



Standing in front of safety board that shows 1,000,000 safe hours completed are employees representing every phase of Chemical Plant work. It was through individual efforts on the part of employees that this outstanding record was possible.

Chemical Employees Pass Million-Hour Safety Goal

Pushing aside several obstacles, Chemical Plant employees have completed a million hours without a lost-time accident. It has been 10 years since this was last accomplished.

Completing a million safe hours is a difficult task under normal circumstances. The outstanding feature of this latest mark is that it was accomplished with two major shutdowns occurring within the same period. Shutdown work requires that an unusual number of employees work together in close proximity which serves to increase the number of possible hazards. This points up how safety mindedness and cooperation can work together toward keeping employees from serious injury.

The number of accident-free hours, besides being a fine record, brought out some unusual aspects about off-the-job safety. While Plant employees were working without serious incident, 16 employees suffered injuries off the job, and lost about 230 days from work. The accidents occurred both in and outside the home.

Three employees suffered broken bones in auto accidents. Two were injured by the cowboy's best friend. Both were kicked by horses with one sustaining a broken leg and the other a back injury. While playing basketball, two men received broken fingers caused by falls taken during the game.

In the safety of their homes,

Total accident-free hours when SHELLEGRAM went to press was 1,250,000.

eight persons were hurt. These injuries ran the gamut from cuts to broken bones. Examples of these mishaps are: falling off a ladder and falling off steps. One man stepped on a tree limb and broke his leg.

Another off-the-job accident occurred during a hunting trip. While sitting under a tree the individual sighted his prey and quickly reached for his firearm with his hand over the muzzle opening. The gun discharged resulting in serious injury to the hand.

A great deal of publicity has been given to some unfortunate industrial mishaps in local plants. Admittedly there are hazards connected with working in a chemical plant, but in general, the worker is safer on the job than at home.

Each year the Chemical industry spends millions of dollars in an attempt to help workers perform their jobs safely under safe conditions. Every possible avenue is in-

vestigated that might bring something of usable value into play in plant safety programs.

The fact remains that no matter how much time and money is expended the success or failure of on- or off-the-job safety lies in the hands of the individual.

Accident Takes E. Clark's Life

E. D. "Ed" Clark, one of the Refinery's friendliest and most helpful employees was killed accidentally April 17 while helping a friend unload a tractor from a truck. He was 51 years of age.

Mr. Clark, a Pipefitter No. 1 at the time of his death, apparently tripped on some boards in the truck and fell, striking his head on the ground with sufficient force to break his neck.

A long-time resident of LaPorte, he was a well-known and outstanding youth and civic leader. The feelings of friends there were well stated by the LaPorte newspaper which said Mr. Clark never met a stranger, and "He was

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E. D. Clark



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SERA Board Election Planned in May

The annual membership meeting of the SERA for the purpose of installing new members on the Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, May 20, at 12:45 p.m. in the Refinery Cafeteria.

All members who can do so are urged to attend this meeting at which five Board vacancies are to be filled.

Ballots will be mailed to all SERA members during the first part of May and must be returned by May 20 to be counted.

Persons whose two-year terms on the Board expire this year are Billie Joe Steakley and Dixon Kirk, Chemical, and Jack Staton and Vic Smith, Refinery. Vic Ander-

son, Chemical, who held the fifth position on the Board to be filled, recently resigned. It was decided at the March Board meeting to leave the position vacant until the May election.

Anderson, while on the Board, was instrumental in constructing the two tennis courts, the horseshoe pits and the three nearly-completed shuffleboards at Shellwood.

Named to serve on the committee to nominate candidates for the vacant positions are Smith, Steakley, Kirk and Staton, plus Woody Myers, Refinery, and Vic Clark, Chemical.

Persons who will remain on the Board for another year are

Jean Ament, Lou Wright, B. R. Cole and Myers (as advisor) from the Refinery plus Marilyn Sommers and President J. W. Peters, Chemical.

In other action at the March meeting, the Board voted to issue only one membership card to each member this year, except for the issuance of a duplicate in the event the original card is lost. The Board also instructed Shellwood Caretaker Henry Jones, who attended the meeting, to secure the signature of all persons checking out recreation equipment at the grounds to assure the return of this equipment in good condition.

