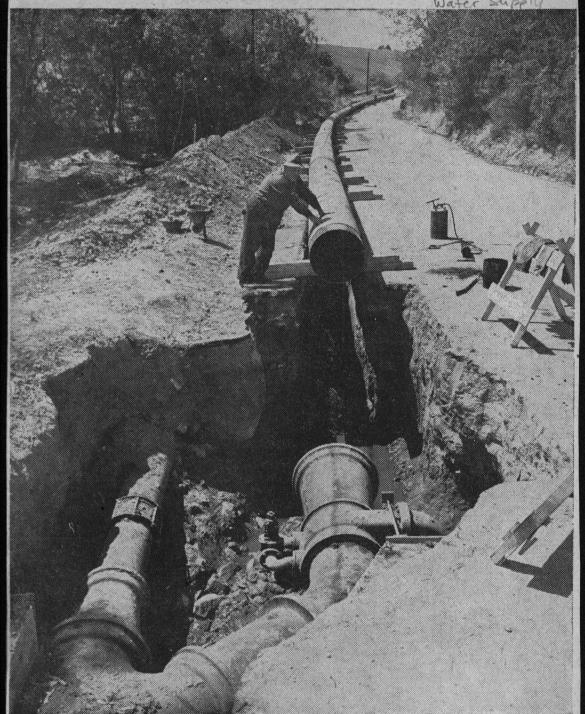
Big Pipe Is Ready To Be Lowered Into Trench



Five hundred feet of 24-inch welded steel pipe was lowered Friday into its trench down Bay street just above Escalona drive as part of the city's improvement of the water system.

Sixteen hundred feet more will be laid this week and the following one. The pipe is being laid in a bed of sand and covered with another layer because of a local soil condition which, with electric current through the ground, causes erosion of the steel main.

The 2100 feet of 24-inch pipe will connect at its upper end with two pipes, one 18-inch and one 14-inch, which lead from the reservoir. At Bay and Escalona the

connection is with the new 18inch pipe line already laid along Escalona for 5900 feet to Highland and High.

George Barbagelata in the foreground is in charge of its construction.

The pipe, in 40 foot sections, is welded on the surface into 500-foot pieces and lowered by means of a crane.