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E. D. Clark, Pipefitter, H. B. Jarrett, Machinist, and Bruno Simon, Fire and Safety, study the poster that was placed in the Shops to illustrate how one accident occurred and how to avoid a similar experience.

New Shell Service Station To be Located at Refinery

A grand, new Shell Service Station—modern and complete in every respect—will soon be in operation at the entrance to Houston Refinery.

It will be a multi-pump, three-bay station, finished in porcelain, and it will have deluxe rest room facilities, according to E. R. Boswell, District Sales Manager.

Under construction since early August, the station's grand opening is slated for around November 1.

Location of the service station at the Refinery is the realization of a desire of long-standing for the Houston Sales Office.

"We are happy to be able to have a station that will be so convenient for the employees of Houston Refinery and Chemical Plant," Mr. Boswell said.

Ralph Kennedy, who has approximately 12 years experience as a successful Shell dealer, was awarded the dealership after careful consideration. Mr. Kennedy came to the Houston area some four years ago, bringing with him eight years of experience in the Chicago district. He will have a staff of seven or eight trained personnel.

SERA Style Show Slated October 15 At Houston Club

A highpoint of the SERA Fall program—aimed especially at the entertainment and enlightenment of the ladies—is slated for Friday night, October 15 at the Houston Club where the latest in fashions will be shown by pretty Battlestein models at the annual SERA Style Show.

While the men-folks may wince a bit and have visions of dollar bills with wings at the thought of the feminine members of the household getting a close-up of the "very latest," the Style Show is one of the most warmly-received of all the SERA's activities.

Tickets to the Style Show—priced at \$2.50 for members and \$3.50 for non-members—will go on sale around October 1, and the price includes dinner. Tickets may be obtained at the Refinery from Hortense Barrell, File and Mail Room, 415; Juanita White, Field Office, 539, and Eileen Barrington, Research, 582, and they may be obtained at the Chemical Plant from Juanita Price, Treasury, 378; Elaine Stovall, Stores, 232, and Virginia Lowry, Research, 483.

A sell-out audience of some 300 applauded last year's show, and Chairman Hilda Chevalier expects a similar attendance for 1954.

Besides the Style Show, there will be a dinner and entertainment, lasting from 7:30 to 9:30.

Campo's Team Places Third

Congratulations are in order once again for J. V. (Johnny) Campo, Machine Shop, whose achievements as a teen-age league baseball manager have come to be taken pretty much for granted.

Johnny's Pasadena Cardinals garnered three trophies this year, adding the third one recently by virtue of finishing in third place in the state tournament.

The other two trophies went to the Cardinals for winning the pre-season tourney and for capturing the Pasadena championship.

Johnny is not the only Campo on the team. His son, Al, sparked the team from his shortstop position.

Refinery Aims For 1,500,000 Safe Man-Hours by Christmas

A campaign is underway at Houston Refinery to work 1,500,000 safe man-hours by Christmas.

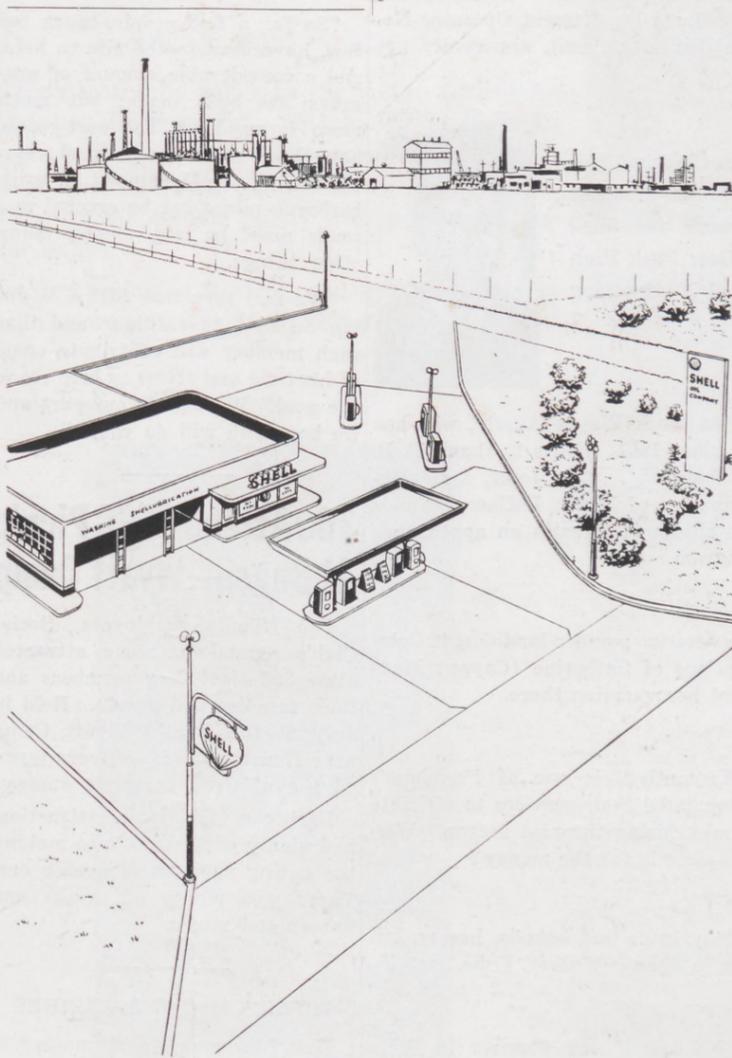
One of the methods used to accomplish this purpose is to advertise; tell people what happened, and how to avoid a recurrence.

