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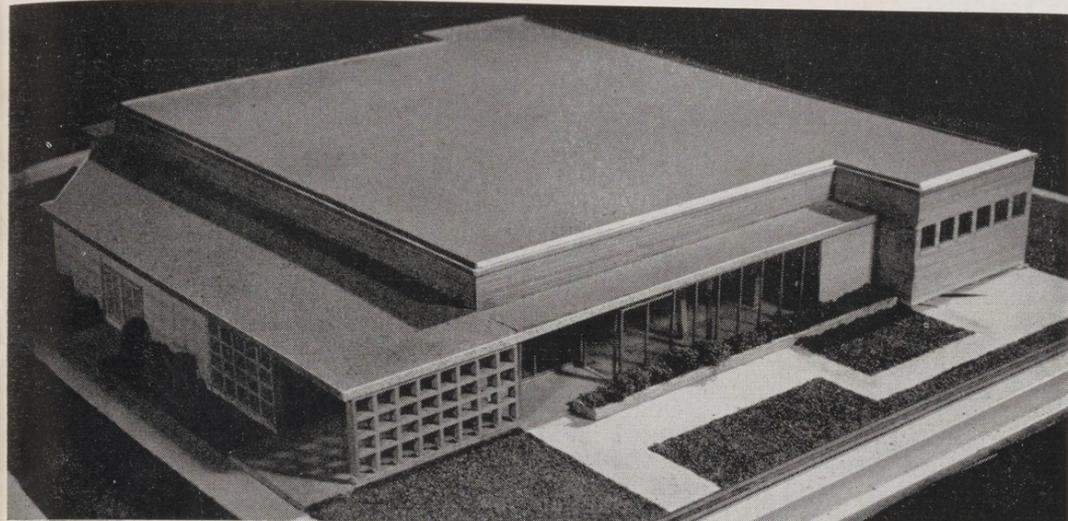
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THIS IS A MODEL of the way the Refinery Cafeteria will appear following the inside-outside remodeling which is scheduled to get underway about the first of August.

Refinery Cafeteria To Be Remodeled; Work To Be Completed In 60 Days

Work will begin shortly on the Refinery Cafeteria to remodel the present structure, the length of time to complete the project being estimated at 60 calendar days.

The present building will be renovated throughout. Plans for beautifying and modernizing the cafeteria are designed not only to make the building more attractive, but also to improve the efficiency of the cafeteria and add to the comfort of the diners.

Finished in limestone, the exterior of the cafeteria will blend with the new Administration Building. An attractive covered entrance will face the main road, with new walkways to the main road and to the parking lot.

The south entrance to the

cafeteria will be permanently closed to through traffic and will be used as an emergency exit only. The greater portion of the open veranda at the north side will be enclosed, enlarging the interior of the building. Planter boxes will be situated around the building to add to its beauty.

Folding partitions will replace the solid walls now separating the cafeteria annex from the remainder of the cafeteria. These partitions can be retracted to add to the versatility of the facilities.

A new dining room for colored employees is being provided in the front part of the building. The space now used as the dining room for colored employees will be made into a meeting room.

An enclosed, paneled conveyor system will be provided for the use of all employees to facilitate returning trays and

dishes to the dish-washing area.

The interior of the building
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49-Star Flag Goes Up

In a special July 4th ceremony at the Refinery, the 48-star Old Glory was lowered for the final time and in its place the new 49-star flag was raised in a ceremony conducted by Boy Scouts of Troop 618 of Houston.

Among those attending the ceremony were Refinery Superintendent and Mrs. A. J. Wood, Chief Engineer R. Haldane, and Fire and Safety Manager L. J. Grossheim. Haldane wore the uniform of the

Credit Union Readies For Move To New Site

Final arrangements are now being made for the Shell Refinery Employees Federal Credit Union to move into its new home in Deer Park. Located on 8th Street near the water tower, the new building will house all Credit Union activities previously conducted at both the Refinery and Chemical Plant.

The move will be made about August 1. An open House will be arranged as soon as the staff is settled in Deer Park.

Coinciding with the move to the new location, a number of changes will be introduced in the services offered by the Credit Union.

One of the changes is the elimination of the elusive little passbook, which will be discontinued in favor of a more convenient method of transacting Credit Union activities. In the future the member will receive numbered receipts with each transaction and a prompt

quarterly statement summarizing his account. The recent installation of a Burroughs Electronic Bookkeeping system makes this change possible, a method which affords the member both protection and convenience.

Another feature to be adopted at the new location is the introduction of level monthly payments. This change will allow the members to pay their loans in equal monthly installments, and thereby always know the exact amount due at any time. Loans can still be paid off at any time at the present interest rate of 1% per month on the unpaid balance.

The beautiful, up-to-date facilities at Deer Park include many features which emphasize the importance of the member, and aid the credit union in rendering service to the member. Besides the five cashier counters located in the lobby, a drive-in cashier window at the rear of the building makes it possible for the member to conduct his Credit Union business without leaving his car.

Under the new arrangements it will also be possible for a member to telephone the Credit Union office and make application for a loan. The application forms will then be sent by the Credit Union to the member for his signature.

For members desiring private consultation about their savings or loans, ample space is available at the Credit Union building for this purpose.

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TEMPORARY FACILITY

During the time the Refinery Cafeteria is closed for remodeling, temporary facilities will be set up in the old Change House adjacent to the Hospital.

This temporary location will be open from Monday through Friday, between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

A variety of sandwiches will be served, as well as coffee, tea and soft drinks. Desserts will include fruit pies, cake, cookies and ice cream. Do-nuts and rolls will be served before 8 a.m. each day.

After making a purchase each employee will be expected to return to his job site to eat, as no dining facilities will be available.

R. Webber Gets Assistant Post

R. F. Webber has been named as Assistant Manager of the P Operating Department in the Chemical Plant Plastics and Resins Division. Plant Manager Glenn Purcell said that the appointment was effective July 1.

In his new job Webber will be responsible for the operation of the new Phenol Plant which is scheduled to begin production later in the year.

Webber joined Shell Chemical in 1951 as a junior technologist at the Shell Point Plant. During his career he

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A 49-STAR FLAG goes up on the Refinery pole for the first time. These special July Fourth ceremonies helped mark the official entrance of Alaska into the Union.

Cafeteria--

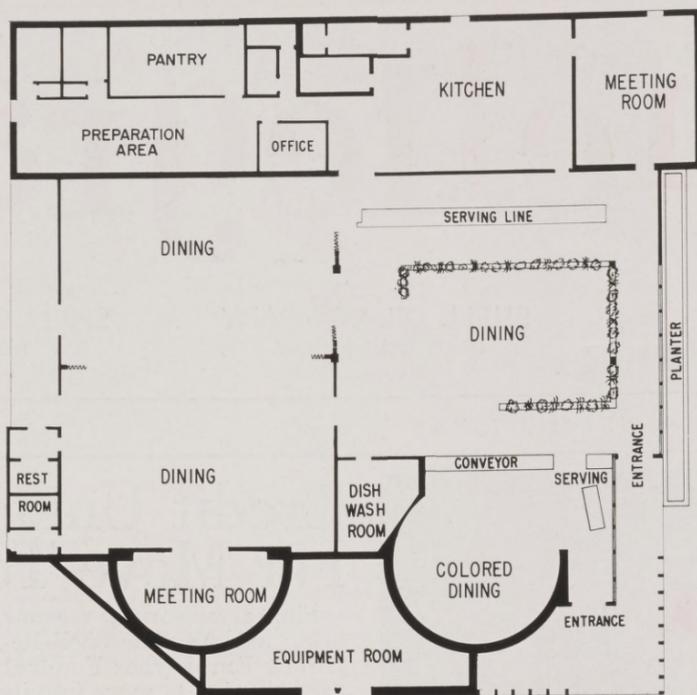
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will have plastic covered walls with blending paneling. Ply-wood planter railings four feet in height will separate the serving line from the dining area. New terrazo flooring will be installed throughout the building.

