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## Refinery Employees Lauded For Fine Safety Record

### SERA Club Site Opens July 24; Activities Set

If you're an SERA member, or about to become one, then you and your family won't want to miss out on the gala opening of the club site on Sunday, July 24.

There'll be fun for all ages from 1 until 9 p.m.

Purpose of the activity-packed opening, of course, is to illustrate the many recreational opportunities offered by the club site.

Located in a beautifully wooded section on Clear Creek near Friendswood, the 50-acre tract was purchased by the SERA last year. It has been undergoing extensive improvements since last spring, and it is now ready for general use. A slice of watermelon will be given to everyone who attends, and families may either bring their own lunches or purchase a barbecue plate for \$1.25.

In addition there will be a fishing contest for the youngsters, a model air plane exhibition, softball games, adult games, bingo, movies for the kiddies and a dance for the adults from 7 until 9 p.m. There will be a number of valuable game and door prizes given away throughout the day.

Moreover, plans will be launched to organize an SERA Teen-Age club. While this club for Shell teenagers will be sponsored by the SERA, the youngsters themselves will govern the group and sponsor dances, games and picnics.

### Shell Moves Agriculture Headquarters To New York

Shell Chemical Corporation's Agricultural Chemicals Division moved its headquarters to New York City from Denver, Colorado, recently. The Division is the sales organization for the Corporation's insecticides (aldrin, dieldrin and endrin) and soil fumigants (D-D and Nemagon).

The transfer of the Sales Division is designed to insure easier access to national markets and will afford better coordination of the various marketing activities. The insecticides and Nemagon will continue to be manufactured in Denver. D-D is made at Houston.

Continuing to operate under the Division are the district sales offices in New York, Houston, San Francisco, St. Louis, Atlanta, Ga., and Jackson, Miss. A new sales office under the New York District office was opened recently at Columbus, Ohio.



### Jack O'Neal Gives Paper On Spectrometry At Rome Parley

In the 11 years that M. J. O'Neal has been with Shell, he has:

(1) Become recognized as one of the foremost authorities on Mass Spectrometry, and

(2) Established a reputation as a globe trotter.

Mr. O'Neal's most recent adventure took him to Rome, Italy, where he delivered a paper on Mass Spectrometry at the fourth World Petroleum Congress, June 6-15.



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Entitled "The Determination of Heavy Oil Composition by Mass Spectrometry," the paper was delivered by Jack was written by him in conjunction with four fellow Refinery Research Laboratory members—A. Hood, C. K. Hines, R. J. Clerc and M. L. Andre.

While some 216 papers, covering a wide variety of subjects in the field of petroleum were delivered during the Congress, Mr. O'Neal's paper was the only one concerning Mass Spectrometry, which is one of the most modern analytical tools for determining the chemical composition of petroleum.

Mr. O'Neal delivered a paper on a similar subject at the Institute of Petroleum symposium in London in October of 1953.

Beginning his career with Shell in 1944 as a Junior Research Chemist, Mr. O'Neal is now Analytical Research Group Leader in the Research Laboratory.

Mr. O'Neal and his wife have three children: Nancy Ann, 6, Steven, 3, and Thomas Michael, 1.

### Free Booklet Explains Oil Industry

"The Story of Petroleum," a new booklet explaining the complex operation of the oil industry in clear, simple language aimed at the junior school student, has been published by Shell Oil Company, it was announced recently.

The booklet tells how exploration crews hunt oil, how drilling crews sink wells, how pipe liners move oil to refineries, how chemists and engineers refine crude oil to make products, and how thousands of people in the distribution end of the industry move the products from refineries to service stations, factories, homes and other places where oil is used. The last section tells about miracle fibres, plastics and other new things research scientists have made from oil and suggests that many more may yet be found.

Photographs, drawings and maps illustrate every section. The booklet is 32 pages long and small enough (6 by 9 inches) to fit in a student's notebook. The text is two columns and divided by subtitles that help to point up the main parts of the story and make the book easier to read.

"The Story of Petroleum" contains a minimum of company identification. It is available free to individuals, schools or other groups. Requests for copies should be addressed to: Shell Oil Company, P. O. Box 2099, Houston, Texas.

### March 18 Date Of Last Lost Time Accident

Refinery employees completed one million man hours without a disabling injury on May 27. It was the seventh time in the 26-year history of the refinery that the coveted million-hour mark was reached.

To achieve this commendable safety record, Refinery employees had to work 70 consecutive days without a lost-time accident. The string of accident free days began March 18.

Hopes were high at press time that a determined effort by all employees would result in the Refinery attaining two million safe man-hours for the first time.

The Refinery last attained the charmed million hour mark on January 28, 1954. In fact, Refinery employees reached a total of 1,273,200 hours before a disabling injury occurred on February 15, 1954.

Refinery Manager John Tench congratulated all employees for their contribution to this most recent record during a safety meeting in the shops on June 2 and in a letter of congratulations to all employees.

Mr. Tench said in the shops meeting that he was not interested in the record simply for the record's sake, but because the record indicated that during this safe period, no refinery family had to experience the sorrow of having a loved one injured.

At press time, 116 accident-free days had been compiled.

Refinery Manager John Tench congratulates all employees for their safety attitude.

### Shell Chemical Buys Synthetic Rubber Producing Facilities

Shell Chemical Corporation recently bought from the U. S. Government, facilities for producing synthetic rubber near Los Angeles.

The facilities include: a butadiene plant, built and operated by Shell Chemical for the Government during World War II, and from 1950 to the present; a copolymer plant, previously operated by the Midland Rubber Company; and a styrene plant, previously operated by Dow Chemical Company. The facilities are on one site at Torrance. The copolymer plant receives butadiene and styrene from the other two plants and reacts them in the presence of other ingredients to produce the rubber.

Following acquisition of the facilities, Shell Chemical announced formation of a new branch of its Marketing Department. The Synthetic Rubber Sales Division will have offices at the plant site.

R. C. McCurdy, president of Shell Chemical, said it appears that the Corporation's rubber products "will go to some 100 different companies, including all small business users whose trade we can attract." He added that prices on Shell-produced synthetic rubber will remain at the same levels set by the government at the plant.

