

Five Asst. Dept. Mgrs. In Moves at Refinery

A series of personnel moves involving five assistant department managers has been announced by Refinery Manager John Tench.

McCants Moves To E. and S.

In one of the changes, D. B. McCants, previously the Assistant Manager, Dispatching Department, goes to the Economics and Scheduling Department in the same capacity. The physical planning and scheduling functions of crude receipts, process units, and shipments will be consolidated within the E. and S. Department. Tench explained, in making the announcement of McCants' new assignments.

A graduate of Rice University, McCants joined Shell as



BOYKIN BALDWIN

a Clerk at the Houston Refinery in January 1935. During his career at the Refinery he has held a variety of technical assignments, advancing to Assistant Manager in the Dispatching Department in February 1945.

Boykin, Baldwin In Moves

In another move, W. B. Boykin moves from Assistant Manager, Thermal Cracking Department, to a similar position in Dispatching. Boykin will be replaced in Thermal Cracking

by B. S. Baldwin whose most recent assignment was Assistant Manager, Aromatics Department.

Boykin is a native of Brooklyn, New York, and holds the B. S. degree from the University of California and the M. S. degree from the University of Wisconsin. He joined Shell in May 1949 as a Technologist at the Martinez Refinery. From 1954 until 1959 he was assigned as a Technologist in Head Office, then moved to Houston as Assistant Manager, Thermal Cracking, in May 1959.

Baldwin holds the B. S. and M. S. degrees from Kansas State University, and the Ph. D. degree from the University of Washington. His Shell career began in September 1951 at the Martinez Refinery as a Research Chemist. In 1954 he moved to Head Office as a Technologist, then came to the Houston Research Laboratory in 1956 as a Research Technologist. In 1957 he was transferred to the Technological Department, advancing to Group Leader in 1958. He has served as Assistant Manager, Aromatics, since October 1960.

Merritt To Aromatics

The final two moves announced by Tench involved J. C. Merritt and A. P. Garner.



MERRITT GARNER

Merritt moves from Assistant Manager, Distilling Department, to replace Baldwin in the Aromatics Department. Merritt will be replaced in the Distilling Department by A. P. Garner, whose most recent assignment was Assistant Manager of the Refinery Laboratory.

Alabama-born Merritt is a graduate of Auburn with the B. S. degree. He joined Shell as an Engineer at the Houston

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Chemical Plant Employees Win Three More Safe-Work Citations

In March of this year, the Chemical Plant became one of the few industrial organizations to receive the National Safety Council's "Award of Honor". This is the highest award given by the Council and was presented to the Plant employees in recognition for working 3,316,436 manhours without a disabling injury. During the month, the Plant was honored on two more occasions by receiving a Certificate of Merit from the Texas Safety Association and the Award of Merit from the National Safety Council, both of which were given for perfect safety records for the year 1961.

Presented By E. S. Robb

The Award of Honor was presented by E. S. Robb, Manager Manufacturing, Industrial Chemicals Division, to J. W. Hyde, Plant Manager. Pictured below are employees present at the ceremonies, representative of all Chemical Plant employees. The Certificate of Merit was presented to J. R. Lacy, Assistant Manager, Personnel, in charge of

Safety & Plant Protection, at a recent Texas Safety Association Conference in Dallas.

The Award of Honor is a nationally recognized achievement and is presented only when a company's safety record satisfies rigid requirements laid down in the Council's award plan for industrial safety. Out of 1,092 firms evaluated by the Council in 1960, only 46 had records good enough to receive this award.

