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1956 UF Drive Tops Last Year's By 20%

Plant, Refinery Employees Contribute Over \$28,000

Refinery and Chemical Plant employees dug deep into their pockets during the 1956 United Fund Drive to improve last year's effort by more than 20%.

A total of \$28,020.87 was pledged at the two installations during the 1956 drive compared with \$23,305.02 raised in the 1955 campaign.

This was announced by the Refinery and Chemical Plant UF committees following an almost-complete tabulation of pledges and cash contributions made during last month's drive.

Total May Increase

A few pledge cards remain to be tabulated, and the final results will be announced in the December issue.

Houston Refinery's contribution to the 1956 campaign was \$18,115.50, or about 10% more than the \$16,454.50 collected during the 1955 drive.

Chemical Plant's contribution jumped some 26%, from \$7,850.52 in 1955 to \$9,907.37 in 1956.

Solicitors Lauded

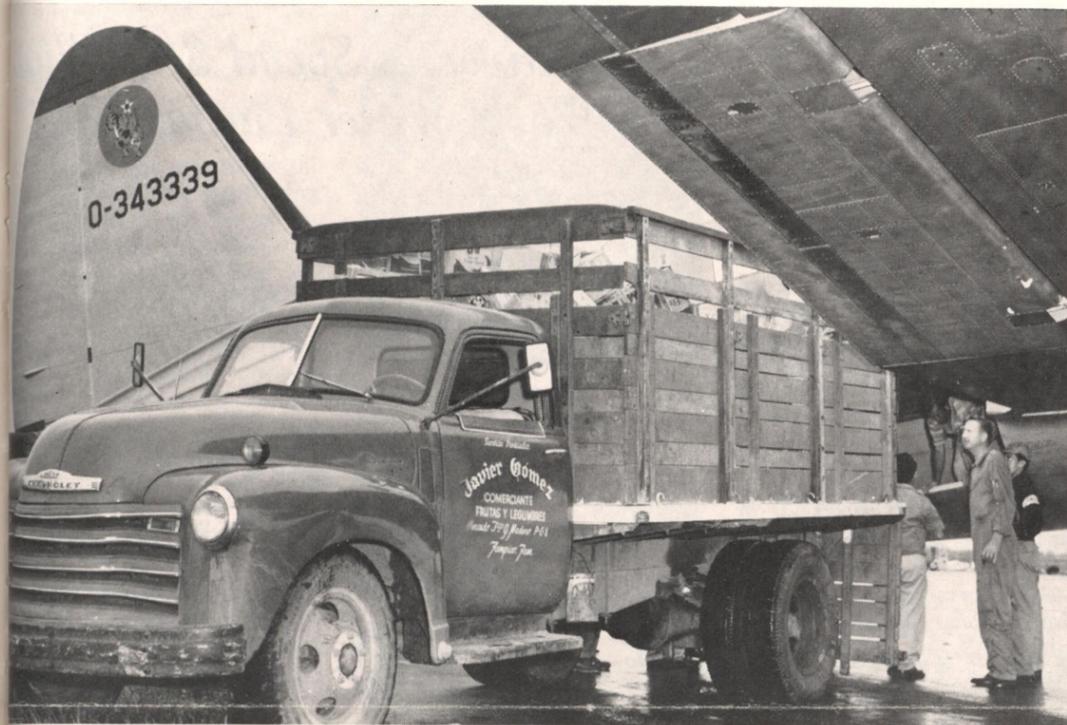
Solicitors at both installations, nominated by Management and O.C.A.W. Union Local 4-367, worked long and hard last month to make the drive a success.

Chemical Plant solicitors included M. C. Aldridge, C. N. Barker, F. L. Barr, E. Barrett, P. A. Bond, J. B. Bradshaw, S. D. Brazel, O. L. Brown, W. F. Cherry, J. T. Cleveland, S. C. Cobb, J. H. Connolly, J. W. Copeland, W. F. Cummings, J. R. Davis, J. H. Dawsey, Jr., G. R. Duke, O. E. Edwards, W. B. Elmer, S. A. Grant, W. W. Hargrove, G. W. Harlan, H. L. Herrod, H. H. Holley, W. W. Hollifield, W. A. Idoux, A. J. Jordan, W. P. Kelly, H. B. Kesterson, E. G. Kingdon, F. Lewis, D. A. Lucas, C. L. Martin and W. P. Matthews.

M. D. Meyer, S. E. Morgan, A. C. Murphy, R. A. McClendon, L. R. McCollum, L. B. McKee, J. B. Palmer, J. W. Peters, R. R. Pomeroy, P. F. Quinn, R. C. Rice, W. C. Rodgers, M. C. Rudd, E. C. Ruff, W. J. Scott, H. E. Sherman, T. L. Sisson, N. F. Smith, J. Talen, J. F. Taylor, F. P. Thompson, J. B. Thrailkill, J. L. Turner, J. H. Valcik, W. H. Wade, J. H. Ware, Jean Williams, H. J. Williamson, Doris Wimmer.

Refinery solicitors include H. Andrews, M. L. Andre, Catherine Barbe, K. D. Benjamin, D. M. Bergin, O. H.

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Lieutenant R. W. Starr of the San Jacinto Air Force Reserve Wing, a Shell instrumentman, supervises the unloading of supplies for the Tampico disaster victims at the Tampico airport. Two other Shellites took part. (Air Force Photograph).

Shell Reservists Assist Tampico Victims

When the terrible flood waters struck Tampico recently, many Americans were

quick to respond with gifts of food, clothing and medicine for their neighbors south of the border, while others helped to deliver these supplies to the disaster-stricken area—some 1,000 miles from Houston.

Three Refinery employees were among the men of the San Jacinto Air Force Reserve Wing who flew a total of 31 missions to Tampico to deliver over 200,000 pounds of urgently-needed supplies.