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### Chemical Plant's Here & There

## Vic Anderson's Art Work; Basketball, More Graduations

Vic Anderson of Engineering has already done a lot of exciting things with his art work so far this year. He has had five of his creations accepted in prominent art shows across the country. His work in sculpturing has been outstanding locally. The Houston Fine Art Museum accepted a stainless steel and copper piece for their Easter Art Show entitled "The Resurrection". The Allied Art Show featured his "Piscoes," a steel and brass, for their show. "Up There" and "Crap Game", two of his oil paintings, were presented at the Strawberry Art Festival in West Virginia.

On the national scene Vic did well for himself too. A collage, (French for paste up or paste on) "Design in Hemp," was chosen to appear in the New York National Amateur Art Show.

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E Department and the Volunteer Fire Department for Deer Park battled on the basketball court again recently. The men on the E Department squad are still the champions. This time they won with a total of 56 points to 47 over the Firemen. Joe Arrington was high point man with 32 points.

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Instrumentman Don Jewell has footed the bill for two graduations this year. Both his son, Harley, and daughter, Joyce, received diplomas from Reagan. Harley graduated in February and is now attending the University of Houston. Joyce finished in June and she plans to be a school teacher, and will enter the University in the fall. Don also has another son, Robert, who is a sophomore at Reagan.

All of the Jewell family is musically inclined and the Reagan band had some good representatives. Harley was drum major in his senior year and before then played most of the brass section instruments. Joyce, who studied woodwinds and played the saxophone and clarinet, was Vice President of the band. Young Robert is a drummer in the band now. But the kids didn't get ahead of Dad. Don is the Treasurer of the Band Booster's Club.

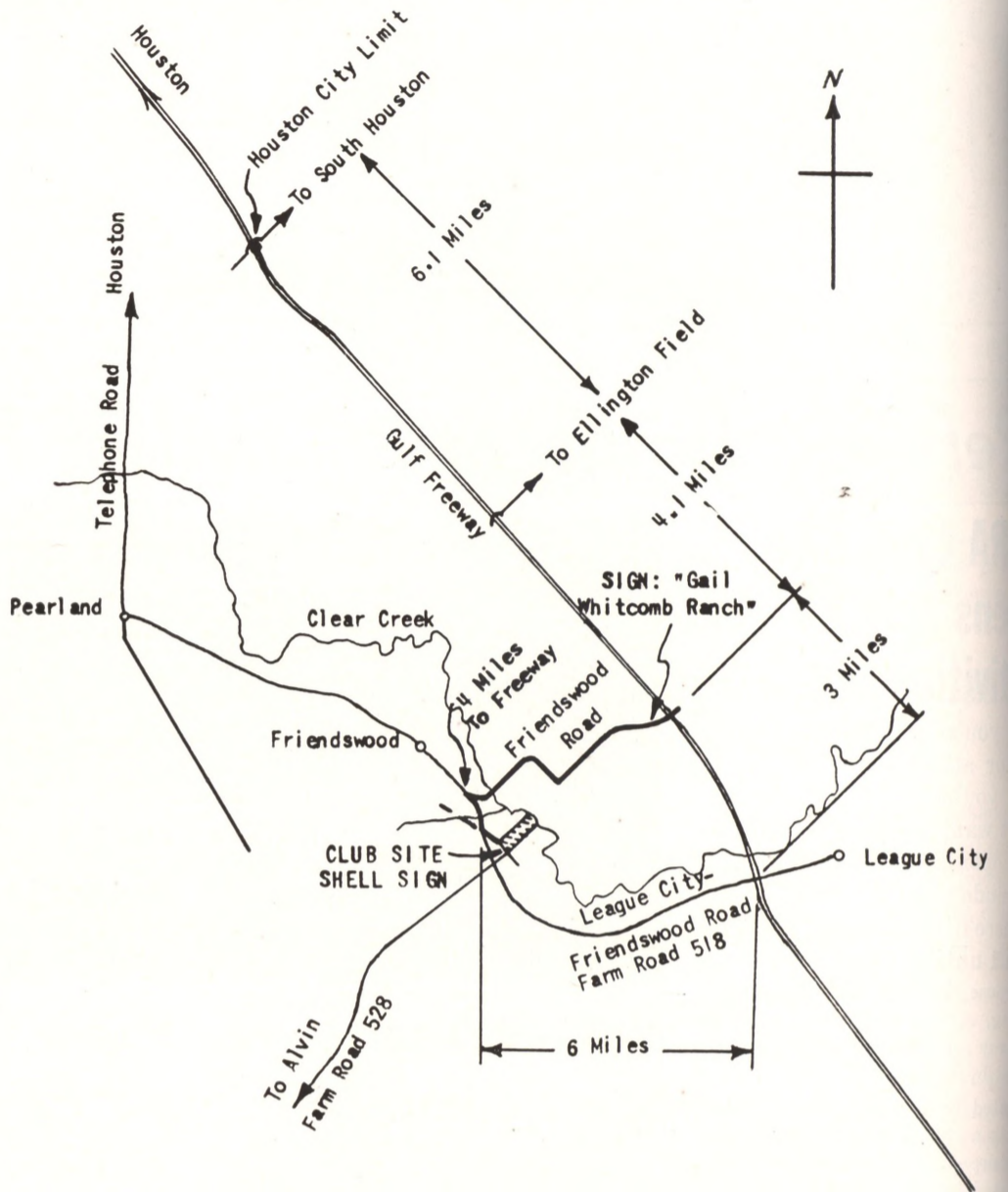
## Shell Friends Mourn Death of V. S. Wilson

The Refinery friends of V. S. Wilson, a Refinery employee since April, 1952. He was 28.

Survivors include his wife, Elmo Jean, and daughter, Patricia Lynn, 2, of Pasadena; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson of Ardmore, Oklahoma, and five brothers and six sisters.

Mr. Wilson has been a Shell em-

## Here's the Way to Club Site . . . See You July 24



LOCATION OF SERA CLUB SITE

## Dunn Begins Cartoon Series For Shellegram

Beginning with this issue, and on this page, you'll find the first in a new series of cartoons by that talented artist, G. B. Dunn, Refinery Paint Shop.

Dunn's reputation as a cartoonist is wide-spread, and with good reason. His handiwork may be seen on numerous posters and signs throughout the Refinery. Dunn's witty safety posters are responsible in no small way for the Refinery's excellent safety record.

The new cartoon series that will appear regularly in the Shellegram will concern the lives of Joe and Moe. Both are nice fellows, but you'll be quick to note that Moe is somewhat careless about his safety habits, and as a result, he is continually getting banged up.



