

## MEDICAL RATES RISE JULY 1

### Benefit Changes Voted By Both Committees

Premiums increases for both Company medical plans, Union and non-union, were announced last week by the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company. New rates, which will be effective July 1, for both plans are listed on page 4.

Cost of coverage for dependent children was increased 25% in both plans. On top of this, the Union plan rates were increased 25% overall. The rates for the non-union plan were increased 5%. A higher increase for the Union plan was necessary because this plan showed a larger deficit than the non-union plan.

In addition, the Union Medical Plan Committee chose to retain the \$25 deductible amount for all charges other than hospital and surgery. The Employee's Medical Plan Committee voted to increase this deductible amount to \$50 for the non-union medical plan, thus making it possible to limit the premium increase accordingly.

At a meeting held May 28, the Employee's Medical Plan Committee, consisting of representatives of employees not in any collective bargaining group, and Engineering Association Representatives, voted unanimously to adopt a number of changes in benefits in order to keep the premium increase as low as possible.

According to E. L. Sims, Committee Chairman, the changes are all of a type which bring the plan's  
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### Gas Man Helps Fight Pasadena Skunks

GAS NEWS Correspondent Evan Krewson of Pasadena Base reports the plight of today's gas man may be varied as witnessed by this note left for Serviceman Bob Haase:

"Gas Man!! Please see if you can fix the light for me in the basement. Please nail the board back at end of front porch. The skunks and tom cats drive me wild under the house."

### Prospectors Earn Double Bonus Pay On Gas Refrigerator

A dual incentive Prospect Campaign on the new RCA-Whirlpool gas refrigerators with a double pay-off clause is announced by Prospect Administrator W. R. Oldham.

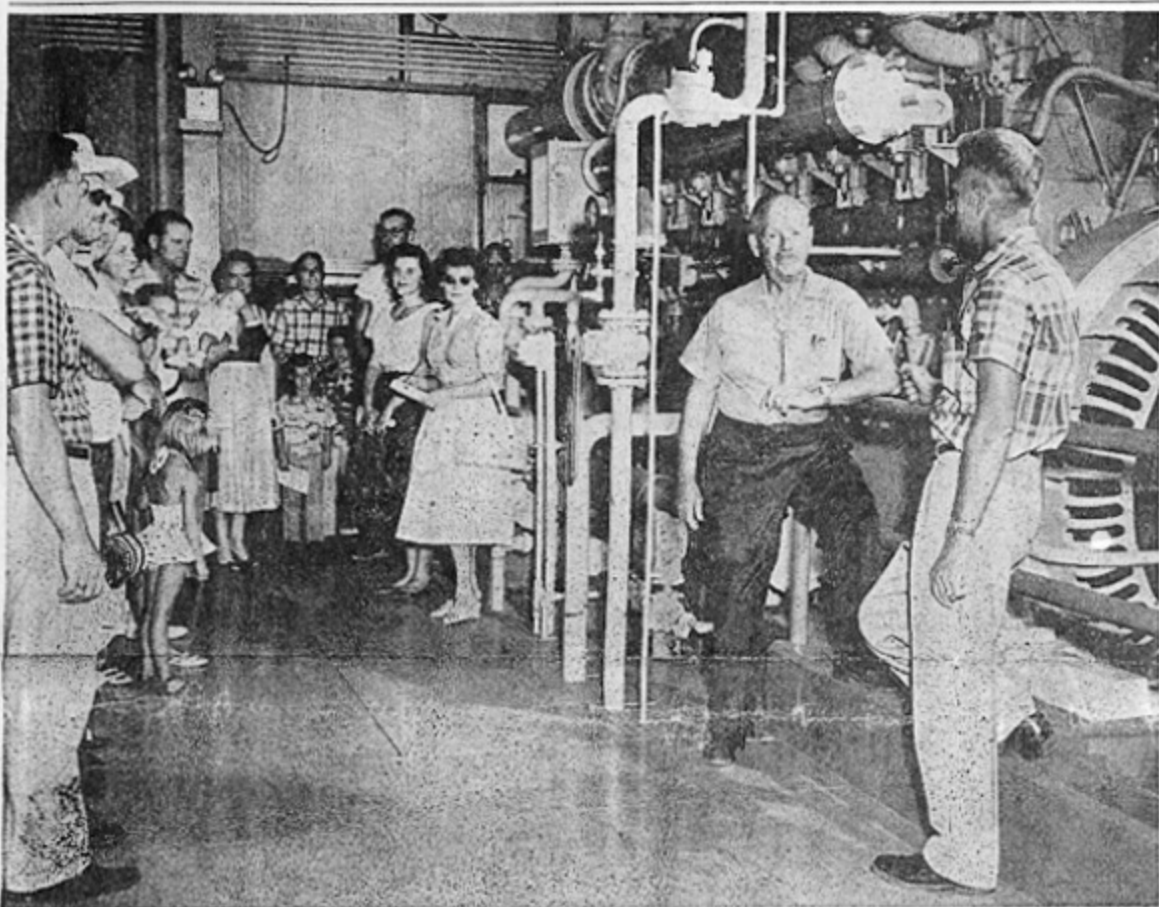
The new campaign, which will get under way June 20 and run until August 30, will feature prospect payments in twice the amount usually paid plus a drawing at the end of the campaign that will get the winners a \$100 merchandise certificate good at any store.

To be eligible for the double pay-off, installation of the new gas refrigerator must be made before August 31. Each qualified sale will place one ticket for that particular employee in the drawing barrel for the merchandise award.

There will be three drawings and three awards, one each for Prospect Group "A," Prospect Group "B" and Prospect Group "C."

"The more sales the employee has, the more tickets in the drawing, and the better chance of winning; but everyone with a qualified sale has a chance," Oldham said.

It was also announced that Standard Practices have been changed to include all types of gas air conditioners as being eligible for normal Prospect Bonus payments.



COMPRESSOR STATION—Newhall Division Manager S. S. Donaldson (second from right) explains intricacies of Clark Compressor to part of huge crowd that attended recent Needles Open House. Guided tours were given at both the Needles Compressor Station and Needles Base. Assisting interested visitors are M. S. Tanner (right) and Ralph McGarity (extreme left).

### Compressor Station Tour Highlights Event Attended By Employees And Local Dignitaries

### Playhouse 90 Moves Into New Time Spot

Columbia Broadcasting System television network representatives have announced that "Playhouse 90," the award-winning television show sponsored by the gas industry, will move into an earlier time slot starting July 3.

The move in time was brought about by the cancellation of the program "Climax!" as of June 26. The following week "Playhouse 90" will move into the vacated time period and will be seen in the Los Angeles area from 8:30 P.M. to 10 P.M. Thursday evenings.

This change in time will come as welcome relief to some TV viewers who have expressed complaints against the program because of the lateness of its showing. However, latest TV polls have placed "Playhouse 90" far above any other program on television.

It was also announced this past week that air time for the June 12 "Playhouse 90" production has been pre-empted by the DuPont "Show of the Month."

"Playhouse 90" will return to the air June 19.

NEEDLES — A crowd of over 500 employees and local residents toured through the facilities of the Needles Compressor Station and Base this past Memorial Day during Open House here, according to Newhall Division Manager S. S. Donaldson.

### GasCo Bridge Players Win Western Tourney

Southern California Gas Company Bridge Team walked off with top honors at the recently held 24th annual Western Regional Conference of American Contract Bridge championship.

Winning the overall title in the Commercial - Industrial Section were: M. S. Powell, Commercial Service Representative; Gus Chabre, Area Transmission Supervisor; G. J. Sandusky, Measurement General Superintendent, and H. L. Bosshard, Staff Assistant, Accounting Department.

The Gas Company team competed against 43 other four-man teams, consisting of members from nearly every industry in Los Angeles. The Company team won by playing 75% bridge, winning 18 games. It was pointed out that 65% bridge will usually enable a team to win most tournaments of duplicate play.

For winning the new championship, Gas Company team members were awarded 616 Master Points.

Donaldson further reported that over 300 persons registered at the Compressor Station tour alone with over 500 being served a Dutch lunch at the Base. Balloons and candy were given children who attended.

Special tour guides on hand for the occasion took the interested visitors through the newly-completed Compressor Station, explaining its operation in the Company network of transporting natural gas from out-of-state.

The Open House, held for just the one day, was attended by Gas Company employees from Needles and other parts of the Company system, their families and friends, as well as the general public from the area. Among the public who attended were local civic and business leaders.

As an aid to the tourists, special signs were printed which described the different units at the Compressor Station, how they work and what their function is in the job of supplying natural gas to Southern California.

### Term Extension Given For Air Conditioners

Effective June 9, terms on the Employee Purchase Plan for the Arkla-Servel air conditioners have been extended from three years to five years, according to an announcement from Appliance Sales Supervisor R. W. Dow.

Purpose of the change is to enable employees to purchase the Arkla-Servel air conditioning unit as easily as any other gas appliance.

As an example of this, the 3½-ton Sun Valley model with evaporative cooling tower may now be purchased by the payroll deduction method for \$11.66 per pay period.

### On The Inside

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- Page 8 — Gas Company golfers bow once again to the Telephone Company in annual tournament.





**PRESENTS MAP**—Local Manager J. H. Price (left) on Gas Company's behalf, gives relief map to student Danny Doran and Principal William Hirsch of Lowman School for handicapped.

**In The News**

**B. K. Fisher Elected to Civitan Board**

Southwest Division Accountant B. K. Fisher has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Inglewood Civitan Club. Fisher has been a member of the group for several years and last year topped all sales of fruit cakes.

Each year, at Christmastime, the Civitans put all their efforts into selling fruit cakes, proceeds of which are donated to charity. Last year Fisher led his group by selling 500 pounds.

**Soroptimists Elect Kearing**

**SOUTH GATE** — Jeanne Kearing, Branch Office Supervisor here, was recently installed as Vice President of the South Gate - Lynwood Branch of the Soroptimists at ceremonies held in Pico-Rivera.

**Rathbun, Ramage Help Scouts**

**TAFT**—Les Rathbun, Gas Supply, who served as Camporee Director here, announces the 1958 annual event was a larger success than ever before. One troop, during the Camporee scored an unprecedented perfect 100.

Among the other troops receiving top honors was Troop 52, whose Scoutmaster is Zedie Ramage, Sr. of Special Services.

**Becker Heads Heart Drive**

**TORRANCE** — Local Manager J. P. Becker was recently appointed Lomita Community Chairman of the business division for the 1958 Heart Fund appeal.

Becker, who is also a member of the board of directors of the Cham-

ber of Commerce, headed up the two-day event designed to give business districts an opportunity to participate in the drive.

**Plans Made To Move Palm Springs Office**

**PALM SPRINGS** — Plans are being set to open a new Gas Company office here to better serve the needs of this ever-growing winter resort city, announces Eastern Division Manager W. P. Hand.

Location of the new leased quarters will be on South Indian Avenue approximately one block north of the junction with Palm Canyon Drive, just across the street from the little city park.

The new building is expected to be ready for occupancy by November 1 of this year. The Company will then sell its present Company-owned property at 1534 North Palm Canyon Drive.

