

# Shellegraph

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## REFINERY CITED FOR 2 MILLION SAFE MANHOURS BY REFINERS ASSOCIATION

The safe operations of the Houston Refinery were recognized by the National Petroleum Refiners Association during the trade group's 69th Annual Meeting in San Francisco recently.

At the Association's annual membership luncheon, NPRA president A. W. Winter presented an NPRA safety award plaque to Shell in recognition of the exceptional record of safe operations at the Houston Refinery. In making the presentation, the president cited the Shell plant for operating 2,930,059 man-hours without a disabling injury.

Recipients of NPRA safety plaques included 16 additional refineries who have operated 1,000,000 or more man-hours without a disabling injury. Thirty-one companies received safety plaques for operating 365 consecutive days without a disabling injury.

The presentation of the safety awards is part of a comprehensive program which the NPRA's Fire & Accident Prevention committee has developed to promote accident prevention in the refining and petrochemical industry and to publicly recognize the excellent record of safe operations which the industry has compiled.

Founded in 1902, the National Petroleum Refiners Association is the oldest and largest organization of its type in the refining industry with a nationwide membership of 113 small and large refining and petrochemical companies.

## SHELLE GRAPH TO HONOR GRADUATES

The Shellegraph wants to honor your graduating sons and daughters in the annual Graduates' Issue.

If you have a son or daughter graduating from high school or college, send a picture (a black and white 5x7 is preferred, small wallet-size pictures can be misplaced easily and large photos can be damaged in the mail) to the Shellegraph right away.

Please write the youngster's name lightly in pencil on the back of the picture. Using the form on Page 4 or on a separate piece of paper, write your child's name, parent's name and department. Include his school or college, major, degree if any, school activities (be brief), honors and future plans.

Don't forget to include your return address. Pictures will be returned shortly after the Graduates' Issue is published in July.

Enclose the picture and information in cardboard and mail to: The Shellegraph, Shell Oil Company, P. O. Box 100, Deer Park, Texas 77536. Or bring the material or send through interoffice mail to Main Office Annex, Room 103.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING MATERIAL IS JUNE 7, 1971.



A new mobile foam house fire truck which arrived Monday has been added to the Refinery's fleet of safety vehicles. The truck can be used as a water pumper or in combination to deliver water and foam solution streams simultaneously within the maximum capacity of 1500 gpm at 150 psi. The chassis is a 1970 Mack Custom built truck with a 673 C.I.D. 225 BHP diesel engine.

## THOUGHTFUL PREPARATIONS MAKE LVI SHUTDOWN SAFE, EFFICIENT

In an effort to have a speedy, safe and efficient shutdown of the Low Viscosity Index (LVI) unit in the Lube Oils Department, maintenance crews came upon a time saving scheme.

By making preparations before the shutdown began by dismantling a monorail and removing a large section of structural steel over an exchanger, they were able to pull a 16-17 ton tube bundle and shell in one operation with a crane during the shutdown.

"We saved some time in the job because we were able to pull the whole exchanger with a crane, then inspected, tested and repaired the whole thing as a unit in the shops," said J. H. Spiller, Engineering Supervisor.

In addition, five upset trays were straightened and repaired and several nozzles were renewed with chrome plating in the vacuum column. Eighteen six-inch tubes and nine heavy alloy tube headers were renewed in the furnace.

"Just about all the crafts teamed up to inspect and repair the different sections of the unit during the turnaround," Spiller said.

Feedstock to the LVI unit is S.R. (Straight run) residue from Ohio-Yates crude run on Distilling #1. Products from the LVI unit include flux (road and roofing asphalt) and three low pour point, low viscosity index distillates which are hydrotreated to become LVI neutrals. Viscosity index is a measure of an oil's tolerance for temperature change with respect to its viscosity.



Seventy-nine year old Claude Minton, Sr., father of Claude Minton, Sergeant, Employee Relations, recently received the 1971 Outstanding Citizen Award for Denver Harbor Community from the Denver Harbor VFW Post and Ladies Auxiliary.