It was reported at the meeting that the Shell Employees Association from the Shell Development Lab had contracted, for a fee, to hold its annual picnic at Shellwood on May 24. This relatively small organization has non-exclusive use of the grounds on this date, meaning that SERA members may also use the facilities.

The holding of the June 14 SERA picnic at the Rockin' R. Ranch, on the Old Humble Road, was discussed further at this Board meeting and it was pointed out that it was not being held at Shellwood because of the construction of the adjacent state road which it is believed would cause a large scale traffic problem for such a large picnic. Work on this road was scheduled to begin about the middle of April.

Approval was granted by the Board for the construction of a small garage and tool shed to be located adjacent to and northwest of the caretaker's house.

Thirteen Refinery Employees Present Manuf. Tech. Papers

Thirteen Houston Refinery employees presented papers at the annual Shellwide Manufacturing Technical meeting held at the Shamrock Hilton Hotel March 24-26.

This meeting is held each year, with a different Shell refinery as host, for the purpose of reporting on the latest developments in many phases of refining and manufacturing research. It was last held here in 1953.

Some 50 papers were given in various subjects such as catalytic reforming, engineering, cracking, operations research, effluent disposal, treating, alkylation, butane isomerization and asphalt manufacture.

Refinery personnel giving papers were R. N. Franklin, Engineering, "Ductile Iron Valve Use in the Refinery"; C. W. Jenkins, Technological, "Comparative Thermal Conversion Studies for Stocks of Widely Different Character" and "Combined Catalytic and Thermal Reforming"; F. D. Macy, Industrial Engineering, "The Waiting Line Theory Applied to Dock Activities."

Also, R. L. Bryan, Thermal Cracking, "Application of Electrostatic Precipitators to Distillate Treating"; B. R. Starker, Gas, and R. D. Mullineux, Shell Development Company Research Chemist in training for a year at the Re-

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Plant Shutdowns Require Planning and Hard Work

Each year the production machinery in three of the Chemical Plant's operating departments is shut down for major inspection and repairs. These periods of repair play a major role in keeping the manufacturing processes moving efficiently.

E Dept. underwent a shutdown earlier this year, but the most recent example of this work was completed in G Dept. Work done in this area will serve as an example of the cooperation, planning and plain hard work needed to carry out this type of operation.

G Dept.'s shutdown was scheduled to last about eight days and that is exactly how long it took to do the job. It is necessary to keep rigid schedules since the longer the units are down the greater is the eventual loss of production.

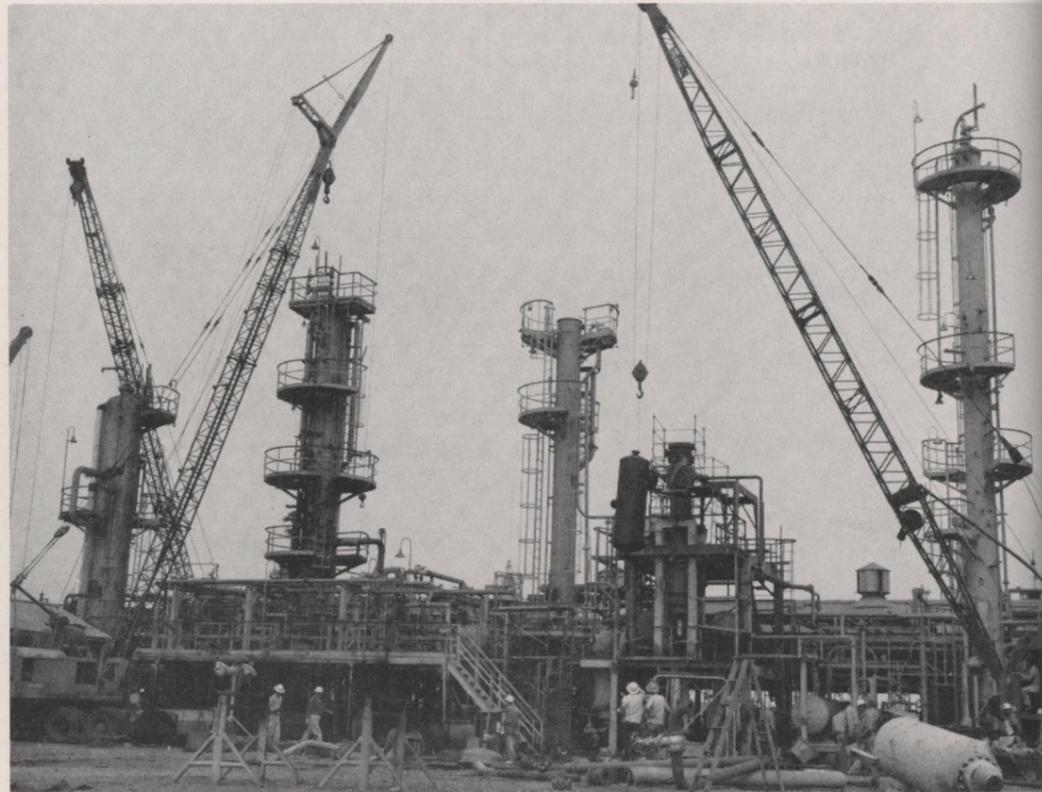
Coordinating and planning for shutdowns is done in a manner similar to that of planning any great battle. Engineers like F. M. Stribling and T. S. Wisdom; W. W. Stokes, Planning Coordinator; W. R. Hightower, Zone Supervisor; C. E. Freeman, Master Me-