Captain R. E. Wilke, Machine Shop, and First Lieutenant R. W. Starr, Instrument Shop, both pilots, and Captain L. C. Tuggle, Electrical Engineering, a navigator, were the Shell men who participated in the mercy flights.

Wilke was called to active duty for the disaster period, and he completed four missions, flying a total of 4,000 miles and logging approximately 30 hours in the air.

Starr and Tuggle each flew one mission.

San Jacinto Reserve Air Wing men flew C-46 cargo planes to Tampico and landed at the Tampico airport, which fortunately was located on the highest section of land in that area. The planes were met at the airport by local trucks which delivered the supplies to the needy families.

According to C. E. Jones, Public Information Officer of the San Jacinto Wing, this was the largest air lift since the Berlin air lift.

Mr. Jones pointed out that the success of the Tampico air lift was due to the generosity of the American people, many of them Houstonians, and to the companies who gave their reservist-employees the time to participate.

Starr, Wilke and Tuggle were the pilot, co-pilot and navigator of the San Jacinto Wing C-46 which brought the first shipment of the anti-polio myelitis Salk vaccine to Harris and nearby counties.

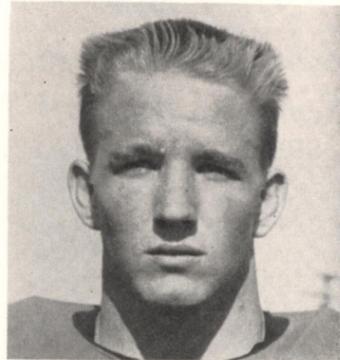
Simoneaux Transferred To New Orleans Tax Post

J. H. (Joe) Simoneaux, supervisor of office services in the treasury department, has been transferred to the New Orleans Area office as Tax Representative, effective October 16. His duties there will also be in the treasury department.

Simoneaux joined Shell in 1929 and came to Houston Refinery in 1943 from the Norco Refinery. He has been supervisor of office services since 1946.

Before leaving for New Orleans, Mr. Simoneaux said:

"I want to take this opportunity of saying farewell to my many friends that I did not see before leaving the refinery. My associations with you will be remembered as a very pleasant period of my Shell service."



ARLEN DUNHAM

J. L. Dunham's Son Boomed For Little All-America Honors

Arlen Dunham, son of J. L. Dunham, pipe shop, is being boomed for Little All-American football honors.

A 195-pound tackle, Arlen plays for the Texas Lutheran College Bulldogs.

Although the Bulldogs are experiencing a losing season, Arlen has drawn considerable compliments from sports writers and coaches over the state.

Gil Steinke, head coach of Texas A&I, handed out accolades for Arlen, who sparkled in TLC's 33-13 loss to A&I recently.

"He is one of the finest offensive tackles we have played against since I have been at Texas A&I College. Dunham has an excellent initial charge and follows up very well. We could certainly use him on our team," Steinke said.

Arlen was a star performer for La Porte during his high school days.

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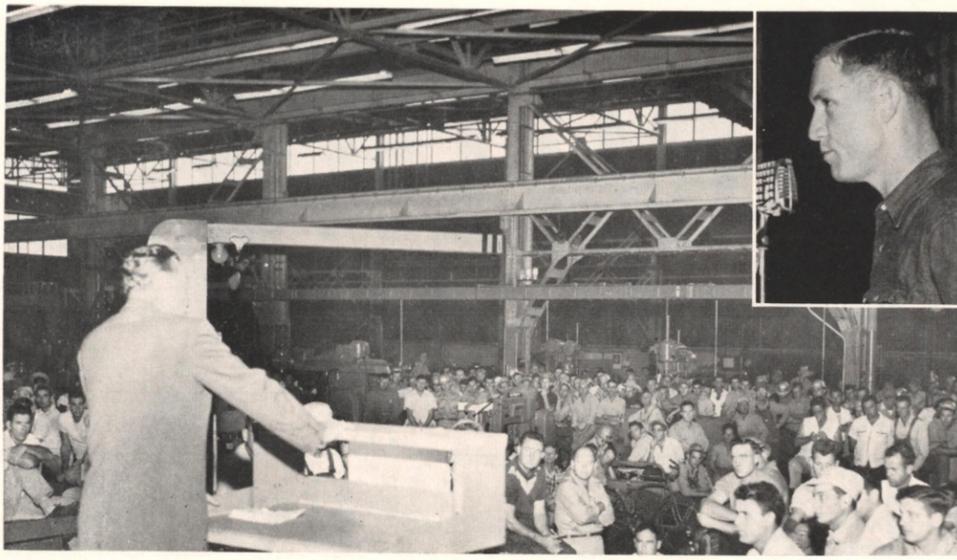
New Year's Eve Dance Slated

Shellites have the opportunity of making their New Year's Eve plans early this year—and possibly save a few dollars at the same time.

Plans for the annual SERA New Year's Eve dance already have been finalized, according to Dance Chairman Buddy Yannazzo, and the price of tickets compares most favorably with recent New Year's Eve affairs.

For SERA members, the fare will be \$6 per couple; for non-members \$8 per couple. What's more, included with the tickets at no additional charge are the set-ups, noise-makers and other novelties.

Sterling Daigle and his seven-piece orchestra will provide the music for dancing from 9 o'clock New Year's Eve until 1 o'clock the next morning. The affair will be held in the Alabama (now the Alamo) Orchid and Flamingo Rooms. Yannazzo said that these two rooms will accommodate 500 couples comfortably.



Public Relations Representative Val Jean McCoy speaks to the Chemical Plant employees during UF meeting. J. H. Ware, Vice-President of Chemical Group, O. C. A. W. Union Local 4-367, is the inset.



