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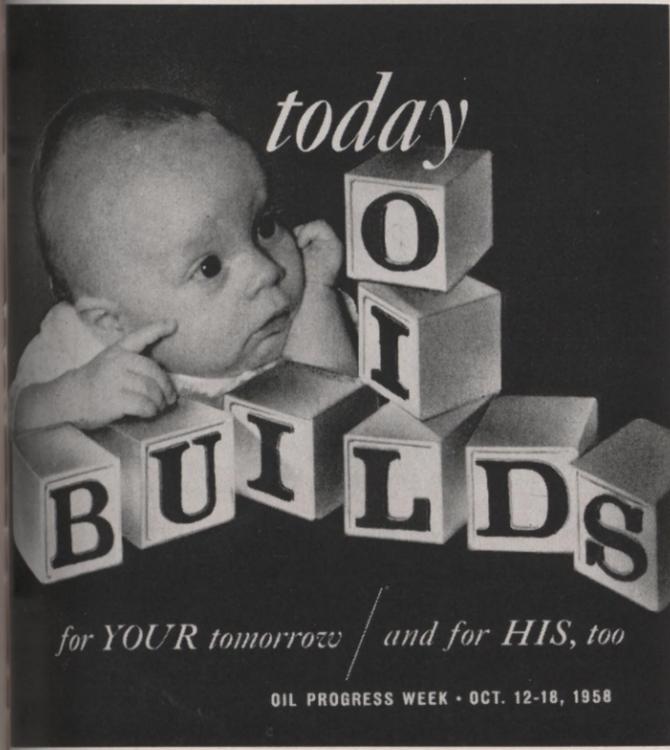
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SHELL CHEMICAL CORP.  
HOUSTON PLANT

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**BUILDS**  
for YOUR tomorrow / and for HIS, too  
OIL PROGRESS WEEK - OCT. 12-18, 1958

## United Fund Drives Open Oct. 8 At Refinery and Chemical Plant

Personnel throughout the Houston Refinery will pitch into this year's important United Fund solicitation campaign on Wednesday, Oct. 8, in an all-out effort to reach our goal of \$22,525, which is the same as last year's record contribution.

A huge kickoff meeting in the Central Shops at 7:30 Wednesday morning will get the drive underway for Engineering-Field personnel. Operating department personnel will, however, get the first opportunity to join in the campaign as solicitation gets underway on the graveyard shift the morning of Oct. 8.

C. L. Marshall, Aromatics, and J. F. Landrum, Thermal Cracking, are Co-Chairmen for this campaign which has the full and enthusiastic support of both Refinery Management and Local 4-367 of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union (AFL-CIO).

### Big First-Day Effort

Solicitors planned a determined effort to make contact with all available employees on the first day of the drive, leaving Thursday and Friday, Oct. 9-10, for solicitation of employees who were not working on Wednesday, and for mopping up operations.

Employees will once again have an option of three methods of making their contribution to help support the 1959 activities of 63 charitable institutions that operate in Harris County. Donations may be made in the form of cash, a pledge of future payments direct to the United Fund, or by payroll deduction.

### Use Payroll Deduction

Payroll deductions may be authorized to run as long as six months and need not start until January, 1959, if it is so desired. IBM pledge cards have been printed upon which each employee may indicate the amount he wishes to donate and the method of payment to be utilized.

Donations may again be made to a specific agency or agencies. Persons wishing to so direct their gift should indicate this on the card and include their address so that the donation can be acknowledged by the agency concerned.

Hourly operating solicita-



You help unfortunate youngsters such as this boy with your gift to the United Fund.

Chemical Plant employees are gathering their forces for this year's United Fund campaign, which will begin on Oct. 8. The goal this year is \$11,440, which is approximately the same as last year.

About 67 employees have been enlisted to carry out the task of soliciting their fellow employees. This year the campaign is headed by Co-Chairman J. G. Massey, Engineering Dept., and J. H. Ware, Welder No. 1, and Vice-President of Local 4-367, Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union-AFL-CIO.

### Campaign Managers

The Campaign Managers are C. L. Martin, Chairman of the Workman's Committee, C. C. Kendrick, Union Stewart-Carpenter Shop, and J. F. Roorda, Assistant Superintendent-Technical who will head the staff organization.

Again this year there will be alternate methods for contributing to UF other than cash. K. B. Field, Treasury Manager at the Chemical Plant, has said that employees wishing to use payroll deduction as a means of contributing may do so again this year. To reduce accounting problems, the deduction period will last six months. For the same reason deductions will be set for a minimum of one dollar a month.

### Pledge Direct to UF

If the donor wishes to pledge for twelve months he can use the United Fund system. UF will send a reminder to the home when the next contribution is due.

This year the United Fund agencies will have an even greater number needing money. Last year the number of agencies was 60; this year it is 63. This means that each dollar donated must do a bigger job. What will your dollars do? Twenty-five dollars will keep a homeless boy or girl in a carefully selected foster home for 24 days, or will send a Visiting Nurse to a sick baby's bedside every day for seven days. Fifty dollars will buy a special brace for a little boy with cerebral palsy. He cannot walk without your help.

In Harris County and throughout the United States there are literally hundreds of

## Phenol Unit To Be Built At Chemical Plant in 1959

Construction will begin in February 1959 on a Phenol unit at the Chemical Plant. Present estimates indicate that the unit will go on stream in the last part of the year.

The unit's production of phenol will be used in the manufacture of Bisphenol-A which is sold as a product and also used in the production of EPON® Resins. Both Bisphenol-A and EPON Resins are produced in the P & R Dept. As a by-product the unit will produce Acetone which is now being manufactured in A Dept.

Presently Phenol needed at the Houston Plant is being purchased from outside sources. Since Shell Oil Company is already a manufacturer of benzene and propylene, raw materials used in the manufacture of Phenol, it is a natural commodity to be integrated into the line of products made by Shell Chemical, particularly in view of the large captive consumption of Phenol and the position of Shell Chemical as a supplier of Acetone.

