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DU-2 turnaround had its ups and downs

E.C. Rogers says he doesn't like crowds. The DPMC rigging foreman doesn't suffer from demophobia, and he takes the hustle and bustle in stride. Rogers can't understand all the fuss. "Crowds just get in the way," he says bluntly.

You might call his line of work spectator-prone to begin with. When his crew lifts heavy pieces of industrial equipment with huge cranes, they naturally draw a crowd. Some performers would envy the audiences Rogers disdains.

Last month's removal and replacement of the V-5200 reactor vessel at DU-2 was no different. Two cranes combined to remove the 130-ton vessel and replace it with a shiny new one in an amazing day and a half. The show was nearly over before the spectators arrived. "Yeah, that was a slick job," Rogers said with a sly smile.

The riggers lifted the old reactor off its foundation on a Thursday; the new reactor was in place by Friday morning. If the crew hadn't encountered mechanical problems with one of the cranes, Rogers said, the job would have been finished in a single day.

Shell rented two cranes for the job. A 300-ton model was used to lift the reactor itself,

while a 150-ton model steadied the vessel once it was lifted free. Special rigging also had to be used for the massive load.

Before the vessel could be moved, DPMC craftsmen worked around-the-clock to prepare it for the lift. Pipefitters stripped the piping from the area surrounding the vessel. Workers atop the scaffolding tore the fireproofing brick from the reactor. Despite the cosmetic stripdown, there wasn't much room for the heavy equipment.

Working with precision and speed, the cranes rolled into place, at times literally inching forward. "After the equipment was set and we were ready to make the lift, we had about a foot and a half," Rogers said with characteristic understatement. "It was kind of close."

Doug Champeon, the project engineer, praised Rogers and his team for their job. "The crew performed with a high degree of motivation and skill, as well as completing the tasks expeditiously and safely."

Champeon explained that the replacement of the reactor vessel was just one of several major projects scheduled during the recent DU-2 shutdown. "We made the switch because we found that the old reactor had corrosion cracks in its cladding," he said. "We

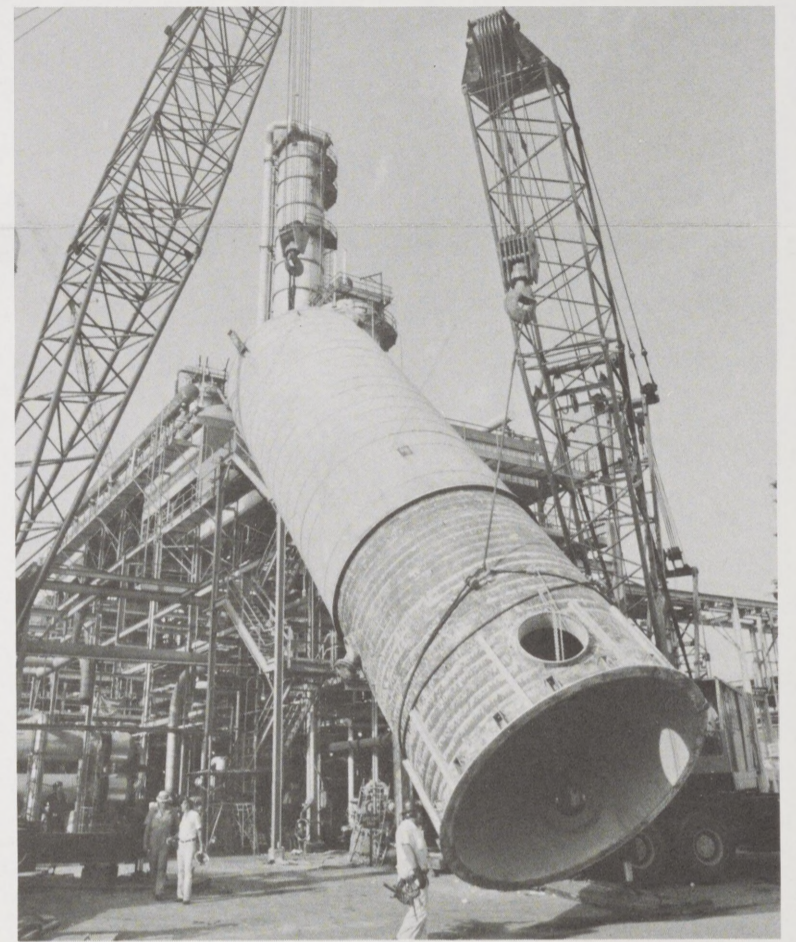
decided to go with a bigger reactor that could handle more catalyst and produce a better process stream."