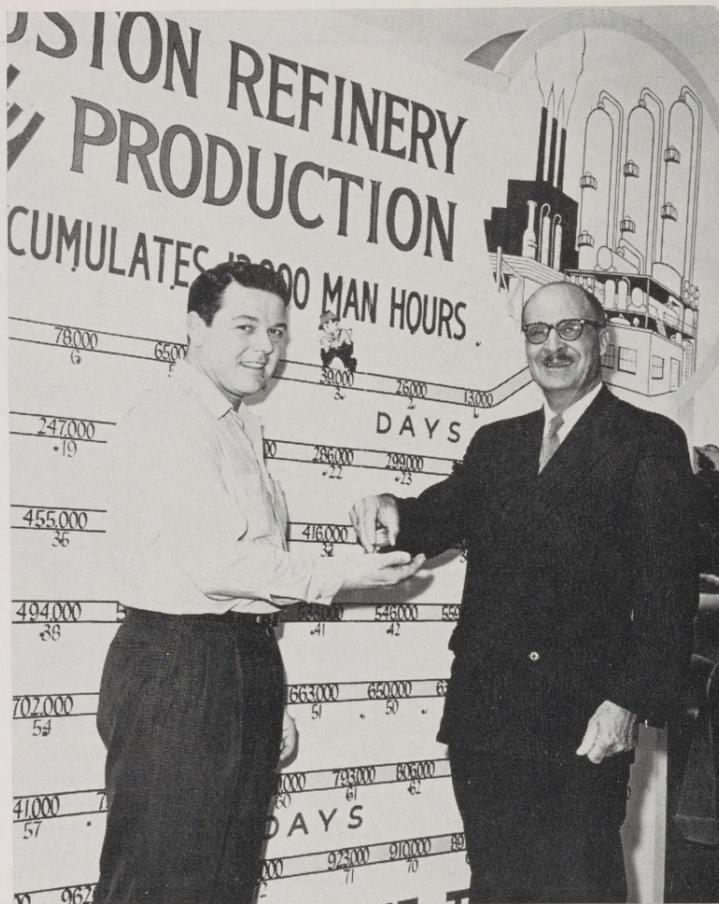
Distinguished Achievements

The Certificate of Merit and the Award of Merit represent distinguished achievements in themselves and are held in high regard throughout industry as recognition of a perfect safety record for a calendar year.

The record at the Houston Plant started December 21, 1960, and continued until January 9, 1962, with a total of 3,316,436 accident-free hours. This figure establishes a new Shell Chemical Company safety record, surpassing the old mark of 2,744,091 set in 1956.



CHEMICAL PLANT employees on hand for the presentation of the National Safety Council's Award of Honor are (front row left to right) B. W. Teague, W. W. Coots, G. M. Crawford, J. L. Ballard, Mrs. Marie Karney, H. I. Page, R. W. Smith, and M. A. Vaughn. In the back row (left to right) are R. F. Sorrells, J. Y. Blount, P. Highnote, R. L. Barnes, H. W. Decker, M. C. Compton, J. Holt, J. O. Dowell, J. T. Blake, R. P. White, J. A. Wasek, W. P. Stricklin, and J. L. Beauregard. Standing in the foreground is J. R. Lacy, Assistant Manager, Personnel, in charge of Safety and Plant Protection at the Chemical Plant.



WINNER'S SMILE—C. E. Callihan, Refinery Aromatics Department receives 10 silver dollars from Refinery Manager John Tench for submitting the winning entry in the recent contest to name the little oil worker on the large safety board near the Main Gate. "Will Dooit" can be seen on the board between Callihan and Tench.

MEET WILL DOOIT

Refinery's C. E. Callihan Names Little Safety Man in Cash Contest

Meet Will Dooit!

You've probably seen him many times. He's the little oil worker you see making his way along the maze of piping on the big safety board near the Main Gate.

Up to now he has traveled anonymously. But thanks to

C. E. Callihan of the Refinery Aromatics Department, our little oil worker has a name. Over 70 entries were submitted in the Refinery-wide contest to pick a suitable name for the little man, and Callihan's entry of "Will Dooit" caught the fancy of the contest committee.

The name speaks for itself—implying confidence that safety-minded Refinery employees will help Will Dooit reach the successful end of a 77-day walk to a million hours of disabling injury-free work time.

The longest walk to date was a 59-day stroll that covered over 750,000 hours. Then, as the goal came in sight, an injury sent Will back to the starting line to try again.

For his winning entry, Callihan received 10 silver dollars and a portrait picture of his family. Clark, his wife, Deloras, and their two children, Sheri Dee, 11, and Teri Lee, 9, live at 1212 Elmwood Street, in Pasadena.

Join your co-workers and watch the progress of Will Dooit. Help him—and yourself—reach that goal of one million safe work hours. It's a 77-day journey with dividends all along the way.

June Issue To Salute Grads

Once again, the *Shellegram* will feature a special section in its June issue to spotlight the graduating sons and daughters of Shell employees. As in the past, this section will carry pictures of the students with a write-up about each.

To make it a success, we are asking the parents of Shell sons and daughters who are members of the Class of '62, to submit pictures and information about their graduates to the *Shellegram*. This includes graduates at mid-term this year as well as the spring graduating class, both from high school and college.

Deadline for submitting the pictures and information is June 1.

The pictures may be delivered in person to the *Shellegram* office, located in Room 132 of the Main Office Building at the Refinery, or to the Personnel Department in the Main Office Building at the Chemical Plant. Also, they may be mailed to: *Shellegram* Editor, Shell Oil Company, P. O. Box 100, Deer Park.

