

Gas Company Texas Pipeline Work Begun

The \$5 million expansion of Southern Counties and Southern California Gas Companies' jointly owned California section of the Texas pipeline got under way today with awarding of contracts to the J. E. Gill Company of Long Beach for concrete work on two booster stations, one at Desert Center midway between Blythe and Indio, and the other at Cactus City about 20 miles east of Indio, it was announced by gas company officials.

Bids for construction of additional pipelines paralleling and tying into the present Texas pipelines will be taken on Nov. 10, and work is expected to get under way on Dec. 1. Contractors were taken over the route of the proposed lines yesterday, it was reported.

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Capability of Police Officer Commended

"You are fortunate to have men of his calibre on your force." This was the concluding statement of a letter received by the Chief of Police this week lauding the behavior and service of one of his police officers.

The letter, written by Mr. and Mrs. Cromwell Warner of 404 Yarmouth Road, Palos Verdes, commended Torrance Police Sergeant Swayne Johnson for his "capable and understanding" handling of a trying situation. The incident occurred on Oct. 21, when Mr. Cyrus Weaver and his wife, visiting the Warners from Indiana, were driv-

ing on Pacific Coast Highway.

Weaver was stricken with a fatal heart attack. In response to a summons by a passing motorist, Sgt. Johnson rushed to the scene. According to the Warners his capability was clearly evident by the manner in which he handled the problem, and summoned an ambulance and resuscitator. "Finally, at the hospital (he did) what none of us could bring ourselves to do, break the tragic news of

the death to Mrs. eWaver with gentleness and sympathy. We appreciate his kindness more than we can possibly tell you," stated the letter.

BENZINE OUTPUT

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October Building Permit Total Over 1 Million

The month of October rounded out with a cool \$1,142,555 valuation in building permits being issued.

This figure brings the year's total up to \$16,337,013.

October, 1951, saw the issuance of only \$311,892 in permits, for an ten-month total of \$12,000,318 in 1951.

Largest single block of permits month went to New House Building Corp., a Truman Browne enterprise. This tract, valued at \$417,800, includes 43 homes and 17 garages, according to records of the building dept.

Last month saw the establishment of a new building permit record for this city. On October 21, the permit which topped the 1950 record high of \$16,009,783, was issued.

COAL TRANSPORT
Transportation of coal in the U. S. costs an estimated \$1 billion annually, the railroads' reports show.

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