

Public Service Gets Franchise For Gas Lines

Gastonia Firm To Serve Sanford Brick Industries

RALEIGH, Nov. 9.—Public Service Co. of North Carolina, Inc., today won the right to carry natural gas to the rich market of brick and tile industry in the Sanford area.

An order by the State Utilities Commission granting the franchise for the territory to Public Service east a shadow on proposals of the North Carolina Natural Gas Corp. to build pipelines into the eastern section of the state.

Commissioner Sam O. Worthington, in a vigorous dissent to the majority order, declined the action "has possibly closed the door to any opportunity for natural gas service for eastern North Carolina for years to come."

Public Service, with headquarters in Gastonia, already serves wide areas in Piedmont and western North Carolina. The commission approved its plans for a pipeline from near Burlington, through the Chapel Hill vicinity, to Pittsboro and Sanford, with lines to brick plants in the Sanford area.

North Carolina Natural Gas, a newly formed concern, carries a natural gas network to run from near Charlotte to points as far east as Wilmington. However, it stated that the big market afforded by the Sanford brick companies would be needed to help make its 12-million-dollar project financially feasible.

Worthington said it appeared the commission "has completely ignored and overlooked the convenience and necessity, the requirements and the needs of the territory of eastern North Carolina and its many citizens for the advantages afforded by natural gas."

Evidence was offered by "practical" every city in eastern North Carolina on the need for natural gas service, Worthington said. There was evidence that the section had failed to obtain some new industries because natural gas was not available, he added.

The majority order, written by Commissioner Ralph Moody, did not go into the application of North Carolina Natural Gas except to point out that the question of service to the Sanford brick and tile industry raised the conflict between the two companies.

Moody said Public Service as an established concern with adequate financial resources, "to provide the service which it proposes."

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The half-brothers were charged in Lefflore County with kidnaping Till Aug. 28 after Mose Wright, Till's sharecropper uncle, said two white men took Till away for allegedly making obscene remarks to Mrs. Bryant.

A body was found in the Tallapoosa River three days later, Wright and Till's mother, Mrs. Mamie Bryant of Chicago, identified it as Till.

But defense attorneys in the murder trial presented three witnesses, including a doctor and an undertaker, who testified that the body had been in the water 100 to 120 days.

Wright and Willie Reed, 18, were called by the grand jury yesterday.

The other witnesses before the grand jury included Sheriff George Smith and Deputy John Ed Coburn.

Sheriff Smith and his deputy told the grand jury that Bryant and Milam admitted taking Till from Wright's farm shack in Monday night, who was vacationing in Mississippi when he disappeared when they found he was the wrong Negro.

Reed's halting testimony had placed Milam with Till several hours after the two men said they had kidnaped the boy, who was vacationing in Mississippi when he disappeared.



The Presidential Pair
President and Mrs. Eisenhower were pictured together yesterday at Fitzsimons Army Hospital, Denver. They are smilingly bidding goodbye to newsmen and photographers at the President's visit with Guatemala, President Carlos Castillo Armas.

NAACP Hits 'Mississippi Justice' Defendants Freed In Till Kidnaping

GREENWOOD, Miss., Nov. 9.—A Lefflore County grand jury today declined to indict two white men on charges of kidnaping Emmett Louis Till, 14, Chicago Negro.

The decision freed Roy Bryant, 24, and his half brother, J. W. Milam, 36, of all charges in the famous case.

A trial jury in nearby Sumner six weeks ago found the white storekeepers innocent of murdering Till.

In New York, Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said the jury's action comes as no surprise to anyone acquainted with the administration of justice in Mississippi.

He added that the freeing of the two men demonstrates "anew the impossibility of securing justice in Mississippi in any case in which a Negro is the victim of a white man's wrath and violence."

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Two Testify U.S. Gave GM Diesel Lead

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Two locomotive builders testified today the government gave General Motors a "head start" in the diesel electric field and this helped the corporation become even more dominant in locomotives than in autos.

William F. Lewis, vice president of Alco Products, Inc., told a House Judiciary subcommittee that GM got the jump on its rivals during World War I when the government allocated production responsibility.