Houston and other Shell Refineries will also take part of

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## Labor Foreman Rodden Dies

It is with regret that we note the death on Sept. 10 of Travis N. Rodden, Labor Foreman at the Refinery.

Mr. Rodden, who was 57 years old, suffered a heart attack. His untimely death came as a great shock to his many friends at the Refinery.

Born in Carlos, Tex., on Oct. 24, 1900, Mr. Rodden attended school in Navasota. He worked for the Texas and New Orleans Railroad Co. and the Texas Co. before joining Shell here at the Refinery on Oct. 4, 1937, as a temporary Labor Foreman.

He subsequently worked as Yardman and General Helper before becoming a permanent Sub Foreman in the Labor Dept. on Jan. 1, 1945. Mr. Rodden had been a Labor Foreman since Sept. 16, 1954. The SHELLEGRAM extends

the sympathy of all Mr. Rodden's fellow employees to his widow, Mrs. Mary Rodden; daughter, Mrs. Doris Moren of Houston; stepson, Henry Lee Penneywell of Houston, and sister, Mrs. Emma Brunson of Navasota.



T. N. Rodden

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## Rena'e Bates Roller Skates In Top Meet

Talented Rena'e Bates, nine-year-old daughter of F. P. Bates, Zone Supervisor in the Engineering Dept. at the Chemical Plant, skated away with a second place award in the National Roller Skating Contest. Rena'e won in the juvenile free style division in Cleveland where the contest was held.

A petite, brown-eyed blonde who has been skating for five years. Rena'e became eligible to compete in the national meet by winning first place in juvenile dance and free style at the South Regional Skating Championship held at Tulsa, Okla. At the same meet she placed second in an event that put four skaters together as a team, and fourth in figure skating.

At the Tulsa contest, Rena'e competed against 540 other skaters and after eliminations were completed, 130 went to the national contest representing the Southwest.

In the national meet Rena'e found that her competition

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## Coombs Is First to Reach 40 Years of Service Here

On Sept. 1, 1918, when World War I was in its closing months, and Babe Ruth was still pitching for the Boston Red Sox, a young man named Robert H. Coombs went to work in the Shipping Dept. at the refinery then being built at Wood River, Ill., by the Roxana Petroleum Company.

This month Coombs, better known as "Doc" or "Cookie," completed 40 years of Shell service, making him the first man in the history of the Houston Refinery to reach the four-diamond mark in service. A lot has happened in those 40 years to Doc and to the Shell organization.

It wasn't until 1928 — when he already had ten years of service — that Doc could really say he worked for "Shell," because in that year Roxana's name was changed to the Shell Petroleum Corporation.

### Returns to Houston

Having watched one refinery come on stream in the first few days of his long career, Doc came to the Houston Refinery on April 1, 1930, only about eight months after the lighting of the first Shell furnace in Texas. This was homecoming for a native Houstonian, and he has lived here ever since.

Doc has been in the shipping business throughout his 40 years with Shell and claims he has arranged for the transportation of just about every conceivable item, except a live burro. He almost shipped one of these, but E. Q. Whitney, who was being transferred to the new Anacortes Refinery, decided to sell the pet Mexican donkey rather than take him to Washington.

### Doc Sets Record

Making arrangements for incoming material can sometimes be as tricky as shipping live animals, Doc says, citing the seven towers shipped in here for Platformer No. 1. The tallest of these measured 163 feet and required four flat cars to transport it.

While at Wood River, Doc established a Shell record by shipping 375 tank cars on one eight-hour shift.

Today, as a member of Treasury's Shipping Section, Doc is responsible for handling all incoming and outgoing

shipments other than crude and products.

Doc's lifetime work has been shipping, and his lifetime hobby resulted from this work, but in a rather unusual way. He is a collector of circus memorabilia and has several thick scrapbooks of pictures, programs, magazines — anything that concerns circuses.

### A Circus Enthusiast

Doc's love of circuses started in 1917 when, as an assistant train master, he helped load and unload a circus. His interest and enthusiasm have grown ever since. Today, he is a member of the limited-membership Circus Fans Association of America and the Circus Historical Society.

One of Doc's favorite jobs with SERA, that of procuring children's rides for the annual picnic, is made easier by his circus connections. He served as Ride Chairman for the picnic for the previous four years.

The Refinery's only 40-year-man, as is his well-known custom, might cover up with a little growling if congratulated on his long career, but we believe he is truly proud of his accomplishment. And we know that Shell is proud of him.

## Wood River to Get New Unit

The largest hydrodesulfurization unit ever to be constructed by Shell Oil Company will further improve the quality of furnace and diesel oil manufactured at the Wood River Refinery.

Construction of the new unit, which will remove sulfur compounds from 25,000 barrels of furnace and diesel oil feed stocks a day, is expected to be completed mid-year 1959.

A similar unit, but on a smaller scale, will be constructed at the Shellburn Refinery of Shell Oil Company of Canada at Vancouver, B. C. The Shellburn unit will remove sulfur compounds from diesel, furnace and stove oil blends to a capacity of 9,300 barrels a day. Construction is expected to be completed in February, 1959.



R. H. "Doc" Coombs receives his four-diamond Shell emblem and hearty congratulations from Refinery Manager John Tench upon his becoming the first person in the Houston Refinery to complete 40 years of Shell service.

## Help Tell How Oil Builds For a Better Tomorrow

Every day we prepare for our children's future. We send them to school, help them solve everyday problems, and put money in a savings account for them.

Their future is also important to the oil industry—and this is the news that we, as a part of the oil industry, can tell the country during Oil Progress Week, Oct. 12 to 18.

By 1965, the Census Bureau estimates, there will be 18 million more people in the U. S. than there are today.