The pictures may be of any size. Black and white glossy prints are preferred, although color prints will be accepted. The graduates may be dressed in cap and gown or in street clothes. Please do not write on

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POOL OPENS

The Shellwood Swimming Pool will open for the summer season Wednesday, May 30 (Memorial Day). The pool will be open from 10 am until 8 pm, Wednesdays through Sundays, and closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Fee is 25 cents for everyone 12 and over, 15 cents for children under 12. Life guards will be on duty at all times.



MAKING PLANS—Members of the SERA Picnic committee make final plans to assure the success of this year's outing. Scheduled for Saturday, June 9, at the Shellwood grounds, the picnic will offer activities to delight every member of the family. Pictured above, from left to right, are B. L. Clare,

Chemical Plant; J. B. Reed, Refinery; J. A. Cook, Refinery; M. W. Tooke, Refinery; W. W. Myers, Refinery; D. P. Kirk, Chemical Plant; A. M. Yannazzo, Refinery; R. Trabinino, Refinery; J. W. Barber, Refinery; L. H. Markway, Refinery; J. H. Connolly, Chemical Plant; and C. M. Wolters, Refinery.

Plans Nearly Completed for SERA Picnic

The naming of committee members to be in charge of the various activities at the SERA annual picnic means that Saturday, June 9, is not far away.

Picnic Chairman A. M. Yannazzo and Co-Chairman D. P. Kirk report that plans are nearly complete, assuring picnickers of another fun-filled day at the annual Shellwood outing.

A menu of barbecued beef, ham, links and all the trimmings will be served throughout the day, beginning at noon. A special serving line for 4-12

shift workers will be maintained to assure this group of rapid service. Lenox Catering Service, whose handling of the barbecue dinners proved so successful in past years, will again be dishing up the food.

The swimming pool at Shellwood, which officially begins its summer season May 30, will be open from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm the day of the picnic. Swimming will be free the day of the picnic to SERA members and their families.

Children's rides, featuring two ferris wheels this year, will operate from 10:00 am

until 7:00 pm. A dance will be held in the Clubhouse from 8:00 pm until 11:00 pm, with a six-piece orchestra furnishing the music.

In addition to the committee members shown in the picture above, other employees assisting with the many details of the picnic are G. D. Orr, Gloria Lee, Jean Williams, Bill Faircloth, and K. W. Parks, Chemical Plant; and G. L. Nuss, N. F. Gilliam, W. D. Antone, and R. B. Mann, Refinery.

The picnic is a highlight of the SERA year and is free to SERA members and their families. Each member may bring as many as four guests to the picnic, with the price of admission \$2.00 each.

Shell Pumps Spur Drive For More Credit Card Customers

The appearance of three bright yellow Shell pumps labeled "Credit Card Stations" hasn't gone unnoticed by Refinery employees.

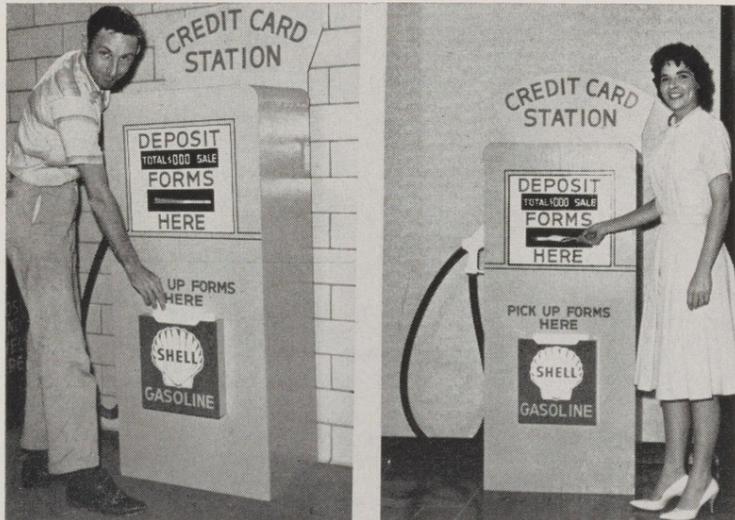
The three pumps—located at the Main Gate, West Research Building, and Central Shops—focus attention on the Refinery-wide Credit Card Recommendation campaign, and during the first week the pumps were up, almost 200 applications poured in from sales-conscious Refinery employees.

At each pump, in a box behind the Shell emblem, is a supply of Credit Card Recommendation forms. Besides the forms at the pumps, Credit Card Pick-up Stations have been established in locations throughout the Refinery where more blank forms are avail-

able. The idea is to keep the blank forms readily available so that employees may make recommendations as the names occur to them.