Refinery solicitors prepare to see United Fund film prior to kick off of the drive. The solicitors heard from Union and Management representatives as well as from United Fund spokesmen.

REPORTERS'



ROUNDUP

Schroeder, Pitts Played For Semi-Pro Baseball Title Team

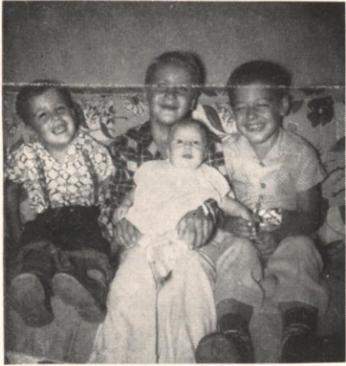
SHELLEBRETIES OF THE MONTH—Bobby Schroeder of Automotive and Roy Pitts of the Tin Shop were two of the mainstays on the Mechanics Uniform Supply baseball team which recently won the World's Amateur Champion-

ship for the second consecutive year—thereby becoming the first team to win amateur baseball's "World Series" for two years in a row.

Schroeder, who must be ranked with the best sandlot pitchers in the nation, won 22 of the 89 victories recorded during the past season by the champs. Pitts played left field and hit a lusty .330.

Mechanics Uniform Supply defeated Seattle, Washington, 7 to 2, in the championship game in Battle Creek, Michigan. Schroeder and Pitts were also on the championship team of last year which defeated Battle Creek, 5-3, in Watertown, South Dakota, in the final game.

Bobby and Roy have been regarded as top notch baseballers for a number of years. They both played with the Shell baseball team of several years ago.



These three young musketeers—the sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Vaughn (Electric Shop)—are obviously proud of their new baby sister, Pamela Elizabeth, who is now four months old. Darrell Wray 3, Kenneth Wayne 7, and Larry Eugene 5.

Arabian Presents Wax Paper

K. G. Arabian of the Houston Refinery Research Laboratory presented a paper at the Sixth Testing Conference of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry at Springfield, Mass., September 28-30.

The paper, prepared by Arabian in conjunction with two fellow Researchers, G. P. Hinds and Stanley Marple, is entitled the "Relation Between Surface Hardness and Blocking Temperature for Paraffin Waxes."

Use of the hardness gauge

in determining the blocking temperature of wax papers was explained in the presentation. Blocking occurs when two waxed surfaces in contact are either dulled or disrupted. Shell's research has determined that by measuring a property of the wax called "surface hardness," the blocking temperatures of most paraffin waxes can be estimated with two degrees fahrenheit.

This information is expected to prove helpful to wax paper manufacturers who are interested in standardizing blocking tests.

Success of Drive

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Boggs, J. P. Bonnette, A. A. Brown, Lillian Brown, E. D. Burr, W. T. Bratton, G. P. Box.

A. T. Bullard, W. C. Burgess, W. Cannon, J. B. Carter, Libbie Cassner, R. Cheshire, B. R. Cole, Sam Costa, C. Coulter, W. Cowgill, G. Delaney, A. DelPeral, Ray Diamond, A. J. Essary, Jane Fisher.

J. B. Floyd, C. Goehring, Bill Green, E. C. Griffin, E. Hagan, A. J. Hale, H. M. Hancock, A. J. Hayes, John Hermann, Edna Earl Heyen, M. G. Hills, J. T. Hoke, R. Hornsby, H. Ireton, Marx Isaacs.

T. B. Ivy, W. C. Jahn, A. C. James, Peggy James, Don Jennings, W. R. Jordan, G. J. Kuntz, J. F. Landrum, I. S. Larkin, B. N. Lauter, J. E. Leared, J. F. Lee, Betty Lewis, Mary J. McFarland, C. B. Maley.

J. W. Mathews, W. T. Mehrkam, A. H. Moore, W. W. Myers, A. Nitsch, L. C. Nix, Ray O'Brien, C. Pate, T. J. Perry, R. L. Post, D. L. Price, A. Rae, H. H. Reat, C. O. Reed, Jack Ryan, Yvonne Sartor, T. O. Schulte, Gene Shultz.

Henry Sims, Marian Smith, M. S. Smith, C. J. Stano, Bill Stephens, L. Sampy, Ann Varner, C. H. Welch, Willie D. Westover, B. L. White, J. P. Wolf.

Wood River to Spend \$1 Million For Waste Water Purification

Facilities to perfect still further the purification of Wood River Refinery's waste waters before they are discharged into the Mississippi River are being installed at a cost of almost a million dollars. Work should be completed in the summer of 1956.

Result of Studies

The project is the result of extensive studies made by the Company on the best possible methods for preventing stream pollution. Continuous efforts have been made in the past at Wood River, as at all refineries, to minimize any undesirable materials in waste waters. This is an example of the Company's constant efforts to cooperate fully with stream pollution authorities in communities in which it has installations.

Occupies Several Acres

The expanded treating facilities will occupy several acres of refinery property. Waste waters from processing units will be collected in a master separator box where oil and solids are removed. The next step will involve ox-

idation and removal of chemical impurities which might otherwise create an undesirable taste or odor in the refinery waste waters.

Water under treatment will then move through an additional separator box and large retention pond to remove any remaining oil or solid particles. Final processing will employ a biological trickle filter for removal of organic contaminants which might give an unpleasant taste to water.

Program for Security

Shell's retirement program helps to provide you with financial security against day-to-day retirement needs. But financial security is only one of the major problems of retirement. Others include: health, a suitable place to live, and something satisfying to do. Shell's planning for Retirement Program is designed to furnish information on some of the questions about retirement, to stimulate thought about the problems, and to encourage each individual to make plans to suit his own needs.

