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UF Drive, Oct. 26-29, to Offer Pay Roll Deductions

The 1955 United Fund Drive, the opportunity to give once for all, will be conducted at Houston Refinery and Chemical Plant from October 26-29.

An outstanding feature of this year's campaign is that for the first time contributions may be made via pay roll deductions. These deductions will begin in January, and they may be continued over a six-month period, if the contributor so desires.

Campaign coordinators at the Refinery and Chemical Plant expressed the hope that due to the added convenience of pay roll deductions, contributions this year will surpass the total of \$20,924 that was received as a result of last year's drives at both installations.

Coordinators for the 1955 drive are H. B. Jarrett, Machine Shop, and Kemper Kaiser, P & IR, of the Refinery, and F. P. Thompson, P & IR, and C. L. Martin, G Dept. of the Chemical Plant. The list of solicitors was not complete at press time.

Refinery participation in the UF campaign in 1954 represented a rise of from 80% to 83% over 1953, and Chemical Plant's participation rose from 70% in 1953 to 74% last year.

Of the total \$20,934 collected, \$14,700 came from



Henry Ireton, Pipe Shop, left, and R. R. Cooper, Treating, two of the Refinery's UF Drive solicitors, discuss the pay roll deduction feature of this year's campaign.

the Refinery and \$6,234 from the Chemical Plant.

At the Refinery, the operating forces will have their drive for a 24-hour period beginning Tuesday, October 26, on the 8-4 shift.

The United Fund drive offers a chance to give once a year to 53 different welfare organizations. A contributor may give to them all, or may designate which ones are to receive his money.

The United Fund is a non-profit corporation administered by and for Houston and Harris County through a board of trustees made up of 61 persons representing a cross-section of the community.

Purpose of the United Fund drive is to raise funds, in one annual campaign, for local and national health, welfare and youth agencies which depend upon voluntary contributions for their support.

As an answer to the problem created by the many fund-raising campaigns conducted throughout the year by a variety of organizations, the United Fund was created in Houston by representatives of all groups in the community in May, 1951. It provides economy in raising funds, saves manpower and assures the contributor that his dollars will go to provide agency services rather than to expensive costs of conducting many separate campaigns.

SERAers Slate Dinner-Dance Oct. 29; Limited Number of Tickets Available

Shoes that set your feet to dancing, plus a large appetite, will be in order for SERAers Friday night, October 29. That's the date of the annual dinner-dance, Dance Chairman Bob Eveld, Control Lab, announced.

Eveld also disclosed that the popular Albino Torres Orchestra will provide the music and that the affair will once again be held in the Alabama Orchid Room.

The program will go something like this:

Dinner (either seafood or steak) will be from 7:30 to 9 o'clock.

Dancing will follow from 9 to midnight, with time out for pastries and coffee around 11:30.

Tickets for the event, which drew a capacity of 100 couples last year,

are now on sale at the Refinery and Chemical Plant. Eveld did not have a list of ticket sellers available at press time, but he did say a number of employees will be selling tickets after October 1.

Cost of the entire evening's entertainment, including dancing, dinner and set-ups, will be \$5.50 a couple for SERA members and \$7.50 a couple for non-members.

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Ten & Over Club Members Feast on Barbecue, Watch Rice-SMU on Oct. 16

A day-long barbecue at Milby Park and a Southwest Conference football game are on the agenda for the fifteenth annual Refinery Ten and Over Club celebration on October 16. The Ten and Over Club is made up of employees who have ten or more years of Shell service.

Participation in the barbecue is limited exclusively to eligible members, and members are asked to

present their barbecue tickets when they are served.

The Ten and Over Club will sit in a block at the Rice-Southern Methodist University football game that evening in the huge Rice Stadium. Rice fans among the Ten and Over Club members hope they bring the Owls better luck than they did last year when the Shell veterans saw Rice fall to Kentucky.

Barbecue tickets are being issued to all eligible members since employees will have an opportunity to attend some time during the day as serving time will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Since attendance at the football game will be impossible for employees working the 4-12 shift and perhaps inconvenient for those working the 12-8, it will be their privilege to attend any game of their choice in Houston.

Volunteer Workers Needed At Club Site

The SERA has launched a concentrated drive to secure volunteer laborers for construction on the club site, President H. D. (Rosy) Smith stated. He said at least one employee in every department in the Refinery and Chemical Plant will be named to serve as labor coordinator. These coordinators will schedule the work of volunteers within their departments. The volunteers will be sent reminders about a week in advance of the time they have been scheduled to work.



Remember this scene? You no doubt do if you were one of the 300 SERAers who have attended previous Style Shows. Except for the change of style in women's clothing, this scene will be duplicated in many respects Friday evening, October 15 when the 1955 Fall Style Show is held at the Houston Club. Lasting from 7:30 until 9 p.m., the program offers Battelstein's "Fashions in Motion" television models, a dinner and musical entertainment. The fare is \$2.50 for members and \$3.50 for non-members. A capacity audience is expected. Mrs. Ben Battelstein will be the commentator for the show, which will feature clothes for the holiday season.



Nine Employees Serve Three Districts In This Area as School Board Members

There are 11,000 new Americans born every day. This is a good thing for America. It means an ever-increasing demand for every kind of consumer goods. Not just for cribs and baby bonnets, but for everything people eat, wear, use and enjoy.

It also means that adequate school facilities have to be found for a soaring population. America today faces its largest school enrollment in history.

