

## \$1 1/2 Million Budgeted for Gas Co. Work

A budget of \$1,585,000 has been allotted by the Southern California Gas Co. to handle capital expenditures here in its Southwest Division, it was announced today by Division Manager Carl W. Shupp.

Part of the company's record high \$44 million overall capital budget, this amount is required to handle the rapidly expanding population and industry in the area.

Primarily, the money is slated to cover costs of adding new customers, reinforcing gas supply systems, and continuing a program of property replacements and additions.

**Mains Extended**  
The largest expenditure in the Southwest Division, approximately \$988,000, will be used to bring gas service to some 8000 new customers expected to be added in the division during the year. Of this amount, \$442,000 will be spent to extend main pipelines, and \$479,000 will be needed to install service lines to these customers. Connecting new customers to the service lines will cost \$87,000.

Some \$353,000 has been allotted to keep gas distribution facilities at peak efficiency. This is carried forth in a continuous maintenance and renewal program during 1957.

**Largest Ever**  
The company's overall \$44

## Crenshaw Crossing Petitions Held Over

Requests of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. and more than 700 petitioners representing parents of children attending Crenshaw Elementary School for safer signals or a pedestrian overcross on Crenshaw at the school was held over by the City Council for a week.

Many representatives of the north Torrance groups could not be present at the meeting this week, and had asked for a continuance.

million capital budget is the largest in its 89-year history. Since 1947, the annual company capital budget has been in excess of \$25 million every year. Last year's total reached \$41.3 million.

Primarily, Shupp pointed out, this has been due to an average annual increase of some 64,000 new customers throughout the company's service area.

One of the larger projects continuing from 1956 to this year's budget is a major portion of the recently begun Needles to Newhall 30-inch natural gas pipeline. The entire pipeline project, which includes a second portion already completed between Alhambra and Newhall, is being constructed by the combined Southern California and Southern Counties Gas Cos. at a cost of \$33 million. In all, it will extend some 285 miles.

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## TV Show Scene Of Gay Reunion

(Picture on Page 1)

Mrs. Erna Lewand received an unexpected surprise Monday on that "It Could Be You" TV program, as she was reunited with her mother and sister from Germany, whom she had not seen for the past nine years.

The dramatic reunion was plotted by Mrs. Lewand's husband, Daniel, and a group of her friends and neighbors. A plumber, Lewand received many phone calls for "service" as he and the others made plans for the TV reunion.

The Nativity Mothers Club was featured on the morning program and Mrs. Lewand, unknown to her, was to be the star. In fact the attractive German war-bride didn't want to go to the program and had to be persuaded by some of her friends.

**Tried for Years**  
Staying with the Lewands at their home, 1721 Greenwood Ave., are Mrs. Helen Weixler, her mother, and Maria Weixler, her sister. Both women lived in Mannheim,

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Germany, and had been trying for several years to come to this country. Mrs. Weixler finally received her visa last December, but had to postpone her trip because she broke her arm.

Mrs. Weixler and her daughter received only 90 minutes notice that they were leaving after Bill Leyden, emcee of the TV show, made arrangements for them to come for the reunion on his show. In their haste, they left many belongings behind, which will be forwarded by other relatives still living there.

"I still can't get over the shock," Mrs. Lewand declared. "I had expected them, but not like that."

**Meets Mother**  
She was called to the stage on the program, and was told that she would talk to her mother on the phone. Instead, when she picked up the phone, she was told to turn around and she saw her mother and sister.

Mrs. Weixler saw two of her three grandchildren for the first time on her arrival. The first child was born in Germany, but the Lewands left Germany when the little boy was six months old.

The Lewands met in Germany when she was working for occupation forces and her husband was a driver for a general there. They came to the United States in 1947.

## Jewish Welfare Fund Drive to Start April 1

The greatest volunteer army in United Jewish Welfare Fund history, 10,000 strong, will take the field April 1, opening day of the UJWF countrywide general solicitation appeal.

Samuel Pensick, Los Angeles business and philanthropic leader, heads the drive in behalf of a record \$10,190,000 goal. A breakdown of the goal figure revealed that \$5,640,000 is earmarked for the rescue of 100,000 Jewish refugees from Egypt, North Africa, Hungary and the "Iron Curtain" countries. The remainder—\$4,550,000 will enable the Welfare Fund's 166 local, national and overseas beneficiary agencies maintain their educational, health, recreation and social service programs.

Among the local beneficiaries, serving the entire Los Angeles County area, are the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, Hollywood-Lois Feliz and Westside Jewish Community Centers, Jewish Employment and Counseling Service, Jewish War Veterans Service Commission, and many others. These agencies, which serve regardless of race, creed or color, last year served an estimated 100,000 men, women and children.