### L. L. McDOWELL ASSUMES DUTIES OF ASSISTANT MANAGER IR

L. L. McDowell, Policy and Benefits Representative, General Offices-Houston has assumed the duties of Assistant Manager, Industrial Relations, succeeding R. N. Lyall, who transferred to Norco.

The move, which was announced by J. G. Pratt, Refinery Manager, was effective April 1.

Larry McDowell joined Shell at the Dominguez Chemical Plant in February 1967, following his graduation from the University of Arizona Law School with a J. D. degree.



### HWY. 225 TRAVELERS TO MOVE FASTER WHEN 2-MILE STRETCH COMPLETED

Those employees who commute from Houston and points west to the Shell complex in Deer Park will have a faster ride in the near future.

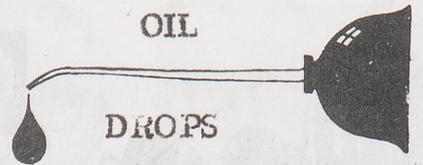
A new two-mile section of the Pasadena-LaPorte freeway (officially known as Texas State Highway 225) is having some finishing touches applied and should be ready for use in several months. The freeway will ultimately meet Texas Highway 146 in LaPorte. While the new section is only slightly more than two miles long, it should prove very time saving to employees traveling from Deer Park to Houston.

Allen Ranft, an engineer for the Highway Department who is in charge of the project predicted that the earliest possible opening date for the highway would be some time in July. "Most of the work is done," said Ranft, "but the finishing touches are slow-go, and it will take longer than it looks."

Ranft also said that the next phase of the project will be to construct the frontage roads to Beltway 8 just west of the Shell complex.



Highway to somewhere almost complete.



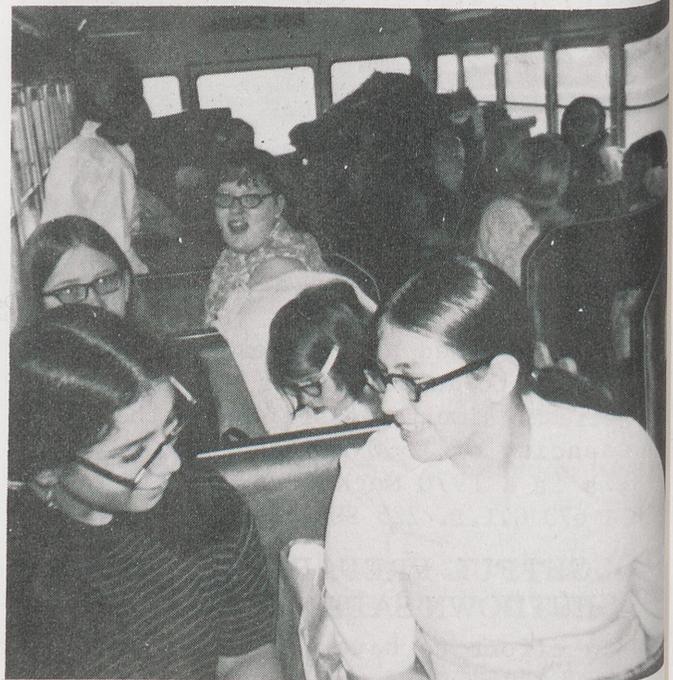
Betty Jane Morris, daughter of J. J. Morris, Engineering Foreman, Engineering Field, is a contestant in the Miss Raven Beauty contest at San Jacinto College.

Betty Jane is a sophomore elementary education major who plays the organ and enjoys teaching beginners to play. In addition to her studies and extracurricular activities, she also holds a part time job.



The 19-year-old brunette is representing the college choir in the contest

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Thirty Girl Scouts journeyed to Austin to learn about the Legislature. Paul Rogers volunteered to be bus driver.

Paul Rogers, Glassblower, Research, has been made an honorary Girl Scout in his wife's troop for all the time and work he gives the troop whenever they need help.

