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Receptionist welcomes guests as they arrive for Plant Day.

## L. J. Snyder Named Asst. Superintendent; J. B. Wyman Transferred To Head Office

L. J. Snyder is returning to Houston Refinery as Assistant Superintendent of Operations to succeed J. B. Wyman, who has been promoted to Head Office-Manufacturing as Assistant Manager-Manufacturing Operations, Refinery Manager John Tench announced.

Mr. Snyder will assume his new duties at Houston Refinery about mid-March, and Mr. Wyman's promotion is effective April 1.

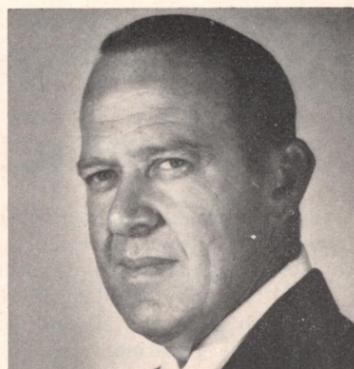
Mr. Snyder served as Manager of the Houston Refinery Gas Department from August 1949 to January 1954 when he was transferred to the Wilmington Refinery as Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Snyder joined the Company in July of 1929 as a Research Chemist at the Martinez Refinery where he ultimately attained the position of Department Manager. In January of 1945 he was made Manager of the Cat. Cracking Department at Dominguez where he served until his transfer to Houston Refinery in 1949.

Mr. Wyman has served as Assistant Superintendent at Houston Refinery since January of 1949. He joined the Company in June, 1928, at Wood River, Illinois Refinery. He progressed through various positions of responsibility including that of Assistant Superintendent-General which he held prior to employment by Asiatic Petroleum Corporation. His assignment as Houston Refinery Assistant Superintendent followed in 1949.

In his new assignment, Mr. Wyman will be concerned with the planning of refinery operations to make the most effective and best economic use of processes and available feed stocks.



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### Inside This Issue:

## Employees' Families Enjoy Chemical Plant Open House

A large number of employees and their families took advantage of the first opportunity to visit the entire Chemical Plant since the Plant started operation in 1941.

The tours were held each Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from January 29 through February 26.

As The Shellegram went to press, three groups had visited the Plant, and photographs of their tours may be found on pages 4 and 5 of this issue.

The tours were arranged so the families could see just where their relatives work and could learn something of what they do and also what part they play in the total picture of the Chemical Plant.

Points of interest on the tours were many. Everyone took plenty of time in the Tabulating Room where all the complicated IBM equipment is kept. These machines do all kinds of computing—the most interesting job, of course, is making out the employee payroll checks.

The Safety Display, one of the first points of interest, showed off the equipment available to keep the employees assured of safety on the job.

The Training Room was converted into a display room for finished products of the Plant and gave information as to where these chemicals are used. Large photographs of each Shell Chemical installation in the U. S. were also displayed along with the scale model of the BPA Plant.

The Instrument and Electrical Shops had an interesting presentation of instruments ranging from a voltage indicator to the difference in the weight of water and mercury.

Displays at the Refinery Cafeteria explained all Shell Benefit Plans and the Program for Security.

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## June 4 Set As Date For SERA Picnic; Beauty Contest Features Full Schedule

Draw a big circle around the date of June 4 on your 1955 calendar to help to McClain in his first year as picnic chairman.

For that's the date of this year's SERA picnic, according to W. T. (Bill) McClain, Engineering, who was recently appointed chairman of the picnic committee by the SERA Board of Directors.

McClain takes over the reins from Kemper Kaiser, who has headed the picnic committee for the past two years. The picnic seems to gain in popularity every succeeding year. As an example of the picnic's popularity, 5,000 attended the event last August despite an early afternoon downpour that drenched the grounds.

### Names Co-Chairmen

One of McClain's first acts as picnic committee chairman was to appoint Dixon Kirk, Chemical Plant Instrument Shop, and George Nuss, Refinery Engineering, as co-chairmen. Both are experienced picnic hands and should be a great

Galveston County Park at League City has once again been selected as site of the big event. The SERA Board voted to hold the picnic in the Galveston County Park instead of on the SERA property so that development of the club site could continue without interruption.

### Beauty Contest Added

In addition to all of the popular features of last year's picnic, a bathing beauty contest has been added to the 1955 agenda. Once a regular picnic event, the beauty contest reappears on the schedule after an absence of several years.

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners, and the contest is open to any of the feminine members of the SERA or their relatives above the age of 17.

Entry blanks will be mailed to the homes of SERA members. They are to be filled out and returned by May 1.

The bathing beauty contest will be preceded by a drawing for door prizes and a talent show. Afterwards there will be a movie and dancing.

The delicious barbecue plate will be served from 12 to 6 p.m. as it was last year. This popular method of serving eliminates long waiting lines and allows more members to enjoy the barbecue and soft drinks.

### Games, Rides, Etc.

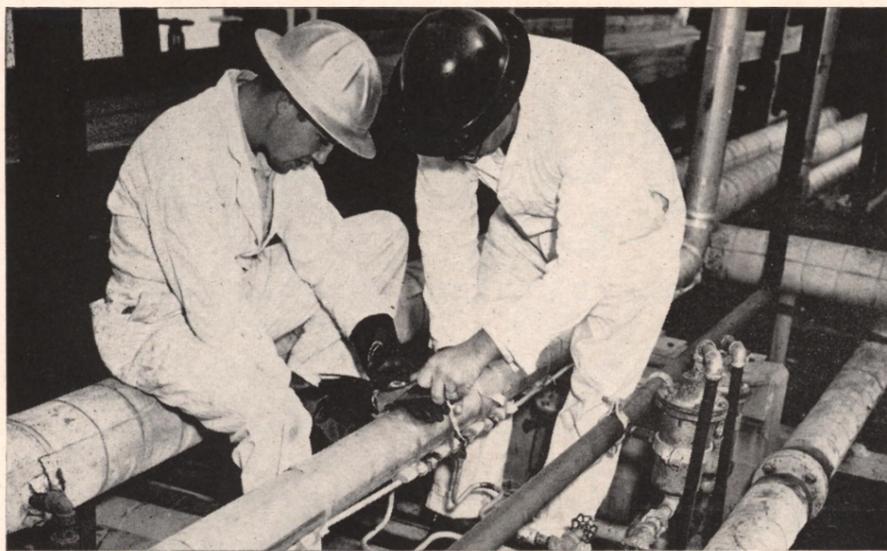
And, of course, there will be the customary rides, games and contests.