A single serving line will replace the two shorter lines now in use. By widening the serving aisle to five feet, and encouraging people to pass one another in the line for the shorter orders, the time the employee must wait in line should be reduced to a minimum.

FOUND

Knights of Columbus Rosary on one of the busses. Owner can claim by contacting H. J. McShane, Refinery Automotive.



THE INTERIOR OF THE Refinery Cafeteria will be laid out in this fashion when the remodeling program is completed.

Shell Men Get UofH Degrees

Commencement exercises at the University of Houston this spring found a number of Shell people among those present to receive degrees. Four Refinery employees and one Chemical Plant employee were awarded degrees in the televised ceremonies.

The Master of Business Administration degree was conferred upon D. W. Lanning, Refinery Tech Dept., B. R. Nelson, Refinery Treasury, and T. K. Stewart, Refinery P&IR Dept.

C. L. Smith, Refinery Treasury, and W. R. Davis, Chemical E Dept., received the Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

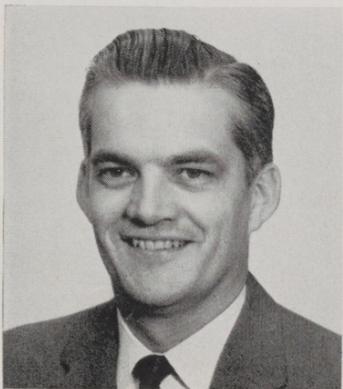
Lanning, who has been at the Refinery since 1948, entered the University of Houston in the fall of 1954. His graduate work was in the field of management. Now, well on his way toward a doctorate, Don plans to continue his studies at the University, seeking a Ph. D. in Economics. Don holds two other degrees. In 1945 he received an AB degree from Harvard in Gen-

Webber--

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has held various technical assignments both at Emeryville and in Head Office. He moved to Houston from New York in January, 1959 as a technologist.

Webber holds a M. S. Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Michigan.



R. F. Webber

eral Studies, and in 1948 he was graduated from Brown University with an Sc B. degree in chemistry.

In acquiring his MBA degree, Nelson concentrated his studies in the field of mathematics, a valuable background for his present assignment in the Data Processing group. Billy began his career with Shell in June, 1955, following his graduation from the University of Texas where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

For Stewart this was his second degree from the University of Houston. In 1953 he was graduated with a B. S. in psychology.

When W. R. Davis stepped forward to receive a B. B. A. in Economics, that moment marked the conclusion to a much-interrupted fourteen-year pursuit. Davis first entered college in the fall of 1945 at the University of Georgia. In 1947 he transferred to the University of Houston. After being out of school for over two years he returned to his studies this past year. An Operator No. 1 in E. Dept., Davis has been at the Chemical Plant since 1948, with the majority of that time spent in E. Dept.

For Smith, the conferring of degrees brought to an end many sleepless nights. Smith

Joe Parker's Son Wins Scholarship

Joe Dale Parker, son of J. N. Parker, Refinery Insulation Shop, recently was awarded a four-year college scholarship for his scholastic achievements.

Joe was graduated from Grand Prairie High School and will attend Arlington State College. The Kiwanis Club there presented the award which is to be put on an annual basis.

In addition to attaining a high grade average, Joe marked up the enviable record of not being absent or tardy in his last ten years of school. He won the Sousa Award for his playing in the school band and was an outfielder on the baseball team. He was also a Key Club member.

entered the University in February, 1953, and between that period and Graduation Day this spring he completed his entire college education in night school. An accounting major, Smith has been with Shell since August, 1950. He is presently assigned to Data Processing.

Bill Bryan Goes to Montreal; Griffith Up to Group Leader

W. P. Bryan, Refinery Tech. Dept., leaves for Montreal, Canada, soon where he will become Assistant Chief Technologist at the Montreal Refinery. The Montreal Refinery is owned by Shell Oil of Canada.

Replacing Bryan as Group Leader-Refining Processes is B. S. Baldwin, who moves to his new assignment from a

49-Star--

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Scout Ken Kaiser, son of the Refinery's H. K. Kaiser.

Other Scouts participating in the brief but impressive ceremony were Bo Black, Bobby Kendrick, and Billy Morgan, son of W. D. Morgan, Scout Committeeman for Troop 618 who directed the ceremonies.

Jack Cleveland is the Scoutmaster of this troop. Another member of the troop, Donald Mann, is the son of a Shell employee, R. B. Mann, Refinery Instrument Shop.

The changing of the flags marked the official entry of Alaska to statehood, and the first change in the arrangement of stars in our flag since 1912 when Arizona gained admission.

Grossheim, as manager of the department responsible for flying the flag, expressed the feeling for Shell employees when he said, "By this ceremony we at the Houston Plants are proud to welcome into the United States the new state of Alaska. It is a rare privilege to add a 49th star to our flag."

Thomas New Asst. Mgr. In Engineering Services

Refinery Superintendent A. J. Wood recently announced the appointment of J. A. Thomas as Assistant Manager of the Engineering Services Dept. Thomas' promotion was the first in a series of moves involving Refinery assistant department managers.

Since joining Shell at the Houston Refinery in September, 1948, as a Draftsman in the Engineering Department, Thomas has held a variety of engineering assignments. A graduate of the University of Oklahoma, he holds a B. S. degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Jim is a veteran of both World War II and the Korean conflict. He was in the Air Force for four years during World War II, and was recalled to active duty for the Korean War from May, 1951, until October, 1952.

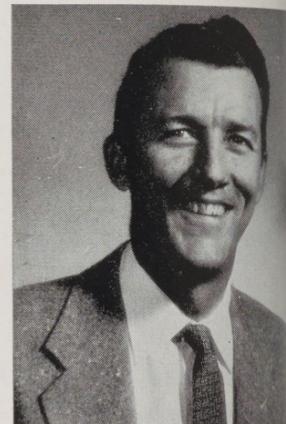
Other personnel changes announced include the transfer of J. C. Merritt from Assistant Manager-Engineering Services to Assistant Manager-Distilling. Q. C. Stanberry moves from Assistant Manager-Distilling to Assistant Manager-Lubricating Oils Section C.

In a transfer effective Au-

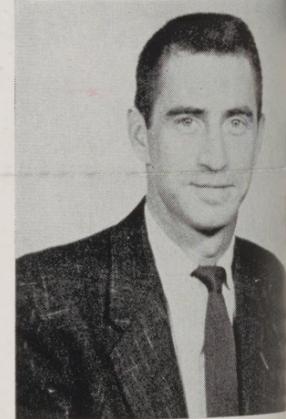
gust 24, R. J. O'Brien moves from Lubricating Oils to a similar position as Assistant Manager at Catalytic Cracking. J. Jacqmin transfers from Assistant Manager-Cat. Cracking to Assistant Manager-Aromatics.