The Recommendation forms are to be used to recommend non-Shell employees. Employees who wish to apply for a Shell Credit Card may do so by completing an employee's application card, available in the Benefits Section of Personnel Department at the Chemical Plant, or the Benefits Section of the P. & I. R. Department at the Refinery.

To date, almost 5,000 recommendations have been received from Refinery and Chemical Plant employees in the campaign to increase the number of customers using Shell products.



CREDIT CARDS, ANYONE? It's an easy three-step job, and one important to every Shell employee. Just (1) pick up a Credit Card Recommendation form, (2) fill in the name or names of prospective Shell Credit Card customers, and (3) drop the completed form in either the Refinery mail or one of the three conveniently located Credit Card Stations. Above, B. L. Henderson, Refinery Dispatching Department, reaches for a blank form at the Credit Card pump located at the Main Gate. On the right, the Treasury Department's Sylvia Fuglaar deposits her Credit Card recommendations. Almost 200 recommendations were received the first week.

E. L. Applegate Retires at Refy.

A farm home in Northeast Texas near Winnsboro will be the new address for the Refinery's E. L. Applegate, whose retirement from Shell became effective April 1.

After more than 17 years at Shell, Applegate and his wife, Ruth, will move to their new home later this year. Future plans are to raise cattle on their acreage.

Born in Alba, Texas, Applegate attended schools in Mineola. He joined the Houston Refinery in January 1945 as a General Helper in the Engineering Field Department. In May 1945 he transferred to the Paint Shop as a Painter No. 2, and advanced to Painter No. 1 in November 1945. He continued in this classification for the remainder of his Shell career.

Graduates —

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Here is the type of information to send: full name of graduate; full name of parents and department where parent works; school attended; recap of school activities and honors received while in school; fu-

Secretary-of-Year Honors Won By Refinery's Hilda Chevalier

Secretary-of-the-Year honors were recently bestowed on the Refinery's Hilda Chevalier by the Channel Chapter of the National Secretaries Association. Hilda, who is secretary to Robert Haldane, Refinery Chief Engineer, received a trophy to commemorate the event at a luncheon in her honor during National Secretaries Week.

Hilda has been a member of the NSA for eight years, the first seven years in the Houston Chapter. For the past year she has been a member of the Pasadena Chapter, having served on the committee which formed the Chapter in August 1961. Presently, she is the president of the Channel group.

A Shell employee since September 1952, Hilda is a native of Clinton, Louisiana where she was graduated from high



HILDA CHEVALIER

school. She later attended L. S. U. and the University of Houston.

Hilda lives in Deer Park with her husband, Neal. Their daughter, Nealya, is a student at Sam Houston State College in Huntsville.



TWISTING—Shipwreck party style. This scene is from a recent dance attended by members of Explorer Scout Post 179, sponsored by the Chemical Plant. The mix learning with relaxation for a well-rounded calendar of activities.

Chemical Plant Explorer Post Mixes Work, Play in Activities

Post 179, a specialty Explorer Scout group sponsored by Shell Chemical, recently were guests of Senior Girl Scout Troop 1091 at a shipwreck party.

As Explorers, the young men learn mainly about the many sciences and jobs associated with the chemical industry; however, Exploring has other facets beside vocation development. Young people need to have social and outdoor activities and Post 179 has had some dandies.

At the shipwreck party, the scouts came dressed as they might have been "when the ship sank." From there on, it was just a fun-filled teenage "ball" with dancing and games. What's the appropriate dance for a shipwreck party? Well, naturally, it's the twist.

The following weekend, Post 179 traveled west of San Marcos to camp at the Explorer Scout ranch, El Rancho Cima, and to compete in field sports with other Explorers from the Houston area. The boys got a chance to hike, and to row and swim (they said they fell in) in the Blanco River. They also dug for fossils near their campsite. This tied in very nicely

with their vocational program since they had recently finished a study of geology.

Post 179 meets at 7:00 pm on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th days of each month in the Plant cafeteria. Any young man who is 15 years of age or 14 and in the ninth grade is welcome to attend.

Moves —

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Refinery in March 1949. During his career at the Refinery, Merritt has held various assignments in the Engineering Departments. In October 1951 he was named Assistant Manager, Engineering Services Department, then in July 1952 he moved to the Distilling Department to fill a similar position.

Garner L.S.U. Graduate
Garner joined Shell in August 1937 as a Chemist at the Wood River Refinery. In September 1947 he transferred to the Houston Refinery as a Senior Chemist in the Research Laboratory. After various technical assignments he was named Assistant Manager of the Lubricating Oils Department in March 1949. In September 1956 he was transferred to the Refinery Laboratory as Assistant Manager.