Six major residential areas, embracing more than 50 communities, makes up the area unit of the drive. Other major groups participating are trades and professions, women's division, youth division, division of organizations and the motion picture and radio-television industry.

**Asks Annexation**  
Request of Lunada Bay Corp. for annexation of approximately 15 acres of light manufacturing property near 246th and Crenshaw to Torrance was referred to City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier by the Council this week. Remelmeier said there were "some complications" in the matter because of Lomita's incorporation status.

## Mother Joins Daughter Here

(Picture on Page 1)

A happy reunion with a real international flavor was effected here Tuesday, as Mrs. George Matlock, 5518 Beran St., met her mother, Mrs. Emily Dinius, who arrived from Landshut, Germany.

It marked the first time in eight years that mother and daughter had seen each other. Mrs. Dinius arrived with a boxful of toys for her five grandchildren, four of whom she had never seen.

The reunion was marked with a tinge of sorrow, too, because it virtually ended a 20-year vigil Mrs. Dinius had maintained for her husband, who was arrested by the Communists in 1937. Just recently, she learned that her husband is still in Russia, but is unable to leave the country.

**Joins Sister**  
Mrs. Dinius also joined a sister, Mrs. Ludmilla Laukert, 208 W. 224th Pl., who fled from East Berlin in 1948.

Mrs. Matlock, Mrs. Dinius, and Mrs. Laukert all lived in the Ukraine in Russia before World War II, part of a German colony which had been located there for many years. In 1937, Mrs. Matlock's father and Mrs. Dinius' husband was arrested by the Communists and held in prison. Until 1941 they knew his whereabouts but lost track of him after that.

When the Germans invaded Russia they evacuated the German families there, telling them they had to go back to Germany.

**Family Separated**  
Mrs. Matlock was sent to Austria, while her mother was sent to Germany, where they were placed in camps. They managed to get together again after the war by writing to a mutual friend in Austria.

A displaced person after the war, Mrs. Matlock was ordered to clean the quarters of American military personnel. One of the occupants of the quarters turned out to be her present husband and the couple were married in 1945. One child was born in Austria and the couple

came to this country two years later.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Dinius stayed in Germany, hoping to find some trace of her missing husband. She was unable to learn anything until the recent thaw in the cold war enabled her to send letters to some of her old friends in Russia. Finally, six months ago, she found out that her husband now is free and holds a good job in Russia, but cannot leave the country.

Mrs. Matlock, who has not seen her father since she was 12, has corresponded with her father.

For Mrs. Dinius, the trip over was a frightening experience. She was taking her airplane trip and the plane developed motor trouble and had to make a forced landing. It made detours to Italy and France to pick up orphans to bring to this country and was filled with many small children.

Taking the train to Los Angeles from New York, Mrs. Dinius passed through some of the heavy snowstorms which have raged in the Midwest, although her train had no trouble.

Mrs. Dinius will make her home here with the Matlocks.

## Friday Beach Cities Symphony Concert Features String Artists

Violoncellist Ennio Bolognini and violinist Alex Pierce combine their talents in the playing of Brahms' "Double Concerto" Friday at 8:15 p.m. in Redondo Union High School's auditorium.

Musical Director Louis Palange and the Beach Cities Symphony Orchestra present the fourth concert of the 1956-57 season, featuring the pair in a seldom-heard work.

**\$35,000 Cello**  
Bolognini was pictured with his \$35,000 cello on the Feb. 24 cover of the Los Angeles Times' "Home" magazine. Pierce, a many-time soloist with leading orchestras, is concertmaster of the Beach Cities Symphony, and directed the original production in New York, of "Oklahoma."

Director Louis Palange is a woodwind instrumentalist and prolific composer, his scores being published by the music houses of Theodore Presser, Carl Fischer, and Boosey.

Hawkes. His piano concerto was premiered in Cleveland in 1955, and other firsts in Bank's Starlite Bowl.

**Program Told**  
Programmed for the concert are Glinka's Overture to "Ruslan and Ludmila," Brahms' "Double Concerto" for cello, violin and orchestra, Wagner's Prelude to "Die Meistersinger," Rossini's Overture to "La Gazza Ladra" (The Thieving Magpie), and Chabrier's orchestral Rhapsody "Espanso."

The Beach Cities Symphony Orchestra of 65 players was founded in 1951, and maintains rehearsal headquarters in Manhattan Beach. Tickets are one dollar, 50 cents for students, and for one of a chaparral group of children, 25 cents.

Further information may be had by calling FRontier 2-8744, or by writing to the Beach Cities Symphony Association, P.O. Box 188, Redondo Beach.

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