The day-long picnic is free to SERA members, and non-members may purchase adult tickets for \$3.00 and children's tickets for \$1.50.

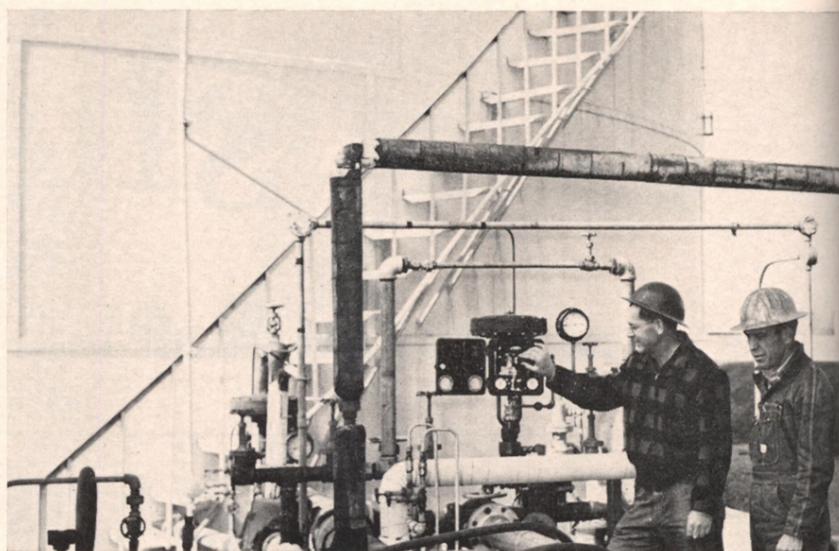


W. T. (Bill) McClain, center, discusses plans for the 1955 SERA Picnic with his co-chairmen, Dixon Kirk, left, and George Nuss.

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General Helper J. T. Jones, left, and Insulator L. M. Barnes strap the steam tracing lines to the main pipe in the Chemical Plant.



Chemical Plant Instrumentman J. F. Hill checks the instruments which will regulate the temperature of the synthetic glycerine as it flows through the 7500 foot aluminum pipe line. With Hill is Pipefitter C. E. Kinion.

## Refinery, Plant Forces Master First Major Aluminum Welding Job As Chemical Plant Prepares to Ship Glycerine Via Tanker

Special storage tanks are being constructed and an aluminum pipeline is being installed to enable the Houston Plant to ship synthetic glycerine by tanker. The Sewaren Plant in New Jersey is installing two tanks and similar facilities to receive and store the glycerine.

Since the majority of Shell's synthetic glycerine customers are located in the northeastern states, transportation of this product by water has numerous advantages over shipment by rail.

Speedier delivery is the biggest advantage afforded by shipment via the new facilities. Maintaining an inventory at Sewaren will make it possible to deliver glycerine to East Coast customers in two to three days and in many instances the product can be delivered by tank truck to the customers overnight.

When shipped by rail, the product is enroute an average of 12 days from the time it leaves the Houston Plant until it is delivered to the customers in the northeast section of the country.

Since the synthetic glycerine leaves the Houston Plant as a finished product, precautions must be taken to assure that its quality is not impaired either while it is being stored, or while it is being shipped.

Shipment of synthetic glycerine via water from the Houston Plant was made possible only recently when the tanker, the S. S. Cherry Valley converted one of its storage compartments to enable the ship to transport this product without impairing its quality in any way.

Construction of three storage tanks—two at Sewaren and the other near the Refinery docks—was nearing completion at press time, as was the installation of a 7500-foot aluminum pipeline, which will transport the product from the Plant to the docks.

The product is stored at the Plant in a nickel-

clad tank and at the docks in special galvanized tanks of carbon steel with sprayed zinc lining and aluminum heating coils.

Installation of the aluminum pipeline and aluminum heating coils within the storage tank represents the first major aluminum welding job performed jointly by the Refinery and Chemical Plant personnel.

The four-inch pipe is insulated with fiber glass and steam traced to keep the material fluid so it can flow through the line at the prescribed temperature and to prevent the product from being overheated, which would impair the quality.

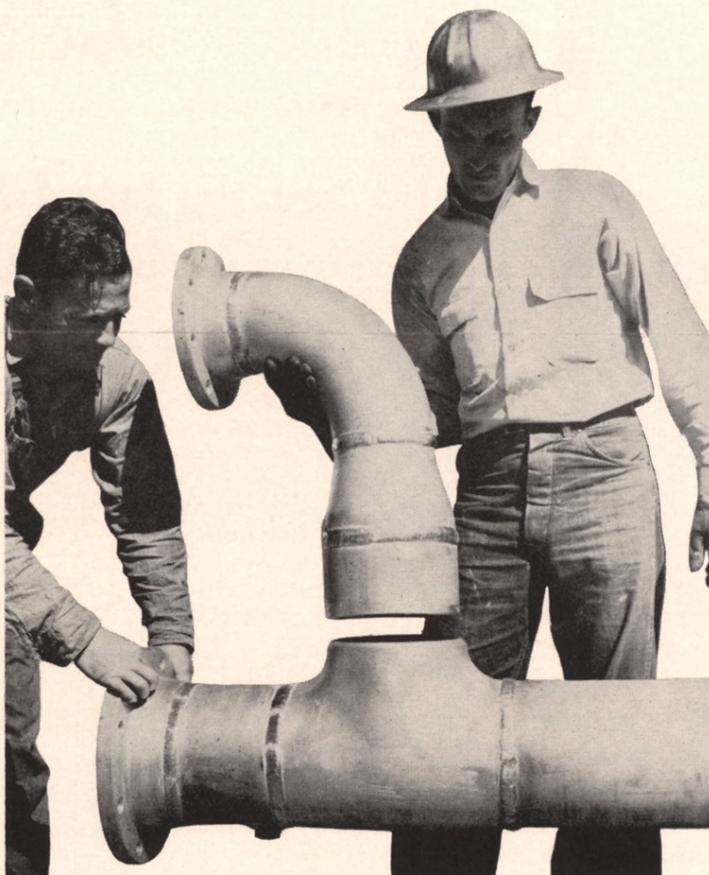
Installed on racks ranging from near ground level to 26 feet above the ground, the pipe is supported every fifteen feet by aluminum shoes welded to the underside of the pipe. The shoes are located in guides to provide for expansion of the pipe. When the pipe expands because of temperature changes, the shoes slide in the guides.

