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TO ALL EMPLOYEES



CAMPO HUTTON MERRITT MILLER

FOUR REFINERY MEN FILL NEW POSTS AT ODESSA REFINERY

Four members of the Houston Refinery staff have been named to fill positions at the recently-acquired Odessa Refinery. Included in the moves are J. V. Campo, M. K. Hutton, J. E. Merritt, and H. M. Miller.

Campo is a veteran of almost 30 years service with Shell, all at the Houston Refinery in work associated with maintenance activities. He will be calling on his three decades of experience in a new position at Odessa - that of Maintenance Supervisor. A resident of Pasadena, Campo and his wife, Mrs. Lucille Campo, live at 202 South Center. The couple has a son, Al, 24, and two daughters, Linda, 19, and Sandra, 4.

Hutton, whose most recent assignment at Houston was that of Engineer in the Engineering Services Department, will fill the position of Engineer at the Odessa Refinery. A graduate of Oklahoma State University, he joined Shell in 1956. Since that date he has had extensive experience in several Refinery engineering departments. Hutton lives in

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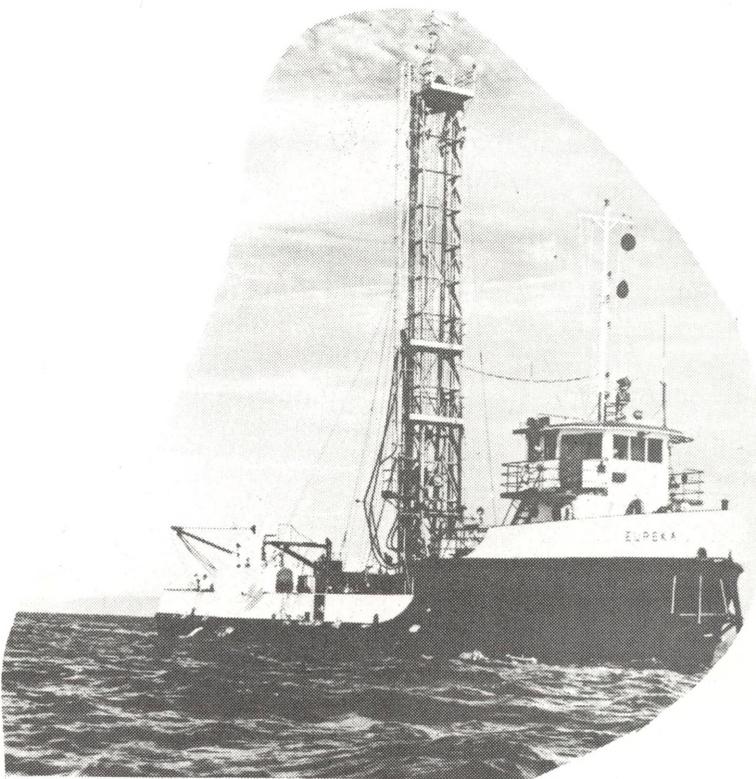
VESSEL USES AUTOMATIC POSITIONING SYSTEM

A new self-propelled core-drilling ship went to sea recently using an automatic positioning device developed by Shell. The positioning equipment will permit the vessel to drill four or five times more core holes in the same period than a ship using anchors.

Shell pioneered the use of an automatic positioning system in 1962 with the M.V. Eureka, a 136-foot vessel which averages two 500-foot core holes in every 12-hour period and has drilled as many as nine cores in one day. Conventional ships using anchors take one day or more for each core. The new device eliminates the time-consuming job of anchoring and permits drilling to start immediately after the ship reaches its location.

The automatic positioning equipment relies on an analog computer to evaluate changes in the ship's heading and drift.

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.....THE M. V. EUREKA

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SAFE
WORK-
DAYS

LAST CHANCE

A reminder...that tomorrow (Wednesday, March 25) is the deadline for SERA golfers interested in competing in the SERA Golf Tournament. Completed entry forms should be mailed to R. F. Tucker, Eng. Services Department.