For example, one of the recent disabling injuries was illustrated by picture and word description. (See the above photograph). The object is to show the cause of an injury and let each person benefit from the experience so they will not be injured in the same or similar manner.

One-hundred per-cent cooperation in the current Safety campaign will not only bring Houston Refinery a fine Safety record but also will bring a safe and sound Christmas to all employees.

INDUSTRY NEWSNOTES

1. More than four and one-half billion dollars will be spent by the United States oil industry during 1954 to expand and develop its world-wide resources and facilities.
2. This investment will raise the oil industry's total postwar capital expenditures to more than 28 billion dollars for world-wide operations.
3. More than half of the oil wells in the United States are still producing, although some are more than 50 years old.



ARTIST'S SKETCH OF NEW SERVICE STATION

Reprints Available

Reader's Digest Tells TCP Story

Shell's pioneering in the development and marketing of modern additive-treated gasoline is given generous mention in "The Story Behind the Gasoline Ads," a feature article in the August Reader's Digest.

In the article, the problems brought about by leaded gasoline in high compression engines (pre-ignition and spark plug fouling) are discussed, creation of Shell Premium Gasoline with TCP as well as competitive products are described, and automobile engines of the future are outlined.

Feeling employee interest in this article would be great, distribution of free reprints has been arranged. Copies may be obtained from the Training Section, P & IR Department.

REPORTERS' ROUND-UP

THIS IS THE INAUGURAL installment of a column which it is hoped develops into a popular feature of The Shellegram . . . Shellites are always going places and doing things, and this column will report that news . . . The success of this column depends on YOU, the readers . . . Please report news items to your department reporters (a list of those reporters may be found elsewhere in this issue), or, if it is more convenient, contact the editor . . .

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TWO REFINERY EMPLOYEES spent several weeks at Shell's Norco Refinery recently, helping to put on stream Norco's brand-new Cat Cracker . . . They are J. W. (Hoss) Mathews, Cat Cracking, and W. W. Coale, Gas.

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ANOTHER HONOR was recently bestowed on Iris Harmon, Treasury, when she was elected Treasurer of the Houston Desk and Derrick Club for 1954-55 . . . She will take office at the Installation Dinner on October 14 . . . As Treasurer, Iris will serve on the Board of Directors with fourteen other members who will represent and guide a membership of over 500.



J. A. (Preacher) Gregg, Lube, and Judy Horridge, celebrate the return of Dickie the Parakeet.

PIGEONS AND PARAKEETS were in the news at Houston Refinery during August . . . First, a Homing Pigeon was forced down when its wings were singed while flying over the Cat Cracker . . . The Cat Cracker operators found out the name of the unlucky pigeon's owner, and then gave it a home until the owner could send after it . . . The pigeon was one of 35 on a routine training flight from Houston to the owner's home in Galveston.

Shortly after the incident of the pigeon, young Judy Horridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Horridge, Utilities, lost her prized parakeet, Dickie, when he flew out of an open window in the Horridge Staff House . . . The bird had been missing for two days and presumed lost when the Horridges got a call, saying that their parakeet had been found by J. A. (Preacher) Gregg, Lube Department Operator No. 1 . . . He found it near the vacuum distillation unit, apparently not enjoying its newly-acquired freedom.

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AFTER RECEIVING his B. S. in Chemical Engineering from Rice Institute, H. L. Stewart, son of G. L. Stewart, Treating went to work for Shell Development Co. A star athlete at Deer Park High School, Hubert found Rice's Chemical Engineering course a full-time job.



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A FORMER REFINERY employee, Buck Wayne Austin, who has been paralyzed from the waist down since 1951, wishes to thank F. B. Bouquin, Pipe Shop, for the wheel chair . . . Joe Jeter, Lube Department Reporter, revealed that a number of Buck's Refinery friends have signed petitions in an effort to obtain for Austin an appearance on the "Strike it Rich" television program.

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IF YOU HAVE yet to hear of the vacation wonder-land that is Colorado, then lend an ear to the descriptions of Catherine (Cappy) Maxwell, Credit Union, who recently spent her vacation there.

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LUTHER MARTIN, General Accounting, is one of Pasadena's Recreation Department umpires who donated their services to officiate Junior Teen-Age League baseball games during the past season. Who says the only reason why anybody umpires is for the money?

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DEER PARK, which is growing by leaps and bounds, has an energetic Fire and Police Commissioner in Jimmy Walker, Lube.

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THE RESEARCH DEPARTMENT has a new member in Fritz Zuideweg, who was recently transferred here from Koinklyke Shell Laboratory in Amsterdam. Fritz was accompanied to the U.S. by his wife, Finy, his son Erik Rael Peter, and daughter, Maya Angelina.

New SERA Officers Salute Old Board; Reveal Objectives

The new members of the SERA Board of Directors cited the achievements of the retiring board members and listed a number of their prime objectives for the ensuing year in a statement prepared for publication. The statement reads:

"The SERA has completed the most eventful year of its history. The officers, directors, committee chairmen and all others who assisted must be congratulated for the tremendous job they have done. Their main accomplishment, of course, has been the purchase of a tract of land for the recreation center and the taking of the initial steps to assure speedy and complete development of the property.

"As we take over the reins for the coming year, we are fully mindful of the big job we will have in filling the vacated shoes of our predecessors. We can only pledge that we will do everything we can towards continuing what they have started so that everyone can enjoy the new facilities as soon as possible.

