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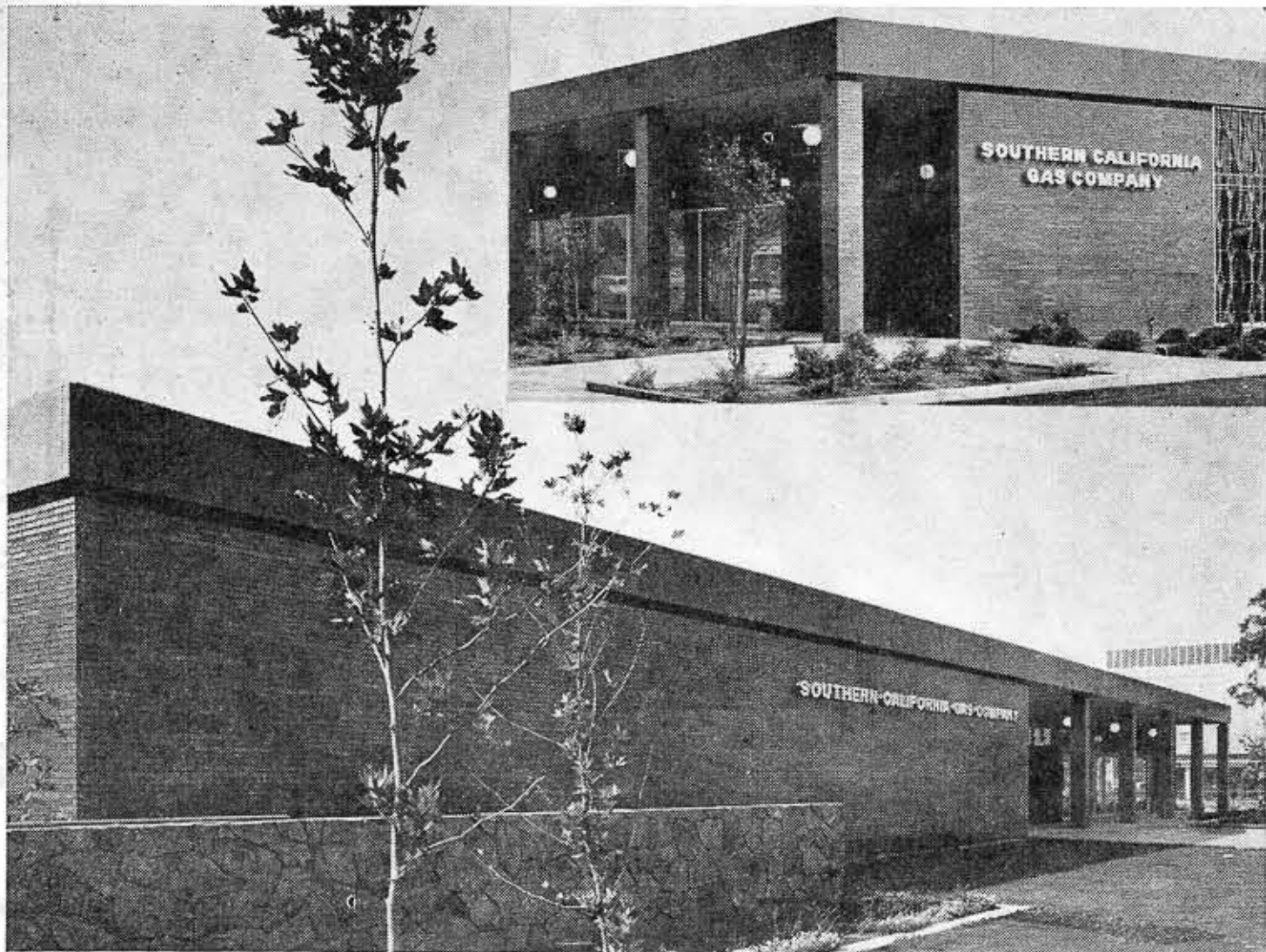
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No. 1

Eastern Unveils Headquarters



Open House For Employees Tomorrow In All-Gas Structure

RIVERSIDE — There's nothing finer than a big package for Christmas and the new year and that's precisely what the Eastern Division received in the form of its new headquarters building here.

The big move into the \$750,000 structure, heated, cooled and lighted by natural gas, took place just before the holidays at the 3700 Central Avenue location.

Division Manager L. P. Derrick extends an invitation to all Company employees, particularly to Eastern and nearby San Bernardino Division workers, to attend tomorrow's open house, 6:30-9 P.M.

The event will include a tour of the modern headquarters facility, focal point of SoCal's three-year-old Eastern Division, largest geographical operating unit within the system which serves two counties and part of another.

Refreshments will be served, balloons provided for youngsters and door prizes awarded during the open house.

A similar open house is planned for community leaders January 14, with the general public having special days next Monday and Tuesday.

The total energy GasCo headquarters, second to Southeast's, has two 300 horsepower gas turbines that drive electrical generators from which hot exhaust gas is used to produce steam for absorption air conditioning units as well as for heating and cooling.

Faced in blue glazed brick, the building is color coordinated to tie in with the Gas Company's blue flame symbol.

Crowds Still Viewing Balanced Power Home

SOUTH PASADENA — A veritable wheel of Balanced Power homes encircle the neighborhood here where this wheel's hub, The Times-Gas Companies Home of the Year, continues to draw large crowds.

Including The Times structure, 10 other homes, utilizing natural gas for air conditioning and kitchen appliances, form a "parade" of model homes built by Crestmark Development Company and Leo J. Shanahan and Sons.

Open from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. daily, the Home of the Year has attracted 29,121 visitors through January 10, according to Andrew Clausen, Northeast Division Sales Manager.

SoCal President Banks Won't Forget January 14

January 14 will go down as a memorable date and important one for SoCal President F. M. Banks and for the Company.

As the firm moves into its ninety-seventh year of operation, President Banks is the only nominee for the presidency of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. Voting

Special Pictorial Edition Shows Eastern Division

RIVERSIDE — Coinciding with the opening of Eastern Division headquarters here, all Company employees and numerous customers throughout this vast region will soon receive a special 12-page edition of Gas News' Pictorial Magazine.

The slick-finished product features the important role gas plays in the lives of residents living in Riverside and Imperial counties and in the high desert of San Bernardino County.

Employees are expected to get the publication in the mail next week, according to L. P. Derrick, Eastern Division Manager. He plans to distribute the Pictorial at the new facility and through chambers of commerce as well.

It was edited by Bob Taylor with assistance from Art Ansoorian and Brad Munn, all of Public Relations.

High Desert Line Being Installed

TWENTYNINE PALMS — Hood Corporation of Whittier has been selected to install a portion of the necessary facilities to supply natural gas to the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base.

The firm will lay 68,000 feet of pipeline to serve 800 families living at the base with a completion date set for January 22.

Eastern Division Distribution Superintendent H. C. MacFarlane estimates that approximately one additional month will be required for conversion of present liquefied petroleum gas distribution system on the base.

Besides serving homes on the base, the project will provide firm natural gas service for mess hall kitchens and interruptible gas service to boilers to provide steam heating in the main camp area.

High desert communities of Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley received first natural gas service last year.

Annual Long Service Tribute Commences February 3 In S.B.

San Bernardino Division will kick-off the Company's annual service recognition dinners on February 3, the first of 19 such events scheduled during a two-month period with more than 2,500 expected to participate.

Most division coordinators have been selected for the banquets which will feature, besides the pin awards, presentations by Vice Presidents Austin Strong and J. N. Shrader.

Location of the dinners have not been determined by all divisions as yet and will be announced in the next edition of Gas News, says Bren McCormick, Company Coordinator.

More than 300 employees will be recognized as having attained 15, 25, 30 and 40 years of service, with the select 40-plus club slated to add 37 members.

The schedule follows:

Date	Division/Dept.	Coordinator	Speaker
February			
3	San Bernardino	Charles Baker	Strong
4	Headquarters #2*	Roy Smith	Shrader
9	Southwest	Charles Ray	Shrader
11	Headquarters #1*	Bren McCormick	Strong
11	San Fernando	D. A. Sayles	Shrader
16	Metropolitan	H. M. O'Haver	Strong
18	Northeast	John Young	Strong
24	Headquarters #4*	Not named as yet	Strong
25	Central Transmission	John Kryger	Strong
March			
3	Kern	E. E. Enterline	Shrader
4	San Joaquin Valley	Douglas Harkness	Shrader
9	Headquarters #3*	Not named as yet	Strong
16	Southern	R. V. Gray	Strong
18	Eastern	S. S. Branson	Shrader
23	Northwest	Leo Rollans	Shrader
25	Northern	C. N. Alexander	Strong
30	Southeast	Phil Bevan	Shrader
April			
1	Newhall-Needles	John Brady	Shrader
5	Newhall	Not named as yet	Shrader

*Headquarters #1 includes Advertising, Customers, Executive Offices, Finance-Rate, Legal-Claims, Personnel, Procedures Analysis, Public Relations, Real Estate, Industrial Engineering, Sales and Secretaries; Headquarters #2, Special Services; Headquarters #3, Controllers and Engineering, and Headquarters #4, Customer Service, Distribution, Measurement and Transmission.

