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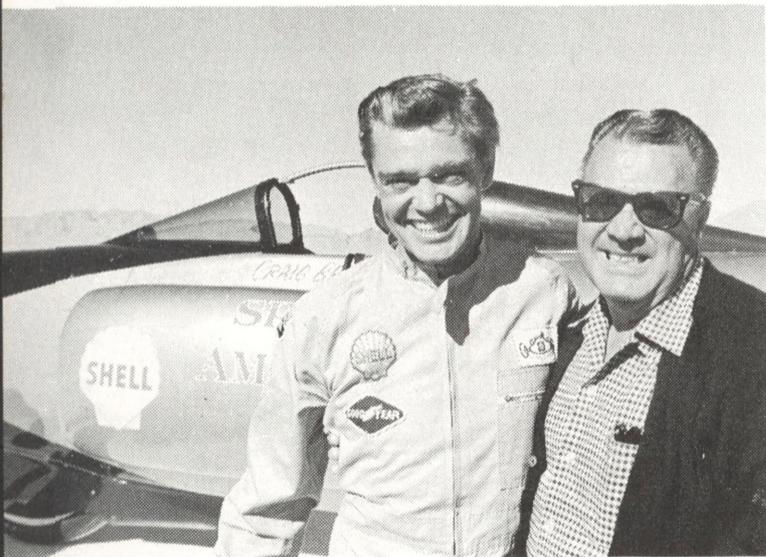
## BREEDLOVE SETS TWO SPEED MARKS IN ONE WEEK

Craig Breedlove set a new world land speed record of 469.60 miles per hour on October 13 to recapture a record which only the week before had been taken from him by Walt Arfons. Then two days later he tried again and finally passed the long sought mark of 500 miles per hour when he established a new mark of 526.28 miles per hour. Craig made his north run at 513.33 miles per hour, and his south run at 530.89 miles per hour.

As an interesting sidelight, Breedlove barely missed a fatal accident at the conclusion of his run. When he came out of the measured mile and attempted to stop the vehicle by releasing two parachutes, both parachutes failed. There was no way of stopping the vehicle (the brakes couldn't stop it) and he overran the course by about a mile. He veered slightly to the right, hit a telephone pole shearing it off, went across 200 yards of water, jumped a 6 to 8 foot high dike, then nosed into a drainage ditch. When the car came to rest in the water, only about six feet of the 40-foot long vehicle was showing.

Breedlove swam to shore and his first comment was, "That water sure is cold."

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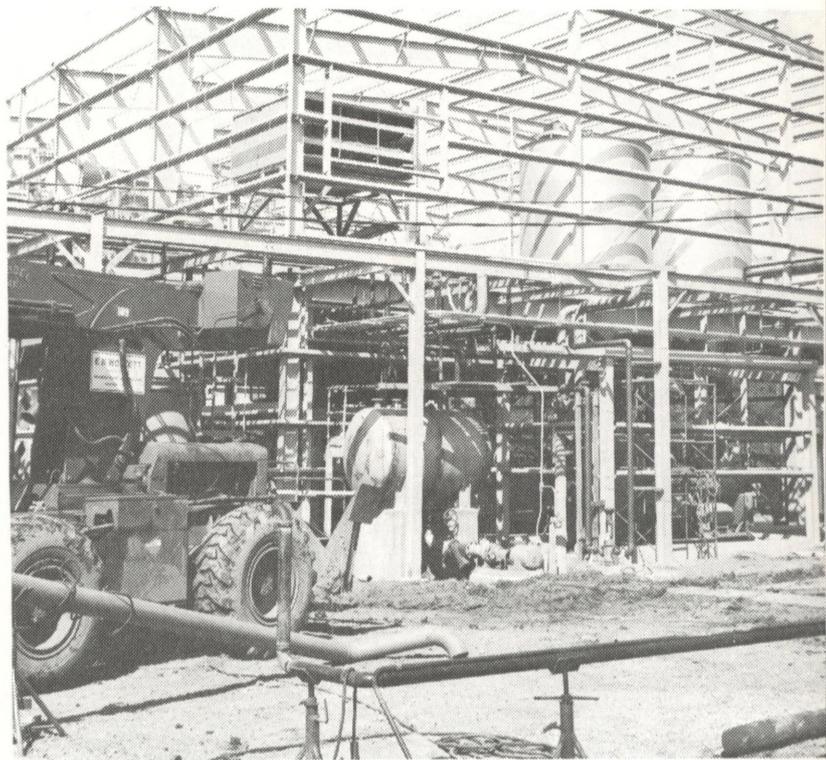


TRIUMPH AND TEARS...Craig Breedlove, left, who set a new world land speed mark twice last week at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah, is congratulated after the first record in a tearful reunion by his father, Norman Breedlove.

## SUPERVISORS EVENING MEETING

Duncan Haggart, Manager of Shell's Houston Marketing District spoke to the Refinery's supervisors last Wednesday evening. He discussed Shell's current marketing position in Metropolitan Houston. Haggart said our share of the Houston market continues to increase despite growing competition.