Going away parties for two more Refinery employees were given prior to their departure for the new Anacortes Refinery. On the left, G. H. Penland is shown with the new rod and reel



he received from his friends in Distilling. G. J. Reno, Research, proudly accepts a wrist watch from his colleagues. Reno will be Senior Technologist at Anacortes.

## JOE & MOE



# Though Small in Number, Surveyors Draw Key Refinery Assignments



Reading a plan before taking a reading are J. J. Morris, P. B. Miller and D. D. Johnson, a general helper. The Surveyors have both a varied and important role in Houston Refinery.

Although numerically it is one of the smallest crafts, the surveying group gets in on the ground floor of many of the Refinery's engineering projects. Moreover, the responsibility of the surveyors continues until the project is completed.

With their precise instruments, the refinery's surveyors have both a varied and important role in the construction of new buildings and equipment.

Their field notes also enable design draftsmen to make detailed drawing so that piping and other equipment may be repaired or replaced in a minimum of time.

The surveyors are in control of the refinery's coordinate system, which includes laying out units, buildings and pipelines to insure that all available space is efficiently utilized.

Moreover, in all field work in which they are concerned, the surveyors are responsible for the horizontal and vertical control.

The surveyors work in groups of three: a transitman, a rodman No. 1 and a rodman No. 2.

Equivalent to a No. 1 craftsman, the transitman directs the work of the group. His equipment includes a transit, which is used to measure horizontal and vertical angles, and an engineer's level, which measures vertical height.

The rodmen drive the stakes; clear right-of-ways and do the chaining (measure distances).

On a typical construction program, the surveyors swing into action by making a preliminary survey to determine the location of any buildings or units that will be constructed on the site. They then make an engineering survey to locate any pipes, units or obstacles in the area. A sketch of these details is then made by the surveyors and turned over to the Drafting room, where the official drawings are made and the units are designed.

After these official drawings are released, the surveyors return once again to the site to make a field layout and stake off the units for the starting of the actual approved field construction.

When forms are completed, the surveyors check them for alignment and grade to see that they are built according to specifications.

Finally, after the concrete is poured, the forms are once again checked by the surveyors for vertical control and alignment on the buildings.

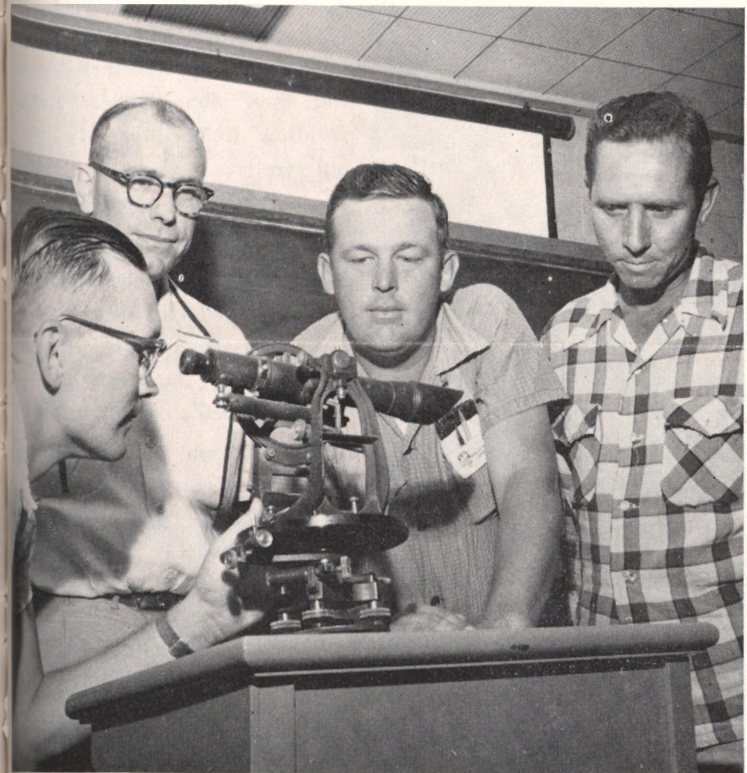
T. B. (Bo) Brown in 1952 was made the Surveying craft's first Party Chief, the position he still holds. The work of the surveyors comes under C. B. Brockmeyer of Field Construction.

Looking back over the past few years of refinery expansion, Brown recalled that the surveying for the Lube Plant was done in a corn field. Other projects have included the dredging of a slip; the construction of the Rancho Pipeline (from the Refinery property); new storage tank construction, storage track layout and numerous other projects.

Refinery employees may take heart in the busy schedule of the surveyors; for the work they do is a yardstick by which the growth and progress of Houston Refinery may be measured.



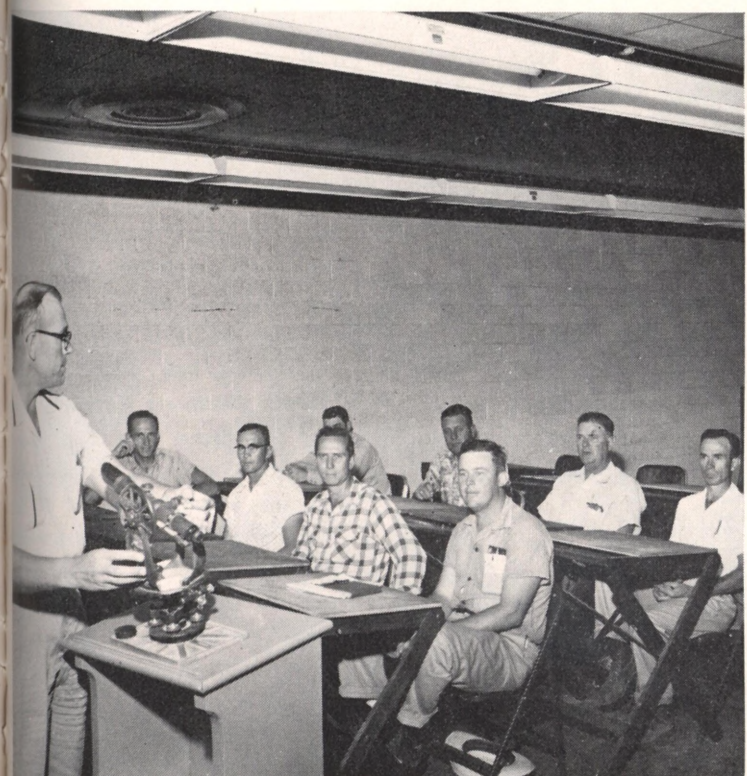
Checking the grade for the concrete ring that is being poured for the new 250,000 barrel AP tank. J. J. Morris takes a reading, G. Kuntz sets the stake and P. B. Miller holds the rod.