Unsung heroes in the continuous campaign to obtain the kind of schools and teachers that are needed to develop tomorrow's leaders and citizens are America's School Board members.

For example, did you know that School Board members:

- * Supervise spending for school operations of \$6,500,000,000!
- * Supervise spending for new construction of \$1,400,000,000!
- * Employ 981,000 teachers, who teach 29,000,000 children!

The work of School Board members is thankless in many respects and totally unglamorous. Few people, besides those directly connected with school work, are familiar with School Board operations.

Yet, they enjoy the work because of the satisfaction they derive in seeing around them every day what their work helps to accomplish. They see fine, new schools with modern equipment, and they see excellently trained teachers providing America's children with the kind and quality of education they need and deserve.

Shellites are noted for taking an active part in community life, and a number have served and others are serving with distinction as School Board members.

At present there are nine Shell Chemical and Refinery employees on the School Boards of three nearby communities.

W. A. Carpenter, Distilling; B. B. Dorrell, Dispatching, and G. Y. Mason, Thermal Cracking, of the Refinery, and O. L. (Pepper) Scarborough, Electrician, and C. L. Hollingsworth, Safety, of the Chemical Plant, are members of the Deer Park School Board.

E. C. Ables, Refinery Poly Gas, and H. W. Fisher, Chemical Plant Shift Foreman are members of Pasadena's Board.

Members of the Crosby School Board are F. G. Remkes, Lubricating Oils, and Charlie Houghton, Chemical Plant Maintenance Foreman.



C. G. Hollingsworth, Safety, left, and O. L. Pepper Scarborough, Electrician, are Chemical Plant employees who are members of Deer Park's School Board.



W. A. CARPENTER



B. B. DORRELL



G. Y. MASON



E. C. ABLES



F. G. REMKES



CHARLIE HOUGHTON



H. W. FISHER

REPORTERS' ROUND-UP

More and more women are beginning to choose engineering as a career.

That is the word from Engineering's Lamona Cherry, who recently returned from a board meeting of the National Society of Women Engineers in Kansas City.

Program Director of the Houston section and a Director-at-large of the national organization, Lamona reports that there are now over 500 members in NSWE, and there are another 500 potential members. There are 12 members in the Houston section, with another eight eligible for membership, one of them being Research's Pat Stallings.

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A number of Refinery employees are teaching night school at the University of Houston this fall. They are W. T. McClain and Fred Macy, Engineering; Brooks Metcalfe and R. L. Motard, Research; Dan Zaremba, Tech; Fred Greenwood, Economics and Scheduling, and R. G. (Bob) Hill, P & IR.

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Research's A. F. Sartor and R. M. Casagrande recently returned from New York where they gave papers on Selective Hydrotreating at the American Chemical Society convention . . . Casagrande's paper concerned the treating of cracking gasoline fractions over tungsten, nickel and sulfide catalysts . . . Sartor's subject dealt with the reaction studies of mixtures of pure components over tungsten, nickel and sulfide catalysts.

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Insulators E. E. Wells and A. A. Ryder are understandably proud of their sons . . . Wells' son R. N., has exchanged his civilian clothes for the uniform of the U. S. Air Force, and Rider's son, D. W. has begun studying for the Methodist ministry at Stephen F. Austin College.

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J. M. (Jimmy) Martin, Research, attended the American Chemical Society meeting in Kansas City where he delivered a paper entitled, "Quantitative Analysis of Aromatic Hydrocarbons."

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Earl Manning, Research, reports that a future issue of the "Petroleum Engineer" magazine will carry an article on Grid Trays under the by-line of the Shell Engineering Staff. Earl recently delivered papers on Grid Trays at the recent Natural Gas Association meeting in Dallas and at the local section meeting of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. At the Dallas conclave, Earl was one of seven panelists, each of whom described a different fractionating tray. Earl expounded on the Turbogrid.

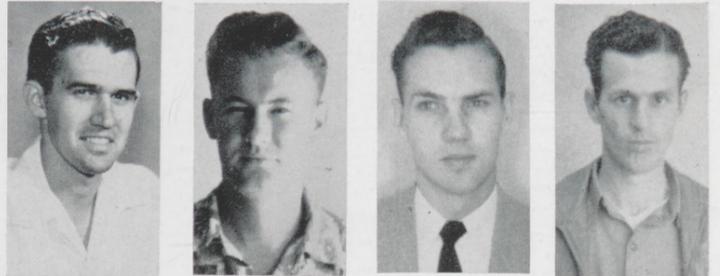
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An overly-crowded schedule forced Mrs. America to cancel her visit to Houston Refinery on September 21. Mrs. America, who is Mrs. Wanda Jennings, the wife of a Chemist at Shell's Wood River Refinery, was in town to promote the Parade of Homes.

Mrs. Jennings (no relation to P & IR's Don Jennings) hoped that she would be able to find time in her busy schedule for a quick tour of Shell's Houston installations, but a busy day of activities ran unexpectedly long, giving her just enough time to make it to the TV studios for an appearance that evening.

Mrs. America was as gracious and charming as she is attractive in apologizing for having to miss out on the visit to the Refinery. She did see the Refinery and Chemical Plant from a yacht on a trip down the Ship Channel.

MILITARY LEAVES



E. L. Doering 9-17-54 Technology	J. M. Sammon 8-4-54 Navy Boiler Shop	H. R. Hadley 8-4-54 Army Laboratory	J. D. Bingham 7-12-54 Automotive
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Portrait Of Two Vacations

A Visit to Troubled Latin-America . . .