Expansion loops were installed every 300 feet with intermediate anchors. This was to provide for expansion stresses due to thermal expansion.

Since this was the first major aluminum welding job done by Refinery and Chemical Plant forces, a number of problems were encountered while installing the pipeline.

It was necessary to obtain most of the pieces of welding equipment involved from outside sources and to train the welders extensively in the delicate art of aluminum welding. The welders were praised for their speed in learning the art and the efficient manner in which they welded the pipe.

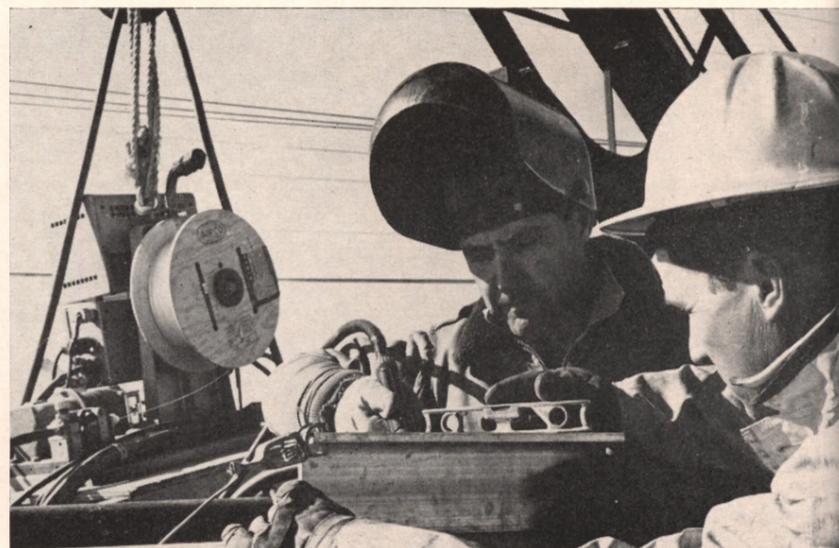
When the Cherry Valley sets sail from the refinery docks with the first shipment of synthetic glycerine, it will be the culmination of months of planning and teamwork. It will also mean another in a continuing series of industrial triumphs for the personnel of Houston Refinery and Chemical Plant.



Pipefitter J. S. Parker, right, demonstrates the lightness of this aluminum six-inch bi-pass branch as he and Pipefitter L. A. Farris prepare to fabricate the suction line that leads from the storage tank to the dock loading pump in the Refinery.



J. D. Dillard uses the tungsten arc welder to weld a section of the aluminum pipe line near the glycerine storage tank in the Chemical Plant. Dillard's helper is J. R. Brown.



Welder C. R. Shenton, left, and Pipefitter C. Poy level the shoe with the pipe line prior to welding on the Refinery pipe rack 26 feet above the ground. The Consumable Electrode welding unit is held aloft by means of a crane.

## Sixteen-Year-Old West Texan Wins Shell Scramble Calf At Stock Show

A quiet, slender 16-year-old high school sophomore from Miles in far West Texas captured the Shell-sponsored calf in the Calf Scramble at the 1955 Houston Fat Stock Show.

He is Orval Wright, who is the oldest of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright's six children. The Wrights have a 120-acre dairy farm near Miles, which is in Tom Green County, 18 miles from San Angelo.

Of the 20 FFA boys selected by quest, young Wright will receive their counties to scramble for \$125 from Shell to select and purchase a calf, which he will raise and then show in the Fat Stock Show next year.

tough, little scramble calf and drag it across the finish line.

By virtue of his scramble con-

It was a weary youngster who captured the Shell-sponsored calf after it had eluded one of the other scramblers. Dawson Coleman, Orval's Vocational Agriculture instructor at Miles High School, told how young Wright earlier had helped the Miles group to load sheep for the 400-mile ride home to West Texas and as a result hadn't had anything to eat for almost eight hours prior to the scramble.

Orval, who helps his Dad with the milking and other chores that have to be carried out daily on the farm, is an A student in school, and last year was elected the Most Outstanding Freshman Agriculture student and Freshman Favorite. He also finds time to play on Miles' six-man football team.

In addition to raising the calf that he will purchase with the \$125 that he will receive from Shell, Orval must also keep accurate records of all expenses involved in caring for the calf. He must submit copies of these records each month to Shell, the Fat Stock Show Scramble Committee, his 4-H County Agent and Texas A&M College.

All in all, a busy year looms ahead for young Mr. Wright. But, like all of the scramble winners, Orval figures it's worth it. If the calf the boy selects proves to be a good one, gains weight, is properly groomed, has the right form, then he may have a winning calf and get a chance for several college scholarships, as well as prize money and premium prices per pound at the sale.

Orval said that his Dad's dairy farm will give him a splendid opportunity to raise a Blue Ribbon winner.

Mr. Coleman, Orval's Agriculture teacher, thinks the boy is capable of doing just that.



ORVAL WRIGHT

## Shell Son's Heifer Wins Blue Ribbon

Robert Robinson, son of Refinery Locomotive Operator G. W. Robinson, was one of 20 out of 82 entries to win a Blue Ribbon in the Dairy Calf class of the Fat Stock Show.

Young Robinson, representing the Webster High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America, captured the calf in the Dairy Calf scramble during last year's Fat Stock Show.

He fed and trained the calf, a Jersey heifer, diligently during the past year in preparation for the 1955 Show, and his efforts paid off handsomely as his first place award testifies.



Sixteen-year-old Orval Wright retains a tight grip on the Shell-sponsored calf he captured in the Fat Stock Show Calf Scramble as he receives the congratulations of Dockmaster Walter (Pete) Peterson and Refinery Manager John Tench. Dawson Coleman, Orval's Agriculture teacher at Miles High School, is on the extreme right.

## Tench's Stock Show Heritage Dates Back 150 Years

Refinery Manager John Tench, who sponsored a scramble calf in behalf of the Shell Oil Company at this year's Fat Stock Show, has a stock show heritage that dates back 150 years.

His great-grandfather, Robert Tench, engaged in one of England's early stock shows—a battle of breeds—on December 29, 1800. The Refinery Manager's ancestor was showing his prize Herefordshire bull, Prizefighter, a famous patriarch of the now vast Hereford breed.



