

Gas Company Opens New Center Tomorrow

Torrance residents and those of Waverly, Lomita, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, Redondo, Hermosa and Manhattan Beach will start drawing gas service tomorrow from the new base of Southern California Gas Co., L. E. Green, Southwest Division manager, announced yesterday.

The new, centrally-located headquarters is on 182nd St. just off Hawthorne, and is officially termed the 182nd St. base. Service and distribution crews will operate from the center.

According to Green, the new operating base is the latest unit in the company's long-term additions and betterments program, designed to keep pace with the rapid growth of Southern California.

"There has been an increase of about 9000 meters so far this year in the Southwest Division," Green said. "We had estimated about 7000."

No New Additions
To meet this increase, he continued, additional men have been added from time to time, although no new additions are planned to coincide with the moving into the new building.

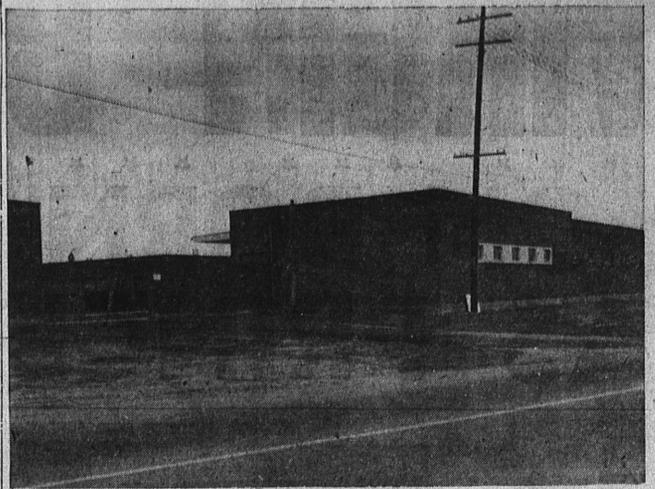
Twenty-one customer service men under Foreman C. H. Miller will be moving from the aged and crowded Redondo Base, at 540 First St., Hermosa Beach, which will now be abandoned.

Thirty distribution department crewmen, under Foreman N. L. Boden, will be moving from the Yukon Ave. Base at 3400 El Segundo Blvd. Two complete crews with foremen have been operating from the Yukon Base awaiting completion of this new building.

Southwest Division storeroom headquarters are also being moved from the Yukon Avenue Base, Green said.

Limited Area, Age
Limited ground area of the old Redondo Base, plus its condition and age, were the reasons given by the division manager for abandoning it.

In its prime, the old base was the division operating headquarters for the Southern Division of the company. The headquarters remained there until 1938, when the Compton office was opened. The Southwest Division was formed in 1951 to better serve that rapidly expanding area.



NEW BASE . . . Customers of the Southern California Gas Co. will be serviced from this new, \$180,000 headquarters at 182nd St. near Hawthorne beginning tomorrow. Torrance, Waverly, Lomita, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, and Redondo, Manhattan and Hermosa Beaches will be under this branch of the company's far-flung operations. Coincidentally with the manning of the new base, the old one in Redondo Beach will be abandoned.



Eight Residents Lose Licenses DMV Announces

Eight residents of this area got their drivers' licenses suspended recently for violations of certain sections of the California Vehicle Code, according to information released this week by the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Luther A. Booth, 2301 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita; Philip Dunn, 28322 President Ave., Harbor City; John Henry Fallon, 23912 S. Berendo Ave.; Julius Kittell Jr., 3325 Cricklewood St.; Willard Haney Nash, 25411 Western Ave., Lomita; and Noel Temple, 26114 Eshelman Ave., lost their licenses for violation of the financial responsibility law.

Cited for drunk driving was Albert William Carpenter, 18244 Regina Ave. Irwin Schoen, Harbor General Hospital of Pathology, got his license suspended for unsafe operation of vehicle.

Licenses were permanently reinstated to Louis Rios, 520 W. 220th St.; Norman Santos, 1636 W. 219th St.; Norris Tiller, 30615 Royal Blvd.; Jordan Wade Bridges, 1651 W. 204th St.; Robert J. Geraghty, 3018 Kathy Way; Samuel Salvatore Scuro, 1534 W. 205th St.; and Clifford B. Stewart, 1731 W. 235th St., all previously cited for violation of financial responsibility law.

Gordon Keith Steanbeck, 403 Harbor Hills, Lomita, also got a license reinstatement following violation of financial responsibility law.

Thomas K. Millstead Home from Far East

Thomas K. Millstead, fire control technician third class serving aboard the USS Oakhill, is home from the Marshall Islands to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Millstead, 2112 Gramercy Ave. Millstead joined the Navy Sept. 15, 1950, and has served most of the time on the east coast.

Christmas Mail Reaches Peak At Local Office

The volume of outgoing Christmas mail has reached its peak, Postmaster Clara A. Conner reported today.

As a result, the local post office is now mainly concerned with completing delivery of incoming Christmas cards and gift packages.

"Now we are entering the clean-up stage," said Mrs. Conner. "The Christmas mail has been heavier than ever this year. But I think everything can be delivered by Dec. 25, if the public will cooperate in a number of little ways."

Specifically, the postmaster recommends that everyone check his home address, as painted on street numbers may have faded away, and clearly indicated addresses are important to temporary carriers.

Porch lights left on until 6 p.m. are a great help to the letter-carrying mailman. Occupants of apartment houses are requested to place their full names and numbers on mail boxes. Dog owners should not let their pets run loose, for the animals may not recognize Santa in a grey uniform.

Postmaster Conner also expects a big rush from last-minute shoppers. For those who are still wrapping packages and addressing envelopes, she has this to say:

"If your presents and Christmas cards are going out-of-state, please ask at the post office before mailing them whether they should be sent by air mail or special delivery. All gifts should be insured or registered.

"Delivery of Christmas cards by Dec. 25 to local address is still possible, if first-class postage is used. Just make sure that each address bears the zone number and is easy to read.

Special Buses Set for Trip To Rose Parade

The Torrance Municipal Bus Lines is set to make your trip to the annual Rose Parade in Pasadena a snap on New Year's Day, residents were reminded yesterday by Bus Superintendent Marshall E. Chamberlain.

Special buses will leave the Torrance depot at 8:30 a.m. on New Year's Day and take passengers to the Pasadena Junior College campus at the intersection of Colorado and Hill St., the approximate center of the parade route.

The parade is slated to pass this intersection beginning at approximately 10:25 a.m., officials state. Round trip fares from Torrance to Pasadena for the parade will be \$2.50, Chamberlain said. Grandstand seats will be available at \$4 apiece, he said. Chamberlain says he is now planning at least three buses for the trip and will add more if needed.

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