

Utility Union and Gas Co. In Agreement

Utility Workers Union of America, C. I. O., and Southern California Gas Company today announced settlement of their wage negotiations with an increase of \$24.10 per month. This action follows unanimous ratification by the membership of the various locals of the agreement reached in negotiations on Friday, March 1, 1946.

All employees in classifications represented by the Union will receive the increase. Under the terms of the settlement, the contract with the Union, which would have expired in sixty days, is extended through March 1, 1947. The wage increase is retroactive to November 1, 1945.

The settlement ends any possibility of a strike at the gas company and the consequent curtailment of gas services to Southern California consumers.

Union and Gas Company representatives pointed out that the increase meets the current national pattern of wage settlements and in addition represents some equalization of local gas company wage rates with those paid by other public utilities in the state of California.

Added to the settlement will be a one-half cent per hour increase arrived at by adding the total amount to various merit increases granted to workers, dividing the total among all workers, and passing on the benefits to all. All present employees, however, will still be paid the merit differential as long as they remain on the present jobs.

Old Seeds Good For Years, Says Farm Advisor

Lettuce, squash, melons, spinach, cabbage, radishes, and turnips—in fact, nearly all types of garden seed except parsnips, onions, and sweet corn—will be good the second year and even the third and fourth year, says H. W. Schwalm of the Agricultural Extension Service, University of California.

Even the onions and sweet corn will frequently give satisfactory results the second year if seed is sown about twice as thick as usual. In fact, he adds, all seed will germinate somewhat poorer as it gets older, and suggests that a little more be put in the ground than would be used with new seed.

It is not advisable to plant seed which you have saved from your own garden. Most kinds will be cross-pollinated between vegetable plants and some wild related form, and the results will be unsatisfactory.

Union negotiators were James Daugherty, regional director of the union; L. R. Watterman, council committee chairman, and A. M. Kane, local 245 Riverside; Paul Hornum, local 188 Glendale; T. J. Sandusky, local 152 Compton, and K. D. Brown, local 132 Los Angeles. The company was represented by Guy W. Wadsworth, Jr., vice president, and R. R. Blackburn, secretary.

BUTTERFLIES

There are not less than 30,000 different kinds of butterflies in existence.

Right Guide

This column, published by the Public Relations Department of the Los Angeles Veterans Administration, is designed to give veterans official answers to their readjustment problems.

Who handles what?

Three thousand veterans register daily at the information desks of the VA offices in Southern California. It is estimated three to four thousand more present their problems to Veterans Service Centers, USES offices, OPA, Selective Service boards, Service organizations, the Red Cross and other informational groups. An equal number call these agencies over the telephone.

In other words, veterans of Southern California ask at least ten thousand questions every day regarding some phase of the readjustment program. "Whom shall I see about Government insurance? Pensions? A review of my discharge? Widows' benefits? Death claims? Mustering out pay? Employment? Unemployment compensation? Etc." they ask.

It is agreed by all groups serving returned veterans and their dependents, that the biggest question before the veteran is: "Who handles what?"

In an effort to answer this question "Who Handles What?" Right Guide offers the veterans a key whereby they may easily classify their problems and thereby know just where to go first.

There are three major classifications into which more than 95 percent of veterans' readjustment problems fall:

1. MATTERS RELATIVE TO RECENT SERVICE:

Each branch of service has established offices primarily responsible for adjusting such matters as mustering out pay, review of discharge, travel pay for the veteran or his dependent, allotments, personal effects, pay of missing personnel, lost discharges, etc. In other words, any matter tied in with service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, is handled directly by the personal affairs office of that branch of service.

If you were in the Army—Office of Personal Affairs.
If you were in the Navy—Civil Readjustment Office.
If you were in the USMC—Marine Corps Rehabilitation Office.
If you were in the Coast Guard—Navy Civil Readjustment Office.

Every veteran should know where his nearest such office is.

2. MATTERS RELATIVE TO JOBS:

Under federal law the United States Employment Service (USES) is charged with the responsibility of finding suitable jobs for veterans. Employment representatives in every USES office are especially trained to cope with the problems of counseling and placing veterans in the type of employment they are and are capable of doing well. Apprenticeship and on-the-job training opportunities are constantly being increased for the benefit of veterans who want to learn a trade.