NOW OPEN—Magnolia Center in Riverside has its newest and most modern business establishment, SoCal's new Eastern Division headquarters building. Open house festivities get underway at the facility tomorrow.

Cross-Examination Reopens Hearings

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Comparative hearings resumed here last week on schedule with no significant developments occurring.

Witnesses for the coal interests were cross-examined early in the week by the Gulf Pacific partners, who explored in some depth the suggestions that generating plants located away from the metropolitan area could make effective use of coal for fuel.

On Wednesday cross-examination of the witnesses appearing in behalf of the Western Oil and Gas Association began. Inasmuch as they introduced a mass of material relating to fuel oil and its alleged contributions to air pollution, it is expected that the probings for possible witnesses in their position will be extensive.

GM Luncheon Turns To Emergency For Staller

VAN NUYS — When San Fernando Valley Division Manager Joe Staller and Special Services Department Manager E. F. Hawkesworth had a recent luncheon appointment here it paid to be early.

They telephoned the General Motors Corporation's Chevrolet Plant Manager John Kuiper to see if it would be alright to come by early to which Kuiper replied, "I think you'd better hurry."

It seems that a contracting firm had broken one of the essential Gas Company pipelines serving the GM facility.

Rose M. Roth 'Dixie' Belles New President

Rose Marie Roth will be installed President of the Southern Belles January 23 at an installation dinner-dance at Marsal's Restaurant in South Gate.

Other officers to be presented are Jo Rivaldo, Vice President; Joyce Kabish, Philanthropic Vice President; Diane Roberts, Treasurer, and Clara Razo, Recording Secretary.

Southwest Fads sponsored the Christmas card tree again this year where donations were tagged onto a tree and donated to a deserving family rather than used for cards for fellow employees.

Bowling and pizza don't normally mix, but they will when the Silhouettes roll in their bowling party January 20 at Wonderland in Downey. The gals will blister the pins, then head for Shakey's Pizza Parlor for sausage, anchovies, and all those other "waist-saving" delicacies.

Silhouettes also announced that the Valentine's dance is set for February 13, tentatively at the Tudor Inn.

Stevenson Chosen Card Club Prexy At Dinner

W. K. Stevenson was elected Captain of SoCal's Bridge Team and "Red" Powell copped individual honors at the group's annual dinner in the Company's Commercial Cook Center, Pico Rivera.

With each player competing for himself, rather than in teams, Keith Kelsey and Harry Bosshard raced in second and third behind Powell.

With one tourney remaining, the Company's team is deadlocked with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power entrant for the league title.

Powell explains that SoCal has a good chance of being awarded the championship should the deadlock continue, since they downed the Department the only time they met in loop play.

Fiorani Pushes Safety

CANOGA PARK — Automobile safety was the keynote recently of the safety clinic here sponsored by Chatsworth Junior Chamber of Commerce, according to Ways and Means Chairman Ray Fiorani.

Fiorani, S-1 at Canoga Park Base, reports that the group, in coordination with Canoga Park Junior Chamber of Commerce, sold and installed seat belts.

Fiorani is a charter member of the Chatsworth group, formed last April.

EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES



FRIENDLY MARIONETTE — Metroettes' President Fran Juliano (right) and East Los Angeles school children Jean Briseno and Joe Flores watch Sandy Price of Bob Baker Marionette Theatre guide puppet. Metroettes were hosts for 90 youngsters at the performance and presented them with gifts.

ROD AND GUN CLUB

GasCo Scouts Spread Holiday Cheer; San Gabriel Chapter Installs Tonight

Gas Company-sponsored Scout Troop 144 combined fun with Christmas giving when they gathered at Santa Fe Base for a yuletide party with several SoCal representatives attending.

Two dozen boys played games, watched a film and enjoyed a variety of refreshments before the highlight of the evening — the assault on the pinata.

Under the direction of Scoutmaster Harry Aronson and Assistant Scoutmasters Ron Gleba, Mike Waters and Herb Johnson, the group collected assorted canned goods for presentation to families in the area of North Broadway's Anne Street School Christmas Eve. They also distributed turkeys.

Present at the event was Bren McCormick, Trus Apperson and Foster Hames.

Lancaster Chapter has moved its NRA pistol meet up to January 30 from February 6. Its big bore shoot shifts to February 6.

Tonight San Gabriel Chapter holds its annual installation at Redwood Room, Pasadena. Buffet dinner is served at 6 P.M.

New officers are Robert Torres, Chairman; Connie Yancey, Co-Chairman; Frank Longnecker, Treasurer, and Jerry Lawton, Secretary.

Club President Frank Arnold reports the largest turnout on record at the group's NRA winter league shoot last month. Some 38 competitors matched skills from five outside clubs.

Larry Shenmun, Brad Ragsdale, Kenny Wind and his son David were top GasCo scorers. David edged "pop" for sixth place.

Legionnaires Start Boys' State Choices

LOS ANGELES — Selection of candidates for Boys' State will begin tonight during GasCo's American Legion Post meeting in Basement Auditorium, Flower Street, announces Post Commander Fred Strong.

Strong requests that all names of prospects be submitted before the group tonight. The Post annually sends a boy to the Sacramento fete.

The candidacy discussion will be preceded by a social at 6 P.M. followed by dinner. A short film will follow the business meeting.

For information regarding the Legion's activities, contact Dan Watkins, Station 122-412.

BLUE FLAME BOWLING

Bowlers Brace For Stretch Drive At Mid-Season Mark

Major league baseball legend sets forth that the team leading each loop at season's half-way mark invariably wins the pennant. Several squads in SoCal's bowling leagues now await their faith as mid-season has been reached.

In Kern Division's league, Curdlers lead the pack. Bill Kirby continues to dominate individual performances with a 234 high game and 624 series.

Though Four Arklas—A Payne faltered noticeably, they maintained a razor-thin half game lead over Flamers in Southwest's competition. Bob Cats and Easy Marks are just one game off the pace.

GE's hold a wider three-game margin in San Fernando Valley League ahead of Five Thumbs and Alley Oops. Pacing the leaders are Clarence Marker and Ann Jankowski.

Biggest league lead shows up in Northern where Power Pals maintain a commanding 11-game margin over Top Burners and Rookies, who are 11½ games out.

Conversely, Rejects and Foul Five are deadlocked in Eastern with 31-21 slates. Sid Branson and Bob Van Wagoner continue to sparkle individually.

Another tight race is between Em Squad, Team Six and Should Be's in Southern-Southeast. Currently Em Squad holds a half game lead over Team Six and

a single game over Should Be's. Dan Pallas, Hank Henry, Bev Trusler and Susie Everett have stood out.

Though the teams mentioned are in key positions, a host of others are within striking distance for a second half drive.

GASCO GOLF

San Joaquin Concludes Tee Circuit Banquets

New year finds Harvey Morris as new President of San Joaquin Valley Golf Association following the group banquet at Estrada's Restaurant in Visalia.

Other officers are Frank Airozo, Handicap Chairman; Roger Davidson, Tournament Chairman, and Laurel Officer, Secretary-Treasurer.

In the last tournament Oren Ray and Bill Tomlinson deadlocked for low net at 70. Other low net winners were Bill Turner, Jim Symmonds and Glen Stanton.

At the banquet Ken Officer was presented A flight trophy for the year and Lou Howell B flight.

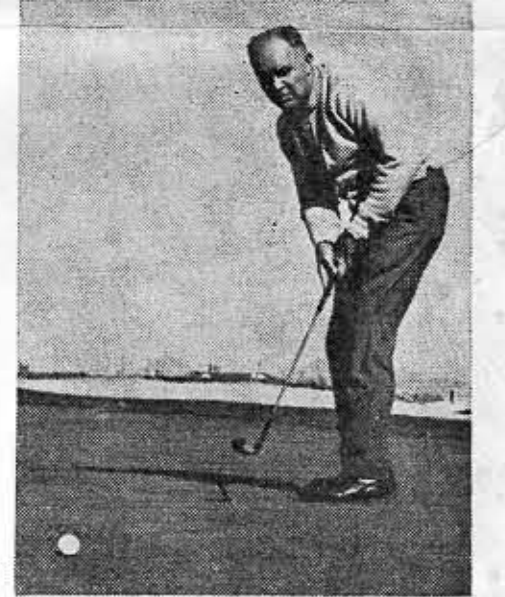
SoCal's entrant in Industrial Golf League walloped Shultz Tool Manufacturing Company 46-14 in the latest competition at Los Serranos Golf Course in the first meet of the new season.