More people will mean that 14 million more cars and trucks, thousands of miles of new roads, and 12 million new homes will be needed.

Our children's demand for today's petroleum products, and some new ones we haven't seen, will continue to grow. This predicted upswing in consumer demand means our industry must spend nearly \$80 billion by 1965 in capital funds.

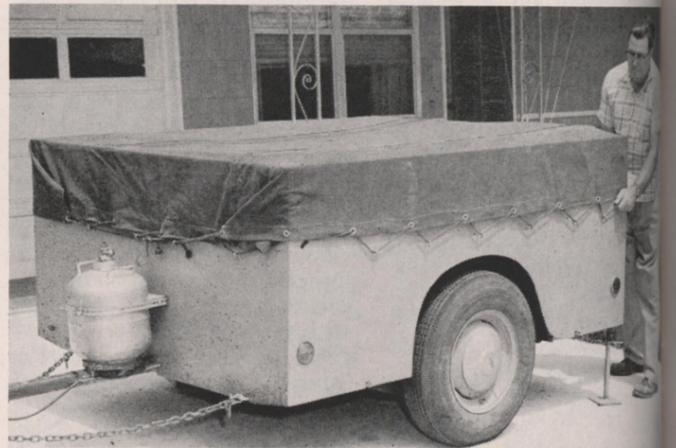
Our industry must continue to operate under conditions of free competition in order to receive prices that will bring fair earnings.

We and the industry have taken on a big responsibility. During Oil Progress Week we can be proud to tell our friends and neighbors how our Company is building for the future needs of our children and theirs.

## Weir Girls Wed In Double Rites

A double wedding ceremony was held on Aug. 29 in the Church of Christ in LaPorte for Miss Margie Weir and her sister, Miss Lynda Weir. Margie is employed in the Refinery Mail Room.

Margie was married to Sammy Goyen, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Goyen of Crescent Shores. Lynda was the bride of Bill McLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McLeod of Pampa. Both young ladies are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Weir of LaPorte.



Do you believe six persons can sleep comfortably in this trailer? Turn to page four for the interesting answer to this question.



Representative of the 34 Refinery employees who made three talks each during the public speaking training program is H. M. Hancock, here speaking to (l to r) R. R. Ingram, J. R. Lamb, J. E. Gwyn, C. E. Salter, R. E. Ford.

## More P&IR Moves Made

It has been announced that Kemper Kaiser will be joining the Employee Communications Section at the Refinery about Oct. 1 to assist in training activities. He replaced Ron Johnson.

Replacing Kaiser in the Benefits Section of P&IR is Bob Posey, previously employed in the Central Employment Office in the Houston Refinery building.

Kaiser has been a Refinery employee since joining the Treasury Dept. in November 1945. He moved into P&IR a year later and has held a variety of assignments in P&IR activities since then, attending Rice Institute.

Posey has been working in the Employment Office since rejoining the Company in July, 1954. Before receiving his degree from Sam Houston State College, he was employed in the Engineering Dept. at the Refinery.

## Bob Griffith Receives Little Theater Award

His first dramatic performance on the stage proved to be quite a success for R. E. Griffith as he won the award for the best supporting actor during the past year's activities of the Pasadena Little Theater.

Griffith, a Research Engineer in the Refinery Research Lab, won the award for his role as Col. Purdy in "The House of the August Moon."

## Thirty-Four Complete Public Speaking Course

Thirty-four Refinery employees recently completed a basic public speaking course presented by the Employee Communications Section.

Designed to provide the students with information on and actual practice in preparing, practicing and presenting a good speech, the course consisted of ten hours of class work. The program was presented to the employees in three different groups.

Training Assistant Homer Smith prepared and conducted the course, using filmstrips to

aid him in presenting material to the students.

Persons completing the program are: Aromatics: R. U. Brey and R. R. Ingram; Cracking: J. Doshier and J. Hancock; Effluent Control: M. F. Johnson and S. Myrick; Engineering: G. W. Salter, C. E. Salter and D. H. Wheeler.

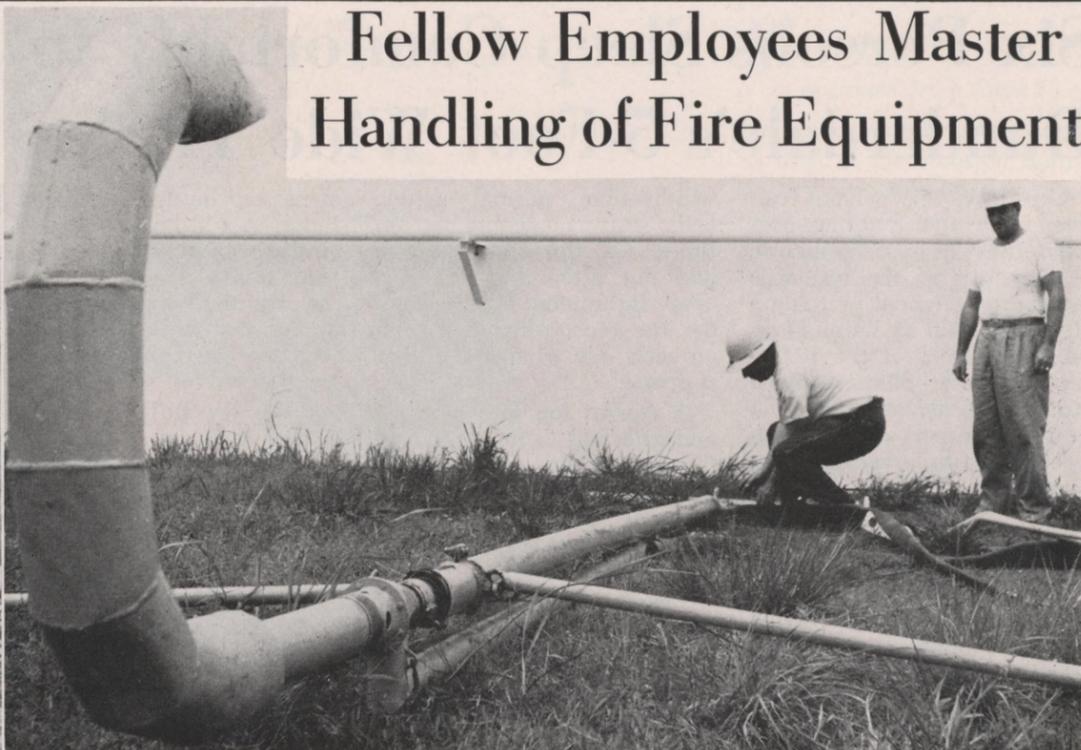
Others are, Fire & Safety: W. G. Hancock and H. M. Hancock; R. C. Patton from Lube; J. R. Lamb from P&IR; R. E. Amerson, R. E. Ford, R. L. Hornsby, L. Mann, L. H. Reeves and J. Schulte from the Refinery Lab.