"To do this, we must have the wholehearted cooperation of every current member in the association and the support of all other eligible employees. The latter can best provide that support by signing up during the forthcoming membership drive. The advantages and benefits of membership are many. Plans are already underway for the fall dance and the annual style show.

"Our main objective, at present, is to clear the site, provide family picnic facilities and make it ready to hold our annual SERA picnic in 1955. This is a big job and with our limited funds, we will need all the volunteer labor that we possibly can get.

"So far a few people, much too few, have been to the site to help, and a considerable amount of progress has been made; but much more is needed. The rest-rooms have been started and need completion, picnic tables must be built, barbecue pits must be erected and roads must be laid, among many other things.

"We feel sure that SERA is going on to bigger things and that each member will contribute some of his time and effort to help reach the goal. We will do our part and we hope you will do yours."

300 Attend SESC Picnic At Bagsby-Wyatt Camp

The Shell Employees Social Club's annual barbecue attracted some 300—including members and their families and guests. Held in July at the Bagsby-Wyatt Camp near Houston, SESC officers termed the affair a complete success.

Barbecue, the main attraction, had plenty of assistance in making the outing such an enjoyable one. There was plenty of drinks and games and music.

JETER'S MOTHER EXPIRES

Mrs. Lawrence Myers, mother of Joe R. Jeter, Lube A, passed away on June 26 in Antlers, Oklahoma, at the age of 78 years.



The Shellegram's three new reporters—Glendon Neill, Bob Eveld and Edna Earl Heyen—discuss next month's issue.

Glendon Neill, Edna Heyen, Bob Eveld Added to List of Shellegram Reporters

The Shellegram has three new department reporters. They are Glendon Neill, Treasury or Main Office; Edna Earl Heyen, Dispatching, and R. G. (Bob) Eveld, Control Lab.

Glendon replaces Electa Young, who was transferred to Research; Edna Earl takes the place of T. L. (Footh) Wilson, who relinquished his reportorial duties following his recent illness, and Bob takes over from Bill Wright, who was transferred to Technological.

27 Employees Awarded Certificates by Texas Education Agency

Twenty-seven Refinery employees have been awarded certificates by the Industrial Education Service of the Texas Education Agency for the successful completion of courses.

E. K. Pagel, J. D. Coker and E. A. Zalesak, all of the Electrical Shop, received certificates in Basic Electricity (Industrial Maintenance).

Certificates for Electronics for Instrumentmen were awarded to L. E. Milholland, H. L. Simon, M. M. Muscarello, W. C. Trammel, B. F. Byerly, C. F. Pack, C. A. Janac, Byrd Baggett, P. L. Lyons, H. L. Mize, J. L. Bishop and W. T. Mehrkam, all of the Instrument Shop, and R. M. Weatherly, of the Electrical Shop.

The following men received certificates for the successful completion of a course in Blueprint Reading for Pipefitters-Pipe Welders:

J. W. Lovett, A. G. Buckley, H. E. Boer, W. E. Gann, L. W. McNeill, W. O. Schneider, R. J. Woodward, C. R. Mitchell, D. O. Goodson and G. E. Butler, all of the Pipe Shop, and R. E. Seay, of the Welding Shop.

While new to The Shellegram's staff, all three of the cub reporters are well-known throughout the Refinery, and are anxious to write news items about their associates. They have asked that items of interest in their respective departments be reported directly to them. Glendon's Refinery extension is 409; Edna Earl's is 234, and Bob's is 453.

The Shellegram's other Refinery reporters are H. J. McShane, Automotive; Otto Bopp, Cat Cracking; C. B. Maley and Jimmy Payne, Thermal Cracking; H. W. Sims, Economics and Scheduling; H. J. Nelson, Construction; Jo Schneider, Drafting; Hank Lewis, Field Office; Ed Walichowski, Industrial Engineering; Gip Gibson, Labor; B. J. Landry, Fire and Safety.

D. W. Stewart, Alky-Gas; C. G. Scott, Cat Gas; Ralph Miller, Plat-former; A. W. Gore, Thermal Gas; J. R. Jeter, Lube A; T. I. Crawford, Lube B; J. J. Walker, Lube C; Dan Harbaugh, Lube Office; Marion Smith, Research.

Lew E. Wright, Boilermakers, Riggers; Joe Hinton, Carpenters; F. B. Harrison, Electricians; Willie Childs, Instrumentmen; M. G. Crosby, Insulators; E. G. Griffin, Machinists; R. C. Dunn, Painters; J. Bales, Welders.

Jack Bell, Stores; Marx Isaacs, Tech, and A. C. James, Utilities.

Next month, a look at Chemical Plant's reportorial staff.



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Cecil Skis Home From Work

Instrumentman Herren Demonstrates Novel Mode of Transportation



There are a number of different ways a person can get to and from work. Some folks drive automobiles; others ride airplanes; some ride horses, and some even walk.

But if you want to know about a new and refreshing method of getting home after a day on the job, step right up and meet Cecil Herren, Refinery Instrumentman.

He prefers to ski home from work—WATER ski, that is!

Of course, Cecil doesn't ski down the Ship Channel every day to the summer cottage he rents on Old River (He's only made the round-trip once as a matter of fact), but he would if it would bring more publicity to the Houston Water Ski Association.

Cecil Shows How It's Done

And as the photos on this page testify, Cecil proved it can be done. He skied home, an eight-mile jaunt, in about 25 minutes. It takes him almost 40 minutes driving home in his auto.

