



Photo By Tom McIntyre

**FINDS GAS LEAK** - Jerry White, supt. of the city's gas department, uses the new Detecto Pack recently purchased, to pin down the source of a leak in the city's natural gas system at the corner of Sherwood Lane and Sharon Dr. The device cuts time on the job to the bone and eliminates guess work. The device can also discover gas leaks where not detected before. Paul Black is seen here on the job with White.

### Police Science Grads Feted

Graduates of the Police Science Basic School class held here for several months will receive certificates following a luncheon at Kings Mountain Inn today.

Police Chief Earl Lloyd, who instructed the 180-hour course, said 22

students will graduate following the noon luncheon.

Scheduled to speak are Mayor John H. Moss and Mecklenburg County Police Chief B. L. Porter, president of the N. C. Association of Chiefs of Police.

### James Luther Rayfield, 1975 Victim

# Bristol Charged In Murder

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with a .22 weapon, positively identified Bristol as his assailant. Tarpley was shot once in the corner of his left eye at the bridge of the nose and a second time in the back, beneath the right shoulder blade. Rayfield had also been killed by a .22 weapon.

Police Chief Earl Lloyd said he ordered the investigation into Rayfield's death reopened when he took office early in 1976 and called in

the SBI to assist. Agent Jim Woodward worked with Sgt. Richard Reynolds to complete the investigation, the results of which Reynolds turned over to District Attorney Hamp Childs. The DA okayed drawing the warrants for Bristol.

Bristol, who is still being held in the county jail, will be defended by the public defender office. He went through a probable cause hearing last Friday morning, then was

assigned to a preliminary hearing set for Mon., Dec. 20 in Shelby. Following that the evidence will be turned over to the Grand Jury for indictment and a return of a true bill before the case will be assigned to the Cleveland Superior Court criminal calendar.

Sgt. Reynolds said the warrants served on Bristol for the murder and robbery of Rayfield came only after a "painstaking and thorough investigation."

## R-96:

### Long Renewal Program Enters Final Stages.....

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The commission is responsible for street work, curbing and guttering, sidewalks and engineering fees. The city is responsible for clearing and grubbing, excavation, storm drainage and support activities. The city is also responsible for installation and relocation of water, sewer and gas

lines. Southeastern Consultant Engineers has the job of updating the electrical system. And Southern Bell will also have workmen in the area for phone service work. "There are quite a few agencies, department heads and engineers involved in this project," White said, "So we have held two meetings, about nine hours work, to coordinate all of the activities in the R-96 project. With a half a million dollar program at stake, we felt all parties should know exactly what the full story is, not just an individual's portion of the work."

"Now, everyone knows what problems everyone else faces in completing the project," he continued. It should turn out to be a well coordinated project."

White said the success of the program depends heavily on whether or not the city can meet its obligations. City employees have the hardest task of all the agencies working in the R-96 project; rerouting gas lines because of streets being closed off, installing water and sewer lines. All of these lines go underground and must be done first before the rest of the program can be put

into effect.

"The plan calls for Champion to move into an area as soon as the city's work is completed, remove the paving and preparing the road beds with about six inches of gravel," White said. "This will be done one section at a time so the entire project area will not be one muddy and confused mess."

"We don't want to cause the residents in the R-96 area more inconvenience than is absolutely necessary while the program is being completed," he said.

The street paving program will not get underway until next spring, so motorists in the R-96

area will find themselves traveling over graveled roads and past barricades with flashing lights for awhile.

White said the commission is making a plea to residents of the area to help maintain some order as far as the barricades are concerned. "Some of the battery-powered flashers have been stolen already," he continued. "At night, without these barricades and flashing lights, there is a danger of an accident and serious injury to people. We are asking residents to cooperate in reporting such vandalism immediately. Public safety is at stake in this."

### Lions Club Fruit Cake Sale Underway

Lion Jack Hauser reminds that fruit cake sales are moving slowly and interested citizens may contact him at 739-8790 or 739-7481 for delivery of the cakes from which all proceeds aid the area blind.

Lions Connie Allison and Howard Bryant conducted a street sale of cakes on Saturday.



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### Machine Shop Is Robbed

L&J Textile Machinery and Repair Co. reported the theft of over \$18,000 worth of machine parts from their plant on Carpenter St. over the weekend.

Kenny Bush, shop foreman, said the shop closed at 4 p. m. last Friday and he discovered the theft about 6:30 a. m. Monday when he opened for business.

Police said the thief or thieves entered the shop by cutting a hole in the bottom of the rear door and knocking the safety lock bar from the door inside the shop. The supply room and a parts cabinet had also been pried open.

Bush said taken were such items as repaired rollers, bearings, gears and gear-ends for textile machinery. He said he has alerted other machine shops who might be approached by someone selling loose items.

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Diane Hughes, 209 Lackey St., reported to police that her home was robbed sometime Friday night and about \$347 worth of Christmas presents stolen.

Police said the items taken after the thief broke out a rear bedroom window, raised the window and entered the house, included several watches, radios, clothing and assorted pieces of jewelry.

Ptl. Ralph Grindstaff was the investigating officer.

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