



THE BLAYLOCKS--Homer, Lillian, Curtis and Becky enjoy comfortable house, the last one still standing on Staff Row. They are shown here in their spacious living room.

FAREWELL TO ANOTHER ERA IN REFINERY HISTORY, LAST STAFF HOUSE WILL SOON BE GONE, TOO

Another remnant of days gone by will soon be dismantled and removed from the Refinery grounds.

The last remaining house of what was once a country club community in which 14 staff members lived is scheduled to be razed in January.

Homer Blaylock, Dockmaster, his wife, Lillian, and two youngest children live in the last house on Staff Row. The Blaylocks are representative of the families who lived in the houses through the years, 1929-1969.

Before the population started spreading out from Houston, there was no housing available in the Refinery area, so staff houses were built for management employees who wanted to live there. All of the houses were two and three bedroom brick structures which were spacious and well-built.

For a time two of the houses served as duplexes and brought the total number of families in the Staff houses to 16.

Seven homes faced the Ship Channel and the Refinery slip and the other seven were on the other side of the street. The children had room to play and there was a swimming pool and tennis court as well as a boat dock.

"I never fished much myself, but some of the others caught a lot of fish off that dock," said Blaylock.

For a few years during the summer months, a qualified lifeguard was employed by the Personnel and Industrial Relations Department to be in charge of the pool and to teach the children to swim. 1969 was the first year the Blaylocks did not use the pool.

The children, Becky and Curtis, can still remember when the rabbits ran wild and the woods provided a source of adventure. The family has enough space to raise their mare pony, dog and cat on the pasture where the houses once stood.

Mrs. Blaylock says she will miss this house because she has enjoyed the gorgeous sunsets over the slip and the night view of the Channel.

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FINISHING TOUCHES--H. J. Wheeler, Welder #1, is completing fabrication of one of the 118 details for new ballast system.

WELDERS COMPLETE MONTHS OF WORK ON FABRICATION OF PIPE FOR BALLAST WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEM

The new ballast water purification system is nearing completion as welders finish fabrication of 4,000 feet of 18-inch galvanized pipe.

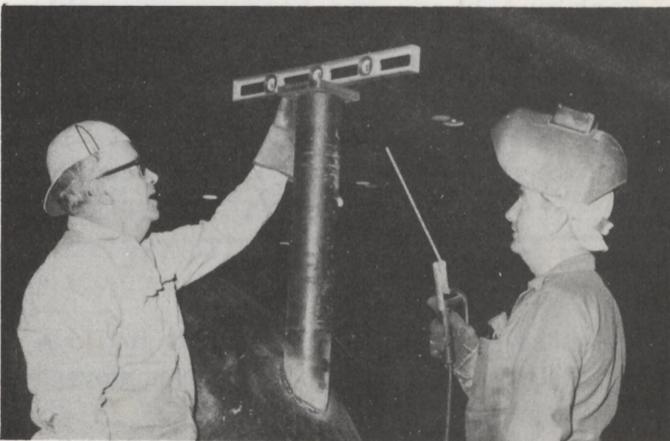
The pipe will tie in the four docks to the new ballast storage tank located near and northeast of the clay pond. The system is being built to supplement and improve the handling of ships' ballast water.

The welders have been welding flanges on 118 details or sections of pipe since August.

Pipe is being laid above and beneath the ground, and the project will probably be complete around February 1. Pipeline throughput will be 14,000 gallons per minute.

In addition to the new tank and pipeline, a 1,000 foot gunite flume or concrete-lined drainage ditch is under construction. The flume will tie the settling pond and lagoon system into the final aeration stream which releases water into the Ship Channel.

These improved ballast water facilities will insure that the quality of this water meets specifications required by the clean seas code as well as Federal law.



CHECKING WORK--H. H. Taylor, Welder #1, and F. L. Shoemake, Welder #1, check quality of their work as they welded flanges to sections of pipe for new system.



AT EVENING MEAL--Lillian, Becky and Curtis take their seats at the table in the large dining room of one of the larger houses which were on Staff Row.

BLAYLOCKS WILL SOON LEAVE STAFF ROW, TOO--
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"We used to enjoy getting together with our neighbors when they were still here," said Blaylock. "Now, it has been a little hard on the children because they don't have anyone to play with. We have to import their playmates."

Homer Blaylock has taken full advantage of his environment and has utilized his woodworking skills to put together several pieces of furniture in his work area in the garage. He likes to use unusual driftwood from the Channel to create some accent pieces. He has made a three-legged plexiglass topped coffee table from one piece of wood. He recently made an early American desk, which one of his older daughters quickly claimed, and is presently making an early American cabinet.

Other Houston Refiners who have lived in the row include Lennie Lambin, Harold Tighe, S. F. Good, W. B. Boykin and Curt Stanberry. W. A. Carpenter, who retired from the Distilling Department in 1960, lived in a staff house about the longest of any employee.