Dockmaster Walter (Pete) Peterson, a Houston Fat Stock Show Director, presents to the Fat Stock Show a parchment copy of an advertisement of a sale of 75 head of Hereford cattle which took place in 1809 on the Bromfield Farm in England. The farm was owned by Robert Tench, great grandfather of Houston Refinery Manager John Tench. Pictured left to right during the presentation ceremony in the Corral Club are Archer Romero, Stock Show President; Mr. Peterson; Leopold Meyer, member of the Executive committee, and J. W. Sartwelle, first president of the Houston show. Copies of the advertisement were mailed to the Directors of the Stock Show and to the Hereford magazine.

## Peterson Elected Director Of Houston Fat Stock Show

Refinery Dock Master Walter (Pete) Peterson, veteran committeeman for the Houston Fat Stock Show, this year was elected a Director of the Show. In addition, he served as chairman of the Calf Scramble Sponsor committee. He has been one of Stock Show's most tireless workers for a number of years.

Another Refinery employee, Tony Blanyer, Automotive Foreman, was a member of the rabbit judging division of the Stock Show.

"Pete" also sponsored a calf in one of the Stock Show's scrambles. It was won by Sewell Cox of Henderson, Texas. One of the Stock Show's 33 Directors, Pete said that "the smallest boy caught the largest calf" in that scramble.

Prizefighter's opponent was a Leicestershire bull owned by a Mr. Knowles of Nailston. On the contest rode a wager of 100 guineas between the two men, and Mr. Tench won it.

When Hereford breeders at the Fat Stock Show learned of Mr. Tench's heritage, they urged him to check further on Prizefighter's registration.

Mr. Tench's sister, Mrs. Sheila Middleton, who lives at Old Hall, Dolau, Radnorshire, Wales, consulted the Hereford Herd Book Society of Hereford, England, on the question.

The society's secretary, R. J. Bentley, checked his ancient record books and found mention of Prizefighter. He pointed out that Prizefighter was grazing the Herefordshire downs about four decades before the Hereford registry was even started. He also noted that the society has a painting of Prizefighter in its office. Mr. Tench said the painting formerly belonged to his father and hung in his study.

"I suppose some of the Herefords in the show are descendants of Prizefighter," Mr. Tench mused, "but it would be quite a job to trace them back 150 years."

## Employees Take Part In Salt Grass Trail Ride

Ivan Shore, Stores Department Manager, and Elvin Lammanse of the Carpenter Shop were among the adventurous folks who took part in the Salt Grass Trail Ride. They were in a group from Highlands, Texas, which was composed of one chuck wagon, ten riders and two mule skinnners. The chuck wagon, No. 33, was in the middle of plenty of activity. They always had a good campfire with singing and lots of visitors each night.

Elvin, who became known as the Lone Ranger, rode his horse "Lady" bareback with only a saddle blanket all 75 miles of the trip. Mr. Shore made the trip atop a stout mare named "Big Red". True to the cow-boy spirit, Mr. Shore and his son, Ivan pulled the chuck wagon the last few miles of the way after the mules had given out.

Mr. Shore made the trip somewhat of a family affair, his sons Ivan and Bob and Ivan's wife, Elgin Ann, rode with him. Mary Margaret, Mr. Shore's daughter rode some of the time and Bess, Mrs. Shore, came up in the car quite often. It was Mr. Shore's second year to ride the trail and his son's Ivan, third year.

Bill Berkley's wife, Margaret and his mother, Mrs. Russell Berk-

ley, drove an old buggy in the Sam Houston Trail from Montgomery to Houston. There were some seventy-five riders on the 31 mile trip which left Montgomery at noon one Sunday. The senior Mrs. Berkley is a pioneer resident of Montgomery. She last rode a buggy some forty years ago. The fancy buggy, still in its original state, is the prized possession of a Montgomery County Judge. Bill's son, Bill, Jr., also rode the trail.

Harry A. Hayer, Refinery Control Lab, rode the Salt Grass Trail for the third straight year.



"Pioneer" women—Mrs. Margaret Berkley and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Russell Berkley took part in the Sam Houston Trail.



Employees and their families arrive at the Main Office Bldg.



Group starting a tour enters Main Office Bldg.



W. L. Whittington explains safety equip.

# OUR FAMILIES

# TAKE A LOOK.....



Ed VanVooren demonstrates the equipment in the Tab. Room.



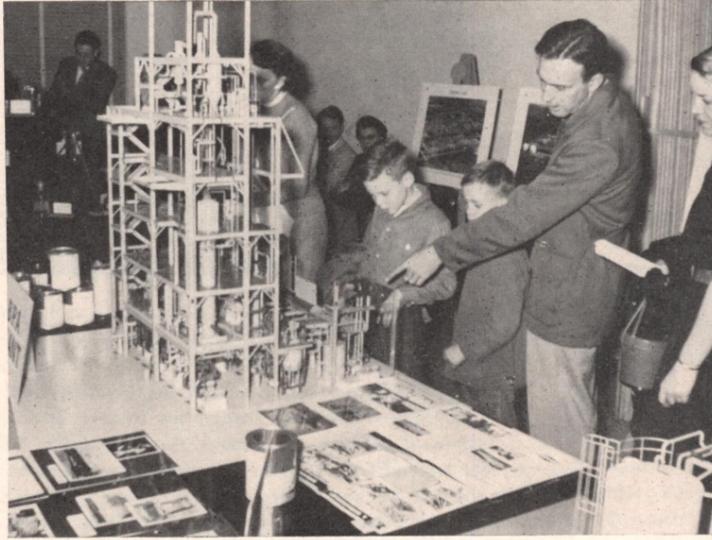
A. J. Jordon's son Rickie takes a close look at the tiger in the safety sign.



Ed Hyett, Auxiliary policeman, directs visitors to parking area.



Visitors on Office tour inspect Drafting.



Model of the BPA Plt. is explained to family by employee.



Gilbert Shannon holds his son, Tim, up to see



"This is the Carpenter Shop" guide tells families about shops.



Dearcey, son of W. Lewis, had a pleasant morning in the nursery for children.



Joyce Tinkle keeps children entertained while parents see P



Bins of materials were seen in Warehouse.

