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WEATHER TOMORROW

Snowflurries clearing tonight, mostly sunny Friday with lights winds.

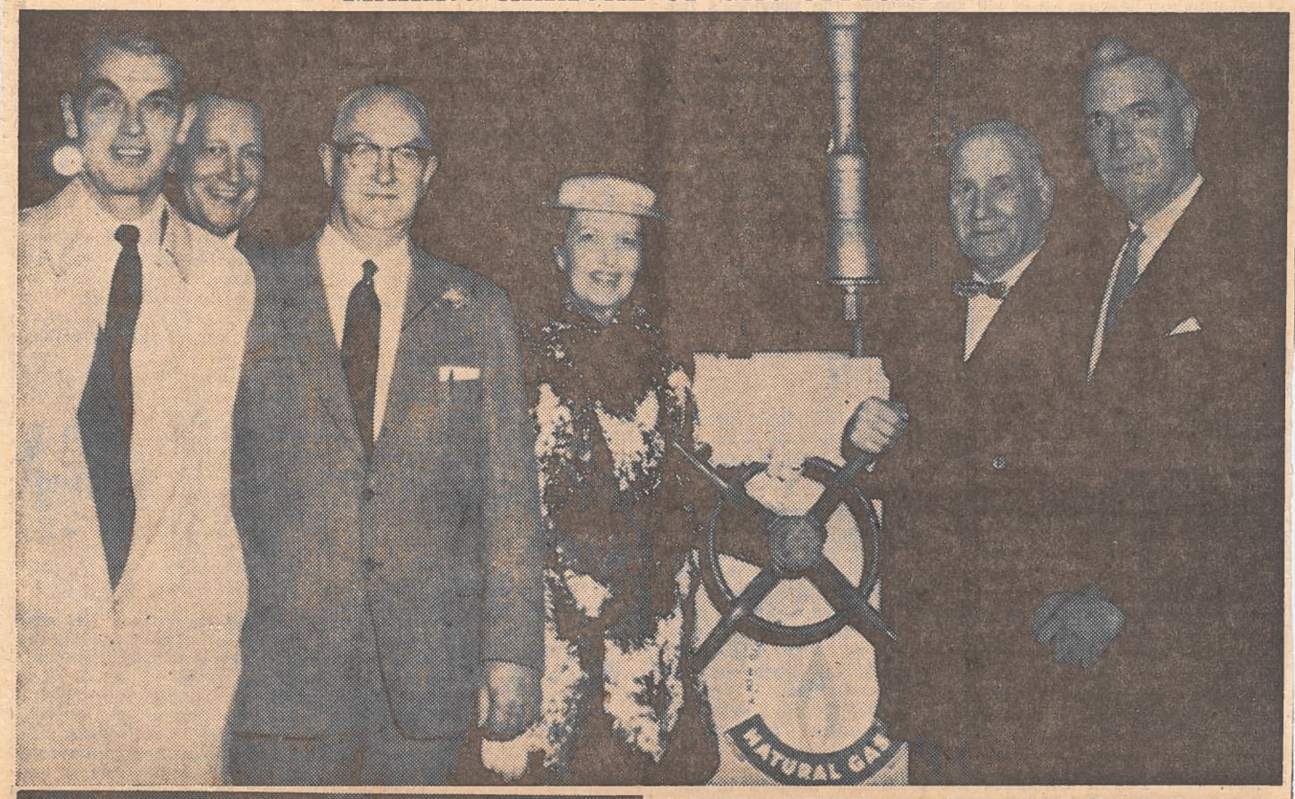
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MAKING ARRIVAL OF GAS OFFICIAL





ALBERTA NATURAL gas officially arrived at the Lakehead Wednesday as Mayor Wishart and Acting Mayor Dr. B. C. Hardiman of Fort William combined talents to light the "blue flame", **TOP**, left to right — R. K. Farris, executive vice-president of Twin City Gas Co.; M. Hunter, manager Twin City Gas; F. Shaw, president Twin City Gas; Mayor E. Wishart, Port Arthur; acting Mayor Dr. B. C. Hardiman, Fort William, and A. Phillips, director Twin City Gas. **LOWER**—Mayor Wishart applies torch to gas making "blue flame" as Dr. Hardiman turns on gas to mark the ofical arrival of the new fuel. —Staf Photos

Flame Marks Advent of Gas

Alberta natural gas arrived officially at the Lakehead Wednesday when the two Lakehead mayors lit a "blue flame" which leaped six feet into the air before about 7,000 persons at the Coliseum.

Each hour the blue flame gushes from the specially-built stand at the exhibition grounds, 2,300 cubic feet of natural gas is burned. The flame will burn for the four days the hugh Gas-a-rama show continues.

Mayor Wishart hailed the arrival of natural gas as a catalyst which would broaden the economic horizons of Northwestern Ontario. She held a flaming torch, while the acting mayor of Fort William, Ald. Dr. B. Hardiman turned the wheel which allowed gas to flow into the nozzle.

The instant the torch was applied to the nozzle the blue flame roared skyward as the band played and the capacity crowd cheered. As one man said, "Imagine that, natural gas all the way from Alberta burning here."

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Mayor Wishart said those who had worked closely with the men who brought natural gas to the Lakehead "appreciate it." She said people should be thankful for its arrival rather than worrying about the "trivial things" connected with the arrival of gas.

According to Mayor Wishart some residents were worrying about the streets being torn up for the gas lines. She said the streets would be repaired and told the gas company officials they had come a "long way" but that it was just a beginning.

Acting Mayor Hardiman said it was "wonderful" to see Alberta gas burning so freely at the Lakehead.

Executive vice-president of the Twin City Gas Co., R. K. Farris told the official gathering the arrival of natural gas had been compared with the arrival of the railway and the steamship. He said his company was grateful it had been given the chance to play a part. He said gas prices at the Lakehead would be among the lowest in Canada.

Vice-president of Trans-Canada Pipelines, A. B. Craig asked the crowd how many of them realize just how significant the arrival of natural gas was to their community and Canada as a whole. He estimated that during the "next few years" $1,500,000,000 would be spent by the producers of natural gas in Canada. He said this would create 60,000 jobs which, over a four-year period, would pay an average salary of $5,000.

This would be in addition to the tens of thousands of new jobs in

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