Stanberry said the families enjoyed the annual Fourth of July barbecue when the men barbecued in the smokehouse and the families enjoyed the outdoors.

Bidding, sale and dismantling of the houses began in May, 1965.

Each purchaser has been responsible for dismantling.

The foundation and a few bits and pieces remain of the house that stood next door to the Blaylocks'. The Blaylocks will move into a new home they are having built in Deer Park in January and end the Refinery community.

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ONE AND A HALF HOUSES REMAINING--A few weeks ago the dismantling process was well underway on the house next door to the Blaylocks'. Now, only one is standing on the waterfront.

P. F. DEISLER, JR., NAMED MTM VICE PRESIDENT;
S. G. STILES SUCCEEDS HIM AS HEAD OF T&S

P. F. Deisler, Jr., Vice President, Transportation and Supplies, has been named Vice President-MTM, a new position, effective January 1, announced R. M. Hart, Executive Vice President-MTM. The move is being made to improve the coordination of the MTM effort in preparation for and following the move of the MTM Organization to Houston.

Deisler will report to the Executive Vice President-MTM. The Vice Presidents of Marketing, Transportation and Supplies, and Manufacturing and Research, will report to Deisler. During the course of the move, Deisler will establish his office in Houston.

Paul Deisler, who holds a B.S. degree in chemical engineering from Texas A&M and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton, joined Shell Development Company in Emeryville, as an engineer in 1952. He joined Shell Chemical in 1963 as Manager, Process Development, Industrial Chemicals Division, and became General Manager, Ammonia Division in 1967. He was appointed to his present position earlier this year.

Stan Stiles holds a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from the California Institute of Technology. He joined Shell in 1947 as a Junior Engineer in California. Following a brief period with a Royal Dutch/Shell Group company in The Hague, he returned to Shell in 1960 as Chief Mechanical Engineer in Midland. He became Division Production Manager in 1962 and in 1963 began a series of foreign assignments in Trinidad and Indonesia. He was named Assistant to the Vice President and then Area Services Manager in Los Angeles in 1965 and the following year was assigned to the New York Office in the Purchasing Organization. After another two-year assignment in London, he became General Manager Transportation in 1968 and General Manager-Supply Relations later that year. He assumed his present position in 1969.

OIL FACT

Based on U. S. Department of the Interior estimates, Americans will consume 2-1/3 times more oil between now and the year 2000 than was consumed in this country in the last 100 years.



C. A. MINTON'S FAMILY--Sergeant Minton is proud of his family which includes daughter Mrs. Sherrye Hebert, son Charles who is on leave from the Navy, and new daughter Traci, seven months old. He thought he had already finished raising a family, but he and his wife are glad to have another blue-eyed youngster around the house.

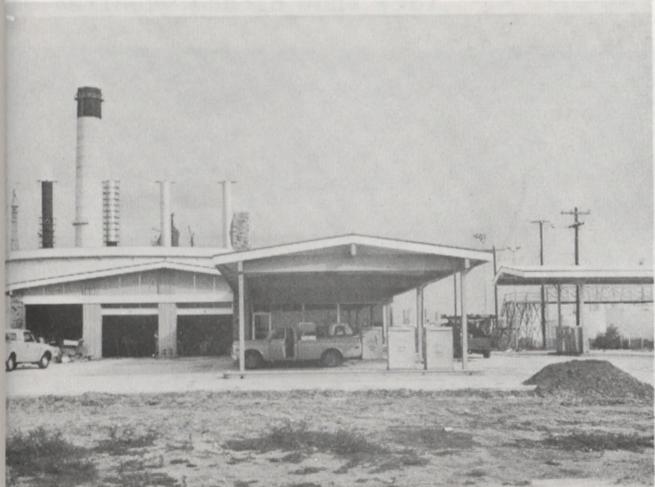
WELCOME TO SHELL



Thor P. Hansen
Research Engineer
Research



Martha L. Browning
Clerk
Treasury



CLOSER AND CLOSER TO OPENING DAY--This is the new Shell Service Station at the Refinery entrance just before paving had begun. Opening will be within the next two weeks.

The American Petroleum Institute was born in a New York City hotel 50 years ago--four months after the conclusion of World War I.

The 85 oilmen who convened at the Biltmore then thought they were establishing a truly national petroleum trade association that would encompass all segments of the industry. They did, and also set the ball rolling for a chain of accomplishments benefitting the oil industry and the public alike.

Today, almost 8,000 companies and individuals are members of the Institute, which has three principal spheres of activity: industry affairs, environmental affairs and public affairs.

Committees made up for the most part of oil company employees--including dozens from Shell--carry on API activities. These volunteers spend long hours working for the industry as a whole in addition to their regular jobs.

HOUSTON RODEO SOLVES PROBLEM FOR TIRED SHOPPER GIVE 1970 RODEO TICKETS THIS CHRISTMAS

Christmas is coming but the wives could care less. They dread having to find a suitable gift for everyone on their list.