A graduate of Louisiana State University, Garner holds both the B. S. and M. S. degrees in Chemical Engineering.

R. G. McCord Submits Top Safety Slogan

When Rodney McCord married pretty Pauline Graham in June 1950, the tall Tennessean decided his traveling days had to end.

A job at Shell's Houston Refinery seemed the answer. He applied and was hired in April 1951.

Today, Carpenter No. 1 R. G. McCord is the Refinery's Safety Man of the Month. His safety slogan, judged best by the Safety Slogan Committee, will be used the entire month of May in the Silver Dollar Safety Slogan Contest.

The slogan to remember in May: "Safety is the test . . . a challenge for your best."

The path from Graduation Day at Bethesda High School, Williamson County, Tenn. to the Shell Refinery led Rodney across literally thousands of miles.

Saw World War II Service

His first job was with an electric company in Jeffersonville, Ind. But these were the war years of the early '40s and before long he was in uniform as a member of Army Air Corps. It was Sergeant McCord, then, and he soon found himself a top turret gunner

Plans Underway For Oil Congress

About 5,000 persons from 58 nations—800 to 900 of them from the United States—are expected to attend the Sixth World Petroleum Congress in Frankfurt, West Germany, next year. Plans for the Congress were made recently in The Hague.

The Executive Committee of the Congress' policy-making group—the Permanent Council—selected 240 technical topics to be discussed at the Congress. These were chosen from suggestions submitted from 35 nations.

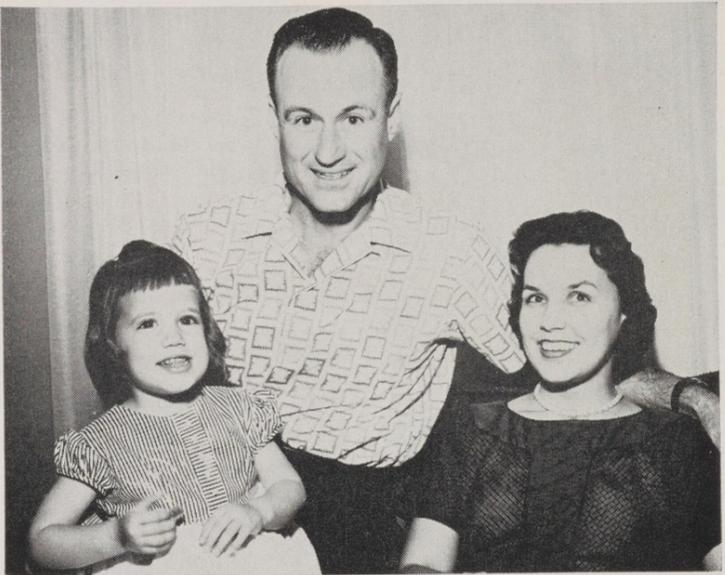
Papers will deal with the main phases of the industry's activities, including geology, production, refining, the use of natural gas and petroleum products, engineering and transportation. U.S. experts will present 67 of the papers; Russians will cover 16 topics, mostly dealing with production and petrochemicals. Four of the U.S. papers will be prepared and delivered by Shell people.

The Congress will also include a series of panels composed of international experts, who will discuss such topics as:

Increasing the use of oil and gas through new applications and the stimulation of present uses; new oil producing regions such as North Africa; advances in drilling, such as underground turbines and motors; secondary recovery of oil by heat, solvents and water; and the use of computers in refineries and other aspects of automation.

Births—

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ogden, a daughter, Teresa Ann Ogden, eight pounds two ounces, born March 20. Ogden is an Electrician No. 1 in the Refinery Engineering Field Department.



REFINERY SAFETY FAMILY OF THE MONTH—R. G. McCord, his wife Pauline, and three-year-old Gaye Nell are the Refinery's first family of safety for the month of May. McCord submitted the winning entry to win the title and prizes.

on a B-24 Liberator flying combat missions over Europe. In all, McCord logged 22 missions and he had his share of close calls. Once, his plane was hit on a flight over Munich, Germany and the crew forced to bail out. Fortunately, they were back over friendly territory when they finally had to jump.

With his release from service in late 1945, McCord returned to work with an electric company. His job called for a lot of travel—through nine southern states. But, being single, he didn't mind it. After his marriage, though, the McCords decided the traveling had to go.

The McCords were married at Semmes, Alabama. Alabama-born Pauline had come to Houston to work for Southwestern Bell Telephone Com-

pany, and here she met Rodney.

There are three McCords, now, with three-year old Gaye Nell completing the family circle.