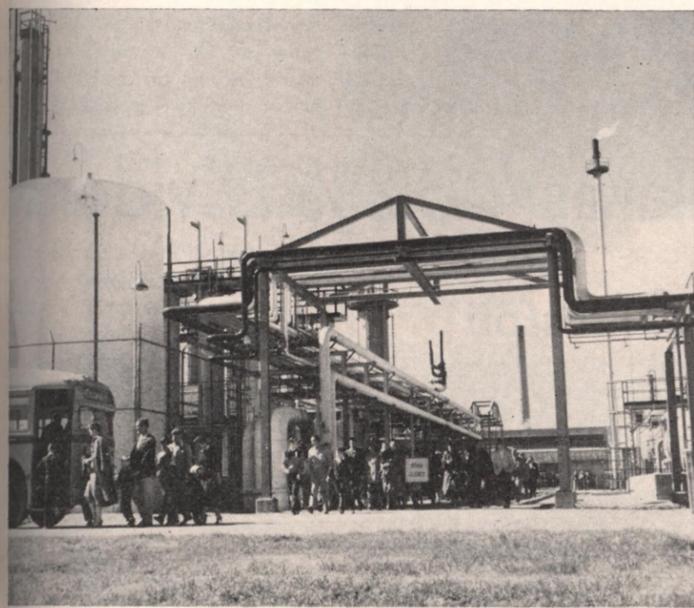


Research's Utility porch is pointed out.



H. V. Smith explains a display in the Experimental Lab.

# ...INSIDE THE CHEMICAL PLANT



Group goes back to bus after a tour of the EA Plant area.



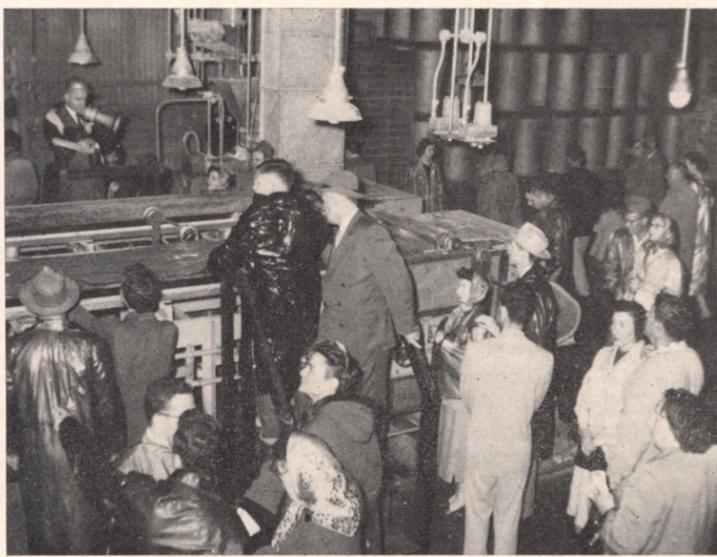
Mark Drinkard takes a big step to board the bus for the trip to the Refinery.



R. W. Smith demonstrates Instrument Shop display.



Jim Harlan tells bus riders about areas.



Cooling belt for Epon Resin was operating for the guest to see.



Al Parker explains Epon Resin sacking.



Help yourself to refreshments . . .



Control Rooms received attention from guest, who had never had the opportunity to see the nerve center of the units.



Del Nelson tells finished products uses.

# NATURAL GAS CONTROLS THREATEN SUPPLY

Everyone in and outside the oil industry has a stake in a decision faced by the current session of Congress.

Congress has been asked to correct the dangerous and confused situation in which the nation's 4,000 natural gas producers find themselves under Federal regulation, especially as to the price at which they can sell their gas in interstate commerce for resale.

The finding and developing of new supplies of gas and oil is a financially risky, competitive business and an expensive one. It is the kind of business which can't successfully serve the public interest under government control. As a result of Federal regulation of what is essentially a risk industry as if it were a public utility, we are apt to wind up with diminishing supplies of natural gas at a time when demand is rising rapidly. And, since gas and oil frequently come out of the ground together from the same well, there is a good chance this could be the opening wedge for regulation of

oil producers, too. The story behind the problem which the new Congress is tackling goes back to 1938 and the passage of the Natural Gas Act. The Act was aimed at regulating interstate gas pipe lines, which enjoy exclusive markets.

"The production and gathering of natural gas" was however specifically excluded from regulation under the Act. Those who framed the Act thus recognized that while interstate pipe lines have relatively fixed costs and protected markets, the producers of natural gas take big financial risks in exploration, and moreover, operate in a highly competitive market.

But some of the language of the Act was not completely clear. That lack of clarity led to the present unsettled situation.

The Federal Power Commission which administers the Act, interpreted it as meaning that natural gas producers were not subject to its authority so long as they neither owned an interstate pipe line nor

were affiliated with one. This interpretation was challenged in some quarters. To overcome the objection, Congress passed the Kerr Bill in 1950, which attempted to re-affirm the original intent of Congress in enacting the Natural Gas Act—to exclude natural gas producers from Federal regulations. The Kerr Bill, however, was vetoed.

Meanwhile, the Federal Power Commission began hearings to determine whether the sale of natural gas by Phillips Petroleum Company to interstate pipe lines fell under the jurisdiction of the Commission. In 1951, the Federal Power Commission ruled that it had no jurisdiction over Phillips since that company was primarily a gas producer and gatherer under the terms of the Act.

That Federal Power Commission decision was appealed and a 5 to 3 decision of the Supreme Court of the United States reversed the Commission and held that the price at which natural gas is sold by independent producers to interstate

pipe lines is subject to regulation by the Federal Power Commission.

The majority of the Supreme Court stood on a literal interpretation of the words in one part of the Act without apparent regard for the rest of the Act, in which natural gas producers are excluded from regulation. The three justices who voted against the decision voiced strong dissenting opinions. Justice William O. Douglas said: "Regulating the price at which the independent producer can sell his gas regulates his business in the most vital way any business can be regulated. The regulation largely nullifies the exemption granted by Congress."

Congress now faces the task of setting things straight so that the natural gas industry can continue its record of progress. Natural gas producers contend that progress will be at best doubtful under the regulations that came into effect last summer. Among the points they make are the following:

1. Federal control of gas produc-

tion cannot possibly effect any significant savings for consumers since about 90 per cent of consumer's bills represent transportation and local distribution costs which are already being regulated.

2. Keen competition among thousands of producers has resulted in greatly increased supplies of natural gas at a low price to consumers. Why gamble with price regulations which could result in lower supplies and higher prices?