The husky Shellite helped to organize the HWSA three years ago, serving as President of that aquatic-minded organization for two years.

One of the pioneer water skiing enthusiasts in this area, Cecil has been speeding around atop the surf at speeds of 30 to 40 miles an hour for the past seven years.

He is, in fact, today one of Houston's most publicized water skiers, having recently been featured in one of the local papers and on television. He can do practically every trick in the book, plus a few that aren't even in it. Cecil water skis equally well on a disc, on two skis, one ski, and barefooted.

Jumping from a ramp is one of Cecil's specialties. He recently got off a jump of some 79 feet, which is 20 feet better than the present veteran's class (men 35 and over) record, but the boat that was pulling Cecil was going slightly faster than is officially allowed for record purposes, so his fine jump was not recorded.

Family On Skis!

The entire Herren family takes to the water during the warmer months when Cecil rents a cottage on picturesque Old River. Cecil's wife, Mildred; his married daughter La Belle Herren Lirette; his 16-year-old son Le Roy; his son-in-law, Bill Lirette; and his cousin Bobby Fletcher are all accomplished water skiers.

Cecil says water skiing is a cinch, and that he can have you up on top of the water after 20 minutes of coaching.

Any takers?



LaBelle, Cecil, Bill take off.



A pretty pyramid.



Bobby Fletcher, LeRoy and Cecil Herren fly through the air.



Father and Son spin on a disc.



5,000 SERAers Laugh Off Rain . . . Enjoy Games, Rides, Barbecue

An early afternoon downpour of rain which left the grounds wet and soggy failed to throw a wet blanket on the 1954 SERA Picnic at Galveston Park in League City on Saturday, August 28.

Some 5000 members and guests braved the inclement weather to enjoy delicious barbecue, free rides for the kiddies, nursery school for the tiny tots, games for adults and children, exhibitions, boat rides, contests, a talent show, dancing and a movie. Despite the rain, the busy schedule went on without a hitch, which speaks well of the fine work done by Kemper Kaiser, who headed up the affair for the second year, and the members of the various committees.

Kemper Kaiser praised the hard work of the picnic workers, saying: "I want to sincerely thank everyone who helped work on the picnic. The rain could have spoiled things had it not been for the great spirit of this fine group of people. We all owe them our thanks."



Section of the crowd which applauded talent show.



Just a few of the door prizes.



It went that-a-way.



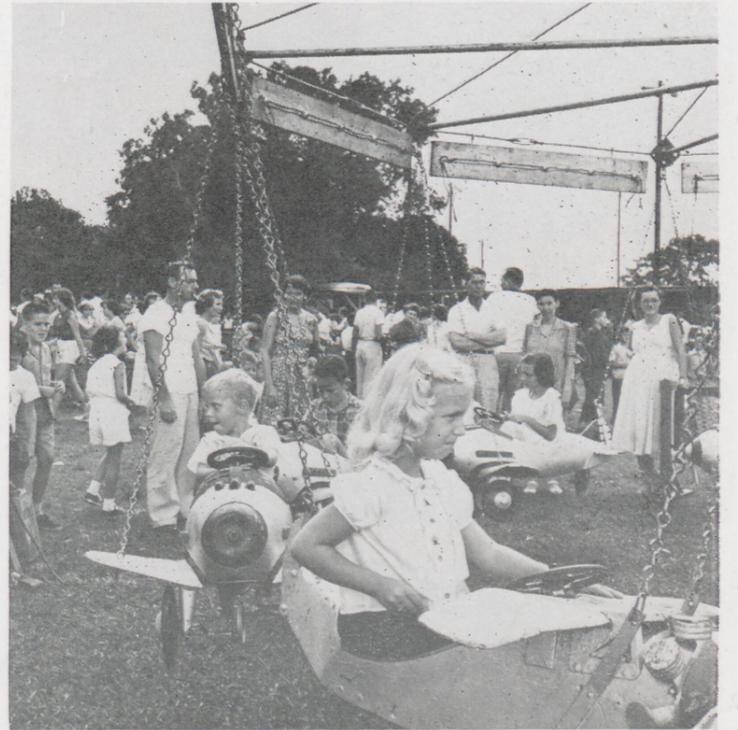
"It's a bird . . . it's a plane . . ."



. . . And where she stops . . .



Over you go!



... And away we go!



"Meet our new President . . ."



"Giddapp, horsey!"



The Fischer boys dominate the talent show.

