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TO ALL EMPLOYEES



SHELL SON Ronny Huffman talks with Rotarians H. E. Walker (l.) and J. C. Kelbaugh (r.).

## RONNY HUFFMAN HONORED AS STUDENT GUEST AT PASADENA ROTARY CLUB MEETING

Ronny Huffman, 18-year old son of the Refinery's T. C. Huffman, has been honored by the Rotary Club of Pasadena as a Student Guest during the months of December and January.

High School Student Guests - one boy and one girl - are selected by their school faculty, and the yardstick used to make the choices includes such things as scholarship and achievement.

Ronny has accomplished his share of both. An "A" average student, he is in the midst of an activity-filled senior year at Pasadena High School. He serves as President of the National Honor Society, and is a member of the Student Council and the Quill and Scroll. As Staff Photographer for his school's year-book, the "Pasadenian", he takes photographs

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## SHELL REPORTS 14 PER CENT RISE IN NET INCOME FOR 1963

Shell Oil Company had a record year in 1963, Monroe E. Spaght, President, announced today. Preliminary reports show that the Company's Net Income, Total Operating Revenues, Production of Crude Oil and Natural Gas, Refinery Output, and Sales of Refined Products and Chemicals reached all-time highs, he said.

Net income for 1963 was estimated at \$179.9 million, 14 per cent above the 1962 figure of \$157.7 million. This amounted to \$2.97 per share - compared with \$2.60 per share in 1962.

Refined product sales of 718 thousand barrels a day in 1963 were about eight per cent higher than in 1962. Mr. Spaght pointed out that this follows a nine-per-cent increase in 1962 over 1961.

Developed net reserves are estimated at 1.8 billion barrels of liquids and eight trillion cubic feet of gas - about the same as those reported as of January 1, 1962. While this means that in the last two years additions to developed reserves have only equaled production, Mr. Spaght predicted that over the next decade "we will not only replace what we produce but our developed net reserves will grow at a yearly rate of perhaps 50 million barrels of liquids and 400 billion cubic feet of gas".

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## SAFETY SIGN STOPS TURNING AGAIN AS THREE INJURIES OCCUR MONDAY

The Shell safety sign stopped turning yesterday. The number of "Safe Workdays" had reached "16".

Then an injury was reported...then another...and a little later, still another. In all, a total of three disabling injuries in the span of one workday!

The first injury happened when an employee slipped from the second or third rung on a ladder. He bumped his elbow in the fall, causing a fracture.

The second occurred when an employee,

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RETIREE J. L. THOMPSON DIES

It is with regret we report the death January 16 of J. L. Thompson, a retired Refinery employee.

Mr. Thompson, 58, died in Manchester, England, following a brief illness.



Since his retirement from Shell in August 1961, Mr. Thompson had been associated with a steamship firm, and was on a voyage abroad when death occurred.

Born and educated in Walker, La., Mr. Thompson joined Shell at the Houston Refinery in 1929, and throughout the majority of his Shell career he was associated with the Distilling Department. In February 1950, he was named a Shift Foreman, and continued in that position until his retirement in 1961. When he retired his Shell service totaled 32 years.

Mr. Thompson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Estelle Thompson, sons, Thomas C. and Lynn E., and one daughter, Gwen A. Thompson.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon, January 23, at 3:30 p.m. at the Niday Funeral Home, 7718 Bellfort St., Houston. Burial will be in the Forest Park Cemetery.

RONNY HUFFMAN HONORED (Cont'd.)

of important school functions and even does his own "dark room" work - developing and processing the film.

And if these activities were not enough to keep him busy, he found time to fulfill the many requirements to earn one of Scouting's highest honors - that of an Eagle Scout.

Ronny is the oldest of three Huffman children. His sister, Dollie Faye, is 14, while his brother, Roger, is 10.

The senior Huffman, T. C., is a Refinery employee of more than 22 years, and holds the position of Instrument Man No. 1 in the Engineering Field Department.

SHELL REPORTS 14 PER CENT RISE (Cont'd.)

"When proved undeveloped reserves are added to developed reserves", Mr. Spaght said, "Estimates of net reserves as of January 1, 1964 are 2.4 billion barrels of liquids and nearly 9.5 trillion cubic feet of gas".

Looking to the future, Mr. Spaght forecast a rise of 2.5 to three per cent in total domestic petroleum demand in 1964, with gasoline sales rising at a slightly higher rate. "Shell expects its production and sales to exceed the industry averages", Mr. Spaght said, "And barring a major break in refined product prices, the Company's earnings should further improve in 1964". Capital expenditures proposed for 1964 are \$350 million.

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SAFETY SIGN STOPS (Cont'd.)

working in a tank farm area, stepped on soft ground saturated with hot water and wax. The incident caused first and second degree burns to his right foot and ankle.

The final injury also happened in a tank farm area. A hot spark from a welding arc fell into a tank, causing a flash of gas which was apparently released from tank sediment. At that very moment an employee was climbing out of the tank to the ground, and the internal pressure caused by the flash forced him on through the man-way. From the incident he sustained an injury to his ankle.

Recognizing that any injury is painful - and regrettable - we are encouraged by the medical reports that each of the three employees involved was not as seriously injured as they might have been, and can be expected to return to their duties after periods of convalescence.

The three injuries sustained yesterday point vividly to the responsibility each of us must share in practicing SAFETY here at the Refinery. It's an around-the-clock job - and one that must be accepted and approached positively by each employee. Our goal remains to make the Houston Refinery just as safe a place to work as we possibly can.... for safety's sake.

"Lets have no more in '64".

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