

Hourly Wages In Oil Industry Average \$1.38

Current wages in the production division of the California oil industry average \$1.38 per hour, a 34.51 percent increase over the average of \$1.02 per hour on January 1, 1941, figures from an Oil Producers agency survey of wages and hours show.

All companies who furnished information for the survey have received the agency report, a 34-page compilation and analysis of current oil field wage and hour figures.

Thirty-three job classifications are listed in the agency's questionnaire, all of them in the drilling and producing branches of the industry. The replies show that since January 1, 1941, the major companies have paid an average increase of 38.15 percent to effect, the principal minors (producers of 45,000 barrels or more per month), an average increase of 33.65%, and independents an average increase of 33.67 percent.

These averages do not reflect overtime earnings, which in general begin after an 8-hour day or a 40-hour week, or shift differentials paid for work between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. These differentials, if paid, usually consist of an extra payment of 2 cents per hour for work between 4:00 p.m. and midnight and 6 cents per hour for work between midnight and 8:00 a.m. They are extra compensation which was not paid in the oil producing industry up to as late as less than a year ago.

The average hourly rates paid by three groups are: \$1.40; principal minors; \$1.38, major companies; \$1.32, independents. These figures compare with \$1.05, \$1.00 and 99 cents, respectively, at January 1, 1941. Too literal an interpretation of these comparisons should be avoided, however, since direct comparison of rates between companies, or groups of companies, is impossible without a prior determination of exact relationship of job classifications as among companies. General trends only are indicated by the comparison.

Survival Benefit Of World War II Vets Explained

Immediate beneficiaries of the recent veterans' amendment to the Social Security Act are the survivors of World War II veterans who died as the result of causes not connected with their military service and before the date on which the amendment became law, James G. Bretherton, manager of the Long Beach office of the Social Security Administration, said recently.

Bretherton explained that the new section of the act provides for the payment of monthly benefits to qualified survivors of veterans who die within 3 years of their discharge under conditions other than dishonorable and whose dependents are not qualified to receive compensation or pensions from the Veterans Administration. National Service Life Insurance is not included in compensation or pensions.

In the case of such veterans who died before the enactment of the new amendment, the benefits retroactive to the date of the veteran's death if the survivors file their benefit claims with the nearest office of the Social Security Administration before midnight February 10, 1947.

In cases where survivors of veterans who qualify under the new amendment already have filed claim for monthly benefits earned by the veteran under the old-age and survivors insurance program of the Social Security Administration, it is possible that the provisions of the new measure are included in the immediate potential beneficiaries, Bretherton said, and should apply to the field office of the Social Security Administration.

The same applies, Bretherton added, to survivors who have filed claim for lump-sum benefits under the old-age and survivors insurance program on a qualified veterans' account. The new amendment may make them eligible for monthly benefit payments, or it may increase the amount of the lump-sum benefit. In the latter case, they will receive the difference between the lump sum they received and the larger amount they are eligible for under the new amendment, if they apply at the office of the Social Security Administration.

Escaping Summer Heat



Veterans Administration Photo. Warren Johnson, 8th Air Force veteran, appears to be enjoying his regular dip at the Veterans Administration's Wadsworth Hospital, Los Angeles. A victim of infantile paralysis, the Long Beach veteran receives daily exercises and treatments in this special tank. Technician Gene Miller, former Navy physical therapist, massages leg muscles.

Welfare Center Value To City Investigated

The Torrance Welfare Center this week asked Torrance citizens just what they thought of their Community Chest services. Results are to be used for the improvement of the local center and those in other communities.

A letter and questionnaire were mailed to a list of representative Torrance citizens compiled by the center, assisted by an evaluation group consisting of Mrs. Don Wolf, Mrs. Herbert T. Markham and Mrs. A. C. Turner, who submitted a list of school administrators' names for interrogation on the subject.

The same project is being carried on in the communities of Wilmington, Hawthorne, Bell and Compton. It is sponsored by the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Los Angeles.

Mrs. Mary Eggleston, director of the Center, said that the questionnaire will go to public officials, civic leaders, persons in important positions, school officials and others who might come in contact with persons needing help.

The survey is to determine whether or not the center has been used by persons referred by those interrogated, whether or not good service was secured and to secure suggestions for future operation.

SMALL MOUTH BASS
Small mouth bass fishing is reported to be good in Feather river, Butte County.

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OVEN MEALS ARE WINNERS
Oven meals are winners. They pay off in extra hours for work or play.

Next time you have an afternoon's sewing to do, or it's your turn to entertain the club, put the oven to work to finish off a tasty hot dinner. You'll find more time out of the kitchen and, also, serve a meal to please the family.

OVEN IN COMMAND
After the food is prepared and placed in the oven the range takes command. Thermostatically controlled heat in the modern oven cooks the food to a turn.

If there is an automatic cooking clock you may indulge in "absentee cooking" by setting the controls to turn the oven on and off while you are away from the kitchen, or out of the house.

The dishes included in an oven meal must be coordinated as to the temperature required. The cooking time will need to be the same, too, if clock-control is used in your absence.

Another point must be considered. If there is to be a lapse of time after the food is prepared and placed in the oven, before cooking begins, the recipe must be one that can bear standing.