Completing the chain moves, V. A. Maggio goes Cat. Cracking as Assistant Manager. Maggio previously was assigned as Assistant Manager in Aromatics.

All moves are scheduled to be completed by October 1.



J. A. Thomas



R. E. Griffith

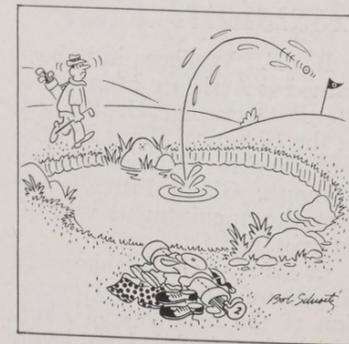
Nurse Hines Helps Give Polio Shots

In what must have been some sort of a record, Hortense Hines, Refinery Nurse, gave over 400 Salk vaccine shots on the evening of July 15.

Working as a volunteer nurse at the Moody Park Community House during the Jaycee parade, Hortense watched over 400 people file past her station during the four-hour period from 5 til 9 p.m.

Volunteer work such as above is nothing new to Hortense. Since becoming a member of the Red Cross Volunteer Nurses in 1955, she has given freely of her time and ability. In the recent mass polio drive, Nurse Hines worked on separate evenings giving Salk shots free of charge.

As another part of her volunteer service, Hortense works each fall at the YWCA swimming pool, maintaining a first-aid station while the handicapped swim and exercise. Each spring finds Hortense at the first-aid station at the University of Houston.



Marx Isaacs expresses his deep appreciation for the kindnesses of all his friends at the time of the death of his mother, Mrs. Anthony Mazzella, in New Orleans.

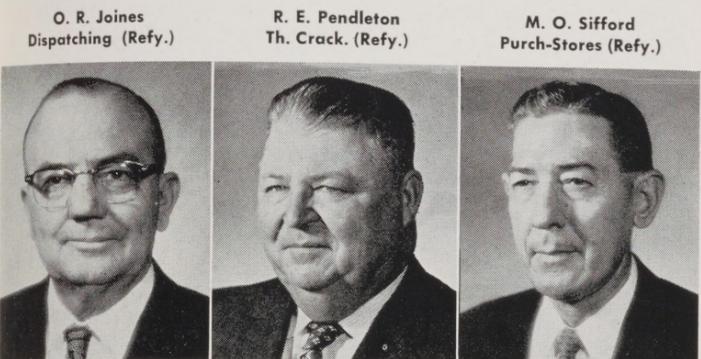
30 Years Service



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Cat. Crack. (Refy.)

H. J. Gray
Refy. Lab (Refy.)

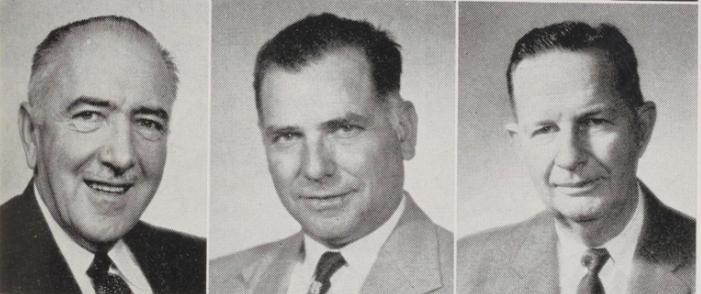
W. H. Jackson
Dispatching (Refy.)



O. R. Joines
Dispatching (Refy.)

R. E. Pendleton
Th. Crack. (Refy.)

M. O. Sifford
Purch-Stores (Refy.)



L. J. Snyder
Admin. (Refy.)

C. J. Taylor
Dispatching (Refy.)

C. E. Walker
Treasury (Refy.)

Post and Hinds Set Sail For New European Jobs

Two Refinery Research men sailed for Europe this month aboard the same ship, each bound for new assignments abroad. Aboard the liner, *Nieuw Amsterdam*, were B. G. Post and W. H. Hinds and their families.

Post is traveling to a new assignment with Shell International Petroleum in London, England, while Hinds is beginning a one-year tour of service in The Netherlands with the Royal Dutch Shell Amsterdam Laboratory.

For native-Houstonian Hinds and Texas-born Post the new assignments offer both them and their families a chance to visit and see many places of interest.

Post will be assigned to the OPD Dept. in London where he will act as a consultant in wax production processing as well as in the application of wax products throughout the United Kingdom. Ben's new job will take him throughout England, as well as on the Continent to introduce wax methods to European industry. This is Post's first trip to Europe.

Traveling with Post are his wife, Mary Lou, his 15-year old daughter, Karen, and six-year old son, Mike. Ben has been with Shell 19 years, all of which were here at the Houston Refinery. He graduated from Texas A & M in 1939 with a B. S. in chemistry.

Bill Hinds' service with Shell dates back to 1946 when he

worked at the Houston Refinery prior to completing his graduate work at Rice. In 1943 Bill was graduated from U. C. L. A. with the B. A. degree, and in 1951 he received his Ph. D. in chemistry from Rice.

Accompanying Bill to his new assignment are his wife, Mary Ann, and daughter Ellen, age 14 months. Group Leader in Catalysis and Process Exploration at the time of his transfer, Hinds joins the growing number of Refinery Research men who have taken part in the exchange program with the Amsterdam Laboratory.

Celestine, E. C. Davis, del Peral Join Shell's Retirement Ranks

Three more Shell retirements have been entered on the records, two at the Refinery and one at the Chemical Plant.

Retiring from the Chemical Plant effective June 1 was J. Celestine, Janitor. The Refinery's July 1 retirees are E. C. Davis, Pipefitter No. 1, and Antonio del Peral, Janitor in the Main Office.

Celestine began his career at the Chemical Plant as a Laborer on July 15, 1948, later

serving as a Yardman and Gardener before becoming a Janitor. Off sick for more than a year before his retirement, he will continue to live in Crosby.

Davis, who just last month received his Shell emblem for 15 years of accredited service, began his Refinery career on

and League City, Davis will devote his time to operating and maintaining this property.

Del Peral, whose smiling face and friendly, "Good Morning, Sir," will be missed by Main Office personnel, would have completed his twenty-third year of accredited service this month. He came to work here on March 3, 1936, as a Laborer, later serving as a Yardman before becoming a Janitor on May 29, 1944.

He served in this capacity the remainder of his career. Tony plans to move back to Los Angeles where four of his five children live, the fifth, a daughter, residing in Houston.

Iris Harmon Turns Editor

Iris Harmon, Refinery Treasury Dept., has been appointed Director of Communications for the Houston chapter of the National Association of Accountants.

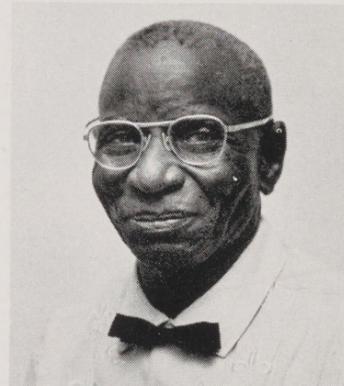
In this position, Iris will edit the monthly 470-circulation publication of the local chapter as well as handle all press releases and other communications concerning activities of the group. This marks the first time all communication activities have been assigned to a chapter director.