Active in Church

Active in their church, the Cumberland Presbyterian, Mrs. McCord teaches a class of 9-11 year olds. Rodney is superintendent of the Adult Department and a Ruling Elder in the church.

Like our previous Safety Families, the McCords are safety-minded, leaving nothing to chance when it comes to their welfare. In fact, little Gaye Nell is learning to be safety-conscious, too. This happy, intelligent young couple realizes the value and importance of safety, and has started early instilling these ideas in their daughter.

Pamela Syfert Is "Miss Esquire"

Pamela Syfert, daughter of the Refinery's M. C. Syfert, was crowned Miss Esquire at the annual Esquire Dance held recently at the LaPorte High School.

A sophomore at LaPorte, Pamela's costume represented the month of October. Theme of the affair, highlight of the high school social season, was a New Orleans Mardi Gras ball. The school cafeteria was transformed into a combination dance pavillion and sidewalk cafe, with a specially constructed stage in the center for the promenade of the Esquire girls.

Judging for Miss Esquire was on the basis of personality, costumes, poise, and figure.



PAMELA SYFERT



Shell Men Attend Management Course

In the picture above, from left to right, R. E. Mitchell, who was recently named Area Gas Manager in Shell Oil Company's Pacific Coast Area; G. T. Tennison, Manager, Volatiles Supply in Shell Oil's Transportation and Supplies Organization; W. A. Gabig, Assistant Superintendent, Operations, Industrial Chemicals Division at Shell Chemical Company's Houston Plant; and C. S. Matthews, Senior Reservoir Engineer at Shell Development Company's E. and P. Research Division, are shown with J. E. Clark, Shell Oil's executive vice president, Exploration and Production, while attending the Shell Management Course at Columbia University's Arden House about 50 miles north of New York City. Mitchell,

Tennison, Gabig and Matthews are four of 30 Shell executives who participated in the four weeks of intensive study. The course began April 4 and concluded April 27. According to Clark, the oil company views the course as a means of encouraging already successful managers to continue their self-development. It is designed to provide broader understanding of economic, political and social trends affecting industry, modern management practices and Shell's objectives and policies. Course instructors are Shell's top executives and such authorities as professors, government representatives and business leaders. About 300 Shell executives have attended the course since it began in 1956.

Service Anniversaries

25 Years Service



J. A. COOK
Eng. Fld. (Refy.)

20 Years Service

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| J. C. ALLEN
Distilling (Refy.) | I. L. HAM
Aromatics (Refy.) | J. J. MURDOCK
Eng. Fld. (Refy.) |
| L. V. ASHE
Eng. Maint. (Chem.) | M. W. HAMBRICK
Eng. Fld. (Refy.) | W. I. PEPPERS
Eng. Fld. (Refy.) |
| J. K. BUCHANAN
Lube Oils (Refy.) | C. L. IVY
Distilling (Refy.) | H. H. REAT
Refy. Laboratory |
| J. W. DICKENS
Eng. Maint. (Chem.) | W. C. JAHN
Eng. Fld. (Refy.) | M. S. REEVES
Eng. Fld. (Refy.) |
| T. E. ENGLISH
Operations (Chem.) | W. P. MATTHEWS
Operations (Chem.) | J. SANDERS
Thermal Crack. (Refy.) |
| L. O. GLOVER
Eng. Fld. (Refy.) | W. L. McCARLEY
Eng. Fld. (Refy.) | J. H. WILLIAMS
Distilling (Refy.) |
| L. J. HALLMARK
P.&I.R. (Refy.) | P. B. MILLER
Eng. Fld. (Refy.) | R. WOODWORTH
Eng. Fld. (Refy.) |
| | R. W. MOSER
Lube Oils (Refy.) | |

15 Years Service

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| W. BANKS
Eng. Maint. (Chem.) | J. McGINTY
Eng. Maint. (Chem.) | J. H. RHYNE
Eng. Maint. (Chem.) |
| R. M. BREAUX
Eng. Maint. (Chem.) | W. G. MIDDLEBROOKS
Operations (Chem.) | J. R. RYAN
Thermal Crack. (Refy.) |
| L. K. BROWN
Eng. Office (Refy.) | R. J. OLSON
Research (Refy.) | W. C. TOWNSEND
Eng. Maint. (Chem.) |
| W. H. WADE
Operations (Chem.) | F. K. WILSON
Eff. Control (Refy.) | |

