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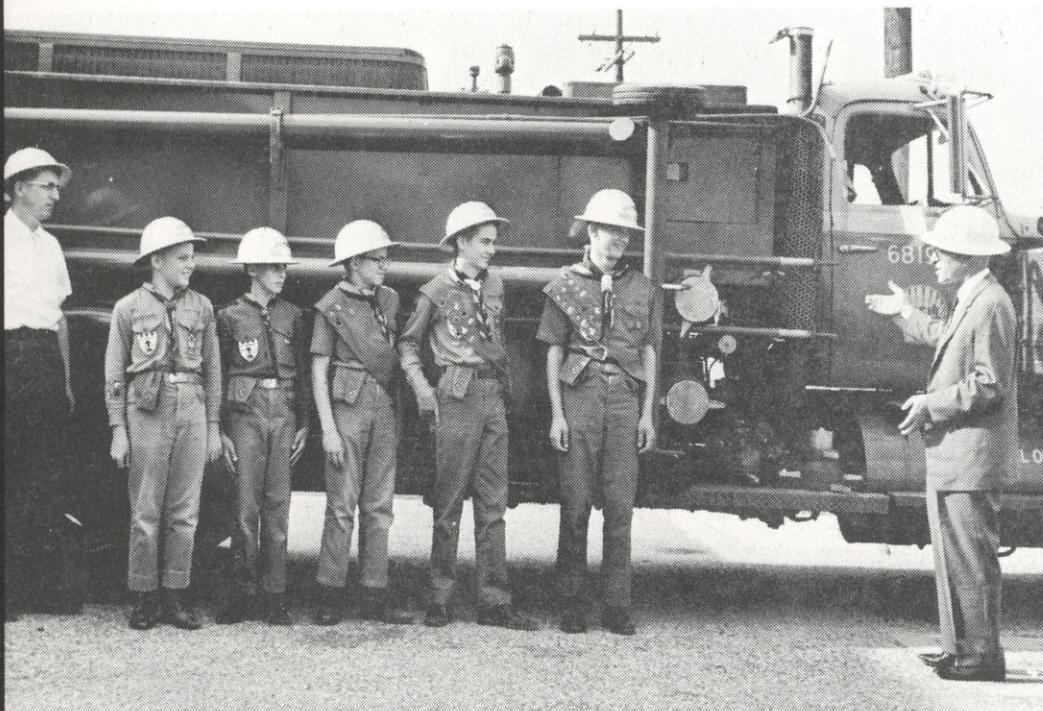


"Your Information HOT LINE"

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TO ALL EMPLOYEES

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BOY SCOUTS VISIT REFINERY



A group of Boy Scouts visited the Refinery recently to learn more about industrial safety - part of the requirements they need to fulfill to earn a safety merit badge. Their guide, who is also their scoutmaster, was R. J. Olson of the Research Laboratory. In the picture at the left, L. J. Grossheim (right) talks to the group about the Refinery's fire-fighting equipment. From left to right are Olson, Richard Higgins, Gearge Pate, Jack Olson, John Crouchet, and Bob Olson. Jack and Bob are R. J. Olson's sons. The scouts are members of Troop 711 in South Houston.

GOVERNMENT HEARINGS BRING STATEMENT ON PESTICIDES BY AGRICULTURE SECRETARY

No evidence was presented at four recent government hearings to justify the withdrawal of endrin, aldrin and dieldrin from farm use, Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman announced in Washington last week.

Three of the four hearings were conducted in April by the Department of Agriculture. The fourth was a four-state conference of water pollution control experts called in May by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Public Health Service. All four hearings were concerned with the controversy over fish kills in the Mississippi River and whether normal agricultural run-off of pesticides was responsible for the kills.

S. H. McAllister, General Manager of Shell Chemical Company's Agricultural Chemicals Division, testified before both agencies because Shell Chemical manufactures the three pesticides.

SAFETY SIGN TAKES TURN FOR 50TH DAY

Our Shell Safety Sign takes its turn for the 50th straight day, today. As long as those safety lights stay on and the sign keeps turning, we can rest assured that fellow Refinery employees are continuing to work safely on the job without a disabling injury to mar their health. Let's continue to "take a turn for safety."

