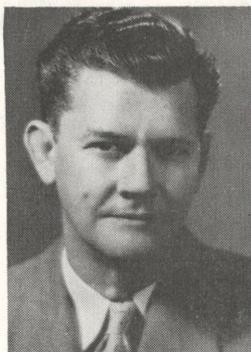


FORMER HOUSTON REFINERY MANAGER LOWREY LOVE TO RETIRE AS VICE PRESIDENT MANUFACTURING

M. P. L. Love, Vice President Manufacturing and former Houston Refinery Manager, will retire May 1 as announced this week by President R. C. McCurdy. He will be succeeded by P. J. Merkus General Manager Refineries, who, in turn, will be succeeded by former Houston Refinery Superintendent H. E. Walker, currently General Manager Information and Computer Services, Financial.

Lowrey Love, who holds a B. A. degree in Chemistry from Mississippi College and a Ph.D. degree in Organic

Chemistry from the University of Virginia, joined Shell in 1935 as a Chemist at Wood River. Two years later he became Senior Research Chemist and in 1939 was named Assistant Chief Research Chemist. The following year he moved to New York as a (Continued on Page 2 Col.2)



LOVE



MERKUS



WALKER

NEW NAME FOR NEW SHELL BUILDING

"One Shell Plaza" is the name given to the proposed 700' tall reinforced concrete tower facing the City Hall reflection pool in downtown Houston. The announcement was made jointly by Gerald D. Hines, investment builder and owner of the building, and C. G. Bankston, Vice President of the Houston E & P area.

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PROGRESS REPORT: DISTILLING NO. 1 MODERNIZATION HEADED FOR A MID-MARCH COMPLETION DATE

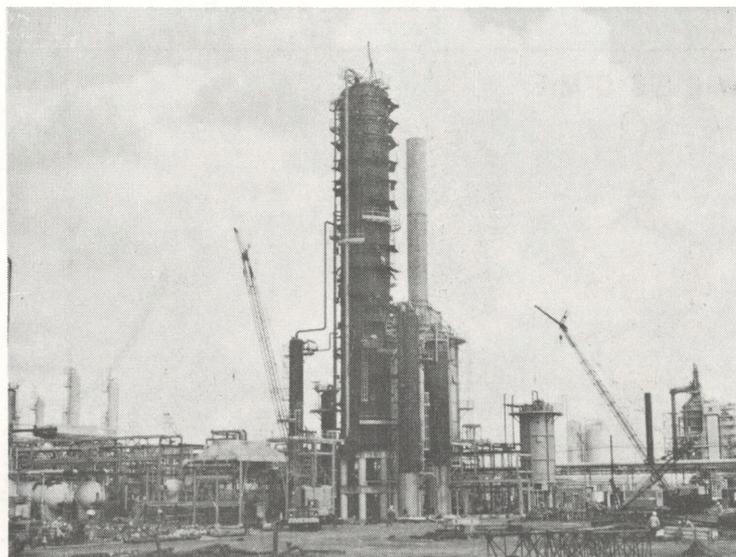
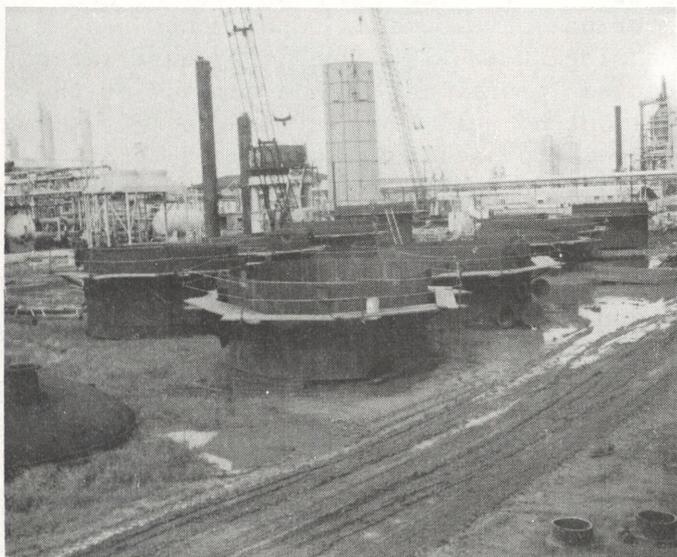
Construction of new hardware rising west of the Cafeteria in the Distilling Department is about 55 to 60% complete according to Project Engineer D. E. Van Pelt.

