoon the Residential Section will present a program devoted to sales problems of the industry and possible solutions. A new colored motion picture on New Freedom Gas Kitchen and Laundry sales will be shown. The president of Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association will address the meeting and an executive of Servel, Inc., will present the Servel Gas Refrigerator awards. Walter H. Kurdelski, Michigan Consolidated Gas Co., chairman of the Residential Gas Section will preside.

The Industrial and Commercial Gas Section, with Ray Trowbridge, Seattle Gas Co., as chairman, will present qualified speakers on timely subjects covering both the industrial and commercial phases of the gas business. The officers of the Section will be elected at a meeting following the joint luncheon on Monday.

The Operating Section will hold two afternoon meetings at the Biltmore Hotel. Walter H. Davidson, Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corp., chairman of the Operating Section, will preside.

Eight papers have been chosen tentatively for the Section's program. Guy Corfield, Southern California Gas Company, will discuss what the corrosion engineer can do for management. An outside speaker will talk on the economic aspect of gas distribution. C. J. Sandusky, Southern California Gas Company, will speak on quality control. Remote control equipment will be described by a competent authority.

Safety programs and why they sometimes fail will be a topic at the meeting Tuesday afternoon. Underground storage is another subject, as is the value of engineering. Hall M. Henry, NEGEA Service Corp., will speak on peak shaving measures.

William B. Tippy, president, Commonwealth Services, Inc., is head of a committee arranging the program for the General Management Section. A luncheon meeting will be held at the Statler Hotel on Monday with Larry Shomaker, Northern Natural Gas Co., presiding as Section chairman. Speakers will be listed to talk on subjects pertaining to general management. The A. G. A. and the PCGA insurance committees will hold a joint meeting. The Accident Prevention Committee will sponsor presentation of Safety Achievement Awards at a general sessions meeting. The Corporate Secretaries group will hear Emmet J. Leahy, of New York talk on paperwork management. George Harding, secretary, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, and president, American Society of Corporate Secretaries, will be a guest at the meeting.

Mr. Blackburn, on behalf of the General Convention Committee, said that the local subcommittees were doing a most effective job in handling the wide variety of details necessary for a good convention. The results of this fine cooperative effort will be evident at the convention. Members of both associations planning to attend the convention, who have not already done so, are urged to mail applications for accommodations as soon as possible to the A. G. A. Housing Committee, Convention Bureau, Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, 1151 South Broadway, Los Angeles 15, Calif. If cancellations of advance registrations are necessary, the Committee also requests prompt notification to that effect.

## Introducing

# F. R. (Dick) Seevers, Administrative Asst. To Sales Manager

A couple of fellows named Seevers make up one of the father-son combinations in our Sales Division. And what a combination it is!

Harry Seevers, the father, is the dean of our sales force. He has been a representative for 38 years and is proud of the fact that during our company's 100th Anniversary in 1957, he will have been with Mueller Co. for 40 years.

The other half of this potent combination, and the man we are introducing in this issue, is F. R. Seevers, better known to the company and the trade as Dick. Dick began as a salesman in 1950 after graduating from the University of Kansas with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management. He was on the road long enough—from July, 1950 to February, 1953—to become thoroughly familiar with every Mueller product, its use and how it might best benefit the customer.

This experience proved invaluable to the young Mr. Seevers for when the need arose for an assistant to the Vice President and General Sales Manager, Dick loomed up as a natural. His experience in the field plus his education in Industrial Management made him the obvious choice, so in February, 1953, Dick came to Decatur to assume the position of assistant to Robert H. Morris, Vice President and General Sales Manager. His title later was changed to Administrative Assistant, but his duties as personal assistant to Mr. Morris plus a multitude of other administrative chores remained the same.

As a sales representative, Dick first covered the State of Iowa. Later he covered Nebraska and part of South Dakota and Colorado.

His present duties are too lengthy to mention here, but generally speaking, he relieves Mr. Morris of many details necessary for that office to function. In addition, he works with the Advertising



**F. R. (DICK) SEEVERS**

Agency that prepares Mueller Co.'s trade journal advertising.

He also offers technical assistance to the editor of the Mueller Record in product stories.

Other duties include planning and supervising the construction of convention exhibits. He works with our sales representatives keeping them informed of new products, sales trends and our own sales activity.

Dick, who attended Kansas State College before entering the University of Kansas, is a World War II veteran of the Army Air Force. He was overseas with the Eighth Air Force as an aerial gunner on a B-17. He is married, has one daughter and makes his home in Decatur.

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A street sign read: "School—don't kill a child." Beneath was a childish scrawl: "Wait for a teacher."

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A tough drill sergeant was working during a hot afternoon session with a listless platoon. Finally he called a halt and shouted, "You guys think you're soldiers? Why, I've seen better drilling by little cans of beer on television."

# H. Carl Wolf, Prominent Executive In Utility Industry Dies; He Was 63

H. Carl Wolf, for many years a prominent executive in the utility industry, died June 26 at the White Plains hospital. He was 63 years old and resided at 19 Woodland Place, Scarsdale, N. Y.

Mr. Wolf entered the utility field after being graduated from the University of Illinois with B.S., M.S. and E.E. degrees. He joined the Illinois Commerce Commission and later became manager of the Edwardsville (Illinois) Water Company.

