

Experts Say—

Gas Lines Are Badly Corroded

Corrosion experts condemned eight gas lines servicing some Union Gas customers in Walpole, Dunn, South Cayuga and Rainham townships before an Ontario Energy Board hearing in Cayuga Thursday and Friday.

Union Gas Ltd. is seeking approval from

the Board to discontinue natural gas service to 235 Haldimand County customers.

Lawyers Ed McCarthy of Hagersville and Donald Chambers of Dunnville represent 77 consumers who are opposing the application.

At the hearing, W. George James of Chatham, a Corrosion Engineer for Union Gas, presented a lengthy, detailed and highly technical study of all the lines.

He said there was some "reasonably good" pipe in some areas but it is impossible to predict where the good sections are.

He and various other consultants and corrosion experts employed by Union Gas cited numerous examples of leakage, badly corroded pipe and irregular pipe sizing.

Employees of Heath Survey Consultants Ltd., a company which tested the lines for leaks in September, testified there was an exceptionally high leakage frequency for this type of field line.

Consultants said there was an average of 16 leaks per mile to the 23 1/2 miles of the eight lines affected, while the average leak frequency in the entire Union Gas system is one

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Council Approves Hike In Fire Protection Cost

A major hike in the cost of fire protection for four member municipalities of the Hagersville District Fire Department was okayed by Hagersville Council at Monday's meeting.

Their approval followed on the heels of a special joint meeting held last Thursday to discuss a Mutual Fire Agreement which terminates April 1.

Walpole township, Oneida township, New Credit of the Mississaugas and the Village of Hagersville are serviced by the Hagersville Volunteer Fire Department.

Deputy-reeve Norm Crawford proposed at

the meeting that a Standard fee be increased from \$300 per year to \$1,500. In addition, he recommended that contributing municipalities pay the Volunteer Fire Department \$100 per hour while attending the fire instead of the flat rate of \$150 per fire provided under the old agreement.

It was also agreed at the meeting and approved by Council that no additional charges be made by the Village of Hagersville for radio answering service and rental of heated storage space to house the water tank truck. And no extra charge is to be levied for any improvements to the Hagersville Fire Hall.

Music By Candlelight At H.S.S.

Flickering candles scattered throughout the Hagersville Secondary School auditorium set the mood for a special candlelight concert presented by the Hagersville Concert Band last Wednesday.

126 people turned out to hear musical performances by the band, the

"Annie Get Your Gun" chorus and guest trumpeter, James Ford.

Mr. Ford highlighted the evening with his execution of Mozart's Hallelujah, Handel's Baroque Trumpet Suite, Volcalaise and for his grand finale - the Post Horn Gallop.



James Ford of London was guest trumpet soloist at the candlelight concert presented by the Hagersville Concert Band last Wednesday evening. (Staff Photo)

Mr. Ford told the Record he came to Hagersville at the request of George Shippey, conductor of the Hagersville Concert Band, whom he has known since the early 1950's.

Mr. Ford was particularly impressed with the spirit of the school band. They look lively, enjoy themselves and did a good job, he said.

Young people - particularly elementary school children are becoming more interested in "good" music because they are taking instrumental music classes, he said. They play good music and seem to enjoy it.

Mr. Ford was one of

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Gas To Continue In 3 Homes

Two Walpole residents who objected to Union Gas Ltd.'s proposed abandonment of "uneconomic" gas lines in Haldimand County will continue to receive natural gas services. A third resident must wait upon the decision of the Ontario Energy Board.

The Ontario Energy Board hearing into the Union Gas Company's application to discontinue service to approximately 235 customers in Dunn, South Cayuga, Rainham and Walpole townships reconvened in Cayuga Thursday and Friday after a three month delay.

A Nov. 16 Preliminary hearing was adjourned to Feb. 1 and then to March 8 to allow an engineer, retained by the Board, to complete an investigation on the condition of the eight lines involved.

Ken Bousfield of R. R. 1 Jarvis and David Genery of R. R. 1, Jarvis, two respondents in the case, informed the Board Thursday morning that they had received notification that alternate arrangements could be made in each case to continue servicing them with gas.

Mr. Genery said he received a letter guaranteeing he would be given a connection point on another transmission line, which crosses his property, if the line he is connected to now is abandoned.

He withdrew his objection when L. G. O'Connor of Chatham, lawyer for Union Gas, concurred Mr. Genery would be hooked up to another line in the event of abandonment.

Mr. Bousfield's application was also withdrawn. Two Union Gas representatives

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Hagersville Secondary School's senior basketball team was on the losing end of their final zone game against Dunnville Friday. The score was 61-47 for the Dunnville team. Hagersville's top scorer was John Bowen of R. R. 4 Hagersville with 15 points. (Photo by Mark Stewart)

Land Not Unlimited

Before we had planning, there was uncontrolled urban sprawl, Ralph Winslade, agricultural representative for North Niagara, said Thursday.

Speaking at a Land Use meeting sponsored by the Haldimand Soil and Crop Improvement Association and the Haldimand Federation of Agriculture, Mr. Winslade told approximately 200 farmers in the agriculture centre at Kohler of some of the problems which occur when everybody wants the best land.

"The best land is best for everyone." Agriculture, industry and residents - all want the same land, he said. Niagara - on - the - Lake, St. Catharines, Lincoln, Pelham and Wainfleet areas are

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"Fine Food" Class Held In Jarvis

"Be daring and try something different" in family and guest meal planning, Donna Byron, a Home Economist with Union Gas Limited, stressed at the Blue Flame Cooking School held in the Jarvis Community Hall last Thursday.

Approximately 200 attended the "Food For Lovers of Fine Food" class which was sponsored by the St. Anne's (Walpole) and St. Mary's (Hagersville) Catholic Women's League.

Mrs. Byron of the Home Service Department in Brantford and Cathy Harris, a home economist from Union Gas' head office in Chatham, showed the group how to prepare foods "suitable for entertaining or putting flair in family cooking."

Beef stew in red wine, broccoli supreme, caraway cheese pie, mushroom stuffed steaks and refrigerator cherry torte were just some

of the specialties prepared during the evening.

The two home economists used gas ranges featuring such modern conveniences as a separate upper boiler, special keep warm shelf, automatic clocks and the "burner with

the brain" - an automatic top burner.

In the past, Mrs. Byron has given cooking and "natural gas" demonstrations at Hagersville Secondary School. And, such groups as the Jarvis Happy Doubles have visited Union Gas in Brantford.



Donna Byron, a home economist with Union Gas, and Mrs. William Morris of R. R. 4 Hagersville checked the spareribs in the oven before Jarvis' "Food For Lovers of Fine Foods" class last Thursday. (Staff Photo)