Researchers included B. W. Amerson, L. P. Bosanquet, C. E. Davis, J. E. Goyen, H. C. Hellman, A. F. Rosenberg, T. Schulte, S. C. Slaymaker and C. Wantland.

Technologists E. L. Doering, L. A. G. Stein, P. Lanchek, W. D. Lovelace, Manis and V. Pierce also took part.

# To Help Protect Everyone

# Fellow Employees Master Handling of Fire Equipment



Members of one of the Refinery fire crews begin another of their important practice sessions by unloading a hydraulic foam tower from the truck. The four men (left) carrying the top portion of the tower are all that are necessary to assemble and erect the equipment. Actually two men can carry this piece of equipment. Other crew members hook up and string hose. On the right, the tower is assembled and ready to be raised. The Refinery has three of these towers which are the patented design of Fire and Safety Dept. Manager L. J. Grossheim. Fire crews get these towers up and ready to flow foam within 20 to 25 minutes after the alarm sounds, depending on the distance from the fire.

The tower goes up (below) under the watchful eyes of assistant fire chiefs and a F & S inspector, while Asst. Fire Chief T. T. McClellan directs the operation. The tower (right) is now ready to puncture the plastic plate in the roof. These light-weight towers are easily handled, can be erected in a hurry, and reduce the strain of lifting. They are designed primarily for use with floating roof tanks that don't have built-in foam lines, but can be used as supplementary equipment on cone roof tanks, such as this one, in case the foam lines are damaged or inoperative.



The water valve is opened on the hydrant (left) ready to send water through the foam manifold of the trailer to the tower. Water from the hydrant is used to furnish hydraulic power to raise the tower. The post-mortem (right) conducted by F&S Inspector I. C. White provides crew members with hints on how to do an easier and quicker job. Each fire crew gets some type of training on each daylight shift. Skull sessions are even held indoors during bad weather. All these training sessions are designed to provide quick and excellent protection for the Refinery, and to make certain that these fire fighters know how to protect themselves from injury while fighting fires.



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# Six Persons Sleep Comfortably In Dunderdale's 5-Foot Wide Trailer

Certainly, six persons can sleep in a trailer that measures only 46 by 72 by 62½ inches.

They can, if the trailer is the compact model of fold-up efficiency built by Ralph Dunderdale. Ralph, of the Refinery Carpenter Shop, and his family proved they could do it this summer with a five-week, 5,344-mile vacation trip through the West.

Four children, ranging in age from seven to sixteen, and two adults spent every night of the trip in this trailer except for three or four nights when the family stayed with relatives. And they slept comfortably, too.

### Built by Ralph

Built by Ralph himself, the trailer not only contains the sleeping gear of six lovers of the outdoors, but it also carries their clothes, cooking utensils, luggage, two cots, stove, groceries and camping equipment such as axes, lanterns and safety kits.

The trailer which is 5 feet, 2½ inches wide when closed up for traveling opens up to 11 feet, 6 inches for sleeping. While standing only 3 feet, 10 inches high on the road, the trailer provides 6 feet, 6 inches between floor and canvas ceiling when opened up.

Opening it up is no major undertaking either. One person can open or close it in from seven to ten minutes. Two of the beds, which measure only four inches less in

width than normal double beds, stay made up at all times. The third one must be laid out after the trailer is open. Equipment is stored under the beds, which slide out on each side when the trailer is opened.

A canvas top supported by and attached to folding metal frames makes up the roof. The body portion of the trailer is made of ¼ and ¾ inch plywood which makes it light and easily rolled by hand.

Two tarps are lashed over the top of the closed trailer for traveling. A propane tank that sits on the trailer's tongue provides gas for cooking either inside or outside the trailer, as well as for a heater in case of cold weather.

Ralph says the trailer worked wonderfully on the trip, but he already plans one minor change in the present model plus the possible construction of a new model. He is going to suspend the third bed between the other two so that equipment may be stored under it and not have to be moved to lay out the bed.

### May Build Another

If he builds another trailer, Ralph will make it a little lower for better rear view vision from his car and a little wider so that he can use standard-size double mattresses. He will sell or rent the first version if he builds another.

Judging from the reactions

of persons he met on the trip, Ralph should have no trouble finding buyers or renters. Some fellow campers this summer wanted to buy the trailer on the spot, while others asked for a set of plans to build one themselves.

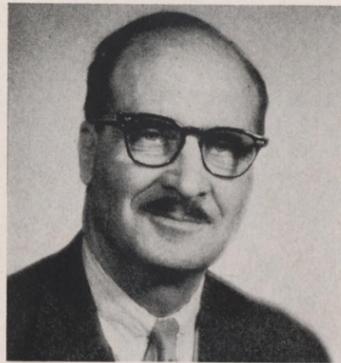
Actually Ralph does not have a full set of plans. He developed this trailer idea and layout from a simple line drawing he found in the brochure of a trailer manufacturer.