Intensive training is necessary for advancement in the surveying craft. Here C. E. Chandler checks the magnifying power of a transit. Observing, in left to right order, are Party Chief T. B. Brown, J. E. Cribbs, C. R. Mitchell.



Transitman J. E. Mulare, having completed his reading, watches P. B. Miller drive the stake, which is a step in setting the finished grades for the new Platformer's temporary railroad spur. F. C. Hager is holding the rod.



During a weekly classroom session, T. B. Brown explains the adjustment of a transit to members of the Surveying Craft.



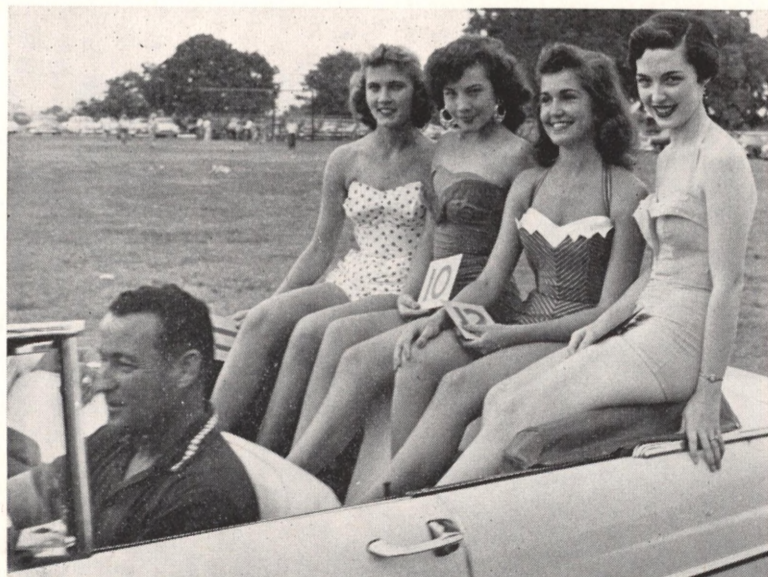
A familiar sight around the Refinery, the red pick-up transports the surveyors from one important project to another.



Martha Huckaby, Betty Jo Arnold, Maxine Mancuso, Macine Barton, Barbara Carrier, Beverly Roberts, Ja Ann Werner, Eve Lezak, Margie Jones, Shirley Smith, Delores Lezak, Marjie Weir. At right Tony Mazza, John Moore and Paul Hochuli.



Barbara, second; Jo Ann, first; Maxine, third.



Above, the girls were driven to the reviewing stand in style.

Above right and to the right, the glamorous style show.



1955 Picnic Scenes

Barbecue... Rides, Games

With a kindly assist from Mother Nature, what certainly must have been one of the most successful and thoroughly enjoyable SERA picnics of all time was held on June 4 at Galveston County. The weather for the outing was tailor made.

Nearly 6,000 advance reservations were made, and 5,286 plates of barbecue were consumed. The figure is thought to be second only to the 1953 plate count of 5,328.

The various games and contests were run off like clock work. The barbecue "chow" lines moved at a rapid clip. The kiddie rides were moved off to one side and out of the way of the other events, a move which seemed popular with both the tots and the grown-ups.

As for the adult games, Jim Ferry, Refinery Research, was first in the horseshoe pitch, followed by J. D. Cole, Chemical Welding, Jack Banawsky, Refinery Engineering, and John Bales, Refinery Welding, finished one, two in the big stretch.

Opal Hickman, Refinery Cracking, won the rolling pin throw with a toss of 59 feet. Mrs. Delpha Dodson, Chemical Stores, came tied for second with a throw of 57' 4", and in the throw off, hurled the pin 70 feet.

Mrs. Norma Summerlin, whose husband, George, works in the Chemical Boiler shop, won the rapping contest in six strokes. She was followed by Mrs. Louise Byrne, whose husband, H. R., is in Thermal Cracking.

A near miss of 11 inches won the chipping contest for M. C. Bryant, a brand new member of Chemical Plant's Engineering Field. Sadie Ruth Knox (husband of W. B. Knox Chemical P&R Dept.) came in first in the women's division.

Perhaps the happiest of all those who attended was the 90 Fair Home youngsters who were once again guests of the SERA at the picnic.

A bathing beauty contest and "fashion" show turned out to be two highly popular additions to the SERA picnic.

Lovely Jo Ann Werner, daughter of the late George Werner, veteran Refinery employee and SERA member, won first place in the beauty contest. In addition to winning a handsome set of Samsonite luggage, she was presented with a bouquet of roses and crowned by Refinery Manager John Tench.

She was selected from a field of 12 lovely young ladies, and one envied the difficult task of judging that was assigned John Moore of The Post; Paul Hochuli of The Press and Tony Mazza, Pizza King.

# ... Beauties ... Spell Fun



Barbara Carrier, daughter of N. A. Carrier, Chemical Shipping was second, and she received a record player. Maxine Mancuso, daughter of N. N. Mancuso, Refinery Fire & Safety, was third. Her prize was a beautiful compact.


Besides the three winners, there were Maxine Barton, Refinery Stenographic; Delores Lezak, Refinery Control Lab; Margie Weir, Refinery Engineering; Beverly Roberts, daughter of Lin Roberts, Treating; Martha Huckaby, daughter of L. W. Huckaby, Chemical Pipe Shop, Shirley June Smith, niece of F. S. Smith, Chemical A Department; Betty Jo Arnold, daughter of W. F. Arnold, Refinery Dispatching; Margie Jones, daughter of C. M. Cunningham, Refinery and Eve Lezak, sister of Delores Lezak, Refinery Control Lab.

With Herb Wagner, Refinery Engineering, acting as "Mistress" of ceremonies, an array of lovely creatures gave the spectators a preview of what the well dressed ladies will NOT be wearing in months to come. Charlie Stebbins, P & IR; Claude Fisher, Welding, and Herb Callender and C. O. (Chuck) Reed, Research, all of the Refinery; Ed Dykes, Chemical Engineering, were the models. Their antics and costumes had the crowd in stitches throughout their program.

There was a host of door prizes given away. The biggest, an air-conditioning unit, was won by O. B. Korge, Chemical Pipe Shop.