Born in Edwardsville, Ill., he served in World War I, as a captain in the United States Engineer Corps, serving in France as a combat engineer and later with the American Peace Commission.

He served as chief engineer of the Public Service Commission of Maryland, later joined Central Public Service Corporation in Indiana. He became vice-president of Consolidated Electric and Gas Company, and then was elected president of Central Indiana Gas Company, Muncie, Ind., and all of its associated companies. In 1938, Mr. Wolf became president of the Atlanta Gas Light Company, Georgia, and its affiliated companies.

After serving as a director and as chairman of its National Advertising Committee, Mr. Wolf was elected managing director of the American Gas Association, the national trade association of the gas industry, in October, 1945. There he played a prominent part in the expanded program of promotion, advertising and research, which the gas utility and pipeline companies have carried on for the past ten years.

Ill health caused Mr. Wolf to take leave of absence from his duties as managing director about a year ago. He tendered his resignation from this office earlier this year, but was retained as a consultant to the Association. Last spring the board of directors of A. G. A. tendered him a testimonial dinner as a tribute to his long and important contributions to the gas industry. Mr. Wolf

was presented with an engraved testimonial of appreciation and with several gifts.

He had received a similar token of appreciation from the city of Atlanta where he was awarded a citation for his active participation in civic affairs there. In that city he had long been noted for his devotion to public and civic service. He served as regional chairman of the Committee for Economic Development for the Sixth Federal Reserve District. After leaving Atlanta, he continued to serve as a trustee of the CED.

Mr. Wolf is survived by his widow, the former Louise Burroughs, a son, Robert B., and a sister Miss Doris Wolf, of Edwardsville, Ill.

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## STATEMENT BY F. M. BANKS

The gas industry has experienced a great loss through the death of H. Carl Wolf. His life was dedicated to the advancement of our industry through improving the services of the American Gas Association and its member companies. That was his ambition when he was elected managing director of the American Gas Association in 1945. The history of the Association since then reflects great progress toward the achievement of his goal. We know it remained his ideal until he died. His many friends and associates will always remember him for his tremendous ability and his devotion to the highest ideals.

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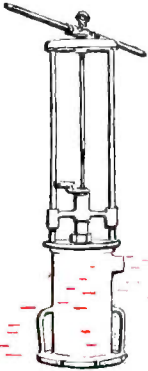
## STATEMENT BY C. S. STACKPOLE

When H. Carl Wolf passed away, the gas industry lost one of its most enlightened and progressive champions. During his long and illustrious career, he contributed mightily to the steady advance of our industry toward new horizons. His imaginative and constructive leadership, combined with tremendous personal loyalty and magnetism, made him a pillar of strength among the nation's industrial echelon.

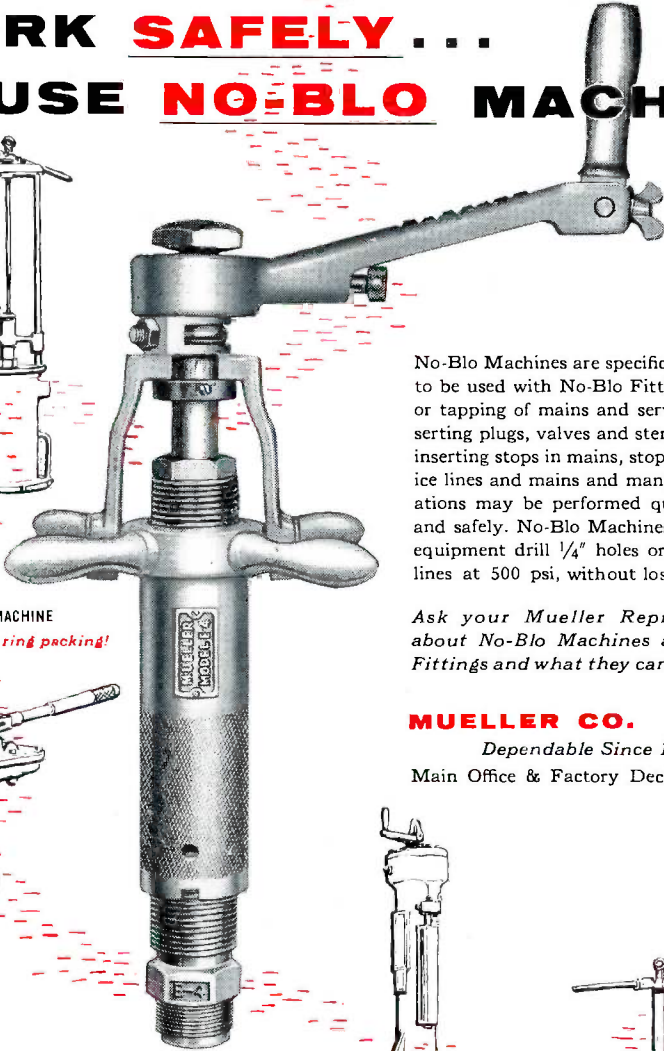
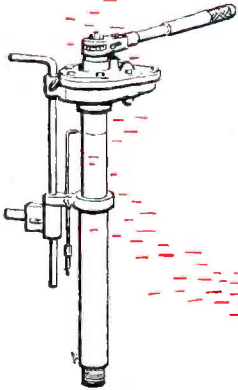
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