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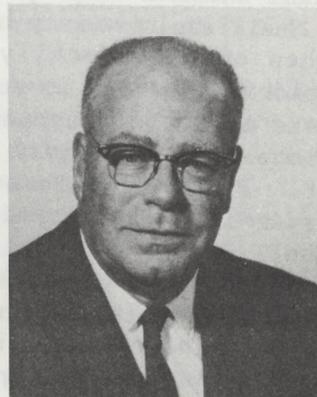
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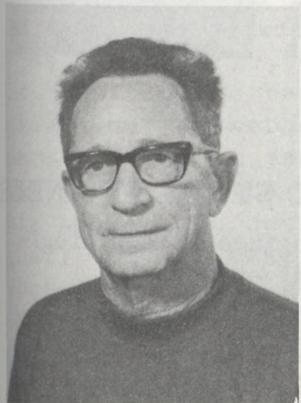
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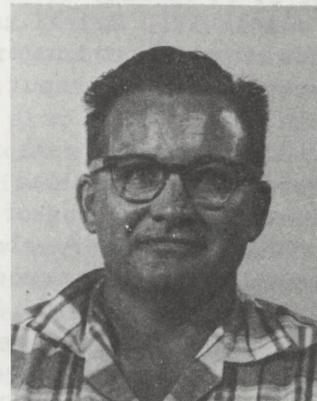
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## 7 EMPLOYEES RETIRED JULY 1 TO BEGIN LIVES OF LEISURE

Seven men began lives of leisure on July 1 upon retirement.

Horace M. Baines, instrumentman no. 1, Engineering Field, retired after 36 years of service. He began working here as a laborer and general helper in 1935. He later served as a flash pot operator in the Cracking Department and moved to instrumentman no. 1 in 1946. He and his wife, Claudie, live at 7214 Kernel, Houston.

Bobby Batts, machinist no. 1, Engineering Field, retired with 24 years of service. He began working here as a general helper, becoming a machinist no. 1, in 1954. He and his wife, Shirley Faye, will make their retirement home at 2804 McNay, Pasadena.

Rufus C. Blair, operator no. 1, Lube B, had 24 years of service upon retirement. He began working as a general helper in Treating and later became an operator no. 1. Retirement headquarters for Rufus and his wife, Annabel, will be at 1202 Inwood, Pasadena.

Timothy C. Bourke, operator no. 1, Thermal

Cracking, retired after 29½ years with the company. He has served as a general helper, operator no. 1 and vacation relief shift foreman. He and his wife, Mary Ann, live at 1005 Gary, Pasadena.

James E. Deaton retired after 26 years of service as an operator no. 1, Alkylation. He began working at the Refinery as a general helper in Treating, becoming an operator in 1955. He and his wife, Lorine, reside at 11522 Sagehurst, Houston.

After 25 years of service, Willie H. McReynolds, operator no. 1, Lube B, has elected to retire. He started working here as a carpenter no. 1, Engineering Field. Later, he moved to Lube B and became an operator no. 1 in 1949. He and his wife, Lillian, live at 209 West Highline, Deer Park.

L. E. Vaughn, engineering supervisor, Engineering Field, retired with 34 years of company service. He began his career as a general helper, Engineering Field, becoming a boilermaker later and then a foreman in 1951. He and Marguerite, his wife, live at 3322 Tanglebriar Drive, Pasadena.



E. C. Grace, staff engineer, Manufacturing Engineering Department, Head Office, has been promoted to senior staff engineer. Grace worked in Engineering Office at the Refinery for many years before leaving his last post here as assistant manager of that department for an assignment in Head Office.

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The Mail Room has received only two orders for the Americana Calendar published by Shell Chemical Company's Agricultural Division.

Shell employees may buy them for \$2 a piece when ordered locally. To collect the 14 colorful studies in nostalgic detail of the late 1800s to decoupage or frame, you must place your order with the Mail Room by July 18. Please do not send cash or place the order in person. Mail a check made out to Shell Oil Company to the Mail Room.