As explained in the August 12 issue of the SHELLEGRAPH this work consists of the replacement of the secondary system at Distilling No. 1. When completed, the new equipment will assume the secondary system chores, and produce a sharply fractionated kerosene cut to be used as feedstock for the mol sieve unit now in the final stages of construction on the East Property.

Major pieces of equipment include the 154-foot tall secondary column (center in the picture on the right). Except for a new section, it was formerly the cat. cracker fractionator which had been cut into sections and moved on-site as shown in the photograph on the left taken last August. Pressure testing on this vessel will begin next week.

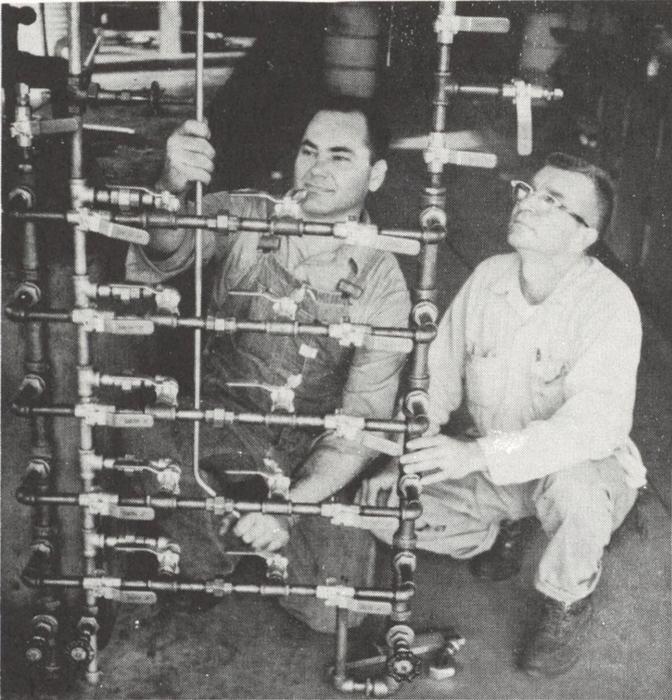
The large primary reboil-secondary feed furnace, actually two furnaces in one, rising just to the right of the fractionator is about 90% complete. Work yet to be done on the smaller heavy gas oil furnace - under the crane on the right - includes the addition of the convection section and the stack.

The four overhead air coolers which are already erected will significantly reduce the need for cooling water for the new facilities.



THE PIECES ARE BACK IN PLACE - and with a new section, make the tallest column on the refinery's West Property, as shown in the "before" and "after" pictures above. The major new structures which are part of the modernization of Distilling No. 1 are all visible in the picture on the right, but from a construction standpoint, about 40% of the work, "the part that doesn't show" is yet to be completed.

REFINERY PEOPLE IN ACTION



SHADES OF SMOKEY STOVER - it's a manifold for an O₂ analyzer. Pipefitter No. 1 L.M. Weiderhold (left) and D. O. Goodson line up the final few pieces of half-inch tubing before installing their 42-valve creation. It will analyze flue gasses on the desulfurizer furnace in the Aromatics Department. In order to pressure-test the device they had to soak a total of 235 separate joints with leak detector, but even that didn't account for all the connections because the ones which won't have pressure on them didn't have to be checked. After all this pipefitting, who asked, "Who's Smokey Stover?"