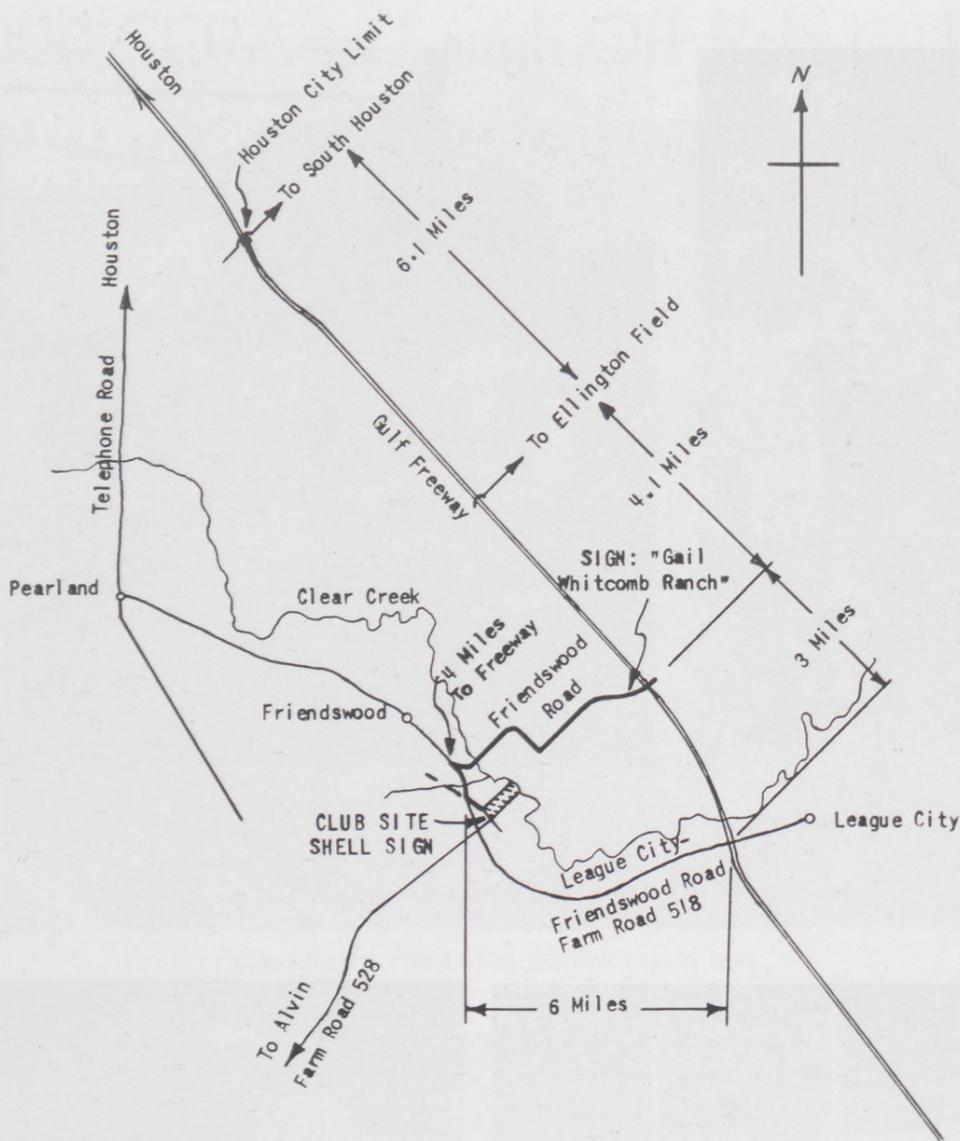


Deer Park Emergency unit stands by for an emergency which, happily, didn't occur.



Faith Home youngsters were guests of SERA.





LOCATION OF SERA CLUB SITE

Shell Chemical Acquires Alcohol Plant; Places on Stream Denaturing Plant

Shell Chemical Corporation has acquired the major physical assets of Lac Chemicals, Inc., alcohol producers of Culver City, California. The sale included real estate, inventories, bonded warehouse facilities and the alcohol denaturing plant which the Lac firm has been operating for 18 years in Culver City.

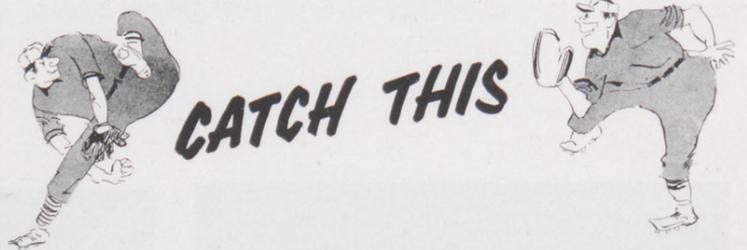
Shell Chemical acquired the plant to serve better the West Coast requirements for all grades of industrial ethyl alcohol, which is used by the paint, plastics, food, petroleum, chemical industries and many others.

The Culver City Plant will complement denaturing facilities which Shell Chemical Corporation already operates in Chicago, Sewaren and Houston.

Shell Chemical Corporation has placed a new alcohol denaturing plant on stream at Argo, Illinois, not far from Chicago. The new facility is equipped to denature ethyl alcohol and make proprietary solvents, and ship them by drum, tank truck and tank car to customers throughout the Midwest.

The alcohol processed by the new installation is delivered to Argo by barge up the Mississippi River from Chemical's Houston Plant. It is stored at Argo and denatured as orders are received.

The new Argo installation is Shell Chemical's third denaturing plant. Shell's other denaturing locations are Houston, Texas and Sewaren, New Jersey.



About the Shell Survivor Benefit Plan

1. Any regular full-time employee who is either in active service or on a military or other authorized leave of absence is eligible for protection under this Plan without cost to him or her.
2. Benefits to survivors of employees who die while in the service of the Company range from a minimum of one month's pay for employees having less than ten years of service to a maximum of twelve month's pay for employees having either a vested right to a Shell pension or twenty-five or more years of service.
3. Total coverage for the more than 35,000 Shell employees in the United States amounts to approximately 70 million dollars.
4. During 1953, survivors of 120 employees received benefits under this Plan.
5. Claims settled in 1953 totalled approximately \$390,000.



Jane, right is not too sure she likes the neighbor's dog, but Judy, left, has no doubts and tries to get a good look. They are so cute that a Post photographer couldn't resist taking their picture. It appeared in a Sunday edition recently. The girls are the daughters of Frank and Carolyn Stribling. Frank is an Engineer in the Chemical Plant's Engineering Dept.