### Liked Zion Park

Of the long vacation itself, Ralph says that Zion National Park in Utah was the best camping site they found and strongly recommends it to fellow campers. The family liked it so well they stayed there seven days.

The success of the whole trip is, perhaps, most easily summed up by Ralph's statement, "Next summer we're going to Yellowstone."

# 30 Years Service



J. A. Tench  
Administration (Refy.)

# McKeown Gets Baseball Watch

Harry McKeown, Refinery Machine Shop, was presented an engraved watch for 30 years of outstanding service during the past two years as President of the Texas Teen-Age League Baseball Association.

The presentation was scheduled at a meeting of the group's executive board in Waco. McKeown has been connected with the organization for eight years.

Previously elected to the position of President for the current season was Cleve O'Toole, Refinery Engineering-Field Division. McKeown was elected to the Executive Board as Kemper Kaiser, Refinery P&IR. McKeown is also a member of this Board.

The association will expand its activities next summer by bringing in boys from eight to 18 years of age. During the summer, the group operated with 496 teams of boys in the 13-18 age group throughout Texas.

### CARRY YOUR HOSPITAL CARD

If you are enrolled in the Shell Hospital Surgical Medical Program you have a Hospital identification card which identifies you as an insured employee under the program. You should carry this card at all times to facilitate entry into a hospital in case of an emergency.

## SERA PRESENTS STYLE & SUPPER SHOW

"TAILORED FOR YOU" FASHIONS  
By  
Battelstein's



Ralph Dunderdale opens up his homemade trailer which the family of six used as sleeping quarters on a 5,344-mile vacation this summer. The two trays extending out from the main body of the trailer are two of the three beds. The third one is made up on the floor in the center of the trailer.



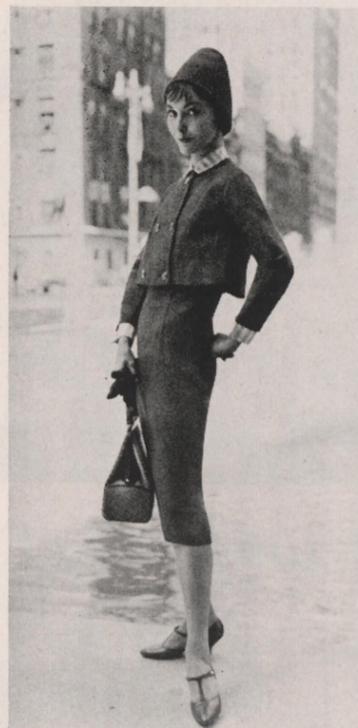
Putting a stabilizing jack in place, Ralph completes the assembly of the trailer in less than 10 minutes. It is now ready for six tired occupants. The container on the front contains cooking and heating gas.

Food  
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(4 or More)

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MONDAY--7:30 P.M.

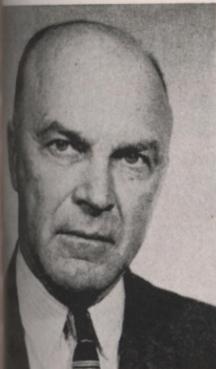
Houston Executive Club  
(Formerly Houston Country Club)

SERA Members and Family -- \$1.75

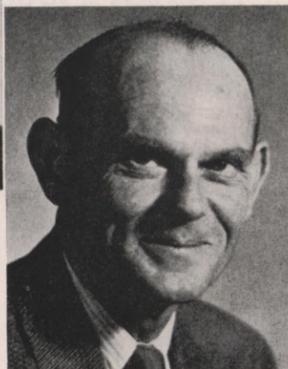
Guests -- \$2.00

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Pat Meaux

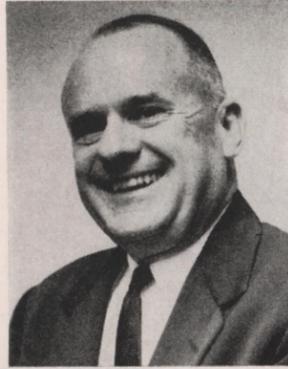
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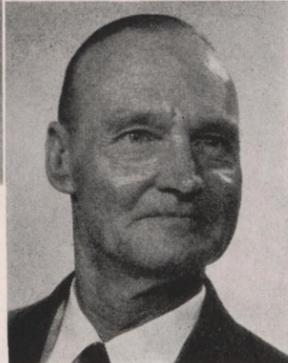
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D. M. Bergin  
Eff. Cont. (Refy.)



I. M. Shore  
Stores (Chem.)



F. R. McGuire Jr.  
Dispatch. (Refy.)



J. P. Murray  
Eng.-Office (Refy.)



C. L. Walter  
Operations (Chem.)



F. L. Robinson  
Ref. Lab. (Refy.)

## Employees To Work With Houston Drive

The United Fund effort is not only supported by Shell Chemical's Houston Plant drive, but also by the volunteers assigned for work in the general house-to-house campaign.

These Houston Plant employees are assigned to the Central Division, District 66. Serving as Chairman this year will be J. P. Britton, Laboratory Dept.; as Co-Chairman, Curtis Fuqua, Stores Dept.; and as Team Captains, J. M. Lawes, Treasury Dept., T. N. Lockridge, Shipping Dept., J. Croley, Research, J. H. Beahl, Engineering, and J. R. Buchanan, Utilities.

Working with residents of the area in which they are assigned, these volunteers will spend two weeks knocking on doors thus giving everyone the opportunity to contribute to the assistance of the 63 agencies.

## Eight Persons From Refinery Work for UF

Eight Refinery employees are aiding the United Fund this year with two weeks of volunteer work with the Central Division's house to house campaign.