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Maxine Wallace's inquiry about the Shell Motor Oil bottle she bought at a bottle and jar show has received two answers. One came from Van Mayberry who retired in 1965. He says bottles of oil of this type were sold at C. P. McMurry's service station in Pasadena in 1931 and 32. "Mack's Shell service station is no longer in operation. The overhead freeway put him out of business," Van said.

The other bit of information came from Public Affairs Head Office's J. H. Powers who sent a clipping of the July 1969 Go-Devil which had a story about an antique collector who had come across some of the bottles. The story in Shell Pipe Line's newspaper says the bottles were representative of the way Shell and other oil companies packaged motor oil in the 1930s. "Ten bottles were usually displayed in wire racks like those carried by the milkman on residential deliveries.

"In those days, Shell's premium oil was 'Shell Pennsylvania Motor Oil', with 'Shell Motor Oil' as its quality affiliate."

Mrs. Al Geiger, wife of the then Station attendant at Denver City, Texas, had several bottles in her collection, the first of which she found in a shop in Ruidoso, New Mexico. This bottle was one of 12 which had been found in a steel case on the bank of the Pecos River near Roswell. It was believed that the case of bottles had fallen off a truck as it crossed the high bridge over the Pecos. "The box had evidently settled down in the river bank back in the 1930's and lay there until found by someone walking along the bank some 36 years later."

After purchasing this bottle for \$32, she subsequently found others in antique shops in Roswell.

**SHELLEGRAPH**

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Mrs. Josie Ochoa--Editor

**PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS**

**TESAR NAMED INSPECTOR IN SERVICES**

J. P. Tesar, Petroleum Processing and Engineering Department, MTM Process R&D Lab, is being promoted to the position of inspector upon his transfer to the Engineering Services Department.



Jimmy began working at the Lab in May 1960 as a Junior Laboratory Assistant. His work at the Lab has spanned several areas, including pilot plant operations, general analysis work and the OP-II demonstration unit.

**W. F. BERGERON BECOMES INSPECTOR**

W. F. Bergeron, boilermaker no. 1, Engineering Field, has been named an inspector in Engineering Services.



A native of Iota, Louisiana, he began working at the Refinery in 1952 as a general helper no. 2.

He later moved to the boilermaker craft, becoming a boilermaker no. 1 in 1959.

**NEBER PROMOTED TO STAFF ENGINEER**

Karl E. Neber, senior engineer, Technological, has been named a staff engineer.

Karl, who holds a B.S. degree in chemical engineering from the Joseph Nadar Technical and Economics University in Bogote, Hungary, was employed by Shell Koolaj R.T. in 1939.



He was reemployed as a chemist, Refinery Lab here in 1957 after escaping from Hungary.

In 1958 he became a technologist in Lube Oils. After a special assignment in Head Office, he returned here to the Tech Department in 1966.

**HOOKS NAMED OPERATIONS FOREMAN**

P. J. Hooks, operator no. 1, Hydroprocessing has been named an operations foreman, Thermal Cracking.



He was first employed by Shell Chemical's Houston Plant in 1956 as a laborer. He was reemployed in 1966 at the Houston Refinery as a laborer in Engineering Field. After working as a general helper no. 1, and mechanic no. 1, he moved to Lube A as an operator no. 2. He became an operator no. 1 in 1969 and moved to Hydroprocessing in 1970.

## COWBOY POLO HAS FOLLOWERS AT REFINERY INCLUDING DISPATCHING'S COLE

Cowboy polo players need love, too might be the slogan for a fast new sport which is gaining popularity rapidly. So rapidly in fact that the players seem to be getting the love they deserve from supporters.

Cowboy or palmetto polo, a first-cousin, so to speak, of the English type polo, has become popular in this area with the formation of a second team, the Harris County Cowboy polo team. A Shell employee, Larry Cole, a pumper no. 1, Dispatching, has played center for the team since its formation a year and a half ago.

Twenty-three year old Larry has just finished his second season with Harris County and is looking forward to the World Championship tournament at Vernon, Texas over the Labor Day weekend.

