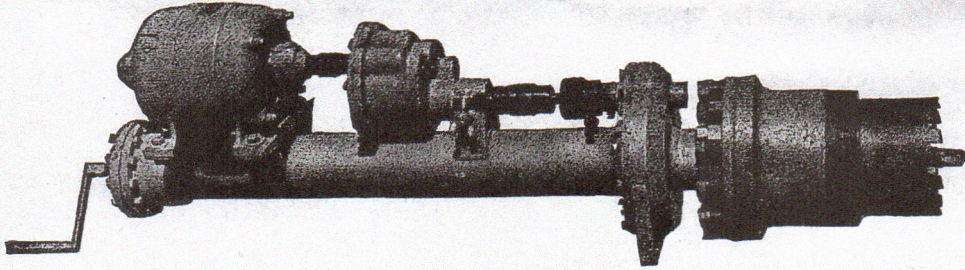


KOPPL PRODUCES "TAP-IN" DEVICE

MONTEBELLO—Oil companies, water companies, and gas companies throughout the western states can soon avail themselves of the famous Koppl "tapping in" machine, a device by which the hazardous job of cutting additional lines into a high pressure fluid line can be accomplished without interruption of the flow.



The amazing machine can make from two to eight inch openings into the high pressure lines carrying 800 or more pounds of pressure. For the past 12 years, Leo Koppl, owner of the company and inventor of the device, has performed this operation for hundreds of oil wells, water companies, etc., making at least one "tap in" job per day and often as many as six to eight in a single day. Now the machine is being manufactured for sale on the open market.

Following the oil well trade since 1921, Koppl began his shop at Huntington Beach in 1926. Two years later the plant was moved to Santa Fe Springs, and in 1939 Koppl started operating in his present location, 431 Poplar St., Montebello. During the war, 18 persons working in two shifts were employed in the shop which produced valve fittings for the Navy. At the present time the plant is engaged in experimental work for Cal-Tech of Pasadena. Eight persons are now employed by the firm, which also does machine work and welding for other industries in the area.

The "tapping-in" machine is the result of many years of research and several thousand dollars and has been a boom to the oil industry. Public utilities and oil companies have a constant need for its particular accurate, but hazardous work. Koppl said the machine would retail for approximately \$2,000.

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WAR SURPLUS LIST INVENTORY TOLD

The Southern California-Arizona region of War Assets Administration has nearly \$60,000,000 of war surplus goods to sell, states the current monthly report, released by W. A. Rover, regional administrator.

This is in addition to \$133,000,000 worth of real property transferred to WAA, but still unsold.

The local surplus list includes \$15,177,000 worth of industrial machinery and equipment, \$12,389,000 worth of automotive, construction, mining and farm machinery, \$10,841,000 worth of hardware, recreational equipment, mill supplies, and photographic equipment and \$6,680,000 worth of metal working equipment.