A member of the group since 1947 and a director of one activity or another for the past five years, Iris has a record of not having missed a chapter meeting in the past nine years.

Pauletta Dreyer Marries in June

Pauletta Lee Dreyer, stepdaughter of D. C. Bailey, Refinery Instrument Foreman, was married June 21 to Larry Killian of LaJunta, Colorado. The wedding ceremony was held at the University Christian Church in Fort Worth. Both bride and groom are seniors at Texas Christian University.

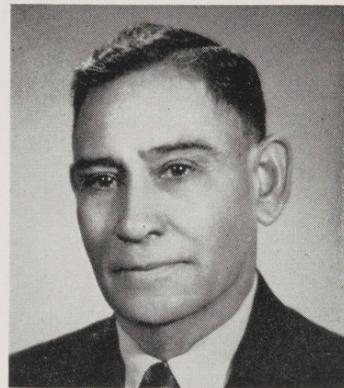
Mrs. Killian was a graduate of Milby high school and is a chemistry major at T. C. U. Mr. Killian is preparing for the ministry and plans to enter Bright College following his graduation from T. C. U.



J. Celestine

April 3, 1944, as a General Helper. He became a Pipefitter Helper No. 2 on June 8, 1944, and spent the rest of his career in this work, becoming a Pipefitter No. 1 on Sept. 27, 1949.

The owner of a number of apartment units in Houston



A. del Peral



E. C. Davis

All employees are invited to attend the South Central Regional water skiing championships to be held Aug. 7-8-9 on Lake Sandy at Channelview. A number of Shell employees are expected to take part in this meet which will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Admission is \$1.00. Proceeds will be used to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Door prizes will be awarded daily.

Refinery Sees Safety Movies

For the past month various groups throughout the Refinery have been viewing two films, each eye-openers on the subject of fire and safety.

In sound and color, "The Refinery Fire at Signal Hill" and "Danger-Water" have aroused interest not only among Refinery groups, but among fire departments in the surrounding towns. Several fire departments asked that their people be allowed to see the film, and the Fire and Safety Dept. obliged by making showings for these fire-fighting groups.

"The Refinery Fire at Signal Hill" describes the refinery fire in California last year which spread across fifteen acres in less than ten minutes, enveloping process units and storage areas in its path. One of the major refinery fires of modern times, the on-the-spot photography graphically portrays what can be done to combat such a blaze under extreme conditions. The objective of the film is not to scare people, but rather to point out that such fires can be controlled, and the lessons learned at Signal Hill proved this point.

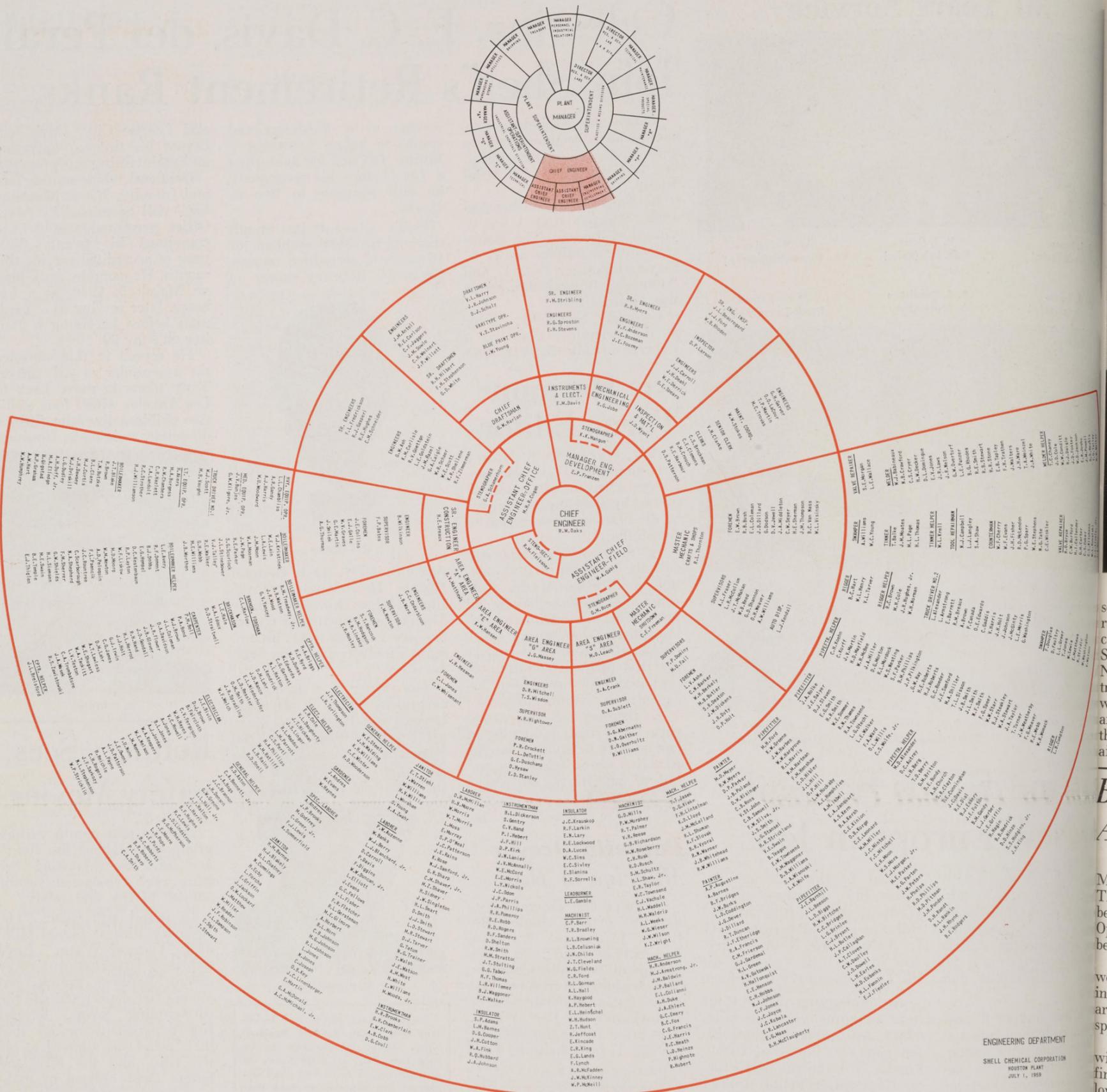
The film on the danger of water describes the damage and hazards water can cause in refinery processes. As an example, the film shows a 3½-ton exchanger which was blown 800 feet when hot oil entered the exchanger which contained only five gallons of water.

Fire and Safety Inspectors H. M. Miller, Jr., and I. C. White were in charge of the numerous showings.

E. C. Neff Family Wins Station Wagon



E. C. NEFF, Refinery Machinist No. 1, and his family stand by the new Ford Station Wagon they won recently in the Station Wagon Living contest sponsored by Joske's. With Neff are his daughters Pat, a student at Baylor U., Rosanne, who attends Austin high school, and Mrs. Neff. To win the automobile, Mrs. Neff's name was drawn from over 90,000 contestants.