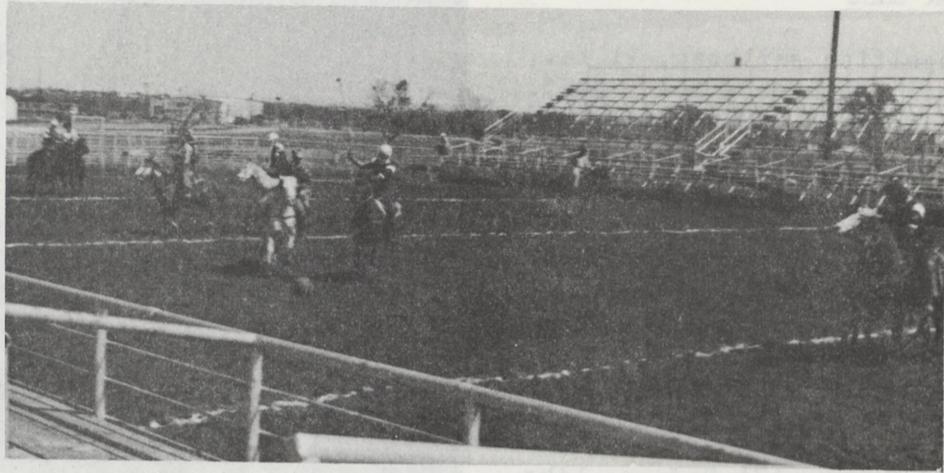
The team has already traveled across the state and to Mobile to play in invitational games.

As he puts it, the game is similar to basketball played on horseback. "We have five men on each team, the first forward stays in his zone just outside the goal, if he makes a goal shot, the team gets one point. The second forward stays in the second zone and he sets up the ball for the first forward, or he can make a goal. If he makes a goal, the team gets two points. The center must stay in the center zone which is 60 feet long by 120 feet wide," he said.

Larry says he hasn't made a goal yet because he is trying to build up his skill with the mallet. "If the center makes a goal, the team gets three points, but it takes a player with a very strong arm to drive the ball more than 100 feet to the goal," he adds.

In addition, the first guard protects the first forward and the second guard runs offensive for the second forward.

The game is fast moving and rough sometimes. "We wear football helmets and heavy chaps with thick padding," Larry said. "I have still been hit on the head several times, and although I have to admit I



Larry swings mallet in goal try from center of field.

saw stars for a while, I wasn't hurt."

As in other games, palmetto polo is played in 15-minute quarters or chukkers. Because it is such a rough game on players and mounts, five minute rest periods are provided after each chukker with a 10-minute rest period between halves.

The equipment is similar to that used in polo except that the mallet and ball are much bigger. Cowboy polo players use a 65-inch mallet with a rubber club head. The ball is a playground type of 13-inch diameter.

The game was originated in Florida by a riding club there. The first mallets were fashioned from the long stem of the palmetto palm frond and the first ball was six inches in diameter.

In addition to two mounted referees, Larry says there are two goal callers at each end who determine whether the ball goes through the goal posts which are 20 feet apart.

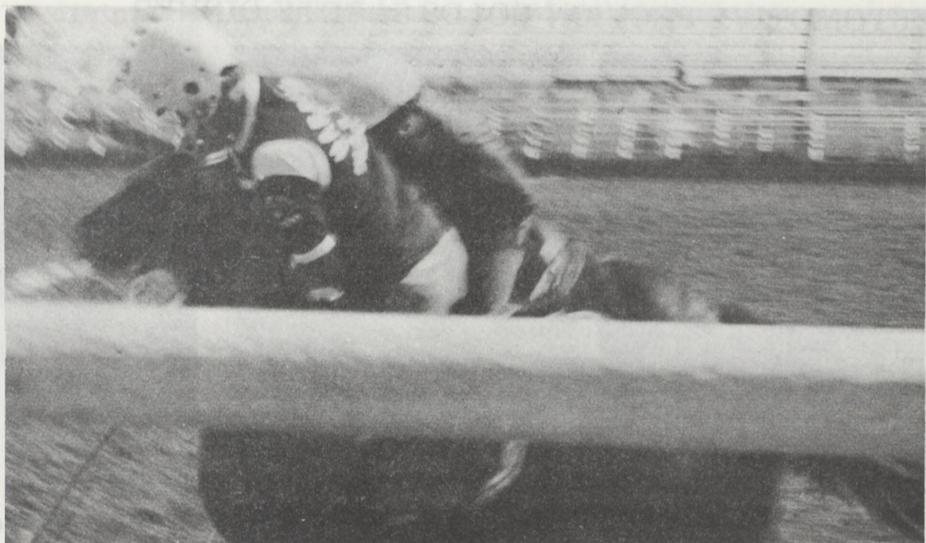
So far, Larry's Harris County Cowboy polo team has a 4-4 won-loss record this year. He says San Jacinto, the other