The expanded facilities here will consist of a modern office, lobby and appliance display area, with an adjoining room that can be used by Sales Representatives and Customer Department people as a base of operations.

Present plans call for the new office to be air conditioned throughout with an Arkla-Servel unit.

**SOCOUNTIES STARTS NEW BUILDING**

Construction of Southern Counties Gas Company's Los Angeles headquarters building is now under way with completion expected by August 1, 1959.

Official ground breaking ceremonies for the 15-story, \$2,268,950 building were held last Wednesday morning. Lifting the first official spadeful of earth to start the construction was SoCounties President and General Manager G. W. Wadsworth, Jr. Assisting was Pacific Lighting Corporation President R. A. Hornby.

Major portion of the new building, to be located on the corner of Eighth and Flower Streets in Los Angeles, will be occupied by SoCounties with SoCal operating the ground floor for display and customer contact areas. Pacific Lighting Gas Supply Company will locate in three floors and Pacific Lighting Corporation, the three Gas Companies' parent organization will move in its Los Angeles executive offices. More than 30,000 square feet of office space initially will be rented.

The building is the tenth started or announced in downtown Los Angeles since June, 1957, according to the Downtown Business Men's Association. More than \$65,000,000 has been spent or announced for improvements in the downtown area in the last year alone.

A special plaque, commemorating it as the tenth building improvement in downtown Los Angeles, was presented during the ground breaking ceremonies by Burton C. Rawlins, president of the Los Angeles Downtown Business Men's Association.

The new building was designed by Albert C. Martin and Associates, architects and engineers. The general contractor for the new build-



**GROUND BREAKING**—SoCounties President G. W. Wadsworth Jr. lifts first spade of earth for new building as PLC President R. A. Hornby (center) and Burton C. Rawlins of Los Angeles Downtown Business Men's Association smile approval.

ing is Lindgren and Swinerton.

An exterior of blue porcelain enamel panels will grace the new structure with floor-to-ceiling glass on the Eighth Street side and solid panels of white quartz mosaic on the Flower Street side.

Ground floor of the building will be a sheer glass wall, broken by steel piers faced with white ceramic tile. Cantilevered steel canopies will provide a sheltered walkway on both streets. The new building will be gas air conditioned throughout.

Speaking of the new building, Pacific Lighting Corporation President R. A. Hornby said: "This

building is further evidence of the Pacific Lighting companies keeping abreast of the great growth of Southern California. It is not a question of whether the population and economy of California will grow and expand; the question is in what directions, how large, and how fast.

"We are pleased that the planning and designing for this new general office building have progressed to the point where construction can start now and thus provide employment to those who construct the building as well as to those who are supplying the basic materials."

**Trailerites Make Lake Isabella Trip**

Nearly 100 trailerites made the Blue Flame Trailer Club's third anniversary trip to Lake Isabella in Kern County over the Memorial Day weekend.

Ninety-eight people, representing 28 family groups in 21 trailers and two campers showed up for the potluck dinner.

Perfect weather prevailed during the outing. Day temperatures stayed below 85 degrees with plenty of sunshine, and nights were comfortably cool.

Boating, fishing and hiking were the amusements most enjoyed by the members.

Harry Reinert of Delano doubled as Wagon Master and Program Chairman; Lloyd Emmerichs was in charge of the Potluck, and Stan Hobart was Campfire Director.

President Phil Storm announces the quarterly meeting will be held in the new Southeast Division Auditorium on June 17, starting at 7:45 P.M.

Next trip scheduled is to Singing Wheels Trailer Rancho near San Diego.

**Employees Warned About Beach Fishing**

Los Angeles City Health Officer Dr. George M. Uhl has warned Gas Company employees that mussels and clams are poisonous from now until October 31.

Uhl said all of California's beaches are quarantined for mussels, which can be used only for bait. Clams, he said, can prove fatal if the dark parts, which contain lethal amounts of plankton, are not separated from the white meat, which is the only safe part to eat.



**CENTRAL OFFICERS** from top (l to r) Executive Vice President, President, Social Vice President, Projects Vice President, Membership Vice President, Publicity Vice President, Treasurer, Historian, Reservations Chairman, Hostess and Secretary.

**GAS COMPANY EMPLOYEES OFFERED HOME SHOW DISCOUNT TICKETS**

Once again this year Gas Company employees are being offered special discount tickets to the annual Home Show to be held at the Pan Pacific Auditorium.

Employee price for the show with the discount tickets will be 90-cents, a savings of 45-cents. Children under 12 will be admitted for 50-cents. Discount coupons are now available through all GAS NEWS Correspondents.

One of the highlights of the show will be the Sunray Executive all-gas home and the Natural Gas Bureau gas display.

The stage show this year will include Liberace, Mickey Rooney, Bob Crosby and The Modernaires with Jerry Gray and his orchestra. The Home Show will open June 12 and will run until June 22. Doors will be open daily from 12:30 P.M. to 11:30 P.M.



**SCOUT-O-RAMA**—K. D. Brown of Employee Relations Staff talks over kitchen safety display with Scoutmaster Cleo Saunders, Troop 532, at recently held Scout-O-Rama. Company assisted in furnishing appliances for display construction.



# Rockwell Manufacturing Company Picks Gas To Air Condition Its New Porterville Plant

In manufacturing gas meters for domestic use, the condition and temperature of the air is classified as one of the most important factors. Thus it was that the Rockwell Manufacturing Company installed gas air conditioning in its new plant at Porterville.

With this latest installation, all six Rockwell plants throughout the country are cooled and heated with gas units. The first Rockwell plant to get gas air conditioning was the one at Sulphur Springs, Texas in 1954.

The newly-constructed building contains over 106,000 square feet of space on a 2½-acre site and was built at a cost of \$1,100,000. In all, Rockwell's land territory in the Porterville area covers over 45 acres. At the present time 50 employees operate the plant with future plans calling for a total force of over 150.

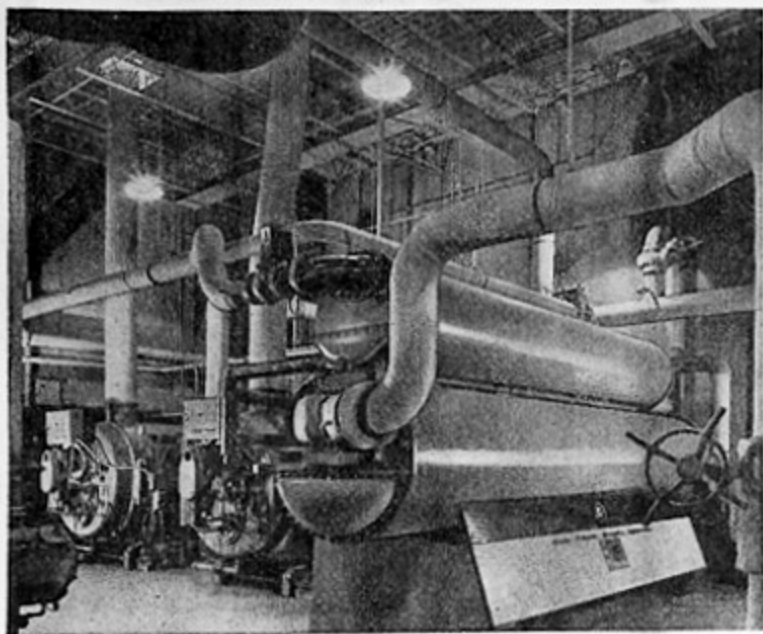
Because of the very nature of gas meters, exacting tests must be made on different parts and the completed meters to assure accuracy. It was found that in the assembly of gas meters one of the most im-

portant factors is the careful regulation of air condition and temperature.

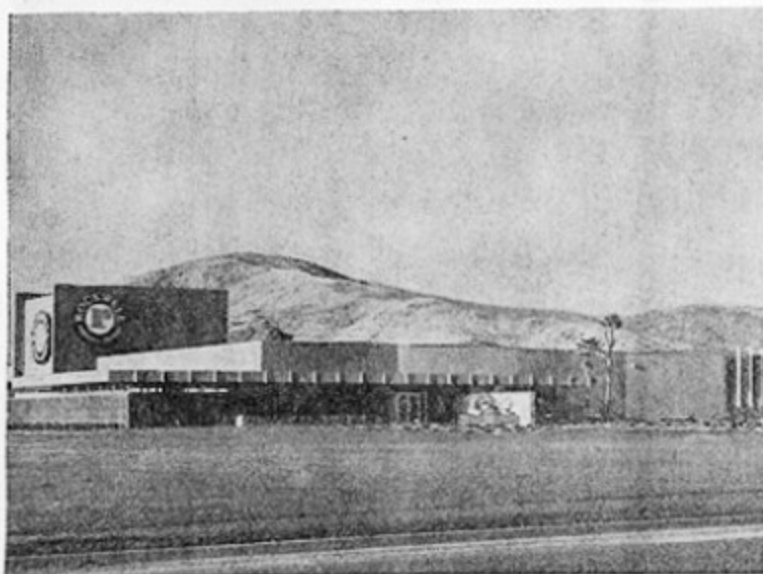
Close tolerances must be maintained at all times so that variations in testing gas weight and density are eliminated. This operational requirement was one of the many reasons why Rockwell chose gas for its air conditioning needs.

In a recent magazine article Rockwell Vice President H. Campbell Struckeman listed the many resultant advantages of their new air conditioning system. High among them was "better quality of workmanship" due in part to the comfortable, dust-free working conditions.

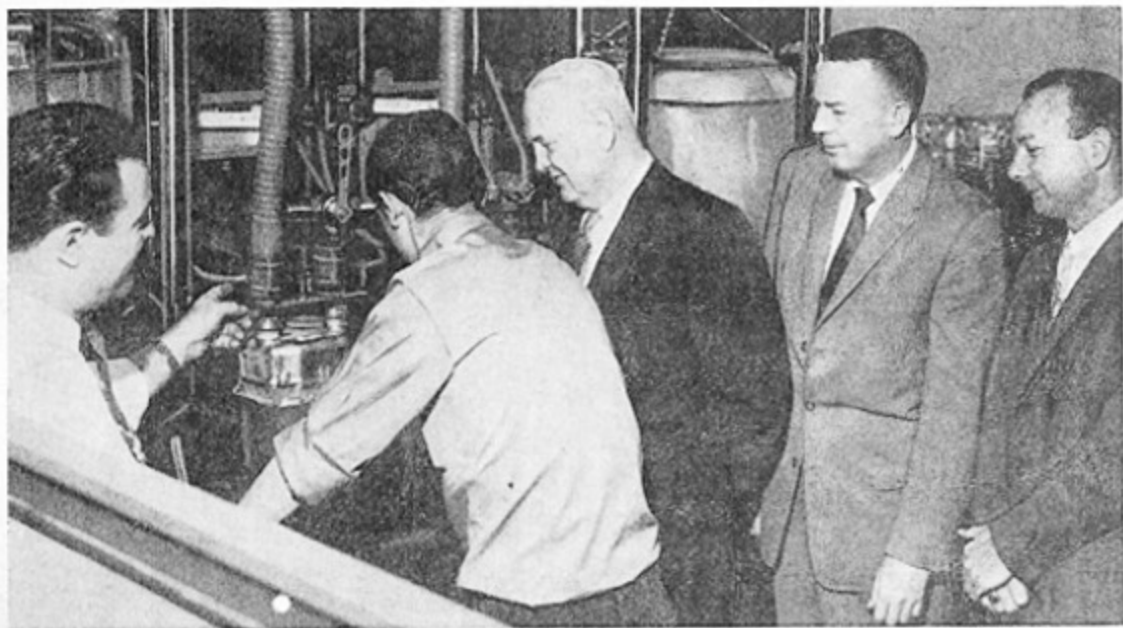
Soon after the Porterville plant was put into operation it was visited by San Joaquin Valley Division Manager G. A. Porter along with Porterville Local Manager M. L. Carter and Measurement Department General Superintendent G. J. Sandusky, who accepted the first shipment of gas meters for the Gas Company from Rockwell.