chanic-Shutdowns; H. J. Betencourt, Area Engineer; P. P. Dominy, Zone Supervisor-Shutdowns, and many other supervisors in the Engineering-Field Dept., all work together in planning a successful shutdown.

This group has three basic goals: first, inspect and repair operating equipment; second, have the units back in operation in the allotted time, and third, carry out the operation in a safe manner.

Because the work done is so varied, each craft is represented. A major portion of the equipment used in the manufacturing process is taken apart for inspection and possible repair. About mid-way through this operation it is difficult to tell if something is being taken apart or being constructed for the first time. Compressors are taken apart; grid trays are removed from finishing columns—in general everything is a mass of men and equipment.

To the inexperienced eye, confusion would seem to be the order of the day. This could not be further from the



A mass of parts, equipment and men—this is a shutdown. In this picture four cranes are assisting in work on EC-2

truth. Although a shutdown area is a beehive of activity, each man knows his job and does it.

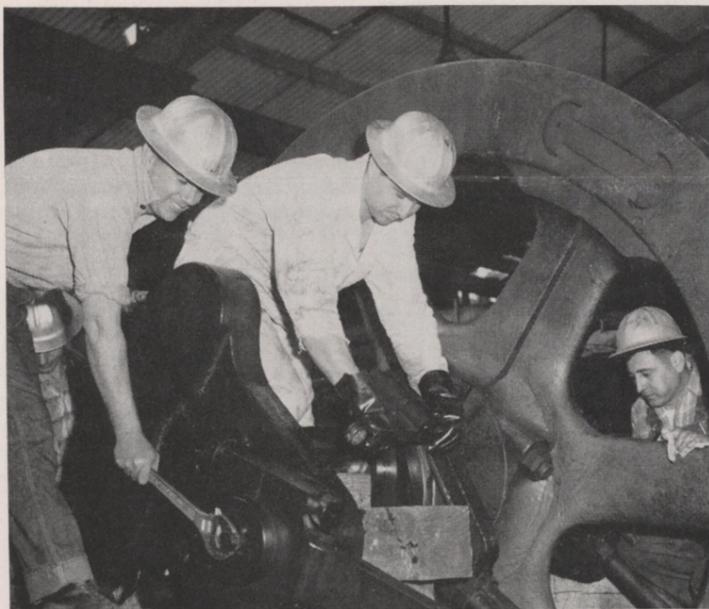
The idea behind a yearly shutdown is to maintain maximum efficiency of machinery and other equipment. During the year minor repairs are made, but it is not until shut-

down time that everything is thoroughly checked. It would be possible to keep the plants running for more than a year with minor repairs, but when something eventually went wrong, the cost of repair and loss of production facilities would be more expensive than the present system.

A well-deserved pat on the back goes to every man who worked on the shutdowns in E and G Depts. for their stant safety mindedness. The jobs were begun and completed during the time the Houston Plant posted more than a million accident-free hours.



Pipefitters W. S. Mora, A. E. Humphries and A. H. Church begin to remove pipe from G-100 and 200 Compressor House. This work is preparatory to installing new compressor.



