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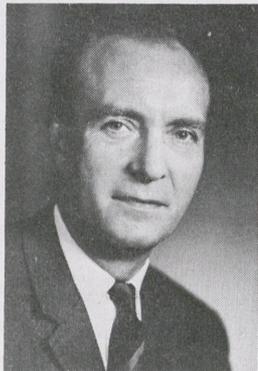
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## D. B. KEMBALL-COOK TO RETIRE, BRIDGES NOMINATED AS SUCCESSOR



Kemball-Cook



Bridges

Denis B. Kemball-Cook, president and chief executive officer of Shell Oil Company, announced at the company's annual meeting, April 22, that having stayed on beyond normal retirement age, he would retire at the end of June on the occasion of the transfer of the company's headquarters to Houston. Harry Bridges, executive vice president and chief operating officer, will be nominated to succeed him.

Kemball-Cook, who has headed Shell Oil since January 1970, began working for the company in 1932 at a New Hampshire service station. He later was a roustabout and roughneck on Shell drilling rigs in west Texas and Louisiana and continued in exploration and production until 1945, when he joined Shell de Venezuela, for which he was director from 1951 to 1957. He became vice president and director of Shell Caribbean Petroleum Company and of Asiatic Petroleum Corporation in New York in 1957. He was elected executive vice president and a director of Shell Oil in 1958, and chief operating officer in 1968.

Bridges joined the Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Companies in 1937 after graduation from Durham University in England and has subsequently had broad experience in many countries of the world. He was general manager of Shell-B.P. in Nigeria from 1955 to 1957. He then served two years in a senior capacity with a group company in Indonesia. After filling several senior positions at The Hague and London, he became a director of Shell International Petroleum Company Limited in 1964 and a Director of Shell Petroleum NV and the Shell Petroleum Company, Ltd., the two group holding companies, in 1967. He became president of Shell Canada Ltd. in 1968, and assumed his present position with Shell Oil in September 1970.

## PLATFORM FIRE OUT AFTER 4 MONTHS, SOME WELLS TO OPERATE IN 1972

For four-and-one-half months, Platform B in the Bay Marchand area of the Gulf of Mexico burned while relief wells were being drilled to stop the flow of oil to the surface.

A surface valve assembly was placed on the last of 11 burning wells on April 16 and drilling "mud" pumped down the casing to stop the flow.

The platform caught fire on December 1. Eleven of the 22 completed wells on the platform were eventually identified as burning. Ten of the wells had been killed from the bottom by the use of relief wells that had been drilled directionally into the producing formation of the burning wells.

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## FACTS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE CITY WITHIN A CITY

Statistics on the Houston Refinery, a city within a city, read like a chamber of commerce brochure, and rightly so.

Did you know that the total area of the Refinery is approximately 1,500 acres with eighteen and one-quarter miles of road.

The plant also consumes enough electric power to supply a city the size of Galveston.

At the port, or Refinery docks, four ocean-going tankers can be loaded simultaneously at a rate as high as 840,000 gallons per hour per tanker. At times 214 million gallons of crude oil and products have been handled in a single month at the docks. This amount of products and oil would fill a swimming pool  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile long,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile wide, and 8 feet deep.



Spring time at the Houston Refinery means gentle southeasterly breezes and a few wild flowers on the outer reaches of the complex.



Left, Cathy Taylor, daughter of R. L. Taylor, with her Troop Leader Mrs. Sandra Lambert, prepare Mexican snacks. Center, Jean Carew, daughter of J. P. Carew, Chemical, serves



petite fours to Vicki Grounds and Joan Coffelt. Right, Laura Pesl, daughter of Robert J. Pesl, Chemical, and Julie Rogers, daughter of Paul Rogers, serve cheese fondue.



Girl Scouts in Pasadena staged an International Tasting Fair and served food from different countries.

**INTERNATIONAL MENU FEATURED AT GIRL SCOUT TASTING FAIR**

Several Shell daughters recently participated in the International Tasting Fair held at the Market Center in Pasadena.

The yearly event is held to recognize Juliette Low, the founder of Girl Scouts in the United States, and it stresses friendship around the world through Scouting.

Proceeds from the tasting fair are directed to a fund which provides exchange visits between Girl Scouts and Guides from different countries.

Each troop was dressed in costumes from different countries and sold food representative of that country. Along with samples of food from France, Ireland, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland, Israel, India, Greece and Scotland, the girls also treated their customers to songs and dances from each country.

**RELIEF WELL PROCESS USED-- (Continued from Page 1.)**

This costly relief well process was only partially successful on the last well and so it was worked on from the surface.

After the last well was out, firefighter Paul "Red" Adair began the lengthy job of securing all the wells on the structure.