10 Years Service

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| G. G. BARNES
Treasury (Chem.) | H. J. FARMER
Operations (Chem.) | R. J. HENNAN
Eng. Services (Refy.) |
| R. J. CARTER
Thermal Crack. (Refy.) | W. E. GANN
Eng. Fld. (Refy.) | J. R. OLIPHANT
Operations (Chem.) |
| D. DAVIS
Eng. Fld. (Refy.) | J. B. GAY
Eng. Fld. (Refy.) | J. N. OWEN
Operations (Chem.) |
| I. DVORETZKY
Research (Refy.) | J. P. GOOCH
Operations (Chem.) | L. E. SANFORD
Lube Oils (Refy.) |
| | P. J. HEFLIN
Refy. Laboratory | |

New Silver Dollar Club Members

The following new members have been added to the Silver Dollar Safety Club:

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| G. E. Pribble | H. L. Turner | W. A. Chamblee |
| P. S. Grabouski | J. H. Griffey | D. W. Stewart |
| J. R. Lamb | F. L. Miller | G. W. George |
| J. W. Norton | J. M. Rice | B. A. Hugger |
| W. C. Neal | C. E. Kingsbury | W. L. Cox |
| O. Roberts | R. G. Deardorff | I. G. Foster |
| E. E. Kulhanek | J. C. May | P. J. Bagwell |
| I. E. Kirkwood | F. B. Basham | J. Denley |
| J. H. Williams | W. T. Price | R. P. Ermis |
| G. E. Butler | H. F. Koenig | W. W. Moser |
| C. L. Hanna | B. J. Walker | J. E. Laird |
| R. R. Klechka | J. W. Mitchell | L. Lamb |
| G. L. Charpentier | E. W. Wasmuth | C. R. Johnson |
| R. E. Kelley | J. C. Tucker | E. R. Smith |
| J. B. Banowsky | C. O. Coulter | A. Hamilton |
| J. V. Campo | S. A. Hester | *B. C. Roper |
| V. P. Loughery | M. W. Tooke | *Mrs. M. H. Muecke |

* These members were called at home by the Mystery Man.

Deepwater P.T.A. Presents "Dixie Doin's"

"Dixie Doin's", a minstrel-type variety show sponsored by the Deepwater Elementary School Parent Teachers Association, played to full houses during a recent two-night stand at the school's auditorium.

The show was staged to raise operating funds for the Deepwater Parent Teachers Association, and many Shell fami-

lies were represented in the acts that performed.

Master of ceremonies—"Mr. Interlocutor"—was G. G. Barnes, Chemical Plant Treasury Department. Barnes is also president of the Deepwater P. T. A. this year. D'Juana Oxford, wife of the Chemical Plant's J. D. Oxford, directed the chorus and sang a solo.

A group of ukulele players,

composed mostly of Shell sons and daughters, sang and played a number of songs as a feature on the program. The group, fifth graders at the San Jacinto Elementary School in Deer Park, were taught to play the ukulele last year by their fourth-grade teacher, Mary Lawrence, and Mrs. W. E. Ursprung, whose husband works at the Refinery.



CHEMICAL PLANT'S G. G. Barnes played the role of "Mr. Interlocutor" as the jokes came fast and furious.



EVEN the parents had a hard time recognizing their children in this group of ukulele players as they sang and played for the Deepwater P. T. A.'s production of "Dixie Doin's." From the left, they are: Gail Odom, daughter of the Chemical Plant's T. G. Odom; Jody Dobbs, son of B. J. Dobbs,

Chemical Plant; Dave Boykin, son of the Refinery's W. B. Boykin; Beth Lambin, daughter of the Refinery's L. J. Lambin; Shirley Krupa, daughter of F. M. Krupa, Refinery; Tommy Harris, son of G. A. Harris, Refinery; and John E. Gibson. All are students at San Jacinto Elementary School.



D'JUANA OXFORD, wife of the Chemical Plant's J. D. Oxford, delighted the audience with "Stormy Weather."

Laurels Landed By Smith's Son

David "Pepi" Smith was recently chosen by the student body of Houston's Stephen F. Austin High School as Best All-Around Boy. School honors are not new to this son of the Chemical Plant's R. W. Smith, for "Pepi's" achievements over the span of his high school years have been numerous.



SMITH

He is presently Parliamentarian and Sergeant-at-Arms of the Key Club; he was chosen Junior Rotarian of the Month last November; and he was selected as the alternate for Boy's State Representative. A strong interest in music is shown in his having served for two years as president of the Austin Chorale, as Song Leader of the Christian Student Union, and by having been chosen to sing in the All-Regional Choir.

Added to these achievements, he has been on the Honor Roll for the past two years, and was recently installed in the National Honor Society.