Stage Balanced Power Tourney January 30

EL MONTE — Fourth annual Balanced Power Tournament of SoCal's bowling leagues, featuring some 75 keglers at Rosemead Bowl, is set here for January 30.

Every squad in the nine-league circuit will be represented with San Gabriel League hosting the event. Trophies will be awarded for winning team, high handicap series and game and high scratch series and game. Teams will battle for highest handicap score to unseat defending tourney champs Five Thumbs.

Bowling sessions will be at 10:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. Dean Sant chairmans the event assisted by Howard Barrett and Harry Aronson.



LEADS SJV — Harvey Morris, newly-elected Chairman of San Joaquin Golf Association, shows putting style in yearly President's Cup Play.

Did Shakespeare Begin Like This?

HOLLYWOOD — It requires a linguist to comprehend the mail received by the Company.

Northwest Division Manager L. R. Pickup received the following from a Hollywood customer:

"Dear Sir: I am not satisfied, what is doing the Southern California Gas Company, therefore please kindly sent the rule and a regulation point, which is had the base and rights if not used the gas and then the deposit be held so long and mailed for that time, when the branch himself to wants.

It seems to me, this is not anymore a deposit, if not be used the gas and I wanted to pay my bills at once not next month or year. I has right anyhow to ask, why the branch to keep that money? which be returned as soon as possible."

Scratching your head? You're not alone.



CHAMP — Cap Carpenter shows putting form that earned him Inland C flight honors and championship of that class in President's Cup competition at Victorville.

Southern Pacific Agent Wins Herb Nash Award

G. W. "Roy" McClelland, General Industrial Agent for Southern Pacific Railway, has been selected as the second recipient of the Herb Nash Memorial Award, presented annually by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

The award is named after the late Nash, SoCal Area Development Manager, and presented for outstanding contributions to Southland industrial development.



CHRISTMAS CANS — GasCo Scoutmaster Harry Aronson (second from right) guides Scout Troop 144 members in constructing Christmas tree with canned goods which the group distributed to needy downtown families during holiday.

AID CERTIFICATES REPRESENT EMPLOYEES' GENEROSITY



COIN-AIDAGE — Northwest's Joe Powers (from left), Division Manager L. R. Pickup, Dean Plummer and Gene Baca add to AID fund during recognition dinner held at Corsican Restaurant.



TOP AIDERS—Southeast Division Manager C. T. Schweitzer (right) assists AID Area Representative Ed Hill in congratulating Betty Tucker (left) of Telephone Service Bureau and Bev Strauss of Collections whose groups both wracked up 100% contribution to the campaign.



STALLER'S STALWARTS — San Fernando Valley Division AID workers gather for victory dinner. From left seated are Al Sayles, Virginia Cox, Rose McNicol and Cal Kemp with Hal Cottrill, Division Manager Joseph Staller and AID Representative Bill Branch.



HELPING YOUTH — With the hope that AID will assist youngsters back to health, (left to right) Utility Workers Union of America #132 President Ed Hall, Ed Shedlock and J. G. Jones of Customers look over Gas News coverage and also USA-USSR track and field meet program.

NORTHEAST CITATIONS — Awards are presented to Northeast by AID-United Givers President Edward Shedlock (left) and Harry Tyler (right), President of AID's Pasadena-Altadena chapter. Receiving certificates are Division Manager C. R. Rikel, Frank Cassidy and Roy Berger.



KERN LEADS ALL — Frank Hooper, Jr. (with certificate), President of Kern AID, presents award to Division Manager A. B. Newby (center) and division workers for earning highest GasCo percent of 97.5. Left to right are M. F. Tippitt, E. E. Entertline, Hooper, Newby, W. F. Norman, Roy Myers and W. T. O'Donnell.

RETIREMENTS

Dasnoit Chalks Up 47 Years With Company

PANORAMA CITY — Retirement started December 1 for N. E. Dasnoit, Sr. following service with the Gas Company that spanned 47 years.



N. E. Dasnoit, Sr.

Born in Boston, Dasnoit traveled to the opposite coast and started working for SoCal September 20, 1917, as a Meter Reader, Customers, Los Angeles.

He went on disability in May of 1960 while an Industrial Accounts Clerk, Customers, Central Division.

Dasnoit is a resident of Panorama City where he lives with his wife Kitty Marie.

Retiree Hirsch Combines Copper, Gas Careers

LOS ANGELES — Jacinto M. Hirsch, who spent eight years working in the copper industry before embarking on a lengthy SoCal career, retired January 1.



Jacinto M. Hirsch

Hirsch was employed with the Arizona Copper Company of Morenci. He was born and reared in neighboring New Mexico in the city of Garfield.

He came to California in 1920 and began with SoCal in November of that year as Transmission Crew Foreman. He went on disability in 1954 from Central Gas Supply, Central Division.

Hirsch is affiliated with Life Insurance Society of America and Woodmen of the World. He and his wife Ramona plan to make several visits with the families of their eight daughters during his retirement.

Tompkins Fosters GasCo Services In Southern

DOWNEY — R. L. Tompkins, who aided SoCal's service in the Southern Division for three decades, retired November 1.

A native of Fostoria, Michigan, Tompkins came to California in 1913. He began with the Gas Company on February 24, 1930, as a Fitters Helper in Distribution, Southern.

In 1960 Tompkins went on disability from Customer Service. Tompkins attended Downey Union High School and studied for 1½ years at the University of Southern California. He and his wife Gladys make their home here.

Native Nebraskan Olsen Becomes GasCo Retiree

HEMET — Native Nebraskan Martin Olsen, who started his gas utility service with Los Angeles Gas and Electric Company,

retiring December 1.

Olsen was born in the Cornhusker city of Ruskin. He began working with the Gas Company in December, 1936, with Customers, Inglewood.

When he went on disability on January 20, 1949, he was a Mail Clerk, Customers, Central Division.

Olsen resides with his wife Pearle here in this Eastern Division community.

Travel Agenda Planned For Wise After 43 Years

INGLEWOOD — Native Angeleno Howard J. Wise, now a resident here, has ended his GasCo career which started in 1921.

Wise, who completed service January 1, says, "I plan to take life easy during retirement."

Like so many retirees, he and his wife Florence plan to travel. On the agenda are proposed trips to New Mexico, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The retired District Storeroom Keeper, Special Services, Headquarters and Metropolitan Division, is affiliated with Masonic Lodge 625 in the Angeles Mesa area and Eastern Star Lodge 516.



Martin Olsen



R. L. Tompkins



Howard J. Wise

Engineer-Planner Caps Gas Company Affiliation

MONTCLAIR — A product of Vermillion, South Dakota, William S. King retired from the Gas Company on January 1 capping a 37-year affiliation.

After spending his early years in Vermillion, King trekked to Newberg, Oregon, where he attended high school. He later doubled back to Pennsylvania to study at Juniata College.

A World War I veteran, he came to California in 1926 and began working for the Gas Company in 1928 at a Construction Planner. He went on disability in 1960 from Division Engineering, Southeast.

A resident of Montclair with his wife Genevieve, King is affiliated with La Puente American Legion Post 76.

King worked for Washington State Highway Department before joining SoCal.

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William S. King

BLOOD BANK

Northwest Dominates Giving

Northwest Division blood donors showed the way of givers to the Company Blood Bank, according to latest reports of the final quarter of 1964.

Listed for Northwest are Geraldine L. Cash, Linda Easley, P. L. Niemas, R. R. Runnels, J. V. Seabolt, J. A. Dinisi, Joseph Ferris, P. E. Siltanen, J. E. Szydlowski, F. X. Valdez, Jr., Alvin Washington, R. D. Kellermeyer, Alex Kushner, Dave Berman, L. A. Germann, M. M. Hill, W. D. Meiklejohn, C. K. Otis, A. M. Richmond, Jr., H. A. Sharp and Michael Williams.

Southwest Division givers included Rita Aldape, N. L. Boden, W. D. Chapman, F. E. Eppele, E. C. Freeland, Sandra Klingbeil, R. O. McDearmon, A. A. McDonald, G. L. Norman, A. A. Kaiana, H. K. Bergloff and R. D. Bushnell.

Donating from Southern Division were Jerry L. Davis, Edward W. Stolzenburg, Gary E. Gray, Sandra L. Agarth, Lorraine Hyra, Lou F. Jones, Carole N. Kingham, Joyce E. Stonecypher, Donna B. Williams, Leon D. Blanco, Omar A. Huebner and Dave Gesick.