While Americans were tensely following accounts of the recent revolt in Guatamala via newspapers, radio and television, Credit Union's Mary Jane MacFarland was just a few miles away from the scene of the hostilities—enjoying a peaceful vacation in Nicaragua visiting her missionary parents.

It wasn't until Mary Jane returned home, however, that she was able to learn the full details of what all the shooting was about.

While it was generally known that there was a turmoil in Guatamala, details were scarce and conflicting in Nicaragua. Besides that, Mary Jane says that she found the Nicaraguans to be rather indifferent to things not directly involving themselves, and the Guatamala affair evidently was not close enough to disturb them.

Mary Jane, who made the 3,000 mile round-trip via airplane, became apprehensive en route over what to expect of her first glimpse of Nicaragua when her flight eliminated its scheduled stop in Guatamala City and by-passed Guatamala entirely. She deduced at the time and it was confirmed later that open season had been declared on planes flying over Guatamala.

The air of tenseness seemed to subside, however, upon landing in Managua, the capitol of Nicaragua. Mary Jane's parents, Robert and Susie Sample, of the Central American Mission, were on hand to meet the plane and to assure her that despite their proximity to the battle, all was serene in Nicaragua.

While the Samples live in Jinotega, just

a few miles from Managua, Mary Jane was extremely fortunate in arriving shortly after the new road between the two towns had been completed. The automobile trip from the capitol of Nicaragua to Jinotega now takes only about two hours on the new road. The old route twisted its way through rivers and mountains, making the journey longer and much more hazardous.

Mary Jane found the village of Tinotega a sleepy little hamlet and its citizens unpredictable and curious.

"Highly agricultural, the land there is extremely fertile and the climate is ideal for their many crops," Mary Jane observed. "The farmers live in the hills and come to town only to sell their produce."

Life in Jinotega, generally speaking, is like a page out of the past, according to Mary Jane's vivid descriptions, which she can verify by a large number of color photographs which she took during her visit, several of which are reproduced on this page.

"Good roads are scarce and oxen are the most dependable means of transportation. Oxen are used for plowing, hauling and, in some cases, riding," she pointed out, adding:

"Many of the carts that are pulled by oxen have stone wheels."

Mary Jane returned to her desk in the Credit Union office with a great deal more insight into the work that her parents are doing; an increased knowledge of life in Nicaragua, and an added appreciation of the luxuries of America.

. . . And A Mountain Climb In Colorado

By MARION SMITH

Isaac Dvoretzky of Research lived dangerously on his recent vacation in Colorado. He, his wife Anny, and a Houston physician, Dr. Jack Mazow, spent hours exploring an abandoned silver mine near Aspen. They climaxed their trip with a climb to the top of Long's Peak, one of Colorado's tallest mountains, 14,255 feet high.

Their climb lasted from 4:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. One of

their earliest pleasures was watching many wild animals out for breakfast. The difficulty of the climb delayed them two hours in reaching the peak, thus causing them to be caught in the dangerous daily sleet and wind storm.

In their extreme exhaustion they experienced dizziness, nosebleed, loss of a command of their senses, and utter dejection. Reaching the top at 2 p.m., they stayed only long enough to sign the register which is stored in a

metal tube in a rock cairn. Then caught in the heavy storm they started the descent, mostly sliding over ice-glazed boulders which almost took the seats out of their pants. As they came down from the extreme height their strength and morale were regained. From 6 to 9 p.m. they tramped in a numbing, drenching rain through black forest dimly lit by their flashlights. Rangers awaited them at their cabin, ready to send out a searching party.

The doctor's reaction was amazement at the body's endurance. Anny stood the climb better than either of the men, though she grew very weary at one point. All three emerged with a look of recovery from a severe illness.

In making the climb Isaac joined two other Research men who have climbed the peak, Wally Anastasoff who reached the top and Fred Kunreuther who climbed within several hundred feet of the top.



Anny Dvoretzky signs the register at the top of Long's Peak.



Mary Jane and her parents in the Sample's living room.



The Nicaraguan children in one of Mrs. Sample's Sunday Classes had to be coaxed to have their picture taken.



This photograph of the mission home of Mary Jane MacFarland's parents shows that the homes in Jinotega, Nicaragua, are built together in long rows. Mary Jane's mother, Susie Sample, is in the car, and her step-father, Robert Sample, stands in door of their home.



A typical Nicaraguan kitchen is shown in this photo as mother and daughter prepare tortillas. The stove, floor and walls are made of mud and clay bricks.

The Story Of A Shutdown At Shell's Houston Plant!



W. W. Stokes, left, schedules men for the next day's work with Foreman R. B. Bush.

Virtually every Houston Refinery or Chemical Plant employee—regardless of department—has heard the word "Shutdown" at one time or another.

Shutdowns, in fact, have become routine. Routine, perhaps, but they are never to be taken for granted.

Shutdown means just what the term implies: The shutting down of a unit at which time repairs, maintenance and improvements are made on the unit to put it in top running condition.

This is a picture story of a shutdown at Houston Chemical Plant. This is a story of work and sweat and technical know-how.

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A typical shutdown held recently at the plant involved one of the Chemical Concentrators.

Months before any actual work was done, the planning for this shutdown had been completed. The schedules had been made and every detail of the job carefully considered.

