

# GAS PIPELINE EXPLODES

## Fumes Cover Wide Area After Blast Near Riverdale, N. J.

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—A natural gas pipeline exploded here tonight with a roar that was heard ten miles away and that sent fumes over the area. There were no records of casualties.

The explosion occurred at 6:30 o'clock in a wooded area at the end of Greenwich Street in the rear of the Pompton Crushed Stone Company quarry. The pipeline is owned by the Algonquin Gas Transmission Company of Boston.

Police and firemen from Riverdale and Pompton Lakes rushed to the scene. The community is about twenty miles south of the New York State line.

Crewmen from the pipeline company stopped the flow of gas later tonight.

Bill,

I remember when this happened. We were having dinner in the kitchen and all of a sudden there was an enormous explosion. My first thought was that it was a Russian atomic bomb - it was that loud! (We were very atomic bomb conscious back then, of course, and I was only 8 years old.) After the explosion the roar continued, sounding like a loud rocket engine that was not going away. It went on for quite some time until they shut the pipeline off. We had to evacuate to my Grandma's house in Pompton Plains and spent the night there, as I recall.

Cal

e-mail from Cal Deal, former resident of Riverdale.

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