Congratulations To Employees

The 1956 United Fund Drive has given to all of us another reason to be proud of our associates at the Houston Chemical Plant and the Houston Refinery. At both Shell installations, the response to this annual opportunity to help those less fortunate than ourselves was truly inspiring.

Certainly this year's drive could not have been as successful without the fine leadership of the Union and Management representatives on the UF committees at both installations; the tireless work of the solicitors and the wonderful cooperation and generosity of the many contributors.

It is a privilege to extend our sincerest congratulations to everyone.

Glenn Purcell
John Tench



With a pretty girl like Phyllis Rinehart in the cheering section, what football team could fail to win. Phyllis, a Chemical Plant Mail Girl, is the daughter of J. R. Rinehart, Refinery Utilities.

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"A" Department Initial Units In Operation At Houston Plant

Operating Men Essential to Manufacture of Chemical Products

A Department was established at the outset of Shell Chemical's career at the Houston Plant.

Plant A, the first operating unit built, went into commercial production in 1941. At the same time Plant B began operating to produce butane.

Plant A produces IPA (Isopropyl Alcohol) from light hydrocarbons through processes termed absorption and hydrolysis. Acetone is produced from IPA by a dehydrogenation process. Purification of both products is accomplished through extensive distillation procedures.

Typical uses of these products are as solvents in the manufacture of lacquers, varnish removers, rayon, cosmetics and drugs. A familiar application of Acetone is in nail polish remover, while Isopropyl Alcohol is commonly used in rubbing compounds and disinfectants. Shell today ranks as one of the world's largest producers of Isopropyl Alcohol and Acetone.

The operation of the Butane Plant was discontinued in 1946, shortly after the end of World War II. The Houston Plant produced the first commercial quantities of Butane in the United States, contributing to the nation's sorely needed rubber supply early in the war.

Besides Plant A, A Department is now composed of three other units, Plant LPG, AC-AA, and the HCl (Hydrochloric Acid) Absorbers.

Plant LPG processes the unused portion of the Plant A light hydrocarbon feed into a saleable product, LPG, (Liquified Petroleum Gas).

In exploring the reaction of chlorine with hydrocarbons,

our Shell research people developed a new process for the reaction of chlorine with propylene. The key to this process, which led to construction of the Allyl Alcohol Plant (Plant AC-AA) in 1945, is the synthesis of Allyl

Chloride. From this process the chemical intermediates Allyl Chloride, Allyl Alcohol and the agricultural chemical D-D^R, first became available in commercial quantities. Our allyl products are used primarily as building blocks for the manufacture of numerous important end products.

The HCl Absorbers produce a saleable aqueous hydrochloric acid product from waste gases.

The manufacture of these chemical products requires continuous operation; therefore, shift workers must keep the plant on stream and operating efficiently 24 hours a day, every day of the year. A Department is divided into two sections, each of which has an Assistant Department Manager in charge. Two Shift Foremen are on duty at all times and are directly responsible for the care and operation of their entire areas.

There are fifty-one Operators No. 1 and Twenty Operators No. 2 assigned to A Department. Operators are assigned to separate units within the various plants. They use their skill and know-how to obtain the best performance from their equipment. This equipment consists of reactors, furnaces, distillation columns, compressors and pumps. Most units are controlled by instruments. The operator utilizes the results of helpers' test, gaugers' reports, and instrument readings to keep close control over the units.

A Department has nineteen Operator Helpers. A large part of their work is taking and analyzing samples of many plant streams. Their results are essential to the proper operation of the units to insure that product specifications are met and to insure that expensive product losses do not occur.

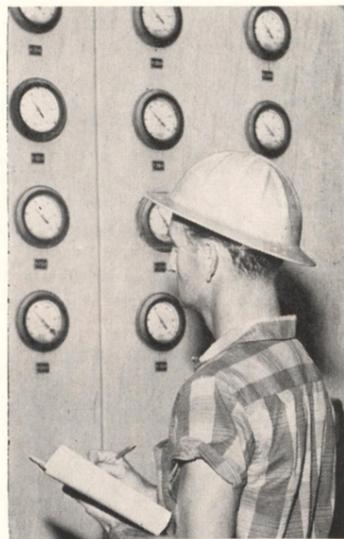
Nine Pumper-Gaugers assume responsibility for all transfers of material between the tank farm and the operating units. Proper lines and valves must be used so that many different types of materials are directed to the proper location at the right time. Duties also consist of taking data which allows quantities of stored materials to be determined.

There are three Firemen and an Operator who operate the eight furnaces which convert IPA to Acetone, and SBA (Secondary Butyl Alcohol) to MEK (Methyl Ethyl Ketone). Their duties consist of adjusting feed rates and temperatures and running control tests.

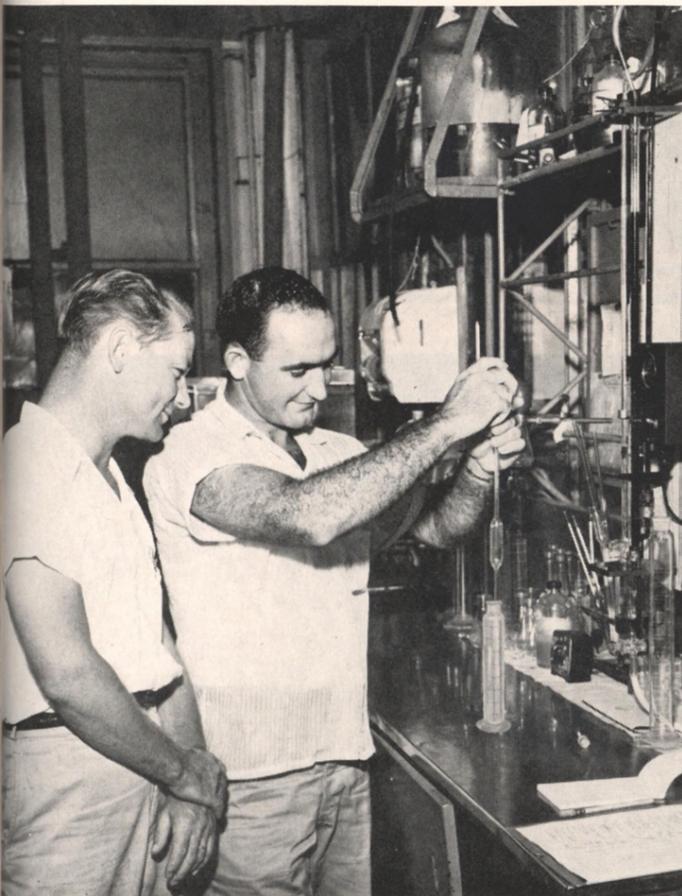
A Department units are essential for operation of other operating Departments. Most feed streams and many intermediate products from other departments originate or pass through the A Operating units during some stage of their manufacture.



