

CRYER FAMILY WORKS WITH MAYAN VILLAGE IN YUCATAN JUNGLE

Deep in the jungles of Yucatan there is a small, almost forgotten village, where during the past 12 years, significant changes have been achieved through the dedicated efforts of the Cryer family and members of the Partners of Americas program. Raymond L. Cryer, operator No. 1, EP department, his wife, Arlene, and son, Ray, have contributed many hours of devoted labor to the impoverished Mayan village where Ray and six volunteers first began work in 1972.

Maxachen was chosen as the village with the greatest need, where the government would not interfere and where the people would be receptive to the work the volunteers hoped to accomplish.

Cryer's son wanted to show how much could be accomplished by a very small group of dedicated people with limited funds. The first major problem the group encountered was the nearly impassable village road with its deep holes andoulder-size rocks. Part of the supplies and materials brought from Merida had to be left at a halfway mark because the trucks couldn't get through. The Mayans, grateful for the help and attention they were getting, began working on the road with hand tools. Cryer's group supplied sledge hammers, iron bars and dynamite to remove the larger rocks, but heavy construction equipment was badly needed.

Perhaps the greatest problem, once the group began work inside the village, was to produce more water from the antiquated well which offered the 400 inhabitants enough water for drinking purposes only.

Slowly gains were made. Finally trucks were able to make it over the newly built - though still primitive - road, and the people went to work building a storehouse for supplies and a holding tank for their water system.

The group of volunteers demonstrated agriculture methods by showing the Mayans how composting and mulching could bring new life to the worn-out, rocky soil.

Honey bees adapted readily to the village and supplied enough beeswax for candle making. New goat families foraged with pigs in the woods behind the thatched roof huts. Medical supplies and food stuffs were put in the storehouse and dispensed with care. A plentiful supply of clean water, which was the greatest need the Mayans had, was the last need met. Only after much delay was the costly, long-awaited pump transported over the primitive village road into the hands of the eager workmen. The pump was installed, and when it began to bring forth great barrels of clean water for



The Mexican Governor learned about the villagers' goal of self-help and of their daily work on the road with outmoded tools and decided to assist by supplying extra equipment and a small salary to the workers.

washing, bathing and watering, the excited Mayans declared a holiday!

A wild deer was roasted in an outside pit
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SOCIAL SECURITY COSTS, BENEFITS INCREASE

In January 1973 the tax rate for the employee and the employer was increased from 5.2 percent to 5.85 percent. At the same time, the maximum earnings base subject to tax was raised, increasing from \$9,000 to \$10,800.

The maximum deduction under this formula was \$631.80. Shell, of course, matched all employee contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

In 1974 the tax rate remained the same, but the maximum earnings base subject to tax increased to \$13,200 for a maximum deduction of \$772.20.

Here's what this means to you:

If your total earnings are:	Your 1974 tax will be:
\$7,000	\$409.50
8,000	468.00
9,000	526.50
10,000	585.00
10,800	631.80
12,600	737.10
13,200	772.20

As in the past, F.I.C.A. tax is not paid on disability pay.

ENGINEERING SERVICES



Earl Long and his date, Pat Boll, pause beneath the luau decorations.

The Maurice Bears model the colorful Hawaiian costumes Dorothy made just to wear to the Engineering Services' safety party.

Anita and Rien Huisman are all smiles and joyfully awaiting their first child.

HYDROPROCESSING



Paris and Mary Reescano enjoyed the evening as did Ken and Lucy Baird.



ENGINEERING FIELD -- MACHINISTS

Lonnie Grounds exchanges remarks with the D. D. Williams, while Robert Hairgrove stays in the background.



Awaiting the dinner hour are Tim and Adelina Fernandez along with Christopher Jones and his date. Retiree Charlie E. Bergfeld and his wife visit with Hattie Billingsley.

VULCANUS RESULTS EXCEED EXPECTATIONS

Last month's experimental burning of industrial wastes in the Gulf of Mexico exceeded the company's expectations and Shell's tests showed no damage to sea, air or to wildlife.

Gary Dillard, complex manager, told a news conference, "The Vulcanus exceeded Shell's expectations. Scientific data confirms the efficiency of the ship. Evidence shows no damage to the sea or to the air. We are convinced that ocean burning is the best alternative to land-based incineration available at this time."

