

Southwest Gas Headquarters Ready In October

The anticipated move-in date for the new headquarters building of The Southwest Companies, now under construction on Spring Mountain Road near Decatur Blvd. in Las Vegas, has been set for October, W. M. Laub, president of Southwest Gas Corporation, said today.

The 60,000 square foot complex will be the corporate headquarters for Southwest Gas Corporation and its associated companies, Utility Mortgage & Financial Co., Design Center--Southwest, Carson Water Co., Southwest Gas of Arizona, Greater Casa Grande Development Co., and Utility-Arizona Associates. In addition the new building also will be the operational headquarters for the Southern Nevada Division of Southwest Gas.

Laub said the new facility will bring together all corporate activities of the Southwest companies, which at the present time are scattered in four locations in overcrowded and inadequate facilities.

The need to consolidate functions, as well as the high growth rate of Southwest Gas has necessitated this expansion into larger quarters, Laub stated. Natural gas customers in the 65 communities in Northern and Southern Nevada, California and Arizona has doubled from 59,000 to 120,000 in the eight years since 1965.

The low-profile, one-story structure has been designed for the most efficient use of energy. Double-unsulated thermal glass windows, the sheet metal and rock roof, extensive 12-foot overhangs, special control systems for heating, cooling and lighting, and other design features minimize energy consumption.

The complex will house 185 Southwest employees. Laub said the building is designed for future expansion to accommodate the anticipated growth of the company. It is situated on a 20-acre site with ample room for expansion.

According to the architect, James B. McDaniel, "the building will be a first in modern design, providing a highly functional use of space for business activity while structurally promoting energy conservation.

"The modern exterior of buff brick, with rust steel trim, and the bronze tone floor-to-ceiling double thermal glass windows will blend with the surrounding landscape," McDaniel said, "while the low-profile of the building will be compatible with the residential developments in the area."

General contractor for the project, which has been under construction since the fall of 1973, is Fred Alexander. Interior design was coordinated by Sandra Baum.

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school in each season of the year as well as one nine-week instructional period each season. By dividing students geographically into four groups and staggering starting dates, only 75 percent of the enrollment is in class at any one time. This allows the school, constructed to house nearly 1,000 students, to enroll 1,350 pupils.

A survey of parents, students and Fay Herron staff conducted after six months of operation

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Q - As a veteran's widow, I was drawing Veterans Administration pension until my remarriage. Can I get back on the pension roll, since my second husband died recently?

A--Yes. Current law allows a formerly eligible widow to regain her pension if the subsequent remarriage ends in death or divorce--provided her income and net worth do not exceed limitations.

Q- Does the recent law which extended GI Bill benefits from eight to 10 years for veterans separated from service between 1955 and 1966 apply to me? Because I was discharged in 1965 before the current GI Bill was passed, my eligibility had already expired as of May 31, 1974 eight years after the bill was passed.

A- If you hadn't used all your benefits by the former May 31 deadline, PL 93-337 (July 1974) extended them by two years.

Q- I have been out of military service six months but I have been unable to find a job. What would you suggest?

A- If you haven't already done so, visit your local state employment service office and take along your DD Form 214. If a suitable job is not available, you will be allowed to apply for unemployment compensation. If you live near a VA regional office or a U. S. Veterans Assistance Center, you should also check these.

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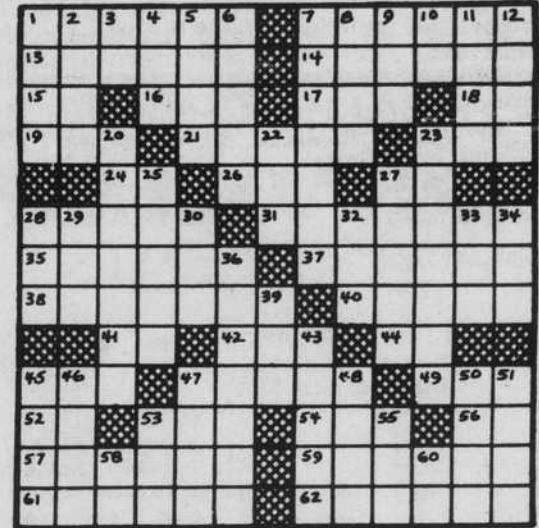
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showed strong support from all three groups for the new school schedule, which is in use in better than 500 school districts around the nation. In addition to Las Vegas, year-round programs are operating in Carson City and Reno Nevada.

The school district here has also found some cost savings in a year-round program, but only when the enrollment in the school nears 125 percent of traditional capacity.

Locally the Board of School Trustees says it will establish additional year-round programs anywhere requested by parents, but it will not impose the new schedule on any school attendance area. Two guidelines must be met--the school's enrollment must be increased to at least 125 percent of capacity, and the program must be endorsed by at least 65 percent of the families affected.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Seem
- 7. Alter
- 13. Silk fabric
- 14. Set down to preserve
- 15. One
- 16. Human beings
- 17. Dine
- 18. Ego
- 19. Thing: law
- 21. Upper space
- 23. Some
- 24. Association: prefix
- 26. Drink
- 27. Because
- 28. Dark gray
- 31. Ceases
- 35. Aquatic mammals
- 37. Like sun rays
- 38. Go back over
- 40. Touchy
- 41. Musical note
- 42. Give weapons
- 44. Street: abbr.
- 45. Female deer

DOWN

- 47. Large
- 49. Her
- 52. To the top
- 53. Automobile
- 54. Fold over
- 56. All right
- 57. Reduce rank
- 59. Continent
- 61. Fell in white flakes
- 62. Rocks
- 1. Distant
- 2. Glass square
- 3. Math symbol
- 4. Tree
- 5. Toward sheltered side
- 6. Leases
- 7. Ivylike plant
- 8. Listen
- 9. Deed
- 10. Negative
- 11. Smile
- 12. Opposite current
- 20. Hurry
- 22. Concealed
- 23. Aids

- 25. Music drama
- 27. Military assistants
- 28. Hill
- 29. Dined
- 30. Age
- 32. Rested
- 33. Make lace
- 34. Wily
- 36. Marred by a burn
- 39. Before
- 43. Men
- 45. Clothes: slang
- 46. Unshut
- 47. Fence opening
- 48. Not slack
- 50. Expect
- 51. Makes do
- 53. Bovine
- 55. For
- 58. State: abbr.
- 60. Over

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