local team, has won all eight of their games. "They are our idols and we hope to play as well someday," he said.

Both teams are sponsored by the American Association of Sheriff's Posses and Riding Clubs. Larry's team practices every Thursday and Sunday evenings at the Pasadena Rodeo arena. "We are trying to get more interest in the sport and perhaps get a home field for our team," Larry said.

"San Jacinto has some more games this month, but we won't play except for a lot of practice, until the championship in September," Larry said. Larry is still working to train his horse and to get more experience in the arena. "I guess it takes years of practice to be good. Some of the guys on the San Jacinto team have been playing for 8-10 years."

About 14 teams from all over the country will be playing in the double-elimination tournament on Labor Day weekend. The two winners from matches on Saturday and Sunday will meet on Monday.



It's player against player and horse against horse as each tried to keep the ball.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

FOR SALE

Angelfish sailboat, 11 ft., good beginner's boat, \$295. Telephone: 729-1406

Air conditioner, 1½ ton Fedders, good condition, 9.9 amps, \$75. Telephone: 941-2088

14 ft. aluminum boat, E.S.V., \$100. Telephone: GR 3-4293

'72 Yamaha 175 Enduro, like new, low mileage, \$475. Telephone: 471-2447

Twin beds, excellent condition, 2 each - innerspring mattresses, box springs, bed frames on rollers, headboards, bedspreads, mattress protectors, and 4 sheets. All for \$95. Telephone: 479-2357

1963 Chevrolet ½ ton pickup, standard transmission, 6 cyl. short wheelbase, wide bed, good tires, good condition, and dependable, \$450. Telephone: 471-0155

Aluminum window outside awning for double window, 6' and 6" side, \$10. Telephone: 479-2357

1969 Ford XL, 2 door hardtop, bucket seats, air cond., all power, auto transmission, new tires, extra clean in & out, one owner, will sell below retail. Telephone: 626-1519

Dunebuggy with new engine & fiberglass body. Telephone: 626-1519

'72 Plymouth Fury III, 360-V8, 4 barrel, air, all power,



Jess Willard came back recently to be honored by fellow employees for his retirement. Here he was presented a scroll listing names of employees who wished him well.

2 dr. hardtop, vinyl top, bronze color, new wide oval tires, 33,000 miles, \$2700 cash or \$200 equity and pick up payments. (\$112 a mth. 24 months) Telephone: 526-6341 9-5 or 644-5855 after 6

They were just what I wanted and needed. Friends like you are hard to beat. I have enjoyed my 36 years with Shell. Don C. Bailey

**PIBA CLEANING AGENT ADDED TO 3 GASOLINES MARKETED BY SHELL**

Shell has announced that all three Shell gasolines now contain a new additive package called PIBA.

One of Piba's active ingredients, polyisobutene diaminopropane, is a new cleaning agent designed to keep new carburetors and intake valves clean, even after 40,000 miles of city-suburban driving. The additive will also help remove deposits on dirty carburetors and intake valves.

The advertising department has produced a brochure announcing Piba, which is available on request.

FOUND

Post for pierced earring. Claim at Shellegraph office.

LOST

Small tan female chihuahua. Lost in Edgehill-Greenbriar vicinity, answers to Ginger. Telephone: 477-1890

PERSONAL

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and thanks to all the fine people who contributed to my going away presents.

**AUTOMOTIVE SECTION HOLDS SAFETY DINNER**



Pensioners, employees and wives were honored at last week's Automotive safety dinner, including Mr. and Mrs. Pete Gilliam, Mr. and Mrs. A. Haggerty, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Anderwald, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Marbley and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frye.