3. If competitive production of gas is controlled by government it opens the door for the spread of Federal regulation to any other competitively produced commodity.

4. Government regulation of price at which the independent producer sells his gas in interstate commerce will kill the incentive of the independent producers to search for and develop new sources of supplies of natural gas. The resulting shortage of supply will cause a rise in unit costs which would be sharply reflected in prices paid by the consumer.

## Shell Employees Credit Union Declares 4.32% Dividend

By VIVIAN S. TUCKER  
Credit Union Secretary

A dividend of 4.32% was declared by the Credit Union when the eighteenth annual meeting of the members of the Shell Refinery Employees Federal Credit Union was held on January 17, 1955. Attendance of 56 members and 2 visitors was only slightly below the maximum attendance record established the previous year.

### Replacements Named

One replacement selected for the Board of Directors was Harry A. Dufresne, Manager of Personnel and Industrial Relations at the Chemical Plant. Mr. Dufresne succeeds Dr. John Anderson whose term of office expired on Dec. 31. Two replacements were named for the Credit Committee, Mr. W. H. Berkley, P & IR Department, and Mr. A. M. Wigginton, Research Department, both at the Chemical Plant. Mr. Berkley and Mr. Wigginton succeed Mr. B. L. Stanley and Mr. R. E. Thurmond whose terms of office expired also on Dec. 31. Three incumbents of the Board of Directors, J. E. Garrison, Vivian S. Tucker, and O. A. Sublett were re-elected. Two incumbents of the Credit Committee, G. J. Delaney, and S. Y. Sanchez, and two incumbents of the Supervisory Committee, D. B. Smith and W. O. Miller, were re-elected. The Board Officers elected for the coming year are: Dr. Wm. A. Bailey, President, J. E. Garrison, Vice President, J. P. Murray, Treasurer, and Vivian S. Tucker, Secretary.

### SHELL REFINERY EMPLOYEES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

#### Financial Statement

ASSETS	December 31	December 31
	1953	1954
Loans to Members	\$ 1,105,631.58	\$ 1,366,547.10
Other Assets	1,065.01	1,043.48
Cash in Banks	84,194.24	184,953.93
Petty Cash	10.00	10.00
Change Fund	20,000.00	29,000.00
U. S. Bonds	38,975.00	198,175.00
Loans to Other Credit Unions	120,000.00	3,600.00
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	3,462.04	1,041.70
Total Assets	\$ 1,373,337.87	\$ 1,779,771.21
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Insurance Payable	6,703.42	\$ 6,680.03
Withholding Tax Payable	.00	12.10
Social Security Tax Payable	.00	.01
Return Money	18.06	.00
Shares	1,242,696.29	1,607,344.74
Reserve for Bad Loans	32,943.52	43,452.62
Undivided Profits	23,929.16	32,696.52
Profit and Loss	67,047.42	89,585.21
	\$ 1,373,337.87	\$ 1,779,771.21

## CU Convention March 25-26 In Houston

The 21st Annual Texas Credit Union League convention will be held in Houston at the Rice Hotel on March 25-26, and Shell Credit Union members are invited to attend.

Refinery and Chemical Plant employees will hold down key posts during the two-day educational conclave. Joe Murray will serve as General Chairman; Dr. William A. Bailey will act as one of the As-

### President Dr. Bailey Reports

The President's report, for the Board of Directors, revealed the enormous size of the Credit Union and the large volume of operations. Excerpts from this report, which are of vital interest, follow:

Your Credit Union is continuing its very rapid growth. The total assets increased from \$1,369,924.83 to \$1,779,771.21, a net increase of 30%. The total amount deposited during the year increased 21% over 1953, totaling \$4,158,718.47. More than 6200 checks were written aggregating \$4,057,958.78. Some 3911 members participated in the activities of the Credit Union compared with 3504 in 1953. Your savings were considerable this year with accumulated share months of 3,050,780 compared with 2,320,457 in 1953. During the year our share deposits totaled \$833,853.13 with \$469,204.68 withdrawals resulting in a net gain of \$364,648.45 or 29% over 1953.

sociate General Chairman; Jim Beauregard will be Registration Chairman and Vivian Tucker will serve as the Convention's Secretary-Treasurer. Several other Shell employees will also be assigned Convention posts.

Mr. Murray pointed out that the Houston Convention will give Shell employees a splendid opportunity to learn more about the operations of their own and other Credit Unions. He urged interested Credit Union-

ists to attend one or several of the Convention's programs. Houston Chief of Police Jack Heard will welcome the expected 1000 Texas and 300 out-of-state Credit Unionists on Friday morning, March 25. A panel discussion will begin at 10:30 to be followed by a noon luncheon, an afternoon discussion and a banquet that night. There will be another panel discussion Saturday morning and a business meeting that afternoon. omments a dividend of 4.32%, the same as last year, which will leave \$15,948.00 to be transferred to reserve.

### CU Examined

The annual examination of the affairs of your credit union by the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions was undertaken in early December by five examiners at a charge of \$1449. A very favorable report was given in which no serious criticism was made of the activities of your credit union. Certain recommendations by the examiners with regard to forgery insurance and misplaced fund insurance have been acted upon by your Board. At present all officials are bonded for \$400,000 cash and faithful performance and there is \$125,000 extra coverage on your Treasurer. Misplaced cash and paper is insured up to \$15,000 and your loans are insured against forgery to the extent of \$25,000. A burglar and fire alarm system has been installed in the office to increase protection of your investments.

In spite of the large increase in activities of the Federal Credit Union office, there has been no increase in actual office space available during 1954. Functional furniture installed early in the year has permitted optimum use of the small amount of space available. Operations have been efficiently maintained by your loyal and industrious staff of employees as a result of several factors. The filing system has been modified and the responsibility for the filing and delinquency control are now

### Officers Cited

The officers and directors who served you during the past year were as follows:

Wm. A. Bailey, Jr., President  
John E. Garrison, Vice President  
Joseph P. Murray, Treasurer  
Mrs. Vivian S. Tucker, Secretary  
A. M. Eaton, Board Member  
O. A. Sublett, Board Member  
John Anderson, Board Member  
T. H. Bosse, Board Member  
C. H. Welch, Jr., Board Member

The year of 1954 has been a good year for your credit union. While the share months on which dividends must be paid have increased 31.5% the total income has only increased 27%. However, the expenses of operating your credit union have increased at a lesser rate and therefore your Board rec-

concentrated in the hands of one employee. Considerable progress has been made in applying machine computation to bookkeeping procedures. At present the use of IBM machines is saving us approximately two man days per day. In spite of the increased efficiency it has been necessary to add one employee to your staff of credit union personnel. It is considered essential by your Board of Directors that additional space made available during 1955 if the office is to function in the efficient manner necessary for handling your savings and your loans.

