

Million Safe Man-hours Marked

On June 14, refinery employees reached a million safe man-hours. They achieved this milestone by working 105 days without a lost-time accident. The last time they achieved this milestone was in December 1975.

Volunteer Now For Sept. 29

Planning for the 50th Anniversary celebration is now in progress. Departments have been contacted for displays and employees appointed to head up various committees. There's still plenty of opportunities to serve for any employee who wants to be a part of any committee. The committees and the person to contact are listed below:

Buildings and Grounds - Doug Meaden on 7232.

Entertainment, Receptions and Souvenirs - Sandra Bradbury on 6119 or Jerri Dromgoole on 6113.

Food and Refreshments - W.R. "Bill" Davis on 6430.

Maintenance and Cleanup - Vic Ashe on 7234.

Procurement, Purchasing - Roy

Crouch on 7166.

Promotions, Invitations, Publications and Displays - Bill Lafield on 6151.

Safety, Security, Traffic and Parking - Jess Burns on 7693.

Tours and Transportation - Chuck Walls on 6259.

Treasury - Von Deen Crouch on 6205.

If you have a yen to sing or dance or play a flute, give the entertainment committee a call. No Vic Diamond or Charlie Chaplin type will be refused. What about acting as a guide for your fellow employees and their families on the guided bus tour? These are but a couple of the choices available to anyone interested in helping during the upcoming 50th Anniversary celebration.

The Year That Was

1969

A 380,000 KVA transformer capacity substation was constructed giving the refinery and chemical plant a total capacity of 633,000 KVA which required an additional line from the power company. This was reported equivalent to the energy necessary to supply the average electrical power requirements for over 600,000 families. Project engineer for the new substation was L. C. Tuggle.

Approved educational course costs expanded to 100 percent reimbursement for all full-time Shell employees under the company's newly expanded program for Reimbursement of Education Costs. Previous reimbursement was 75 percent of the costs and applied only to courses directly related to employee's present position.

Pensioner Marx Isaacs received first place award for public relations competition of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers from Hugh Guthrie, president of the AIChE. Guthrie was assistant manager of refineries for Shell in New York.

1959

The second hydrotreater was approved for Houston Refinery. Known as the Lube Oil Hydrotreater, it was constructed east of the Lubricating Oils Department office and south of the clay contact unit.

1959 was a year of recovery. Production levels at most chemical units remained high throughout the year and sales were comparable. The reorganization of the company into five integrated product divisions, brought about a realignment of duties and responsibilities for a great many of the plant's

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Not So, Says Shell

Some motorists on Highway 225 point to Shell's construction of new storage tanks at the DPMC as proof the oil shortage is a hoax.

Not so, says Shell! The company is building three, 300,000-barrel, crude oil storage tanks, but construction began before the Iranian revolution caused turmoil in the world crude oil market. The additional storage is part of a long-

range plan needed to accommodate the increasing dependency on foreign crude oil.

Traditionally, the refinery has been supplied with crude delivered by pipelines from East and West Texas. Pipeline deliveries can be scheduled to minimize the need for expensive inventories and there is little political inter-

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Inspectors Now Certified

Engineering Inspection welding inspector Tom Strickler (left) shows co-worker, Doug Berger, the certificate presented to him by the American Welding Society upon his complying with the requirements of the AWS Standard for Qualification and Certification of Welding Inspectors.

Tom is the second welder inspector to achieve this distinction. The first was Doug, who was certified by the AWS a year ago. Both men worked as DPMC welders before they became inspectors.



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people. The Houston Plant's new phenol unit was its largest construction project of the year. The ready availability of raw materials and its very large requirement for phenol in making BPA made this a natural addition to its plant. It was a year of unprecedented world-wide demand for allylics and caught the chemical industry by surprise. This coupled with our own increased EPON resin production resulted in the speedy rehabilitation of the AC section of the AA Plant in order to supplement our supply of allyl chloride.

Construction work was completed in G Plant during 1959 and not only raised our glycerine production, but also increased epichlorohydrin capacity. In addition, facilities essentially were completed which will co-process the glycerine being made from acolein at the Norco Plant.

A considerable amount of capital was invested for revisions to BPA facilities. These revisions enabled us to maintain high quality standards and to raise capacity in anticipation of future requirements.

