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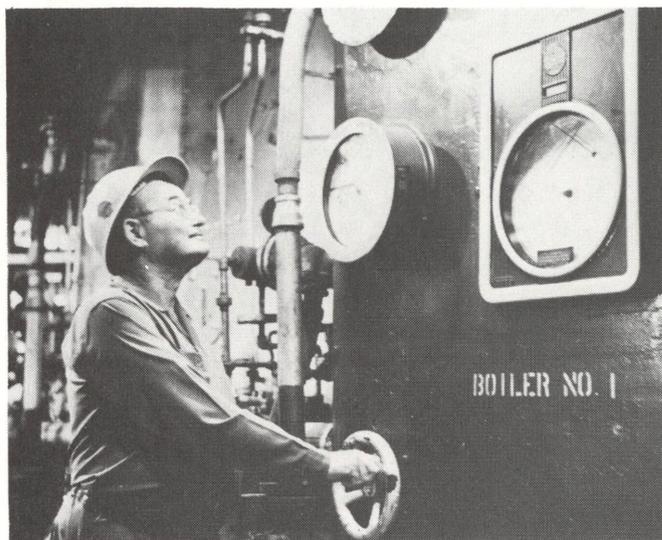
Friday, January 7, 1966

## AFTER 37 YEARS - NO SWAN SONGS FOR HARRY KENNEDY WHO HELPED BREAK GROUND HERE

The last day after 37 years on the job for Harry Kennedy, Operating Assistant, Utilities, was one for reminiscences - with an eye on the future. Harry says "I can well remember working as a Crane-man Helper for 55 cents an hour when we broke ground for this boilerhouse."

Making his final rounds last Friday - he is to retire February 1, but will be on vacation until then - Harry walked over to Boiler No. 1 controls and gazed at them as someone would an old friend. "When you leave a place after being around this long, you feel like saying good-bye not only to people - but to this equipment - some of it seems to have a personality of its own - and Boiler No. 1 is one of 'em," Harry says.

Right now, he is big game hunting out West, which is something he "wants to do a lot more of!"



HARRY KENNEDY

## NEW DRIVERS TEST FILM BEING MADE

A completely new version of the highly successful "The National Drivers Test" is scheduled to be televised under Shell's sponsorship on the Monday evening before Memorial Day.

## SHELL'S WONDERFUL WORLD OF GOLF

If you're a golf buff or a tourist at heart - or both - don't miss Tony Lema and Roberto De Vincenzo when they square off in the season's opener Sunday at 2:00 p.m. on Channel 2. If you're saying that's not the way your printed schedule reads - you're right - the telecast time just in this area has been changed.

## REFINERY PEOPLE IN ACTION



HAND ON THE WHEEL...charging. Utilities Operator No. 1, H. D. McWhorter charges the salt brine measuring tank at the No. 1 Water Treater.

## VIRGIL CALHOUN'S PROMOTION TO SHIFT FOREMAN IN AROMATICS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED

V. M. Calhoun has been promoted to Shift Foreman in the Aromatics Department effective January 6.

Virgil has been an Operator No. 1 at Platformer No. 1 since its construction in 1952. Prior to that time, he served in the same capacity in the Thermal Cracking Department. He has been with Shell since August, 1943.

A native of Newton, Virgil also attended school there. In the '30's he served a stint in the Army Air Corps. He and his wife Dorothy live in La Porte and have two sons, Virgil, Jr.-married and living in La Porte, and Terry-in the Army in Germany.



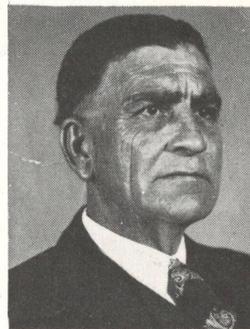


NEW GAS FOR NEW YEAR...E. G. Christianson, (left) Vice President of Shell's Houston Exploration and Production Area and also President of the Blue Dolphin Pipe Line Corporation, receives an assist from M.E. Sanders, Section Superintendent, Utilities Distribution, for Texas Division of Dow Chemical Company, as the valve is opened to begin the flow of natural gas from Shell's offshore Buccaneer gas field to Dow Chemical Company's plants at Freeport. The occasion signaled a milestone for the Texas oil industry, as the Shell gas is the first ever to be produced in commercial quantities in Federal waters off the Texas coast. Produced through two large permanent platforms, the gas is moved ashore at Freeport through Blue Dolphin's underwater pipeline. Delivery of the gas began this week at a rate of 100 million cubic feet per day, and will be increased in one year to 175 million cubic feet per day to fulfill a 15-year gas sales contract signed earlier this year between Shell and Dow. The Brazos Oil and Gas Company, a Dow division, is administrator of the contract. Approximately a trillion cubic feet of gas will be delivered over the 15-year period.

#### PAINTER H. SOWELL AND RETIRED MACHINIST T. A. BARKER DIE AFTER LONG ILLNESSES

Your SHELEGRAPH regretfully announces the deaths of two Shellmen following lengthy illnesses.

Thurman Alger Barker died December 30 in Port Arthur at the age of 75 after 15 years in retirement.



