

Request to Hike Gas Prices Hit By Local Firms

Southern California and Southern Counties Gas Companies today filed a motion with the Federal Power Commission requesting that national regulatory body to consider the legality of a \$10,000,000 increase in gas rates proposed by the El Paso Natural Gas Co., the out-of-state supplier of the Southland companies.

Action of the gas companies was taken, a spokesman said, in response to the decision of the California Public Utilities Commission Dec. 5, which ordered the Southland companies to file such a motion.

The order of the California Commission was based on a Nov. 21 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in the case of Memphis Light, Gas, and Water Division vs. the Federal Power Commission, which found that a pipeline company could not file an increased rate unless the rate was specifically agreed to by the purchasing company. The ordinary procedure under the Natural Gas Act has been for rates to go into effect under bond and subject to refund after the Federal Power Commission held public hearings.

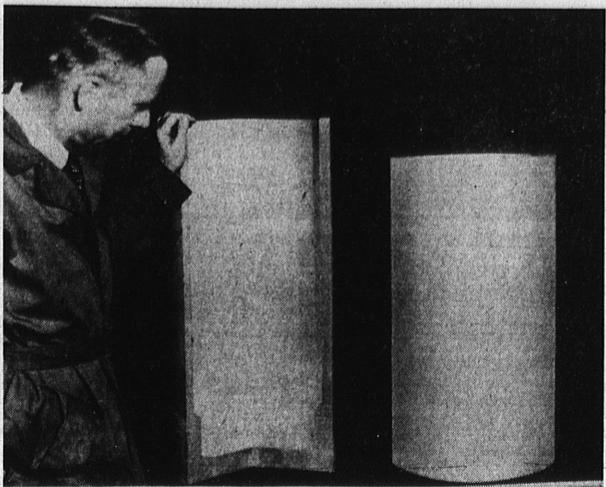
Representatives of the local companies have always taken an active part in such hearings to protect the interests of Southern California customers.

Conference To Eye Math Instruction

The Education Division and Mathematics Department of L.A. State College will cooperate on a conference to explore avenues for improving mathematics instruction in the schools, according to President Howard McDonald.

The conference, scheduled on the Ramona campus, is seen to be a step in the direction of preparing young people more adequately for the scientific fields so urgently advocated at this time in light of recent events which have plunged us into a "satellite era," he said.

Dr. Roy E. Simpson, State Director of Education, said, "We are pleased that Los Angeles State College has initiated this effort to aid in developing the mathematics curricula in the pre-college schools. All of the state colleges are alert to the needs for better preparation of the students for the science fields in college. The State Department of Education is currently planning to call together a group of leading authorities in mathematics and science to restudy the whole science education program of the state early in 1958. We are anticipating fruitful and valuable results from this conference at L.A. State College."



BIGGEST EXTRUSION . . . The world's largest impact extrusion was produced recently by the Torrance plant of the Harvey Aluminum Co. for a missile body section. It is 32 inches long, 14 inches in diameter, and weighs 112 pounds. The extrusion approach is a new manufacturing concept, a spokesman said, which will have great effect on making aluminum missile parts.

THE VETERANS' CORNER

Veteran's Disability of Zero Per Cent May Be Useful Later

Of what use to a war veteran is a "zero" per cent disability rating from the Veterans Administration, since the VA makes no compensation award for a disability less than 10 per cent in degree?

Mrs. Sara R. Evans, director of the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, points out that, if nothing else, such a rating is a recognition by the VA that the disability was incurred in or aggravated by military service, even though it is not a handicap at present. Many dormant disabilities may get worse as a veteran grows older, and when this happens the veteran may be able to draw compensation. Veterans are entitled to reopen their disability claims at any time.

Furthermore, a veteran who can show need for out-patient treatment may receive it for certain service-connected disabilities—even those rated at less than 10 per cent.

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Banquet Will Fete Stevens

A testimonial banquet honoring City Manager George Stevens will be held on Jan. 15, according to Chamber of Commerce President A. E. Thompson.

Stevens will celebrate his 10th year as city manager on Jan. 1. The banquet will be on Wednesday Jan. 15, at noon. The banquet chairman is George Bradford.

Tickets now are on sale and reservations can be made by calling the Chamber office.

Expansion of Longren Told Stockholders

Further expansion in titanium and missile components is planned next year for Longren Aircraft Co., Inc. of Torrance.

In addition, Hampden Wentworth, president, told those attending last week's annual stockholders' meeting, that sales for the first quarter were estimated to be \$1,600,000 as compared with \$1,088,000 for last year.

Earnings per share are expected to exceed those of last year in keeping with increased sales for the year.

The board of directors returned to office is composed of Hampden Wentworth, General W. W. Kratz, Theodore C. Coleman, Walter G. Gastil, Thomas Cerney Jr., Robert H. Finch and William C. Jordan.

The directors named the following officers: Wentworth, president; Raymond C. Buck, vice president; Harry T. Jeter, vice president-manufacturing; C. E. Wentworth, vice president-industrial and public relations; Bruce E. Tilden, secretary-treasurer; and Finch, assistant secretary.

GARDENERS CHECKLIST

1. Pruning ornamental shrubs can be a simple task with proper instructions. Ask your nurseryman to help you. He may recommend a comprehensive pruning manual.
2. Bedding plants should be set in this month. Specimens of violas and calendulas (just as examples) can brighten drab winter scenes.
3. Plant these cold weather vegetables now: cabbage, onions, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, beets, carrots, turnips and Swiss chard.
4. Some bulbs, such as hyacinths, tulips, ranunculus and anemones, can still be planted this month.
5. Heather can be planted now. Check with your local nursery for some favorite named varieties.

Lampshade Display Set On Tuesday

"The How and Why of Lampshades" will be the topic of Mrs. Viola Boas at a display of lampshades made in split education classes in Room 73 of Mira Costa High School, Gould Lane and Peck, Manhattan Beach, next Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m.

There also will be demonstrations of the steps in lampshade making and consultations on the relationship of the lamp to the rest of the room and the effects of color.

Mrs. Boas teaches lampshade classes at Mira Costa High School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7 to 9; Newton School, Mondays, 7 to 10; North High School, Wednesdays, 7 to 10; and Walteria Recreation Center, Thursday, 1 to 4. Enrollments are open.

Zone Hearings Set
Final hearings in Planning Commission Cases 470, 471, and 472, all north Torrance home tracts being rezoned to R-1, have been set for 5:30 p.m., Jan. 7 before the city council.

Lomita Club Plans Party

The Senior Citizens Club of Lomita will hold a pot-luck luncheon for their Christmas party which will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman Ave. The luncheon will be followed by card games. All senior citizens are invited to the party and to the regular Tuesday meetings at the park.

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Serra Mothers Plan Party for the Faculty

Faculty Brothers at Junipero Serra High School will be honored guests at the Christmas party given by the Mothers Club in the new school gymnasium Saturday evening.

The annual affair, known as the "President's Project," is under the general direction of Mrs. William Gallamore of Hawthorne.

Harbor Hosts Confab

Harbor College was the host Friday to more than 50 representatives from various junior colleges in Southern California who attended the semi-annual regional conference of Alpha Gamma Sigma, California honor scholarship society.

Santa Seeking Talcum Powder

Santa Claus wants 200 cans of talcum powder!

Visiting the HERALD offices this week, Santa said he found that the powder was needed at Harbor General Hospital, and that he would like to oblige.

Donations of talcum may be left for Santa at the Chamber of Commerce office, he said.

Bill of Rights Week

The week of Dec. 9 to 15 was proclaimed "Bill of Rights Week" by Mayor Albert Isen Tuesday.

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