1949

Beginning with the March 1949 issue of the *Shellegram* the pages were given a face lifting and made smaller using a better quality paper. It paid off as it won the 1949 Award for General Improvement by the Society of Associated Industrial Editors. Editors were Martha Shaw and Walter Fruland. Martha

took over as editor of the *Shellegram* beginning with the April issue. She replaced E. L. Schlesinger, who was editor since joining Shell in February 1947.

Chemical gets a brilliant red fire truck replete with gold trim and plenty of chrome.

A new department was set up for Fire and Safety. Fire, safety, plant protection and hospital functions will come under the new department. Manager is L. J. Grossheim, who supervised fire and safety work under the management of Industrial Relations Department.

Please Return Postcards

Next week DPMC employees and pensioners will receive a letter from Gary Dillard, general manager, providing them with general information on the 50th Anniversary celebration. Enclosed with the letter is a self-addressed postcard asking you to indicate whether or not you plan to attend the September 29th event. And, if so, how many family members you plan to bring with you.

This information is for committee planning purposes only. It doesn't commit you one way or the other, but it will provide the committees with a better idea of how many guests to expect.

Thank you for your help. See you on September 29.

Energy Questions To Be Answered In *Shellegram*

One of the lead articles in this week's *Shellegram* deals with the DPMC's construction of three 300,000-barrel crude oil storage tanks. It was written to answer questions employees have as to why Shell is building such large crude oil storage tanks when gasoline is becoming less and less available and more expensive as the days go by.

Employees have many energy-related questions on their minds. So, beginning with this week's issue, the *Shellegram* will publish the company's response to employees' questions on energy-related matters. Questions submitted and signed by the employee will be answered - either in the *Shellegram* or directly to the employee submitting the question. However, all questions submitted - even if unsigned - will be considered for publication.

By providing this means of communication, the company hopes to address those energy-related issues which are of most concern to you - the employee.

To submit your question, state it simply and clearly in writing, sign your name and submit it to the *Shellegram* office, room 151 of the refinery administration building.

Employees are encouraged to sign the questions so that personal responses may be made to those questions not selected for publication. The names of employees submitting questions will not be printed in the *Shellegram*.

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ference with domestic supplies.

But as the Texas production has declined in recent years, Shell has had to import more foreign oil which can only be delivered by tanker - a less reliable means than pipelines since tankers arrive with 400,000 to 500,000 barrels of crude at a time aboard ships which often take more than a month at sea. They also are subjected to transportation delays and sometimes arrive in groups as opposed to the smooth steady flow from a pipeline. Imported oil also is subject to political interference, all of which creates the need for additional storage.

The refinery currently has 30 storage tanks which hold enough crude to keep it operating for 14 days. The addition of three more tanks will increase that capacity to about a 17-day supply.



Training's Jack Werner survives Wednesday fishing trip. Rattled BA operator Robert Hamilton acquires "nerves of steel" working graveyards with fellow operator Clyde Meriwether.

Information Center records say no Shellegrams for retired Automotive foreman E. J. Mitchell. "S" Maintenance supervisor Vern Harry says he had to kick the paper out of the way in order to get back into his office after a recent vacation.

Retiree Dies

Retiree Roger Hargrove, 72, died June 11.

At the time of his retirement in September 1963, he was a janitor in Maintenance North with 27 years of company service.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Fairchild Purnell Funeral Home on Southmore.

He is survived by his wife, Mamie, who resides at 3706 Tuam in Houston.



Two of the three crude oil storage tanks currently under construction at the refinery are pictured above. The addition of these tanks will increase the DPMC's storage capacity from a 14-day supply to a 17-day supply.

Goliad Mission Worth Visit

The atmosphere of 200 years ago has been recaptured in the mission church at Goliad State Historical Park. At Mission Espiritu Santo de Zuniga, reconstructed in the 1930s, the church furnishings have once again been installed.

Every item correlates to those listed in the 1783 inventory of the original mission that was moved to the present site in 1749, having had two previous locations. And although the iconography was described, the artistic style was not and this had to be researched in order for the replicas to be authentic representations of the period.