### Two Objectives

A credit union has two principal objectives. One is to provide a safe and convenient place for members to invest their savings at a reasonable rate of interest. The second is to provide an opportunity for worthy members to obtain credit with specialized personal attention and at a moderate rate of interest. Since we are now in a sound financial position, paying a good rate of interest, it is time to consider seriously the possibility of reducing the interest rate on loans.

### Insurance Continued

Share and loan protection savings insurance was continued in 1954. This insurance provides between 25% and 100% coverage, depending upon age, up to a maximum of \$1000 (in shares on deposit) payable by the insurance company upon the death of the member.

### WAX CAPTIONS REVERSED

In last month's Shellegram article on the manufacture of wax at Houston Refinery, two of the captions were switched. Actually R. Alexander and L. Patterson were removing wax slabs from the wax plant molding press in one photo, and in the other D. B. Jones and A. Gross were placing the wax slabs in cartons for shipping. However, the captions were reversed, and apologies are extended to the four men who play an important role in the making and shipping of wax at the refinery.

# March Shell Service Birthdays



25 YEARS  
J. D. Gore  
Lubricating Oils



25 YEARS  
L. L. Hay  
Thermal Cracking



20 YEARS  
J. L. Knight  
Engineering



20 YEARS  
C. W. Murrell  
Engineering



20 YEARS  
E. D. Runnels  
Gas



15 YEARS  
M. B. L. Butler  
Engineering - Chemical



15 YEARS  
C. W. Eddleman  
Automotive



15 YEARS  
T. C. Huffman  
Engineering



15 YEARS  
C. E. Reedy  
Lubricating



15 YEARS  
F. G. Remkes  
Lubricating Oils



15 YEARS  
C. W. Sparks  
Gas



15 YEARS  
R. C. Whitley  
Engineering

## TEN YEARS

### REFINERY

C. Daugherty  
Automotive

E. O. Duke  
Engineering

W. R. Findlay  
Engineering

J. Goodnight  
Gas

A. W. Gore  
Gas

J. C. Gray  
Automotive

O. S. Jenkins  
Gas

E. D. Seaton  
Gas

J. W. Pearson  
Automotive

### CHEMICAL

C. E. Bautsch, Jr.  
Operations

N. G. Parten  
Engineering

J. L. Turner  
Operations

## Personnel Changes

### CHEMICAL

- M. J. Armstrong, Jr.....Gen. Hlpr. No. 1 Eng. to Machinist Hlpr. No. 2 Eng.
- J. F. Baer.....Military Leave to Operator No. 1 P & R.
- G. E. Beatty.....Engineer, Eng. - Dev., to Engineer Engineering.
- H. E. Berry.....Shift Foreman, P & R, to Foreman Loading, Shipping.
- J. S. Brice.....Operator No. 1/S.F., to Shift Foreman, Shipping.
- J. R. Eide.....Clerk, Stores, to Material Checker, Stores.
- J. Elliott.....Instrument Man No. 1, to Fore. Maint. Shift, Engineering.
- J. R. Ellis.....Fireman, E, to Instrument Hlpr., Engineering.
- D. H. Essary.....Clerk, Stores, to Inventory Checker, Stores.
- R. C. Evans.....Operator No. 1/S.F. to Shift Foreman, G.
- M. U. Fail.....Fore. Maint. Shift, Eng., to Asst. Fore. Maint. Zone, Eng.
- C. B. Falk.....Operator Hlpr. No. 1, A to Fireman, A Department
- J. J. Ford, Jr.....Fore. Maint. Zone, Eng. to Engineer, Engineering-Development.
- W. A. Fulton.....Operator No. 1 to Shift Foreman, E Department.
- J. P. Garlington.....Operator No. 2, E to Fireman, E Department.
- F. O. Gerbode.....Clerk, Stores to Foreman, Stores
- E. J. Goolsby.....Pumper-Gauger, to Operator No. 2, A Department.
- A. E. Grey.....Chemist, Martinez to Chemist, Research.
- H. R. Griffin.....Senior Expediter, Stores to Material Analyst, Stores.
- W. J. Gritus.....Clerk, P & IR, to Clerk, Norco Plant.
- D. W. Halstead.....Chemist, Martinez to Chemist, Research.
- C. W. Holliman.....Shift Foreman, E Dept. to Fire & Safety Inspector, P & IR.
- E. V. Hyett.....Material Checker, Stores to Material Expediter, Stores.
- O. Hysaw.....Machinist No. 1, to Asst. Foreman Maint. Machine, Eng.
- J. D. Lee.....Clerk, Stores to Material Expediter, Stores.
- W. M. Miller.....Janitor to Yardman, Engineering Field.
- W. M. Nicholson.....Operator No. 2, A to Pumper-Gauger, A.
- W. H. Norman.....Operator No. 1, A to Rigger Helper No. 2, Eng.
- A. M. Osborn.....Operator No. 1, E to Pumper-Gauger, E.
- K. W. Parks.....Clerk, Treasury to Clerk, E.
- R. L. Parnell.....Chemist, Laboratory to Material Expediter, Stores.
- F. L. Pickens.....Operator Helper, G to Operator Helper, P & R.
- G. O. Robins.....Shell Pipeline to Gateman No. 1, P & IR.
- D. B. Seale.....Pumper Gauger, G to Operator No. 2.
- J. F. Simpson.....Clerk, Head Office-Shell Oil to Clerk, Stores.
- A. J. Von Ostorm.....Pipefitter Hlpr. (A), Eng. to Counterman, Stores.
- C. E. Wallace.....Shift Foreman, G to Shift Foreman, P & R.
- W. L. Wheelock.....Asst. Gen. Fore., Stores to Supervisor Material Control, Stores.
- S. F. Williams.....Rodman (A), Eng. to Transitman No. 1.
- F. Willis.....Janitor, Engineering to Yardman, Engineering Field.