On this as on other shutdowns it is the task of W. W. Stokes, Maintenance Co-Ordinator, to see that every available man is scheduled correctly for the next day's work.

Because it is necessary to keep the operating equipment in the best possible running condition, a large percentage of employees are assigned to Maintenance work. When a shutdown comes along, some two to three hundred men of the Engineering Field group take part in it.

When a unit is down all the available help goes to speed the bringing-up of this unit. A shutdown is quick to silence a roaring unit, and after the work is done, bringing it up again becomes the most important project.



Workers first remove the lead covering so they can repair the brick work on the large concentrator drum. Left to right: Corky Martin and F. M. Neagle



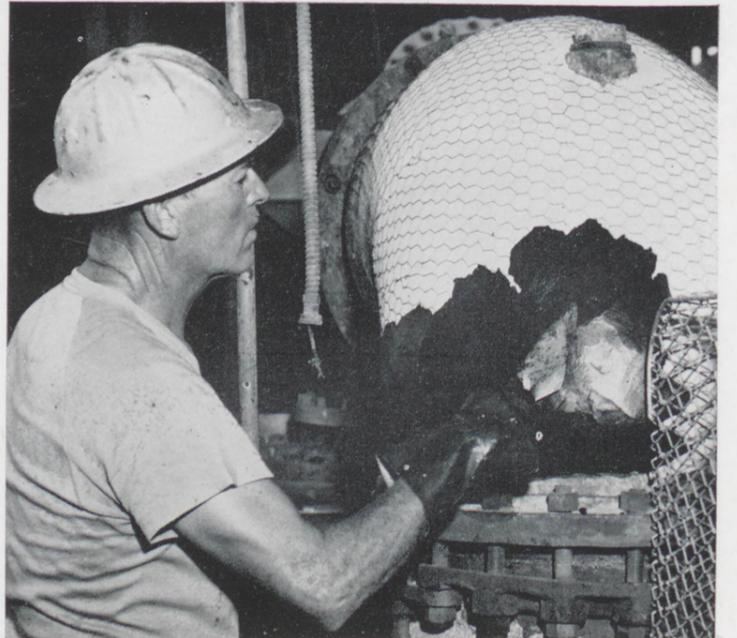
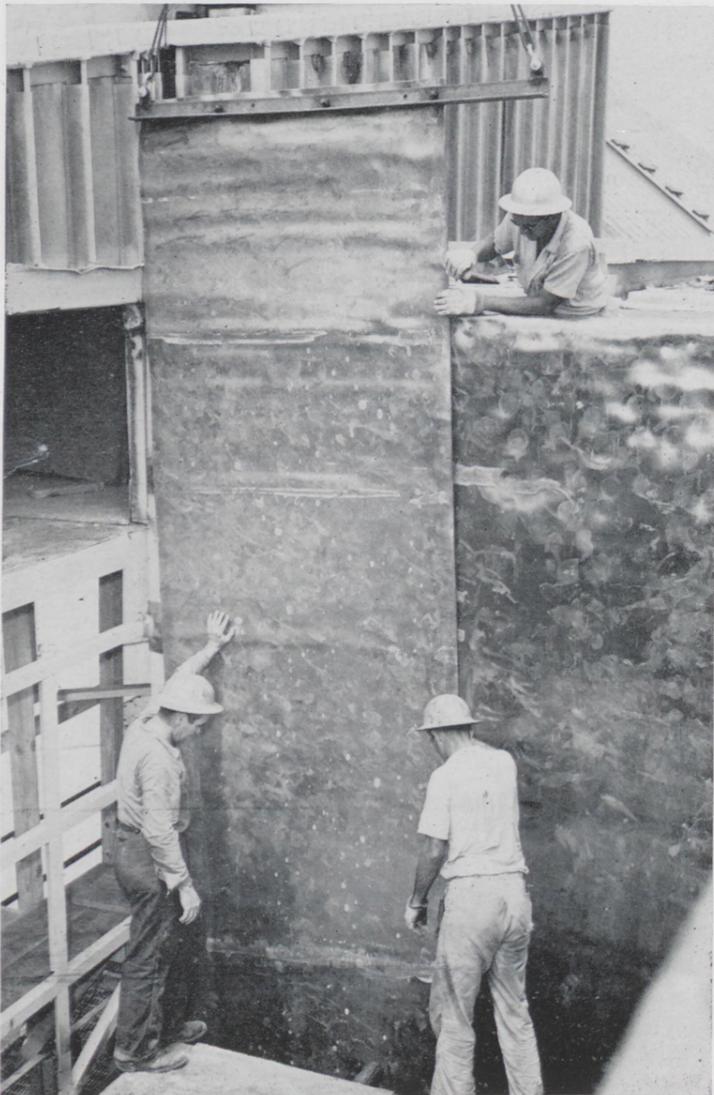
W. A. Idoux works while standing in one of the large flange openings.



High above the ground, lead burners work placing the sheet of lead in position along the new wall of the precipitator. The lead weighs approximately 12 pounds per square foot. B. J. Waggoner guides the lead from above, while L. E. Gamble and L. G. Brinlee assist from below.



Bill Sims puts the finishing touches on his insulation work.



Oil Progress Observance Is Oct. 10-16

October 10-16 is Oil Progress Week.