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He maintained that there is insufficient evidence to link the massive fish kills with endrin or any other insecticide used on farms. This view was confirmed by Secretary Freeman, who said last week:

"None of the evidence presented either at the hearings or at the conference was scientifically adequate, in the judgment of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, to justify withdrawal of endrin, aldrin or dieldrin from farm use."

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"HOWDY"...from Odessa, Texas. H. M. Miller, J. V. Campo, J. E. Merritt, and M. K. Hutton, four former Houston Refinery employees now assigned to the recently-acquired Odessa Refinery, send along a "howdy" from "on-the-job" in West Texas.

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GOVERNMENT (continued)

The Agriculture Secretary reported that surveys by his department and by state department and by state departments of agriculture, the Public Health Service and local authorities showed in the case of the Mississippi fish kills that "... a major source of pesticide residues was an industrial plant manufacturing the chemicals." This was denied by the company concerned, which was not Shell Chemical.

In his statement clearing endrin, aldrin and dieldrin for farm use, Secretary Freeman also announced that his department would launch a monitoring program to determine scientifically if significant environmental hazards are resulting from normal agricultural use of pesticides.

The Program will be co-ordinated with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Department of the Interior, and other government agencies through the Federal Pest Control Review Board. The program will be in line with a recommendation by the President's Science Advisory Committee, Secretary Freeman said.

The monitoring program will augment the five teams of Department of Agriculture scientists already monitoring pesticide residues in five areas along the lower Mississippi River and its tributaries. Mr. Freeman said that the additional teams and study areas will be designated as the monitoring program proceeds.

Mr. McAllister, commenting on Secretary Freeman's announcement, said: "I'm sure that all Shell employees will be pleased to learn of Secretary Freeman's statement. As we have done in the past, Shell will continue to cooperate with all government agencies to avoid the misuse of otherwise beneficial pesticides."

DEADLINE THIS WEEK FOR
SENDING IN GRADS PICTURES

The deadline is this week for sending in pictures of your graduates for the SHELLEGRAPH'S special "Class of '64" section.

As mentioned earlier, the information we will need includes graduate's name, parents' name and address, school, honors and school activities, and future plans. The picture may be any size either in black and white or in color. We will return the picture to you undamaged.

So if you have a graduate and haven't sent us the picture and information, do it today....'cause time is running out.

Mail to Editor: Shell Oil Company, P. O. Box 100, Deer Park, Texas; or bring it to Room 132, Main Office Building.

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"LET'S GO TOURING"

A new booklet, "Let's Go Touring", has been written by Carol Lane, Shell's Women's Travel Director.

The new booklet gives travel tips covering topics ranging from the selection of comfortable touring clothes to suggestions on between-meal snacks for young children. Among the hints, travelers will find a complete packing check-list and an outline of precautions to be taken when leaving home.

The booklet will be offered free by Carol Lane to radio and television audiences. It will also be used to answer mail requests resulting from Miss Lane's appearances before women's clubs.

We have received a limited supply of these booklets here at the Refinery for distribution to employees who would like to have them. You may pick up a copy in the P. & I. R. Department's Benefits Section, Room 143, or the Employee Communications Section, Room 132, Main Office Building.

A "THANKS" FROM THE FIRE & SAFETY FOLKS

A hearty "thank you" and "congratulations for a job well done" were expressed this week by members of the Fire and Safety Department at the completion of the Cat. Cracker shutdown. The efforts of operating and Engineering Field forces to maintain a safe, clean area throughout the course of the shutdown were particularly noted by L. N. Mancuso, and the other Fire & Safety Inspectors assigned to the Cat. Cracker area.

C L A S S I F I E D S

FOR SALE: One-ton air conditioning window unit; 220 volt; \$35. Call GR-2-0018.

FOR SALE: Two carpets, each 13' 4" x 13' 4"; one is rayon tweedtwist, other rose colored wool; both with pads. \$10 each. Call GR-2-0018.

FOR SALE: Full size office desk, wood; 30" x 60" desk top. \$35. Small mahogany stain desk, 18" x 36" desk top; \$3.50. Call GR-2-0018.