



# Petrogram

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## Stage II Threatens Marketers with Costly Installations:

### Action Needed Now!

Proponents of Stage II Vapor Recovery systems and On-Board Canisters for control of gasoline vapor emissions continued to do battle last month in the halls of the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

EPA Administrator Lee Thomas was expected to make a preliminary choice between the two systems following a briefing on July 31. Instead, Thomas deferred any immediate decision.

Thomas is apparently caught between factions within his own department. While all EPA offices - The Air, The Mobile Services and The Policy Offices - reportedly support On-Board Canisters, the vast majority of the EPA regional administrators strongly recommended a dual strategy. Nine out of the ten administrators want to implement Stage II Vapor Recovery as an interim strategy in Class I non-attainment areas (the worst ozone offenders).



## Lank Honored /Simpkins Takes FPMA Helm

Bill Lank, Jr. was warmly honored by his fellow marketers on Tuesday, August 13 at the FPMA's Annual Convention. The outgoing president and his wife, Eileen, also were presented with a gift for their home. Newly elected president B.W. Simpkins accepted the 1986 gavel.

## Mobil and Marathon Refunds Being Sought

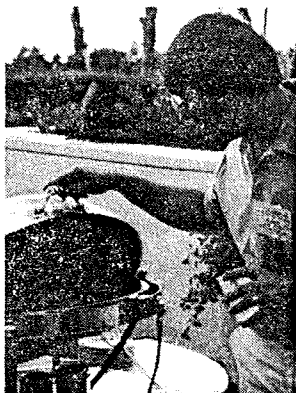
During the years 1975 to 1981, gasoline shortages were common and America's public paid dearly for every mile they traveled.

The federal Department of Energy slapped price controls on refiners, but big oil found ways of getting around some of those DOE controls. Now big oil is being called on the carpet.

In a letter from the law firm of Bassman, Mitchell & Alfano, Washington, D.C. FPMA has learned the details of Mobil's Proposed Refund Order and Marathon's Proposed Consent Order, both entered into with the Department of Energy. Both promise a likelihood of repayments directly to marketers.

# Marketplace

## Friends at Convention ... '85



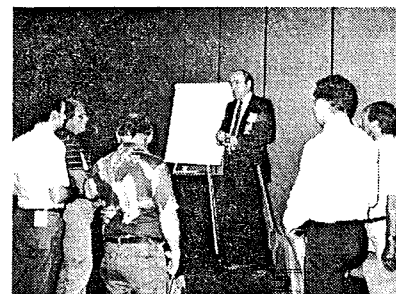
Convention Chair-  
man, Danny Miller



Psychologist Terry Allen speaks  
of the importance of "Family Ties"



Mike Huey explains PMPA  
to Bill Newman



Bob Trimble draws a crowd



The Hintons ...



Mary and Bill Lank, Sr.

In the early years we were raised with patient care;  
At times you must have thought, "This kid hasn't got a prayer."  
When we first came into the business you beamed with pride,  
As you witnessed our learning mistakes, you could only  
say, "Well, he tried."

Then came the great day when one of our ideas could  
finally pay a bill;  
Though we were pleased, it was you who really got the thrill.  
Now if any of our decisions are questioned we come right  
off the floor;  
To non-family members it would appear we were at war.  
The opportunities that a family business offers we tend  
to sluff aside;  
But with great patience you share our accomplishments  
with never ending pride.

Today we have a chance to look at our opportunities in  
review,  
And there is only one conclusion . . . Dear Mom and Dad,  
Thank You!

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*This thoughtful poem was written by Bill Lank, Jr. and pre-  
sented to his parents at FPMA's "Family Ties" luncheon on  
Sunday, August 11 during the association's 1985 Convention.  
Bill Lank, Jr. has served as president of FPMA for 1984-85.  
His father, Bill Lank, Sr. started Lank Oil of Fort Lauder-  
dale which has since merged with Bill Call's business to  
become Lank-Como Oil.*



... and the Capitanos ... generations  
of marketer families are involved in  
the business.