From Northeast were Franklin D. Longnecker, William R. Rogers, Robert V. Davis, Charles N. Matthews, John L. Shore, August Comte, David K. Johnston and Robert E. Torres.

Newhall was represented by C. C. Coe, B. C. Feany, I. M. McCune and N. D. Stevenson.

Six donors from San Fernando Valley were Francis Fuerstenberg, John Harmon, Russell Moore, Bruce Pearse, Raymond Rivera, Richard Jackson, Clifford Payton and Arnold Gottier.

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GAS NEWS COMMENT

Colder Weather An Asset For Company As We Make Up For Past Warmer Years

As we plunge pell-mell into 1965, let's pause and peek at what's going on in the gas business.

Cold weather, as you know, is a fairly nice thing for the Gas Company from a pennies-in-the-pocket point of view. The average temperature during the heating season, from November to April, can make the difference between a lean or reasonable year financially.

The key to this difference, of course, is how much gas our residential customers consume for space heating during the season. You probably know that the rates paid by our residential and other firm customers are somewhat higher than the prices paid by our interruptible industrial customers. The larger customers, who actually allow all customers to buy gas at reasonable costs, get a rate break because they buy more gas — sort of wholesale — and because they must be ready to switch to a stand-by fuel if we need all the gas we have for residential customers.

As a yardstick to how the weather is treating us, our Climate Information Center maintains a running record of "degree days" during the season. So what's a degree day?

Most people start turning up that heating dial when the outdoor temperature falls below 65 degrees. So we record a "degree day" for each degree by which the mean temperature on a given day falls below 65.

For example, if the high temperature is 70 and the low 50, the mean is 60. Record five degree days!

And we know that for each additional degree day the average customer uses about 20 more cubic feet of gas for space heating.

In years past, warmer-than-normal heating weather has been short changing us on degree days. During the eight-year period from 1957 to 1964, we lost a total of more than 1,700 degree days when measured against the long-term average.

So multiply 1,700 degree days by 20 cubic feet by 1.8 million customers and we have lost something in the neighborhood of 60 billion cubic feet or \$30 million gross revenue. After income tax, this is about \$13.5 million net.

Not good.

However, things are looking better. The November and December degree day totals, for instance, were somewhat higher than the long-term average. And early January figures are up. If this trend continues through the current winter, we may have a more normal heating season this year.

In other words, if the weather decided to turn over a new leaf with the new year, we may start to make up for those warmer-than-average years we've been through.

WHAT'S THE SCENE?

Gilbert-Sullivan Productions Usher In 1965

New year is literally off and running with the ponies drawing heavy crowds at Santa Anita once again through March 11 and an impressive array of performances aptly filling the elegant Los Angeles Music Center.

Celebrated Gilbert and Sullivan music-makers, D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, present "Pirates of Penzance" tonight in the Center. "The Mikado" is on stage this Saturday and Sunday.

"The Pirates of Penzance" will be on the Pavillion floor tomorrow and January 18-20, each performance at 8:30 P.M.

Other Gilbert and Sullivan presentations will be held January 22-24 when "Iolanthe" is portrayed.

January 27 Roger Wagner conducts Los Angeles Master Chorale with the Sinfonia Orchestra of Los Angeles in Bach's Mass in B minor.

On February 2 the renowned Texas Boys' Choir, directed by George Bragg, presents a program of classical and folk literature in its first West Coast appearance. The boys from Fort Worth are aged 8-15.

Another young group, the Vi-

San Diego's Sea World Added To Discount List

San Diego's Sea World is the newest discount membership added by Gas News as a service to SoCal employees and may be obtained by calling correspondents.

The 1965 Disneyland Magic Kingdom Club memberships are now being processed.

The January 17 Riverside 500 stock car road race provides a reduction for employees.

Other current coupons available are the Los Angeles Blades, Los Angeles Lakers, Davey's Locker (fishing boats), Invitation Dinners, Ivar Theatre, Melodyland, Pacific Ocean Park, Santa's Village, Universal Studios, Marineland and Lawrence Welk.

enna Choir Boys, moves in February 6 for operettas, sacred music and folk songs. . . a swinging new year for a new landmark.

At Los Angeles State and County Arboretum through January 31, a display of arts of the adobe days will be exhibited in Arcadia's Carriage House.

Also for the aesthetes, "Portraits in Flowers," an art display using natural plants and flowers will be featured in Hospitality House at Descanso Gardens through January 31.

Works from four major art movements — Pont-Aven and the Nabis, the Fauves, the Cubists and Expressionists — portray "Years of Ferment: The Birth of 20th Century Art," opening January 25

at Dickson Art Center, UCLA.

Ending January 29 at the Southern California Savings and Loan Association, Beverly Hills, is the showing of contemporary art from Spain, directly from the world's fair.

That hilarious play, "Mister Roberts," holds the stage at Melodyland starring Hugh O'Brian and Pat O'Brien through Sunday.

On the athletic front UCLA's defending national basketball champs, holiday winners of the Los Angeles cage classic, tackle California Friday night in a conference clash at the Sports Arena. And track and field sprints to the fore January 23 with the Los Angeles Invitational Indoor Track Meet in the Sports Arena.

HOME SERVICE TIPS

Home Cooking Made Easier Using Burner With Brain

By Margaret Stewart
Home Service Staff Supervisor

Most of us are ready to settle down to some plain every day cooking and eating following the holidays. A good brown beef stew will taste mighty good.



Margaret Stewart

Stews and other top-of-the-range dishes are particularly easy to make with the temperature-controlled burner (burner with a brain) on your new gas range. Simply

turn on the burner and set the flame size. (Some ranges have an automatic adjustment for size of flame and require no setting.) Set the temperature. The burner quickly heats the food to the pre-set temperature, then maintains exactly the correct amount of heat. A sensitive thermostat paired with the instant response of gas insures even, accurate heat with no burning, no boil-over.

Temperature settings vary according to the kind and quantity of food and the material of the utensil. Large quantities of food require higher temperatures. Non-aluminum utensils need lower temperatures.

We have a temperature chart to guide you in using the burner

with a brain. Please call us if you'd like one.

BROWN BEEF STEW

- 2 lbs. stewing beef, cut in 1 1/2-inch cubes
- 3 Tbsp. shortening
- 1 med. onion, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 4 C. hot water
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 Tbsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. paprika
- 1/8 tsp. cloves
- 6 carrots, whole or halved
- 3 potatoes, quartered
- 12 small white onions
- 4 Tbsp. flour
- 1/4 C. cold water

Use large kettle with tight fitting cover. Brown meat slowly and thoroughly in hot shortening. (Use temperature-controlled burner set at 300° - 350°.) Saute onion and garlic until golden. Add hot water and seasonings. Cover and simmer about 1 1/2 hours or until meat is almost tender. (Use temperature controlled burner set at 215°.) Add vegetables and continue cooking about 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Remove meat and vegetables to hot serving dish. Thicken gravy with mixture of flour and cold water. Pour gravy over meat and vegetables.

CALENDAR

JANUARY 12

- American Legion meeting, Flower Street Auditorium.
- San Gabriel Rod and Gun Club meeting, Pasadena Redwood Room.

JANUARY 16

- Rod and Gun Club shoot, Indian Canyon.

JANUARY 16-17

- Trailer Club trip, Twenty-nine Palms.

JANUARY 19

- Memshahs meeting, San Bernardino.

JANUARY 20

- Fireflies meeting, Van Nuys Auditorium.
- Bridge Club meeting, Flower Street.
- Silhouettes bowling party, Wonderbowl, Downey.

JANUARY 29

- Gas News correspondents dinner, Sorrentino's, Burbank.

What, How You Say It On Phone That Counts



THE 'GASS' WORKS

First L.A. Street Lights Perched High

Following incorporation in October, 1882, the Los Angeles Electric Company literally "sailed" into Southland utility waters in December of that year.

Initial electric street lights were perched on "masts" soaring 150 feet into the sky. These masts were constructed of two lengths of round pine; the lower section measured 80 feet and the cap rose an additional 70 feet.

Appropriately enough, these embryo "masts" were constructed and erected by Shipriggers, Simmons and Meyers of San Francisco.

On December 30, 1882, the first two mast-mounted electric street lamps were lighted, one on Main near Commercial and the second on the First Street hill. Four more followed in January, located at Boyle and First, Avenue 22 and North Broadway, Fourth and Charity (now Grand) and First and Vine (now Central).

(In 1904, Los Angeles Electric

was consolidated with Los Angeles "Gass" Company to become Los Angeles Gas and Electric, one of SoCal's most noteworthy ancestors. Therefore, the original electric utility is properly included in this brief history of our Company.)