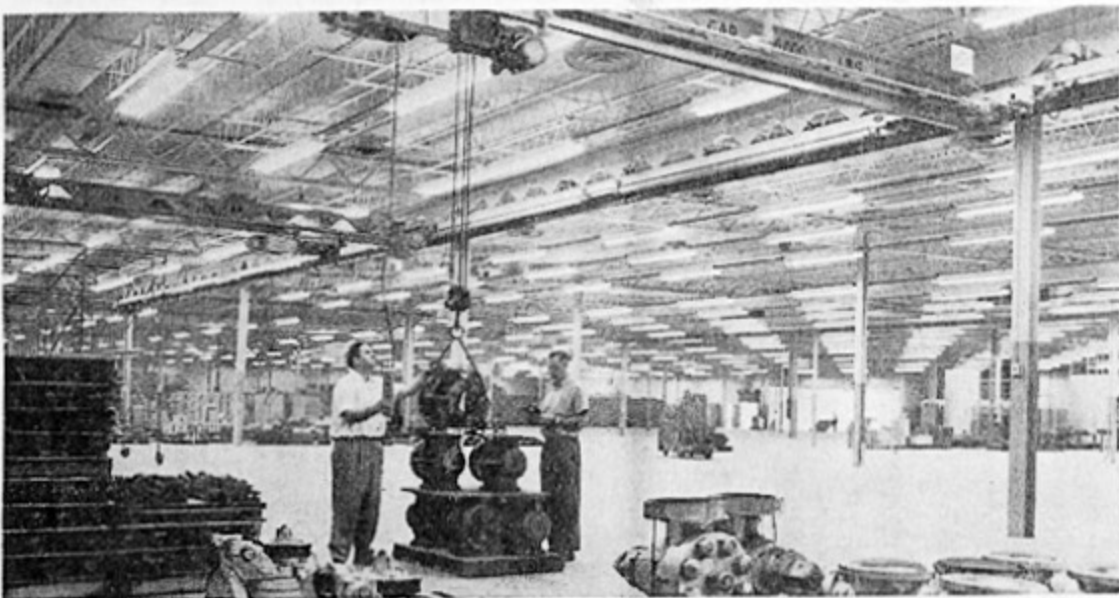
**GAS AIR CONDITIONER**—Huge Carrier gas air conditioning unit at Rockwell Manufacturing Company in Porterville is housed in factory boiler room with two gas-fired boilers.



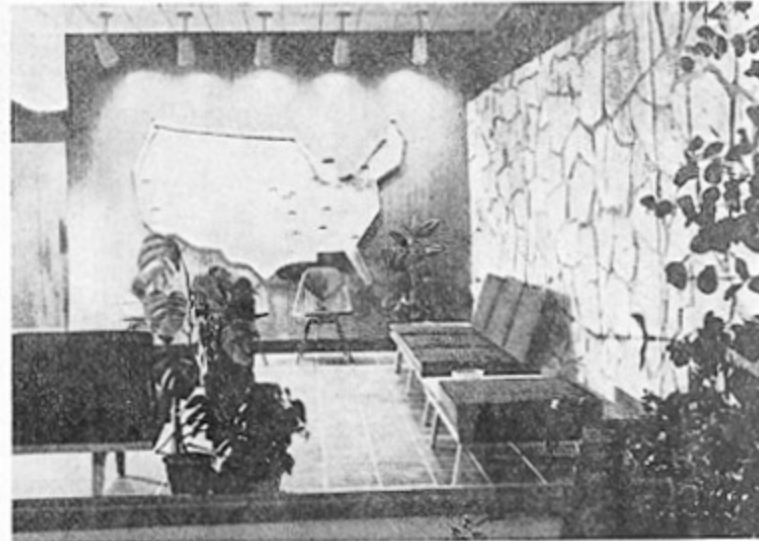
**NEW ROCKWELL PLANT WAS BUILT ON 45-ACRE SITE**



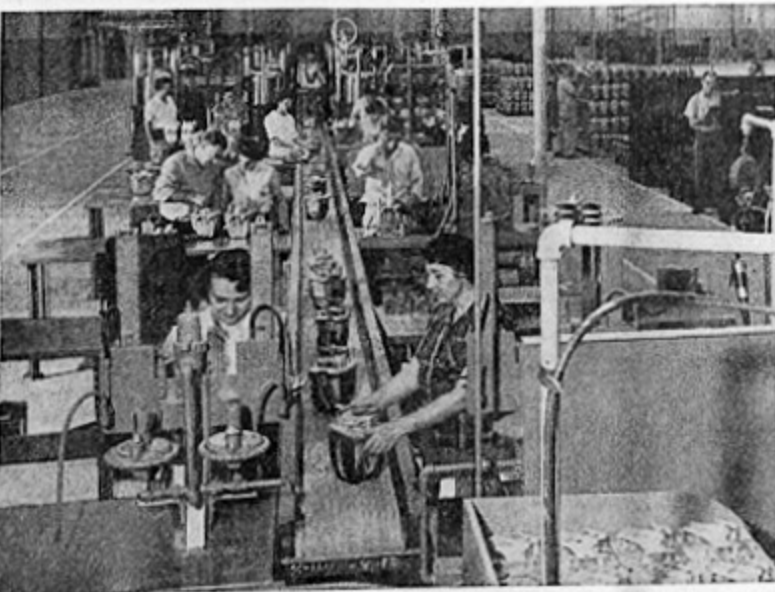
**OFFICIAL TOUR**—Rockwell guide explains operations in making gas meters to visiting Company representatives (l to r) San Joaquin Valley Division Manager C. A. Porter, Measurement General Superintendent G. J. Sandusky, and Porterville Local Manager M. L. Carter.



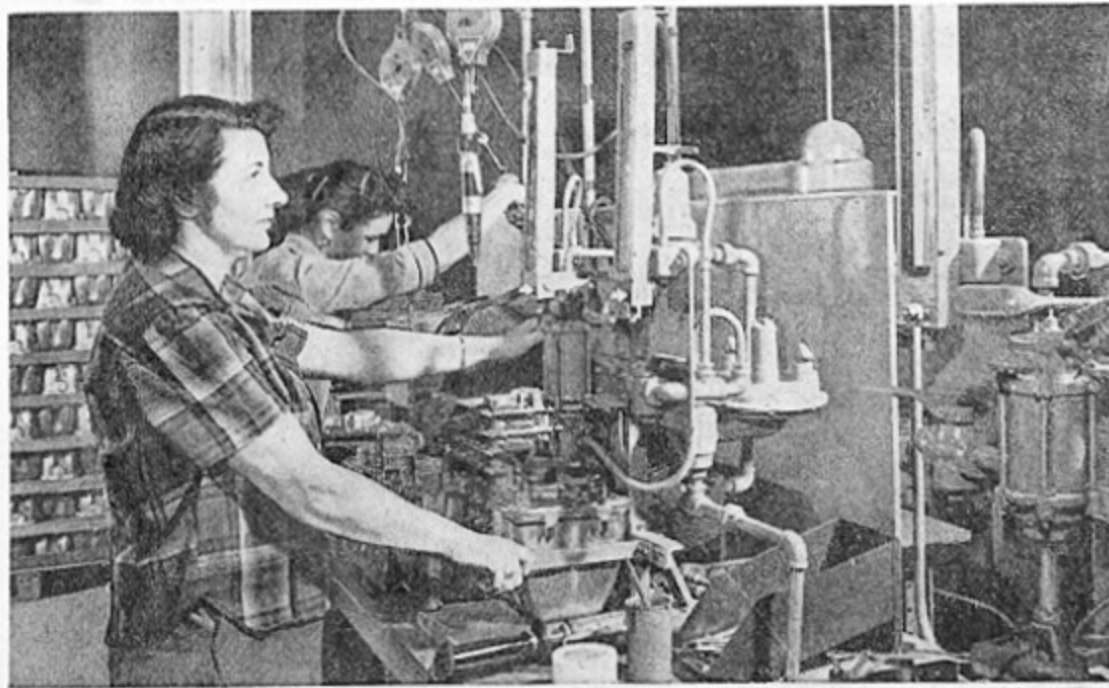
**HUGE WAREHOUSE** — Gas air conditioning unit is put to the test to keep pleasant temperatures constant in huge warehouse. All-year gas unit is easily changed over to warm air.



**MAP IN MAIN LOBBY SHOWS LOCATIONS OF OTHER PLANTS**



**ASSEMBLY LINE**—Gas meters move along assembly belt in final stages of completion. Rockwell is scheduled to assemble and deliver 12,000 household gas meters first half of this year.



**FINAL TESTING**—Woman employee puts completed Rockwell gas meter through final phases of testing before it can be shipped. Precision testing equipment is required. Air condition and temperature is maintained by gas air conditioner which also keeps air dust-free.



# The GAS LINE

## Rod and Gun Club, Part I . . .

(Editor's note: The following two-part story is the first in a series of articles which will explain the history, accomplishments and activities of Company employee clubs and organizations.)

"To work for effective conservation, protection and propagation of fish, game and forest in order to provide all Citizens of the United States with means to exercise their right to outdoor sports and the attendant recreational benefits." So reads Section 1A of the Gasco Rod and Gun Club Constitution under Article II — Objectives. And so begins our story of the Gas Company's largest employee organization.

Creation of the Club began on September 18, 1946 when 29 "enthusiastic Gas Company hunters and fishermen," as reported that year in GAS NEWS, gathered together to form an off-the-job activity for the purpose of providing "a means for hunting and fishing enthusiasts to get together for the exchange of information, experiences and guidance." Or, in other words, "fun." First President elected was John C. Plato, now Distribution Foreman at Juanita Base.

From this small beginning 12 years ago the Gasco Rod and Gun Club has grown to be the largest club of its kind in the United States. Its membership has swelled to 1,800, and is still growing steadily.

During those early years, Rod and Gun Club members participated mostly in just hunting and fishing trips. As the years passed, more and more interests were added. Today, year-round events include specialty and deep sea fishing, pistol and rifle matches, annual steak fry and picnic, Boy Scout activities, father and son get-togethers, tours of local industries and many others.