ENTREE INFLUENCE
The choice of the entree for the oven dinner influences the selection of dishes for the rest of the menu. You may feature a meat pie which bakes at 400° for 25 to 30 minutes.

Then you'll plan a dessert that cooks quickly or will be done at the end of the meal. For a vegetable, Harvard beets, made from canned ones, will be good.

When the main course "star" is a meat that roasts for a longer time and at a lower temperature, the assortment of foods for the oven meal is very large. Potatoes and vegetables may be done in

Qualified Link Instructors Wanted By CNG

Four qualified Link trainer instructors and repairmen are needed on a full-time basis for 62nd Fighter Wing headquarters, California Air National Guard, at the Metropolitan airport, Van Nuys, Colonel Leonard E. Thomas, Wing commander, announced Monday.

Link trainers for instruction of the Link's flying personnel are already installed and will be put in operation as soon as qualified operators are available. The positions pay \$3,250 per year, in addition to which the instructors and repairmen will receive National Guard drill and summer camp pay, Colonel Thomas said.

Applicants must be qualified World War II veterans trained for work in Air Force schools, and must meet qualifications for enlistment in the Air National Guard.

Qualified personnel should apply in person or by mail to Headquarters, 62nd Fighter Wing, Metropolitan airport, Van Nuys, California.

Ask Permit To Build 700-Foot Pier At Redondo

An application for a permit to construct a 700-foot commercial and pleasure fishing pier at a point 223 feet south of the southerly entrance to the municipal harbor pier at Redondo Beach has been filed by the California Sea Food Corporation.

The proposed pier will be 30 feet wide and 20 feet above the water line and will be of wooden construction.

The company, through Meyer Simon, president, has become heavily interested in Redondo Beach properties, having purchased all water front holdings from the Pacific Electric Land Co. a year ago.

Beach frontage abutting the proposed pier is part of the Pacific Electric parcel of which the company now has ownership.

Sergeant Exam Passed By Four

Passing the recent promotional examination for police sergeant were Patrolmen Karl Friberg, Willard Barnett, Curtis Tolson and Adrian Thornberry. When an opening in this grade is made, Police Chief John Stroh said, either of the four men will be eligible.

Larry Benton, war emergency police officer, passed the examination for patrolman, it was announced.

New Principals At Fern Avenue And Walteria

Fern Avenue and Walteria elementary schools will swing wide the doors promptly at 8 a.m. Monday morning to admit registration of new pupils and all returning students. From the fourth to the sixth grade, youngsters may register until 12:20 p.m. First to third, inclusive, registration will close at 11:40 a.m. Children entering kindergarten will be required to register between 9 and 11 a.m.

New principals are reported for both schools. Mrs. Vena Bragg for Walteria and Mrs. Carolyn Blackman for Fern Avenue.

It was announced that parents entering their children for the first time in kindergarten or the

Start Building 12 More New Homes In Shoestring

According to a recent report, 12 new homes will be built near Normandie ave. and 222nd st. by Howard R. Bowers, 1348 W. 219th st. The permits, with a total valuation of \$40,730, call for seven house and garage units at \$5,400 each, three homes at \$3,900 and one \$4,400 dwelling.

Other building permits issued in the surrounding area, are the following:

Clyde W. Moore, 1558 W. 216th st., addition of a bedroom, \$600.

John E. Dumphy, 1814 256th st., residence at 1431 W. 254th st., \$3,500.

Dec Robertson, 1620 W. 255th st., storage shed, \$450.

first grade will be required, under the state law, to present the child's birth certificate.

LOMITA LAD TO GIVE CORNET SOLO AT CONCERT

Jonathan Murakani, 12-year-old Lomita cornet student, will be guest soloist during the concert of the Los Angeles County band in the Civic auditorium on Sept. 25, according to James Van Dyck, director of the Boys Club bands.

Murakani plays first cornet in the senior Boys Club band, and has been studying the cornet for three years. He is scheduled to play for the Lions club luncheon next Tuesday noon.

Van Dyck said that regular band practice will continue through the school year, even though he will spend much of his time studying at University of Southern California for his master's degree in music education. Van Dyck already possesses secondary teacher's credentials.

Helicopter Mail Applications Go Before CAB Panel

Three air carriers—applicants for a helicopter air mail franchise in Southern California—will appear before a Civil Aeronautics Board panel in hearings at the Federal Building, Sept. 18, it was announced recently. They include Southwest Airways, Los Angeles Airways and Terminal Airways.

Tests of helicopter air mail service in Los Angeles County conducted several weeks ago by the U. S. Army proved successful, according to the Post Office Department, and assurance was given that the system of speeding mail in the metropolitan district by helicopter will be undertaken on a permanent basis.

Man Victim Of Armed Robbery On Sierra St.

Anthony J. Demicelli, 916 Amapola ave., reported to Torrance police late last Thursday night that he was the victim of an armed robbery while walking in the 2200 block on Sierra st.

Demicelli told officers the man drove along side of him, stepped out of the car and brandishing a gun, said: "This is a stick-up!" The gunman then relieved his victim of a wallet containing \$10 in cash. Demicelli said after the cash was removed, the man returned his wallet and menacing him with the gun, stepped back into the auto and drove off.

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