Wives, don't despair, you may be able to give either Elvis Presley, Charley Pride, Bobby Goldsboro or Buck Owens and Roy Clark to your family and friends for Christmas.

Give an exciting trip to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo which will be held February 27 through March 8.

Besides the \$1,139,099 in livestock and poultry auction sales to benefit the agricultural community, the proceeds from the show are used to finance college scholarships. Currently, several boys are attending area colleges on Livestock Show Scholarships.

Every age group will be pleased to receive tickets to see any one of the stars. Elvis Presley will appear February 27, 28, and March 1 at matinee and evening performances; Charley Pride is scheduled for March 2, 3, and 4; Bobby Goldsboro will be featured on March 5; and Buck Owens and Roy Clark will appear on March 6, 7, and 8. The last pair will have matinee performances on the seventh and eighth.

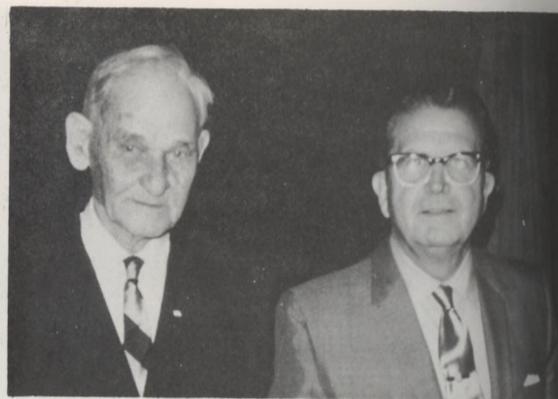
The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo stimulates farmers, ranchers, F.F.A. and 4-H boys and girls to produce better livestock through better breeding and feeding practices. It encourages farmers to develop better agricultural practices and to build Houston and Harris County as a livestock market.

Tickets are from \$1.50 to \$2.50 for unreserved; and \$3.50 to \$4.50 for reserved.

Shell Refinery employees who are active on committees of the Livestock Show and Rodeo include Jack Cox, Dalton White, Claude Burgess, L. T. Wilson, W. L. McCarley and Don Jennings.



EFFLUENT CONTROL HOLDS SAFETY DINNER--Among the guests at the party last Friday at King's Inn were, 1-r, Mrs. L. A. Gruber, Mrs. I. Harlan, Jr., Mrs. G. A. Manuel, Mrs. O. C. Eugene, Mr. Eugene, Mr. Harlan, Mr. J. M. Fincher, Mr. Gruber and Mr. B. E. Norwood.



At right are J. M. Fincher, who retired in 1950, and B. E. Norwood. Fincher told all the honorees that he was happy to have worked for Shell because he was able to raise 10 children comfortably and now has 19 grandchildren. He is 79 years old.



HONOREES AND GUESTS--Attending the Effluent Control party were Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Manuel, and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Eugene, left. In



center photo are A. G. Smith, guest, and L. A. Gruber. In right picture are Mr. and Mrs. I. Harlan, Jr.



FOR SALE

Antique finish upright piano, Recently tuned. \$200.
Telephone: 473-8636 after 5 p.m.

1958 Chevrolet 4 door Belair, excellent mechanical condition. Original owner, \$275.
Telephone: 479-3355

1967 Volkswagen sedan, sun roof, radio, heater, 15,000 miles, one owner, immaculate, \$1250.
Telephone: GR 2-6768

1956 Chevrolet, good work car, \$200.
Telephone: GR 3-1004

Shetland pony, bridle and saddle, \$50.
Telephone: Dickinson--1-534-3060

1964 Ford Galaxie 500 convertible, 390 cubic inch engine, power steering, factory air, radio, heater, good top, and in excellent condition, \$695.
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1963 Fairlane, 2 door hardtop, 289 V-8, automatic transmission, air conditioned, 5 new tires, extra clean, \$695.
Telephone: 473-7539

Brunswick regulation pool table, all accessories, like new, \$395.
Telephone: GR 2-8273

6 gerbils; a kangaroo-mouse, type animal which makes a happy amusing pet normally kept in a small cage. \$1 each.
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CLASSIFIEDS

1964 Ford 4 door Galaxie 500, air, power, very clean, \$750.
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210, one ton Fedders central air conditioning unit.
Telephone: GR 2-6186

'60 Chevrolet pickup, radio, heater, new tires, Fleetside, \$200.
Telephone: 643-9109

Garage Sale, Saturday, December 6, 9-5 p.m.
6638 Wildwood Way--Houston.

12 foot MFG fiberglass boat, tri hull with galvanized tilt trailer and extras, \$275. Also, practically new 1968 Johnson 6 hp. \$250.
Telephone: 667-6090

'68 Mustang 2+2, power steering, air conditioned, automatic, new tires and brakes.
Telephone: 487-3836

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FREE

6 beautiful black and white female puppies, 6 weeks old, part poodle, part heinz. Will sacrifice.
Telephone: 487-0601 immediately