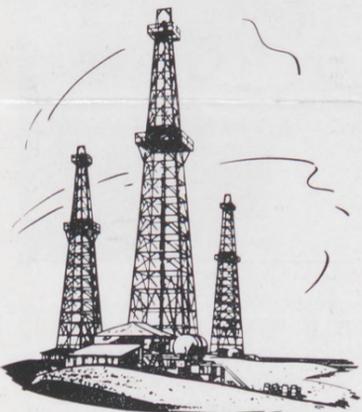
For the seventh consecutive year, the U. S. Oil Industry is turning itself inside-out to give the American people another first-hand look at its operations and progress.



YESTERDAY

As it has in the past, Shell is playing an active role in this observance by furnishing speakers, films and exhibits. Shell's Houston Public Relations office reports a heavy demand for the many Shell films illustrating the various aspects of the petroleum industry.

Shell employees are joining thousands of oilmen who are participating in many special events from coast to coast. These men and women are giving first-hand reports on the industry's progress, operations and achievements.



TODAY

These reports will be made at business and civic luncheons, dinners and gatherings. In addition, there will be special radio and television shows, exhibits and special editions of newspapers.

The American Petroleum Institute, sponsor of the annual observance on behalf of the thousands of competing oil companies, said the sole objective of Oil Progress Week is public understanding.

The Institute noted that many persons are not too informed about the oil industry—what it is, what it does, and how it does it. It is the hope of the participating men and companies that Oil Progress Week will enable the people to get a clearer picture of what free men and competition are contributing to this nation's social and economic progress.

An extra-special highlight of this year's Oil Progress Week observance will be the public debut

of the Institute's newest motion picture, "The Story of Colonel Drake." This will be seen by thousands of persons at meetings, luncheons, dinners, open houses, schools and on television. The motion picture will have its premiere showing shortly before Oil Progress Week.

"The Story of Colonel Drake" is the story of the beginning of the oil industry in Titusville, Po., in 1859. Vincent Price, of Hollywood fame, plays the leading character in the dramatization which faithfully records the historic event that subsequently changed the course of mankind's history.

Petroleum, as Industry, Resource, Vital Part of American Way of Life

Both as a resource and as an industry, petroleum is a vital part of the American way of life. Its energies have been harnessed in a thousand ways, and have broadened the horizons of man.

As a resource, it is the life-blood of a nation and its vast array of wheels, wings, and machines, just as steel is the backbone.

As an industry, it is one of the country's largest employers of manpower, utilizing the skills, talents and wisdom of virtually every science and trade in the mammoth job of keeping America well sup-

plied with the products of oil and natural gas.

Since 1859, the United States has produced almost two-thirds of the world's total production of petroleum. Of the 4.7 billion barrels of oil that were produced in the world in 1953, 2.3 billion came from the 501,800 wells in the United States.

To handle this vast output a



1954 Is 95th Birthday Of Petroleum Industry

The year 1954 is recognized as the 95th birthday of the oil industry.

It was on August 27, 1859, that it was clearly established that oil could be obtained in abundant quantities by drilling for it.

"Colonel" Edwin L. Drake is the man credited with changing the history of mankind. In the true sense of the word, Drake's achievement at Titusville, Pennsylvania, was not a discovery, for oil had been known through the centuries and used at various times in limited fashion.

But it was Drake's commercial oil well—the nation's first—that pumped the dark fluid from the earth, setting fire to men's imaginations, quickening their pulses and spelling out the beginning of a new era of invention and creativeness.

mighty industry has been created. Refining capacity at the beginning of 1954 was more than 8,000,000 barrels daily. Transportation counted among its many facilities 170,000 miles of pipe line, 2,250 barges, 428 tankers, 115,000 railroad tank cars and 150,000 trucks, including 31,000 tank trucks and tank trailers in over-the-road service, and thousands of tank trucks in local service.

Is there any danger that this country will run out of oil in the foreseeable future?

That question pops up time and again—and the answer is a hard and fast "No."

U. S. oil reserves are at their highest point in history, despite the highest production rates of all time. Virtually every year, oilmen have been finding more oil than they have been producing, so that the trove of proved reserves climbs upwards steadily.

Behrens New G Department Asst. Manager

Karl Behrens, Chemical Plant, took over the duties of Assistant Department Manager in G Department on July 16. Until that time he had been in the Engineering Department. He now oversees the operation of M, H, and S Plants.

After graduating from Minnesota University with a Mechanical Engineering degree, Karl spent five years in the Air Force. While in the service Karl met and married a girl from Victoria, Texas. Mae and Karl decided to make their home in Texas and he came to work here in February of 1946 as a Junior Engineer. The Behrens have a daughter, Cynthia, who is eight years old.

Karl enjoys reading and spends a good bit of his spare time with a book in his hand. An Elder of the Church and Member of the Board of Education for the Texas District Lutheran Church—Miss-



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ouri Synod, Karl finds little time for other activities. He attends the Zion Lutheran Church in Pasadena.



Dispatching Department friends of Pensioner D. B. Ellis presented him with a watch and a book of memorabilia. In the usual order stand W. H. Jackson, T. L. Wilson, H. C. Blaylock, Mr. Ellis, and D. B. (Buster) Dorrell, Department Manager.

Pensioner Dub Ellis' Friends in Dispatching Present Him With A Watch, Scrapbook

When Shell Pensioner D. B. Ellis recently moved from Houston to Gonzales, La., he was proudly wearing a handsome, new wrist watch—a gift of his many friends in Houston Refinery's Dispatching Department.

The 21 jewel, 14 carat gold watch was accompanied by a souvenir book signed by some 30 of his colleagues. The book contained accounts of a number of Dub's experiences during his 24 years of Shell service.