General Motors was given the responsibility for mass-producing "road" diesels, Lewis said, and thus had a "tremendous" advantage over other companies who couldn't get hold of materials to make diesel locomotives for "road" service. Four companies, which which pull trains from station to station as contrasted with switching engines.

Sen. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), chairman of the Senate Antitrust group which is studying GM as an example of corporate "quintupling," immediately asked Lewis to supply the subcommittee with copies of the wartime orders.

The senator recalled that it was "frequently alleged at the time" that the War Production Board was staffed with "big boys" from the oil and steel industries. "If they didn't exactly favor the companies from which they came," O'Mahoney said, at least they might have been in a position to do so.

"According to your testimony," he held, "it is thus understood that the War Production Board changed the direction of this industry and placed a handicap on the personal planes a guard of Air Force police, honor guards of air men and WAF's and a brass band planned the Guatemalan national anthem and 'Star Spangled Banner'."

Castillo Armas went to Fitzsimons Army Hospital in a black White House limousine, which headed a motorcade of 15 cars. They were escorted to a reception room to meet President and Mrs. Eisenhower.

The President was smiling and animated. He shook hands all around, moved about with no apparent attempt to avoid strain and even suggested where his visitors stand, so that photographers could get better pictures.

An aide handed Castillo Armas a box and he opened it to take out a white and gold U.S. presidential emblem, which he handed to President Eisenhower, explaining it had been made in a Guatemalan convent. The President's face lighted up as he felt the ribbon.

"This is lovely," he exclaimed. "This is one I can keep for the rest of my life. It's very lovely. I'd like to have the name of this convent that made it. I'd like to write them a letter."

We Say U.S. Won't Furnish Weapons for Near East Race

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The new offer interrupted attempts by the three Western foreign ministers to end negotiations on the first agenda point—European security and German reunification "on terms" which would "grave breach of the Geneva pact" for refusing free German elections.

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Under Fire, Strobel Quits \$14,800 Job As Building Official

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Peter A. Strobel resigned under fire from his \$14,800 a year job as public buildings commissioner to the State of Guatemala.

He said he did so because "some people" would seize upon his private business connections as a basis for attacking the Eisenhower administration.

The New York architect has been under investigation by a House inquiry group. Questions were raised as to the propriety of his acting as the government's real estate chief while retaining a 90 per cent interest in Strobel & Saltzman, a New York firm of consulting engineers.

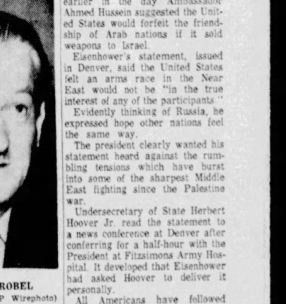
Strobel departed with an assertion that he had never used his official position to further his private gain but only in the hope that it might be of some service to the government.

He is the second high official of the Eisenhower administration to quit this year after a congressional session investigation of his outside business interests.

Harold E. Talbot resigned as secretary of the Air Force Aug. 1. In a letter to President Eisenhower, Talbot also said "I would not in any circumstances wish to be a source of embarrassment to you or to your splendid administration."

Talbot acknowledged writing letters on Air Force stationery to prospective clients of Paul B. Mulligan & Co., a firm of New York engineering experts in which he had an interest, but denied any wrongdoing.

Strobel's resignation, which took effect at the close of business last night, was announced by the General Services Administration, under whose jurisdiction he worked. GSA also released a friendly letter from Administrator Edmund F. Mansure accepting the resignation.



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CHARLOTTE, Nov. 9.—A mother and her young son were suffocated today in smoke which billowed from a burning bed set alight by another son.

Authorities at Memorial Hospital said Mrs. Lois Sexton, 36, and her seven-month-old son, Keith, apparently died of asphyxiation. There were no burns on the bodies.

Deputy Fire Chief Walter Black said the fire was set by Mike Sexton, 3, according to his elder son, David, 10.

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Post Office Refuses To Discuss U.S. Ban On Red Publications

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Four Die In Fire

JACKSON, Ohio, Nov. 9.—(UPI)—Mrs. Eva Elkins, 53, and her three young grandchildren burned to death today when their destroyed their five-room frame home near here.