News about GasCo People at Home and at Work...

Northwest Division

HOLLYWOOD BASE

Carroll and Billie Mondt traveled to Portland and Washington State to visit relatives during Christmas. They said the devastation from the flood is unbelievable.

Jan DeJaegher, 14, and french horn playing daughter of Bill and Hazel DeJaegher, performed with the Unified Youth Symphony of Los Angeles County at the Music Center Christmas Eve. She also has been selected to play with the Burbank Adult Symphony. She is the youngest person

ever to be selected for this group and is one of six teenagers in the 100-man symphony.

Welcome to new S-2's Jim Hauke, formerly base clerk at 182nd Street, and to Gene Mayne.

The Base had its annual Christmas Dinner at the Fish Shanty on Saturday, December 12. There were about 50 people there, Base personnel, their wives and some former Base personnel, as well as invited guests. A grand time was had by all, and after the dinner most of the group adjourned

to Joe Ferrari's home where he and his wife Kay provided snacks and music.

BEVERLY HILLS BASE

Beverly Hills Base held its annual Christmas party recently. In attendance were employees, their families and special invited guests. Wilbur Walter was Santa Claus giving out toys to the girls and boys. Last, but not least, there was plenty of food for all.

Welcome Dick Farmer back to work after a traffic accident.

Best wishes to Frank Janowicz and Floyce Turner, now at Hollywood Base.

Welcome to Richard Strissel, new S-2, and to Robert Piper, a Utilityman transfer from Canoga Park. And welcome back to Joe Marshall.

With his wife Ginny recovering from a broken foot, Tom Weiland is chief cook and bottle washer at home.

-R. J. Shea and C. L. Smith

JUANITA BASE

An enjoyable evening of fun and dancing was reported by personnel attending the Customer Service Christmas party. The party was held at the home of Serviceman Bill Haybew. Entertainment was provided by Jimmy Husted and his guitar.

Good luck and best wishes to Bill Haybew, who transferred to Belvedere Base.

A warm welcome was extended to new S-2 Ed Baumann.

Servicemen enjoying a holiday vacation were George Neonis and Barney O'Reilly. George spent most of his time traveling the mountain sides on skis, while Barney enjoyed lucrative afternoons at Santa Anita.

Congratulations and best wishes to Distribution Foreman Tony Martinez when he transferred to Channing Street as an Instructor in Distribution Training.

-Ray Corral, Art Mendoza and Tony Walter

FLOWER STREET

Welcome back to Fay Stocking, who returns as Special Services Supervisor. Faith and Ron Akashi vacationed at Mammoth where plenty of snow made skiing conditions ideal.

"Jamaica John" and his "Grand Bahama Mama" (John and Phyllis Till) visited Miami, then boarded a plane for the Grand Bahamas, Nassau and Jamaica.

Amid cigars and candy, John and Judy Gain announced the arrival of Stephen John. Born December 20 at St. Francis Hospital in Lynwood, Stephen weighed six pounds eight ounces.

Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas were vacation spots for Griffie Bealey during her week's vacation.

Belated congratulations to Joe and Theresa Powers on the arrival of Michael Frances Powers. Michael, born December 8, tipped the scales at 10 pounds four ounces.

Welcome to new Telephone Service Representatives Mae Kim, Sharon Summers, Mimi Julius, and Colleen Davis.

Cathy Carroll visited Florida during her recent two-week vacation.

Swimming back via the Feather River comes Howard Langie after spending the holidays in Chico.

Mail Payments welcomes Sandy Rich, formerly in Meter History.

Goodbyes went to Valerie Bagarozzi, on maternity leave.

-Lynne Seado, Cathy Perrine and Dean Plummer

HOLLYWOOD OFFICE

Welcome to new Meter Reader Kenneth Stonestreet. Janet and Oscar Clauder spent a four-day holiday in Desert Hot Springs basking in the sun.

Marge Dunster and her sister had a three-day Christmas shopping spree in San Francisco.

Welcome to new Meter Reader Doug Dybdahl.

-Ellyn Bowen



KIWANIS KINGPIN — Jim Dewey (second from right), SoCal's Northwest Division Accountant, is congratulated by Fred McIntosh (left) upon being named new President of Miracle Mile Kiwanis Club at Tail O' The Cock. O. M. Chatburn (l to r), California Federal Savings, and G. E. Sperling, Carnation.

Southwest Division

YUKON BASE

The Base had the annual Christmas breakfast in successful fashion. Don Mann stood out, devouring four eggs.

Holiday vacationers included Art Kelly, who visited relatives in Las Vegas; Ed Reel, who toured Grand Canyon, and Paul Carroll and Bruce Thoman, who got "snowed" at Lake Arrowhead.

-Brian Berry and Bruce Thoman

182ND STREET

Good luck to Don Frost and Bob Phillips, who terminated and accepted positions with the Portland Gas Company.

A. F. Cuddy and family spent winter vacation at Green Valley and were almost snowed in.

Florence and Henry Miller are proud grandparents of Laura Louise Danner adopted December 17 by Nancy Ruth and David H. Danner of Canoga Park.

Welcome to Jack Boyd, latest S-1 transfer from 36th Street.

-Hank Howe and Jim Rucker

GREVILLEA STREET

Candy and cigars abounded to announce new arrivals: Bryan O'Neal made his appearance December 14 to Bob and Jacqueline O'Neal. He weighed six pounds 10½ ounces.

Dick James' contribution was Stacy Kay, who made her appearance January 2, a little late for a deduction in 1964.

Recent vacationers were Frank McAllister, Margaret Doyon, Carl Hansen and Robert Witbrow.

Welcome to new PBX operator Lana Burbank.

We've all heard about it and sung about it, but on December 22 a real money tree perched on the desk of Tom Williams, Customers.

Tom was on a leave of absence to take his family to Germany to visit relatives for the holidays. As a bon voyage gift, his friends added "leaves" (\$1 bills) to a manzanita tree. The question now is, where does one get seeds to plant his own money tree?

-Dorothy Ludwig and Bill Brockmeier

Northeast Division

PASADENA OFFICE

Helene Mabboub was welcomed back to work following surgery.

Sales welcomes Carolyn Reeves, transferring from Headquarters Measurement. She replaces Mary Belzona who has assumed the Sales Secretarial position previously held by Nancy Hanks. Nancy went on maternity leave January 4.

Vacationers from Sales were the Augie Comtes, who spent Christmas in Oregon visiting relatives; Lois Evans relaxed at home and visited local attractions, and Roy Berger spent a week working at home.

Congratulations to grandfather C. Padfield, whose daughter Pat Barker presented him with his first grandson, Robert Logan Barker, six pounds, 11 ounces, born December 4.

Congratulations also to Robin Moore, on maternity leave. She gave birth to a baby girl December 17. Kirsten weighed six pounds nine ounces.

Machine Accounting welcomed Shirley Macdole as new Special Ledgers Clerk. Shirley transferred from Southern Division.

Sharon Bedney spent vacation in Las Vegas.

-Arline Smirch

PASADENA BASE

Pasadena Base welcomed new Meter Reader Joe Knight and said goodbye to S-1 Larry L. Weber, who transferred to Riverside.

S-1 Bryant Noakes vacationed by working around his new home.

-L. Lupien

ALHAMBRA BASE

Alhambra Service group held their annual Christmas dinner-dance at Michael's in Arcadia.

Customer Servicemen enjoyed a pre-Christmas breakfast at Morris' cafe in Alhambra.

Following custom the Alhambra group did not send Christmas cards, donating the money to a worthy charity instead.

-J. A. Minkle

Power-NATURAL GAS



OFFICIALDOM — San Fernando Valley Division Manager Joe Staller (center) chats with Mayor Sam Yorty (right) and Supervisor Warren Dorn in front of natural gas exhibit at 15th Annual luncheon of the Industrial Association of San Fernando Valley at Glen Aire Country Club in Sherman Oaks.

San Fernando Valley Division

NORTH HOLLYWOOD BASE

Congratulations to Don Lewis and Ray Wilcox who have been promoted to Commercial Servicemen.

Welcome to recent transfers George Dixon and Fred Foster.

The Matthew DeCoras, Ernest Grambs and John Vargas' are celebrating recent births in their households.

-John Varga

VAN NUYS

Welcome to: Beverly Kleinfeld and Yolande Hermanson, new employees in Customers; Carmela Giardina in Mail Payments, and Neal Sorenson in Machine Accounting. Ann Copsey has terminated. Marilyn McMurtrie transferred to Dispatch. Shirley Smith

and Lee Ann Durqus transferred from Mail Payments to Billing Information Center.