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
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Travel Precautions May Save Life

More people vacation in July, August and September than during any other three-month period of the year.

Most people who travel those months will make the trip by car.

About 3 out of 10 trips during the period will be less than 100 miles. More than half will be less than 200 miles.

With these facts in mind, the National Safety Council issued these helpful hints for vacationers:

Before you start your trip—

1. Jot down the items you want to take along. You'll think of more things to add to the list as the Big Day approaches. And you'll probably eliminate a lot of the excess baggage.
2. Have your car serviced thoroughly. Pay special attention to lights, brakes, tires and steering.
3. Make sure you take along such items as a first-aid kit,

spare tire and jack.

On the way to your vacation spot, the Council says:

1. Pay strict attention to your speed. And obey traffic signs — they're your signs of life.
2. Look out for the other fellow. A good driver is a defensive driver.
3. Don't overdo it on the road. Take rest stops often, and limit your day's driving to 300-400 miles.

And when you arrive at your destination—

Don't overdo it!

"Fun is fun," the Council agrees, "but too much exercise can be dangerous. Play in moderation — and rest when you're tired." Other suggestions:

1. Swim only as far as you know you can.
2. Look where you're diving. Before you dive, find out about underwater obstacles and the water's depth.

3. Enter cold water gradually.
4. If your boat capsizes, stay with it until help arrives.
5. When it's hot, drink lots of liquids.
6. Better be pale than parboiled — don't get half baked under the sun.

ACCIDENT RATE DOWN

Safety consciousness in the petroleum industry continues to benefit employees. The frequency rate of disabling injuries in the industry declined again in 1958, establishing a new low for the seventh consecutive year.

SHELL RECORD GOOD

Both the frequency of lost-time injuries and the number of days lost per injury in 1958 were lower for Shell refineries as a group than for the oil industry's refineries as a whole.

HILLIARD THANKS

To everyone who gave of his time and talents to make the 1959 S. E. R. A. Picnic our most successful yet, I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude. No one person can possibly assure the success of a venture as great as our annual picnic; it takes the tireless efforts of many.

Fay Hilliard
Picnic Chairman

10 Years Service

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Refinery Carpenter Craft Supervisor I. G. Loomis explains some of the finer points of good scaffolding practices during a recent safety meeting as Fire and Safety Inspector L. N. Mancuso observes. In the process of erecting the scaffold are E. L. Stubbs, Carpenter No. 1, and J. E. Parker, Carpenter Helper No. 1. The scaffold was erected for the meetings to better illustrate the points covered in the discussions. Separate sessions were attended by maintenance personnel on both the 8-4 shift and the 4-12 shift. The meetings were devoted to emphasizing the importance of the proper erection and use of scaffolds as an aid to safety.

Boykin To Thermal Cracking As Yarotsky Goes To N. Y.

M. M. Yarotsky, Assistant Manager in the Refinery Thermal Cracking Dept., will be transferred to Head Office Operations in a move which becomes effective August 15. W. B. Boykin, who has been working as Assistant Manager in the Treating Dept. since his arrival at the Refinery this spring, will replace Yarotsky. Yarotsky began his career with Shell at the Houston Refinery in January, 1944, following his graduation from LaFayette College. In July, 1944, Marvin was transferred to Wood River and went on military leave with the U. S. Army the same month. After he was discharged from the service in June, 1946, Marvin

returned to college. In February, 1948, he was graduated from Columbia University with an M. S. degree in Chemical Engineering, and returned to Shell at the Houston Refinery. Before his promotion to Assistant Manager in June, 1956, Yarotsky held various technical assignments in operations and the Tech. Dept. Before coming to the Houston Refinery, Boykin was assigned to Head Office Manufacturing Operations. He joined Shell in May, 1949, at the Martinez Refinery.

Sprecher Moving To Head Office

J. A. Sprecher, Technologist in the Refinery Gas Dept., has been transferred to Head Office as a technologist in a move which becomes effective August 1. Sprecher joined Shell in June, 1952, here at the Houston Refinery following his graduation from the University of Delaware with a B. S. degree in Chemical Engineering. While at the Refinery he has held a variety of technological assignments, working in Technological, Distilling, Refinery Laboratory, Effluent Control, as well as the Gas Dept.

The University of Texas Permanent Fund received \$18,150,185 in petroleum lease rentals, bonuses and royalty in 1958 for a total since 1924 of \$303,597,879.

Two Refinery Pensioners Die; 25 Years Service Both Were Living in LaPorte

It is with regret that we report the recent deaths of two Refinery pensioners, both of whom lived in LaPorte. They are Hugh L. Chapman and Warren Wiley Smith, both of whom retired in 1950.

Mr. Chapman came to work for Shell at the Houston Refinery in 1934 as a Laborer. Following various assignments in the Engineering Field Dept., he was transferred to the Dispatching Dept. in 1936 as a Dock Helper No. 2.



H. L. Chapman

Until his retirement on October 1, 1950, Mr. Chapman remained in the Dispatching Dept., rising to the classification of Pumper-Gauger at the time of his retirement.

Mr. Chapman is survived by his wife, Mrs. Charlene Chapman, of LaPorte, to whom all of Mr. Chapman's friends at Shell extend their sympathy.

Mr. Smith, 68 years of age, had been living in LaPorte since his retirement on Sept. 1, 1950. He retired with more than 20 years of Shell service.



W. W. Smith

A native of Ottawa, Ill., Mr. Smith attended public schools in LaPorte, but went to Webster City, Iowa, to take up farming for some 13 years. He returned to Texas and to his first job with Shell in March, 1930, being employed as a Pipefitter Helper No. 2 in Cracking Cleanout.

In August, 1950, he became a number one craftsman in the Pipe Shop and continued in that capacity until his retirement.

We express the sympathy of all his friends at the Refinery

to Mr. Smith's survivors: his widow; daughters, Mrs. J. A. Cook, LaPorte, Mrs. C. D. Cates, Deer Park; sons, W. W. Smith, Jr., Livermore, Calif., and Glen Smith, Pasadena.

Tanner To Holland For Foreign Tour



W. L. Tanner

Chemical Plant Manager Glenn Purcell recently announced that W. L. Tanner, Senior Engineer — Engineering,

has been selected for a temporary foreign assignment to the Hague. The assignment will extend approximately one year.

While at the Hague, Tanner will be attached to Bataafse Internationale Chemie MIJ NV. BIC is a recently organized chemical subsidiary of Bataafsche Petroleum Maatschappij (BPM). The new company is responsible for giving advice and services to the many operating companies throughout the world that make up the Royal/Dutch Shell Group. It will also take over certain supply activities.

Tanner joined Shell Chemical as a Jr. Engineer at Houston following his graduation from Carnegie Tech in 1951 with a B. S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Since that time he has held various assignments in the Engineering Department and assumed his present duties in 1958.

He was accompanied to the Netherlands by his wife and their eight-year-old daughter. They left from New York on July 11 aboard the S. S. Westerdam.

The average Texas well produced about 14 barrels a day in 1958.



L. A. Cassner Gas (Refy.)



G. L. Matson Eng. Field (Refy.)

Refinery Bowlers Take Top Money In Isle Tourney

Top honors in the recent Gulf Coast bowling tournament at Galveston were won by Refinery employees and the husband of an employee.