Dwarfed by size of compressor flywheel, these men begin job of making certain this piece of operating equipment is ready for another year's work. They are (l. to r.) E. J. Davidson, H. L. Waddell, and J. N. Childs, all are No. 1 Machinists.



Welder No. 1 F. H. Trathen looking out of vessel seems to be giving last good before being sealed in a time capsule. Actually he took time out from his work on G-100 plant for this picture. On platform is J. B. Hix, Operator No. 1, standing by as a safety precaution. In the event any difficulties arise in or out of vessel he will be there to give Trathen a hand. Large hose leading into vessel is an important safety precaution, is used to draw out fumes of arc welding.

Refinery Wives Get P.-T.A. Jobs

The wives of four Refinery employees have been elected officers of the P.-T.A. groups at two Pasadena schools for the coming year.

Elected to serve as president of the Southmore Junior High P.-T.A. was Mrs. J. N. McKinney, whose husband works in the Boilermakers Shop. One of two vice-presidents at the same school is the wife of Refinery Lab employee L. J. Duke.

Vice-presidents at the Richey Elementary School include Mrs. S. W. Woods and Mrs. K. M. Mathis, whose husbands work in the Utilities and Gas Depts. respectively.

Plan Secretaries Week Tour Of Refinery, Chemical Plant

April 20-26 was Secretaries Week and the Houston Chapter of the National Secretaries Association celebrated this event with several functions, including a tour of the Refinery and Chemical Plant.

This tour of the Shell installations took place on Saturday, April 26 with approximately 100 members taking part. A luncheon was held in the Chemical Plant Cafeteria.

A proclamation signed by Sec. of Commerce Sinclair Weeks set aside this week for the purpose of telling the public how proud secretaries are to be playing a vital part in the business world. Texas Gov. Price Daniels and Houston Mayor Lewis Cutrer have also issued proclamations designating this week in honor of the secretaries.

Lillian Long of the Refinery served as chairman for the week in Houston. Among other events scheduled was a dinner honoring Doris Winner of the Chemical Plant who is the Houston Chapter's candidate for national Secretary of the Year.

Other events on the week's program included group attendance at church on April 20 and an "April in Paris" party on April 25 at which new and prospective members were honored guests.

Who's New

March 13—Linda Karen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. York, Treasury.

April 3—Michael John, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sprecher, Gas.

April 10—Bodin Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hugger, Eng.-Office.

Want to Play Detective? Credit Union Asks Help

Do you know any of these people? The Credit Union is trying to locate the following people who have terminated, to notify them that they have money in the Credit Union. If you know the whereabouts of any of these people, please notify the Credit Union on Refinery Plant No. 205.

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| Bacon, E. M. | George, Martha A. |
| Bailey, B. E. | Jackson, Floyd O. |
| Berglund, H. R. | Martin, J. E. |
| Brannen, G. L. | Nikles, O. L. Jr. |
| Collie, Fred Louis | O'Neal, T. P. |
| Evans, J. B. | Kessler, E. W. |
| Gillin, B. M. | Harding, Winfred |
| Morrison, Robert E. | Thompson, Gene |
| Oakes, E. N. | Hazlip, G. L. |
| Osborne, O. L. | Kelly, Charles A. |
| Phillips, Deanne | Rockford, George |
| Stackwell, H. E. | Holladay, Philip C. |
| Tunstall, T. S. Jr. | Menke, Ruby A. |
| Carson, Carolyn K. | |

30 Years Service



W. O. Edgerton Distilling (Refy.)

Lost Items Found

The following items were left at the Refinery during Open House activities:

- One plastic raincoat.
- One pair of child's blue gloves.
- One girl's purse, metal and brown plastic.

Please get in touch with the SHELL-GRAM Editor to claim these items.

E. A. Thomas' Son Captures Third Straight Science Prize

For the third straight year, Joe York Thomas, son of E. A. Thomas of the Refinery Machine Shop, has won first place in the biological science division of the District I Science Fair and will participate in the National Science Fair in May.

Not only did Joe York's project entitled "Sodium Azide—a Possible Aid in Combatting Cancer" take first place in the biological science division, but it was also judged the best exhibit in the show which included more than 500 entries by high school students in this area.

Young Thomas is a senior at LaPorte High School and plans to enter Lamar Tech to study biology toward the goal of being a biology teacher.

Joe York's expense-paid trip to the national event will be made this year to Flint, Mich., in May. The local fair was held at the University of Houston under the sponsorship of the University and Gulf Coast industries.

