



Despite zooming general living expenses, the cost of liquefied petroleum gas has remained relatively stable, "spot survey" by LP-Gas Information Service, Chicago, among nation's dealers reveals. In contrast to an average rise of 63% in all items contained in U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics cost of living index, LP-Gas rates increased only 7% in ten-year period ending April 15, 1952. Also known as butane, propane, bottled and tank gas, the fuel is used principally in farm, small town and suburban areas.

**Here's One Bright Ray in Living Cost Spiral—LP-Gas Prices up Only 7%**

CHICAGO—In the face of skyrocketing living expenses in practically all major categories, the cost of liquefied petroleum gas, used principally in rural, small town and suburban areas, has advanced only 7% since 1942.

This was revealed by the LP-Gas Information Service, Chicago, following a nation-wide "spot survey" among leading marketers of the fuel.

In the same ten-year period (April 15, 1942, to April 15, 1952), the average of all items included in the cost of living index released by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics climbed 63%. Food prices registered the sharpest gain with a 92.3% rise. Other increases were as follows: house-furnishings—69%; apparel—60.2%; miscellaneous—54.6%; fuel, electricity and refrigeration—39.3%, and rent—28.6%.

Industry leaders attribute the stability of LP-Gas rates in contrast to the general rise in living costs to several factors. Among these are: (1) The tremendous growth in public acceptance and use of the fuel with resulting distribution economies; (2) the sharp increase in number of LP-Gas bulk plants throughout the country and consequent reduction in the area served by each; (3) the "incentive" rates offered to customers by most dealers to stimulate the use of new appliances, and (4) various technical and service advances contributing to greater efficiency and economy.

Currently rated by many authorities as the nation's fastest growing industry next to tele-

vision, the LP-Gas business has registered its greatest advance since World War II. Total gas marketed has nearly quadrupled, spurring from 4,528,230,960 pounds in 1945 to an estimated 17,384,000,000 pounds last year. Approximately two-thirds of the 1951 output went for household and farm use. The balance was consumed for industrial, chemical and miscellaneous purposes.

Striking evidence of the industry's rapid growth was given in a recent consumer survey by the LP-Gas Information Service which revealed that two-thirds of the families who now have LP-Gas ranges have been cooking with the fuel less than eight years.

The range is the No. 1 appliance in the millions of homes all across the nation equipped for LP-Gas service. Other domestic uses of the fuel are water heating, refrigeration, clothes drying, incineration and air conditioning. There are also hundreds of agricultural, commercial, industrial and transportation applications.

LP-Gas, the lusty "baby" of the petroleum family, is also known as butane, propane, bottled and tank gas. It is extracted at natural gasoline plants and refineries, compressed into liquid form for ease and economy of transportation and shipped in pressure vessels by rail, highway and water. Sizable quantities are also transmitted from producing centers by pipeline.

**Just About Folks**

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bolin attended a family re-union at Glendale recently. Mrs. Bolin's mother is quite ill and her daughter who lives at Chicago, made the trip west to visit her.

Mrs. Emma Waldien is at Hawthorne, Calif., where she is helping care for a niece who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Knutsen had as week-end guests recently, Mrs. Knutsen's brothers, and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Petty of St. Paul, Minn., and Mr. and Mrs. George Petty and daughter of Panama City, Fla.

Mrs. Lester Rauch underwent a serious operation at the Seaside hospital, Monday, and is reported recuperating satisfactorily.

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