By the time the reactor had been switched out, the full spectrum of Shell crafts from West Operations and Maintenance North had been involved. In-plant and out-of-plant contract personnel also lent a hand. "There was a rather unique blend in the work forces that came together in a well-coordinated and timely manner," Champeon said.

Red Washmon, who directed the field work for the shutdown, began by calling Rogers and his crew "one of the best in the country. That was one of the best rigging jobs I've ever seen," he added.

Washmon, Maintenance North supervisor, also had glowing words for the other Shell crafts involved. "Jake Smith's insulators did a great job fireproofing the new reactor," he said. "The pipefitters and welders had to cut the 12-chrome piping to fit the new elevation of the vessel (12-chrome pipe is the hardest to weld and the easiest to crack)."

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ON THE RISE — Two cranes give this massive reactor at DU-2 a lift. A 300-ton crane actually lifted the reactor from its foundations, while a 150-ton crane steadied the reactor while it was airborne.

Sonics, Hawks square off against Norco Saturday

Two DPMC softball teams will square off against a team from Norco and a team from the Information Center in a double elimination tournament Saturday, Aug. 21, at 10 a.m. at the Diamond Shamrock softball field.

The Sonics, SCORA softball champs, and the second-place Hawks will battle the other Shell locations in the 1982 version of the Great Texas Shoot-out. In 1979, DPMC triumphed in the tournament, but Norco got its revenge last year.

During the tournament, the SCORA teams — including the Ravens and the Oreos — will be presented their trophies. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Beer, soft drinks and snacks will be available.

In October, Shell will implement a new descriptive billing procedure for credit card customers. The new monthly bills will be similar to those used by Visa, Mastercard and many major department stores.

Besides notification at Shell stations, credit card customers will also receive notification through the mail in letters explaining the changes in Shell statements which began in July.

Billing will remain unchanged with one exception:

the new descriptive bill will itemize each Shell credit transaction without returning the individual copies of the credit card invoices to the customer.

Simply stated, the new descriptive billing will give credit card customers an itemized printout of all their purchases and payments for the particular billing period. Customers will be able to see at a glance what was purchased — also, when, where, and for how much. Multicard families and commercial

accounts will also be able to tell who made the purchase.

The new descriptive billing will not include copies of the sale invoices that had been returned in each statement. Some customers may miss getting these when the new billing starts. Those who wish to verify sales transactions can do so easily by checking their customer copy of the credit card invoice they retain at the time of the sale. Be sure to keep your copies of the invoice in a safe place for easy reference if needed.

Sonics claim softball crown with 18-6 victory over Hawks



The Sonics won the 1982 SCORA softball championship. Team members in the front row, from left to right, are: Jimmy Cooper, Dan Daniels, Steve Waltmon, Jimmy Hassell, Joe Bibby and coach Fred Sonderegger. In the back row are: Sharkey McInnis, Fil Saenz, Smokey Mathers, Ruben Jimenez, D.D. Jones, Apple Smith, Joe Diaz, Johnny McDaniel and Eddie Gaines.



The Hawks finished second in the SCORA softball league. Team members in the front row, from left to right, are: Lynn Fowler, Ace Rhodes, Sammy Juarez, Fudd Cochran, Ronnie Johnson and Randy Ingebretson. In the back row are Richard Corbett, Pat Guillotte, Glen Eberhardt, Richard Thibodeaux, coach Chester Guidry, Mike Gault, Mike Akers and Alan Rector. Not pictured are Donny Anderson, Jim Smith and Bubba Alston.