One of three high-ranking seniors in a class of 90, Joe York is not just interested in biology. He is a member of the school band, the Key Club, the National Thespians, Quill and Scroll, the Dramatics Club,

the National Honor Society, Junior Academy of Science and Future Teachers of America.

He recently won, for the second successive year, a position with the "all-star" cast in Interscholastic League one-act play competition; is co-editor of the school paper and a teen-page editor of the Houston Chronicle.

Meeting—

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finery, "Alkylation Process Studies"; C. A. Robertus, Refinery Lab, "Reproducibility of Octane Numbers."

Houston Research employees presenting papers were E. O. Kindschy, "Catalyst Activity Control During Start-Up and High-Severity Reforming Operations"; T. B. Metcalfe, "Cracking Catalyst Attrition Tests"; L. D. Ross "Stripper Evaluation."

Others, M. G. Geiger, "Evaluation of Anacortes Number One Reactor Lift Pot Modifications"; E. F. Roque, "Preparation of Catalytic Cracking Feed from Anacortes Flasher Pitch"; J. E. Gwyn, "Mass Transfer Limitations in H₂SO₄ Alkylation," and D. W. Emerson, "Manufacture of High Octane Gasoline by Copolymerization of Light Olefins."

In addition to representatives from all the Shell refineries, employees at this meeting included some from Head Office, the Asiatic Petroleum Company, the Shell Chemical Corporation, the Shell Development Company and the Shell Oil Company of Canada.

Members of New York Management at the meeting include M. P. L. Love, Vice-President, Manufacturing; R. W. McOmie, General Manager of Refineries; L. R. Goldsmith, General Manager of the Manufacturing Technical Depts.; J. G. Wilson, Manager of Manufacturing Engineering, and J. M. Brackenbury, Manager of Manufacturing Technological.

Technologist Marx Isaacs was in charge of the arrangements for this program, which included a visit to the Refinery and a luncheon on March 27. Some 70 guests arrived at the Refinery's "back door," making the trip from Houston by boat on the Ship Channel. In addition to taking general Refinery tours, many persons visited specific departments in which they were particularly interested.



The above pictures are two scenes of visitors arriving at the Refinery for a tour and luncheon as part of the activities of the annual Manufacturing Technical meeting held in Houston last month. Some 70 persons took advantage of the opportunity to view the industry along the Ship Channel between Houston and the Refinery. The boat was made available for the trip through the generosity of the Mayo Shell Corporation building material dealers.

Clark—

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never too busy to drop whatever he was doing if his family or friends called on him for something."

Mr. Clark, a native of Ico, Ark., came to work at the Houston Refinery on Jan. 7, 1929, as a Carpenter Helper. He spent his entire Shell career in the Engineering Dept.

His main interests in LaPorte were the Volunteer Fire Dept. of which he was a member for 23 years and the Booster Club at the high school of which he was a charter member. Mr. Clark was also well known for his ability to prepare excellent barbecue and he was called on constantly to assist churches and other groups with their functions. He was also a member of the First Methodist Church in Cane Creek, Ark., and of the LaPorte Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his widow, the former Gladys Browning; three sons, Royce of Edna, Tex., Lester of LaPorte and Eddie who is in the Army; three sisters and two brothers. The sympathies of all Mr. Clark's fellow Shell employees are for these during this time of bereavement.

25 Years Service



E. O. Overhultz
Eng. (Chem.)

Refinery Daughters Appear in Dramas

The daughters of two Refinery employees recently played important roles in dramas staged at their respective schools.

Miss Gloria Lisano, daughter of J. W. Lisano, Cat. Cracking Dept., appeared in the comedy "Gammar Gurten's Needle" which was put on at Texas Woman's University. A junior sociology major, she played the role of Diccon in the three-act comedy.

Miss Marilyn Watts, daughter of J. E. Watts, P&IR, played the role of Sabina in Thornton Wilder's "The Skin of Our Teeth." Miss Watts is a sophomore majoring in speech therapy at North Texas State College.