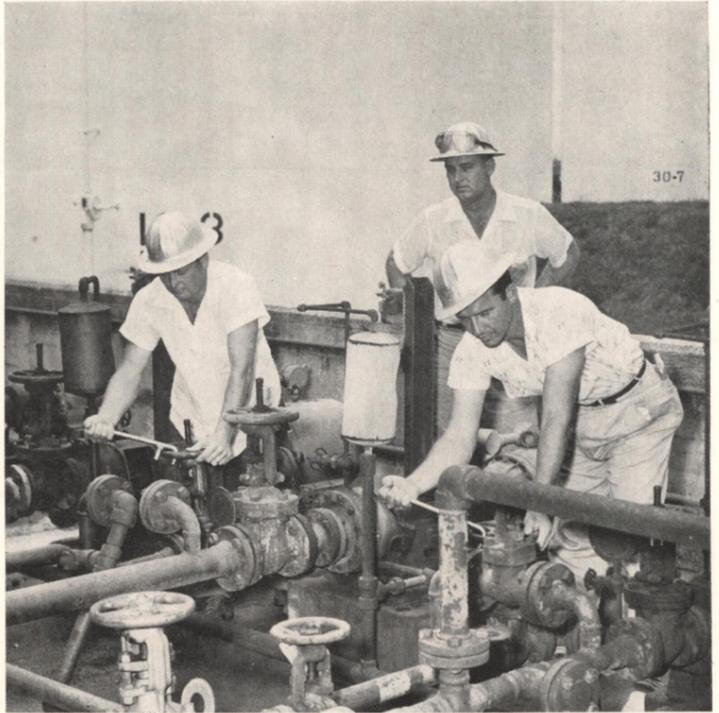
At IPA Reactor, Operator B. Powell adjusts speed of the acid feed pumps.



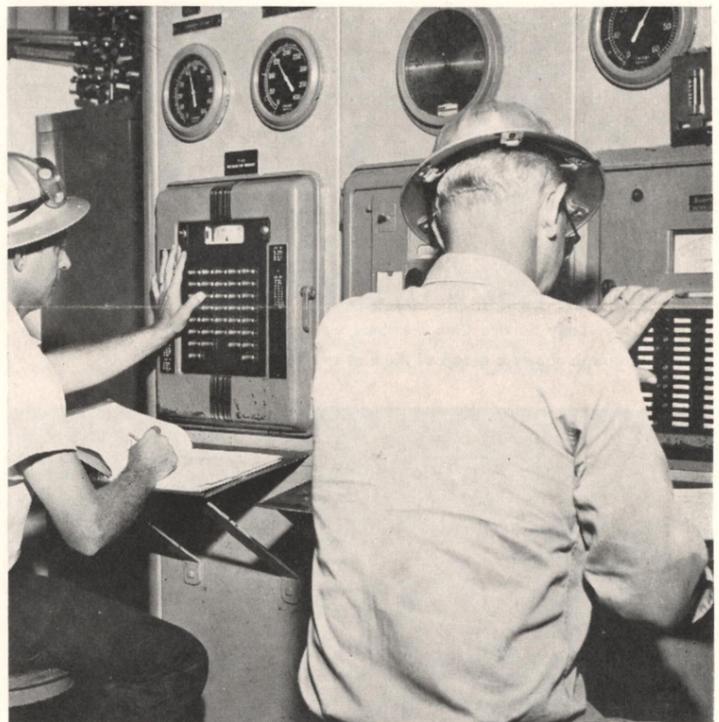
Fireman Operator, H. M. Cole, Jr., takes temperature readings from the instrument panel by the Petro-Chem furnaces.



Operator Helper, H. T. LeJune, right, runs a test on a sample for water content in the A&B Distillation Control Room, as Operator N. A. Tippitt watches.



Shift Foreman-Shift Breaker, C. H. Partin looks on as A Pumper-Gauger, W. R. Dean, left, and B Pumper-Gauger, W. M. Nicholson, right, open valves to draw feed stock from the tank farm to the units. They are working at A Pump Pad.



Operator W. B. Milner, left, and Operator S. J. Cook take temperature readings in various columns from the Instrument Panel in A&B Distillation Control Room.



Operator at the IPA Strippers, Frank M. Butler (left), discusses the day's events with Operating Assistant, J. W. (Pete) Chandler (right) at the Chemical Plant.

Refinery's Two Service Parties Draw 1100 ...



Shell Vice-President C. E. Davis rises to speak during the Ten & Over celebration at the San Jacinto Inn. Herb Wagoner's band in background.



A number of Lady Service Club members were present at the San Jacinto party. This photograph shows a group of them at one table at the Inn.



Pensioners standing: Charles Stewart, R. L. O'Brien and J. E. Marks. Seated: M. J. Lagroue, T. F. Smith and Veteran Doc Combs at the San Jacinto Inn.

