

PROPOSED GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

COUNCIL GIVES OK

Installation Of Natural Gas Here Seen Completed By First Of Year

Natural gas for Southern Pines, subject of nearly two years of on-again, off-again discussion by the Town Council, cleared its final barrier Tuesday night of last week when the Council unanimously approved, on a first reading, to grant a franchise to the

North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation.

Granting of the franchise requires two readings in successive meetings by the Council. No hitch seems likely to develop before the next reading.

Council had been told by the gas corporation, which is maintaining headquarters in Fayetteville, that completion of lines and start of service could be expected by the first of 1958. Southern Pines will be served, the company said, by a spur line which will be built off the main line between Rockingham and Raeford. Aberdeen is also on the line.

The company said installation of the lines in town would require some ditch digging but the inconveniences should be held to a minimum since the resort business is at its lowest ebb when the height of the installation will be taking place.

The company could give no definite commitment as to the exact length of time the installation would take place.

The company, it was pointed out by Mayor Gilmore, is policed by Federal and State laws and will maintain sufficient insurance to cover any damage suits brought on "in the unlikely event of an explosion."

The franchise would be for a

term of 20 years.

Mayor Gilmore said the company had agreed to conform to the town's policy of beautification and would replant any shrubs or trees that had to be removed to make way for the pipe lines. He said the company had informed the Council it would, as far as possible, use alleyways for pipe locations.

He said, also, that the company had agreed to furnish gas to customers who weren't on the line providing certain requirements were met.

Harold Fowler, chief of the volunteer fire department, said he had some reservations about the new system, pointing to the possibilities of leakages or small explosions. "We see kerosene stoves blow up almost every week and it won't be too long before they're all gone. I hope the new gas system won't present the same old problems."

It was brought out at the meeting that natural gas in Southern Pines probably would not be widely used for five to 10 years but the fact that it was available would probably do much towards attracting new industry.

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Local YDCers Meet With Mrs. Ives For Tea and Talk

A gathering of Young Democrats of Southern Pines was held at the Paint Hill Farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Ives Saturday, with the guest of honor Miss Kitty Clark of Abingdon, Va., a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ives.

Miss Clark, who is political secretary to Rep. Pat Jennings of Virginia's Ninth District, was a strong Stevenson worker during the 1956 campaign. She first came to Moore County at the time of one of the Democratic presidential candidate's visits to his sister, Mrs. Ives.

Those attending the informal gathering, called by James W. Causey and E. O. Brogden, Jr., who headed the local 1956 YDC effort, heard with interest Miss Clark describe some of her experiences in Virginia politics. Mr. Brogden replied for the local group, assuring the visitor of the unabated enthusiasm of Southern Pines Democrats and pledging continued effort. Sherwood Brockwell Jr. spoke from the floor, seconding the YDC chairman's words.

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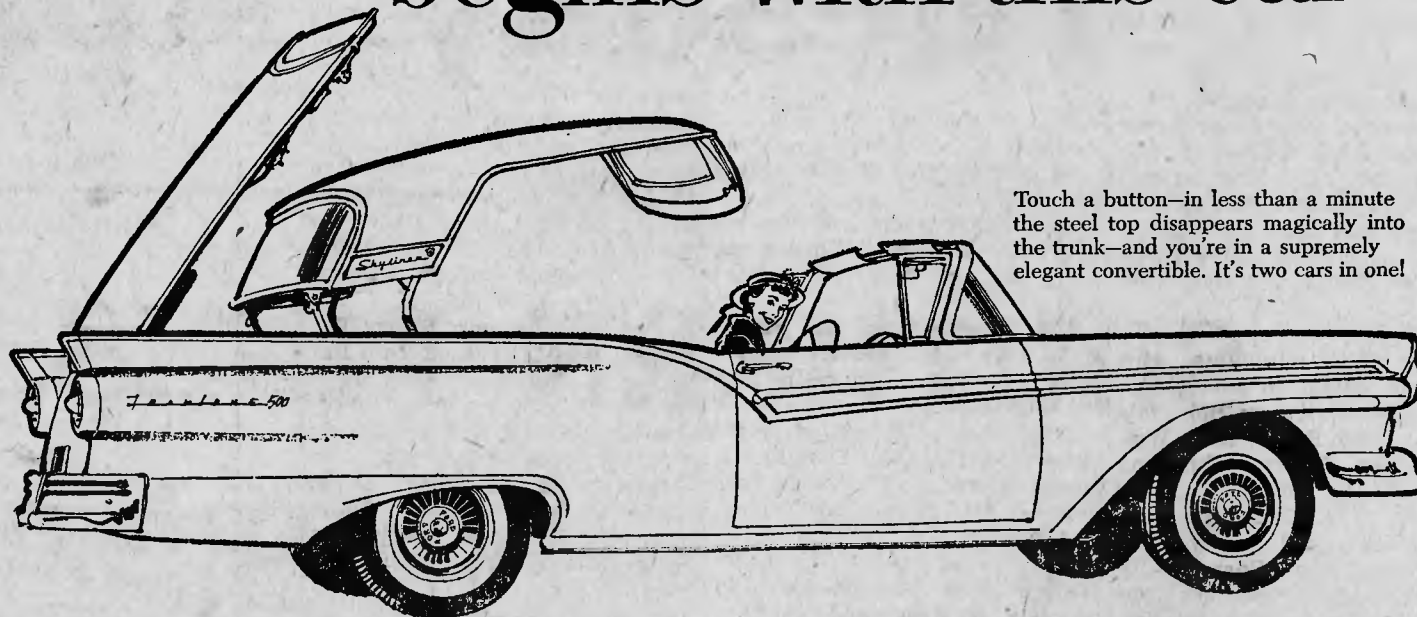
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