# REPORTERS' ROUNDUP



M. J. Bady, Automotive, received \$10 for the shop hint he submitted to the Commercial Car Journal, a magazine for truck and bus fleet operators . . . Mr. Bady's hint, as he wrote it, reads as follows:

"When doing a brake job and installing shoes with new lining, I put masking tape over the lining after putting the lining on the shoes. This keeps the new lining clean and free of grease and dirt while I am installing shoes. After the shoes are completely installed, it is easy to pull the masking tape off."

Jimmy Carpenter, son of Distilling Department Manager W. A. Carpenter, has been awarded a scholarship to Rice Institute . . . One of the most versatile athletes in the history of Deer Park High School (All-State at two positions in football, and a stand-out in track and basketball). Jimmy was given that school's best all-around athlete award and a medal for outstanding football leadership.

Another Deer Park High School Shellite, Betsy MacGregor, daughter of Utilities Department Manager C. S. MacGregor, was presented the American Chemical Council's plaque for outstanding achievement in chemistry. In all of Harris County she was one of five to be so honored. She also won the Texas Chemical Society and the history award.

Little League baseball is underway again, and 140 youngsters are participating in the La Porte program . . . Tommy Roye, Dispatching, manages the Rotary Club Little League team and Willie Childs, Refinery Instrument Shop, pilots the Rotary Club entry . . . Mr. Childs is also serving on the executive committee for the recreational program for that district.

Danny Allen Thurman, son of Pasadena's newly elected water and sewer commissioner, A. G. Thurman, Chemical Engr. Dept., has recently been appointed athletic sergeant of Squadron 5, Air Force ROTC, Texas A&M College . . . Thurman, a junior accounting major, and a former member of the Singing Cadets, is active in the intramural sport program and the accounting society, and is the vice president of the Home Town club.

The new Recording Secretary for the American Women's Society of Accountants, Houston Chapter, is Iris Harmon, of Accounting . . . Iris was installed on June 25 and she will serve in that capacity until July, 1956.

W. W. (Bill) Wright, Technologist in Lube "C", recently returned from a two week stint with the Air Force Reserve in Washington, D. C. . . Bill says that he studied how to be a member of the "Chairborne Command" while in the nation's capitol.

Tom Flynn, who once again is a summer worker in the Tech Department graduated from Rice in June . . . He plans to graduate work at the University of Colorado . . . During the past school year, Tom was managing editor of the Rice Engineer, and the May issue of that magazine carried his article on Catalytic Cracking which won first prize when first presented during the student session of the recent national meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers in Houston.

Congratulations to Cleve O'Toole, Engineering, who was recently selected state director of Texas Little League baseball . . . A former Jeff Davis and Sam Houston State athlete, Cleve has been active in Little League managerial circles for several years.

Dempsey Gholson, Cracking Cleanout, was very seriously injured recently when the motorcycle he was driving went out of control. He received serious neck and leg injuries and is expected to be confined to Herman Hospital for several months. Gholson, active in several SERA sports, would appreciate visitors.

Pipefitter H. M. Wallace's year-old son, Jimmy, provided the idea for the clever safety poster that was displayed recently. The poster showed a baseball player rounding third base and heading for home. The heading of the poster read:

"In life, as in baseball, it is the number of times you reach home safely that counts."

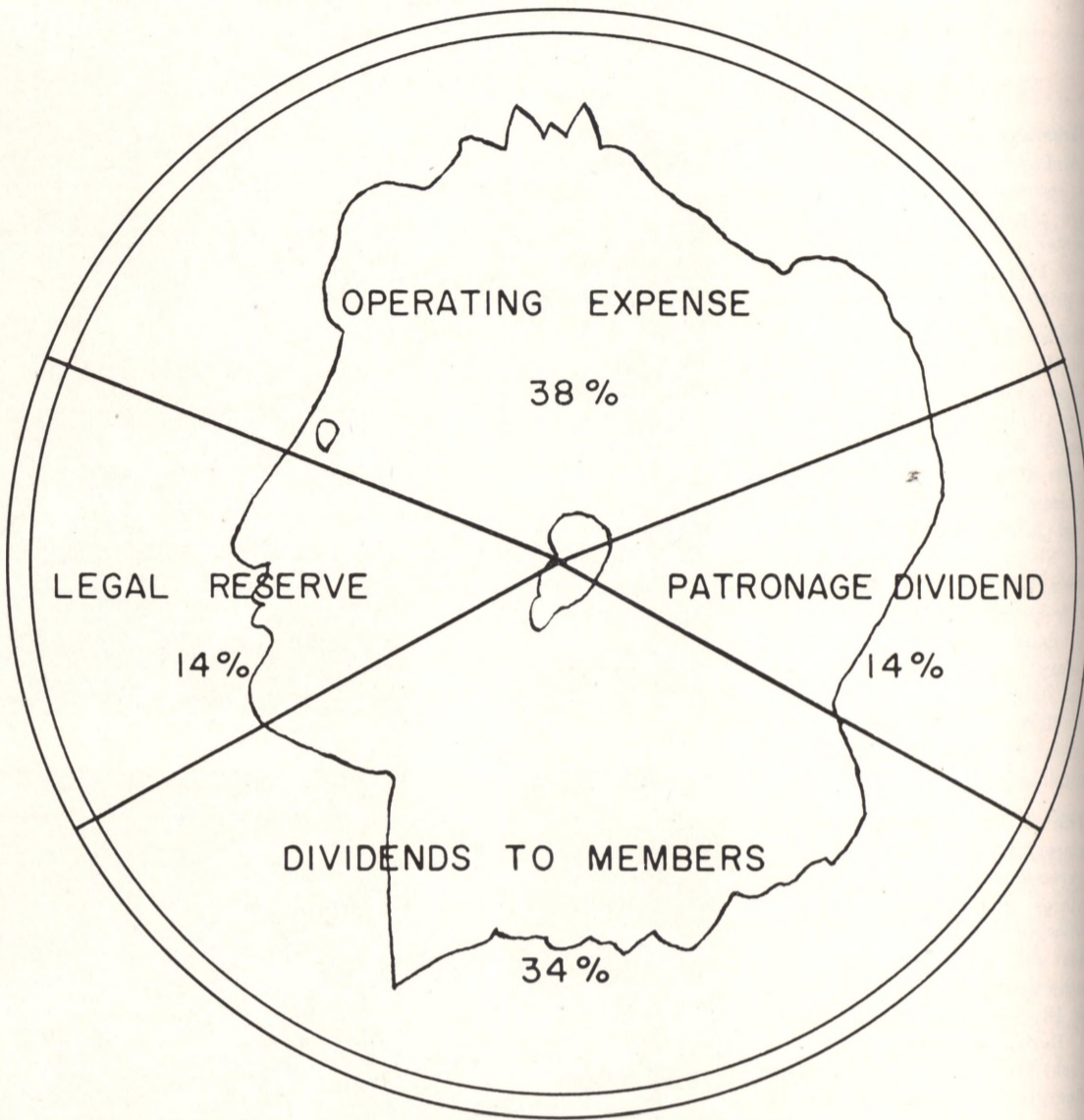
Jimmy's idea associating baseball and safety was undoubtedly inspired by his great interest in that sport. He is active in Pasadena's Little League baseball program.

