



GAS REFRIGERATOR — The generous freezer compartment in this no-frost Norge gas refrigerator holds up to 93 pounds of food and has new thermoelectric control that keeps the unit operating in case of power failure, thus prevents all possibility of costly food spoilage.

Gas House Heating Reaches All Time High in Country

Gas house heating customers have reached an all time high of nearly 25 million to make gas the nation's number one house heating fuel. The industry added more than 1,150,000 new heating customers last year, bringing the total to 24,740,000.

Two-thirds of the new installations are in newly-built homes, with the remaining one-third representing conversions from other fuels, the American Gas Association estimates. Blue Star Homes include gas furnaces as standard equipment.

Advocates of gas for house heating cite five major reasons for the increasing preference for gas heat: convenience, comfort, cleanliness, economy and safety.

Monthly Meter Readings

They point out that gas doesn't have to be stored, thereby eliminating the installation and maintenance of a fuel tank or coal bin. Because of this, a gas user pays for his fuel after he has used it, according to monthly meter readings.

Natural gas is the ideal house heating fuel because it is efficient. All combustible materials, solid and liquid alike, must be turned into gas before they will burn. Natural gas needs no such conversion or pre-heating, thus provides instant heat. And gas is the cleanest fuel because all impurities have been removed. There are no waste products of combustion such as smoke and soot.

The reliability of gas lies in its independence of outside forces. Piped into the house, gas is not susceptible to delays in rail or truck deliveries.

Equipment Is Durable

The durability of gas heating equipment is superior. Most gas furnaces last the life of the house. This is because gas equipment has few or no moving parts that can wear out or break down, thus requires a minimum of servicing. And when it comes to safety, the American Gas Association points out that up-to-date gas systems have a

number of automatic devices to prevent mishaps. Most of them are designed to shut off the gas supply if the pilot light goes out or the water supply in the boiler becomes too low.

Even furnaces with electric controls can be operated manually for a limited period of time in case of emergency. And gas has an enviable safety record, as shown by national statistics on fire causes.

The Blue Star Seal of Approval on a gas heating unit indicates that the equipment has passed rigid standards for safety, durability and performance.

These are some of the many reasons cited by satisfied customers for their preference for gas heat. Other reasons include the convenience offered by automatic gas systems, and the superior comfort features of gas heat. Rooms are never too cold or too hot, too humid nor too dry, drafty, stagnant, dusty or odorous.



SERVICE FOREMAN — Murray L. Neal, above, joined the California - Pacific Utilities Company in 1947 as an installation man in the tank gas department. Later he worked as a tank-truck driver and a serviceman. He was made foreman of the Medford service department in 1956, and during the past three years most of this time has been spent on the conversion work in preparation for natural gas in the five Southern Oregon districts. During the past few months he has worked on the inspection of the Grants Pass-Ashland transmission line.

Automatic Gas Refrigerators Offer Features

More than 3 million American homes are now equipped with gas refrigerators, the American Gas Association reports.

As these families can attest, gas refrigerators are the most dependable, economical and service-free units on the market. This is why manufacturers can now offer a 10-year warranty on the gas units.

Modern, fully automatic gas refrigerators also offer a host of desirable features to provide maximum convenience and the safe storage and preservation of every type of food.

Choice of Sizes

These include glide-out shelves, twin vegetable crispers, large meat keepers, door shelves, easy to open doors, full-width interior lighting, butter keepers, portable egg trays and color-keyed interiors that are easy to keep clean. Beautiful color finishes and a wide choice of sizes are added reasons for the popularity of gas refrigerators.

According to the American Gas Association, the automatic ice-maker is one of the most appreciated features ever offered on a refrigerator. Fam-

ilies report that it is the ultimate in convenience.

As if by magic, the gas ice-maker manufactures an unlimited supply of ice cubes without the labor of filling trays, spilling water, and freezing your hands. As one cube is removed from the handy storage bin, another takes its place.

Ice Taken Directly

And the cubes won't stick together while they're waiting to be used. Instead of the ordinary chunks of ice, gas produces attractive crescent-shaped disks which are "dried" before they are dropped into the storage bin to prevent their sticking.

The ice, taken directly from the freezer compartment, is zero-degree cold. Yet the interior of the gas freezer compartment in the newest models is completely free of frost. This means that while food packages stored in the generous freezer compartment are completely frozen, they are not covered with ice. In fact, even the walls inside the freezer area never have ice deposits at any time.

This feature is important because it completely eliminates the need for defrosting the refrigerator or freezer. Marvelous new automatic gas controls make defrosting old-fashioned.

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First Use of Gas Was for Lighting

The first practical use of gas in modern times was for street lighting.