Refinery Veterans Enjoy Grid Game, San Jacinto Inn

Approximately 1100 Refinery Ten & Over Service Club members and guests attended the club's two celebrations last month.

Members Have Choice

The Ten & Over Club offered members their choice of a barbecue and football game on October 1 or a banquet at the San Jacinto Inn on October 10.

Some 600 of these veteran employees attended the barbecue at the Alamo Caterers and that night saw the Rice and LSU football game which ended in a 20 to 20 tie.

Another 500 long-service Shellites chose to enjoy the delicious food and entertainment at the San Jacinto Inn.

Committee Praised

The Service Club Committee included Gordon Atkinson and George Thorn, Engineering; L. J. Grossheim, Fire & Safety; E. L. Ford, Lube B, and G. L. Boatright and L. J. Hallmark, P&IR.



Chefs J. L. Miller, left, and John Tench prepare to serve Members Hank Nannen left, and Jimmy Hallmark at the Alamo Caterers Service party celebration.



Here you see a group of the Ten & Over Service Club members demonstrating how to polish off a plate of barbecue in short order at the Alamo Caterers.



Lady Member Etoyle Mathews poses above with J. L. Miller during party.



Here are Pensioners L. W. Smith, T. E. Ross, Roy Shipp and J. L. Hayward together once again at the Ten & Over Service Celebration, the scene of many reunions.



This gives you some idea of the size of the Ten & Over Service Club party that was held at San Jacinto Inn on October 10.



Roy Faulk, Mason Rogers, C. E. Wightman and W. L. McKinnon are shown above in left to right order enjoying a funny story during the Service Club party.

...300 Attend Chemical Plant's Last Two Parties

64 New Members Take Part in Two '55 Celebrations

A total of three hundred and four employees attended the last two Service Club celebrations of 1955.

See Ice Capades

The second party was a Friday night affair, held at the Lamar Hotel. A social hour before dinner gave everyone time to meet and welcome the fifteen new members who were present. Dinner was served to some one hundred and nine people. After dinner many of the men's wives joined them for the evening at the Ice Capades. Mrs. Del Stephens of Stores was among the new members present.

See Football Game

Some one hundred and ninety-six men turned out for the barbecue at Milby Park on Saturday. The group enjoyed excellent barbecue. Forty-nine men celebrating their first Ten Years were present on Saturday. A threat of rain late in the afternoon, made the prospective football viewers uneasy, but it soon cleared and the group witnessed a very entertaining game. The 20 to 20 tie found the Shell crowd divided between sad Rice fans and elated native Louisianans.



While waiting to be served, members engaged in some lively conversation and had an opportunity to become better acquainted with newcomers to the Club.



Large group of Chemical Plant employees gathered for the Service Club party which was held at the Lamar Hotel. Fourth from left is Pensioner, J. I. Simon.



Members took part in a good mixer and very delightful social hour before dinner. They talked over old times and welcomed new Service Club members and guests.



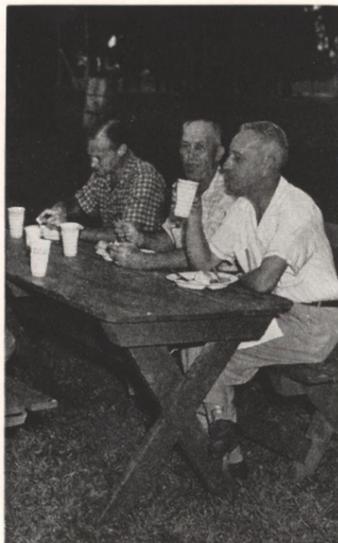
Service Club members enjoyed the dinner which was served before the group went to the Ice Capades. There were five women who attended this year's celebration.



Pictured above are members of the Electric Shop, E, A, Pipe Shop, Brickmasons, Leadburners. They represent a cross section attendance at the annual barbecue.



Men had time for a smoke and small talk after eating, left to right, M. S. Johnsen, A. H. Parker, W. B. Gloger, H. R. Foster, J. C. Chambers, M. S. Callaway.



Visitor, Sterling Pile; Pensioner, J. J. Brown with G. Purcell, seated above.



Busy eaters: J. H. Cook, R. W. Smith, J. R. Lacy, W. J. Babineaux, A. M. Isbell, M. H. Ford, J. R. Duty in that order, took time out to glance at the cameraman.



Almost two hundred Plant employees enjoyed the afternoon at Milby Park, a perfect setting for this year's barbecue.



REFINERY

August 6: Cynthia Gay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Rodgers (Machine Shop).

August 17: Nancy Raye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Edwards (Carpenter Shop).

August 21: John Patrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fulton (Thermal Cracking).

September 5: Vicki Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Carradine (Welding Shop).

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July 13: James Garry, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Moore (Stores).

Aug. 6: John David, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Walden (A Department).

Aug. 18: Sandra Kay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Holliman (E Department).

Aug. 20: Darrell Glenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Graham (P & R).

Aug. 22: Wesley Lloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cooper (Shipping).

Aug. 27: Robin Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson (Machine Shop).

Aug. 29: Pamela Susan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Clayton (Pipe Shop).

Sept. 3: Curtis Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Gandy (Pipe Shop).

Sept. 7: Bruce Leigh, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Davidson (A Department).

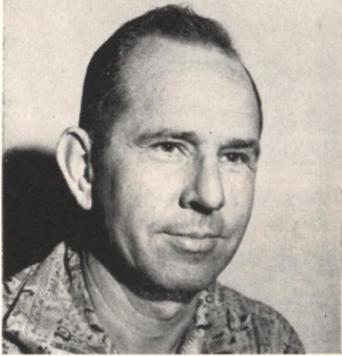
Sept. 9: Johnny Lee, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Schmitt (Engineering).

