

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Houston Refinery Employees



TREE OF LIGHT PAGEANT--L. A. Gruber, second from left on bottom row, took part in the Houston Recreation Department's annual Christmas pageant on December 16, a fitting opening to the festive season.

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MAXINE WALLACE, ARTIST & HOBBYIST SOLVES SOME OF HER CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WORRIES

Solving the perennial problem of what to give friends for Christmas was no stumbling block for Maxine Wallace, artist and hobbyist.

One weekend recently she made scented candles in different shapes, colors and sizes for about 17 friends. Each candle is decorated or mounted differently on candlesticks which Maxine antiqued or in small glasses on which she applied sequins and braid.

Some of the candlesticks are old table legs which she found while rummaging through antique shops and not all of the candles are seasonal, for she has decorated some in motifs to match different styles of furniture.

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CHRISTMAS IS FOR KIDS say Rusty and "Sissy" Webb, children of Mrs. Pat Webb, Engineering Office. The children thoroughly enjoyed the giant tree in the Main Building lobby.



CANDLESTICK MAKER Maxine Wallace, Engineering Services, made scented candles for some of her Shell friends for Christmas.



OF THE MANY AT THE PARTY at which L. T. Wilson, Refinery Manager, at left, reviewed the year's events were M. W. Roberson, R. D. Madsen and Roy Levitch.



ENJOYING FELLOWSHIP--Joe Wheeler and Red Howell enjoyed the social event last week.

TV SPECIALS ON POLLUTION SET FOR THIS WEEKEND

The following TV specials on pollution problems, which may be of interest to employees, will be shown during the weekend over KPRC-TV at the times shown below:

Saturday, December 27--5 p.m.

"Water and Air Pollution: Are Present Laws Really Effective?" Speakers will be Dr. Walter Quebedeaux, Dir., Air and Water Pollution Control, Harris County Health Department; John Lamont, Program Director, Air Pollution, City Health Department; A. G. Smith, Process Superintendent, Shell Refinery; Robert D. Pruessner, Process Services Superintendent, Petro-Tex Chemical Corporation. Moderator will be Charles R. Gregg, attorney.

Sunday, December 28-- 5 p.m.

"Pollution Laws: What Changes are Necessary?" Speakers will be Dr. Arthur Atkisson, Dir., Urban and Community Health, University of Texas; Representative Rex Braun, of Houston, State Democratic Representative; Charles Wilson, Assistant County Attorney; Hugh Patterson, attorney. Moderator will be John Emmerich, Houston Chronicle Editorial Page Editor.

NOTICE

Because of the Christmas holiday, all ads submitted last week, will be published in the next issue.

ALL SHELL BRANCHES IN HOUSTON MAKE UP LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF SHELL EMPLOYEES IN U. S.

(Editor's Note: The following is the second in a two-part story about Shell in Houston.)

The Chemical Plant which was built just to the east of the refinery in 1940 employs over 1,200 people and is Shell's largest chemical producing facility. Three of the Chemical Company's divisions are represented at the Houston Plant: Industrial Chemicals, Polymers and Petrochemicals division operations.

Development Lab is Research Arm of E&P

Shell Development Company's Exploration and Production's Research Center operates a two laboratory-office building complex in Houston which covers a two-block area and houses over 750 employees more than 300 of which are scientists holding degrees in a broad range of technical subjects. The Center acts as the research arm for all Exploration and Production activities of Shell Oil in the United States. Its exploration research is directed mainly to three major areas of interest: use of seismic methods, including computer techniques, to achieve a more accurate picture of geometry of formations below the surface of the earth; geological studies of the mechanics and evolutions of major basins such as the Gulf Coast and Pacific Rim basins; and research into the origin and migration of petroleum so that its occurrence in the field can be better predicted.

Production research at the Center is aimed principally at the improved understanding of oil and gas reservoir conditions which are necessary for maximum efficiency in development and production.