BARKER

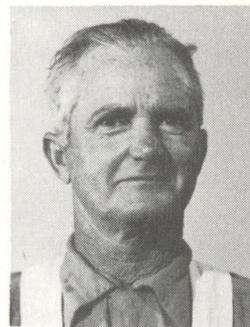
Born in Terrell, Thurman attended school in Chester before joining Shell in February, 1929.

He moved to the Cracking Cleanout Crew in 1930, where he remained until the time of his retirement in March, 1950. He had been a Pipefitter No. 1 before becoming a Machinist No. 1 in 1948.

Survivors include two daughters, Catherine and Dedie. Funeral services were held in Port Arthur last Friday.

Horace Sowell, Painter No. 1, died Wednesday in a Houston hospital exactly one year after his first day off from work. He was 58.

Horace was born in Barnafee, Florida, and attended school in Groveton. A Painter before he joined Shell in June, 1948, he soon became a Painter No. 1, and continued in that capacity until the time of his illness.

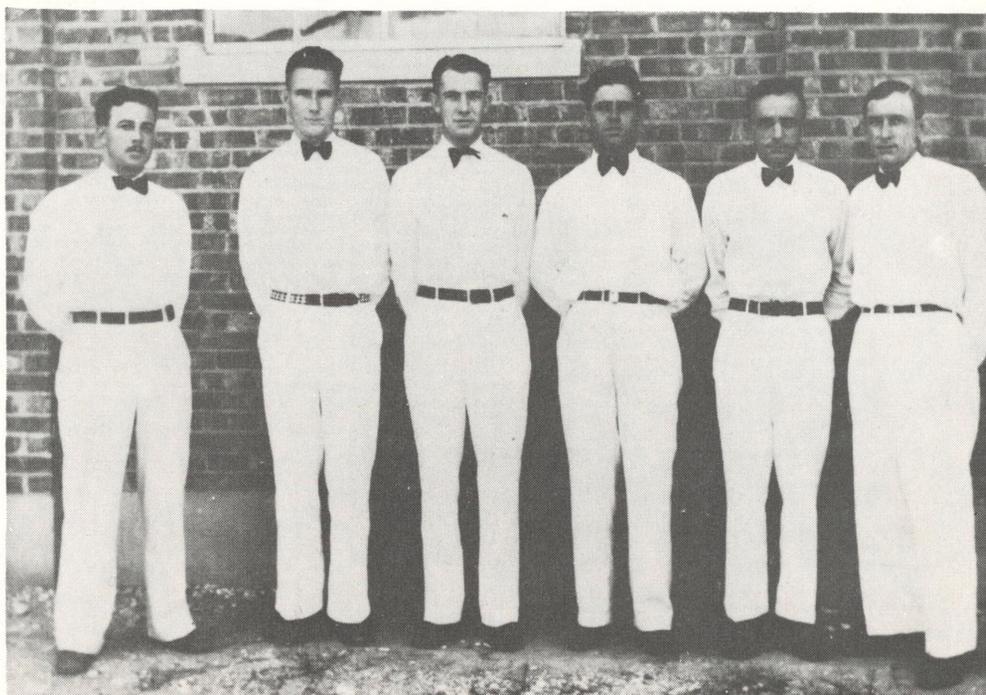


SOWELL

Survivors include his wife Cecile, and two daughters Nelda and Karen. Funeral services were held yesterday morning at Art Simpson Funeral Home in La Porte with burial at Manning Cemetery in Huntington.

#### ANOTHER "REMEMBER WHEN" QUIZ

The old picture run recently in your SHELEGRAPH of the Distilling Department in 1929 was too easy for many old-hands. Now for one a little tougher. What does the sextet at the right represent - and who are they? Clue: it's not the Refinery Glee Club.



ONE-MAN BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM IN EFFECT  
AT SLOP OIL DEMULSIFYING UNIT

A mighty happy man was Arthur Hughes, Demulsifier Operator, Effluent Control, when his new pre-fab operator's building was delivered recently. The new 6' x 8' structure - a replacement for one which had been part of the old Scotty Ross Refinery - even had wood paneling.

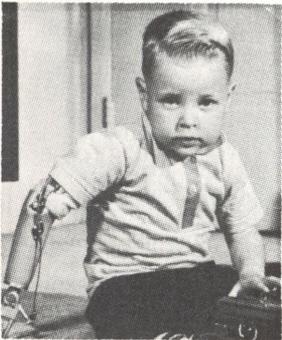
Once moved-in, however, Arthur felt something lacking in his stylish quarters - a crowning touch ... drapes. So he hastily set to work and with a clean burlap bag and a short piece of insulated hook-up wire left behind by the Electricians, he had his drapes.

So, if your business takes you in the vicinity of the Demulsifying Unit and something unusual catches your eye in the window of the operator's building, your eyes aren't deceiving you - it's probably Arthur Hughes' contribution to the National Beautification Program.