Sept. 26: Melissa Diane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bridges (Pipe Shop).

Sept. 27: Kareen Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Skillestad (Treasury).

Oct. 7: Susan Debra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Mitchell (Engr. Development).

New Supervisors



I. B. DeWalt
Shop Engineer
Engineering Field



E. J. Walichowski
Supervisor-Services
Control Lab



Scenes from the 1955 SERA Style Show in the Rice Hotel Crystal Ballroom.

SERA LADIES LEARN:

What to Wear on a World Cruise



Please do not disturb

The ladies had their day last month—it was the annual SERA style show—and 208 of them assembled in the Crystal Ball Room of the Rice Hotel to feast on food and fashions. And, according to the ladies, both were delicious.

Lovely Sakowitz mannequins modeled clothes to be worn on a cruise around the world to the music of Organist Freddy Gibbons. Hubby will be glad to learn that the majority of the fashions might be termed "practical," in the sense that many of them were moderately priced and could be worn, with slight variations, to work, tea dinner and possibly to do the town of an evening.

Most of the men will be quick to agree that—to borrow a phrase—you can't hardly find them kind no more.



Mrs. T. W. Anderson, wife of Plant Eng., receives door prize.



Hostesses Maxine Huber, Ann Wakefield, Pat Short, Electa Young, Carol Addison, Shirley Dipboye and Jean Ament, l. to r., are shown seated at the head table.



It must have been good



Another Style Show goes into the record books as a well-received success.

Shell Service Birthdays

TEN YEARS

CHEMICAL

- A. L. Brittain, Operations.
- A. Corley, Operations.
- F. Hill, Engineering.
- E. Inglet, Engineering.
- B. Relf, Stores.
- W. L. Visinsky, Engineering.
- J. Williford, Operations.

REFINERY

- T. Archer, Catalytic Crack-
- ing.
- S. Christ, Dispatching.
- W. Cope, Gas.
- E. Deaton, Gas.
- D. Donahoe, Stores.
- E. Hendricks, Engineering.
- Jacques, Engineering.
- K. Kaiser, P & IR.
- D. Lancaster, Engineering.
- W. Mabry, Engineering.
- A. Maggio, Gas.
- E. Moore, Effluent Control.
- H. Nitsch, Engineering.
- R. Smith, Dispatching.
- M. Smith, Dispatching.
- G. Stephenson, Engineer-
- ing.
- W. Wingfield, Engineering.

High-Quality Products

Shell products are known for their consistent high quality. When you buy them, you know you will be pleased with their performance. You can recommend them to friends with the assurance they will be pleased with the service they receive.

I. P. I. Polio Experience

There were 153 Shell employees and dependents receiving benefits under the poliomyelitis coverage feature of Shell's Income Protection Insurance Plan in the four years 1951-54.

The main purpose of I.P.I. is to provide additional income during absences due to a non-occupational accident or sickness. Payments commence when an employee's full-pay benefits under the Disability Benefit Plan have been exhausted.

In 1950, poliomyelitis expense benefits were added to the Plan to give protection up to \$2,500 against polio expenses for insured employees and their dependents.

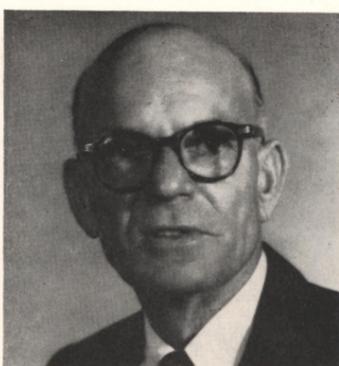
The I.P.I. experience on poliomyelitis showed that 37 employees and 116 dependents received benefits totaling more than \$110,000 in the four-year period.



25 YEARS
J. B. Woodard
Treating



20 YEARS
H. J. Lewis
Lubricating Oils



20 YEARS
J. W. Spencer
Engineering



20 YEARS
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Engineering



15 YEARS
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Lubricating Oils



15 YEARS
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P&IR, Chemical



15 YEARS
H. E. Rose
Engineering



15 YEARS
G. O. Williams
Lubricating Oils

190 Plant Employees Honor F. G. Watson at Farewell Dinner



An over-all view of the Shell group who turned out to bid Mr. Frank Watson many best wishes and a fond farewell. The party was at the Alamo Caterers.



Virden Wilson (left) M. C. for the evening adds a few words, after Bill Berkley had presented Mr. Watson with his farewell gift. Mrs. Watson is seated at right.

A large crowd attended a Farewell Dinner honoring former Plant Superintendent, Frank Watson, recently. Mr. Watson, who has spent most of his thirteen year career with Shell in this location, left for his new assignment at Head Office early in October.

An estimated number of about 190 employees, including wives and husbands, were present at the dinner, which was held at the Alabama Orchid Room.

Virden Wilson, Chief Chemist, served as the Master of Ceremonies, for the evening. He called on many of Mr. Watson's friends and associates to express their regard for Mr. Watson. Bill Berkley of P&IR presented Mr. Watson with his farewell gift. Doris Winner, Mr. Watson's Secretary, acknowledged Mrs. Watson and the important part she has played in furthering Mr. Watson's career. Mrs. Watson was also presented a token of the Plant employees remembrance.

Mr. Watson had held positions in almost every Operating Department in the Plant since he was transferred here in 1945. He took a very active part in civic affairs, serving on the Houston Chamber of Commerce, as a member of the American Management Association and as a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Mr. Watson was the President of the Texas Ornithological Society.