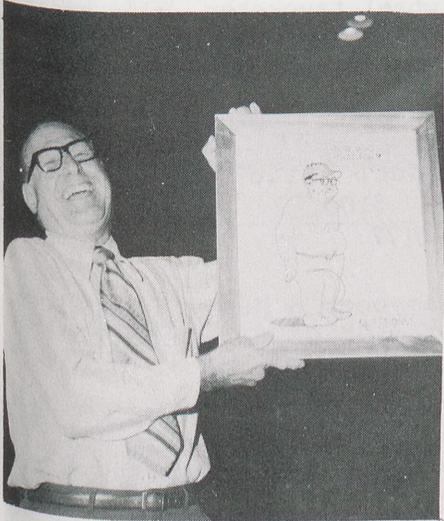
His latest mission for the Girl Scouts called for him to drive 30 girls to Austin for a campout and a tour of several government buildings.

Leading up to the trip, he had helped the girls in their activities to raise money and to prepare for their Challenge of Active Citizenship badge by gathering litter along Richey Street in Pasadena.

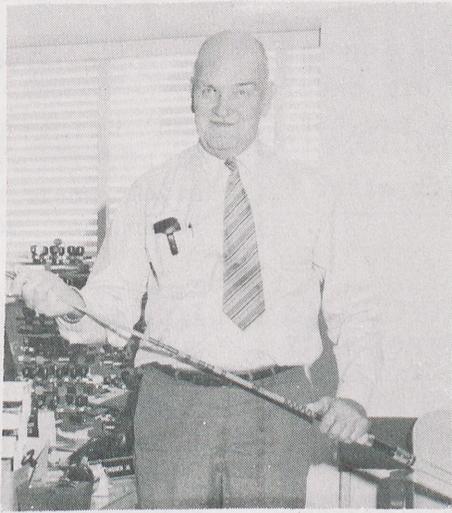
The Scouts, including Laura Pesl, daughter of Robert Pesl, Chemical, Theresa Parrish, daughter of C. L. Parrish and Julie Rogers, the Rogers' daughter, spent April 5 and 6 in Austin visiting with Senator Chet Brooks and watching the Legislature in action. They also toured the Governor's Mansion and the State Archives Building. Accommodations were provided at a campground where the girls pitched their own tents.

After the girls completed the requirements of the Citizenship badge, Paul drove the tired busload of young citizens back to Pasadena.

### RETIREEES FETED AT FAREWELL FESTIVITIES LAST WEEK



E. G. Mechler, Welder #1, gets a laugh from caricature fellow employees drew of him upon his retirement last week. Receiving farewell



gifts from employees were E. E. Craig, Stores Representative, and L. N. Gatlin, Painter #1.



Fellow craftsmen gathered around L. B. Red Race to say goodbye upon the machinist's retirement.



Retiree J. C. Tucker, Inspection Supervisor, gets best wishes from A. W. Fields.

### GILLESPIE, WINKLER TRANSFER TO ANACORTES FOR CR EXPANSION

*8518 Beechaven Rd La Porte*



*2517 Gillespie Martha Lane*  
T. E. Gillespie, Senior Engineer, Expansion-Construction, who was on special assignment in General Offices-Houston, has been transferred to Anacortes Refinery effective May 1.

D. H. Winkler, Engineer, Expansion-Construction, will be transferred to Anacortes Refinery effective June 1. Both men will be engaged in the design and construction of a new catalytic reformer for Anacortes Refinery.

Tom Gillespie began working at the Refinery as an Engineer, Engineering Services, in June 1968. He moved to Expansion Construction in 1969 and became a Senior Engineer in February 1971. He holds a B.S. degree from the University of Florida.

Don Winkler began working for Shell as an Engineer, Engineering Services in June 1969 after graduation from Texas A&M University with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering. He moved to Expansion-Construction in February 1970.



At the river water reservoir, C. Agnew, received gifts from E. Thomas and other Utilities employees.

### KASMIERSKY NAMED FOREMAN, EF, PHILLIPS, LYLE, LONG TO SERVICES

*5430 Oriole Ave*

L. J. Kasmiersky, Inspector, Expansion-Construction, has been named Engineering Foreman, Engineering Field, effective May 16. The move was announced by J. D. Ramsey, Refinery Superintendent.