Completion of Work on SERA Property Depends on Members

When it is completed, the SERA property near Friendswood will afford members and their guests many hours of recreation. It will be a fine place to hold outings, or just to relax.

The question has been asked, "When will work on the SERA property be completed?"

That is a tough question to answer; tough even for H. D. (Rosy) Smith, President of SERA, Inc., and Ralph Dunderdale, who has been in charge of construction at the property. It is not an easy question to answer because it depends entirely on the success of the current drive to enlist more volunteers to work on construction. There is a great deal to be done, and the more who pitch in to help get that work done, the sooner the property will be ready to enjoy.

Plans are for one SERA member in every department to keep a chart of that department's volunteer laborers and the times and dates they plan to work. The volunteers will be given a receipt that will serve as a reminder.

The great need now is for volunteers to complete clearing the property. When that work is finished, a call will be issued for the specialists.

The response to this appeal for volunteer labor will enable Smith and Dunderdale to give a more definite answer as to when the work on the SERA property will be completed.

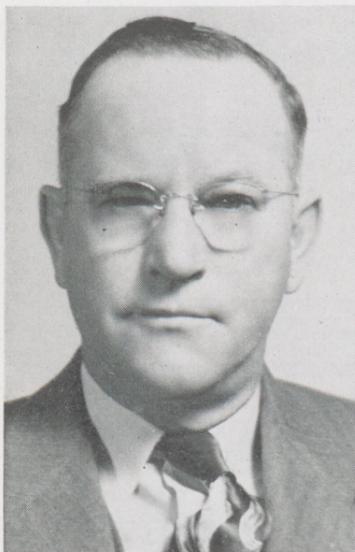


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- June 2: Shirley Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reader (Labor).
- June 5: Mary Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Little (G Department).
- June 14: Pamela Darlene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Mulvaney (P & R Department).
- June 15: Darrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Brooks (A Department).
- June 18: Robert Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Powell (Welding Shop).
- June 19: Linda Diane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hempel (Boiler Shop).
- June 25: Debra Ellen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Silva (Paint Shop).
- June 26: Cheryl Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Simpson (E Department).
- June 30: Donna Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Essery (Automotive).
- July 1: Cynthia Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Moore (Stores).
- July 3: Bruce Glenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Cofer (Laboratory).
- July 6: Gary Eugene, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Heath (A Department).
- July 17: James Allen, son of Mr.

- and Mrs. T. E. Royall (Engineer-Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Lyons (Instrument Shop).
- July 19: Debra Nell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walker (Welding Shop).
- July 21: William Elton Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Miller (G Department).
- July 21: Micheal Wayne, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Murphy (Machine Shop).
- July 25: Robert Mabry, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cox (P & IR).
- July 3: Mark Stephen, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Woody, Lube A.
- July 6: Lynette Gail daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Salter, Engineering.
- July 9: John Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Locke (Research Lab).
- July 12: Robert Steven, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. John, Jr. (Research Lab).
- July 25: Carolyn Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Pugsley (P & IR).
- Aug. 12: Timothy Dallas, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Jennings, P & IR.
- June 22: Lillard Schaefer, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Perry (Lube A).
- June 27: Daniel Rodrick, son of

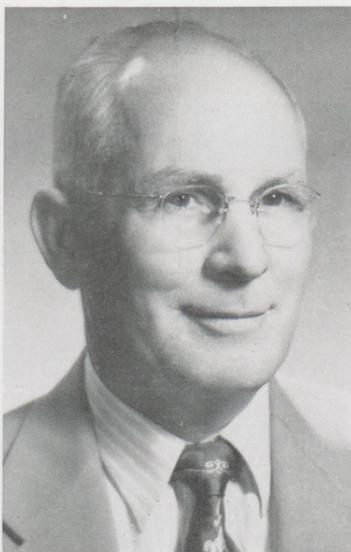
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SERVICE BIRTHDAYS

REFINERY

P. L. BENSON

Fulton, Mississippi's gift to Houston Refinery's Prentiss L. Benson, celebrates his Twenty-fifth year of Shell service as a Shift Foreman in Cat Cracking.

Mr. Benson has been a Shift Foreman in the Gas Department since 1945. Before that, he gained experience as a Pressureman, a Compressor Operator and a Low and High Pressure Absorber Operator. A graduate of Pheba, Mississippi, High School, he came to work for Shell as an Insulator at Houston Refinery in 1929.

With his wife, Emily, Mr. Benson resides in Bayside Terrace in La Porte, where he is active in the Bayside Terrace Civic Club. He also enjoys hunting and fishing.

R. D. MILLER

September brings 25 years of Shell service to Ralph D. Miller, Platformer Shift Foreman. He came to work for Shell in 1929 as a Gauger at Houston Refinery, and was a Stillman in Distilling before his move to the Platformer.

Ralph, who was born in Jacksonville, Texas, attended the old Central High School in Houston and the University of Texas. He enjoys photography, hunting and fishing, but expects to devote more

ERRORS NOTED

There were several errors in last month's Anniversary issue, which are herewith recognized. A typographical error slighted Superintendent J. L. Miller of ten years of service in the article concerning the Refinery's neat appearance. It read 24 years of service, whereas Mr. Miller has 34. Fortunately, the listing of service veterans on another page had Mr. Miller under the correct heading of 34 years of service. In the same list of veterans, Mr. J. H. Simoneaux's department was given as Treating, where it should have been Treasury, of course. Also, E. J. Wollard was listed under both 25 and 30 years of service . . . the older listing being correct. Chief Draftsman Bill Kubricht's name was spelled with a C in the article of recollections, and in a caption L. H. McDonald was called Assistant Manager of Distilling. The title was right but the department should have read, of course, Utilities. For these and any other miscues not uncovered, apologies are extended.

EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

R. B. Connally, Gateman, asked The Shellegram to extend his sincere appreciation to the employees of Houston Refinery for their many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy following the recent death of his wife. He also expressed his appreciation for the floral offerings from Plant Protection and Shell Oil Company.

REFINERY

FIFTEEN YEARS

- I. A. Daniel, Lube.
- A. M. Gore, Gas.
- W. E. Gray, Utilities.
- B. L. Jacks, Engineering.
- H. C. Lander, Engineering.
- J. R. Roberts, Engineering.
- C. T. Williams, Utilities.

TEN YEARS

- T. J. Davis, Thermal Cracking.
- Etoyle Mathews, P&IR.
- W. F. Mooneyham, Gas.
- M. J. O'Neal, Research.
- B. J. Royall, Engineering.
- J. J. Thompson, Engineering.
- L. Tolbert, Engineering.

CHEMICAL

TEN YEARS

- Bob Black, P & IR
- R. L. Boyer, Operations
- J. H. Burns, Jr., Engineering
- W. A. Idoux, Engineering
- W. L. Kowalski, Engineering
- Eddie Matthews, Engineering
- J. A. Middleton, Engineering
- W. C. Rodgers, Technological
- E. E. Stringfellow, Shipping

time to his small farm near Palestine in the near future.

He and his wife, Ovaleen, have one child. The Millers reside at 4851 Arvilla Lane in Houston.

W. J. SNOW

Houston Refinery's Assistant Master Mechanic observes his Twenty-fifth Shell birthday in September. He is, of course, W. J. (Bill) Snow.

Mr. Snow came to work at the Refinery in 1929 as a Machinist and since that time his record is one of steady advancement to his present post. From 1942 to 1944 he was on military leave, serving with Uncle Sam's Sea-Bees as a Chief Machinist.

A native of Woodville, Texas, Bill attended Heights School in Houston. He resides at 614 Llano in Pasadena with his wife, Jo. His spare-time diversions include working in his shop in his home; helping his wife with her gold-fish hobby, and gardening.

J. L. THOMPSON

Twenty-five years of Shell service are J. L. Thompson's in September. He has been a Shift Foreman in Distilling since 1949.

A native of Walker, Louisiana, and a graduate of that town's high school, he came to work at Houston Refinery as a Pipefitter's Helper. He moved to the Topping Department shortly thereafter as a Gauger, and later was promoted to Stillman.

John's home is at 8415 Huisache in Houston.

CHEMICAL

STAFFORD JOHNSON

Stafford Johnson completes twenty years of Shell service this month. He was first employed at the Houston Refinery in 1934 as a Laborer. Since that time he has worked as both yardman and janitor. He is now a four to twelve janitor for the main office building and all the office crew knows him as "Stack."

A native of Harris County, "Stack" has lived in Houston all of his life. He is married to Mary Johnson. They are both active in their Baptist Church. Stafford is a member of the Shell Social Club and never misses an activity if he can help it.



Fire Prevention Week Set Oct. 3-9; Should be Year-Around Observance!

The week of October 3-9 has officially been designated as "Fire Prevention Week". This doesn't mean, however, that we should ignore fire hazards for the other 51 weeks of the year.

During the five-year period between 1948 and 1952, an average of 284,000 homes were struck by fire each year. During the same period, the death toll was estimated at 55,000—an average of 11,000 each year.

Most fires in the home are caused by carelessness—thoughtless acts such as tossing away a lighted match, cigarette or cigar, allowing rubbish to accumulate, overloading electric wiring or leaving children alone in the home. The combination of matches, smoking and the misuse of electricity account for almost 50 per cent of all fires in the home.

When fire strikes, do these two things immediately:

1. Get everybody out of the house.
2. Call the fire department.

The first thing you must consider in the event of fire is the escape of all persons in the house. You should have planned two possible escape routes to the ground from any upstairs bedroom. It is

unlikely that both escape routes would be cut off by flames during the early stage of the fire.

If you live in a locality where the public fire department can reach your home quickly, don't attempt to put the fire out. Concentrate on getting the fire engines there in a hurry. If you live in an area where you and your neighbors have to fight your own fires—at least during the first few minutes while waiting for the firemen to reach your home—be sure you have the following items handy—and in working order:

1. Fire extinguishers
2. Some sort of water supply
3. Ladders
4. Garden hose
5. Buckets
6. Hand-operated pump tank.

These tanks are easily operated and are extremely useful.

Chemical Plant's Here And There: Griffin Wins Contest; Dale Painter Tops Swimmers

Christine Griffin of the Stenographic Department was one of the group of twenty-five winners in the Chronicle cross-word contest. Chris had entered two times before winning and the week after she won, she entered 40 papers. So if you see Chris looking sleepy eyed of a morning, you know she has been burning the midnight oil trying to bring home another cash prize.

Pat Painter's pre-school age son, Dale, has won himself a title. Dale who is only five years old, took third place in a beginners swimming meet at the Pasadena Pool recently. Dale can swim with ease in deep water and thinks nothing of doing a dive off the low board. Pat, an employee in the Shipping Department, says that Dale really loves the water. "He'd stay in all day, if we didn't drag him out," reports his Dad. Dale went around showing everyone the ribbon he won and the Painters were proud of him too, because there were ten or twelve children entered in the race.