PERSONNEL CHANGES

- S. P. King - From Pumper-Gauger Lube C to Operator No. 2 Lube A.
- J. R. Smith - From General Helper Engineering Field to Rackman Dispatching.
- J. R. Newman - From Operator No. 1 Thermal Cracking to Pipefitter No. 1 Engineering Field.
- E. W. Scott - From Operator No. 2 to Operator No. 1 Thermal Cracking.

LOWREY LOVE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Senior Technologist and in 1942 transferred here to the Houston Research Laboratory as Chief Research Chemist. He became Director of Research in 1943 and later that year returned to Wood River as Research Director. In 1948, he was named Manager of the Manufacturing Research Department in Head Office and in 1951 returned as Manager of Houston Refinery. Three years later he accepted employment with a Royal Dutch/Shell Group Company in London, and in 1956 returned to New York as Vice President Manufacturing.

Pete Merkus, (the picture on Page 1 was taken earlier this year during a refinery visit) who holds a Ph.D. degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Michigan, joined Shell in 1934 as a Technologist in the Manufacturing Department at St. Louis. In 1939 he became Chief Technologist at the Norco Refinery and the next year was named Assistant Manager, Head Office Manufacturing-Development. He became Manager of that department in 1943 and in 1946 was named Assistant to the Vice President Manufacturing. He became Manager of the Wilmington-Dominguez Refinery in 1953 and Manager of the Wood River Refinery in 1958. He was appointed General Manager Refineries in 1963.

Harry Walker, who holds an M. S. degree in Chemical Engineering from Columbia University, joined Shell in 1941 as a Technologist at the Wood River Refinery. He was transferred to the Head Office Manufacturing Development Department as a Technologist in 1945 and two years later accepted employment with a company of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group at The Hague. He returned to Shell Oil Company at Wood River in 1950 as Assistant Manager of the Alkylation Department and became Chief Research Technologist here at Houston Refinery in 1954. He was appointed Assistant Manager, Head Office Manufacturing Technological Department, in 1956, and Refinery Superintendent at Houston in 1961. He was named Manager, Marketing Research and Analysis, Head Office Marketing Economics, in February 1964 and to his present position in December of that year.

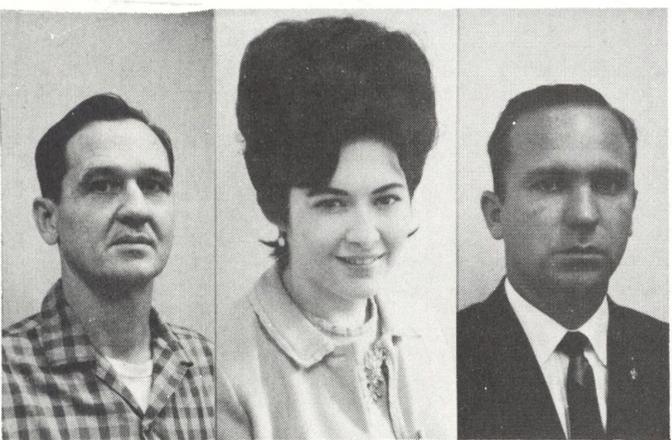
PROVIDENT FUND NEWS

Here are the latest Provident Fund valuations:

Equities Fund:
 November 4, 1966 - \$1.612
 November 18, 1966 - \$1.630

Shell Stock Fund:
 November, 1966 - \$66.647

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OIL
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TO RETIRE A SECOND TIME - takes a lot of time. Former Gateman EARL SMALL who retired from Shell in '61



is now on the threshold of retirement again - this time from the Texas Department of Corrections - as a guard, of course. Earl had served with the TDC for some 18 years before joining Shell in 1939. He is perhaps best remembered by many Refiners for the flower garden he developed at the Construction gate during the last few years before his

retirement. "Oh, there were a few radishes and onions stuck in there too," Earl admits. He and his wife NELL have four children all married and living in Harris County, and eight grandkids. "That's one of the reasons we have a place up on the other side of Huntsville on Horseshoe Lake," Earl says. "We can take 'em up on the lake to run around and fish as much as they please - but they bait their own hooks - I got tired of that a long time ago." What's he going to do after his second retirement on December 31? "I'm not even thinking about it very much," he says within hearing distance of Nell, "but I'm not gonna wash dishes - that's for sure!"