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REFINERY

- J. A. Ballentine Jr., Refinery Lab
- W. E. Barr, Gas
- D. R. Berger, Engineering-Field
- R. C. Blair, Lube
- S. W. Bradberry, Lube
- G. W. Burnaman, Lube
- E. P. Cashat, Utilities
- G. H. Cook, Lube
- M. G. Crosby, Engineering-Field
- P. C. Depew Jr., Lube
- C. F. Evans, Lube
- L. A. Fram, Engineering-Field
- B. C. Gaines, Engineering-Field
- H. W. Gates, Distilling
- E. C. Grace, Engineering-Services
- L. F. Grove, Engineering-Field
- B. G. Hayes, Treating
- B. J. Hock, Lube
- H. F. Holcomb, Catalytic Cracking
- Fred Holleman, Stores
- A. H. Holub, Engineering-Field
- C. W. Johnson Jr., Utilities
- R. C. Jones, Distilling
- B. J. Landry, Fire and Safety
- F. M. Leonard, Utilities
- N. O. McDuffie Jr., Refinery Lab
- J. B. McKinney, Distilling
- A. B. McNair, Dispatching
- L. B. Mills, Lube
- W. J. Monk, Engineering-Field
- R. E. Neslony, Lube
- J. C. Parks, Engineering-Field
- Calvin Pate, Engineering-Field
- J. D. Payton, Aromatics
- J. J. Queen, Treating
- W. H. Reeves, Distilling
- B. E. Richardson, Distilling
- L. E. Srubar, Utilities

- A. D. Stanley, Gas
- W. C. Trammel, Engineering-Field
- T. H. Wardlaw, Lube
- R. E. Wilke, Engineering-Field
- R. G. Willard, Cat. Cracking

CHEMICAL

- M. E. Christian, Operations
- R. W. Clark, Operations
- C. S. Cryer, Eng.-Field
- W. R. Davis, Operations
- V. L. Lowery, Administration
- E. C. McClaskey, Operations
- B. Powell, Operations

Personnel Chart Correction



Appearing in the March issue of the SHELLEGRAM was a personnel chart on the Chemical Plant Technological Dept. R. W. Jones was shown under Resins No. 2 as a Technologist. Jones' title was in error and should be corrected to read Senior Technologist.

20 Years Service



C. G. Mabee
Treas. (Chem.)

PETROLEUM EVERYWHERE

Man made materials, manufactured mainly from molecules of crude oil and natural gas, now account for almost 80 per cent of all drugs and medicines, 98 per cent of all plastics, 60 per cent of all rubber, 62 per cent of all detergents and soaps and 27 per cent of all textiles produced in the United States.



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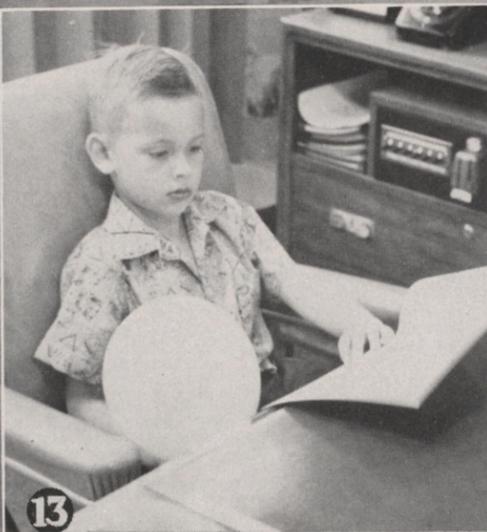
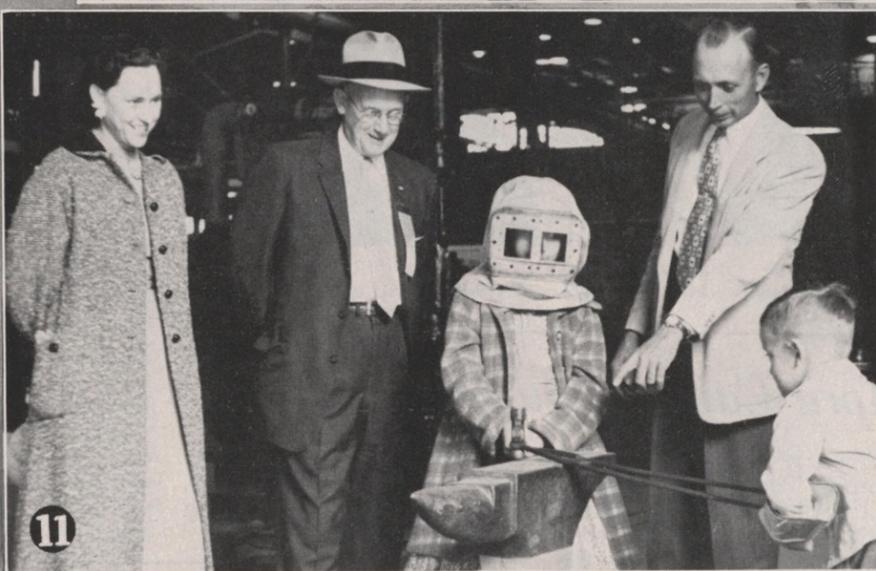
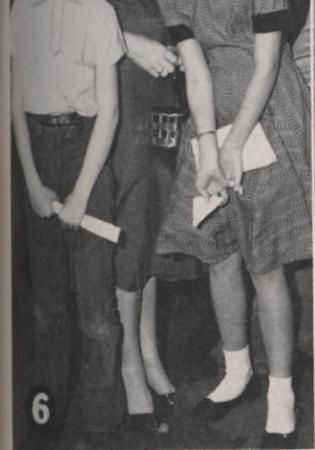
1-A large group of visitors takes the tour through the Utilities Dept.
2-D. V. McKinney explains warehouse operations to a group which includes employees Dorethea Hale (center) and J. E. Strickland (third from right).