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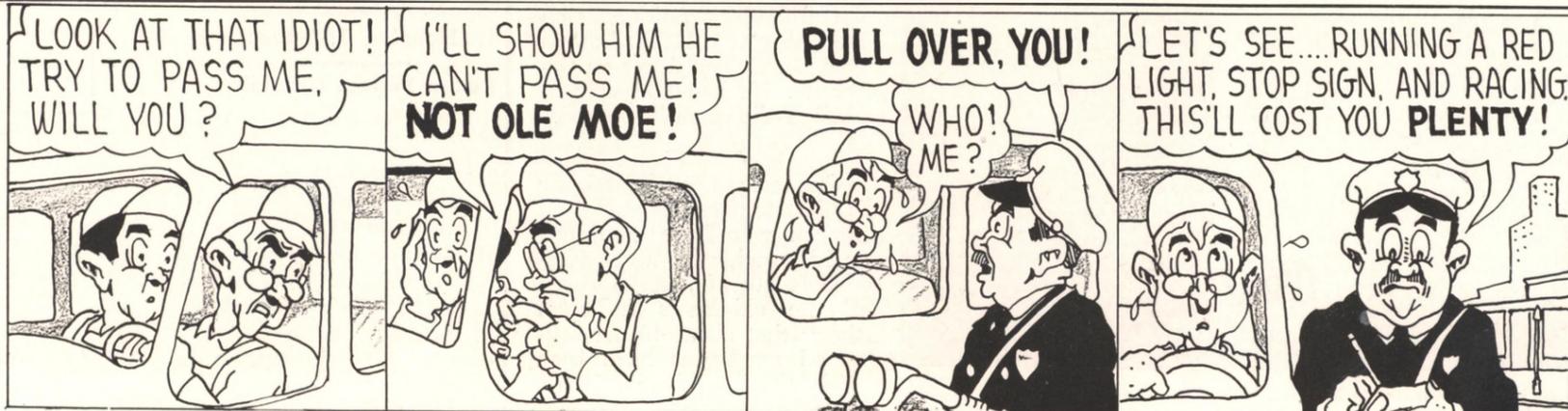
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Oil Progress Week Scenes



As part of Houston Refinery's participation in 1955 Oil Progress Week, members of the press were invited to tour the Refinery. Superintendent of Operations J. L. Miller, above, explains the details of one of the wax plant's molding presses to Joe Reilly (Oil & Gas Journal); Tom Lester (Houston Chronicle) and James Lee (Chemical Week). The tour covered most of the Refinery and lasted over an hour.



One of the stops on the press tour of Houston Refinery was the control room of the catalytic cracker, where Operating Assistant J. W. Mathews explained to the visitors the part that the catalyst plays in the operation of this unit. Mr. Mathews showed the visitors some pure white catalyst that had not yet been used and some jet black catalyst that had already made the trip through the catalytic cracker.



'Twas the week before Oil Progress Week, and the Mail Room was buzzing as Mail Room personnel mailed out Refinery Manager John Tench's OPW letter to all employees; the October issue of the SHELEGRAM and notices publicizing the Style Show, in addition to carrying on their regular filing and mailing duties. Louis Crouch, above pauses for a moment with Jean Ament, left, and Delores Lezak.



Willie Dee Westover and Jo Schneider, both of Engineering, look over the "Building with Oil" Cutout Kit that was offered to all employees during Oil Progress Week.

Pipefitters Throw Barbecue to Mark Year Free From Disabling Injuries

On September 20, 1954, during a safety meeting of pipe shop personnel, Craft Supervisor V. C. Mayberry made this statement:

"If we can work a year without a disabling injury, we'll have a barbecue."

Accept Challenge

The men of the pipe shop accepted the challenge with a great deal of enthusiasm, and after a year's time had elapsed, the records showed that no disabling injuries had been charged against the pipe shop.

That's how 130 members of the pipe shop and their guests happened to be eating barbecue in Noble's Hall in La Porte on October 8.

It was, indeed, a happy affair, with the men eating barbecue, playing games and congratulating each other on their fine safety record. Certainly it is a record to be proud of.

Guests Named

Guests at the barbecue were Refinery Manager John Tench; Master Mechanic Sam Martin; Assistant Master Mechanic, Craft Supervisor Jimmy Rollins and several La Porte city officials.



These safety-minded pipefitters show that they lost none of their appetite during the past year when they compiled an accident-free record. Ed Clark, with his back to the camera in the left background, swaps yarns with Refinery Manager Tench.



Chefs and guests get together. Left to right, back row: K. E. Christensen, W. W. Wechtenhiser, Sam Martin and Jim Rollins. Up front are E. O. Kolodzaika, B. N. Stubbs, V. C. Mayberry, Ed Clark and J. L. Dunham. R. R. Sawyer is in front.



All of the 'fitters agreed that the barbecue was a perfect way to celebrate their safety record. Here's another view of the 130 pipefitters and guests who attended the barbecue and party at the Noble's Hall in La Porte on Saturday, October 8.

CU MEETING SET JAN. 16

Credit Union members and prospective members will be interested to know that the Shell Employees Federal Credit Union's nineteenth annual meeting has been set for Monday, January 16, 1956, at 5 o'clock in the Refinery Cafeteria.

According to Treasurer Joe Murray, the agenda for this meeting includes the annual reports and progress and activities; declaration of dividend on share accounts; election of officers and committeemen; an interesting speaker; a question and answer period, and refreshments.

Murray said that the Credit Union is publicizing this meeting well in advance to encourage attendance. "This meeting is the place to really find out about how your Credit Union operates and also to ask any questions you may have," Murray said.

Pensioner Grothe Dies

Rudolph C. Grothe, an assistant foreman in Utilities at the time of his retirement on December 1, 1951, died at his home in Golden Acres on October 26. He had 23 years of Shell credit when he retired.

One test of a good employer is the number of men and women who have continued in his employ for a considerable length of time. A count of the old-timers in Shell shows that about 40 per cent of all employees have been with the organization more than 10 years.

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