Mr. Ellis was first employed by Shell during the construction period of 1929, working with the Pipe Gang and in the Gas Department before transferring to Dispatching. He later was promoted to Cargo Inspector and then to Terminal Foreman at the Beaumont Terminal, the position he held at the time of his retirement in November, 1953.

Dub, and his wife Dorothy will make their home in Gonzales.



It's time for all good witches to start primping for their proverbial Halloween ride on a broom. Laverne Wunsch, of Stenographic, is mistaken, however, if she thinks she's going to frighten anyone in that costume.

The rise in number of high school children (14 to 17 year olds) is expected to mount to more than 750,000 in the single year from 1956 to 1957. This means that youth-serving agencies must begin now to prepare for the growing demand for services. Give now to your united community campaign and provide these essential services for your boys and girls.

Give the United Way!



George Horton, J. R. Ensminger, W. P. Matthews, J. S. Price, Jim Beaugard, H. A. Dufresne, M. A. Rogers, and H. R. Foster.



W. A. Williams takes a big mouthful of what must have been delicious steak. Left to right are W. A. Williams, Bill Negrotto, Pete Brown, Dick Rosencranz, J. I. Simon, O. Hunley, Frank Watson, and Walt Fruland.

Plant's First Service Party Attracts 40

Members Enjoy Dinner, Cheer Buffs to Key Win Over Shreveport

About 40 members participated in the first of a series of three Chemical Plant Ten and Over Club parties on September 3. The first Service Club get-together of the year was comprised of a social hour and dinner followed by a Texas League baseball game.

The second Ten and Over party is slated for October 23 and it will consist of a barbecue and the Rice-Texas football game. Tentatively lined up for the third activity is a dinner and the light operetta, "Madame Butterfly."

Chemical Plant Ten and Over Club members have their choice of attending any one of the three functions scheduled for the year.

The first activity included dinner at the Normandie Restaurant followed by a baseball game at Buff Stadium which saw Houston take a decisive 7 to 3 victory over Shreveport.

J. I. Simon represented the retired members of the club, and J. S. Price and J. R. Ensminger were first-year members in attendance. M. A. Rogers, Refinery Assistant Superintendent, was a guest at the celebration.



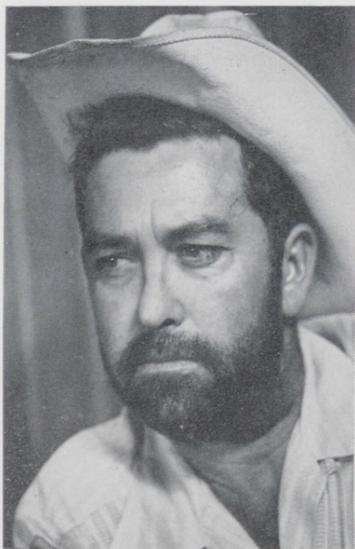
Right to left are E. L. Coleman, R. B. Bush, J. E. Condon, W. R. Hightower, D. B. Luckenbill, Don Melstrom, T. F. McQueen, Glenn Purcell and T. E. English.



W. C. Sims, Ed Overhultz, C. W. Seyer, W. V. Graves, H. A. Harvey, P. P. Dominy, Bill Hall, H. R. Wynne, R. B. Simmons and W. H. Driskell are seated left to right of the far side of the table. E. L. Coleman gives our photographer a doubtful look as R. B. Bush enjoys a jawful.



DRAPER



DANIELS

Pasadena folks went Western during the first part of September, and Shellites who make their home in "The Industrial City of the South" joined in the fun.

Claude Draper, Chemical Plant E Department, supplied the answer for all the Western goings-on. It was the annual Pasadena Rodeo and Fat Stock Show. Claude is the chairman of the event, which is publicized as the second biggest carnival in the country, a top-notch

rodeo and a fat stock show and commercial exhibits in a new exhibit building.

One of the most interesting and humorous features of the rodeo was a beard growing contest.

Prizes were given for the best beard, the fanciest beard, and the ugliest beard. Bill Parker of Chemical Plant E Department and V. A. (Smokey) Daniels of the Instrument Shop were a pair of outstanding competitors in the beard-growing contest.

Personnel Changes

REFINERY

FROM	TO
Control Lab	
J. A. Sprecher.....Technologist, Distilling	Technologist
Dispatching	
I. H. Weissman.....Technologist, Distilling	Technologist
Distilling	
P. Lanchak.....Technologist, Dispatching	Technologist
Engineering	
C. T. Blasberg.....Painter No. 2	Painter No. 1
R. V. Bynum.....Tester No. 2, Control Lab	Pipefitter Hlpr. No. 2
J. S. Norris.....Gauger No. 1, Dispatching	Carpenter Hlpr. No. 2
E. Rinks.....Operator Hlpr., Lube "B"	Toolroom Man
Research Lab	
C. E. Cates.....Lab Assistant, Research Lab	Research Chemist
Treasury	
R. W. Bell.....Clerk, Cat Cracking	Clerk, General Accounting

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Engineering	
T. J. Bridges.....Boilermaker No. 1	Truck Driver No. 2
J. T. Ferrell.....General Hlpr. No. 1	Truck Driver No. 2
J. L. Stinebower.....Welder Hlpr. No. 1	Boilermaker Hlpr. No. 2
D. O. Treadway.....Operator No. 1, P & R Dept.	Valve Repair Hlpr.
M. R. Wells.....Operator No. 2, E Dept.	Machinist Hlpr. No. 2
P & R	
B. J. Harris.....Opr. Hlpr. No. 1, G Dept.	Operator Hlpr. No. 1

G. Werner Expires



George Werner, a veteran of over 29 years of Shell service, died September 13 after a brief illness.