Congratulations to Gwen Thomas and Joanne Wilkins, who had baby boys born near Christmas. The Benton Jacks welcomed a boy to their home. Ken Keziabs and the Tom Tuckers had daughters.

Larry Wagner's daughter gained first princess of her freshman class at Pierce Junior College. Tere Goldwater announced her engagement to Lee Peck. Tentative wedding date is February 20.

Fern Mitchell visited her mother in Kansas; Pat Posito went to Nebraska.

-Lois Strom

San Joaquin Valley Division

VISALIA PLANT

Al Fowler's son Daryl was recently graduated from the diver second class course at the Navy's Deep Sea Diving School at Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. He first entered the Navy in February, 1961.

Al Fowler spent Christmas week in the snow at Adin in Modoc County with his family. Don Williams traveled to Olympia, Washington, to spend Christmas. Ervin Williams and Bob Pitman spent Christmas vacation at home.

Congratulations to Mart Keeton on completing 20 years with SoCal December 30.

-Bob Pitman

VISALIA OFFICE

Home Economist Georgia Gibeaut placed the traditional box of chocolates in the Visalia Office canteen to announce her engagement to Philip Jay McCarthy, a pharmacist at Switzer Drugs in Visalia.



Georgia Gibeaut

The couple will wed April 3 in Corpus Christie Catholic Church, and will honeymoon in Europe.

Early December vacationer was Maggie Magnuson. He and wife Muriel spent two weeks fishing along the Sacramento River.

Bill Kennedy and family motored to Missouri to spend Christmas with relatives. Art and Ella Michael spent the holidays in Pomona and Arcadia. Laurel Officer and her family traveled to Phoenix for Christmas; the Harvey Morris family spent the holidays in Pasadena; Mel Carter took his family



ESCAPE — Peggy Stratton, Tulare Branch Office Supervisor, is assisted from her burning apartment by a fireman in recent blaze. Along with seven others she was routed from the building, but escaped injury.

to Morro Bay and also to the snow in the Sierras; Verl Ritzel trained to Sacramento and San Rafael for the holidays.

Letty and Will Crenshaw and boys planned Christmas in Oregon, but were discouraged by floods, so they spent their holidays in Santa Barbara.

Bill and Dor Schenck received a New Year present in granddaughter Theresa Marie born at 1:09 P.M. to son Michael and his wife on New Year's Day. She was the third baby born in Visalia in 1965.

Betty and Bob Tomlinson are pleased with the announcement of son Weston's engagement to Linda Lee Payne of Lindsay. Wes recently completed 2½ years missionary service in Finland for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

-Esther Scovel

Newhall Division

NEWHALL

Congratulations to Jimmy Mee, who received the Rod and Gun Club 1964 fishing award for rainbow trout. The trout was 18½ inches long and weighed 3¾ pounds.

Lee and Jo Bunch recently celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary. Diana and Jim Rups spent four days in San Bernardino getting ready for Santa Claus.

Ed Anderson, Jimmy Mee, Jack Soden and Jim Brown enjoyed having their children home from college for the holidays.

Homer O'Dell and wife spent the Christmas holiday at Lake Mojave Ranchos.

Diana and Jim Rups spent four days in San Bernardino readying for Santa Claus.

Clint Murray and wife spent Christmas in Visalia with their eight grandchildren.

John and Claire Brady spent an enjoyable week in Lake Tahoe, Reno, Carson City and Las Vegas.

Ron Houdek and family visited Disneyland, Marineland and Phoenix.

-Althea Brisco

Headquarters Division

ENGINEERING RIVERA

Don and Fran Graff took vacation time to visit relatives and friends in the San Francisco and Modesto area.

Wally and Evelyn Doviak have announced the engagement of their daughter Susan to Walter Sassaman. The bride-elect was graduated from Rosemead High School. The couple plan a summer wedding.



Susan Doviak

SPECIAL SERVICES STAFF

Nancy Moss flew to San Francisco for New Year's. High points were a

helicopter trip across the bay and witnessing a performance of "The Nutcracker" by the San Francisco Ballet Company.

Sharon and Wes Inman flew back to Austin, Minnesota, to visit relatives and enjoyed a white Christmas.

The Jim Fraber's went sightseeing in Laguna Beach and then saw the musical "My Fair Lady."

The Dick Williams' entertained friends from Oregon and attended the Rose Bowl game and watched the races at Santa Anita.

Art Luvaas took his 23-foot sloop on its maiden voyage out of Long Beach Marina.

Welcome back to Gerry Wendling from a convalescence following surgery. A warm welcome is extended to

two new employees, Jean Foster and Anita Asato from Waianae, Hawaii. —Norman Ehrborn

SPECIAL SERVICES OPERATING

Among several vacationers enjoying the holidays locally were Luana Bologo, Betty Lackow, Jimmy Cimmarusti, and Joe Salazar. Archie Baxter vacationed at Palm Springs. Flying home for a white Christmas with her family in Kansas, Betty Rankin was disappointed to find no snow and temperatures warmer than California.

Pat Calaban vacationed with his son and family in Las Vegas for the holidays. Besides the night life of Las Vegas, he enjoyed a tour through Boulder Dam.

Olga Nevaraez became the bride of Ross Garcia in a pre-Christmas wedding in Montebello December 21.

The Santa Fe Garage crew recently welcomed Samuel Bringier as new Mechanic-2 during Merle Bartlett's absence. Merle is convalescing at home.

The Herman Woods welcomed their firstborn, Roland Anthony, December 17.

The most exciting package received Christmas day by the Roy Robbins was a new granddaughter born to their son Roy and his wife Gloria at Holly Park Hospital in Gardena. Christie Noel weighed six pounds eight ounces.

News flash just received in B-63 group: A five pound 8½ ounce girl born to Millie and Will Davis January 5. —Betty Rankin

SALES

Among holiday vacationers were: Sharon Honea, who spent some time in Las Vegas; Chris Grauer visiting her family in St. Charles, Illinois, and friends in Elkhart, Indiana; Mike Madrid and wife traveled to Montecito in Santa Barbara County; Bob and Andria Filip and Bob and Gail Fowler vacationed in Las Vegas.

Mac McLeary and wife vacationed at their home in Arrowhead.

Welcome to Roma Ludwig, recently transferred from Public Relations to New Business Sales.

American Airlines flew Harry Pottle and wife to New York where they spent 10 days with their children. They got there in time to sweep up the slush, leftover from the last snow. They visited their son-in-law, who is with the Metropolitan Opera.

Bob Ploen, Ernie Stockert, Tom Tobin, Jim Dunn and Paul Risen took a safari into the wilds of the Los Padres National Forest. Atop Mt. Pinos, the "frosty five" lead by the "abominable snowman" Stockert, bagged a wild-banded pidgeon shot by the only non-skunked member, Bob Ploen. —Sandy Hensley

MEASUREMENT STAFF

Dick Price and family went to Mammoth for skiing. Up at the Ice House in Ice Box Canyon, Dick Walker and his wife spent a three-day New Year's weekend watching the snow fall. Marv Meyer and his family went to Wrightwood for sledding and reported it tough—no snow. Same for Art Galburt, wife Laura and daughter Diane who went to Mount Pinos and had to settle for snow balls. Tony Klein spent vacation golfing with his family.

Welcome to Dick Breedlove. He has transferred from Industrial Engineering.

ACCOUNTING

Welcome to new employees Linda Theisen in Payroll and Scott Burns in Main Extension. Greetings to Eva Sanchez, who transferred to Payroll from Customers.

Las Vegas provided vacation entertainment for Dick Jacobs and Charlie Haynos. Jan Snyder vacationed with relatives in Des Moines. Dorothy O'Brien went to her brother's home in Kansas for Christmas and Jackie Baker spent the holidays with her family in Akron, Ohio.

MATERIAL SUPPLY, PURCHASING

Will and Laura Aikin enjoyed their Christmas in New Mexico.

Pete Cardiel saw his wife Flora off on a month's vacation to Hawaii where she will visit relatives and friends.

Vacationers Dorothy and Don Hull are spending holidays at their place in Idyllwild. Pat Ash is traveling to Las Vegas. —Maxine Welsh and Mike Hernandez



NEW FACE — Southeast Division Manager C. T. Schweitzer (center) and Telephone Service Representative Susan Garlington listen and watch as Ervin Spindel, Director of Downey Department of Public Works, describes landscaping of new Stonewood Shopping Center across from SoCal's Southeast Division headquarters building located on Firestone Boulevard.