On June 29th the Slykers went to the hospital so that Mrs. Betsy Slyker could give birth to their second child. The baby was born at 7:35 p.m. a fine boy, whom they have named Steven Gordon. Like most fathers, Dick was a little nervous and didn't quite feel right,



Dale Painter

so he had the doctor look at him after the baby was born. The next thing Dick knew he was in the emergency operating room having an appendectomy. The folks at St. Joseph's were very considerate though. They let Dick get a good look at his son before the operation. The entire Slyker family is home now and feeling fine, after their unexpected stay in the hospital. Dick is a member of the Research Department.

The Laboratory welcomes back from Military service R. L. Russell and John S. Coleman. Russell spent his entire tour of duty with the Pacific Fleet, serving in the Korean area during 1952 and later in Japan. He entered as an Ensign and was promoted to Lieut. Jr. G. before he left the service to return to Shell. John was with the Army Chemical Corps; first at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland and later in Japan.

W. A. (Fire-Marshall) Prescott enjoyed an educational session at Texas A. & M. on fire fighting. Ole' Smokey and Mrs. Prescott have also been enjoying his vacation hob-nobbing with the sand-fleas at Galveston.

Joe H. Arrington of the low score golf fame is the latest addition to the growing air conditioning family.



AARON

Lee Aaron Retires From Service Aug. 1

Lee Aaron, Utilities, joined the ranks of pensioners on August 1. He had completed 25 years of service.

Mr. Aaron, first employed as a Pipefitter's Helper at Houston Refinery in 1929, plans to devote much of his time to working on his home at 212 South 5th St. in La Porte and fishing.

Lee and his wife, Mary, are the proud parents of nine children.

SHELL NEWSNOTE

Shell's Eagle Springs Unit No. 1 well, the first commercially producing oil well in the State of Nevada, has been successfully completed. During a 24-hour test, the well pumped 373 barrels per day of oil.

Shellmen Spark Top-Notch Amateur Ball Team

Empire Broom, which finished second in Houston's torrid amateur baseball race, had in its lineup no less than five Shellites and the nephew of one of Shell's all-time baseball greats.

Refinery representatives on the Broom team which won 62 and lost only 13 were Roy Pitts, Tin Shop, and H. W. (Duke) Ellington and Bobby Schroder, Automotive. From Chemical Plant came Frank Speracino, Automotive, and R. L. Hampton, Carpenter's Shop.

Sammy Costa, nephew of Shell's Sam Costa, Engineering, also was a mainstay on the club.

Roy managed the team, played third base and compiled a handsome .370 batting mark for the season. A product of Houston's Jeff Davis High, he played for Shell for five years.

The Duke, who hails from Center, Texas, performed in center field, hitting .350.

Bobby Schroeder racked up an amazing pitching record over the '54 grind, winning 20 games and losing but one. He gave up but two hits in that lone setback, losing 2-1.

Hampton was Schroeder's battery mate, and hit at a .315 clip. He had pro experience with Bryan in the Big State League.

Speracino played shortstop and hit .285, having once played for Waycross, Georgia, pro team.

Are You Receiving The Shellegram?

"Where's my Shellegram?"

"Why haven't I been receiving the Shell News?"

"Why don't I receive SERA bulletins in the mail?"

These questions usually can be answered by asking yourself another question:

If you have recently moved to a new address and/or have had your telephone number changed, have you notified P&IR of the change?

Failure to notify P&IR of your address change can result in long delays before you receive Company mail. Here's why: The only way P&IR can record your address change is for you to notify that department of the change.

Your cooperation in this matter will prove helpful to yourself and to P&IR, so if you have recently moved, contact Bill Davis at Refinery extension 316.

WHAT DON'T YOU KNOW ABOUT OIL?

"Facts About Oil", an attractive, easy-to-read booklet telling the oil industry story, has recently been published by the American Petroleum Institute.

In non-technical language, it discusses the remote origins of petroleum deposits and the process of exploration, production, manufacturing, transportation and marketing. Present-day oil products are described briefly, and economic facts and figures about the industry are included. Pictures, diagrams and graphs are used literally in the 32-page booklet to point up important explanations.

You may obtain a free copy of the publication from the Shellegram Office in the P & IR Department.



... these new employees and welcomed them to Shell?

REFINERY Engineering

E. E. Lee, Clerk
W. P. Whitehurst, Jr., Engineer P & IR

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Research Lab

Betty Joyce Foster, Stenographer
Marita Alice Massey, Jr. Lab Assistant.

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Treasury

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D. K. Spencer, Jr. Chemist
D. H. Von Hennig, Chemist



PRIETO

Santana Prieto Dies September 3

Death came suddenly and unexpectedly for Pensioner Santana Prieto on September 3. He was stricken by a heart attack and died within a matter of minutes.

Affectionately known as "Big Pete," he had retired as recently as August 1 after completing 25 years of Shell service.

Mr. Prieto, who was for many years the popular janitor at the Research Lab, lived in Deer Park.

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R. A. Marks.....Engineer, Eng. Utilities

Horseback Riding Club May Be Organized

Bill Davis, P & IR Department, is interested in forming a horseback riding club. Tentative plans are for the club, if it is formed, to hold horseback rides once or twice a month. About 25 Shellites have expressed interest in forming such an organization, and Davis said he will call an informal meeting during the latter part of May. He stressed that Shellites interested in the formation of club do not need to own horses.

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