### REFINERY

- Elizabeth Anderson.....Stenographer, Treasury, to Stenographer, Thermal Cracking.
- Anita Jean Essary.....Stenographer, Treasury, to Stenographer, Research.
- R. G. Schneider.....Sr. Technologist, Tech., to Sr. Technologist, Thermal Cracking.
- E. L. Stubbs.....Opr. Hlpr. No. 1, Ther. Crk'g, to Car. Hlpr. No. 2, Eng. Fld.

## O'Neal, Leach Receive Gas Dept. Promotions



Leach O'Neal

S. P. O'Neal has been named Operating Assistant at the Platformer in the Gas Department, Refinery Manager John Tench announced.

Mr. O'Neal has been replaced as Shift Foreman at the Platformer by J. H. Leach, formerly a No. 1 Operator at that Unit.

Both men have 26 years service with Shell and have spent all of that time at Houston Refinery.

"Red" O'Neal began his Shell service as a Pressureman in the Cracking Department, later becoming a No. 1 Operator in that department. He was promoted to Shift Foreman at the Platformer in 1952.

He and his wife and their two children reside at 206 Forest Lane in Deer Park.

"Boots" Leach started with the company as a General Helper. Through the years he has been a driver in the Automotive Department and has held various classifications in Distilling. He became a No. 1 Operator at the Platformer in October of 1952.

He and his wife have three children. They make their home at 3014 Wichita in Houston.

## Henry Lucas Evers Retires



EVERS

Henry Lucas Evers, better known to his many friends as "Dutch", retired on February 1 after 24 years of service with Shell. He was a clerk in the Industrial Engineering section of the Engineering Department at the time of his retirement.

A native of Holland, "Dutch" came to the United States in 1918 and became an American citizen in 1926. After receiving a degree in Mining and Petroleum Engineering from the University of California, Mr. Evers joined Shell in 1934 in California and came to Houston Refinery early in 1935. He started at the Refinery as a Tester in the Control Laboratory, then transferred to the Gas Department as a Shift Foreman. He was made a Clerk in the Gas Department in 1941; then he transferred to the Engineering Department as a Clerk in 1949.

An extensive European tour with his wife, is first on "Dutch's" agenda of retirement plans. Following this, he will begin a series of improvements on his summer home at Lake Medina. Mr. and Mrs. Evers live at 304 Vince

## Shell Wife One Of First Women C OF C Directors

Mrs. Sam (Margie) Orr, wife of Cat Cracking Operator Sam Orr, is rounding out the third of her three-year term as a member of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Mrs. Orr, who is active in the Pasadena Garden Club, VFW Auxiliary and various charity drives, has the distinction of being among the first women to be elected a director of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.



MRS. ORR

Accidents don't pay—ask the man who had one!



Mrs. Plaisance pins the Eagle scout award on her son, Roy D., Jr., as Post Advisor Roy D. Plaisance, Sr., looks on approvingly.



James MacFarland, Garden Villas Sea Scout Ship 16 skipper, is "piped ashore" by his Scouts during the Scout Award program.

### Raarup Named Gas Asst. Manager As Renquist Moves to Lube Dept.



RENQUIST

Walter P. Raarup, Jr., Senior Technologist in the Gas Department since September, 1953, has been named Assistant Manager of the Gas Department, Platforming. He succeeds M. L. Renquist, who has replaced J. G. Pratt as Assistant Manager of the Lubricating Oils Department. Mr. Pratt has been transferred to the New York Technological Department. Mr. Raarup joined Shell in June, 1938, as a Junior Technical Assistant in the Thermal Cracking Department. He gained experience in the various departments of the Refinery prior to his promotion to Senior Technologist in the Gas Department. He holds a degree in Chemical Engineering from Tulane University.



RAARUP

He and his wife have two children. Mr. Renquist had served as Assistant Manager of the Gas Department, Platforming, since November, 1954. He came to work for Shell in 1942 in San Francisco. After being transferred to Wilmington, he went to the New York office of the Manufacturing Department in 1948, and he was made Senior Technologist there in 1951. He was transferred to Houston Refinery as Assistant Chief Technologist in 1953.

He holds degrees from two California institutes of higher learning—San Jose State and Stanford. Mr. Renquist and his wife have four sons.

### Roy Plaisance's Son Presented Eagle Scout Award

Roy D. Plaisance Jr., son of Refinery Civil Engineer Roy D. Plaisance, received Scouting's highest honor—the Eagle Scout award—during a Court of Awards ceremony of Post 76, Boy Scouts of America. The ceremony was held in the Epworth Methodist Church, Post 76's sponsoring institution, and approximately 150 people attended.

Mr. Plaisance is the Post Advisor, which is equivalent to Scoutmaster.

Young Plaisance, who has 27 merit badges to his credit—six more than necessary to be an Eagle Scout—entered Scouting as a Cub when he was eight. After three years as a Cub he attained the Webelo rank and advanced to the Boy Scouts when he was 11. He advanced to the rank of Life Scout and became an Explorer Scout when he was 14. Now 15, he is a Counselor at Camp Strake during the summers and has been a Den Chief for three years and is past Senior Crew Leader. He is also a member of the Order of the Arrow.

A low junior in Stephen F. Austin High School, Roy D., Jr. played with the All-City Youth Symphony in 1953. He is active in the YMCA and in the Young People's Service League.

### Courtenay C. Bateman To Supervise Construction Of Proposed Platform

Courtenay C. Bateman has been transferred from Norco to Houston Refinery to take charge of construction of the proposed Platform unit which is expected to get under way shortly.

The Houston assignment is actually a homecoming for Mr. Bateman. A native Houstonian, he began his Shell service in 1936 at the Houston Refinery. He was transferred to the Montreal Refinery on a special assignment in 1949. He returned to Houston in 1951 prior to his transfer to Norco in 1953.

Mr. Bateman, his wife and daughter will reside at 6407 Heron in Houston.



BATEMAN



When the March winds blow, you can be sure you'll see plenty of kites aloft. But few kites will have prettier pilots than this one does. She's Margie Weir, Refinery Blue Print Operator.

### U. S. Army Cites Shell Oil, Chemical



J. D. Coddington, Paint Shop, left and V. L. Teston, Carpenter Shop, read the Certificate of Appreciation awarded Shell Chemical for the wholehearted support of the reserve program of our Armed Forces. Both Coddington and Teston are among the many Shell employees who have served on military duty under this policy. Shell Oil also was awarded a Certificate by the Army.

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