The advent of Indian Canyon was probably the most important thing that ever happened to the Club. It provides an exclusive area where members can go to practice shooting, fly-casting, have picnics or to just get away from things.

Located in the lush hills above the city of San Fernando, Indian Canyon was first discovered for the Club by M. H. Buckland, now Construction Supervisor for Pacific Lighting Gas Supply Company. When Buckland first saw the area it was owned by Gustav Erbs, who homesteaded the land in 1900. In 1949 the Rod and Gun Club signed a lifetime lease for the property and set about leveling ravines, clearing trees and building rifle ranges. The clubhouse used today at Indian Canyon is the original home of Gustav Erbs, which he built himself from materials brought across the San Fernando Valley by stage coach.

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## RICHARDSON'S POOR ALMANAC



EVERY SO OFTEN some friend cons Uncle Will into a hegira across the Great American Desert, and I hope to learn better by the time I retire under the Company's Uniform Pension and Benefit Plan.

... These masters of the false premise, very few of whom are still on my I. W. list, tell me, "Oh, sure, it gets up to 120°, but its a dry heat — you won't notice it at all." Or they say, "Yes, there's a little stretch around Yuma that gets a bit tropical, but you'll be through that in no time!"

AS A PUBLIC SERVICE to readers (or reader) of Almanac I wish to dehydrate these watered truths. Having just returned from a trip to El Paso, (the town, not the natural gas company) I can't say whether the heat is dry, moist, or super-saturated, but will testify that it is a hot heat — say about like a Pizza oven . . .

Regarding the "little stretch around Yuma" — I beg to advise, it is bounded on the West by the Whittier Narrows, and a thousand miles and two flat tires later at Ciudad Juarez you're still in camel

country . . . better listen to old Uncle Will and stay on the Coast highway.

INCIDENTALLY, Arizona has a 50-mile night speed limit, and



they don't mean 51. Can't understand how I overlooked this little detail, being a member of the Sheriff of Cochise Fan Club and all . . . Ciudad Juarez (mentioned earlier in the text) is a city of very astute

shopkeepers who really know their *turistas* (as we say in Spanish). One sidewalk hustler greeted Mrs. R. with, "Eets no Weelshire bulivar, lady, but com' on een an' see our jonk!" . . . I crossed back to Texas in a huff when another assured me, "We got all sises cowboy belts, even size 48" . . .

EL PASO Natural Gas seems to be doing all right, in a modest sort of way. They have a new building about the size of L.A. City Hall — but its already too small for them. Guy I talked to said, "Oh, yeah, us Texans has got to have elbow room!"

HATE TO SPOIL "Yukon" Thoman by having him in print two issues in a row, but he's fought himself back into contention as the Industry's leading chronicler of blessed events . . . He says, "If the Yukon Storeroom comes up short on their rope inventory, we know where the missing manila went—R. C. Johnson cut it up into short lengths and passed them around as cigars to announce the arrival of Robert C., who tipped the Toledos at eight pounds, nine ounces."

## NEW MEDICAL PLAN PREMIUM RATES

### Bi-Weekly Payroll Deduction

#### Non-Union Medical Plan (and Engineering Association)

Union Medical Plan	Employees in class with top rate less than \$129.16		Employees in class with top rate of \$129.16 and over	
	Old Rates	New Rates	Old Rates	New Rates
Employee Only	\$ .37	\$ .81	\$ .37	\$ .46
Employee & Spouse	2.81	3.85	2.81	3.01
Employee & Child (or children)	1.56	2.67	1.56	2.02
Employee & Spouse and children	3.99	5.72	3.99	4.58

### Semi-Monthly Payroll Deduction

General Payroll II	General Payroll I	
	Old Rates	New Rates
Employee Only	\$1.57	\$1.72
Employee & Spouse	4.92	5.24
Employee & Child (or children)	3.03	3.64
Employee & Spouse and children	6.38	7.16

## - FROM THE FILES -

### 10 Years Ago . . .

J. S. Chatterton, now Construction Inspector, was cited by the Safety Director of the Los Angeles Transit Lines for an unusual act of courtesy in traffic . . . Mr. Blandings Dream House from the movie of the same name, was opened to the public. Naturally, it was all gas . . . Gas Company walked off with top national honors in one classification and second and third places in two others in the 1948 Better Copy Contest, conducted by the Public Utilities Advertising Association . . . and Customer Service Department showed off its "ingenious map-holder to make order dispatch job easier."



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## - facts and facets of YOUR CREDIT UNION

In this column SoCal Gas Credit Union Secretary Charlotte Novak will report current activities of the Credit Union and answer most frequently asked questions by Credit Union members.



Since the announcement of the Credit Union's real estate loans, you members have shown a great deal of interest in the refinancing of your existing home loans. The same State law and regulations which govern new loans also apply to refinancing.

Under these regulations real estate loans for refinancing are limited to a maximum of \$10,000 for each individual member; the loan cannot exceed 60% of the appraised value of the property; and the loan must be secured by a first trust deed. The interest rate on real estate loans is 1/2 of 1% per month on the unpaid balance, or 6% per annum.

### Refinancing Explained

The borrower is required to maintain adequate standard fire and extended coverage insurance on the improvements at all times. To refinance an existing loan,

a new policy of title insurance must be secured. Also, unless an appraisal by a licensed appraiser has been made within the last two years, a new appraisal must also be obtained. Cost of both title insurance and appraisal is borne by the borrower.

The Credit Union in most cases can handle the balance of the escrow function without cost to the borrower, when refinancing a loan presently held by another financial institution.

### Loans Insured

Most important to remember is that every real estate loan, new or refinanced, is covered by borrower's insurance at no additional cost to you. In the event of death the Credit Union insurance will pay off the loan.

The Credit Union manager will be happy to discuss our real estate loan program with you and help you decide whether or not refinancing with the Credit Union will be of advantage to you. Loan applications will be mailed upon receipt of requests from you or your Credit Representative.

## Company Proposes To Extend Service In Antelope Valley

PALMDALE — A proposal to extend natural gas service to a broader area of the Los Angeles County portion of the Antelope Valley in Northern Division was made to the California Public Utilities Commission at a hearing held here May 22.

Representing the Gas Company at the hearing were General Attorney Harry Letton and General Sales Manager P. R. Shea.

It was pointed out at the hearing that in view of the rapid growth of this area, the Gas Company wishes to anticipate the needs of the various communities and be in a better position to serve them when required.

The expanded area which the Company proposes to serve from the new Needles pipeline includes the communities of Littlerock, Pearblossom, Acton, Forest Park and Placerita Canyon.

Previously, the PUC has authorized extension of natural gas service to parts of this area, but it now appears that additional authorization will be required for the remaining portion.

It was reported that no one appeared at the hearing in opposition of the Company's proposal.



FIRST SERVICE — Serviceman R. D. Richards completes first natural gas installation in Cherry Valley at home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bennett. Gas mains have been installed in the area just north of Beaumont to serve Cherry Valley.

## RETIREMENT



R. E. VAN STRALEN

When Rufus Errol Van Stralen retired under the Company's Uniform Pension and Benefit Plan after 22 years of service, he said he was going to finally realize a dream — traveling throughout all the Western States and taking in all the rodeos and roundups.

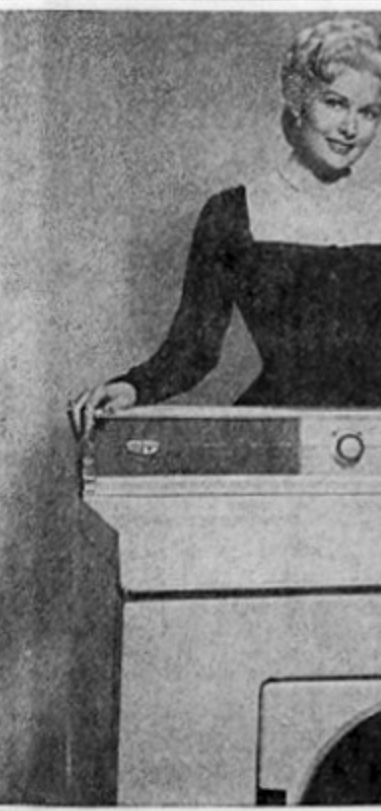
Van Stralen was born in Portland, Oregon, and received his education in his home state. Before coming to California in 1929 he also lived in Baker, in Eastern Oregon. He was a farmer, owned his own trucking business and worked for the Ford Motor Company in Los Angeles before coming to the Company in 1936.

He spent all his Company time as a Utilityman in Distribution, Central Division, and most of his spare time in keeping up his properties near his home in Bell.

## I REMEMBER...



when ALL CUSTOMERS' BILLS WERE HAND INSERTED IN THE ENVELOPES, says Oscar CLAUDER



RHONDA FLEMING — Star of Warner Brothers movie "Home Before Dark," shows off new O'Keefe and Merritt combination washer and gas dryer recently installed in her home.

## Medical Plan Rates...

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benefits into line with other major medical plans or eliminate potential sources of abuse. If these changes had not been made, a 30% premium increase for the non-union medical plan would have been required instead of the 5%.

Last Thursday the Union Medical Plan Committee informed the Company they had decided to make the same changes, except they intended to retain the \$25 deductible amount. If they had not made these changes, a 40% premium increase would have been necessary instead of the 25%.

The following benefit changes were adopted for both plans:

1. Written prescriptions no longer covered.
2. A "dual coverage" clause will be added, providing that when an employee is covered under two or more insurance plans for the same claim, he may not receive more than his actual medical expenses from all combined insurance plans.
3. Payment for physician's charges for psychiatric care will be limited to \$10 per call.

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4. When an employee terminates, coverage will be discontinued immediately. However, in case an employee is totally disabled at the time of termination, his coverage would continue for a maximum of three months. The same applies to dependents disabled at the time the employee terminates.

5. The maximum board and room payment will be limited to the lowest priced private room in the hospital.

6. When an employee or dependent is ill at the time he joins the plan, payment for that condition will be limited to \$500 unless there is a later period of recovery of three months or more. (This will not affect employees currently in the plan, but only those joining in the future.)

7. The deductible amount for maternity benefits will be increased from \$300 to \$400.

## Audio-Radio Club To Close Memberships

June 30 will be a red-letter day in the calendars of all radio and hi-fi hobbyists. On this day the charter of the GasCo Audio-Radio Club will be closed. So now is the time for all employees and their dependents to join the A.R.C. and get in on the ground floor while the Club's charter is open.

Employees who have an interest in radio, amateur radio, or hi-fi are cordially invited to join this hobby club. No experience is needed to qualify for membership. Courses in radio and hi-fi for beginners are already under way. Instructors are Mel Honickle and Bill Stevenson.

The GasCo Audio-Radio Club is open to all Company employees and their dependents. Some of its objectives are to promote the knowledge and appreciation of radio and hi-fi sound reproduction, and to encourage club members to undertake constructional projects pertaining to radio gear, hi-fi equipment and allied electronic gear.

Those joining will have the privilege to use the club house and its facilities. For information phone H. B. Buxton, Extension 5611.