Shell's Southwestern Exploration and Production Region has the responsibility for finding and producing oil in Texas, two-thirds of New Mexico, and offshore Texas in the Gulf of Mexico. The region is headquartered in Houston where more than 700 of its employees work.

The Houston Data Service Center was established in 1967, and presently occupies four floors in the Prudential Building. The Data Center is responsible for the processing and publishing of financial, operational, and technical data for several Shell units. It has a complex of high speed technical and commercial computers which operate around the clock six days a week. The center does a variety of jobs; for example, it processes 42,000 checks totaling \$56 million for payrolls, crude oil purchases and invoice payments in an average month.

Shell Pipe Line Covers 16 States

Shell Pipe Line Corporation is also headquartered in Houston. The corporation operates nearly 10,000 miles of pipelines in 16 states, employing nearly 1,000 people of which some 300 are in Houston.

The Marketing, Information Services, Business Systems, and Houston Office Transportation and Supplies branches of Shell Oil make up the balance of the Shell community in Houston.

Houston is known by many names. Some call it Space City, others know it as the Bayou City, and to business people everywhere it is recognized as the oil capital of the world. But to thousands of Shell employees who live and work there, Houston is home, a good place to live.



SITTING THIS ONE OUT were Mr. and Mrs. Pre Moss, Mrs. Elray Taylor and Mr. Taylor.



AT CORK CLUB PARTY were Mrs. Kirby Henry, Mrs. R. Bell and Mr. Bell.



ENJOYING MUSIC--From left to right are Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Callihan and Mrs. Charlie Walker and Mr. Walker.



NIGHT OUT--At the dinner-dance were Mr. and Mrs. Bob McClure and Mrs. Charles Toney and Mr. Toney.



HAPPY COUPLES--Mr. and Mrs. Ben Baldwin, Mrs. E. M. Rogers and Mr. Rogers were in the gathering.



DANCERS, who liked the combo, were from left to right, Dottie and Buddy Yannazzo, Mr.

and Mrs. W. C. Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Cannon.



VISIONS OF SUGAR PLUMS...Mrs. Pat Bezdek, Research Receptionist, pensively admires the Christmas tree in the Lab Lobby.

MAXINE LIKES TO PAINT, COLLECT ANTIQUES--
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Maxine, who has always been a "messenger" as her husband calls her creative efforts, does not confine her talents to candles. She is secretary of the Gulf Coast Jar and Bottle Club and is very much interested in collecting old jars and bottles which date back to the 1800s.

As an antique enthusiast, she is buying and selling accent pieces to which she often adds her own tole painting to add to its value. She recently took a course in tole painting and has applied what she learned to earn a little extra money. She has painted old milk cans which make decorative umbrella holders and has sold several old-fashioned signs to dentists for their offices.

"With my buying and selling and fixing up, I earned enough money to pay for my plane fare to Washington to see my mother over Thanksgiving," she said.

"Mostly, I like to work on different things for the fun of it. If I get tired of some project, I start another," she said.

Maxine and her husband, Bill, have set up one room in their house as a work room. There, the two of them and their son, Billy, work on their projects. Billy collects old books and comic books and has several hundred dollars worth of old horror comics alone.

Maxine tries her hand at most anything, having made several decoupage items and she even painted a tiffany lamp shade which looks authentic.

When the active family is not at work, school or working on a project, they relax on their 17-foot Venture sailboat.



FLAGPOLE TREE--The gaily decorated tree was photographed by C. A. Minton with a Polaroid camera.



COULDN'T WAIT TO SEE THE CHRISTMAS TREE--Mrs. Claudia Ann Matcek, Typist, Stenographic, wanted to give the workmen a hand in decorating the flagpole tree.



COLLECTIONS AND CREATIONS--Above, Maxine shows her bottles and jars. The bottle she holds is a Dr. Hostetter's bitters dated around 1900. Below, she scrutinizes her hand-decorated tiffany lamp.