Therefore, in the matter of jobs, the veteran should get in touch with his nearest USES office. This office also handles readjustment allowances (unemployment compensation) because of its relationship to jobs.

3. Matters Relative to the Application of Federal Veteran Laws:

The Veterans' Administration is the agency primarily responsible for, or concerned with, the administration of federal laws providing direct benefits for veterans and their dependents such as pensions, compensation, insurance, medical treatment, hospital and domiciliary care; burial and funeral expenses; vocational rehabilitation; education and training; guaranty of loans for purchase or construction of homes, farms, and business property, and other related benefits.

In other words, if it is a claim for a benefit under federal law, the agency to see is the VA. There are 36 VA representatives carefully placed throughout Southern California. There is one near you.

Supervisor Asks Sheriff's Right To Tag Automobiles

Motorists in unincorporated territory of Los Angeles County who violate the vehicle laws may find citations on their automobiles placed there by a deputy sheriff during their absence.

Supervisor William A. Smith requested the county council to draft a legal opinion on the question of amending present county traffic laws so that it will no longer be necessary for an officer personally to serve citations on car owners.

If the county council rules that such an amendment is legal, Smith indicated that he would press for its passage before the board.

RHODE ISLAND

The last of the 13 colonies to ratify the Federal Constitution was Rhode Island.

COLORADO

The Territory of Colorado was organized in 1861. It was admitted as a state in 1876.

Right Guide will deal with insurance questions and answers next week. Many interesting problems will be dealt with in the entire column and it helps get rid of lots of clutter. I like to do a room a week, then the whole job isn't so tiring and seems much easier.

WIFE'S KEY CLEAN-UP SHOPPING LIST

Packaged Soap for all soap-and-water jobs.
Vinegar for removing grease and smoke smudges. (Use 1/4 cup vinegar to 1 cup water. Make a small amount, and replenish as needed.)
Scouring Powder for all stubborn spots.
Window Cleaner for windows, mirrors and glass surfaces.
Liquid Wax for linoleum and wood.
Paste Wax for hardwood floors.
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Laundry Bleach to get things snowy white and to disinfect.
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High School Cafe Here Entered By Hungry Vandals

The Torrance high school cafeteria was entered over the weekend by someone who apparently was hungry for jello, in fact many dishes of jello, according to local police who said the intruder consumed all the prepared jello in the cafeteria without bothering to take anything else.

The report indicated that the entry was made by breaking a window in the school cafe.

AUTO BURNS

Firemen report a late model Lincoln sedan burned here late Saturday night leaving only the frame and motor. The car was said to have belonged to H. L. Strickland of Long Beach. Defective wiring was believed to have started the fire, firemen said.

BUTTER CONTENT

Recently churned butter contains 65 per cent fat and 11 per cent water.

Harbor's Need Of Foreign Trade Zone Is Voiced

Far East shipping may be routed to Seattle if that port sets up a foreign trade zone and California ports do not. Assemblyman Vincent Thomas warned recently.

The 68th district assemblyman said Seattle has filed an application for a zone. San Francisco, too, is seeking a foreign trade zone, he said.

A state legislature resolution, introduced last month by Thomas, urged establishment of a free zone at San Pedro and at San Francisco.

Thomas, who this month will accompany the assembly interim committee on transportation and commerce to New York and Boston for a two-week inspection of ports, said that the Massachusetts legislature has passed a \$15,000,000 appropriation for development of trade with South America. Free zone ports in the east will be studied by the committee.

Stroh Entertains Police Chiefs At Local Banquet

Police Chief John Stroh played host here to a group of police chiefs of the county last Thursday evening in the banquet room of Vurp's restaurant.

Bad luck marred the meeting Stroh said, with many of the chiefs unable to attend due to sickness, accidents and other causes.

Attending were: Chief Holly Murray, Hermosa Beach; Elmo Field, Gardena; C. Muchmore, Culver City; "Hutch" Hutchins, El Segundo and Capt. Ray Burgh of the Vermont Avenue Sheriff's station.

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