—Victor A. Corante

## The 64,000 BTU Question

Recently President Eisenhower signed a bill that will boost postage rates on all classes of mail. The reasons given for the boost were to eliminate some of the deficit in the Postal Department and to afford postal workers a pay raise. What's your opinion?

BETH CLARKE, Engineering, Los Angeles — A raise in postal rates does seem necessary since, according to the statistics, the Postal Department has been operating with a deficit for some time.

However, if the Bill is passed giving the postal employees a 10% increase in salary, the increased rates will probably barely cover that because many businesses will cut down on their mailing lists in view of the increase. One thing, we'll get less "junk" mail because of the cost of mailing it.

F. V. WILBY, Engineering, Los Angeles — I think that increasing the postal rate is long overdue. Factors contributing to the postal deficit are: low periodical rates, which are a subsidy to the publishers, and much of the local delivery "cream" is skimmed by delivery services.

The postal system in the United States can never hope to match those in other countries if the people in our country aren't willing to pay the cost.

MARGARET RITTNER, Engineering, Los Angeles — Our Post Office seems to have been always in the "hole" and this postal service increase seems more than justified especially at this time in view of all other high economic standards.

With this increase in postal rates I hope that the Postal Department will be able to modernize its system and give better service to the American public.

E. J. HORTON, Engineering, Los Angeles — I believe that postal rates should be high enough to cover operating costs and give postal workers wages that are in step with the cost of living.

Postal service, however, could be improved. It seems that the service has not kept pace with modern progress.

Air Mail can hardly expedite service with only once-a-day delivery.

So let's "update" service and methods as well as rates.





# GAS COMPANY PEOPLE

## Kern Division

### TAFT-LEBEC

Peter and James Tweedy drove to San Francisco over the weekend and visited Pete's brother who is a pilot for Pan American. He took them through the huge Boeing StratoCruiser he had just flown in from Honolulu. On the way home they stopped at Santa Cruz and Carmel.

Among the many Taftians going to Morro Bay over the Memorial Day holiday were the Kenny Bertholfs, Elmer Rays, Paul Shepards, Barney Pearsons, Jerry Criswells, Richard Dixons and from Avenal the T. E. Pattersons.

The Frank Goodrichs were in Carpinteria and the Harold Hedgpats and Loren Baebler went to Oceano. Frank Clair joined the other members of the Nomad Trailer Club on a trip to Rainbow Ranch at California Hot Springs. The Haral Yanceys went deep sea fishing at San Ardo and the Les Rathbuns fished on the Kern River.

Bob Marlatt spent a part of the Memorial Day holiday helping to search for the plane that crashed on the Ridge. An active member of the Civil Air Patrol, Bob has given generously of his time and help in air rescue work.

Elise and Barney Pearson spent a week of vacation in San Bernardino. They visited Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm and had an interesting tour through the Triton Meter Factory in Los Angeles. —Benita McClanahan

### BAKERSFIELD

Vacation News: Ed and Clara Page relaxed and fished at Twin Lakes near Bridgeport, and visited Carson City, Nevada. Millie Gibson took her two boys to Mandan, North Dakota, to see her mother. A. M. Magnuson spent a week fishing at Crowley. Harry and Bea Reinert visited their daughter and son-in-law and new grandson, Barry, in Odessa, Texas.

Jim Bellows has been busy passing out cigars in honor of his new daughter, Jill Kathleen, who was born May 20 and weighed in at seven pounds.

Welcome was extended to Jim Padgett, new employee in the Customer Department.

Over the recent three-day weekend Vi Hart camped out at Bass Lake as did Mace Taylor. Jennie Sink and family enjoyed fishing on the Tule River. Bruce Campbell went to Del Mar. Jewel Lecky stayed at Balance Rock and Dave Luera also took his family to Balance Rock. Yvonne Ras sunned at Santa Monica Beach, and Paul and Irene Shepard, together with Elmer and Hazel Ray camped and fished at Cayucos. —Irene Shepard



BRUCE CAMPBELL

Winnifred Burke, Virginia Barnard and Nat Bankston have been temporary "guest workers" in the Huntington Park office recently. —Fay McAvoy

## Huntington Pk. Office

Bert Wagoner is recuperating at home after undergoing major surgery.

Vacation returns: Jack Hartshorn and wife from Desert Hot Springs; Lynn Morris from San Felipe, Mexico; Joe White from in and around Los Angeles; Fay McAvoy from Tustin, Arlington and Corona.

Joe Langlais and wife, Irene, purchased a new home in South Gate. Bill Herman and wife celebrated two occasions last month with a trip to Las Vegas. Bill completed 20 years of married life and 28 years of service with the Company.

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## Personnel

Welcome to new employee Betty Lacy.

Jeri Halldin and Ginnie Mabie had a wonderful three-day holiday in Palm Springs. Marcella Gould enjoyed the scenery at Yosemite.

Farewell to Doris Watson who is leaving the Company to help her husband operate a summer boys' camp.

Bev Engstrom, formerly of Personnel, and her husband are operating the Balboa Island Bicycle Shop during this summer. —Joyce Salisbury

## Transmission

Carlos Reyes enjoyed a sunny and relaxing weekend in Las Vegas recently.

Don Faiching, formerly of Portland, Oregon, is welcomed to the office force.

He served with the U.S. Air Force in Europe for two and a half years. Don spent the Memorial Day weekend sightseeing in San Francisco.

Mel Grajlan, who underwent major surgery on May 26, is reported to be making satisfactory recovery.

Walter Bennett and Raymond Dacus, both of the East Area Pipeline Crew, passed out cigars to announce the arrival of their new daughters. The Bennetts became parents of Amelia Marie, ten pounds two ounces, on May 12. Carrie Frances Dacus was welcomed, weighing seven pounds thirteen ounces, on May 10. —Lois C. Stringer



MEL GRANFLATEN

Chandler Stanley vacationed traveling to the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park, Salt Lake, Portland, and San Francisco. Marvin Hink spent his vacation baby sitting with his new daughter. Jim Alexander moved into his new home in Sun Valley on his vacation and Ken Windsor spent his vacation at home.

## Accounting

Vacationing Muriel Guthrie enjoyed Las Vegas and Ruth Copeland went to Yosemite. Howard J. Wood spent a few days in Palm Springs. Bonnie Faught also spent her vacation there. Marie Magdaleno took a short trip to the desert.

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The holiday weekend found Doris Ryan and her son in San Francisco. Norris Brodie went to Palm Springs. Ruth Bodine had an exciting trip to Big Bear. Jo Ann Berryman went to Sacramento and Harold Arni went to Laguna. Darlene Szymanski also spent the weekend at Laguna.

Disbursement Section wishes Pat Webster a speedy recovery.

Congratulations are extended to Bernice Alba of Tabulating on her engagement to Joseph Bonillas. No date has been set for their wedding.

Being welcomed are new employee Esther Barton in Comptometer Section, Thomas Geo in Payroll Insurance, and Lucia Waggoner, Typist, and Florence Gerson, Clerk in Payroll. Also, Payroll welcomes back from maternity leave Josephine Terranova. —Judy Imblum

## San Joaquin Valley Division

### VISALIA

Le Roy Young has transferred here from the Southeast Division to work as a Serviceman in the Porterville area.

The annual frog jumping contest at Angel's Camp drew Leo Prater and his wife again this year. They drove into Yosemite first, then through the Mother Lode country by way of the Old Oak Flat Road. While they were in Angel's Camp they visited Oliver Lamb, a retired GasCo employee, who has been quite ill.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, many GasCo families headed for the High Sierras. The Leo O'Neals with their grandchildren went to Yosemite. Al Kemp and the Leo Praters enjoyed the Prater cabin at Mineral King. Max Davies and his family camped at Cedar Grove and caught their limit of fish each day. Esther Seovel and her

husband took Esther's parents from San Jose into the Hume Lake area where they parked their trailer and tried their luck at fishing. Mel Carter and his family with Mrs. Carter's mother and father from Bakersfield spent the holiday at Morro Bay where they caught 50 to 100 pounds of fish. Wade Iden and his family "just rested" at Pismo Beach. Peggy Stratton and her husband visited the ghost town of Calico. Ed and Hazel Herman visited Knott's Berry Farm at Buena Park. Bonnie McPhaul started a week vacation by driving to Las Vegas with Pat Dienst and another friend.

The Memorial Day weekend marked the 30-year milestone for Barney Pyle and his wife. By way of celebrating, they had a quiet anniversary dinner at the Gateway Lodge just outside of Sequoia National Park. —Dorothy Burgess

## Engineering

### DESIGN SERVICES AND DIVISION

A large flasher was presented to Barbara Hickey May 22 by Joe Caro, an Industrial Serviceman at Channing Street Station. January or February have been tentatively set for the wedding bells to ring.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery are conveyed to Louise Loweth, who is convalescing at home.

This is the time to paint the house says F. P. Gorey and B. F. Bohndardt. Both are on vacation and doing the same. Norman Jaffe is touring California and Oregon parks and camping spots. Martin Barley is traveling to Walla Walla, Washington, via Sequoia

National Park, Yosemite and other points of interest. Enjoying a rest at home are C. F. Chambers and Lilia Cosio. —Martin D. Barley

### GENERAL OFFICE

Eric and Michelle are very pleased with their new sister, Leslie Denise, who arrived at the home of Lois and Jim Freeman on May 22, weighing 7½ pounds. Jim "vacationed" at home.

Vacations were enjoyed by Trudy and Ted Penfold in Yosemite, Bob Zaker in San Francisco, Anita and Al Loken at Tahoe, Reno and Las Vegas, and Ed Chades in Minneapolis. —Betty Ainsworth

## Customers Department

### GAS ACCOUNTING

That extra sparkle in the back of the office these days is from the diamond engagement ring on June Riese's hand. Bill Smith is the lucky fellow, but no date has been set for the wedding.

Eleanor Andrews flew the polar route to Copenhagen on the first leg of her European trip. Elly plans to visit Paris, Rome and parts of Spain.

Susan Chiyomi Sugihara weighed in at six pounds, 11 ounces on May 26. Proud mama is Violet, who is on maternity leave from Mail Payment.

Rudie and Barbara Schmiedel relaxed with friends outside of Fresno, Luann and Rudy Commans visited San Francisco, as did June and Bob Safran, and Terry Clergy. Tomiko and Herbert Kujubu visited friends in Oakland.

Paul Coughlin spent a week of his vacation relaxing at home. Ralph Squire spent part of his vacation at March Field training with the Air Force Reserve.

Weekend Vacationers: Gladys Fowlie had her last fling at skiing till next year at Mammoth. Sailing at Balboa Beach was enjoyed by Rita Ortez, Beverley Britain and Jeannette Clinite. Betty Halstead visited Laguna Beach. Bonnie Lynch visited near San Diego; while Jim Wayne "suffered" through the bull fights in Tijuana. —Beverley Britain and Betty Halstead



RALPH SQUIRE

### ORDER & INVESTIGATION

Jean Schomisch surprised her family in Wisconsin by flying there for a week vacation; Ed Swearingen visited San Francisco, and Henry Anderson went to Forest Home for the Mariners' Convention.

