

# SHELLEGRAPH

## HOUSTON REFINERY



No. 162

Friday, December 10, 1965



TOY TIME...can be a joy time for you and some needy youngster this Christmas. "On the other hand, empty Toy Time boxes mean empty stockings - and that's pretty sad when we can do something about it," says Suzanne Gilmore, Research Jr. Clerk, (above) "doing something." Toys donated by you and placed in special collection boxes here in the Refinery, at Shell service stations in Pasadena, Deer Park, and in South Houston, will be distributed to less fortunate children in the area by the Pasadena Salvation Army just prior to Christmas. According to Sam Day, Shell District Salesman, who is working closely with Salvation Army Major Joseph Hudson, their "hope is that we will be able to collect enough good used toys, books, games, or anything else to meet the requirements of all the needy children in our area. Anything from a baby rattle to a bicycle is acceptable." Last year more than 4,000 Shell service station dealers in some 100 communities collected three million toys for distribution to one million children. Interest in the program, now in its 15th year, increases - as do the number of toys collected and the number of youngsters who benefit from it.

### PROVIDENT FUND NEWS

Here are the latest Provident Fund valuations:

Equities Fund:

November 5 - \$1.752

November 19 - 1.747

Shell Stock Fund:

October - \$66.271

PROCESS SUPERINTENDENT BRECKENFELD WILL MOVE TO LOS ANGELES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1

R. R. Breckenfeld, Process Superintendent, has been appointed Manager Crude Oil and Products Supply in Los Angeles effective around February 1, 1966.

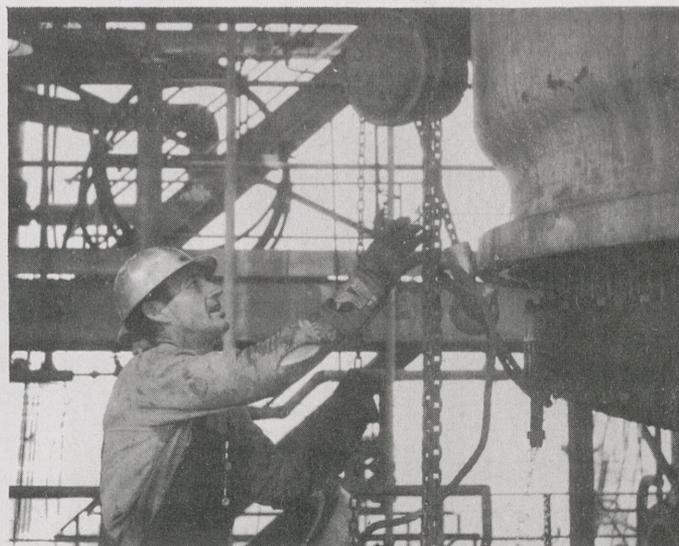
A graduate of the University of California, Bob received a Master's degree in Chemical Engineering in 1948, and joined Shell shortly thereafter at San Francisco.



Since that time, he has served at Wilmington, in Head Office Tech. Department, and as Assistant Manager Manufacturing-Operations - Head Office before coming to Houston Refinery early this year. He was also on temporary assignment to The Hague for a year beginning in July 1959. Shortly after his arrival here, he attended the Shell Management Course at Arden House.

Bob and his wife Pat have two daughters, Ann and Barbara.

### REFINERY PEOPLE IN ACTION



SHUTDOWN AT THE LVI...and everyone gets in the act. Boilermaker No. 1 J. A. Gannon hoists a heat exchanger head in preparation for bundle cleaning during the big Lube turnaround.



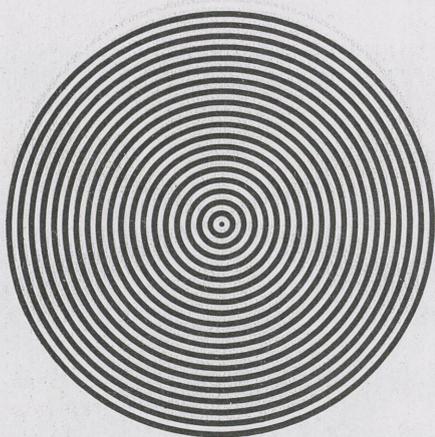
BRIGHT-EYED CHEMISTRY STUDENTS...from Sam Houston State. Student members of the campus affiliate chapter of the American Chemical Society visiting the Refinery and Chemical Plant last Friday ended their tour here at the Refinery Laboratory. They first attended a briefing session in the Cafeteria keyed by H. D. Estes, Manager Economics and Scheduling, and then toured the plant in a Dreamliner under the guidance of Tech Department Representatives V. E. Lehmborg and M. B. Milburn.

#### OPTICAL ILLUSION?--IT SHOULDN'T BE

Good vision and fast reaction are among the most important physical requirements for safe driving.

Your SHELLEGRAPH will present these quick tests from time to time to give you some obvious clues to your driving fitness.