Working in the East End of Houston for two weeks beginning Oct. 27 will be T. L. Davis, Engineering-Tech; R. G. Eveld, Refinery Lab; R. E. Harvey, Dispatching; Fay Hilliard, P&IR; H. K. Montgomery, Research; J. D. Rollins, Treasury; D. M. Shook, Stores, and C. F. Stebbins, P&IR.

Hilliard is serving as District Chairman with Shook serving as a second in command of the six teams that will work in the district. Three of these six teams will be working under the guidance of the other Refinery volunteers who are serving as captains or co-captains.

### MORE DEATHS OFF-JOB

There are more accidental deaths and injuries among industrial employees off the job than at work. In 1957, nearly seven out of 10 deaths and more than half of the injuries to industrial workers occurred off the job. Off-job deaths occurred principally in motor-vehicle accidents; off-job injuries, principally in home accidents.

## Chemical UF—

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thousands seeking and needing the help of those in a position to do so. It is through your donations that the American Cancer Society carries out its research for a cure of this dread disease, and the same is true for the American Heart Association. When your donation goes to such agencies you are not only helping others, you are helping yourself as well. The advances made by these groups may some day save your life.

Here are the names of people who will be calling on you in the Plant seeking your contribution: Operations, O. L. Brown, E. P. Manley, H. C. Berry (C Dept.), H. B. Kesterson, J. N. Russell, F. E. Howard (G Dept.), F. W. Pyle, A. H. Robinson, N. L. Malone (A&B Dept.), W. H. Holley, D. J. Start, J. P. Kimbrell (E Dept.), M. B. Lloyd (Shipping), K. L. Knight, A. M. Graham, P. Marx (P Dept.), D. G. Hart and H. O. Williams (R Dept.), and from Stores, Sam Wilson;

Engineering-Field, J. H. Dawsey, J. J. Holt, A. J. Jordan, D. P. Kirk, E. N. Lary, M. H. Cole, M. D. Meyer, L. J. Langley, P. W. Murphey, E. J. Davidson, W. W. Hargrove, N. F. Smith, T. L. Sisson, H. J. Williamson, U. S. Harvey, R. Bragg, L. Jones, G. B. Kirkpatrick, A. W. Hart, S. P. O'Neal, H. Sidney, E. Barrett, G. H. Carter, W. A. Idoux, W. L. Krell, and E. L. Sampson;

Offices, R. S. Thomas, Doris Winner, R. C. Rice, Gloria Schamerhorn, W. B. Read, Jean Vaut, A. L. Burrow, D. R. Nelson, H. T. Jonsson, W. D. Kinney, F. P. Thompson, Mary Bridges, Louise Hall, R. S. Cox, Margaret Netherland, Juanita Price, and J. L. Campbell.

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tion will be divided into four zones as it was last year for the first time. Engineering-Field solicitation will be conducted within separate crafts, while other solicitation will be set up on a departmental basis.

Headquarters for the drive will be set up in the training room in the old P&IR building. Solicitors should return their cards and contributions to that location for tabulation.

A special United Fund movie depicting the activities of several of the Harris County agencies was presented a number of times during the past week to show personnel what a valuable and important job their money can do in helping others who are less fortunate.

Members of the Central Committee assisting Landrum and Marshall with this drive include G. B. Dunn and D. L. Price, Paint Shop; B. W. Farmer, Dispatching; J. F. Lee, Refinery Lab; A. R. Middleton, Pipe Shop; W. G. Eddleman, Engineering; Marx Isaacs, Technological; M. G. Jordan, Treasury; J. F. Kobler, P&IR; Q. C. Stansberry, Distilling, and L. M. York, P&IR. Eddie Logan, Treasury, who has served on numerous UF committees in the past, is aiding this year's group in an advisory capacity.

X-100® Premium gives added engine protection because of a combination of special additives which prevent the formation of low temperature sludge.

## Phenol—

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the unit's production. Phenol is used in the Houston Refinery's Lube Plant for extraction of aromatic compounds from lube oils. It is also used in the Aromatics Concentration Unit to remove Toluene and Benzene from the platformate from Platformer No. 1.

The Plant site selected for the unit's location is immediately east of the BPA units in the east plot.

L. S. Alpert has been assigned as Project Engineer for the process unit construction. W. A. Scruggs of the Houston Plant's Engineering Dept. has been assigned as Assistant Project Engineer. Alpert will be coming to the Houston Plant from Head Office Manufacturing Engineering.

R. V. Gasperi, Project Engineer, and O. O. LaCour, Assistant Project Engineer, will be in charge of off-site facilities. This will include the construction of such things as roads, sewers, water and electrical systems and intra-plant piping.

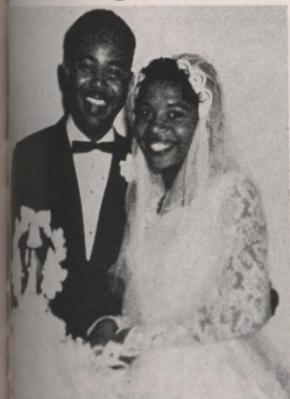
## Inhospitable In Hospital

Most patients who report to the Refinery Hospital get a warm welcome and sympathetic treatment.

But one who dropped in last month was received with a scream for help. He ended up in much worse physical shape than when he arrived thanks to a strictly non-sympathetic treatment rendered by J. R. Lamb.

The visitor was a foot-long snake of undetermined, but non-poisonous, breed.

## Thomas Girl's Marriage Held



On July 26, Miss Betty Jean Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Thomas, became the bride of Clifton McKinney in ceremonies performed by Rev. C. H. Durden in the Mount Airy Baptist Church. Thomas is a Sample Carrier in the Refinery Laboratory.

## Date Palm Bears Fruit



Faye Risner, Stenographer, Laboratory, holds dates taken from date palm at Chemical. Tree is located near clock alley.