In other moves, R.E. Phillips, Inspection Supervisor, and J. E. Lyle and W. E. Long, Senior Instrument Inspectors, Kasmiersky Expansion-Construction, have completed their assignments on X-PAN-I and are being reassigned to the Engineering Services Department.

Leonard Kasmiersky first began working at the Refinery in 1949. After serving in different classifications, he moved from Machinist #1 to Inspector, Engineering Services, in 1968. In 1969 he moved to Expansion-Construction.



CLASSIFIEDS

FORSALE

17' "Glastron" fiberglass boat with 50 hp. Evinrude electric start motor, big wheel tilt trailer, top, skis, rope & tow bar. Licensed & in good shape. \$550. Telephone: HU 5-3064 or HU 5-2706 after 6 & weekends.

Bumper pool table, like new, \$65. Telephone: GR 2-8410

Black & Decker 21" electric push type rotary mower, cutting height adjustment, and grass catcher, \$55. Telephone: OR 3-6961

Tandem trailer, electric brakes, mag wheels, solid deck, steel ramps, used very little. \$400. Telephone: 926-6392

1965 Delta Oldsmobile sedan, full power & air, good tires, \$950 or trade for vacant lot. Telephone: 664-1314

Coldspot air conditioner, 8500 BTU, 110 volt, 3 years old, \$65. GE air conditioner, 9,000 BTU, good condition, \$65. Telephone: 472-8493 after 3:30

18" Sears self propelled lawnmower, new tires, ETC, in good condition, \$35. 20" rotary mower, good condition, \$15. Telephone: 944-2165

1960 V8 283 Chevy engine & automatic transmission, engine and transmission in good condition, recently overhauled. Can be taken with body of car for \$50. Telephone: GR 2-5988

4-8.45x15 used whitewall tires, 20-30 percent tread remaining, \$6 each or \$20 for all four. Telephone: 946-1612

'67 model Eureka, 8' wide, 24' long, self contained trailer house, air cond., wall furnace, hot water heater, sleeps 6, \$2300. Telephone: 944-5336

1965 Pontiac Catalina wagon, power & air, radio, w/w's, only 46,000 miles, in excellent condition. Telephone: 444-7862

1958 Cushman 3 wheel truckster, runs great. Best offer. Telephone: 946-2873

4x8' Brinktun pool table, 2 cue sticks, balls, floor model stick rack and cue stick repair kit. \$100. Telephone: 944-0177

Kenmore rug shampooer & heavy duty floor polisher, \$20. 10" GE TV, \$25, 27" 10 speed Schwinn bicycle, \$30. Telephone: 473-7485

Sony solid state stereo tape recorder, model 260, earphones & mikes, with tapes, \$180. Telephone: OR 3-2131

'64 Chevrolet 6, 4 dr., std. shift, air conditioned, radio, heater, new brakes & battery, 2 new tires, good condition, \$450. Telephone: 734-0362

10" Delta radial arm 110/220 Oade blade, paid \$430, sell for \$150. Telephone: 631-1504

Like new .22 caliber pistol, hi-standard double action with holster, \$50. Galv. clothes dryer, umbrella type rotating top, \$9. Singer straight stitch button hole attachment, \$7. Telephone: 681-3779

WANT TO BUY

Refrigerator, small to medium size, inexpensive, but working. Telephone: 444-7862

Baby's high chair at reasonable price. Telephone: GR 2-5988

PERSONAL

I wish to thank Shell Oil Company for twenty nine years of employment and the many co-workers that have become very good friends through the years. Thanks to all who contributed to my retirement gift, it is greatly appreciated. It holds many memories.

L. B. (Red) Race

**AD DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, 9 A.M., ADS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING**

Remember deadline for ads is Wednesday 9 a.m. Ads must be written legibly. Convenient forms available in Shellegraph boxes may be used for this purpose if you like.

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GRADUATES' ISSUE

NAME OF GRADUATE \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_  
FIELD OF STUDY \_\_\_\_\_ DEGREE IF GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE \_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

HONORS \_\_\_\_\_

FUTURE PLANS \_\_\_\_\_

Attach photo of grad with name on back.

Mail to Shellegraph, P. O. Box 100, Deer Park, Texas 77536. Deadline is June 7.