The Vulcanus, a German incinerator ship, successfully burned 4,000 metric tons of organic hydrocarbon wastes between October 16
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SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES



30 Years
J. W. McKinney
Maintenance



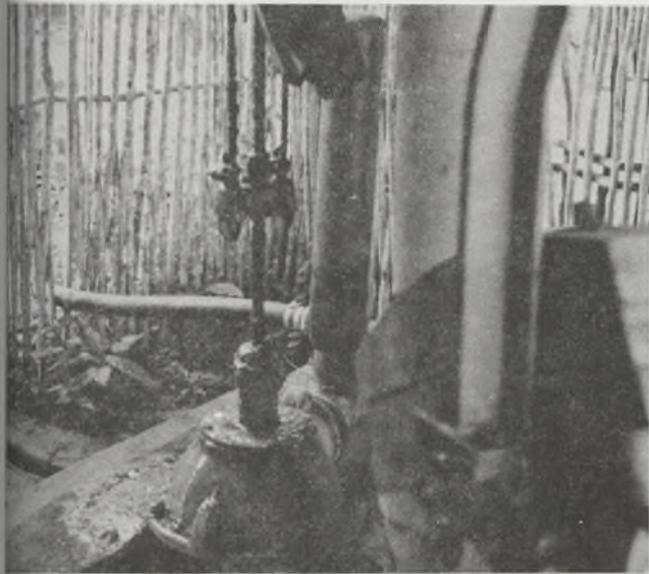
30 Years
C. Whisenant
Maintenance



25 Years
R. W. Bray
Administrative

Cryer family works with mayan village

...d served up with hominy, pork and tortil-
s. The Mayans, who are said to be
ristians in their village church, but
gans in their fields, thanked all of their
sorted Gods for the miracle of life-giving
ter.



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veral trips into Merida for supplies and
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meet with Ray and the village headman.
agreement was made that a small daily
ge would be paid to the road construction
ew and that extra equipment would be sent
aid them in their labor. The Governor's
fe sent 400 laying hens, and the Partners
nated two treadle sewing machines.

Young Cryer has since returned to the
C's Clinic in LaMarque, where he is a
cial work director, confident that some of
e programs he helped institute in Yaxachen
uld be continued and that real improvement
uld be realized by the time he returned.
He is hopeful that a clinic can be built
the village during his next visit to the
ill "small," but no longer "forgotten"
illage in the jungles of Yucatan.

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EDITOR'S NOTE - Cryer's group would
pecially like to give thanks to the Shell
ople who contributed to the success of
e program. These include: Perry Taylor
or his carpentry work, Burl Norville for
erhauling a VW transporter, Archie Parks
or materials and tools, Dale Schneider for
acetylene welding rig, Albert Freitag
or building and painting a trailer, Robert
ife for medicines and John Graham for pre-
ring a pickup and donating tools and parts
or other vehicles.



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vulcanus results exceed expectations

and 28 under contract for Shell Chemical
Company. The test burn, authorized by the
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency took
place in an area 40 by 46 statute miles.
The edge of the incineration site nearest to
land was some 165 statute miles southeast of
Galveston and some 190 miles south of
Cameron, Louisiana.

Dillard said the burning was so successful
Shell intends to seek EPA permission to
conduct ocean burns of an additional 12,600
metric tons of wastes stored at the Deer
Park facility. An onshore incinerator to
burn such wastes at the Deer Park complex is
scheduled for completion in 1976.

Dillard said Shell monitoring showed the
combustion aboard the Vulcanus to be better
than 99.9 percent effective, the burning
process producing hydrogen chloride and
carbon dioxide.

He explained that Shell monitored the
stack gas for concentrations of incompletely
burned components of the wastes fed into the
incinerators, and the area of the sea in the
fallout region under the ship's exhaust
plume.

"There was no detectable change in the
alkalinity of the sea water and no visible
evidence of environmental stress in the
area," Dillard said.

The incineration site was beyond the con-
tinental shelf, in water depths of 3,000
to 6,000 feet, outside all major lanes and
well beyond commercial shrimping and fish-
ing depths.

CLASSIFIEDS

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Like new 1972 Suzuki TM400 dirt bike. \$900.
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479-2595

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479-3707

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946-8547

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444-7643

1972 Dodge Demon, V-8, 318 engine, air, power steering and brakes. \$1,000.
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488-0449

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643-8624

FOUND

Pair of brown framed sunglasses in parking lot. Claim at SHELLEGRAM office.

Numerous keys to cars, homes, etc. remain unclaimed at the SHELLEGRAM office. We also have a blue scarf and two pairs of glasses.

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