Congratulations were extended to Peggy and Bill Phillips, who announced that seven pound 7½ ounce Robert Calvin had made his appearance on May 28. —Jeannette Kenyon

### MACHINE ACCOUNTING

Joan Muhr and Betty Albers took full advantage of the three-day Memorial Day weekend by viewing the beautiful Yosemite Valley. Mary Nakatani enjoyed herself in Arrowhead and Jerry Bartlett and Dorothy Insky visited the local beaches. Beverly Davis spent the holiday in Palm Desert. —Willa Landers

### TELEPHONE SERVICE

Vacationers Gail and Don Bray enjoyed Las Vegas. Joyce and Ron Maxson spent the weekend in San Diego with side trips to the zoo and the bull fights in Tijuana. Harold and Doris Aspy visited the former Mary Melillo at her ranch near Vista.

Irene Fortb spent the holiday with her sister in Whittier. Mary Quast went to Laguna. Audrey O'Brien and Sue Dougherty saw Ann Pamplin at the bull fights in Tijuana.

Nadine and Bob Bobik enjoyed "Around the World in 80 Days" after a continental dinner at the Hofbrau.

Welcome to Joann Clarke, Nancy Nieland, Jean Stirling, and Susanne Paine. —Marcia O'Rourke

## Eastern Division

### SAN BERNARDINO

Cathedral City base is welcoming two transferred employees: Dudley Weber, Order Dispatcher, formerly Order Dispatcher at San Bernardino, and Donald Swenson, S-2, formerly in Customer Service Dispatch.

Glenna Harris, Paulette Vodicka and Bertha Richardson were hostesses at a miscellaneous shower honoring Florence Lambert who was married on June 6.

Dallas, Texas, was the vacation destination of Edith and Vic Gamber, where Vic had lots of fun entertaining his three young grandsons.

Nancy Dondanville was the hostess at a surprise birthday party for Betty Heller.

Welcome to William S. Dunton, new Serviceman #2 at the Cathedral City Base. —Bertha G. Richardson

### RIVERSIDE

Welcome is extended to Bud Herrick, who transferred from San Bernardino to fill the vacancy left by Milt Totton, as District Clerk.

T. F. Bryant of Distribution is recovering from surgery.

Beverly Cook spent a week in San Francisco and Napa Valley.

Otto and Edna Mae Peters attended the Odd Fellows and Rebeccah Convention in Sacramento, toured the Mother Lode Country, and also visited Reno and Virginia City. Vacationing at Laguna were Malcolm and Ann Davis and children. —Ruby S. Clark

## Measurement

### SHOP

Jim Bigelow got a birthday gift that he won't be easily forgetting: his first great-grandchild—a boy!

The boys in the Meter Shop were glad to see Boyde Ellis, who has been on disability these many months, and all wish him a complete recovery.

Charlie Sommer left his rocking chair and pipe long enough to spend a few days on Catalina vacationing and attending a convention. —John Bayley

### OPERATIONS

After many years in Measurement Operations, Frances Klepl has trans-

ferred to Flower Street.

A baby shower and going-away party was given in honor of Rose Franklin, who has gone on maternity leave.

Gene Baca and Jo Ann Davis exchanged marriage vows at St. Ignatius Catholic Church on May 30.

The Norman Erichsens visited San Francisco over the Memorial Day weekend. Gilbert Byrd enjoyed fishing and camping at Yosemite. Gil Coffman enjoyed the scenery at Sequoia, Fred Meyers and Bill Brannan visited in Tulare and Hanford. —Cecilia Luera

## San Fernando Valley Division

### NORTH HOLLYWOOD BASE

On the recovery list at North Hollywood Base are Lloyd Trout and James Shuck. Trout has been grounded with a broken wrist and is planning to return soon. Shuck had an appendectomy and is now recovering in St. Louis, where his father and sister reside.

Vacationing C. A. Henson is in Little Rock, Arkansas, for his sister's high school graduation.

Everyone extends a hearty good luck to Bob Kercheval, former Clerk who transferred to Sales.

While the new clerk, Dick Albertson, is on vacation, Bob Osborne will be watching over the clerical duties. Dick, an avid pipe organ fan, plans to visit two of the West's largest organ installations in San Francisco.

The familiar face of Stan Brunson has been seen around the Base lately. He is home on leave, but will soon journey to Korea. —R. Albertson

### VAN NUYS

Congratulations to H. P. Andresen, promoted to Staff, and to Lee Bastedo to Unit Supervisor.

Bob Worden became the proud father of an eight pound girl on May 26.

Jan Fischburg is vacationing in Hawaii; Paul Risen is entertaining guests; Wally Baldwin vacationed at Las Vegas and Palm Springs; Lil Pollei visited in St. Louis; Barbara Williams visited Sequoia and went sailing; Bob Thorpe visited Grand Canyon; Art Spencer worked around home, and Helen Conner weekendend in Las Vegas. Joan Januzzi transferred to Newhall office. Welcomed back off the sick list were Anita McMahon and Mike Fennell.

Homer Chantry, Bookkeeping, Van Nuys, was presented with a cigarette lighter and cake by friends in the department in honor of his 25th anniversary with the Company which will occur on June 26. —Fern Comisso



HOMER CHANTRY



# GAS COMPANY PEOPLE

## Special Services

### STAFF

Vickie Fujita spent the weekend at Catalina and returned to work with a fine sunburn. Norm Ehrhorn enjoyed his vacation in Carlsbad, Santa Barbara and Solvang. Bill Goninan and daughter spent a busy weekend building a mountain cabin for the Campfire Girls in the Big Pine area. Charlie Becker and wife relaxed at their Valley Center ranch over Memorial Day.

—Rhoda Grindley

### PURCHASING

Three members of Purchasing enjoyed vacations in different ways: Gonzy Ballard worked in his yard and relaxed for a week; Lois Potter traveled to Texas, and Nelda Kaufman returned to work after a week of sailing.

Ruth Hargis spent a day sightseeing in Solvang. Louise Dietiker, Bobbie Henderson and Lori Schimpf attended the annual Greek week festivities at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. Big Bear, Salton Sea and Palm Springs beckoned to Barbara Dalo during the Memorial Day weekend.

—Louise Dietiker

### MATERIAL SUPPLY

Bob Beckmann and family spent a recent weekend in San Diego. Vacation time found Will Aiken visiting in Indio, Arlie Colclasure and wife traveling to Las Vegas, Yuma and Mexico, and Al Guarino spending three days of his vacation in Tijuana.

—Donna Hollingsworth

### CENTRAL OPERATING

Irvin Oibon and Howard Swanson were welcomed back from Pension and Disability to the Flower Street Garage and Paint Shop, respectively. New employees welcomed were: Lorraine

Bram, Receptionist in the Office; Marjorie Krstein, on the PBX, and Dean Steele, Mechanic at Santa Fe Garage.

The Stork has been busy visiting Special Services families and insuring a bountiful supply of new employees for 1978. La Vern and Milt Beckley announced the arrival of five pound 13 ounce Mark Herbert on April 28. Ronald Borst, of Aliso Street Garage, spent his vacation getting acquainted with his husky eight pound seven ounce son, Rodney, who arrived May 18. Gus Fieldman, Mechanic at Flower Street, protests that he is now out-numbered five to one with the arrival, on May 24, of seven pound 14 ounce daughter number four, Ruth Victoria.

Hot Rodder Ken Iiyama, a Mechanic at 48th Street, set a record with his 1931 Model A Ford equipped with a 1955 Chevy engine at El Mirage Dry Lake by doing 144 miles in a mile-and-a-half stretch.

Vacationers back to work are: Dolores Anders who returned as Mrs. Dolores Walker; Herb Andrews, well-tanned from trailer-camping at the Colorado River; Charlie Deal, who took in the races and ball games; Pete Farny, who painted his house; Roberta Gibson, who toured Guatemala and Nicaragua; George Hamilton, who caught his daily limits of trout at Crowley Lake; Elmer Hue, trailer-camped at Carpinteria Beach; Carmen and Gerry Jones, who drove to Montana; Vera Konrath, who sewed more of those striking "originals" and took in the races, and Monty Montano, who traveled to Mexico City to visit relatives.

Misa Matsumoto

## Customer Service

### CHANNING STREET

Twenty-two trout did not get away during a Kern River fishing expedition consisting of rugged fishermen Irv Kobler, Roy Hughes, Dave Rosenberger and Bill Meiklejohn.

An air conditioning test unit has been installed in the ES & FO offices and the canteen for the summer.

Dave Rosenberger took his family to Carpinteria on his vacation. Charlie Eastburn spent his at home and in a swimming pool. Pearl Tatsuno and Edith Ogutsch "roughed" it at Camp Curry in Yosemite during the holiday weekend. Marlene and Bob Ellen enjoyed three days at Laguna Beach.

—Edith Ogutsch



EDITH OGUTSCH

## Huntington Pk. Base

One of five honored with Scouts highest award, Eagle Badge, from Troop 279 was Wayne Sherman, son of Art Sherman.

Curt Wildish, D. L. Lively and R. I. Billings are attending S-1 school.

Robert Bowers, returning from the Colorado River, witnessed considerable damage to house trailers damaged in a wind storm at Indio.

J. R. Adams and Bruce Faberman are vacationing, Adams in Texas. Larry Titchener and Bob Bailey spent the weekend in Hawthorne, Nevada.

—Roger J. Snow

## Treasury & Tax

E. W. Dana chose Yosemite for a week vacation. G. D. Hulett and A. E. Mason enjoyed the sunshine of Carmel, and Hulett also spent a few days at Palo Alto. Jo and Al Snavetto made a trip to Las Vegas and Lake Isabella.

—Jo Ann Smith

## Beverly Hills Base

Welcome is extended to David R. Whitman, a new S-2. Farewells were said to Calvin Camp, who transferred to Sales in Van Nuys.

Walt Johnson returned from a vacation spent touring Mexico City and environs. Don Steele and Morgan Jones spent a weekend fishing at Lake Crowley.

Ed Price recently completed his yearly Reserve Training at Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino.—Jack R. Ennis

## Southeast

### DOWNNEY BASE

Vacationing are: Frank Koss and B. C. Whitticar. John Mizener spent a recent weekend at Big Bear Lake, and Jim O'Mara went to Tijuana.

K. O. Groat is acting as relief Dispatcher for John Hamilton, who is laid up with an appendectomy. The base wishes John a speedy recovery.

C. V. Moore and son just returned from South Lake and report lots of fish but no bites.—C. B. McCracken

## Imperial Valley

### EL CENTRO

The Curt Elders spent Memorial Day weekend at Rosarita Beach.

Margie and Eldon Atwood went to San Diego. The Gene Stark family camped at Banner. Bob Hayward, wife and children visited in Parker, Arizona. The Don Williams drove to Upland. The Cliff Heimforth visited in Bakersfield.

C. H. MacFarlane returned from Seattle, where he attended the PCGA conference.

Nancy Ohmstedo went to Disneyland and Knotts Berry Farm before checking in at Flower Street for a week training in the Customers Department.

A baby girl, Sharon Elizabeth, was born to the Chuck Eisers on May 10.