Eastern Division

ACCOUNTING, ENGINEERING, SALES

Annual Eastern Division Christmas breakfast was staged at the new Division Headquarters, Riverside, with 125 employees attending. Special thanks to Art Palma and his crew of cooks and waiters: Kingsley Bird, Florence Baird, Judy Campion, Pam Kaserman, John Lamb, Serena Potter, Earl Wagner, C. H. MacFarlane, Paul Little and John Morris.



The breakfast was followed by "professional" entertainment by Yvonne Brooks and Ted Hood and Ladi-lao Olivarrisa as Santa Claus reciting "The Night before Christmas" in Spanish. This was topped off by a community sing led by MacFarlane and Verran Borgstedt.

IT'S SUPERHOOD

Ted Hood makes like superman during Eastern Division's Christmas show in new Riverside Office. Ted operates arms and Yvonne Brooks maneuvers the legs.

Thanks go to the following people for their help in presenting the show: Bill Burgess, Paul Little, Herb Rogers, Sid Branson, Marlene Lord and Willy Venable.

Lord, who transferred to Customers.

Judy Campion gets congratulations on promotion to Senior Home Economist.

Welcome mat is out for Pamela Kaserman, new Home Economist in Sales. She replaces Grace Day, who left the Company. Welcome also to new employee Darlene Roades in Accounting. She replaces Marlene

Donna Gorman and son Craig flew to Portland for Thanksgiving with her mother.

Randy Lord, son of Marlene and Bruce Lord, was promoted to first chair coronet in his school's orchestra. —Ted Hood

Northern Division

DORAN STREET

Ron Robmer and wife Lisa brought in the new year skiing the slopes of mammoth.

A welcome to new S-2 George Provost.

New year's at Doran Street was greeted by the servicemen and wives at the Winnie Heards' home.

Ed Branum of Training is temporarily filling in for Paul Hormuth who is on sick leave. Paul will be back to work soon. —Dick Adrian

LA CRESCENTA

La Crescenta Base held its annual Christmas breakfast at the base with chef's Bob Boewer, Jim Brozzo and Carol Dickes cooking ham, eggs and biscuits. Thirty-six men attended.

Bill Olson is spending vacation in San Francisco. —J. L. Harris

GLENDALE

Bettie and Jack Hull received a Christmas greeting from their favorite resort in Bishop listing last season's top fishermen and fishermen. Bettie received honorable mention for the two-pound trout she

snagged this summer.

Gloria Boyer was all smiles when she passed out candy December 18 announcing the arrival of grandson, John D. Varga, weighing eight pounds nine ounces.

Betty Falconer joined relatives in Florida during the holidays. Also vacationing: Fred Krull to Big Bear, P. J. Hoshaw sightseeing at Hearst's Castle, Harold Hayakawa battling flood waters up north and Myron West spending holidays in San Bernardino with her family. Others getting in vacations before the new year were: Ron Watters, Anna Mae Diedrichs, Glen Jones, Marion Munzenz, Phil Scollar, Pat Jackman, and Keiko Kuida.

Jane and Bob Morris celebrated the arrival of Colleen Lynn, born December 27.

A welcome to Charles Muchnik, new Stock Clerk. Jim Parker and J. Tovey aren't saying much after a cribbage game in which they were skunked by Carl Grose and Earl Otis. —Doris Lyons

Southern Division

HUNTINGTON PARK BASE

Almost everyone from the Base attended the Flower Fund Christmas breakfast at Janie's Restaurant in Huntington Park.

The welcoming committee greeted Carey Slavens, who has just completed S-2 training. Carey is a transferee from 182nd Street Base. —Ken Vogel

COMPTON BASE

Congratulations to the Dave Michaelis for the arrival of Renee Sue, weighing six pounds three ounces.

Late vacationers include Al Wright taking in the sights of Northern California and Ed Smith.

Welcome from the Base to new S-2 Rick Maestas. Rick transferred from Huntington Park Collections.

Enjoying Christmas weather were the Gordon Schwacofer's, who vacationed with relatives in Hemet. —P. Nelson and D. London

COMPTON OFFICE

Bob Milversted enjoyed his holiday vacation in Vista entertaining his brother and family from Montana.

Norma Wheeler is being welcomed back from maternity leave. New em-

ployees in Service Bureau are Pat Carrington, Phyllis Anton, Linda Shibley and Doris Beurman. Pat's favorite pastime is water skiing. She also models at the Tahitian Village. Phyllis is also a water skiing enthusiast and is a newcomer to the Southland from Michigan. Linda finds pleasure in oil painting and sewing, and Doris utilizes her leisure hours gardening and doing church work.

Early winter vacation from Sales include Wayne Najarian, who skied at Big Bear. The Herb Spielbergers, who tobagganied at the same place. Donna and Sherwood Barkdull visited friends in Fresno; John T. Cardall and family drove to Arizona. Sales had a Christmas party at Meda McKinnon's home.

Bob Weiland, Outing Chairman of the Y.M.C.A. Indian Guides, hosted a party at the Company Auditorium Wednesday, December 16, for little braves and their fathers. Bob's group are members of the Arapahoe Tribe. There were refreshments and presents for all. Lindy Wagner was Santa Claus. —Mildred Byrnes and Rose Marie Roth

Southeast Division

DOWNEY BASE

Ed Ferrara and Bryan Hickey ran into an animal farm the other day. They worked an order where the lady of the house had seven dogs, a mynah bird, a cat, two 40-inch alligators and one tarantula in the oven. Ed and Bryan were in a shaky condition when they left.

Dale Manis recently tied the knot with the former Linda Steinmetz. The couple honeymooned in Las Vegas and are making their home in South Gate.

Gus Cifoll's daughter Christine was selected to appear on the cover of Doris Day's latest album. —Pat Hughes

DOWNEY OFFICE

Teddy Mercure and son Mark flew to New Mexico to be with relatives over the holidays. Ditto for Dodie Archuleta.

Saul Smith and family vacationed at Palm Desert and Salton Sea; the Bill Richardson's traveled to El Paso and also visited Mexico.

Verna Aiken became a grandfather for the first time on Christmas morning. His daughter, Judy Garrett, gave birth to a boy, Robert James, who weighed eight pounds eight ounces.

Distribution welcomes Dodie Archuleta, who transferred from Customers. —Sharon LoCicero and Saul Smith

Kern Division

BAKERSFIELD

Corbet Sullivan was proudly passing out cigars and candy announcing the arrival of Eric Sullivan.

Mary and Corbet are bubbling over little Eric. (Do you mean burping?).

Vivian and Claudio Trogon spent a week basking in the sun at Tucson with their daughter Barbara Olmsted and her family.

Gene McPhee and family were settled in their new home for Christmas. Gene transferred to Kern Division last August. —Elsie E. Pearson

TAFT-AVENAL

Taft employees welcome Larry Jones to Special Services. Larry hails from Shafter. Paul Grist, on tempo-

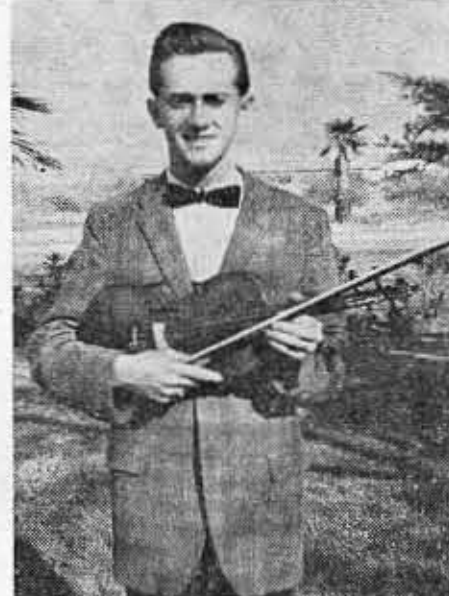
rary assignment to Taft Transmission crew from Special Services, is a newcomer to the Company and California. Paul is from Arkansas. Larry and Paul are participating in the Taft Recreation Basketball Tournament.

The Barnes brothers, Clyde and Ernest, and their wives, Irene and Lucille, toured the United States on vacation. The trip took them through 31 states, Canada, Washington, D.C., and Mexico. They visited numerous national parks including Bryce, Zion, and the Black Hills. They saw Congress in session, visited Niagara Falls, took in the world's fair and drove to Key West, Florida, during their six-week trip. —E. I. Tweedy

San Bernardino Division

Redlands servicemen enjoyed their annual Christmas breakfast at Sages' in Redlands. Among those attending were Division Service Superintendent Carl Swing and retired Division Service Superintendent V. E. Gamber.

San Bernardino Christmas breakfast was hosted by Sales. Sales Department Supervisors and employees cooked the breakfast of ham, bacon, sausage, eggs, juice, rolls and coffee. Ed Snidecor gave the message and Lilah Hand played carols on the piano. About 100 attended including retirees William M. Fisher, Harry K. Knepshield, Marie and Al Linke, William H. Schwalm, Glenn A. Thornburgh, C. Woods, Earl Sams (retired only two days) and R. G. Trimm on pension and disability.