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PERSONAL

I wish to thank my friends at Shell for the retirement party and the gifts. I will retain many pleasant memories of the Shell people I had contact with through the years and will miss all of you. Thanks for making my years at Shell a pleasant memory.

Otto Bopp

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Maintenance foreman R.C. Taylor, who helped coordinate the entire project said, "What made the whole project look so good is that each person knew exactly what he had to do before the shutdown, so we were able to utilize our manpower in the most efficient manner."

Today, DU-2 is on its feet and the new reactor is "running like a dream." Replacing the vessel was an important job, but perhaps one overshadowed by other projects involving more money and time. But the lifts provided the most dramatic moments during the shutdown — and they certainly drew the biggest crowd.

Dispatching Safety Dinner



Brent and Sharon Matthews, left, and Bruce and Marilyn Bird, above, were just a few of the folks who attended the annual Dispatching Department safety dinner.



Paul Saunders and Lisa Barr, left, and Eleanor and Willie Braggs, right, also joined the celebration. The safety dinners were held at the Monument Inn, and about 90 people attended.

SCORA picnic planned at Frontier Days Park

If you've found yourself feeling a bit stuffy lately, what you might need is a breath of fresh air. The best place for that is SCORA's annual fall picnic at Frontier Days Park.

Tickets are now on sale for the picnic on September 11, from noon until 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for SCORA members and \$3 for their children. Guest tickets are \$14 for adults and \$11.50 for children. That in-

cludes free barbecue and beer.

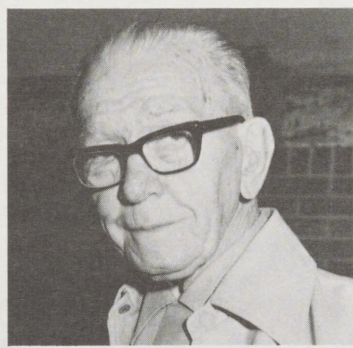
A band will be on hand for dancing, and there will be hayrides all day. Other activities include a cowboy polo exhibition game, authentic shoot-outs staged by cowboys and a ventriloquist show. Besides softball, volleyball and tug-of-war, there will also be a cow chip tossing contest and a beer drinking competition — from baby bottles, of course.

For the younger set, a complete children's area will be supervised at all times.

There will be three mechanical rides, and a moon walk filled with helium balloons. Frontier Day Park also features an old-time photo shop, a souvenir store, and a caricature artist.

Frontier Days Park is located seven miles east of Lake Houston on FM 1960 between Huffman and Dayton. Contact your local SCORA representative for ticket information. You must show your SCORA card when you buy tickets.

In Remembrance



John T. Larkin, 89, died March 23. Larkin was a machinist in Maintenance North before his retirement in 1957.

Wesley R. Ackerman, 30, died August 8. Ackerman was an instrumentman in Maintenance North before he left in 1981.

Dan M. Vogt, 31, died May 31. Vogt was an operator in Utilities North at the Complex.

C.W. Humphreys, former president of Shell Chemical Company, died May 28 in Atherton, California. Humphreys, who retired from Shell in 1967, was 76. He joined Shell

Chemical in 1931 as a lab assistant at the Shell Point Plant in Pittsburg, California. In 1941 he was appointed manager of the Houston Chemical Plant in Deer Park, before transferring to Head Office in 1946 as operations manager in Shell Chemical's Manufacturing Department. In 1953 he was elected vice president for Manufacturing. He became president of Shell Development in 1962 and president of Shell Chemical in 1965.

OCAW Retiree Club can put you in the swing of things

The OCAW Local 4-367 Retiree Club, organized two years ago by two Shell retirees, is a good way for retirees to join the crowd. The club is open to all members in good standing with OCAW 4-367 in the Houston area.

Herschel Graham, who retired from the South boiler shop in 1978, is the club's president. Marion Williams, who retired also from the South boiler shop in 1975, is the club's vice-president.

Monthly meetings are held at the union hall on Tatar Street in Pasadena. A number of activities are planned for the coming months. If you're interested, call 473-1326 or 472-7088 for more information.



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