3-The F. H. Fox family was among those visiting on the day Research held Open House.
4-Researcher L. P. Bosanquet points out an interesting item in the Research Library to a group which includes employee Rubin White (with coat on).

5-A scene in the Cafeteria where refreshments were served and souvenirs presented.
6-Another picture of tour activities in Utilities.
7-The W. B. Jameson and M. J. O'Neal families had fun visiting Research.

8-A scene looking down from the balcony into the East Research building lobby.
9-Bus tours gave all visitors an opportunity to take a look at the whole Refinery.
10-Tours started in the Administration building and in this picture a group

looks down upon the beautiful landscaped patio between the structures.
11-E. T. Horridge explains one of Utilities operations to his son and daughter.
12-The T. F. Lwellyn family tries a scale in Stores.



1—Research visitors included L. D. Ross and his mother (third and fourth from left) seen with other guests at milk carton wax research facility. 2—Labor Foreman B. A. Mueller takes a group through Refinery Manager John Tench's office. It includes employees F. C. Brooks, Paul George,

Corrie Agnew, J. R. Singleton and W. E. Hall. 3—J. F. Schulz (L) and C. W. Semands, wife and two sons were among visiting Researchers. 4—F&S Inspector W. G. Cannon explains safety exhibit to J. H. Littleton (L) and his guests.

5—Joe Esterak (R) and H. A. Terry take a look at the solvents treaters along with family guests. 6—H. A. Wigley explains distilling operations to wife and children. 7—C. E. Salter (L) shows the Charlie Brown family around the Gas Dept. 8—Guide R. L. Bryan leads the way

through treating operations for a group which includes G. T. Haney. 9—Technologists J. G. Herring (L) and R. E. Harvey show Gas Dept. operations to their wives. Pictures 10-14 depict some of the Open House activities engaged in by a typical Refinery family, that of C. H.

Shelton of the Blacksmith Shop. In No. 10 Refinery Manager John Tench welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Shelton and children Diane and Mike. In 11, Machinist Foreman F. J. Olexa watches as Shelton gives his children a short lesson in welding hammers and tongs. The children try out Mr. Tench's chair in 12 and 13.

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In April, 18 years ago Open House was a topic of conversation around the Refinery just as it has been this month. On April 27, 1940, employees' families and friends were invited to visit what was then the "new" Research Lab and the remodeled Control Lab. Then, as now, the day's activities were concluded in the Cafeteria where refreshments were served and souvenirs presented.

Important News was also being made on the safety front at that time. As of April 25 (the date the SHELEGRAM went to press) Refinery employees had worked 133 days without incurring a disabling injury. The paper reported that two White Elephants, which had been purchased as "rewards" to sections suffering disabling injuries, were still inactive.

M. L. Roller, who then worked in cracking cleanout, was saved from serious injury when a large piece of coke fell from the top of the Dubbs 9 reaction chamber and struck his hard hat a damaging blow.