He joined Shell at Wood River Refinery in 1925, and came to Houston Refinery in March, 1930, as an Insulator Foreman. All of his service here has been in the Engineering Field Department, but his many friends were not limited to that one department.

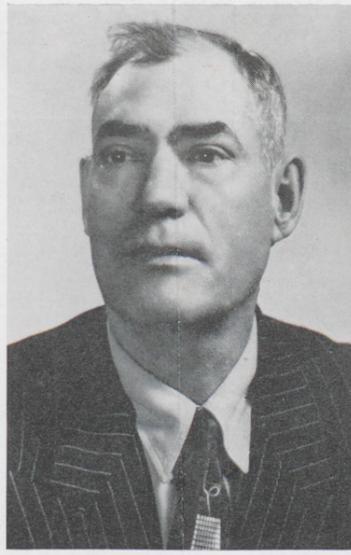
He is survived by his wife, a son and three daughters.



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SERVICE BIRTHDAYS

REFINERY

Fifteen Years

- A. T. Bullard, Fire & Safety
- A. H. Carlisle, Thermal Cracking
- R. T. Deen, Engineering
- C. R. Dukes, Lubricating Oils
- E. L. Lestarjette, Engineering
- F. L. Niederhofer, Engineering
- R. H. Zapp, Engineering

W. W. COALE

October brings 25 years of Shell service to W. W. Coale, Assistant Department Manager of the Gas Department. His record is one of steady advancement up the promotional ladder.

First employed at Houston Refinery in 1929 as a Pipefitter's Helper, he moved to the Cracking Department shortly thereafter, becoming a Stillman Helper in 1930. He was transferred to Catalytic Cracking Department as Assistant Department Manager in 1946. His move to the Gas Department followed in 1952.

A native of Wood River, Ill., he makes his home in Pasadena.

N. F. GILLIAM

N. F. Gilliam, better known as "Pete," marks his Twenty-fifth service birthday in October. A Supervisor in Automotive, "Pete" played a lot of baseball in the early days of the Refinery. His present favorite pastimes are hunting and fishing.

He joined Shell in 1929 at Houston Refinery as a Tractor Operator, and he recalls that the tractor was a popular means of transportation around the Refinery during the construction period. A less hardier vehicle would bog down in the mud.

Ten Years

- J. L. Bassett, Engineering
- J. C. Hightower, Engineering
- M. C. Roberts, Engineering
- L. Smith, Engineering
- R. C. Wilcox, Automotive

CHEMICAL

Fifteen Years

- R. H. Conner, Operations

Ten Years

- J. T. Arterbury, Operations
- O. E. Edwards, Engineering

The Gilliams—"Pete", his wife, June, and their three children—live in La Porte.

G. J. JIMENEZ

Candelario Jose Jimenez, Truck Driver in Automotive, has watched the progress of Houston Refinery from the time it was under construction to its present status as a modern, industrial plant. He records 25 years of service in October.

First employed as a Laborer in 1929, he also worked as a Janitor prior to moving to Automotive.

"Chema" and his wife, Maria, are the proud parents of six children. The Jimenez live at 7512 Avenue F in Houston.

J. B. MAY

It's 25 years of Shell service in October for J. B. May, Operator No. 1 in Thermal Cracking.

First employed as a Painter's Helper, he moved to Cracking as a Gauger No. 3. He became a Stillman Helper and later an Operator No. 1.

Born in Yoakum, he attended school there and at Central High in Houston.

M. ROBISON

Mike Robison began his Shell

service as a Pipefitter's Helper. That was at Houston Refinery in 1929, so Mike joins the select circle of employees with 25 years of service in October.

He moved from Engineering Field to Cracking Cleanout shortly thereafter, and has been there ever since. He is now a Pipefitter No. 1.

Mike makes his home in Pasadena.

B. C. SYKES

Ben C. Sykes, Pumper No. 1 in Dispatching, is a man who likes to travel. Ben, who attains 25 years of Shell service in October, enjoys flying down to Florida, where he finds the fishing very much to his liking.

In addition to his experience in the Dispatching Department, he has also worked in the Topping and Labor Departments.

Ben and his wife, Delia, have two children, and they make their home at 521 South Wafer Street in Pasadena.

A. VINCENT

Alec Vincent, a Machinist who celebrates 25 years of Shell service in October, recalls that when he first reported to work at Houston Refinery in 1929 that the Topping Unit was nearly completed and construction was underway on Dubs 7, 8 and 9.

First employed as a Pipefitter's Helper, he also logged experience with Dubs Maintenance prior to becoming a Machinist.

A native of Morse, La., he attended high school there, and also Crowley, La., School of Commerce and University of Houston.

A resident of La Porte at 717 South Virginia, Alec and his wife, Dula, have one child. In his spare time he likes to work on his farm and go hunting.

C. D. YOUNG

C. D. Young, an Operator No. 1 in Treating, chalks up his Twenty-fifth Shell service birthday in October.

First employed as a Pipefitter's Helper in 1929, he was a mail carrier and P.B.X. operator before moving to the Treating.