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## POLYMER/WAX PLANT

A plant is being installed at Houston for the preparation of polymer/wax blends. The polymer concentration of the blends will vary from 0.5% wt. to 40% depending on functional properties desired by the customer for specific application. The finished blends will be marketed as a liquid or in a solid form; the solids will be either 11-pound slabs or 1/8" x 1/8" extrudates (pellets) in 50-pound bags.

These polymer/wax blends will be used for paper and carton board coating mainly for food packaging. Currently either neat wax or polyethylene plastic films are used for this purpose. The paper and carton coated with the new blends will have superior properties to those coated with plastic and will be cheaper. The blends containing 30-40% polymer have properties resembling plastic and can be dyed and extrusion molded into inexpensive disposable colorful articles and containers.

The plant under construction is seen in the photograph above. As can be noted from the photograph, the equipment was installed in place prior to the completion of the building, which is an unusual procedure. Most of the equipment is highly specialized and foreign to an oil refinery, more closely resembling equipment used in chemical plants (plastics division).

The Houston Refinery has been making polymer/wax blends of low polymer concentrations for the past four or five years. In order to produce the blends containing the higher concentration of polymers, specialized equipment was required. The plant is scheduled for completion the latter part of November.

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SUPERVISORS MEETING (continued)

He summed up by saying the patronage of Shell employees is appreciated and is regarded as a vote of confidence in their own products.

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SCHOOL'S OPEN--Will you be carpooling the youngsters this fall? Avoid this mother's dangerous errors, cautions Carol Lane, Women's Travel Director for Shell Oil Company. Keep children seated until the car is fully stopped. Park close to the curb. Have children exit from the right side only - directly onto the sidewalk. And don't let that back-seat rough-housing distract you from your other precious charges!

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PROMOTION

Personnel & Industrial Relations Manager J. A. Douglas has announced the transfer of J. D. Bell to the Houston Office of

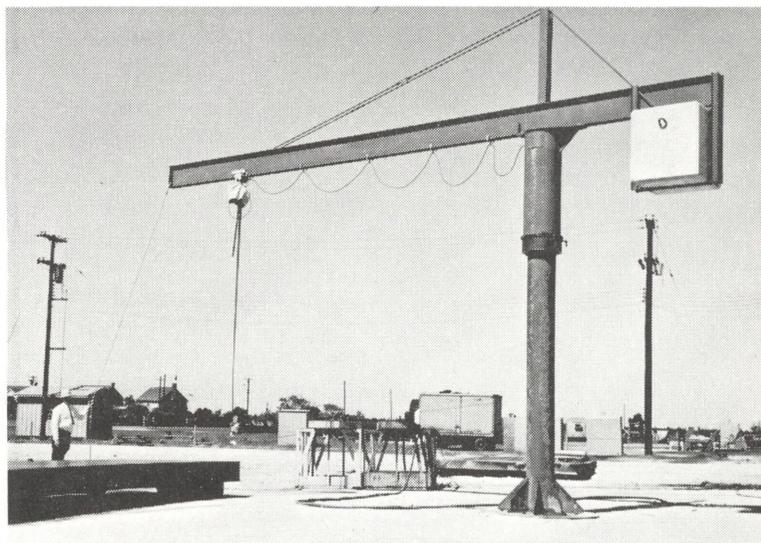


Shell Pipe Line Corporation. Jim will become Industrial Relations Representative about December 1, 1964. Jim received a BBA degree from North Texas State University and then a MBA degree from the University of Texas. He joined Shell at the

Houston Refinery in 1956.

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52 SAFE WORK DAYS
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PICTURED ABOVE IS A NEW JIB CRANE which was recently installed in the sand blast and paint yard to handle large equipment. Hank Lewis, who designed the crane, is shown holding a leash on his creation. It was constructed from salvage structural steel and has a two-ton electric hoist. The crane covers a full 360 degree circle with its 30-foot boom.

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LOST, STRAYED, OR STOLEN

Research Lab's John Mohundro of 7319 Remegan, RE-3-2445 drove all the way home last week with an engine that missed badly. When he arrived home, he opened the hood and found....a full grown Siamese cat inside. The cat offered no resistance or explanation. John said the cat is a beauty and probably someone's pet. The Mohundro children are becoming quite taken with their new friend, so John would like the real owner to show up pronto.

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CHARLES S. MacGREGOR TRANSFER

Charles S. MacGregor, formerly Manager of the Houston Refinery's Utilities Department, has accepted an assignment in Indonesia at the Pladju Refinery. He and his family expect to leave for Indonesia within the next 60 days.

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C L A S S I F I E D S

WANTED: Used 8 mm movie projector. Call GR-3-2765.

FOR SALE: Table with formica top and four chairs. \$10.00. Call GR-36529.

FOUND: Set of keys found on Dubbs Road. May be claimed in Room 132.

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