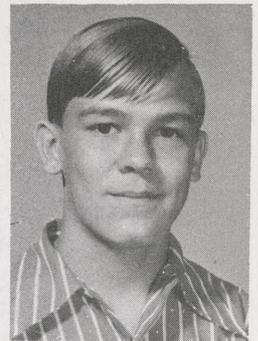
Later this year a new platform will be installed over the remnants of Platform B. At least half of the wells on the structure are expected to be on production by next spring.

**HENRY KREBS, III, WINS 8TH GRADE ORAL MATH CONTEST IN FESTIVAL**

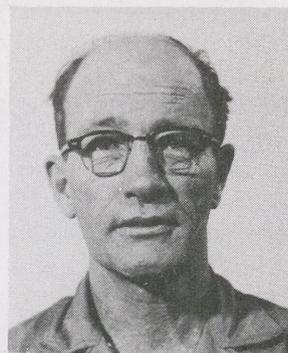
Henry Krebs, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Krebs, Jr., recently won the eighth grade oral math contest held at Deepwater Junior High School's Literary Festival. The contest was held for schools in the Bay Area district.

Henry, an eighth grader at Deer Park Junior High, recently won the first chair trombone position in the All District Band competition. He is a member of the Student Council, National Junior Honor Society and the Science Club.

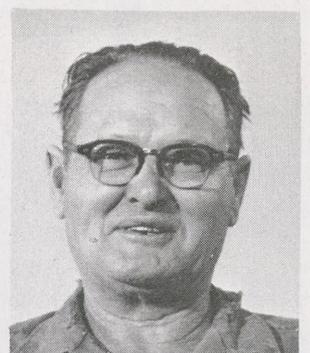
His father is a Transitman, Engineering Field.



**J. L. JAMES, L. B. HARRIS DIE**



James



Harris

Joseph L. James, 58, died Tuesday, April 20 following an extended sick leave. Leith B. Harris, 65, died Friday, April 23.

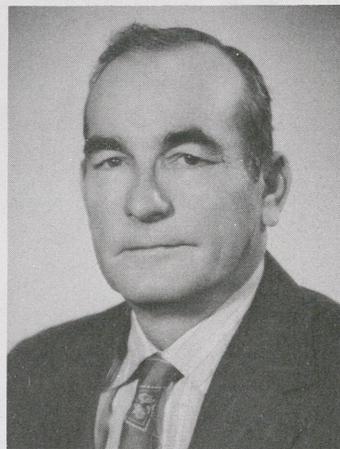
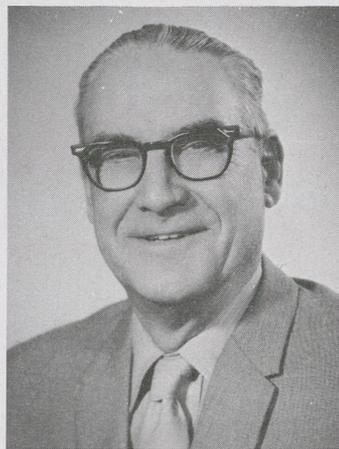
J. L. James was a Machinist #1, Engineering Field with 22½ years of service. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edith James, two daughters and 10-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday and interment was at Forest Park Lawndale.

L. B. Harris was a Machinist #2, Engineering Field, when he retired in 1963 with 27 years of service. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ella Harris, and two daughters as well as three grandchildren and a great grandson.

Church services were held Monday and burial was at Brookside Memorial Cemetery.

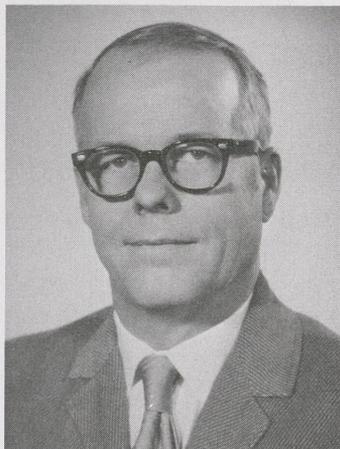
**SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES**



40 Years  
W. O. Hopper  
Refinery Lab

35 Years  
J. C. Hallaman  
Expansion-Construction

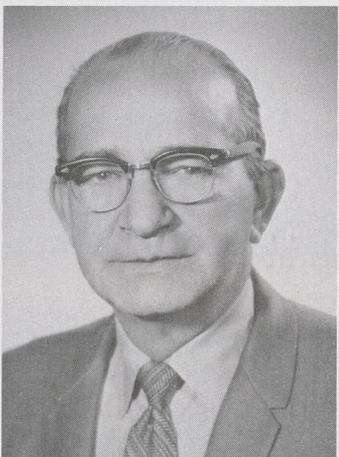
30 Years  
C. W. Eddleman  
Engineering Field



30 Years  
L. R. Grounds  
Hydroprocessing

30 Years  
C. W. Lyons  
Lube Oils

30 Years  
W. A. Stabs  
Engineering Field



30 Years  
U. M. Tomlinson  
Dispatching

25 Years  
K. Stuart  
Engineering Field

25 Years  
W. H. Wells  
Engineering Field

25 Years  
D. H. Wheeler  
Engineering Office

**OPERATE POWER MOWERS CAREFULLY WHILE DOING SUMMER CHORES**

With spring comes the hazard of uncontrolled and unguided missiles launched by your lawnmower.

