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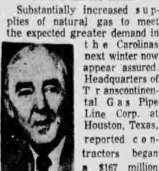
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## Inside Business

### Additions Sighted In Natural Gas

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Substantially increased supplies of natural gas to meet the expected greater demand in the Carolinas which obtain this fuel from Transco include Piedmont Natural Gas of Charlotte, Public Service Corp. of North Carolina at Gastonia, Carolina Pipe Line Co. of Columbia, S. C. and other South Carolina Pipe Line Co. of Columbia, S. C. corporations.

North Carolina Natural Gas Co. of Fayetteville is completing a financing program of more than \$20 million preliminary to constructing an extensive system of distribution mains which will connect with Transco's main lines near Mooresville.

### TOWNS, TOO

A number of municipal governments and large corporations in the Carolinas also obtain natural gas supplies from Transco.

Large increases in daily allocations of gas have been promised by Transco to the districting companies based at Charlotte, Gastonia and Columbia. North Carolina Natural Gas Co. officers forecast much of this company's planned pipe line mileage will be laid before winter arrives.

The report from Transco said contracts for this tremendous expansion had been awarded months ago in anticipation of FPC approval of the program. Transco had promised additional gas supplies to its many customers but had to await FPC go-ahead signal.

Confident that the FPC approval would be given, Transco bought the pipe and other materials, which were concentrated along the present mains, and contractors scheduled mobilization.

total increased to 256 in the week ended Sept. 11 from 191 in the preceding week. The South Atlantic region's weekly total recently has ranged around 20, moderately below year-ago levels.

### Crop Smaller

Crop Reporting Service reported that cotton picking was nearly 50 per cent complete in South Carolina and more than 20 per cent complete in North Carolina. These states' cotton crops this year are the smallest in many years.

### Claims Decline

The South Carolina Employment Security Commission at Columbia reported the statewide weekly total of new claims for unemployment compensation declined 1,931, a total far below the year's peak a few months ago. Also the commission reported textile and garment plants and primary metal industries lately increased employment.

### Clothing Booms

Dun & Bradstreet reported for early September that New York wholesalers' sales expanded strongly in women's coats and suits and better quality dresses. A rush of reorders for young men's styles showed retailers had been caught short. Buying of upholstered furniture by retailers continued strong. Interest was high in floor coverings. Retail trade over the nation averaged slightly better than it was a year ago though this more active trade in the South Atlantic states' representative cities ranged up to 6 per cent above year ago levels.

### Production Up

Can Manufacturers Institute of New York reported production of metal cans in July had shipments totaling 5 per cent greater than in July last year. This reflects especially large increased use of cans by producers of coffee and of evaporated and condensed milk and a small gain by producers of shortening. July can production required 475,523 tons of steel, giving the can industry steel consumption for six months this year of 2,552,347 tons.

### Tobacco Rises

Tobacco growers and business generally have been cheered by the exceptionally high prices lately paid for tobacco sold at the marketing centers of the North Carolina Middle Belt and the North Carolina-Virginia Old Belt. These prices have averaged around \$58 per hundredweight, or about \$3 higher than they were a year ago. High prices also have been obtained by growers who marketed their tobacco in the South Carolina-North Carolina Border Belt, where the marketing season is far advanced. Crops this year were large, including 383 million pounds in the Old and Middle Belts.

### Failures Decline

Dun & Bradstreet reported business failures in the South Atlantic states continued to slowly decline though the nationwide

### Group To Plan Eye Testing

Volunteers for the local eye testing program of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the educational building of Myers Park Baptist Church.

Dr. M. J. Haugh, president of the Charlotte Ophthalmological Society, will speak to the group. It will be the first meeting of the year for the white volunteers.

Officers of the volunteers are Mrs. William E. Little, chairman; Mrs. J. H. Hendelie, assistant chairman; Mrs. Preston Andrews Jr., supply chairman; and Miss Alice Davidson, treasurer. Advisors for the group include Dr. Haugh, Dr. Elizabeth Corkey of the city health department, and Mrs. Elizabeth Keatin, public health nurse.

Kindergarten directors who have not made appointments for the program are requested to call Mrs. John Ross Brown Jr., state chairman of the national society, at E. 513-2123.

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## Names In Business

E. S. Dillard of Charlotte, president of Old Dominion Box Co., was the guest speaker recently at a meeting of the Industrial Management Club in High Point. This was a special meeting for industrial leaders of that area. Mr. Dillard discussed in detail policies he advocated for management to assist supervisors in attaining highest possible efficiency in operations.

James F. Clardy, manager of the Charlotte office of McCrawley & Co., widely operating investment firm, based at Asheville, was informed that this firm has been named an associate member of the American Stock Exchange. The firm also is affiliated with the New York Stock Exchange.

J. L. Trethaven of Durham, president of the Carolina Veterans Association of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., reported a group of Charlotte representatives arranged to attend this association's annual meeting Thursday at Chapel Hill. Included in the Charlotte contingent are James Austin, Mrs. Jessie B. Baker, Miss Katherine Breisch, Norman M. Black, Mrs. Margaret B. Williamson, Almon H. Edwards, F. Franklin Fraser, Mrs. Mary J. Livingston, George R. Parkerson, Mrs. Wilhelmina Linberry, and retired members James L. Alexander, Henry A. Kendall, Columbus H. Kimbrell, Samuel O. King, and Miss Mary Linberry.

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chant Co. The announcement said he will serve typewriter dealers in the Carolinas and part of Virginia with offices at Charlotte. He is widely experienced in the typewriter business and formerly was with Sears, Roebuck & Co. and with Southern Appliances Inc. of Charlotte.

John M. Seabrook, president of Seabrook Farms Co. of Seabrook, N. J., reported this company acquired Bateman Frozen Foods Co. of Macon, Ga., as a subsidiary. He said a far-reaching campaign will be started soon to promote the "Dixiana" brand of frozen vegetables. The New Jersey company produces frozen foods and other foods in large volumes under the widely known Snow Crop, Seabrook and other brands.

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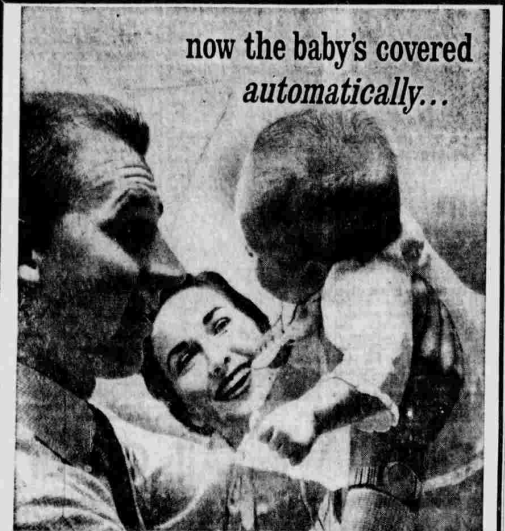
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