

Civic Leaders Salute Gas Co. on Installation of 200,000th Meter

The Southern California Gas Co. marked the installation of the 200,000th gas meter in its Southwest Division at ceremonies this week, according to an announcement by manager G. M. Babbe.

In making the announcement, Babbe said that the celebration drew over 100 civic and business leaders from the 15 communities located throughout the Centinela Valley and South Bay area. Southern California Gas Co. Executive Vice President W. R. Davis was introduced as special guest and speaker during the ceremony.

The division manager stated that the installation of the 200,000th meter was a salute to the progress of the area since the company's Southwest Division was formed just eleven years ago.

ILLUSTRATING the area's post-war population explosion, Babbe recalled that when the division was activated, 256 employees served the area with natural gas through 95,000 meters. "As a result of the area growth, the number of division personnel has crept upward to 298, but the addition of 105,000 gas meters in roughly the same area as in 1951, is an even better barometer of

the division's growth," Babbe said.

Babbe, who has been the division manager since 1960, shared credit for the division's accomplishments with his predecessors. L. E. Green, area resident and currently manager of the utility's customers department, was the first manager of the division. Green succeeded in 1955 by E. F. Hawkesworth, who held the position until 1956. Carl W. Snupp managed the division until 1960, when he was named to head the gas company's Metropolitan Division.

Casting Held For New Play

Chapel Theater announces readings will be held Monday and Tuesday to cast "The Devil's Advocate." The play will be staged in March and requires a large cast of men and women.

Readings will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the theater, 6164 Pacific Coast Highway, behind Smith Bros. Fish Shanty Restaurant.



SCROLL PRESENTED . . . A scroll listing members of the Centurion Club of the Little Company of Mary Hospital was presented to the Rev. Mother M. Patricia Saturday morning by E. J. Champion (center), chairman of the Centurion Club. Here Mother Patricia watches while Champion and George W. Schneider, president of the Advisory Board, set scroll on lobby wall where it will be displayed.



INTIMATE STYLE OF PRESENTATION . . . University of Southern California Singers will perform at El Camino College Nov. 30, 8:30 p.m., Campus Theater. The group has appeared on nationally broadcast television programs and their tours have taken them as far east as St. Louis. Several times they have traveled to Mexico.

Sports Night Slated for South High

Torrance Co-Recreation Club will have a sports night at South High School gymnasium, 4801 Pacific Coast Hwy., tomorrow night, 7-9 p.m. Co-Recreation Club invites all 7th and 8th graders who live in Torrance to attend this special program of co-ed basketball, volleyball, ping pong, and dancing. Seventh and eighth graders attending should bring 15 cents for refreshments.

Torrance Co-Recreation Club is an activity club of the Torrance Recreation Department. Advisers for the club are recreation leaders experienced in teen-age programs.

Activities are planned each month, such as ice skating, horseback riding, bowling, trips, and parties. Membership is only 50 cents a year. For further information about the club, call the Recreation Department FA 8-5310, Ext. 263.

Two Teeners Arrested in Theft Quiz

Two 16-year-old youths were arrested about 2 a.m. Tuesday on charges of burglary after police found an unusual amount of candy, cigarettes and other items in their car which had been stolen earlier from a cafe.

The B and B Cafe, 2402 Apple Ave., was entered and vending machines broken into. Police stopped the youths because they were in violation of curfew and found the items in their car. A search of the area by police revealed the cafe had been entered through a rear door.

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