C. D. is an outdoor enthusiast as he likes to hunt and fish.

The Youngs reside at 7101 Rusk Street in Houston. C. D.'s family includes his wife, Edna Ruth, and their four children.

L. S. COOPER

Born and educated in San Antonio, Lionel S. Cooper entered Shell service in 1933 as a Laborer for Engineering Field Maintenance. He observes his twentieth Shell birthday in October as a Treater No. 1.

He saw short service with Cracking Clean Out and the Control Lab before moving to the Treating Department in May 1935.

CHEMICAL

E. R. DOWNING

From Operator to Assistant Department Manager is the record of E. R. Downing. He was first employed at the Houston Refinery in 1929 as an Operator and worked there until August of 1941, when he came to the Chemical Plant. He became Assistant Department Manager of A in July of 1947. Downing, a native of Arkansas City, Kansas, is married to Arlena Mae and they have one child. Farming takes up most of his spare time, along with his work with the Masonic Lodge.

H. J. WARD

October, 1954 means the celebration of two twenty-fifth anniversaries for H. J. Ward. Joe completes 25 years of service with Shell and also has his silver wedding anniversary. First employed

as an Electrician Helper, Joe has worked in the operating units at both the Refinery and Chemical Plant. He is now a Fire and Safety Inspector in the P & IR Department. Joe and his wife, Mary have two children, a daughter, Mrs. Billy Acord and a son, Oscar. They enjoy attending baseball and football games. Joe is also a Master Mason.



... these new employees and welcomed them to Shell?

CHEMICAL

Engineering

- H. M. Barnes, Laborer
- C. J. Benoit, General Helper
- P. A. Bounds, General Helper
- S. H. Ethridge, General Helper
- L. M. Ford, General Helper
- W. M. Michalk, General Helper
- K. A. Sifford, General Helper

Laboratory

- R. L. Adam, Jr. Chemist
- R. R. Browne, Jr. Chemist
- R. S. Davis, Jr. Chemist
- R. G. Henry, Jr. Chemist
- R. J. Kauchak, Jr. Chemist
- D. G. Kempfer, Jr. Chemist
- D. R. Mathews, Jr. Chemist
- C. J. Shafer, Jr., Jr. Chemist
- T. J. Shea, Jr. Chemist

Treasury

- M. J. Crum, Jr. Clerk
- N. J. Gilmore, Stenographer
- M. B. Woodall, Jr. Opr. Dup.

REFINERY

Research Lab

- J. W. Ferry, Jr., Technician
- Treasury
- Dorothy Cunningham, Steno.
- Carol Nash, File and Mail Clerk

MEET CHEMICAL PLANT'S BOWLING CHAMPS

Chemical Plant's summer bowling league came to a close September 2 with the Ajays the winners by 3½ games. The Pin-drops came in second and the Sports took third place.

Ajays' Ray Matthews rolled high game, 251, and Dobbers' John Word copped men's high series prize with a 645. Juanita Price dominated the women's ranks, taking high game, 225, and high series, 617. League substitute Billie Speer was given the high game prize for her 215.

The winter league is underway with perhaps more bowlers parti-

cipating than ever before. There are ten teams contesting with approximately 75 bowlers taking their turn on the lanes.

A recent election was held to fill the newly-formed office of vice president. Ralph Sproston, Engineering, was elected to that position. Other officers are President Ray Matthews, Engineering, and Secretary Juanita Price, Treasury.

The league also has two committees. Ruth Dorn, Johnny Word and Bill Rieke make up the election committee, and Al Dugas, F. G. Speer and Rex Brown comprise the Rules group.

Gas copped honors in the Refinery's summer bowling league, winning 37 games and losing but 15. Gas also won the winter bowling league. Tied for second were Inspection and Motor Lab, each with 31 wins and 21 losses. Alkylation came in fourth.



Second place went to the PinDrops. Pictured are E. H. Van Vooren, Ken Davis, Ruth Dorn, Russel Moise, Walter Gleich. Not shown are Art Petersen and Bob Chute.



Third place winners sporting first place smiles are the Sports. Front row: Dike Slovak and Red Palmer. Back row: Sam Campbell, Peggy Nunn and Stubby Nunn.



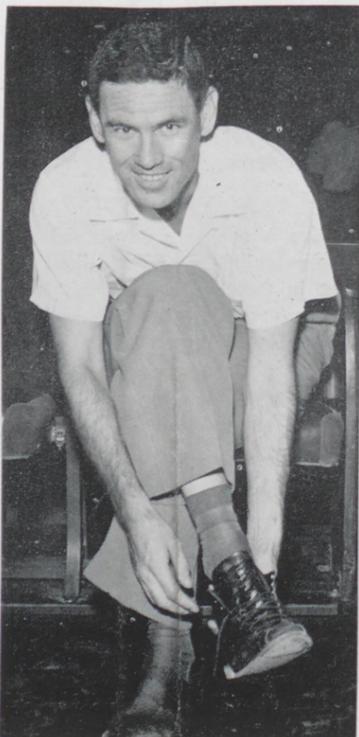
John Word, Dobbers' High Series bowler of summer.



The Ajays copped the Chemical Plant summer bowling crown. The men shown are Ray Matthews, Bob Haak, Don Haupt. Juanita Price was the team's feminine spark. Missing from the photo is Jack Talley.



Juanita Price won the Women's High Series prize and Billie Speer took High Game top honors of the summer loop.



Ray Mathews, High Game prize winner, of Ajays.



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