

CWO James Combs, McKees- on his recent promotion at Court, Pa., congratulates Sgt. Barricks, Yokohama port, Pa., congratulates Sgt. Charles Utley, Durham. N. C.,

Five Questions Most Asked Answered By Local Oil Man

a statement by Charles G. Harris, of the local area Oil Industry Information Committee. The questions deal with what determines gasoline prices, why there are so many brands of gasoline, monoply charges, the future of oil as affected by atomic energy, and "myths about a 100-mile per gallon carburetor."

"Local competition determines gasoline prices." said Mr. Harris, "The individual dealer's gasoline prices tend to stabilize at a point where margin of profit and volume of sales strike the most favorable balsumer buying habits produce

Five of the questions the public most frequently asks about of four and one-half cents gasoline and the nation's oil in-dustry were answered today in eight cents per gallon nationwide.

As to whether the many brands of gasoline are "all the same," Harris said, "Definitely not. Each company makes many different gasolines.

"If all gasolines were the same, it would be necessary to develop variations. Otherwise it would be impossible for each driver to get good performance-as he now can, from his own make and model of engine, anywhere, under any conditions in any weather."

On the question of monopoly Harris pointed out that there are some 42,000 oil companies ance." He pointed out that this in this country plus about 200, process and the fluidity of consome 190,000 separate and comsmall but distinct variations in peting concerns. He asserted issued by the OIIC local and nation-wide gasoline prices. "In the Durham area," have built today's American Petroleum Institute.

"During the past 25 years," he said, "oil companies have increased production by 158 per cent, and have developed liter-

ally hundreds of new and better products. The price of their most widely used product, gasoline, is only 7.3 per cent higher except for taxes) than it was in 1925. And the power this gasoline delivers is 50 per cent higher than it was in 1925. No monopoly, governmental or pri-

vate, could match this record."
In regard to atomic energy's effect on the oil business, Harris said that "power needs are growing at such a rate that atomic energy will be a wel-come supplement to other enenergy sources for countless years to come

"Proved U.S. oil reserves to day, despite the entire consumption of fifty years of peace and war, are more than times the total amount known petroleum extraction from oil shales, now practical but costly, would yield three times the 38. 8 billion barrels of our present proved reserves.'

Harris said that reports of the oil industry's suppressing fuel-saving devices such as a 100-mile-per gallon carburetor crop up perenially. No such carburetor has ever been patented, or even stood up to intensive investigation," he said. He added that patents can't be kept secret," since anyone can obtain copies of any patent granted by the U. S. Patent

"There is none on a 'magic carburetor' or on those equally vaunted 'magic pills' which, when mixed with water, pur portedly make motor fuel, Harris said.

The Oil Industry Information Committee representative, who is also president of the Bull City Oil company, based his statements on information just issued by the OIIC, which is sponsored by the American To Play For Pre-**June German**

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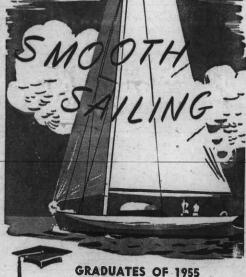
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