A GO-GETTER - retiree CUNNINGHAM. Retired Truck Driver No. 1 CLARENCE CUNNINGHAM, who now lives in Houston but appears almost anywhere, called out this week to check on a Classified. When asked if he was still enjoying retirement, he replied, "You know I'm still a go-getter -- My wife BILLIE works and every afternoon I "go-getter."

THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT HIM - that's the point. January is March of Dimes Month and people are talking about Rickie and hundreds of thousands like him because



America is no longer ashamed to talk about birth defects. Through March of Dimes treatment and research, America is doing something to stop birth defects. Now that polio has been conquered, we can fight this even

greater menace to our children by joining the March of Dimes.

NOTE TO HUNTERS - Goose hunters are reminded that the season will be drawing to an end January 12 at sunset.

HORSE POWER? - Here's a fact on gas-power. The power contained in gasoline is remarkably illustrated by the fact that an automobile weighing up to three or four thousand pounds is propelled by a thin thread of liquid fuel only 1/60 of an inch in diameter -- about the same thickness as ordinary sewing thread!

ONE MINUTE SAFETY TEST - HOW FAST DO YOU REACT?

Good vision and fast reaction are among the most important physical requirements for safe driving.

Your SHELLEGRAPH will present these quick tests from time to time to give you some obvious clues to your driving fitness. You may want to try them on the driving members of your family too.



HOW FAST DO YOU REACT? If your reaction time is normal, at 30 miles an hour you'll travel 33 feet before you can even get your foot on the brake. If your reaction time is just 1/4 second slower, you'll travel another 11 feet. To test, take a crisp new dollar bill and fold it lengthwise, as tightly as you can. Have a friend hold the bill vertically, while you place your hand about 1½ inches above the bill. Prepare to react. He drops the bill without warning; you try to hit it with one sweeping motion. If you do, your reaction time is normal. If you don't, you'd better allow yourself extra time to react when on the road--by driving a little slower, being extra alert, and keeping well back of other cars.

#### SOMETHING WORTH SEEING

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will display its popular Animal-Kingdom-On-Wheels in Houston next month. The State's only traveling bird, beast and fish show will be at the Houston National Boat and Sports Show, January 11-16. It is comprised of four vehicles which transport everything from live fish and bird life to poisonous snakes and wild cats.

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES

- J. L. TUPA, Operator No. 1, Cat. Cracking to Instrument Man #1, Engineering Field.  
B. E. WHITEHALL, Operator #2, Lube "C", to Operator #1, Lube "C".  
L.D.G. LEVY, Fireman, Thermal Cracking, to Operator #2, Thermal Cracking.

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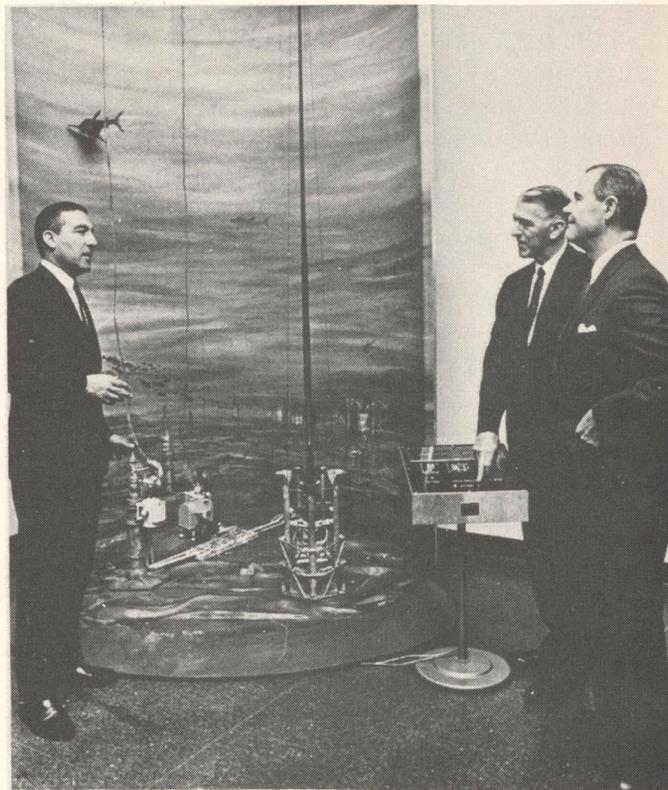
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OILFIELD COMES ON STREAM AT SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION...Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall (left) and R. C. McCurdy, President of Shell Oil Company (right) discuss underwater oil drilling as Frank A. Taylor (rear) of the Smithsonian Institution puts a model of an offshore oil field "on stream". The model which is a scale model reproduction of Shell's underwater completion system, goes through a seven minute cycle during which a drill pipe is lowered and begins drilling, a Shell-designed robot well-manipulator services a completed well and a UNUMO<sup>R</sup> robot operates the valves of a flowline manifold. The model was presented to the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of History and Technology by Shell Oil Company for permanent retention.

#### CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: House Trailer - 44' air conditioned, centrally heated, 2 bedrooms, carpeted, automatic washer, excellent condition inside and out - \$1,950.00. Is on a lake-side fishing lease near Angleton - piped with septic tank. Can be easily moved if desired. Telephone - HU-6-0729

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