Roger Pine III

Roger Pine, III, oldest son of Phyllis and Roger Pine, II, was elected

President of the San Bernardino High School orchestra. Roger is the concertmaster and was selected to be a student director for one of the city school's elementary orchestras. Not only is Roger a musician but he's an athlete, having received his varsity letter in cross-country.

On Earl Sams last day at work—December 21—he was greeted by many friends and fellow employees to wish him "happy retirement" in San Bernardino Headquarters Auditorium. Earl's wife Edna was presented a corsage and cake; ice cream and coffee were served.

Presentations were made by William P. Hand, Ben Wilson, Charles Baker and Don Crawford. Ralph Miller and James Stanton attended from Eastern Division, as did retirees Myra and Fred Brinkman, William M. Fisher, Paul B. Henry, Harry K. Knepshield, Ernest W. Murphree, William O. Mulligan, William H. Schwalm, Garabed K. Sivasian, J. R. Skinner, Glenn A. Thornburgh, Charles Woods, and R. G. Trimm.

It was a rainy Christmas vacation spent in San Rafael for the family of Agnes and Lee Baugh.

Rita Sue, who arrived December 15 weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces, almost outweighs dad. Shirley and Bob McDaniels are the proud parents.

Jerry and Connie White and children, Neal and Erin, encountered the following when moving into their new home in Reche Canyon: 27 fights, three temper tantrums, 11 headaches, one broken hot water heater, one attack by wild dogs. —Bertha G. Richardson

INSTANT BUSINESS ACTION HELD



LEARNING ABOUT GAS — Los Angeles City School educators (at left) Dr. T. S. Warburton, Associate Superintendent, Mrs. L. H. Whitehouse, Coordinator of Elementary Curriculum, and Ernest C. Wills, Head Supervisor, Personnel, learn about gas



from Heavy Duty Tester Harry Masters at Pico Rivera during Instant Business in Action. At right, UCLA students Dick Tucey, Dick Burpell and Howard Kack receive information from Northwest Division Engineer Jerry Murphy at Day in Industry.

College Men Also Here For Day Tour

First hand view of a modern business operation in the free enterprise system was presented by SoCal to students and administrators of Southland schools and colleges during separate one-day sessions.

An outgrowth of the annual Business in Action program for teachers, Instant Business in Action was presented to 40 administrators of Los Angeles City School System December 29.

BIA is held each summer and has more than 600 graduates in nine years.

Davis Greets

Greeted by Executive Vice President W. R. Davis, the administrators were taken to Southeast Division headquarters, Downey, to view daily customer operations. Then it was to Pico Rivera's Meter Shop to note how natural gas is obtained, transported and distributed. Senior Vice President R. R. Blackburn also participated.

The group returned to Flower Street headquarters, touring various departments and concluded with dinner and "graduation."

Commenting on such efforts, Robert Kelly, Associate Superintendent of secondary education, said: "We must interpret to our young people the position of an organization such as SoCal, the place it plays in community life, how it operates, the economic principal upon which it must operate and how they are essential to our way of life."

S.A.M. Men Visit

Following the administrators were student members of the Society for the Advancement of Management from Southland colleges and universities who visited SoCal for a Day in Industry on December 30.

Representing USC, UCLA and San Fernando Valley State College, students were afforded an opportunity to learn Gas Company management activities.

E. E. Eddy, Supervisor of Special Services Staff, G. J. Sandusky, Manager of Measurement, and J. E. Jacobs, Executive Assistant, Personnel, gave talks and L. R. Pickup, Northeast Division Manager, described Company organization.

Departments Toured

After touring Key Punch, Machine Accounting Customer Telephone Service, Customer Service Dispatch and other departments, the collegians spent the afternoon with supervisors of departments covering their particular interest.

Public Relations' Tour Bureau's R. G. Wass was in charge of the two special post-Christmas events.

Alhambra Office Now Being Built

ALHAMBRA — Construction began this month on the modern, one-story SoCal branch office here, located across from the current site at 20 South First Street.

The building, featuring new sit-down collection booths, a modern Home Service display section, a meeting room and a gas-heated patio, will be leased by the Company.

Scheduled for completion in March, the office will provide compact, convenient service to local customers and represent a beacon to the neighborhood, according to Northeast Division Manager C. R. Rikel.

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Yes, It's '65 — Time For Taxes; State, Federal Due By April 15

Mixed emotions or not, income tax time is rolling in and SoCal employees can expect their 1964 W-2 statements and sickness listings (showing absences due to illness) to arrive in the mail this month. Taxes are due April 15.

In addition to these necessary forms, the Internal Revenue Service, has also published a new sales tax deduction guide broken down into family sizes which can be used for those itemizing deductions on personal returns.

The guide, shown below, is based on a California general sales tax rate of 3% plus a 1%

city or county sales tax and does not limit the amount a taxpayer may deduct. It merely provides a quick method for people not wishing to keep detailed records of sales taxes actually paid.

Taxes paid on purchases of automobiles or gasoline are not included and should be itemized separately and may be added to amounts shown in the table.

Although any deduction can be questioned, taxpayers ordinarily are not asked to substantiate a sales tax deduction unless it exceeds amounts shown in the guide.

Deductions by family sizes are:

INCOME	FAMILY SIZE (Persons)			
	1 & 2	3 & 4	5	Over 5
\$4,000-4,499	50	57	63	64
\$4,500-4,999	54	62	68	69
\$5,000-5,499	58	67	73	74
\$5,500-5,999	62	72	78	79
\$6,000-6,499	66	76	83	84
\$6,500-6,999	70	80	88	89
\$7,000-7,499	74	84	93	94
\$7,500-7,999	78	88	98	99
\$8,000-8,499	82	92	103	104
\$8,500-8,999	86	96	107	109
\$9,000-9,499	89	100	111	113
\$9,500-9,999	92	104	115	117
\$10,000-10,999	97	110	122	123
\$11,000-11,999	104	118	131	132
\$12,000-12,999	111	125	140	141
\$13,000-13,999	118	132	148	149
\$14,000-14,999	125	139	156	157
\$15,000-15,999	131	146	164	165
\$16,000-16,999	137	153	172	173
\$17,000-17,999	143	160	180	181
\$18,000-18,999	149	166	188	188

Bezant 'Buzz' Bird's Bizarres Brighten Building's Brows

The many worlds of Bezant Bird contain a never-ending tale of unique experiences and reveal a man whose delightful laugh and personality do not overshadow his accomplishments.

SoCal's Jonathan Winters, "Buzz" is a Staff Draftsman, Engineering, whose education spans from the lofty Massachusetts Institute of Technology to tiny Wyoming Seminary.



LEADING LAUGH-MAKER

The many faces of Buzz Bird are on display (above) as the "Buzzer" goes through his daily gyrations at his desk in Graphics Department, Headquarters. He has been bringing smiles to SoCal faces nearly four decades and might well have outshone Buster Keaton had he ever gone into vaudeville.

The "Buzzer" was born and reared in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, where he cultivated an early passion for art.

"I have drawn all my life," says Bird, "It fascinates me."

In high school, he did odd jobs for a Pennsylvania utility and got his "break" when he coaxed the boss to give him a drafting job. Later he was coaxed by the boss to enroll at MIT.

Went To MIT

"I shouldn't have been talked into it," recalls Bird, "My ambition was art." One year at MIT exhausted his finances so he came home to Wyoming Seminary to study art.

In 1922, he and schoolmate Milton Bies, SoCal Lab Technician, eased a Model T Ford to California—a seven-week jaunt.

Bird joined SoCal immediately in Engineering, working closely with current President F. M. Banks. He has turned out stacks of fine illustrations in his 38 Company years.

Studying this silver-haired man — whose trademarks are a set of striped suspenders and a laugh that rivals Hurricane Hilda—sipping coffee in the canteen, one wouldn't suspect he produces most of the illustrations depicting SoCal operations.

Enjoys Work

I enjoy my work because it's not routine, explains Bird. He singles out the multi-colored maps and charts of natural gas usage done for FPC hearings as his most significant effort.

Yet Bird loves art intrinsically. "A good black and white drawing is the height of artability," he opines.

A master satirist, during an interview Bird chirped: "I hope you won't let Hollywood see these pictures, I hate to be annoyed."

Another Birdism: "My hair has always been unmanageable, but those Wildroot ads scare me because I dislike pretty girls chasing me."

Bezant Bird's worlds contain countless adages like these, a hallmark of the colorful "Buzzer."

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