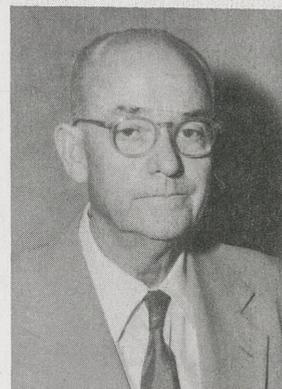
But remember, no self-test of vision can take the place of a professional eye examination by a qualified doctor.



HOW WELL DO YOU SEE? The eye chart with the letters of the alphabet on it measures what doctors call visual acuity. It's the most common measure of how well you can see. One eye condition that affects your visual acuity is astigmatism--a distortion of the eye lens which results in a blurred, imperfect image. To test, hold this page at reading distance and look at the circles with one eye closed. Now try

#### RETIREE EARL LEE THOMAS, FORMER GAS DEPARTMENT SHIFT FOREMAN IS DEAD

Funeral services were held Tuesday for E. L. Thomas at South Main Baptist Church. A retiree since 1956, Mr. Thomas spent most of his Shell career in the Gas Department, where he was promoted to Shift Foreman in 1946. His name appears on the rolls as one of the "first" hired in 1929.



Known by most of his Shell friends as "Uncle Tom", he was born in Anderson County and attended school in Ratcliff. He also attended Sam Houston State for one year.

A Pasadena resident for 33 years, his death came last Monday as the result of an apparent heart attack. Immediate survivors include his wife Idelle, and daughters Lorraine and Nita. Burial was at South Park Cemetery.

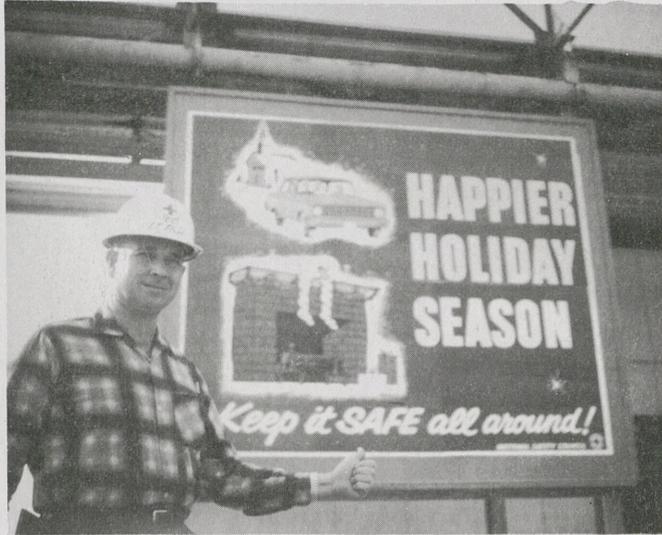
#### FLAMEPROOF YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Here's one way to avert a Holiday tragedy...make flameproofing of your Christmas tree and greenery a part of your decorating festivities.

Mix 9 ounces borax, 4 ounces boric acid, 1 gallon water. Spray tree. SATURATE it. Let dry. Decorate. (To aid penetrating qualities of solution, add 1/4 tablespoon LOW sudsing detergent such as Dash or All to mixture.) There is no change in color or texture of tree.

In experiments with cedar, white pine and yellow pine, the untreated cedar literally exploded and was gone in three seconds. The pines burned slower. THE TREATED TREES WOULD NOT BURN.

the other eye. If you see pie-shaped sections that seem sharper and blacker than others, you may have astigmatism. As a result, you may not be seeing all you should when driving your car. Clear vision is even more important when you're driving on high-speed freeways and turnpikes.



GET THE MESSAGE?...it's everywhere, and still there will be 10,000 accident deaths this month. J. T. Flynt points to a Refinery safety billboard which he says makes his point if "folks just care enough to be careful."

Note: This safety reminder is the third of a series of special contributions to your SHELEGRAPH written by Fire and Safety Inspectors in the interest of making your Christmas and New Year a Happy one.

DEATH WON'T TAKE A HOLIDAY  
by John Flynt  
Fire and Safety Inspector

The holiday season is here - a happy time for young and old alike! There will be hundreds of thousands of people on the highways to enjoy the holidays with friends and families. Too many will not return. Last December in the United States accidents took the lives of some 10,000 persons, traffic accidents being the greatest killer.

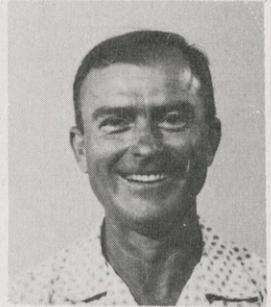
Much concern has been expressed by social and political leaders across the nation at the staggering toll of lost lives, injury, and property damage. Texas' Governor John Connally, in an effort to curb holiday accidents has proclaimed Sunday, December 12, as "Safety Sunday". In so doing, he has challenged every driver to accept his moral responsibility to prevent traffic accidents.

Traffic safety rules are not enough. Surely every driver knows the rules. They have been printed in millions of newspapers and magazines, broadcast countless times on radio and television, and posted on billboards and signs on the highways. Yet, every holiday season thousands of drivers choose to ignore the rules and the results can lead only to more traffic tragedies.