The following Shell secretaries hold office and committee chairmanships in the Houston Chapter of the National Secretaries Association: Doris Winner (Chemical) Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee; Virginia Lowery (Chemical) Scrap Book Chairman; Lillian Long (Refinery), Seminar Committee Chairman; Alice Newcomer (Houston Office) Public Relations Chairman. In addition, Ety Mathews (Refinery) is a member of the Civics Projects Committee, and Hilda Chevalier (Refinery), the newest Shellite to qualify for membership in the N. S. A., is a member of the Ways and Means committee.

Chief Accountant R. F. Kissinger has a unique system for prognosticating. He correctly guessed V-E Day, using as his magic formula his son's birthday. He came within two days of predicting V-J Day using the same formula with only a slight variation—his daughter's birthday.

In the recent contest to attempt to guess the first day after May 7 that the temperature would hit 95, Ray stuck to his guns: He chose Queen Victoria's birthday, May 24. And May 24 it was! Ray chose 2:10 p.m. as the hour that the temperature would hit 95, and he was only 14 minutes off. But seventeen others hit 2:24 right on the nose to divide the \$100 prize.

## THE CREDIT UNION DOLLAR



### Rainbow Girls Serve As Picnic Baby-Sitters

The gracious young ladies who served so efficiently as baby-sitters during the SERA picnic belong to Pasadena's Order of the Rainbow Girls. Lamona Cherry, Engineering, who was in charge of the SERA picnic Child Care Committee, expressed her thanks to the 12 girls and their Mother Advisor, Mrs. Bobby Wright (wife of Refinery Rigger L. E. Wright), for their fine work throughout the day.

The money received by the girls was turned over to the Order's treasury to cover expenses for the group's many activities.

Three of the top offices in the Pasadena Order are held by Shell daughters, including Worthy Associate Advisor, Pat Cansler, daughter of G. H. Cansler, Cat Cracking; Charity, Pat Wendelken, whose guardian is A. D. McCormick, Refinery Carpenter Shop, and Musician, Irma Lee Fields, daughter of A. W. Fields, Refinery Insulators.

### Chemical Golfers Score

Seventy-three SERA linksmen participated in the May 7 meet at the Hughes Club, and first place in both high and low handicap competition was shared by Chemical Plant entries.

E. Saxon, J. Peters and B. Steakley each fired a 62 to tie for low handicap honors. In the high handicap event, D. W. Miles and R. Witman tied for first place with a 60 score.

You would be wise to review from time to time your choice of beneficiary for your Provident Fund and Group Life Insurance. Circumstances may have changed since you originally named the beneficiary and now you may wish to name a new beneficiary.

### CU Sets Patronage Dividend as Means Of Reducing Interest Rate on Loans

Credit Union borrowers can expect to get back a portion of their interest paid on loans during the year.

Due to the sound financial condition of the local Credit Union, the officers and directors voted to adopt a patronage dividend as a means of reducing the interest rate.

The patronage dividend will range from 5 to 40%, with the exact amount to be determined by the number of borrowers participating and the total interest paid during the year.

For example, if a 10% dividend is approved by the board, then every borrower participating will receive \$1 on every \$10 (or \$10 on undivided profits).

The directors stressed, however, that members who close their accounts during the year do not participate in the patronage dividend. Federal law requires that only accounts that are active on December 31 will participate in the patronage dividend. In other words, members who close their accounts during the year DO NOT participate in the patronage dividend.

Money for the patronage dividend will come from that portion of the Credit Union's gross profits which remains after dividends have been paid to all members and a percentage has been set aside as



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H. W. Gremillion, General Helper.

W. H. Alderman, General Helper.

L. R. Farley, General Helper.

L. J. LeGrande, General Helper.

D. S. Nimmons, General Helper.

R. R. Thompson, General Helper.

F. G. Matheny, General Helper.

L. E. Richards, General Helper.

T. S. Sewell, General Helper.

J. C. Nichols, General Helper.

W. R. Moake, General Helper.

K. P. Wheat, General Helper.

J. Davis, General Helper.

C. A. Beaver, General Helper.

O. D. Myers, General Helper.

J. L. Nettles, General Helper.

W. F. Van Trease, General Helper.

T. B. Holcomb, General Helper.

W. H. Hall, General Helper.

# JULY SHELL SERVICE BIRTHDAYS

## TEN YEARS

### REFINERY

J. F. Hays, Engineering

C. O. Loyd, Treating

J. W. Lemmond, Engineering

M. I. Underwood, Lubricating Oils

### CHEMICAL

S. Q. Gentry, Engineering

N. L. Kaufman, Technological

H. W. Morey, Treasury

J. A. Perry, Operations

J. C. Tullis, Operations

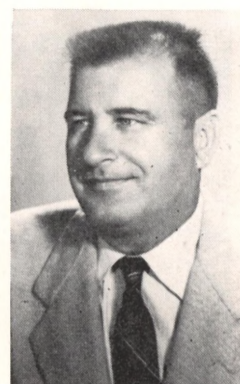
R. W. Ward, P & IR



30 YEARS  
L. L. St. Pe  
Dispatching



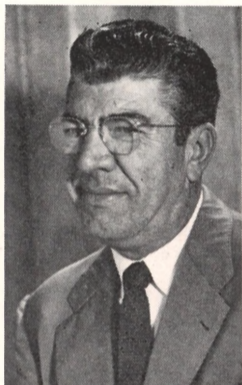
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Engineering