SERA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Name _____ Present SERA Hdcp. (if known) _____

Refinery _____ Chemical Plant _____ Company Phone No. _____

If no handicap, what is your present average score? _____

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

G. A. HENSLEY
35 YRS.
ENG. FLD. DEPT.

H. M. WALLACE
25 YRS.
ENG. FLD. DEPT.

SERA BOWLING RESULTS

Super Shell was in the winning column again this week in the Shell Mixed Bowling League, taking three points from second-place Woodchoppers and opening up their league-lead to four points. The Woodchoppers scored the high team game for the night, 882, while Super Shell recorded the top team series, 2550. Marilyn Sommer with a 176 game and Betty Howard with a 476 series were high for the women. Bill Faircloth's 220 game and Q. C. Stanberry's 574 series were highlights for the men.

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AL ARABIAN NAMED TO HONOR ROLL

Alan Arabian, son of the Research Laboratory's K. G. Arabian, has been named to the College of Engineering Honor Roll for the Fall Semester, 1963-1964, at the University of Texas. Alan is a graduate of Austin High School in Houston and is in his first year at the University of Texas. He is majoring in electrical engineering.

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C L A S S I F I E D S

FOR SALE: 1958 Pontiac, two-door hardtop; radio and heater; automatic transmission. \$350. Call HU-6-6399.

FOR SALE: 1955 Oldsmobile, four-door sedan; radio and heater; power brakes and steering; automatic transmission; air conditioned. \$195. Call HU-6-6399.

FOUND: Pocket knife, in area of Hospital last Friday. Owner can claim it by calling J. B. Floyd (Refy. ext. 392) and identifying knife.

FOR SALE: 1959 Cadillac Sedan DeVille; fully equipped with air conditioning. \$1,995. Call GR-2-1726.

VESSEL USES AUTOMATIC SYSTEM (cont'd.)

The computer controls the direction and power of four 300-horsepower motors to keep the ship over the hole, with a drift error of no more than three feet for each 100 feet of water depth.

The new vessel will be operated by Caldrill Offshore, Inc., a drilling contractor, and will be used on the West Coast by various companies. The ship is a converted Navy landing-craft vessel that is 176 feet long and 33 feet wide. It is capable of drilling a 6,000-foot hole with a 4½-inch drill pipe.

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FOUR REFINERY MEN FILL NEW POSTS (cont'd.)

LaPorte, at 4810 Donald, with his wife, Mrs. Frieda Jo Hutton, and sons, Michael, 10, and Donald, 9.

A graduate of Auburn University, Alabama-born Merritt joined Shell at the Houston Refinery in March 1949 as an Engineer. His career has included a variety of technical assignments in several departments in the Refinery, the most recent that of Assistant Manager in the Aromatics Department. In his new position at Odessa, Merritt will be the Technical Supervisor.

Hubie Miller began his Shell career in 1941 as a Sample Carrier in the Laboratory at the Refinery. Following two years duty with the U.S. Air Force in World War II, he returned to the Refinery in 1945, and shortly thereafter began a series of moves that eventually led him to the Fire and Safety Department as an Inspector in 1953. He has continued in that department, advancing to Head Fire and Safety Inspector in August 1961. At Odessa, Miller will be the Fire and Safety Representative. Miller's home is in Deer Park, at 214 E. 5th Street. His family includes his wife, Mrs. Elsie Miller, and daughters, Molly, 21, and Linda, 17.

Shell acquired the Odessa Refinery from the El Paso Natural Gas Products Company as part of a purchase announced recently involving both manufacturing pipe line, and marketing properties. In addition to the Odessa Refinery, the sale included a refinery at Ciniza (near Gallup), New Mexico, as well as a five-state marketing complex covering West Texas and New Mexico, and parts of Arizona, Utah, and Colorado.

Dan Urbanek of the Technological Department is on a temporary assignment of about a month at the Ciniza Refinery to provide technical assistance during the take over period by Shell.

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