The Shell dance on April 6 at the Glenbrook Country Club was reported by committee chairman Fay Hilliard to have been the greatest ever held with some 125 couples dancing to the music of Les Brown and his Aristocrats.

Plans were being made for an inter-departmental golf league with Jack Guyot, J. W. Sergeant, George Thorn, Nick Bailes, F. H. Sparks and P. M. Sharp serving on the committee.

The Gulf Coast Foremen's Club was making plans to hold its next meeting in the Shell Cafeteria with Houston Port Director J. Russell Wait as speaker. M. D. Daeschner was president of this club which was made up of supervisory personnel from local industries.

April Cancer Education Month

April is Cancer Education Month. The Harris County unit of the American Cancer Society, to which you contributed last fall during the United Fund drive, says there are seven basic truths about cancer that each of us should learn.

- 1—Cancer is curable. Thousands of persons are alive today who have been cured.
- 2—Cancer must be treated early. Have a thorough health check up at least once a year.
- 3—Cancer does not cure itself. It must be treated properly by surgery, x-ray or radium.
- 4—Cancer is not a disgrace. No one should be ashamed to seek help for cancer.
- 5—Cancer is neither contagious nor inherited. Don't fear cancer; do something about it.
- 6—Pain is seldom a symptom of early cancer. Most cancers should be treated before they become painful.
- 7—Most cancers give an early warning. Learn the

danger signals of cancer. They may or may not mean cancer, but they should always mean a visit to your doctor.



Above are winners of recently completed SERA Match Play golf tournament. Because of necessity for elimination rounds the contest required several months to complete. Heading the winners was Tom Green, Research Computing (Ref.), who is shown receiving trophy from Golf Chairman, D. H. Essary, Chemical Stores. Other winners are (l. to r.) J. C. Tullos, E. Dept. (Chem.), C. R. Brockmeyer, Construction (Ref.), B. R. Nelson, Research Computing, J. M. Baldwin, Machine Shop (Chem.), and R. V. Goettge, Engineering-Development Dept. (Chem.).

Student Groups Visit

Recently the Chemical Plant was visited by a group of business students from Deer Park High School and by Harris County FFA boys.

The Deer Park group took a tour of the Treasury Dept. where they saw and heard how a large company such as ours carries out its many accounting procedures. K. B. Field, Manager of the Treasury Dept., invited the students and served as a guide along with G. M. Seaman, Chief Accountant, L. L. Johnston, G. G. Barnes, M. F. Usry, P. E. Ohls, and R. L. Shipp.

Under the sponsorship of the Houston Chamber of Commerce and the University of Houston's Agricultural Department, approximately 35 FFA boys visited the Chemical Plant. They were met at the plant by H. Dufresne, Manager, P&IR; H. Douma, Assistant Manager, P&IR; W. S. Frull, Assistant Manager, P&IR; A. J. Garron, Shell Chemical Sales.

The tour was part of a day of visiting local ship channel industries to see the manufacturing facilities that in many ways serve agriculture.



Deer Park business students recently visited Chemical Plant. They are pictured in the Tabulating Office with their Treasury Department guides, (l. to r.) G. G. Barnes, R. L. Shipp, P. E. Ohls, G. M. Seaman, M. F. Usry, L. L. Johnston, and K. B. Field.



FFA boys and sponsors pose in front of Chemical Plant's Main Office building. Group toured Plant as part of day spent visiting ship channel.

English Poet Has Word Of Advice for Drivers

"Be wise with speed; A fool at 40 is a fool indeed." That was the admonition some 200 years ago by English poet Edward Young.

And it's still appropriate today, the National Safety Council says.

The motorist who hedges around with horsepower is showing about as much common sense as a man who jumps without a parachute from an airplane.

Recent Council statistics show that in 37 percent of motor vehicle accidents resulting in death, speeding was a factor in causing the accident. No other single violation oc-

curred so often. What is speeding? It is driving at 20, 40 or 60 miles per hour depending on these factors: 1—condition of the road; 2—condition of the vehicle; 3—condition of the driver; 4—weather and visibility; 5—amount and type of vehicle; 6—amount of pedestrian traffic.

Speed kills because it increases the forces which, in an accident, turn useful equipment such as metal and glass into deadly weapons. Speed kills because it increases the likelihood of an accident. The greater the speed, the less time you have to react in an emergency.

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