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—Tribune Photo

The Hose Nose Knows—A "gas sniffer" truck seeks leaks in natural gas mains for the Indiana Gas Company.

Electronic 'Sniffer' Checks Main Gas Lines

An unusual truck on an unusual mission passed up and down streets in downtown Seymour Friday afternoon.

The white van with rotating yellow lights and "multi-hose feelers" was a "gas-sniffer" working for Indiana Gas Company, Inc., in a gas leak survey.

Each year the vehicle comes to town for a rapid, but thorough check of a portion of the main gas lines. At approximately eight miles per hour, it will cover 24 miles of Seymour mains in an afternoon.

The equipment sucks in air at ground level and processes each sample with a sensitivity that can detect two parts of natural gas in a million parts of air and can also distinguish between natural gas and other fumes that might be in the air.

The "sniffer truck" is owned by the Heath Leak Survey Company and is under contract to Indiana Gas for the survey here and in other portions of the gas firm's oval-shaped territory in mid-Indiana.

As the equipment sniffs along the gas mains, the results of the inspection are registered by an electronic meter on a continuous tape, with intersections noted so that any deviation can be easily located.

Each year a few minor leaks, perhaps caused by heavy equipment operating in the area, or by ground settling in the alternate freezing and thawing of normal weather, are discovered and repairs are made before any major trouble develops.

Formerly gas company technicians had to inspect the mains on foot carrying equipment and boring holes in the ground every few feet, taking about a week to cover the same territory a sniffer truck can inspect in an hour.

James Watts, 67, Medora, Dies, --Rites Monday

James Thornton Watts, 67, of Medora, died at 7 a. m. Friday morning at his home after an illness of several months.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p. m. Monday from the Hague Funeral Home, Medora, with the Rev. R. M. Shields, pastor of the Medora Pentecostal Church, officiating. Burial in Dixon Chapel Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Hague Funeral Home after 2 p. m. Sunday.

A lifelong resident of the county, Mr. Watts was a retired civil service employe and had worked at the Charlestown munitions plant and Crane Naval Depot, near Bedford. He had served in both the Army and the Navy.

Born July 15, 1901, in Valonia, he was the son of the late Thornton and Laura Blackwood Watts.

On June 7, 1942, in Brownstown, he married the former Florence Fields.

Surviving, in addition to the widow, are one son, James, at

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NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENTS
STATE OF INDIANA,
JACKSON COUNTY
Jackson Circuit Court Annual Term, 1968.
Josephine L. Rowland, Plaintiff,
vs. Willie D. Rowland, Defendant.
Cause No. 68 D 140
The plaintiff has filed her complaint in above cause, also an affi-

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