Chaper Charles N. Gaskill identified the children as Victoria Jean Adams, 7; Timothy Adams, 4; and Linda Combs, 4.

In Mother-In-Law's Murder Ex-Cop Wins New Trial; Judge Ruled In Error

RALEIGH, Nov. 9.—A former police chief was freed execution for murdering his mother-in-law when a new trial by the State Supreme Court today.

The court said Frank W. Carter, former police chief at Franklin and Mount Olive, should get a new trial because of an error made by Judge Clawson L. Williams in his charge to the jury.

Carter, 42, admitted on the stand that he shot Mrs. Janie Eberhardt, 62, and her 11-year-old son, for murdering his mother-in-law. He was granted a new trial by the State Supreme Court today.

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Leaf Averages \$54.11

The Durham County tobacco market yesterday closed at \$54.11 per 100 pounds, Farmers were paid a total of \$476,757 for their offerings.

UNC Cafeteria Gets 'B' Health Rating

CHAPEL HILL, Nov. 9.—(UPI)—The University of North Carolina cafeteria has been given a "B" health rating by the State Health Department.

Lenor Hall had the top "A" rating for years but was dropped to the lower category after an inspection by state officials. Manpower G. W. Prillman said "things have been straightened out" since the inspection.

Stevenson Statement To Be Issued Tuesday

CHICAGO, Nov. 9 (UPI)—Adlai E. Stevenson will issue a statement here next Tuesday on whether he will be a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination next year, it was announced tonight.

Most political leaders, and even Stevenson's own aides, confidently expect the 1952 nominee to announce that he will run again.

Cooley Flays Secretary's Philosophy 'Down The Drain' Said Benson's Farm Policy

WILSON, Nov. 9 (UPI)—Rep. Harold D. Cooley said here today that the philosophy of Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson is "down the drain."

Cooley charged that Benson's "to let agriculture go down the drain" is a "policy of inaction."

He said Benson's promise of a forthcoming agricultural program is "obviously a dodge" and that Benson does not have a program, but the Democratic party does have a program.

Speaking before a Young Democratic Club meeting at Atlantic Christian College, Cooley referred to a telegram from Benson in which the secretary told him the administration farm program before would be presented in the usual manner, probably by Mr. Benson in his message to Congress next January.

The telegram was in answer to Cooley's request that Benson submit a farm program before Congress reissues in order that the Agriculture Committee might be work on it.

Cooley, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, said he had told Benson that he "would be glad to call a meeting at your convenience and consider and act upon yours or the President's program."

Cooley said Benson "should know that anything he presents has to go to the Agriculture Committee first."

Cooley charged that Benson came into office on promises and "has" turned out to be the "most disappointing" administration he ever observed public office in Washington.

"If agriculture in the present depressed and downhill condition, farm income is dwindling, the farm is burning down and there is no money to be had, what will you do?" Cooley said.

In his telegram today, Benson charged that Cooley had ignored

Air Force To Develop Long-Distance Missile

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(UPI)—The Defense Department has ended a months-long debate and decided to press development of a new super-sonic guided missile capable of destroying targets as far as 1,000 miles away, it was learned today.

With No State Law, Rodman Says Segregation In Parks To Be Handled Locally

RALEIGH, Nov. 9 (UPI)—There is no state law requiring segregation in public parks and playgrounds in North Carolina but restrictive regulations have been put in effect by local ordinance in many places.

As a result, Atty. Gen. William B. Rodman Jr., said problems arising from the Supreme Court decision on such public facilities "will be handled largely on a local level."

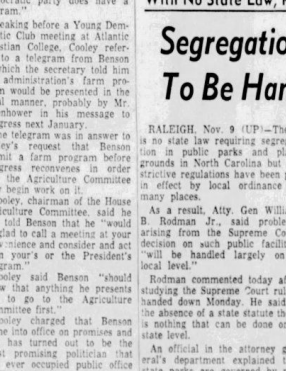
Rodman commented today after studying the Supreme Court ruling in the absence of a state statute there is nothing that can be done on a state level.

An official in the attorney general's department explained that state parks are governed by regulations setting up separate park facilities for whites and Negroes. The state operates eight state parks for whites and two for Negroes.

State parks officials declined immediate comment on suggestions by a number of officials, including



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