When William Murdoch, a British engineer and inventor, lighted his cottage with manufactured gas in 1792, he literally opened up a whole new industry and changed the living habits of the civilized world.

By 1798, Murdoch had developed his invention to a point where he was using manufactured gas to light an entire factory. And in 1804, he built a gas works to light a large cotton mill in Manchester, England, with 900 burners.

The first public street lighting with gas took place in Pall Mall in London on Jan. 28, 1807. In 1812, Parliament granted a charter to "The London & Westminster Gas Light & Coke Co.," and the first gas company in the world came into being. A few years later, on Dec. 31, 1813, the Westminster Bridge was lighted by gas.

Lighting Spreads

Following this success, gas lighting spread quickly to other countries. In the United States, Baltimore in 1816 was the first city to light its streets with gas. In 1820, Paris adopted gas street lighting.

The first introduction of gaslights in Rembrandt Peale's museum in Baltimore in 1816 proved to be such a sensation and success that Peale quickly organized a gas company to light the city. The city council passed an ordinance in June, 1816, permitting Peale to manu-

facture gas, lay pipes in the streets, and contract with the city for street lighting. This was the first gas company founded in the United States.

Use of natural gas in America came into being in Fredonia, N.Y., in 1820, when the first gas well was drilled to a depth of 27 feet. Industrious citizens hustled the gas into town via lead pipelines.

Host to Nobleman

Shortly after the excitement of its discovery, Fredonia played host to an industrious French nobleman, the Marquis de La Fayette, Revolutionary War hero and personal friend of George Washington. La Fayette marveled that all the streets of the town were completely lighted by gas. He was even more amazed to sit down to a gas-cooked dinner served in his honor.

In 1858, Fredonia went on to establish the first recorded corporation to serve natural gas to business and residential customers.

During the decade from 1865 to 1875, the use of gas for lighting as well as for cooking made significant progress. Soon much of America, as well as other countries, was lighted by gas. The lamplighter became a familiar figure, and streets at night took on a warm, friendly glow.

Gas companies are bringing back picturesque, practical gaslights, offering decorative outdoor lighting with natural gas.

Wheat Storage Suits Dismissed by Judge

PORTLAND (UPI)—Federal Judge John F. Kilkenny Monday signed an order dismissing civil suits which grew out of wheat storage manipulations in the early 1950s.

Earl C. Corey, former Portland director of the Department of Agriculture's Commodity Stabilization Service, and two associates in the Three States Warehouse Co. agreed to pay the federal government \$87,367.

The judgments were \$38,544 by Corey, \$2,874 by Laurence M. Smith of Waterville and \$15,949 by Willard A. Richards of Portland.

Corey and Smith were convicted in 1960 of charges in connection with the manipulations. They each have served two-year prison sentences.

Corey was found guilty of conspiracy and conflict of interest in a transaction for warehousing of government-owned wheat. Smith was convicted of submitting false statements to the Commodity Credit Corp. in order to obtain contracts.

Richards, then general manager of the North Pacific Grain Growers, was not a defendant.

EASY PICKINGS

LOS ANGELES (UPI)—The judges' chambers at county courthouse are getting to be a popular place for thieves.

Municipal Court Judge Allan G. Campbell reported the theft Monday of a transistor radio worth \$40 from his desk. There was another \$40 loss three weeks ago when a wallet was stolen from the desk of Superior Court Judge Lloyd S. Nix.

National Grange Votes on Tax Cut

PORTLAND (UPI)—The National Grange took up resolutions on the final day of its 97th annual convention here Tuesday.

The major issue scheduled to be voted on by the organization's delegates at the end of the nine-day meeting was President Kennedy's proposed federal tax cut.

The Grange's taxation committee Monday took a stand against the cut "unless accompanied by an equal amount of reduction in federal spending."

The committee criticized "big government." It said "government services should be financed and administered as far as possible at local and state levels."

The committee also proposed that the federal government withdraw from operations of businesses that can feasibly be operated by private enterprise.

Grange Master Herschel Newson of Columbia, Ind., was elected to his seventh straight two-year term.

Also re-elected were overseer A. Lars Nelson of Seattle, who is master of the Washington State grange, and lecturer William Brake of Lansing, Mich.



Congratulations

Our sincere congratulations to California - Pacific Company on the dedication of natural gas to the Rogue River Valley. We are delighted to be able to play a part in this vital and growing industry as it makes available to the residents of Southern Oregon a new source of energy. Because of the vision of the Cal-Pac Utilities men and the new, powerful equipment available, the clean-burning flame of natural gas will perform efficiently in furnaces, hot water heaters, clothes dryers and kitchen ranges in this area. And so, we are proud to join in offering our congratulations to California-Pacific Utilities Company and our thanks for letting us play a part in this development.

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