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## To provide you with information about... Public Issues Affecting Our Industry

### Let's Speak Up for Our Industry

Have you ever been irritated when you heard someone criticize the oil industry unjustly — and you weren't able to answer back? Maybe you knew the answer, but didn't have it on the tip of your tongue; maybe you felt you needed more information.

There are good and solid answers to criticism directed at the oil industry. Analysis of adverse comment shows that only a small part stems from outright malice. Most adverse criticism comes from people who do not understand our business.

When such people speak out, we should answer them promptly. For most people will modify their opinions when they see they are based on inaccurate information.

Public criticism of the oil industry seems to run in cycles. During the last two years the oil business has had its share of problems — and there seems to be no letup in sight.

#### Failure to Understand

People may criticize gasoline and fuel oil prices as being too high; or they may not understand why gasoline is several cents a gallon more in their town than twenty miles away. Remembering the attacks on natural gas legislation and its veto by the President two years ago, they may make wild statements about "the big oil lobby."

Others have complained that the depletion deduction given oil — and other minerals

— is an unfair tax advantage. Proposals in some states to place oil prices under public utility control leave most oil company people at a loss to understand the motives of the people behind such legislation.

Calls for breaking up larger oil companies by means of so-called divorcement measures are not generally understood; yet there are some who feel that somehow such moves might benefit the customer.

#### Explain the Facts

These and related topics are important to each of us who makes our living from oil. No one likes to be unpopular and misunderstood. The way to correct most of these criticisms is to explain the facts. We can do this over the back fence, while fishing with friends, or at about any time someone raises questions or makes uninformed statements.

If we don't speak out against unjust criticisms, we're apt to find increasing agitation for laws and regulations that will be bad for our business and restrict our ability to grow and prosper.

Both Shell employees and the consuming public have much to gain from the continued growth and prosperity

of the oil business. Each would lose a great deal if the industry were to be held back by unneeded regulation.

From time to time the SHELEGRAM will run articles on Public Issues Affecting Our Industry. You will be given facts about our mutual problems. We hope you will use them to speak up for Shell and the oil industry when the occasion arises.

### Old Pros Beat All Star Team

The Old Pros of the Chemical Plant Engineering Dept. defeated a much-improved All Star team from the Tech., Operations and Research Depts., 8 to 1, in a recent game at the Shellwood softball diamond.

Getting off to a flying start with four runs in the first inning, the Old Pros were never in trouble. The clever one-hit pitching of George Ash, coupled with the sterling defensive play of Stephen Crank, Larry Pesce, Fred Fredrickson and John Marr, held the All Stars scoreless until the sixth inning.

Other members of the winning team were George Harlan and Jack Sowle.

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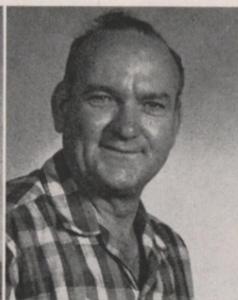
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### Bailey Is President

Don Bailey, Refinery Instrument Shop Foreman, is serving this year as President of the University of Tulsa Alumni Association.

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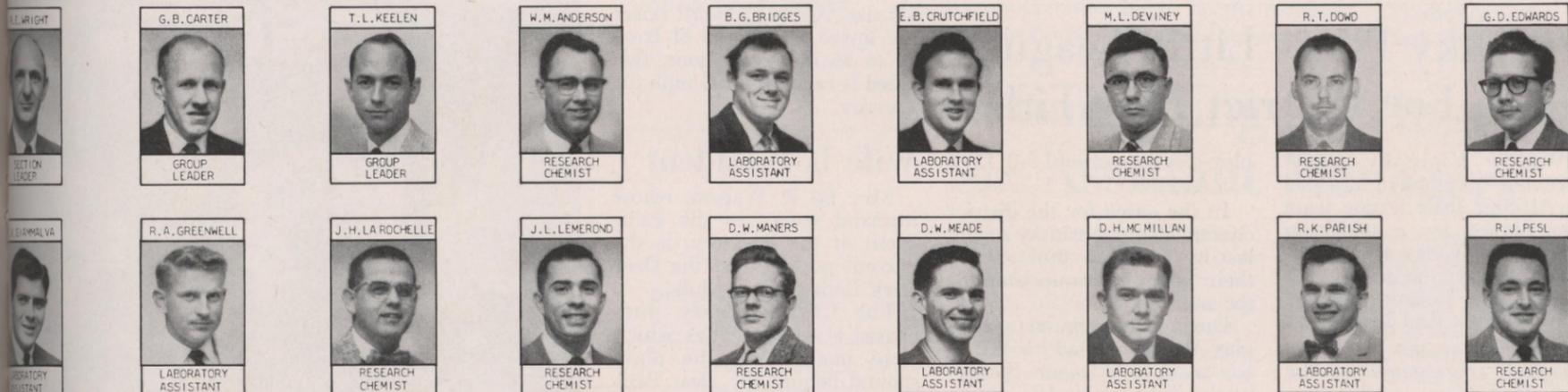
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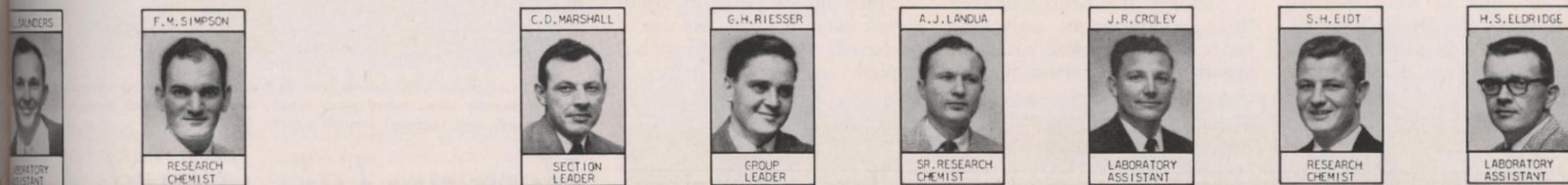
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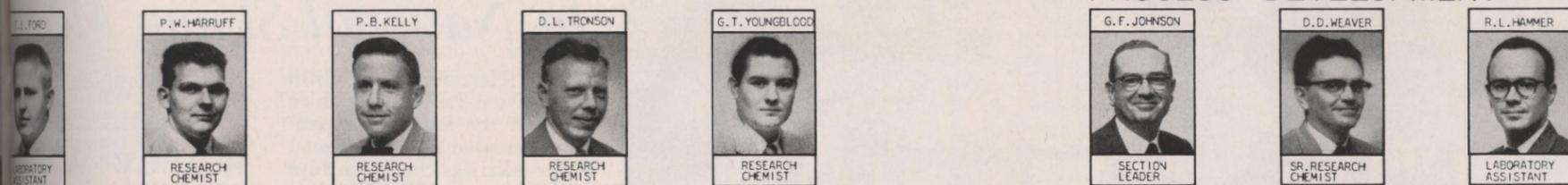
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No one was driving we were in back skiing. Clyde Scarborough his wife Billie and their son Tommy make it a family affair when they go water skiing.