The ominous rotary mowers not only have a carnivorous appetite for clipped fingers, hands, toes, and feet, but they seem all but human in their unusual ability to deftly hurl objects at speeds up to two hundred miles per hour with uncanny accuracy. These missiles take the form of wire, nails, bolts, mower blades, sticks, rocks, or any unsuspected article hidden in the grass. Needless to say, the blow they deliver may be fatal.

How may we control the unguided missiles, or better still, what are some safety rules for operating our mower?

1. Make sure the area to be mowed is free of debris.
2. Look for and avoid tree roots, walk-

ways, humps, or depressions which could break a blade.

3. Do not permit anyone, particularly children, in the mowing area.

4. Avoid working on mower when engine is operating and always keep hands and feet out of the radius of the mower blades.

5. Fuel the mower outside and away from sources of ignition.

6. Do not mow barefooted--wear shoes, also safety glasses or goggles for eye care.

7. Do not fuel hot engines.

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**TINNERS, CARPENTERS, BRICKMASONS, SURVEYORS HOLD SAFETY DINNER**



W. H. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Loomis (retiree), and Mr. Wells' daughter were among guests at the recent safety dinner for four

crafts. In center are Mrs. Rudy Carroll and Mrs. Daryl Evans, right are Mrs. and Mr. Red Washmon.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

For Sale

Bridgestone 350 motorcycle, excellent condition, 3,000 miles.  
Telephone: 472-0245 after 5

Moving--antique hall tree, wing back living room chair, vinyl reclining chair, rug, other miscellaneous items.  
Telephone: 667-3468

Ford 1968 XL Galaxie, factory air, power, auto, V8 390, excellent condition. \$1870.  
Telephone: 477-5448

17' "Glastron" fiberglass boat with 50 hp. Evinrude electric start motor, big wheel tilt trailer, top, skis, rope & tow bar. Licensed & in good shape. \$600.  
Telephone: HU 5-3064 or HU 5-2706 after 6 & weekends

'68 Buick LeSabre 2 dr. h.t., automatic, air, power steering and brakes. Tape deck with FM tuner, \$1950.  
Telephone: 472-3292

Heathkit 23 channel CB radio, channels 9 and 11 included. \$75.  
Telephone: 472-3292

3½ hp. Sears outboard motor, 10 ft. aluminum boat, \$99 for both.  
Telephone: 479-1061 or 479-2425

1969 camper (trailer type), used twice, loaded with accessories inside & outside, butane cook stove, cabinets, water supply, ice box & privacy curtains, sleeps five, some extra equipment.  
Telephone: WA 3-5319 after 5 weekdays

Spring Branch, 65x12 Better Built mobile home, 3 bedroom, central air & heat.  
Telephone: 465-6130

Pool table, \$100.  
Telephone: 644-0089 after 6

Old mantel clocks, \$35. Cut glass bowl, \$33. Pewter tea pots, \$6 each. Edison cylinder records, 75 cents each. Antique walnut cane back chair, \$17.50.  
Telephone: 473-2268



A. D. Kohler and Mrs. and Mr. R. C. Wesley renewed acquaintances with fellow employees and wives as they celebrated another safe year of work.

Surfboard, 6'8", Dave Boice, \$50. 1960 Falcon, good work car, \$150.  
Telephone: 473-0378

Brass prop. 12"x7/8" shaft, 25 lbs. Coleman icebox, upright Coleman tent, 10'x16' used 3 times, 3 fluorescent lights, new 12"x48", 2-15" wheels & tires-- 5 lug Goodyear.  
Telephone: GR 2-2971

2 lots, Lake Livingston area, cleared, \$1595 cash or terms. Also 10x15 tent like new, cost \$149.95, sell for \$75.  
Telephone: 356-8091

1966 Maytag washer, excellent condition, \$120.  
Telephone: 622-5464 after 6

16 ft. self contained Mobile Scout travel trailer, in good condition, electric brakes, \$1095.  
Telephone: GR 2-4133

1969 El Dorado Cadillac. White leather upholstery, full power and loaded. Stereo. Like new, \$4850.  
Telephone: 944-0598 after 5:30

12" portable TV. 110 AC or 12v. DC, ideal for campers, used 2 times, cost \$110, sell for \$75.  
Telephone: MI 3-2157 after 5

'67 Cadillac, 37,000 miles, fully loaded, clean, \$2200.  
Telephone: 477-4003