

Union Carbide Changes To Contract Maintenance

Union Carbide Chemicals Co., will contract its maintenance work beginning in March. C. N. Rucker, plant manager announced this week.

The local plant which has been in operation since 1956 suffered its first layoff when it was forced to discontinue the services of 55 of its maintenance and shipping employees in December of 1962, and January of this year.

THE DECISION to take such action was brought about by the necessity of running an economic plant in the face of severe competition from the Texas area, and the lack of an

adequate West Coast market, Rucker said. "Had not these steps been taken, there would have been serious consideration to shut the plant down temporarily," he said.

He believes that with these economies and some other necessary changes that the jobs of the balance of the employees will be secure.

EVERY EFFORT is being

made to obtain work for laid off employees, and the contractor is strongly urged to consider hiring as many of these people as he can efficiently use.

"With these economies in force, and with considerable effort being made to enlarge the market for our product, we hope to gradually build up strength in our production, which will assure our continuity of operation in this area," Rucker concluded.

Million-Dollar Expansion Budgeted by Gas Company

The Southern California Gas Co. has approved a capital budget of \$1,266,300 to meet the anticipated growth and expansion in Inglewood, Torrance, and the Centinela Valley and South Bay communities during 1963.

In making the announcement, G. M. Babbe, manager of the firm's Southwest Division, said that the proposed expenditures are a part of the utility's overall plant budget of \$24,115,600.

The largest single item in the company's budget is a \$12.6 million amount for fa-

cilities to serve an additional 73,000 new customers throughout its system.

"OUR CONTINUING program of expansion is designed to keep abreast of the gas needs of all the people in this division," Babbe stated, "and this large budget for 1963 reflects our determination to provide the finest service to our customers along with our modern up-to-date product."

According to manager Babbe's report, the expected growth in the Southwest di-

vision will require about 92,600 feet of new gas mains at a cost of \$287,000. An additional allotment of \$697,000 will be necessary for new business services.

"MUCH OF OUR plant is buried underground," Babbe said, "but the economic impact of this new business budget is obvious and demonstrates our company's faith in the future of the communities we serve."

Betterments and replacements to the division's trans-

Army specialist four John A. Garrison recently participated with other members of the 8th Infantry Division in Exercise Sabre Knot in Germany.

The 22-year-old soldier whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Lyons, live at 1730 Reed St., entered the Army in January 1960, completed basic training at Ford Ord, Calif., and arrived overseas in May 1962.

He is a 1958 graduate of Mira Costa High School, Manhattan Beach, and attended El Camino College. He is a member of Phi Sigma Upsilon fraternity.

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Bowlers Card Top Averages

Leagues at Gable House Bowl in Torrance came up with several high scores last week. Walt Labor led the 880 Scratch League with a 659 while Ed Poulsen rolled a 655, Bob Colburn a 653, Glenn Tibbetts a 652, and Jim Halfach a 651 for three games.

Tony Cliffgard had a 279 high game while Lou Kohlmeier turned in a 275, Hal Boots a 265, George McCombs and Dick Olsen 265, and John Rabb a 251.

Army Sherrell led Petersen Point Mixed Doubles competition with a four-game total of 887. Ron Ridgers bowled an 820 and Mike Dudikoff counted a 279 game.

Claudia Colyer rolled a 630 in the Majorettes League, while Mary South fired a 244 game. Evelyn Smith tallied a 244 in the Petersen Point Ladies Doubles League where Mary South had a four-game total of 802.

Insurance Company

A year of "record business gains" was experienced by Provident Life and Accident Insurance Co. during 1962, the firm has announced through Newell Larsen, general agent in Torrance.

The company's 75th annual report shows life insurance in force of \$3.9 billion on December 31, with more than \$1 billion of this amount being added in the combined years of 1961 and 1962. The gain in life insurance in force during 1962 was \$370 million. New sales of life insurance last year totaled \$524 million.

Benefit payments for the year totaled more than \$103 million. It was the first year in Provident's history in which these payments amounted to \$100 million. A total of 806,477 payments were made to policyholders and beneficiaries throughout the United States and Canada.

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