## Scarborough Family Enjoy Water Skiing

Greater and greater is the number who flock to the waters to try their skill at water skiing. It even spreads through an entire family as exemplified by Clyde Scarborough, Chemical Plant Boilermaker Helper No. 1, his wife Billie and their eight-year-old son Tommy.

At every opportunity this family packs their skis and heads for the nearest water. Clyde made Tommy a pair of special skis that were more to his size. Although adult skiers are towed at a speed of from 30 to 35 miles per hour, this speed is reduced to 25 mph for Tommy.

## Visinsky Pilots Little League Team For District Play Title

Walter Visinsky, Craft Foreman-Automotive, coached an All-Star little league team that played for a television audience. Visinsky was coaching a team comprised of All-Star Little League Players from the East End League.

Walter was not the only Visinsky represented in the East End team, as his two sons, John, age 11, and Walter, Jr., age 12 were selected to play on the team. The record books show that the East Enders won four games in the

play-offs by scores of 9-0, 15-4, 3-0, and 2-0.

In the game for the district championship, Visinsky's team lost by two runs thus ending their hopes of competing for the national title.

During the regular season play Walter piloted his White Sox team to a league championship by winning 16 and losing only two.

Visinsky has been coaching little league teams only one year, but has worked with this organization for about four.

## Wife Is President

Mrs. Ed R. Watson, whose husband works in the Lube Plant at the Refinery, is the current president of the Deer Park Ladies Civic Club.

The Club recently purchased a set of swings which were installed in the playground behind the Deer Park Recreation Building.

Since the development of nylon back in 1938, the use of oil-based, man-made fibers has tripled.



Walter Visinsky, Craft Foreman-Automotive, at the Chemical Plant (right, last row) is shown with the Little League All-Star team he coached this past season. Visinsky's two sons Walter and John are shown on the first row fifth and sixth from left. This team played before a television audience for the District Title but lost by two runs.



Chemical softball league champions proudly display first place trophy for winning in the Pasadena Industrial League: (l. to r.) standing from Engineering-Field; D. R. McMillan, R. T. Duncan, R. L. Gersteman, Roland Fletcher, Tulley Stansel, and W. R. Crow. Front row, J. E. Watson, W. T. Morris, J. E. Rains, and O. B. Key. Team members not pictured are C. G. Lewis, Shipping and George Kilgore, Eng.-Field.

## Chemical Team Wins League

A Shell Chemical softball team captured the number one spot in the Pasadena Industrial league.

The team won seven and lost three games during the regular season. In a bid for the city title they were eliminated in the play-offs after winning their first game from another Shell team.

Members of the team are: from Engineering-Field, D. R. McMillan, R. T. Duncan, R. L. Gersteman, Roland Fletcher, Tulley Stansel, W. R. Crow, J. E. Watson, W. T. Morris, J. E. Rains, O. B. Key, George Kilgore; and Clovis Lewis from Shipping.

## Skating—

(Continued from Page 1) numbered about 1,200 skaters from all over the United



Rena'e Bates poses with awards won by her in roller skating contests. She is holding her recently won second place trophy won in National contest. On table state awards and regional awards are on floor.

States. Her competition been narrowed down to when she won second place in the free style skating event.

Rena'e started skating at age of four. Her parents sent her to train under one of the leading instructors in Texas. Since her first lesson she has won 14 medals, eight first-place trophies, and eight proficiency bars.

Frank Bates has been interested in roller skating for about 30 years and in his young days was a speed skater.

## Herrens Take Third, Fifth In National Skiing Meet

Cecil Herren finished fifth and his son LeRoy took third place in the stiffest competition ever seen in the national water skiing championships held last month at Chipley, Ga.

Willie Dryer, stepson of Don Bailey, Instrument Shop Foreman, took part in the slalom event in the national meet. He won this event in the southwest tourney held earlier in Austin.

Cecil, of the Instrument Shop, took fifth in the division for men over 35. His longest jump was an excellent 80 feet.

In the men's open classification LeRoy got his best competitive jump of 128 feet, which broke the unofficial world record of 127 feet he had set in the regional tourney just two weeks earlier, but had to settle for third place. Winner Joe Cash soared a tremendous world record distance of 136 feet.

## Wacey Wins Golf Trophy

The fourth try proved successful for J. R. Wacey of Refinery Welding Shop who recently brought home a beautiful trophy for victory in fifth flight of the annual Hills of the Hills golf tourney in Kerrville.

This tournament is held each year as part of a week of festivities.

Wacey had to win five matches to get the trophy, and he had to come from way behind to take the final match 3 and 1 over Jake James Houston. Wacey was the holes down with only seven holes to go in this match but he recovered to win three straight holes for the victory.

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