Milton Manis, Refinery Tech. Dept., paired up in the doubles event with Holly Wells, husband of Nell Wells, Refinery Tech. Dept., and the two combined their efforts for a 1357 total for first place money.

Wells continued his steady bowling to capture first place in the all-events with a 1978 score and second place in the singles with a 671 mark.

Buddy Yannazzo, Refinery P&IR, took down fourth place honors in the singles with a 668 effort.

The team, the Shell Jokers, on which these men bowl along with Charlie Stebbins, Refinery P&IR, and Bill Howell, Chemical G Dept., took no honors in this particular tourney, but the over-all record this summer did bring the team an invitation to help open the new O. S. T. Lanes in a special match.

Employees Get Pre-Supervisory Course



A GROUP OF ENGINEERING FIELD employees recently completed a pre-supervisory course. Front row: R. D. Miller, Boilermakers; L. Simmons, Automotive; R. B. Mann, Instrument. Middle row: E. Bishop, Pipe; W. T. Price, Tool Room; J. R. Wacey, Welding; H. Woodward, Pipe; A. D. Kohler, Carpenter; J. P. Wolf, Tin. Back row: R. W. Woods, Machine; W. A. Stabs, Instrument; J. J. Morris, Survey; W. B. Thames, Carpenter; A. L. Taylor, Paint; G. L. Matson, Pipe; V. E. Wilson, Instrument; M. H. Alston, Paint, and E. E. Curtis, one of the speakers on the day the photograph was taken.

Traffic Tangles



KAN'T-WAIT KASPER

He finds it fun to jump the gun, Pretending it's a race he's won;

He races so he's bound to go

Straight to a 6-foot bungalow!

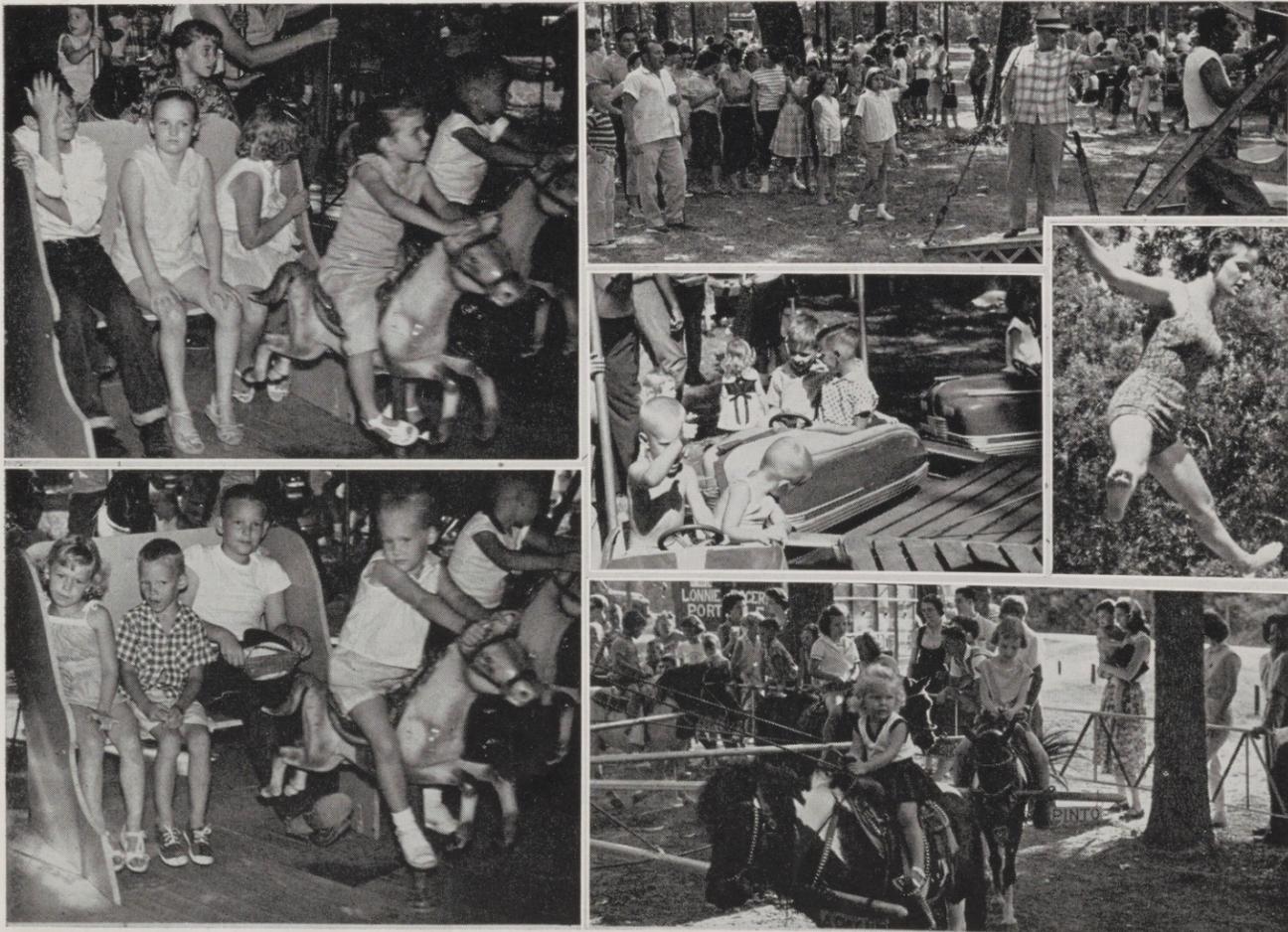
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Record Crowd Attends S. E. R. A. Picnic



CLOSEUPS OF A FEW FOLKS at the big picnic include at top left Leroy Taylor, Refinery Paint Shop; young Dale Hollon, son of J. W. Hollon, Refinery Boilermaker Shop, and Juanita Price, Chemical Treasury, examining the fish caught in the lake by Juanita and her mother, mostly by her mother. Two sets of mighty cute twins seen picnic day are (lower left) Debbie and Becky Manning, whose father is G. L. Manning of Refinery Machine Shop, and Janet and Janice Stulting, seen with their father, James Stulting, Chemical Instrument Shop. At lower right, Refinery Instrumentman F. C. Cornell takes grandchildren Jerry and Mike Cornell for a ride.

FOOD, FROLIC IN THE swimming pool and just plain loafing around and enjoying life were items enjoyed on June 19 by SERA members, families and guests at the annual barbecue, widely praised by those attending as one of the best.



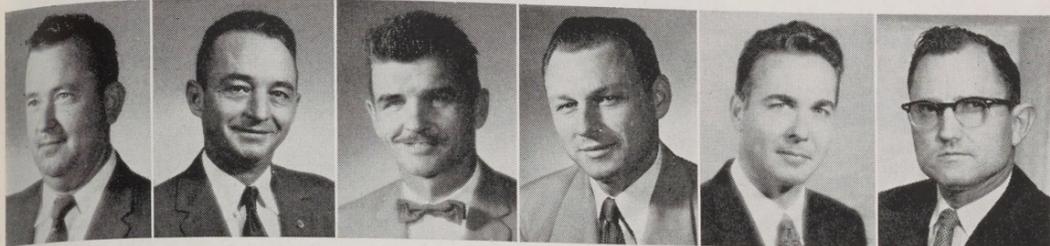
THE KIDS HAD FUN, too, at the SERA picnic, riding the ferris wheel, the little cars and merry-go-round, as well as the live pony rides. Long lines were in evidence all day in front of most of these free rides, proving their attractiveness for the kiddies. By the way, the young lady seen in mid-air at center-right jumped off the diving board just as Photographer Al Locke shot a picture from the other end of the pool. The picture printed here is just a tiny section of that negative, blown up to larger proportions.