REFINERY MANAGER WILSON - installed as one of the 18 new directors of the Houston Chamber of Commerce. Ceremonies which took place Tuesday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Rice Hotel, were televised to an overflow Crystal Ballroom crowd via closed circuit TV. Refiners will recall that Manager Wilson previously served the Chamber as Chairman of the Manufacturer's Committee.

FIGHT TB - the easy way. Christmas Seals are the symbol of the fight against TB, killer of over 75 Harris Countians this year (25 more than last year).



According to the Harris County TB Association, all of these deaths could have been prevented had the disease been found soon enough. Another 3,000 people are estimated to have

active or inactive TB in Harris County and don't know it. Donations through the purchase of Christmas Seals is the organizations only appeal for operating funds.



HE'S SMILING - so the "needle" must be painless. P & IR Assistant Manager Porter Slack, who's on his way to Odessa - Ciniza Refineries as Manager Administrative Services, is shown here as he unwraps a farewell gift at his going-away party last week. The program followed a buffet dinner at the staff house barbecue pit, and was emceed by Personnel Representative Ron Johnson. Along with the customary ribbing, Porter was presented with an attache case and an electric blender on behalf of his friends and well-wishers.

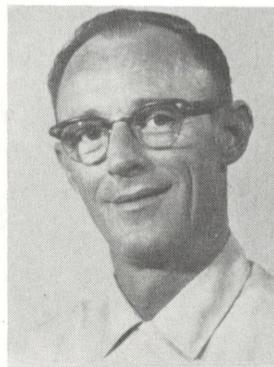
TRIPPING THE LIGHT FANTASTIC - FOR CHARITY

To get most refiners out on the dance floor before a packed house to perform a dancing exhibition would probably take more money than it would be worth, but Research Technician Del Bartay and his wife Patsy are "old pros" of sorts and performed free at a Sylvan Beach Charity Ball recently.

Del, holds a Bronze Medal - the second rung on the ladder to "PRO" which he earned by performing 10 different steps in 7 major dances. About his Astaire - like accomplishments Del says, "I think I liked the Bosanova best because it was a combination of all the Latin steps - plus some others - but it didn't last very long... Sure, I can do the Watusi, Monkey, Frug, and the rest but it's too hard on my back. I'll stick to Latins - they're my favorite." Off the floor Patsy teaches the 5th grade at West University Place Elementary. The Bartays have 3 daughters