Will this holiday season be any different? Only if drivers realize that they themselves are responsible for this annual destruction of life and that only they can stop it by observing the rules of safe driving. A conservative estimate is that four out of every five accidents



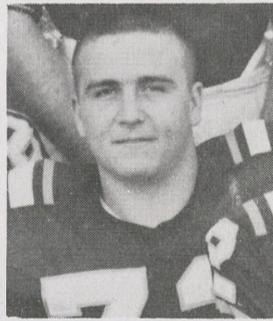
SHELLMAN SHINES...in Tree of Light. Effluent Control Department Operating Assistant LARRY GRUBER will be part of the City of Houston Choral Group as it sings next Thursday for the annual Tree of Light ceremony at City Hall. Since 1933 this program has featured a nativity scene, dramatized by children to a background of familiar Christmas music.



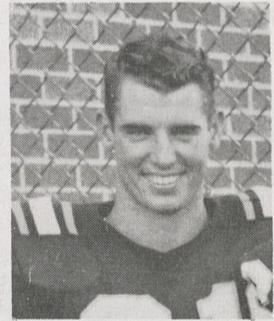
GRUBER

Larry will also be singing at the NASA Christmas program and take part in the annual St. Christopher's Catholic Church caroling at M. D. Anderson Hospital on December 22.

THE DEER ARE BACK...and they're in the headlines again. This time Deer Park High Shell sons JIMMY STEWART and HENRY BUCHANAN were honored by being named to District 12 - 3A first teams. Jimmy, a guard and tackle, who is the son of deceased Dispatching Department retiree G. L. "LONNIE" STEWART, was the only player to be named on both the offensive and defensive teams. Henry, a tackle, is the son of H. H. BUCHANAN, Sr. Research Laboratory Assistant. He was named to the all-district team last year and is the Deer's only repeater.



STEWART



BUCHANAN

are caused by driver error - mistakes drivers themselves could avoid by not speeding, by not driving recklessly, by obeying the rules of the road, and by yielding the right of way - even when in doubt.

Yes, the holiday season is a time for joy and hope - a time to be shared by all. What greater gift can you give your family this year than a safe journey? Don't make this season a time of tragedy. "It" can happen to you.

RED SNAPPER PIPE LINE APPLICATION FILED WITH POWER COMMISSION

The Red Snapper Pipe Line Company, of which Shell and 28 other companies are stockholders, has filed application with the Federal Power Commission for authorization to construct a deepwater pipe line transmission system in the Gulf of Mexico. The proposed system to bring natural gas and liquids to shore would total about 300 miles and would cost approximately \$127 million.

The Red Snapper Pipe Line Company was formed in April this year after lengthy negotiations and studies by the participating companies. Shell played a leading role in organizing the venture.

The application calls for a 30-inch pipe line to be located in the Outer Continental Shelf Area, about 75 miles offshore and running parallel to the Louisiana Coast, and two shore lines connecting with terminals near Gibson and Esther, Louisiana. The line would be available to transport gas and liquids produced by all companies in the offshore area.

The pipe line system would be operated as a two-phase system. Natural gas and liquid hydrocarbons gathered offshore would be mixed in the line and then separated at onshore separation plants. Besides the 30-inch pipe line, the application specified the following facilities:

Five 70-foot square, double-deck marine platforms; two 16,000-horsepower compressor stations; four gas scrubbers; six regenerative cycle dry desiccant hydrocarbon control units; two five-pair meter tube sales meter stations; and other facilities necessary for operation.



ADVANCE FAREWELL...for Charlie Bergfeld, Zone Foreman, who will be retiring January 1. Shown here is Chief Engineer J. D. Ramsey (R) during the "program" part of the festivities at the staff house barbecue pit last Tuesday evening.

CLASSIFIEDS

- FOR SALE: One Automatic 22 Winchester Rifle.  
One Pump 22 Winchester Rifle.  
Both like brand new.  
\$25 each.  
Telephone: GA-1-0537
- FOR SALE: Hobby Cart, 3½ H.P. Engine.  
Good condition.  
Telephone: HU-6-3338
- FOR SALE: 2 Mathis Window Air Conditioners. One ton - 3 years old; 1½ ton - 7 years old.  
Both air conditioners - \$75  
Telephone: MI-9-1033
- LOST: Glasses: bifocals with gray frames in brown TSO case - November 18th.  
Telephone: MI-9-8325 or return to Lucky Bag, 139 Administration Bldg.
- LOST: Masonic ring in the parking lot area.  
Telephone: WA-3-8218
- FOUND: Three pairs of prescription clear glasses, two pairs of sun glasses, one black bead rosary. In the Lucky Bag - Room 139, Administration Bldg.
- FOR RENT: 5-Room house on large lot with garden spot. 2704 Oak Street, Golden Acres.  
\$60/Mo.  
Telephone: HU-6-7946

SAFETY SHOE MONTH DRAWING

Winners of the 10 free pairs of safety shoes will be drawn from the hat Monday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the Central Shops.



"I think we can skip the pillow this year."