BINGO AND FOOD represented a large part of the fun for the adults at the successful SERA picnic attended by approximately 600 persons, believed to be the largest ever to attend one of these affairs.

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Campo, Woods Promoted In Engineering Changes

A number of changes in the Engineering Field Dept. at the Refinery were announced recently, including the promotion of J. V. Campo to Shift Maintenance Supervisor and R. W. Woods to Machinist Foreman.

Campo replaces Shift Maintenance Supervisor T. L. Bilingsley, who is reassigned to become Supervisor of the Central Zone, replacing G. H. Cousins. Cousins is being assigned to the Lube Zone for special training in that area.

Woods replaced E. H. Wells as one of the two Machinist Foremen on the straight 4 to 12 shift. Wells replaced Campo in the Machine Shop on days.

Completing 24 years of Shell service this month, Campo has been connected with the Machine Shop most of his career. His first job was as a Laborer, and he worked in the Stores Dept. briefly in 1937. With the Machinists since January,

1938, Campo became Machinist Foreman in April, 1952.

Woods, with nearly 22 years of accredited service, came to work as a General Helper in July, 1937. A little more than two years later he became a Machinist Helper No. 1 and in February, 1946, became a Machinist No. 1.

He took time out from his Shell job for more than three years of Army service in World War II.

Bowling League Officers Elected

Jimmy Lee, Refinery Lab, was named president of the Shell Mixed League for the 1959-1960 season in a recent election by league members. Also elected to office for the coming year are E. L. Spurlock, Refinery Engineering Services, as vice president, and Juanita Price, Chemical Treasury, as secretary.

A summer session, with 18 teams participating, is currently bowling each Thursday evening at Meadow Creek Lanes.

Chemical Group Attends Speech Training Program

Twenty-four Houston Chemical Plant supervisors and six Safety Inspectors recently completed approximately 20 hours of training in Effective Speaking. This training program was somewhat different in that it was initiated solely at the request of the trainees, and all meetings were held after working hours.

The employees who went through the program felt that good verbal communications were important to the success of their jobs. They believed that any improvement in this area would help make their jobs easier and would also be an asset in their community activities.

Representatives of the group solicited the help of the Employee Communications Section in developing the program and providing instructors. The material was originally scheduled to be covered in five two-hour meetings but was

later expanded to a total of ten sessions.

The first five meetings were devoted to discussing the techniques of organizing, preparing and presenting various types of speeches. Practice was emphasized, and each of the trainees was called upon to give at least three talks on different subjects. Each talk was constructively criticized by the group when the speaker finished.

In the second half of the program the group viewed and discussed a series of films on the subject of "general semantics." Members of the class were called upon to introduce the films and to lead the discussions that followed. This required one-half of the meeting time, and the other half was dedicated to more speech practice. In all, each trainee gave a total of seven or eight different talks.

McFall-Brown Rites

Unite Shell Families

A wedding ceremony in La-Porte on August 1 will unite the son and daughter of two long-time Shell families.

Miss Frances Virginia McFall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. McFall, will be married to Norman Dennis Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odell L. Brown. H. F. McFall works as an Operator No. 1 at Refinery Cat Cracking, while O. L. Brown is an Operator No. 1 at Chemical G. Dept.

Miss McFall is a 1957 graduate of St. Agnes Academy in Houston. The groom is presently attending the University of Houston, following his graduation from Del Mar Junior College in Corpus Christi.



ONE OF TWO GROUPS participating in the effective speaking program held at the Chemical Plant includes (l to r) O. A. Sublett, C. Whisenant, C. L. Jones, S. T. Hancock, P. P. Dominy, W. H. Berkley, K. W. Hansen, G. D. Shannon, J. R. Lacy (who conducted the course), J. A. Middleton, A. W. Williams, C. W. Seyer and G. Dodson.

Granddaughter Is Rainbow Advisor

Sherry O'Brien (below), granddaughter of W. H. Jackson, Refinery Dispatching Dept., on June 6 was installed as Worthy Advisor of the Order of Rainbow for Girls. She is a member of Gulfway Assembly No. 274.

A junior at Milby High School where she is a member of the band and French Club, Sherry lives with her grandparents at 7630 Cayton in Houston. She recently attended the Grand Assembly in San Antonio with Rainbow girls from throughout the state.



Sherry O'Brien

Shell Son And Daughter Dance Way To N. Y. City

When Delta Airlines' Flight 571 landed at Houston International Airport recently, it left two of its passengers still "up in the clouds."

The passengers were pretty Sylvia Collins 16, daughter of C. K. Collins, Operator No. 1, Refinery Distilling Department, and Young Butch Horton 17, son of G. M. Horton, Shift Foreman E Operations at the Chemical Plant. The reason was their return from a 4-day all-expenses-paid trip to New York City.

The trip was the young couple's prize for winning the first half of the Teen Time Party Dance Contest on KPRC-TV. They competed against hundreds of other teenagers representing high schools in and around the Houston area.

Trying to pin the youngsters down on the one most exciting part of the trip was impossible. Both talked of the plane ride (their first), the wonderful food, and a visit to the Statue of Liberty. They spoke with awe of St. Patrick's Cathedral and laughed when they remembered the antics involved in their first subway ride.

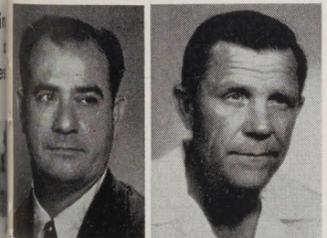
Both are confirmed theatergoers after seeing "Music Man" on Broadway. They toured Greenwich Village and

the United Nations Building and Butch realized a lifetime ambition by seeing Yankee Stadium. All in all it was a wonderful, exciting, and never-to-be forgotten experience.

Sylvia and Butch were accompanied by the couple who won the second half of the contest. Mr. Jack Healy, Business Manager of KPRC-TV and Mrs. Healy had the pleasure of chaperoning the happy foursome.



ALL SMILES on their return to Houston following an exciting trip to New York City, (l to r) Sylvia Collins, Butch Horton, Marquita Butler, and Buddy Boudloche say "Goodbye" to the Delta Air Lines Stewardess. Sylvia's father is C. K. Collins, Refinery, while Butch is the son of Chemical's G. M. Horton.



J. V. Campo R. W. Woods

Smith Takes Shell Course

Homer Smith, Training Representative at the Refinery, recently took part, as a student, in a two-week training school conducted by Shell's Head Office Employee Communications Dept. for personnel from the U. S. and Canada.

This course is presented once each year to acquaint employees connected with communications and training activities with the latest techniques and procedures in training and communicating successfully. The program this year was held at the beautiful Western Hills Lodge near Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Six employees from Canada and seven from widely-scattered Shell locations in the U. S. participated, along with a representative from Shell in Venezuela who was in this country on an orientation tour.