—Margarita Farias



GENE STARK

## Southwest Division

### LA BREA OFFICE

Jeannette Wright was the happy recipient of many lovely "little things" at a shower on May 21. Hostesses were Pauline Brown, Gloriette Hoskin and Joyce Archer. Several ex-employees attended to make it seem almost like an "Oldtimers Reunion."

Alice Mellander visited Malibu Beach over the holiday weekend. Carl Shupp also took advantage of the long weekend to go on a fishing trip to Ensenada.

Elizabeth Stuart is learning to use crutches while she is home recovering from a fast descent of the stairs.

—Colleen Nord

### YUKON BASE

The Yukon Storeroom is back to normal with the return of Joe Popper after his stay in the hospital.

Yukon was represented at the Lake Arrowhead Trout Derby by Lyle Swope, Ray Stein, Myron Krause and Bruce Thoman.

Memorial Day weekend found the Elton Appleyards at Lake Mead, Lyle Swope water skiing on the blue Pacific and Frank Pond fishing off Catalina.

Guard Park returned from vacationing in Oregon.

—Bruce Thoman

## Northeast Division

### ALHAMBRA BASE

Saturday, June 14, will be a happy day for the Tony Gonzales family. On that day the family and friends will drive to Santa Barbara to be present at the ordination of Tony's son into the Roman Catholic priesthood. Tony is in the Distribution Department at the Alhambra Base.

Sam Sands will vacation a few days at Yosemite, then do some painting at home.

Sunday, May 25, the West Covina Riders Club had breakfast at San Dimas Park. Attending with their families were: D. H. Davis, A. H. Comte, W. R. Washburn, J. J. Lorkovic, C. B. Monson and J. E. McNamara.

A. H. Comte and A. G. Douglas had a good time on their recent fishing trip.

—Sam Sands

### ALHAMBRA OFFICE

Virginia Moreland enjoyed a relaxing vacation around home. Marge Heitzman made her vacation interesting by taking first place for Reisinger juniors in the nine-day all-western contract bridge championships held in the Ambassador Hotel recently.

Erie and Dale Haas fished at Crowley Lake over the Memorial Day weekend.

Friends and well wishers had a good-bye party at the El Gordo restaurant for Lorette Banbury, who is leaving the Company to accompany her husband on his new job in Puerto Rico.

The welcome mat is out for Bert Smythe, who replaces Lorette Banbury, as a Service Representative. Bert is

from the Pasadena Customers Department. A newcomer to the Bookkeeping section is Hilma Stevens, a recent transfer from the Inglewood office.

—Marie McLellan

### PASADENA OFFICE

Len Hawk, Dealer Representative, has transferred to Southern Division as Building Industry Representative. Filberta Smythe, Clerk Cashier, has transferred to the Alhambra Office as Service Representative.

The welcome mat was put out and dusted off for Dorosby M. Borough as Cashier and for Don Wytse as Meter Reader. Mona Scobba was welcomed back June 2, after being off for about five weeks with a broken foot.

Ann Mossberg, 1957 Tournament of Roses Queen, became the bride of Robert Hall, Jr. on May 23, at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Arcadia. They honeymooned at San Francisco.

Vacations: Polly Duff and family flew to Hawaii for a wonderful two weeks. Jim Down and wife enjoyed a week in their auto-trailer at Oak Creek Canyon, Arizona. Rube O'Leary took a week to enjoy California's own sights and scenery.

—Arlene Smirch

### PASADENA BASE

Frank Gaxiola is home recovering from a bad knee. Bill Bowles and Floyd Still are making satisfactory progress from their recent operations.

Glen Van Gorden, of the Alhambra Base, is vacationing relief in the storeroom for Roy Jones who was at Indianapolis for the 500.

—Evan Kretzow

## Newhall Division

### NEEDLES - VICTORVILLE

J. C. Mee is at home recuperating nicely after surgery on May 5, in the St. Francis Hospital at Lynwood.

R. R. McNary took a week vacation to be at home while his wife, Roberta, was in the Loma Linda Hospital for surgery. She is home now and doing nicely.

Two new employees being welcomed are C. S. Canterbury to the Pipeline crew, and D. L. Trotter to the Plant.

Several hundred employees and their guests attended the Needles Area Picnic held on May 31, at the Boy Scout Camp along the Colorado River. The

guests enjoyed the many activities such as boating, water skiing, swimming and special entertainment for the children. Guests from other divisions were T. S. Miller and son, D. H. Bardley and wife, Lew Howe, wife, Peggy, and daughter. Vern Ginn, Charlie MeEgan and Joe Pluim traveled from Ventura to visit their many old friends and attend the Open House and Picnic.

The Dale McCunes and Martha Britton from Newhall spent the Memorial holidays with the Don and Marge Carothers family. They also attended the Open House and Picnic.

—Marge Carothers

## Southern Division

### COMPTON BASE

Art Ralph is vacationing at the Grand Canyon and Colorado. Roy Tompkins started with the Trailer Club at Lake Isabella and then went to Kings Canyon and Sequoia where he will attend the "putting on" of the Royal Arch Degree at Whittaker Forest.

Gerald Wheatly will be taking care of the homestead while his wife is recuperating in the hospital from a recent accident. Doris Conday visited relatives in San Diego. Joyce and Bill Miller were boating at Anderson Lake near San Jose.

Holiday excursionists were: the Cargills, Jane and Jim, who took Jane's parents to Las Vegas to celebrate the latter's 45th anniversary, and Betty Moffit and Florine Burgess who went to Palm Springs.—Harold T. Wallace

### COMPTON

Welcome to Leonard Hawk, who replaces Jim Hollett in Sales. Hollett recently terminated.

Paul Walters is feeling much better since his recent operation.

Bill Cooper vacationed in Mazatlan. Bert Williams journeyed to Las Vegas. Mildred and Ken Byrnes are entertaining guests from Chicago.

Memorial Day Weekenders: Carlene Adams sunned at local beaches. Leonard Hawk fished Topaz Lake. The Larry Hubbards camped at Sequoia. Pat Crissman, Irene Ingle and Jo Anne Rising went water skiing on the Colorado. Mildred and Ken Byrnes drove to Lake Crowley. Gladys and Andy Anderson visited Catalina.

—Mildred Byrnes

## OBITUARY

### Mike Lubisich

Requiem Mass for Mike Lubisich, 80, who died on June 2, was said at St. Anthony Croatian Catholic Church in Los Angeles on June 6. Rosary was said at Jones and Hamrock Mortuary on the evening of June 5. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. Lubisich was born in Dalmacia, Yugoslavia, on April 14, 1878, and came to the Company on February 8, 1919. He worked as a Laborer, Serviceman, Pipeman, and was a Fitter in Pasadena at the time of his retirement under the Company's Uniform Life Insurance, Disability Benefit and Pension Plan on May 1, 1943.

He leaves his wife, Ana; a daughter Diana Lubisich, who works in the Company's Treasury Department, and three stepdaughters, Stella Erling, Mildred Feuliner and Betty Henry.

### Fred F. Evermann

Retired Company employee Fred F. Evermann, 79, of 6244 Tujunga Avenue, North Hollywood, died on May 24. Requiem Mass was said at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in North Hollywood on May 27. Rosary was said at Oswald mortuary on the preceding evening. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery in Los Angeles.

Mr. Evermann was born in Chicago, Illinois, on May 23, 1879, and came to the Company on May 23, 1922. He worked as a Meter Repairman and Mechanic in the Meter Shop until his retirement under the Company's Uniform Life Insurance, Disability Benefit and Pension Plan in 1944.

He leaves his son, George; a daughter, Mrs. Martha Argue; two sisters, Mrs. Kathryn Bates and Mrs. Minna Sterachan, and four grandchildren.

### Robert Perlman

Funeral services for Robert Perlman, who died of a heart at-

tack on May 29, were conducted at Grace Chapel, 720 East Florence Avenue, Los Angeles on June 2. Interment was in Inglewood Park Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Mortels Mortuary of Long Beach.

Mr. Perlman was born in New York on February 16, 1908, and came to the Company on June 10, 1945. He worked as a Helper, and Mechanic in Building Maintenance, Central Division, and was a Mechanic, Special Services, Southeast Division, at the time of his death.

He leaves his wife, Mary Josephine Perlman.

### Joseph J. Buckles

Funeral services for Joseph J. Buckles, who died on June 4 at Veteran's Hospital in Long Beach, were conducted at Chandler and Trager Mortuary in Paramount on June 7. Interment was in Downey Cemetery.

Mr. Buckles was born in Lehigh, Oklahoma, on May 3, 1892, and came to the Company in 1927. He worked as a Laborer and Helper in Transmission and was a Janitor, Distribution, Southern Division at the time of his disability in 1954.

He leaves his wife, Elizabeth, and three sons, Herman, Thomas and Charles, all of the Paramount-Downey area.

### Emil E. Wallhauser

Emil E. Wallhauser, 81, a retired Company employee died of a stroke on June 5. Funeral services, followed by a cremation were conducted at Utter-McKinley Funeral Home at 444 South Vermont Avenue on June 7.

Mr. Wallhauser was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, on May 26, 1877. He came to the Company as a Collector, Customers, Central Division in 1912, the position he held at the time of his disability in 1937.

He leaves his wife, Mary, and daughter, Ruthe.



DEANE A. HALLER  
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# SOCAL GOLFERS EDGED IN TELCO-GASCO TOURNAMENT

## Company Golfers Lose Match By Fractional Point Margin

SoCal Golf Association's colors are flying at half-mast. The Telco-GasCo perpetual trophy, which has rested in the Flower Street Canteen trophy case for the past year for the first time since 1953, is back again in the phone booth.

By the narrowest of margins, fourteen one-hundredths of a point, linksmen of Pacific Tel and Tel subdued GasCo golfers at the annual meet at Meadowlark Country Club on Memorial Day. Final score was Telco, 73.69, GasCo 73.83.

Steady Bob Snyder defied the 30 to 40 mile winds that prevailed, however, to win low gross and

bolster feelings of his teammates. Bob shot a 74, despite the gale.

John MacKinnon was the winner of the Closest to Pin Award.

Tournament Chairman Carl Swing announces that the next monthly association tournament will be played at Huntington Beach Country Club on June 21. Starting times may be arranged by calling him on Extension 2165.

## Larry Craven Elected S.J.V. Golf President

Larry Craven was installed President of the San Joaquin Valley Employee's Golf Association at the annual installation and awards banquet at the Wagon Wheel in Visalia on May 21. The affair was attended by 26 members and their wives.

Assisting Craven in his new duties will be Handicap Chairman Ray Haines, Tournament Chairman Bill Turer and Secretary-Treasurer Charles Kinkler.

With the exception of new Handicap Chairman Ray Haines, the only "rookie," the officers are all veteran administrators of the San Joaquin Association.

Jay Green was awarded first prize for the year, Bill Turner took second, Ken Hill was third, and fourth place went to Lou Howell.

## Bill Arundel Named San Gabriel President

Bill Arundel was announced as new President of the San Gabriel Bowling League at the annual installation and awards dinner at Old Virginia Steak House.

Brass Davis is the new Vice President, and Ernie Ericksen will take over the books as Secretary and Treasurer.