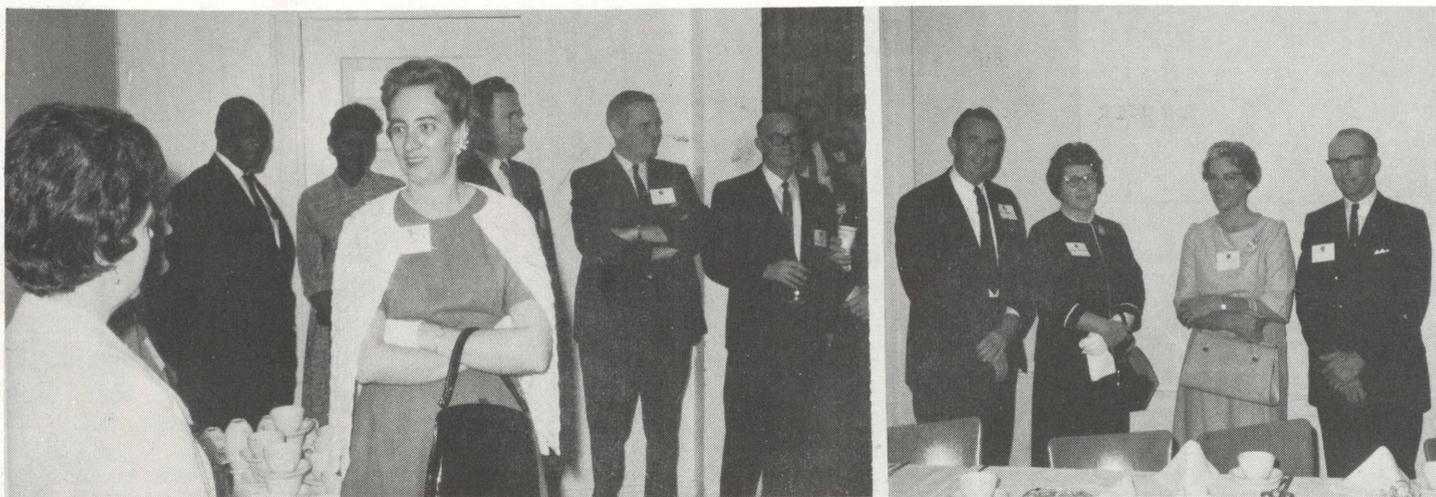


PATSY



DEL

Debbie, Vicki, and Barbara "none of whom are particularly interested in dancing" according to Del, and a son, Butch, who's in the army in Viet Nam and "counting the days until his return to a delayed Christmas celebration the first of the year."



WHO'S MINDING THE STORE - while these folks celebrate a safe year? Shown here are a few of the Stores personnel and their wives who were on hand at the Executive Country Club last week for their Safety Dinner (left to right) Mrs. Fred Gerbode, Mrs. Jim Ramsey (barely visible) Bud and Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Dick Smith (former Stores Typist Lela Wiener) Fred Gerbode, Jim Ramsey, and D. V. McKinney. Pictured on the right are Fred and Mrs. Holleman, and the D. R. Dowdy's. These pictures were taken for the SHELEGRAPH by Fire and Safety Inspector John Flynt.

WANT A FIRE ENGINE FOR CHRISTMAS? TRIM THE TREE WITH FAULTY WIRING AND LET IT DRY OUT

You can be a Christmas tree safety expert simply by reading the following few suggestions. And who knows, it may be the difference between having a fire truck under the tree and one at the front door.

1. For a natural tree (fir, spruce, pine), pick a fresh-looking, firm-needled tree, no bigger than you need - the larger the tree the greater the hazard.

2. Saw off the butt at an angle an inch or more above the original cut.

3. Stand the tree in water until it is brought into the house, and keep it in water until it leaves the house. Check the water level daily; the tree will absorb large quantities while it is indoors.

4. Support the tree firmly. Keep it well away from sources of heat - radiators, stoves, fireplaces. Don't locate it where, upright or fallen, it might block escape in case of fire. Operating self-propelled toys under or near a tree may lead to an

upset tree and fire.

5. Don't rely on self-applied chemical coatings or solutions to "flameproof" a natural tree; none is completely effective. (Trees commercially treated with UL-listed fire retardant compounds are satisfactory.)

6. Keep the tree in the house for the shortest possible time; removal right after Christmas Day is recommended.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE:

1961 Ford Econoline Pickup
\$445.00
Telephone - GR 1-1067

1955 1/2 ton Chevrolet Pickup. Runs good.
Telephone - GR 9-2241

1954 Ford Fordor Crestline, Re-built Transmission, 4 months old, radio, heater and white wall tires, 38,000 miles on re-built motor.
\$195.00
Telephone - MO 3-9958

Piano, reconditioned.
\$125.00 includes stool
Telephone - HO 6-6096

10 Cotton Bowl Tickets (Dallas); choice seats.
Telephone - WA 3-6835

Nice paper shell pecans
Telephone - GR 2-7820

Home in Arlington Heights (Houston, near Shaver and Spencer). Brick, with detached 2-car garage. Three bedrooms, paneled den, fireplace. Home is three-months old, with 90% loan.
Telephone - HU 4-1209

FOUND - pair of glasses in Garage.



Pearson

New York Herald Tribune

"If you want my opinion, they could have just gone on making big cars."