

Little League In Southwood

Another Little League will be formed tomorrow when parents in the Southwood area meet at Anza School, 21400 Ellinwood Ave., 7:30 p.m. Officers will be elected and the 1958 baseball program will be mapped out.

Parents of all 8 to 12 year old youngsters interested in the program are invited to attend. Boundaries for the Southwood Little League are Torrance Blvd. to Sepulveda to Hawthorne Ave. to the Torrance city limits.

New Compressor Station To Increase Gas Supply

Newsmen from throughout Southern California got a preview look at a \$3.5 million compressor station at Needles, Calif., recently, which later this month will boost the Southland's supply of natural gas well beyond the one billion

cubic feet a day mark. On a 60-acre site near the California-Arizona border town of Needles, preparations were being made to start four 2,000-horsepower gas turbo-charged compressors which will send additional millions of cubic

feet of natural gas pouring through the distribution systems of the Southern California and Southern Counties Gas Companies. With the start of operation of the new compressor station, the Needles Pipeline will go

into full operation as the third major artery bringing natural gas from mid-continent sources to homes, businesses and industries in Southern California.

Adds to Capacity
add a designed capacity of 227.6 million cubic feet of gas a day to the capacity of the other two existing lines of over 800 million cubic feet, thus providing an assured out-of-state gas supply of over one billion cubic feet daily. The other two 30-inch lines originate at Blythe on the state border.

In addition to touring the Needles Compressor Station, newsmen inspected the world's largest metering station, located near Topock on the Colorado River and owned by El Paso Natural Gas Co. This station measures the gas delivered by the El Paso firm to natural gas distributing companies in California.

Significance of the new Needles line and its compressor facilities was pointed out by a gas company official who stated that this line represents the probable "port of entry" for future increments of natural gas from out of state. Mid-continent sources now account

for about 75% of the natural gas used in the Southland.

High Growth Rate
"Annual increments have averaged 100 million cubic feet a day since gas was first brought into Southern California 10 years ago," the gas company official stated, "and with the continued growth of the area we must assume that annual additional increments will be required at the same rate for a number of years in the future."

At the time of the press tour, four 2,000 horsepower Clark gas turbo-charged compressors were being installed. Room for a fifth such compressor was provided in the existing building and plans now call for installation of two additional compressors before 1960 by an extension of the building.

With four compressors, the station will have a design capacity of 227.6 million cubic feet a day with 83 million cubic feet of usable line storage. The fifth compressor will add about 50 million cubic feet to the capacity and when the station has its full strength of seven compressors and 14,000 horsepower, the capacity

will be 328.8 million cubic feet, with 78.1 million usable line storage.

Tribute Paid
Paying tribute to the opening of the new line, the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce held a special salute luncheon Tuesday, at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. In addition to this line, the salute honored the 90th anniversary of the gas business in Southern California and the 10th anniversary of the importation of natural gas from out-of-state sources.

Designed by M. A. Nishkian & Co., consulting engineers, the new compressor facility was built by Peter Kiewit Sons. In addition to the compressor building, the station will include warehouse, shop and office building, electrical generator building, cooling tower, main engine jacket water coolers, and storage tanks for acid, chlorine, compressed air, oil, and raw and treated water.

Intake line pressure at the Needles Station is designed for 485 pounds per square inch, with a discharge line pressure at Quigley Station near Los Angeles of 350 pounds per square inch.

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INSPECT COMPRESSOR STATION... District Manager Carl Shupp (in hat) of the Southern California Gas Co. discusses the new gas company compressor station at Needles on the Colorado River with Robert O. Vincent, Inglewood newspaper editor. Picture was taken during a press tour of the new facility recently. (Herald Photo)

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