

Dismantling Of Old Gas Plant About Completed

The six-month, \$16,400 job of dismantling St. Petersburg's old gas plant facilities on Third Avenue South will be wrapped up today, according to Gas Division Director Bernard Paul.

Cuyahoga Wrecking Co. finished the job three weeks ahead of schedule, Paul said. Dismantling began last November.

THE JOB WAS potentially dangerous because many of the structures contained gas vapors and some even contained liquid gas. "Cuyahoga was very cautious and did a good job," Paul said. "They had a few small fires but that was expected."

The dismantling project was insured for \$5 million.

Some 23 major structures were razed, including several dating

back to 1914. Those razed were concentrated between Third and Fourth Avenues South, from Booker Creek east to 11th Street.

STRUCTURES torn down included two 275,000-gallon storage tanks, towers, purifiers, a generating plant and all overhead piping across 12th Street.

Still standing are facilities on a six-acre tract at the northwest corner of the plant area — between Second and Third Avenues from 12th to 14th Streets.

These facilities, including two huge storage tanks visible from Central Avenue, are used in conjunction with the natural gas piped in from Texas. Natural gas is stored in reserve for an emergency, and also can be used if St. Petersburg consumption at a peak hour surpasses the amount being piped in at that time.

The city manufactured its own gas from 1914 until 1959. Now, the city buys from the Florida Natural Gas Transmission Co.

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