Bob Maddux, Employee Communications Supervisor of the Refinery, spent one week at the Lodge as an instructor.

LOST

Brownie Reflex Camera at SERA Picnic. If found please call J. L. Bishop, Refinery Ext. 707.

T. K. Stewart Named New Shellegram Editor



NO SPECIAL reason for running this attractive picture of attractive Jenny Gray of the Chemical Plant. Just that it's summer and time for pictures of pretty girls in bathing suits.

T. K. Stewart has been named Editor of the SHELLEGRAM and assumes his new duties with the September issue.

He replaces Jake Kobler who has accepted a position on the English Department faculty at the University of Houston.

Tom recently transferred to the Refinery from the Chemical Plant where he had been since he joined Shell in September, 1955. During his stay at Chemical he held various assignments in the Engineering Field Office, Treasury, and P&IR.

A University of Houston graduate, Stewart holds two degrees from the local school. In 1953 he received a B. S. in psychology, and this past spring he was graduated with a Master of Business Administration degree. His journalism experience includes work on the U. of Houston student newspaper as well as sports writing duties with the Houston Post.

Tom is married and the father of a two-year old son.



T. K. Stewart

Shellegram Award—

Jake Kobler, *Shellegram* Editor, has been named as one of the four oil industry editors in the Houston area to receive an award by the International Council of Industrial Editors.

Jake was presented a citation for outstanding accomplishments in the field of business economics. As Editor of the *Shellegram*, Jake is a member of the Southeast Texas Industrial Editors, an affiliate of the international council.

Iron-Sight-Shooting Wantland Beats Scope-Equipped Gunners



B. N. PEAL, REFINERY Research, admires the plaque he won for top honors in the 100-yard bench shoot.

Red faces abounded among the scope shooters at the June meeting of the SERA Big Bore Rifle Club. A member using iron sights beat them all out of a handsome rifle case.

Winner of the prize was C. F. Wantland, Refinery Research Lab, who zeroed in his old 303 Enfield from 200 yards away to outscore the shooters with the fancy telescopic sights. This meet was one of the monthly get-togethers being held this year by the Club at its range on the Genoa-Red Bluff road.

Other winners at the June shoot included B. N. Peal, Refinery Research, who beat out L. F. Penland, Lube Plant, in a shoot-off for top spot in the 100-yard bench shoot. This

winner was determined by the size of the five-shot cluster.

D. D. Straitwell, Chemical Plant Brickmason Shop, won the 100-yard position shoot in which the winner was determined by point score. Both Peal and Straitwell took home beautiful plaques for their wins.

They will keep these plaques until the next shoot when new



C. F. WANTLAND, REFINERY Research, took the top prize for the day with this 303 British Enfield rifle.



TAKING AIM at the target from the kneeling position is R. D. Rusch, Chemical Machinist No. 1.

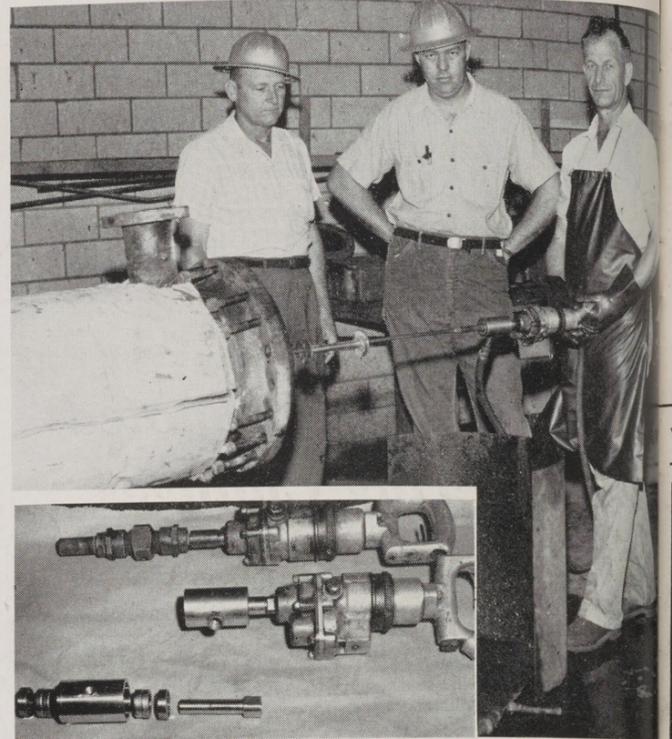
winners will claim them for a month. At the end of the year, the plaques will be permanently awarded to the shooters having the best record for the year.

Less than two years old, this club now has more than 150 members who can take part in these formal shoots or who can go out and use the range at any time they desire. New members are always welcome to join the club.

Future shoots are scheduled for 1 p.m. on July 25, Aug. 29, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 12.



LOOKING AT THEIR TARGETS and comparing results are B. N. Peal, Refinery Research, L. F. Penland, Refinery Lube, D. D. Straitwell, Chemical Brickmasons.



BOILERMAKER NO. 1 H. E. Parker works on a tube bundle at the Chemical Plant using the new swivel adapter invented by L. J. Langley, Tool Repairman. Watching on the left is Tool Room Supervisor R. B. Bush. In the lower inset is the old adapter at the top and the new one in the center, along with an exploded view of Langley's product, showing the drive shaft, bearings, seals and the housing.

Langley Makes Better Adapter

For some time, tool room personnel at the Chemical Plant have had a problem of continually maintaining the swivel adapters that are used in drilling tube bundles. Tool Repairman L. J. Langley believed that most of the trouble was a result of certain weaknesses in the design of the swivel. He solved the problem by designing a new type adapter.

Basically, the swivel is a device used to connect a long hollow drill stem to a drill motor. However, it also serves as a means of putting water through the drill stem to flush out the tubes as they are being bored. This latter function, until now, required a relatively long and cumbersome piece of equipment.

Langley and others felt that one of the major causes of maintenance was directly attributable to the 9½ inch length of the swivel. Since the drill stem used in drilling tube bundles is frequently 20 to 25 feet long, a slight bend in the 9½ inch shaft of the adapter causes an excessive amount of "whip" in the stem. Because of its length, the shaft, even with the additional support of the housing, was easily bent if the swivel was dropped or struck against some hard object while attached to the motor.

The new design developed by Langley with the assistance of his supervisor, R. B. Bush, and Engineer M. C. Trout solved this and other maintenance problems connected with the swivel adapter. It consists of a drive shaft, two pairs of water seals, two sealed rotary lubricated ball bearings and a one-piece stainless steel housing. When assembled the device has an over-all length of 4¼ inches.

Operation is basically simple as the design. The drive shaft is connected to the drill motor and free rotation of the shaft inside the housing is assured by the use of sealed bearings at each end of the adapter.

Inside the housing the pairs of water seals serve to maintain a watertight chamber. Water entering the chamber is forced by pressure through a 3/16-inch hole in the rotating shaft into the stem and out into the tubes. These seals eliminate the need for packing which was another trouble spot in the old design.

Engineering personnel believe that the new swivel adapter will be proved to be almost maintenance free. Langley previously believed the old design that most problems could be solved with a little human ingenuity and hard work.

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