Some antique items were purchased in Mexico and include large wooden candlesticks, paintings, a cross and holy water front. Others were made specially in Mexico.

A large number, however, were replicated by artists and craftsmen of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department exhibits staff. Among these are an intricately carved crucifix and holy statues for the three altars, all works of

art in their own right.

Visitors may view the church exhibit in guided tours, as well as the granary building adjoining the church. The granary houses a series of dioramas with figures, some of them lifesize, of friars, Indians and soldiers, giving a realistic view of mission life. Other exhibits and a slide show give further insight into the history and natural surroundings of the area.

Just north of the church is the Indian overseer's office and a weaving workshop where a park employee, who was specially trained, gives demonstrations of the weaving skills of the Indians.

Besides its historical attractions, this park is a pleasant spot for outdoor relaxation, with camping and picnicking facilities, a swimming pool, playground and nature trail. It is located one-quarter-mile south of the City of Goliad, itself steeped in history, and close to such other notable shrines as the Fannin Battleground, General Zaragoza's Birthplace and Presidio la Bahia.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1964 Chevy Impala 2-door 283, 3-speed, AM-FM cassette deck, air. \$600. 643-7563

9 cu. ft. Sears chest freezer, year old, excellent condition. \$150. 486-0284 after 5 p.m.

1970 Coleman fold-out camper, canvas, screen, excellent condition. \$300. 1968 Yellowstone travel trailer, 18' self-contained, air, electric or butane. \$2,000. 695-1969

1978 T-Bird, P-S-B, AM-FM, coaxial speakers, Ziebarted, vinyl roof, 302 V8, very clean. \$5,200. 479-1343

1974 Plymouth Scamp, vinyl top, air, auto, power, regular gas, good condition. \$1,950. Four 14" wire wheel covers, used a few weeks. \$50 each. 524-9605

Acre city lot near Albuquerque. Sell or trade for local property. Child's seat for rear of bicycle. \$5. 946-4457

1978 Blazer gas tank with straps, 24 gal. \$80. Rear bumper with rubber pads. \$30. 475-0550

Two new Chevy van standard bucket seats. \$100. 479-3829 or 473-9861

1974 Mustang II 4 cylinder, hatch back, radio, standard. \$1,500. 481-0118 after 5 p.m.

3-Phase, 3½ ton Carrier central air with condenser, evaporator core, sensing unit. \$275. 641-3634

1968 Hemisfair beam bottle. \$26. 472-1862

Apartment size washer and dryer, stackable, stand included, year old, perfect condition. \$400. 476-0796

1962 Ford Galaxy, 60,000 miles, power, air. \$1,000. 472-3587

Trade Wind camper-trailer, good condition, 2 spare tires, sleeps 6, stove, sink, butane bottle. \$900. 946-7946

22" Wards push mower, good condition. \$30. 472-6979

Lot in Canyon Park Estates on Lake Livingston. 487-2269

1974 Pontiac Catalina V8, 4-door sedan, excellent condition, P-S-B, air, radio, regular gas. \$1,895. 472-0595

Car speakers (2) 6x9", 6 months old, out of 1978 Buick. \$18. 2 new folding cots, chrome with springs, 2" foam pads. \$38. 481-4767

1977 K-5 Blazer 4WD, auto, P-S-B, tilt, air, trailer hitch, AM-FM 8-track tape, 350, 4 bbl. \$6,500. 471-3231

Camper shell for LWB. \$50. Camper shell for SWB. \$25. 487-7673

14' fiberglass fishing boat and big wheel galvanized trailer. \$475. 328-1407 or 455-7393

GARAGE SALE

June 25, 26, 27. Clothes, home interior, Avon, misc. 1203 Glenn, Pasadena Gardens. 477-1043

FOUND

Two A.M. keys on metal clip. Claim in room 151 of refinery administration building.

Retirement Parties

Planning a retirement party? Then the following information may be helpful to you.

Future issues of the **Shellegram** will feature a Retirement Parties classified. The classified will be limited to name of retiree, date and location of party. As with all other classifieds, retirement ads must be submitted in writing and show the name of the employee submitting it. Deadline for all classifieds is Monday.



The next time you pick up your car keys and head for the door, ask yourself whether a phone call could save you the trip — and the wasted gasoline.

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