20 YEARS  
H. M. Baines  
Engineering



20 YEARS  
W. A. Baker  
P & IR



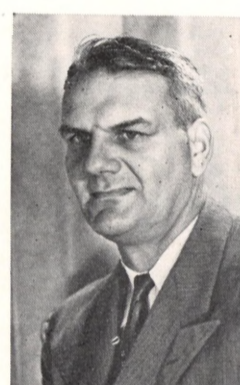
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F. P. Bates  
Engr. Chemical



20 YEARS  
J. V. Campo  
Engineering



20 YEARS  
W. C. Felscher  
Lubricating Oils



20 YEARS  
E. J. Galle  
Engr. Chemical



20 YEARS  
W. B. Gloger  
Engr. Chemical



20 YEARS  
J. M. Hatcher  
Dispatching



20 YEARS  
R. M. Hodgson  
Engr. Chemical



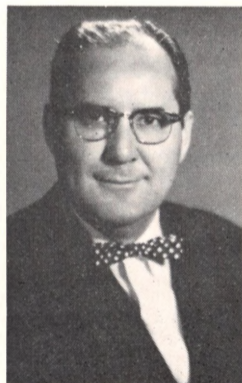
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J. M. Long  
Treating



20 YEARS  
J. B. Masterson  
Engineering



20 YEARS  
J. V. Newsom  
Engineering



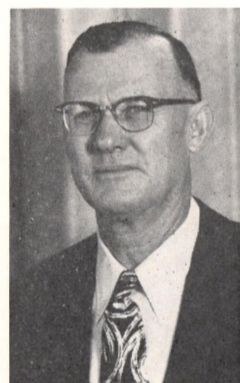
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W. A. Phillips  
Distilling



20 YEARS  
C. M. Sharpe  
Engineering



20 YEARS  
J. L. Schumacher  
Engineering



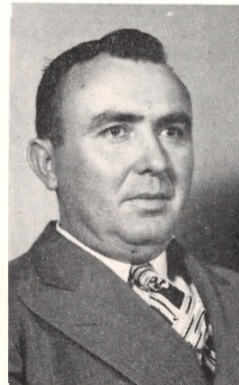
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V. M. Stark  
Operations, Chemical



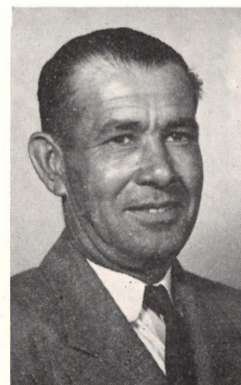
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J. R. Wacey  
Engineering



20 YEARS  
G. F. Wendel  
Thermal Cracking



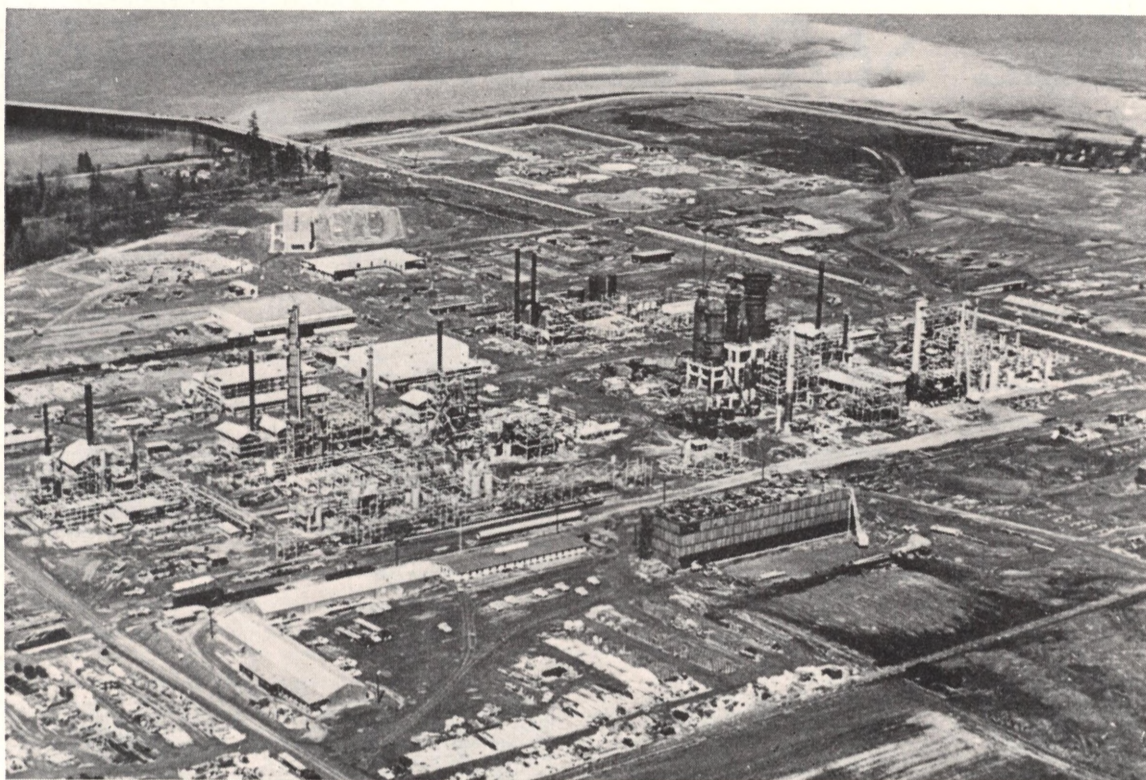
20 YEARS  
A. L. Williams  
Treating



15 YEARS  
R. P. Ermis  
Engineering



15 YEARS  
J. D. Harness  
Lubricating Oils



This aerial view of Shell's refinery at Anacortes was taken at the end of April.

