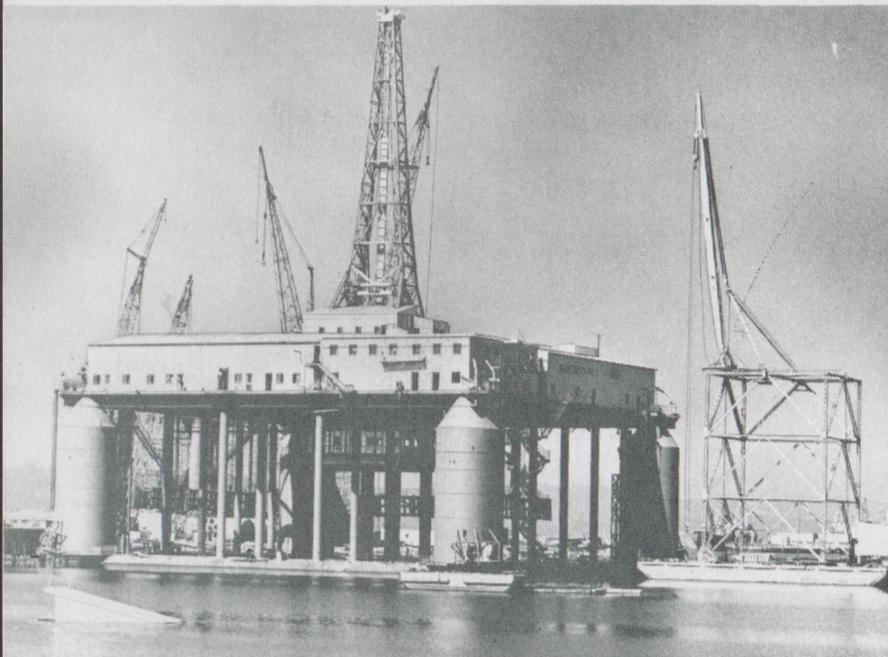


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TO ALL EMPLOYEES

Wednesday, July 29, 1964



MAN-MADE FLOATING ISLAND -- The Blue Water II, above, is shown leaving San Francisco for the open sea where it will be used in an exploratory drilling program in deep water along the West Coast for Shell Oil Company.

NEW DEEP SEA DRILLING RIG NOW
ON LOCATION FOR SHELL OIL

A massive island of floating steel, the Blue Water II, is at sea where it will be used along with a deep-diving robot to drill for oil for Shell Oil Company.

Workmen had to dismantle the drilling derrick atop the vessel to enable it to pass under the Golden Gate Bridge. Blue Water II stands 260 feet high, from the bottom of its hull to the top of its drilling tower, and it has an acre-sized deck.

The vessel, first of a new class of all-weather deep-sea rigs on the West Coast, is being towed to a point 30 miles northwest of San Francisco where it will start drilling its first hole in nearly 400 feet of water.

S. F. Bowlby, Shell Vice President, said this is the start of an exploratory drilling program aimed at finding oil on 266,000 acres (in offshore leases) acquired from the Federal government last year for \$12 million. The leases are more than three miles from shore and covered by 250 to 900 feet of water.

Blue Water II was built by the Kaiser Steel Corporation for the Blue Water Drilling Corp., and is under long term lease to Shell Oil Company.

It gains stability during drilling by having more than half of its weight submerged below the surface, thereby reducing the effect of wave motion.

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RETIREE JAMES C. RIVERS DIES

James C. Rivers - known to a host of Shell friends as "Swanee" - died Thursday, July 30, in a local hospital following a brief illness.

Born in Meridian, Miss. on December 27, 1894, Mr. Rivers could claim a Shell career that predated the opening of the Houston Refinery. He was hired as an auto mechanic in February 1929 here, and for several years held the position of Craft Foreman in the Garage. In 1948 he became a Foreman in the Purchasing-Stores Department, and continued there until his retirement in July 1954.

An avid fisherman, Mr. Rivers occupied much of his time during his retirement enjoying his favorite hobby, and for awhile operated a rod and reel repair shop at his home.

Mr. Rivers was a veteran of World War I, having served with the U. S. Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ava Bell Rivers, a daughter, Mrs. Elaine Berry, and a son, James W. Rivers. To this family an expression of sympathy is extended by their many Shell friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM Saturday morning, August 1, at the Calloway Funeral Home, 923 Broadway, Houston, with burial at South Park Cemetery.



PICTURED ABOVE at the Biofilter are some of the 40 University of Houston students who toured the Refinery recently. These students are Science and Engineering teachers, attending the University this summer under a grant from the National Science Foundation.

DEEP SEA DRILLING RIG (continued)

The vessel's predecessor, the Blue Water I, using the same principle on the Gulf Coast, was able to continue drilling despite 38-foot waves and 70-miles-an-hour wind, and Bowlby said the Blue Water II should do equally well.

Aboard the vessel will be Shell's newest robot, used to perform underwater functions on the wellhead in place of divers. It swims with propellers, sees with television, hears with a hydrophone and has an arm that can turn lock screws and operate valves.

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NEWS FROM THE PROVIDENT FUND

The following information has been received concerning the latest Provident Fund valuations:

Equities Fund: July 3 - \$1.492

July 20 - \$1.521

Shell Stock Fund: The average cost per share of Shell Stock purchased during June, 1964 - \$48.305.

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NOTICE

COPIES OF SHELL OIL COMPANY'S SECOND QUARTER REPORT FOR 1964 ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN ROOM 132

C L A S S I F I E D S

FOUND: One pair of glasses, brown plastic rim - brown case. Call for them in Room 132, Main Office Building.

FOR SALE: Dining room suite including table, six chairs, and extra large buffet. Lillian Long. Phone MI-5-0249.

FOR SALE: One set scamper jacks only used three times. \$50. Cost \$75 new. Used on heavy campers to load pickup trucks. Call OX-5-9516, if no answer, Call HI-7-4989.

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SHELL BOWLING LEAGUE RESULTS

The Snails won three points from the league's leading Inspectors Team last Thursday night. The Jokers rolled the high game and high team series - 698-1971, but could range only a 2-2 point split with Super Shell. Ann Washburn rolled a 190 high game, and Marilyn Sommer a 495 series.

Jimmy Lee's 201 game and H. L. Mann's 548 series were tops for the men.

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SHELL ADVERTISEMENT REPRINTS AVAILABLE FOR TRAVELERS

Looking for a way to entertain the children on that next long auto trip? Recently Shell published in newspapers throughout the country an advertisement headlined "Five games that can make your next trip more fun for the whole family". We have reproduced that ad for any Shell families. Copies are available today at all SHELLEGRAPH newsstands.

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