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TO ALL EMPLOYEES

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SHELL ACQUITTED IN
SOUTH BEND CASE

A jury in the Federal District Court in Fort Wayne, Indiana, -on May 21, found Shell and nine other oil company defendants not guilty of charges of price conspiracy, thus ending a seven-year legal battle.

The charges stemmed from a hearing in Chicago in May, 1957, by the House of Representatives Small Business Subcommittee on Distribution Problems. At the hearing, a number of dealers from South Bend, Indiana, testified that their suppliers had informed them that a price war would "end" at midnight, April 30, 1957. The Committee brought the charges to the attention of the U. S. Justice Department, and a grand jury investigation was begun.

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NEWS FROM THE PROVIDENT FUND

The following information has been received concerning the latest Provident Fund valuations:

Equities Fund: May 5 \$1.451
May 20 \$1.458

Shell Stock Fund: The average cost per share of Shell Stock purchased during April - \$48.065.



HONORING...DEER PARK HIGH SCHOOL'S
OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

These Shell sons and daughters were among the 34 outstanding students of Deer Park High School honored recently at a banquet in the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel in Houston. From left to right are L. J. Hallmark, Manager Personnel, Houston Refinery, Memory Wasmuth, H. A. Dufresne, Manager Personnel, Chemical Plant, Diane Rhame, Nell Rae Anderson, Brian Taylor, Linda Reitz, Cheryl Buchanan, and David Wheat.

SEVEN SHELL SONS AND DAUGHTERS
HONORED AT DEER PARK BANQUET

Seven Shell sons and daughters - four from the Refinery and three from the Chemical Plant - were honored recently at the Annual Deer Park High School Student Awards Dinner.

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SERA PICNIC TIME is closer than you think! The date is Saturday, June 13,...and here's the Picnic Committee, winding up plans for a gala all-day outing for SERA members and their families. Members of the committee (standing from left to right) are R. P. Johnson, D. O. Chrismer, R. O. Skillestad, Juanita Price, C. E. Salter, A. L. Woodring, and J. B. Reed. Kneeling are W. L. Fortune, J. F. Lee, J. H. Connolly, A. M. Yannazzo, R. D. Daeschner, J. A. Cook. Members not present for the picture: J. R. Lamb, Gloria Lee, G. L. Nuss, C. D. Fisher, B. R. Starker, W. E. Lain, K. W. Parks, H. J. Wheeler, J. C. Wailes, J. R. Lacy, R. B. Mann, and W. R. Pollard. Yannazzo is General Chairman and Connolly is picnic co-chairman this year.



SHELL SONS AND DAUGHTERS HONORED (continued)

Sponsored each year by the neighboring industries in the Deer Park area, the dinner was held at the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel. A total of 34 students from Deer Park's 10th, 11th, and 12th grades were recognized for outstanding scholastic accomplishments.

From the Refinery, the honor students included Cheryl Buchanan (daughter of E. B. Buchanan, Research Lab.); Diane Rhame (daughter of J. G. Rhame, Lube Oils Dept.); Memory Wasmuth (daughter of E. W. Wasmuth, Gas Dept.); and David Wheat (son of I. D. Wheat, Refy. Lab.).

The Chemical Plant group included Nell Rae Anderson (daughter of H. R. Anderson); Linda Reitz (daughter of F. G. Reitz); and Brian Taylor (son of J. F. Taylor). Linda added to her achievements at the school's awards assembly on May 20 when she was named the Deer Park High School's most outstanding student.

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HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR GRAD'S
PICTURE FOR SHELEGRAPH SALUTE

There's still time to send us a picture of your 1964 graduate. The SHELEGRAPH will honor the Class of '64 with a special section of our newsletter later this month. Proud parents are sending in their graduate's picture along with information about their accomplishments - and ambitions - daily... so don't be left out. The information should include graduate's name, parent's name and address, school, honors & school activities, and future plans. Either mail the picture and information to: Editor, Shell Oil Company, P. O. Box 100, Deer Park, Texas; or send it via refinery mail to SHELEGRAPH Office, Room 132, Main Office Building.

Photographs will be returned undamaged.

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RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION

THE RUNOFF ELECTIONS IN THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 6.

ABSENTEE VOTES MAY BE CAST AT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE FROM MAY 27 THROUGH JUNE 2.

BE SURE TO CAST YOUR VOTE.

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SHELL ACQUITTED IN SOUTH BEND (continued)

In October, 1957, Shell and 13 other firms were indicted on charges of conspiring to fix prices. In turn, the defendants charged that the grand jury had been improperly constituted. This claim was upheld and the indictment was dismissed. However, a new grand jury was impaneled and it brought in an indictment a year later, in October, 1958.

A trial jury was subsequently impaneled and a trial on the charges began in October, 1960. A conviction was handed down on the last day of 1960. The defendants were fined, in amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000; Shell's fine was \$45,000. By this time, however, the charges against some of the defendants has been dismissed. Those convicted and fined, besides Shell, were Standard of Indiana, Central West, Socony-Mobil, Ohio Oil (now Marathon), Phillips, Cities Service, Texaco, Hudson Oil, Tornado Oil and Pacer Oil.

All the remaining defendants appealed their convictions to the Seventh Court of Appeals. They claimed that they had been denied a fair and impartial trial.

In April, 1963, the Court of Appeals found for the defendants. It reversed outright the conviction of Phillips, which had only jobber operations in the area at the time of the hearings. New trials were ordered for the other 10 defendants.

This new trial began early in April this year. The government concluded its case late that month. The oil company defendants began their defense presentations May 1 and the jury verdict was returned May 21.

Attorney P. R. Teetor of the Head Office Legal Department was instrumental in obtaining the Court of Appeals reversal and represented Shell in the recent trial.

Commenting on the verdict, W. F. Kenney, Vice-President and General Counsel, said:

"During the course of this litigation there were times when we were deeply concerned as to its ultimate outcome. The jury verdict of not guilty is reassuring, not only because of the merits of this individual case, but also as it reflects the ultimate fairness of the judicial process."

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