## Personnel Changes

### CHEMICAL

- G. F. Benz.....Stenographer, Treasury to Stenographer, Laboratory.
- W. P. Brady.....Operator Tabulating Machine, Treasury to Clerk, Treasury.
- J. C. Brewton.....Technical Assistant, E to Technical Assistant, A.
- F. T. Carlson.....Technologist, Tech. to Technical Assistant, E.
- S. R. Clayton.....General Hlpr., Engr. Field to Pipefitter Hlpr., Engr. Field.
- J. S. Coleman.....Chemist, Laboratory to Technologist, Technological Dept.
- K. W. Davis.....Technical Assistant, E to Chemist, Laboratory.
- D. R. Dodson.....Jr. Clerk, Treasury to File Clerk, Stores.
- W. E. Dykes.....Engineer, Engineering to Engineer, Engineer Development.
- J. E. Fulton.....Operator Helper G to Pipefitter Helper, Engineering Field.
- C. Gaddis.....Janitor, Engineering to Truck Driver, Engineering Field.
- R. J. Gasperi.....Technical Assistant, P&R to Engineer, Engineering.
- C. J. Gibowski.....General Helper, Engineering Field to Operator Helper, P&R.
- N. J. Gilmore.....Stenographer, Treasury to Stenographer, Research.
- W. A. Gleich.....Technical Assistant, G to Technical Assistant, A.
- R. V. Goettge.....Engineer, Engineering Development to Engineer, Engineering.
- A. B. Harris.....Chemist, Laboratory to Technologist, Tech.
- K. S. Hartman.....Chemist, Research to Technologist, Tech.
- D. E. Haupt.....Technologist, Tech. to Technical Assistant, G.
- R. R. Holloway.....Technical Assistant, A to Torrance Plant.
- B. D. Jones.....General Helper, Engr. to Operator Helper, P&R.
- W. F. Key.....Tech. Asst., A to Asst. Chief Chemist, Denver Plant.
- R. C. Manning.....Technologist, Tech. to Technical Assistant, E.
- D. T. Matheson.....Pipefitter Helper, Engineering to Loader, Shipping.
- T. F. McQueen.....Sub-Foreman Labor, Engr. to Mtc. Foreman Shift, Engineering.
- L. E. Morris.....Janitor, Engr. to Truck Driver, Engineering Field.
- W. E. Pace.....Clerk, Treasury to Accountant, Treasury.
- W. A. Parks.....General Helper, Engr. to Operator Helper, P&R.
- J. M. Ralls.....Technologist, Tech. to Manufacturing Development, Head Office.
- R. L. Reeves.....Operator Helper, G to Operator Helper, P&R.
- H. E. Roberts.....Loader, Shipping to Pipefitter Helper, Engineering Field.
- R. L. Russell.....Chemist, Laboratory to Technologist, Tech.
- W. A. Scruggs.....Engineer, Engr. Development to Engineer, Engr.
- J. C. Sims.....Analyst, Head Office to Supervisor, Shipping.
- R. H. Slaughter.....Chemist, Laboratory to Technologist, Tech.
- R. S. Thomas.....Technologist, Tech. to Technical Assistant, E.
- B. C. Ubersosky.....Operator Helper, E to Operator Helper, P&R.
- B. J. Waggoner.....Leadburner Helper to Machinist Helper, Engineering Field.
- R. Williams.....Swamper, Engineering Field to Sub-Foreman Labor, Engr. Field.
- T. L. Williamson.....Clerk, G to Clerk, P&R.
- J. H. Wright.....Engineering, Engineering to Engineer, Engineering Dev.

## Shell's Anacortes Refinery Goes On Stream This Year

Construction of Shell Oil Company's sixth refinery at Anacortes, Washington, is in an advanced stage with the administration building completed and occupied and most major process equipment in place.

Piping is the biggest job yet to be completed before the 50,000-barrel refinery goes on stream late this year. Construction started early last year on the 800-acre site on Puget Sound. Nearly 3,000 persons are being used by the contractors on construction work.

The refinery is being built to meet the rising demand for petroleum products in the Pacific Northwest, one of the fastest-growing regions in the country. It will process Alberta crude oil shipped across the Rockies via the Trans-Mountain Pipe Line.

The process units at Anacortes will include crude oil distillation, catalytic reforming, catalytic cracking with feed preparation, gas recovery and polymerization units. The catalytic cracking unit is of new design arising from Shell research and is considered a major advance in this field.

### M. L. A. Returnees

The following Chemical Plant employees have returned from their tour of duty with the Armed Forces since January of 1955:

- J. F. Baer, Operator No. 1, P&R
- N. P. Barr, Chemist, Laboratory
- B. B. Beran, Operator No. 1, G
- J. J. Donovan, Engineer, Engineering
- J. C. Gillett, Chemist, Laboratory
- J. C. Kubala, General Helper No. 1, Engineering

Shell's Group Life Insurance Plan offers protection for the families of employees both before and after retirement—protection in addition to that afforded by other Shell Plans. The retired employee makes no contribution for the life insurance that is continued after his retirement.

## Shell Children Participate In Pasadena Music Festival



Southmore performed the Scottish fling. The Shell lassies are Mary Ellen Hirronen, daughter of G. D. Hirronen, Chemical Counterman; Nancy Dishaw, daughter of Fred Dishaw, Refinery Engineering Field, and Carol Ann Davis, daughter of Wyman Davis, Chemical "E" Department. The lads are Ronald Roberts, son of U. D. Roberts, formerly of the Refinery, now of Anacortes Refinery; Ronnie Huffman, son of T. C. Huffman, Refinery Instrument Shop; Forrest Silva, son of Forrest Silva, Chemical Paint Shop, and Don Marsh, son of G. L. Marsh, Refinery Thermal Cracking.

One of the most popular activities of the Pasadena elementary schools is the annual music festival. In this festival, representatives of all 10 of the elementary schools in the Pasadena Independent School District join in one huge chorus of some 700 voices. In addition, several of these schools are selected each year to have dance groups perform on the program.

A large number of Shell children (and don't forget their proud moms and dads) take part in this program each spring—and this year was no exception.

To give some idea as to the pageantry of this program, the Shell boys and girls who performed with three of the dance groups are pictured on this page.



In early-American costumes, the Gardens school children performed the minuet. Left is Mary Lee Shoemaker, daughter of E. G. Shoemaker, Chemical Plant Laboratory, and Carol Marie Koehl, daughter of R. W. Koehl, Refinery Treating Department.

Southmore School performed a beautiful dance of the Bluebonnets. The Shell Children are Billie Jean Kuerbis, daughter of E. L. Kuerbis, Refinery Rigger and Judy Kay, daughter of Mrs. Melba Ray, Chemical Plant Stores Dept.



When E. G. Samarripa, special yardman, retired from Shell on June 1 after 25 years of service, his many friends in Engineering Field got together to give him a going-away party. He is shown above receiving a handsome hat from A. Del Peral. Others pictured are G. Roque, M. C. Rodriguez, A. Velasquez, Del Peral, F. Murillo, R. S. Riojas, Samarripa, J. Pena, C. J. Jimenez, F. V. Gonzales, Y. R. Leon.

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