Season's high trophy winners were Chuck Chapman, high scratch game; Brass Davis, high handicap series, and Bill Arundel, high handicap game.

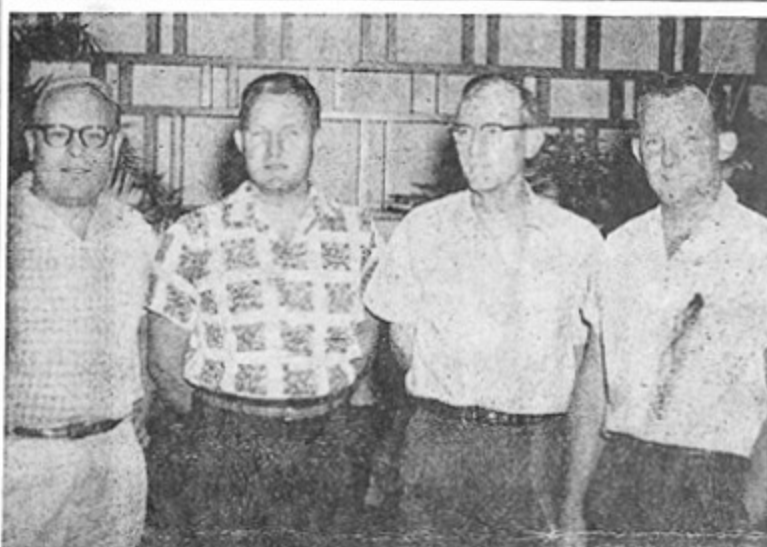
Winning team trophies went to Charles Malmgreen, Jerry Murphy, Chuck Chapman, Ernie Ericksen, Gordon Walther and John Schmitz of the Characters.

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**SAN JOAQUIN OFFICERS**—New officers of San Joaquin Golf Association at annual installation banquet are (l to r) Secretary-Treasurer Charles Kinkler, Tournament Chairman Bill Turner, outgoing President Lou Howell, President Larry Craven.

## THIRTY-FOUR TURN OUT AT EL RIVINO FOR EASTERN GOLFER'S MAY TOURNEY

Thirty-four members turned out for Eastern Golf Association's May tournament played at El Rivino Country Club in Bloomington. Handicaps have not yet been assigned, so all awards were made on a scramble hole net basis.

Russ Fessenden was the winner in the first foursome, Glenn Wesp

took the second, Lyle Brown the third, and Bob Heaston the fourth.

Winners in other flights were: Don Ervin, Harley Mansholt, Rod Ray, Andy Gripp and Bev Cook.

Next tournament is at El Rivino on June 21. John Ballard and Glenn Wesp are handling the starting times.



**SAD DAY** — SoCal Golf President Phil Magruder (left) reluctantly surrenders trophy won last year to TelCo Association President Paul Schier. TelCo won annual match by narrow margin despite low gross winner Bob Snyder's (right) efforts.



# CLASSIFIEDS



### AUTOS FOR SALE

1956 Dodge, Lancer, 2-door hardtop. Push-button drive, radio, heater. Two-tone, turquoise and white. Good condition. \$1,490. Call UN 4-9995.

1957 Volkswagen, light blue with dark blue leatherette upholstery. Whitehalls, underseal and heater. 6900 miles. \$1,675. Call Nancy Howard, Ext. 2163.

1956 Belvedere V-8 Powerglide, power brakes, 4-door, radio, heater, white walls. A-1 condition. \$1500 or best offer. Call Wayne at NE 2-5741 or Ext. 204, Compton Base.

FOR SALE: 1952 Chevrolet convertible. Radio, heater, white walls, power-glide. Call Ext. 1953.

### HOMES FOR SALE

3-bedroom home in Eagle Rock; separate dining room; Arizona flagstone fireplace; 12x23 screened patio; new birch kitchen; w.w. carpeting; \$18,500, \$6,500 down. Call CL 6-0213.

FOR SALE: GI Resale, \$16,000. Low down pymt. 3 Bedroom and den, bath and 4. Built-in range and bkfst. set. Detached garage—patio. Corner lot—fully fenced and landscaped. 6891 San Padre Circle, Buena Park. Call PA 2-2895, Ext. 2185.

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Kenmore automatic with suds saver, new hoses. Best offer. Call AX 2-5298.

FOR SALE: Wedgewood range. Pull-size four-burner. Thermostat controlled oven and broiler. Excellent condition. \$25. Call Downs, Ext. 328, or Ext. 329.

FOR SALE: 1950 Triumph "T"-Bird Motorcycle. Good condition. \$295. Call Kelly, Ext. 1015.

FOR SALE: Rug and pad, beige, all wool. 11 1/2 x 15'. \$45. Call Thornwall 8-9684.

FOR SALE: Philco advanced design 7.5 cu. ft. electric refrigerator. Good condition. \$35. Call P. E. Risen, EM 9-4066.

FOR SALE: Piano, Kreckling upright oak finish, plain lines. Good condition. \$125. Call CL 6-7162.

FOR SALE: Duncan Phye drop leaf mahogany dining room table. Size 48 x 40 inches. \$23. Call AX 2-5304.

FOR SALE: 1955 O'Keefe & Merritt freestanding 40" range. All deluxe features. \$190. Call Diane Jones, Ext. 324, Downey office, or NE 1-1487 evenings.

FOR SALE: 5-piece pink and white chrome dinette set. Size of table—25" x 40", extends to 45" x 40". \$29. Maple bedstead, chest of drawers, and dresser with mirror. \$110. Call Diane Jones, Ext. 324, Downey, or NE 1-1487 evenings.

FOR SALE: 5 pc. Walnut bedroom set, excellent condition. Practically new mattress and springs included. Call Marilyn Krueger, Ext. 1692.

FOR SALE: 5-piece Salem Maple Bedroom set. Like new. \$190. Call Kay Weeks, NO 2-1258.

FOR SALE: Krauthelm gold embossed Bavarian china. 6 Large dinner plates, salad and bread and butter plates with a large turkey platter and vegetable server. Make offer. Call NO 3-0844.

FOR SALE: American Flyer, big table. 5 x 10, oval track plus figure eight, right and left switches, plus many extras. \$60. Call O. R. Marvel, Ext. 2233.

FOR SALE: Golf clubs, 9 irons, 2 woods, bag and size 8 1/2 golf shoes. \$49. Call Warren Thayer, Ext. 216, Inglewood.

FOR SALE: 36" Kenmore range w/griddle, clock and timer. Like new. Call PO 3-2511 evenings.

FOR SALE: 4 x 5 Crown Graphic Kalart Rangefinder. 135 mm F:4.7 Schneider Xenar 1/500 sec. MX Synchro-Compur. P. 6 film holder. \$170. Call R. Baldwin, Ext. 5611, or PL 7-1058.

FOR SALE: 1956 factory made teardrop trailer has stove, ice box, sink and 58 license. Good condition. \$150. Call LO 6-9745.

FOR SALE: 18 foot house trailer Arrow-head. Like new. \$1,200. Call TO 9-4870.

FOR SALE: 12-gauge double-barreled shotgun, Fox model B, checked pistol grip and beaver tail, dual triggers. \$60. Call Stan Cronquist, Ext. 6493 or ED 6-0235 after six.

FOR SALE: Mountain lot, located between Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear Lake (Green Valley Lake). Residential, year round highway approx. 85 miles from L.A. Terms if needed. Call AT 1-1190.

FOR SALE: House trailer, 16 ft. by 8 ft. wide. Late model complete with oven controlled range, electric ice refrigerator, electric brakes, new awnings, excellent condition. Call CI 2-3351.

FOR SALE: Bendix Economat Automatic washer with squeeze tub. Good condition. \$25. Call Andy Minkle, GI 8-3865.

FOR SALE: Westinghouse automatic washer, perfect condition. \$30. Call AT 0-6500.

FOR SALE: Encyclopedia Americana, 30 volumes. \$70; Bowling ball and bag, \$10; 4 camp cots—\$1.50 each; Canvas 12' x 20'—\$10. Call Jack Cowan, Ext. 1010.

FOR SALE: 18' Burecraft cabin cruiser, trailer—33 HP Scott-Atwater electric starting motor. Fiberglassed on top and bottom. \$1,200. Call E. J. Rigby, Ext. 399, Van Nuys or EM 6-0084.

### MISCELLANEOUS

FOR RENT: Two-bedroom house and garage in Huntington Park. Available July 1. Call Ext. 1358 or SY 2-2054.

FOR RENT: Large Unfurnished 2-bedroom duplex with garage. Only few minutes to Rivera and Downey bases. Will consider small child. \$75. month. Call J. V. Shook, LU 7-7078.

FOR RENT: New delux apartments—Rent free to July. One bedroom \$69.50; Two bedroom \$79.50, 3331 Compton Blvd., #6. Call OS 8-5155.

FOR RENT: 15' vacation trailer, sleeps 5, butane. \$25 per week. Call Art, Ext. 1097 or OR 1-6301 after 5.

FOR RENT: 18' Vacation trailer, sleeps 5. Butane stove and light. \$30 per week. Call C. J. Trollope, TO 9-0726 after 5 p.m.

WANTED: Professional gentleman wishes furnished apt. or bungalow, with garage or like work space. German or Scandinavian landlord preferred. Call NO. 4-2021 or DU 8-6823.

WANTED: Apartment to accommodate six at Balboa or Newport for one week starting August 23rd or 24th. Call R. S. Hewitt, Ext. 0754.

WANTED: Young female Daschund dog. Call Nelson, Ext. 5441.

FREE: Good redwood dog house. Come and get it. Call Ext. 1719 or NE 2-6841.

### CAR POOL

To Flower St.  
From vicinity of Passons and Washington Blvd., Rivera. Hours 8:30 to 5:30. Call Mrs. Wood, Ext. 2423.

### WANTS RIDER

To Flower St.  
From vicinity Franklin and Vermont—from St. George and Griffith Park to Fountain and Virgil, down Virgil to 8th Street; hours 7:45 to 4:30. Call Doris Lyons, Ext. 1980. From South Pasadena; hours 7:45 to 4:30. Call Howe, Ext. 1128.

### WANTS RIDE

To Flower St.  
From vicinity of 174th and Crenshaw, No. Torrance. Hours 8:00 to 5:00. Call Chuck, Ext. 2057.  
From vicinity of Van Nuys and Victory Bivds. Hours 7:45 to 4:30. Call Thelma Kenney, Ext. 1990.

From anywhere in Reseda; hours 8:00 to 5:00 or can be changed to 7:45 to 4:30. Call Beverly, Ext. 2077.  
From vicinity of Laurel Canyon and Roscoe Bivds. Hours 7:45 to 4:30. Call James Alexander, Ext. 1956.

From vicinity of California and San Fernando Rd. Hours 8:00 to 5:00. Call Paul De Paula, Ext. 1033.

From Atlantic and Valley Blvd. Hours 7:45 to 4:30. Call Ext. 1853.

To Rivera.  
From vicinity of Whittier Blvd. and Garfield. Call Helen Cherry, Ext. 2185.