

More Gas

Output of GP Units Boosted by New Tower

More gasoline out of every one of the 100,000 barrels of crude oil which flow daily thru the General Petroleum Corporation's Torrance refinery will be the net result of an improvement project completed by the company this week at a cost of over \$500,000.

A 52-foot vacuum distillation tower takes what has long been considered an "end" product of petroleum processing and squeezes out of it a more valuable component known as gas oil. The "end" product is residual or "heavy" fuel oil. With the West's demands for high grade motor gasoline and the nation's need for aviation gasoline crowding all-time highs, most of the gas oil from the new General Petroleum vacuum tower is destined to be used as the raw material of another refining process which produces high grade gasoline.

Of a total of 12,000 barrels daily of gas oil the vacuum tower will produce, almost all will be fed into General Petroleum's four thermoform catalytic cracking units which will turn it into gasoline. A higher yield of gasoline per barrel processed will result.

The previously used material fed in part to the thermoform crackers was another type of gas oil which had already been "cracked" once before. This "cracked" gas oil, now freed for other uses, will be combined with the pitch left over from the vacuum tower process to reconvert it into heavy fuel oil. But the "cracked" gas oil produces a better heavy fuel oil than the original product because it flows better at ordinary temperatures.

Hence the new vacuum tower yields a double benefit—more gasoline from every barrel of crude and improved heavy fuel oil. The heavy fuel oil is used as fuel for steam locomotives, ships, and steam boilers.

A unique feature of the vacuum tower's design is that it will require no net increase in heat consumption although 32,000 barrels of heavy fuel oil will flow through it each 24 hours. The 30 million BTUs it uses hourly is "reclaimed" by heat exchangers and used to pre-heat crude oil entering a nearby crude still.

PIRATE GOLD

Legend says that seventeenth century pirates buried doubloons and pieces of eight on the slopes of Neahkahnie Mountain along the coast highway near Seaside in Oregon. Equipped with all the modern contrivances searchers still continue to seek in vain for this hidden hoard.

Protection of Foods Taught in Torrance

Classes in restaurant sanitation for people who serve the public's meals are scheduled for every community in Los Angeles county according to the Los Angeles county health department.

W. A. McCreery, chief of the division of training for the county health department's bureau of sanitation, is in charge, with Hugh McMillen, sanitarian in the Torrance health district, arranging the program locally.

Protection of food against contamination, proper dishwashing,

Wild Bird Hunting

"It would seem far wiser to frankly admit some areas just can't provide satisfactory pheasant shooting and ask the local sportsman who wants to hunt pheasants or quail to drive a few miles to a natural productive area," says Richard H. Pough, curator of conservation, American Museum of Natural History.

storage and handling of foods, and other matters pertaining to safe restaurant management will be discussed in the conferences and classes to follow.

Participating in the program with the county health department are the California State department of education and the adult education divisions of the local high schools.

Hospital Cases

Residents of Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City and other nearby areas who were listed as patients at the Torrance Memorial Hospital during the past week include:

- Mrs. Pal Marie Henry, 2800 Maine Avenue, Long Beach.
- Michael Iorio, Jr., 1413 W. 216th street.
- Howard Lane, 908 Portola avenue.
- Albert Lowry, 2468 W. 254th street.
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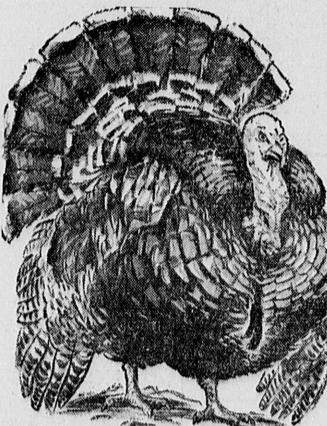
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