Shell Shows Dramatic Proof—The Cost of Drilling Dry Hole

The high cost involved in the risky business of drilling for oil and gas in unproved areas was pointed up recently in figures released by J. E. Wilson, Vice President of Shell Oil Company's Houston Area, upon abandonment of the deepest well yet drilled along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Drilled in Waller County near Hempstead by Dillard-Waltermire Incorporated of Houston, the unsuccessful wildcat—Shell G. A. Chapman No. 1—was drilled to a total depth of 20,800 feet, besting the old depth record by 197 feet. The old mark of 20,603 feet was set on the J. O. Walker No. 2 well, which was drilled by the Hunt Oil Company and completed as a dry hole on November 1, 1960, in Webb County.

Shell reported that the drilling cost alone of the Waller County dry hole was approximately \$830,000, which figures out to over \$5,000 per day for the 160-day drilling

period or almost \$40 per foot drilled.

This figure does not include the cost of the lease or advance exploration expenses. Some of the cost of geophysical exploration can be derived from the fact that the expense of operating a seismic crew in this general area for about four months averaged approximately \$35,000 a month. Shell spent another \$275,000 to lease the property, another \$52,000 for rental costs and another \$17,500 for surveying and other operations incident to staking the location, all of this before drilling was ever started.

But Shell doesn't consider the Chapman wildcat failure a total loss. Cores, cuttings and logs from the well yielded geological information which may prove valuable in future exploration along the deep Lower Cretaceous trend. The deep wildcat was looking for the Edwards Limestone at a depth of approximately 17,000 feet, and it was encountered at 17,140 feet. Other important limestones were penetrated between the Edwards and total depth.

After reaching total depth, the well was plugged back to 17,350 feet to test gas shows at 17,138 to 17,350 feet. After testing, the gas shows proved to be non-commercial and the well was plugged and abandoned.

Shell noted that the total of more than \$1¼ million represents the cost of a dry hole only. Had the hole proved productive, necessitating well completion, separation facilities and storage facilities, the cost would probably have increased another \$200,000.

And all Shell has to show for almost a year of time and a \$1¼-million-plus expenditure is a record depth dry hole.

L. Smith Dies In Car Wreck

It is with regret the *Shellegram* reports the death of a fellow em-

ployee, Lawrence Smith, who died March 31 as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident. Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Mary Ruth, and four children, Harvey, Terry Denise, Lawrence, Jr., and Gary Lee. An expression of sympathy is extended this family by the many friends of Mr. Smith at Shell.

Mr. Smith's Shell career spanned a period of more than 16 years. He joined the Refinery in January 1946 as a Laborer in the Engineering Field Department. In the years that followed he held various assignments in the department, including Yardman, Swamper and Truck Driver.

A veteran of the U. S. Army during World War II, Mr. Smith was born in Riverside, Texas, where he also attended school.



SMITH

SERA Bowlers Roll For it All In May Tourney

The SERA's annual bowling tournament, which each spring draws scores of Shell bowlers to the lanes for a weekend of kegling, will be reeled off May 19-20 at the Harrisburg Bowling Center.

Chairman of the tourney is M. W. Tooke of the Refinery, while R. E. Harvey, also of the Refinery, serves as the Tournament Secretary.

The team event, consisting of four male and one female bowler to each team, will be held Saturday, the 19th, with shifts rolling at 10 am, 2 pm, and 6 pm. On Sunday, on shifts beginning at 10 am, 1 pm, and 4 pm, the doubles and singles will be rolled.

Last year, the Misques from the Chemical Plant won the team title, while F. E. Johnson and T. C. Bourke of the Refinery took the doubles title. In last year's singles competition, W. G. Noak of the Chemical Plant emerged victorious. Noak also won the all-events title.

By Sunday evening the winners for this year will be known. Prize money for the meet comes from entry fees paid by the participants, as well as an amount from the SERA bowling activities budget.

Houston Refinery - Safety Box Score

(Number of Disabling Injuries in 1962)

Departments		Engineering Field Crafts	
Aromatics	0	Automotive	0
Catalytic Cracking	0	Blacksmiths	0
Dispatching	2	Boilermakers	1
Distilling	0	Brickmasons	0
Economics-Scheduling	0	Carpenters	0
Effluent Control	0	Electricians	0
Eng. Office, Services	0	Insulators	0
Fire and Safety	0	Instrument	0
Gas	1	Janitors, Gardeners	1
Laboratory	0	Labor	0
Lubricating Oils	1	Machinists	0
P. & I. R.	0	Painters	0
Purchasing-Stores	0	Pipefitters	0
Research	0	Riggers	0
Technological	0	Tinners	0
Thermal Cracking	0	Valve Repair	0
Treasury	0	Welders	0
Utilities	0	Tool Room	0

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