



AT THE INTERSECTION of Penn Avenue and Hall Street on Thursday, David Sporn (above left), Willard Perrin and Dan Dempewolf looked under a manhole cover as they worked on replacing a water line under Penn Avenue. Mr. Perrin (below left) and Mr. Sporn used shovels to move dirt off the line on the east side of the street.



Water crew replaces old line under street

Two men stood in a hole on Main Street, using shovels to clear dirt and debris off a water line.

Willard Perrin and David Sporn, both water operators for the City of Oberlin, worked on Penn Avenue last week to replace a water line to Decatur County Title and Abstract. They were joined by Dan Dempewolf, who works for the city's electric department. (Mr. Dempewolf will start the lineman training program, said Mr. Perrin.)

The work started last Wednesday when the men dug a hole on the east side of the street, where the main is.

They carefully removed bricks from the street and then dug a hole to get to the line. By Thursday morning, the men had moved to the west side of the street, where they

tore up the sidewalk in front of the business.

Mr. Perrin said they plan to replace the old three-quarter-inch water pipe with a one-inch line. He said the department is replacing the line because it's plugged up and there is hardly any water flow from it.

The job, if everything goes well, should be done early this week, said Mr. Perrin.



ON THE WEST SIDE of Penn Avenue, David Sporn (above) broke up concrete on the sidewalk so the city crew could replace a water line. Dan Dempewolf (left) carried a ladder to the hole on the east side of the street so the water operators could climb out.