

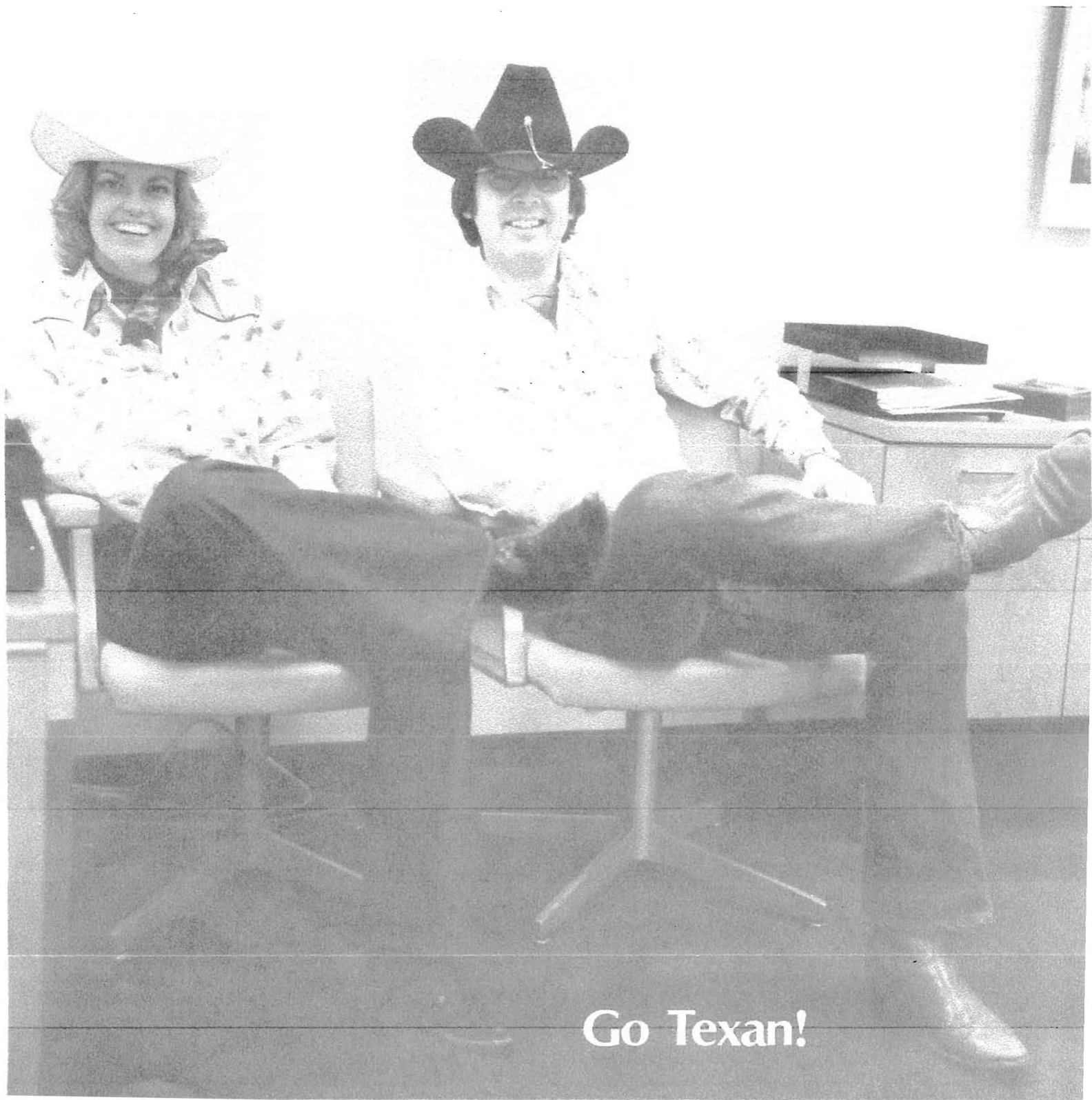


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**Go Texan!**



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A joint venture is one way of financing and operating a pipeline. Shell Pipe Line is a member of several such consortiums. But there is one rather unusual multiple ownership arrangement near the Butte Pipe Line Co. Terminal at Ft. Laramie, Wyo. in which several individual Pipe Liners are involved and that is a joint venture vegetable garden. The garden is being grown by members of the terminal staff—Delivery Gaugers Dick Koenig and Dennis Peterson and Farm Foreman Ed Tooley, who is pictured here with the fruits of their labor, a meter of vegetables. In the center of the vegetable pile is a cabbage that weighed 19 lbs., and had a diameter of 15 inches and a 3-foot, 11-inch circumference. The sides of the pile are decked with onions, the largest of which weighed 2 lbs. 5 ozs. A 20-lb. Hubbard squash adorns the right side of the pile, and one of the potatoes in the front was 7 inches long.

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Cover: Head Office employees Beverly Patton and Larry Judge show off their Western "duds" on Go-Texan Day March 4, held in conjunction with the Houston rodeo.



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## Joseph A. Holmes Safety Award Recipients



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# Thirty years of safety

Every year, employees of Shell Pipe Line set new records in the field of health and safety, and in 1976, there were 19 Pipe Liners who achieved the enviable record of working 30 continuous years without a disabling injury.

In recognition of this achievement, these men will receive an award from the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association, an award given only to individuals working in the mineral and allied industries. The Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association was founded in 1916 by 24 mining and metallurgical organizations to commemorate the efforts of Dr. Holmes, the first Director of the Bureau of Mines, in reducing accidents and ill health in the mining and allied industries and in promoting safety and health principles in those industries.

"Shell Pipe Line Corporation adopted the Association's award for recognizing the major accident-free work of its employees in 1956," explained Wayne Kinison, Safety Supervisor. "With this 30-year safety award, each employee receives a pocket-size certificate, a lapel pin and a decal that is placed on his hard hat.

"This is a very significant award. We decided to participate in the program because we thought it was an excellent award, an achievement that takes a long time and a lot of effort to earn. I hope the employees who receive this award realize that it is something upon which they should put a great deal of value because not many awards of this type are given. It's something of which they should be proud."

These awards will be presented at the spring Safety Chapter Dinner Meetings.



C. M. Dawkins



A. G. Griggs



J. D. Hall

## Work alert, stay unhurt

Individual Pipe Liners are not the only ones receiving safety awards these days. Groups of SPLC employees in divisions and districts are also being recognized for their outstanding records of safety.

The American Petroleum Institute awards qualifying divisions and districts the API Accident Prevention Award for outstanding long-term safety performance, and at the end of 1976, two divisions and four districts of Shell Pipe Line qualified for this safety award.

They are as follows:

	Hours worked without disabling injury	Time period
<b>Central Division</b>		
Eastern District .....	662,383	12/02/71 — Continuing
Western District .....	531,672	10/23/72 — 12/13/76
<b>Gulf Coast Division</b>		
Entire Division .....	972,036	5/27/74 — 10/25/76
Western District .....	739,656	4/28/72 — Continuing
<b>Mid-Continent Division</b>		
Entire Division .....	974,177	12/30/74 — 6/07/76
Cushing District .....	801,033	3/22/71 — Continuing

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT SHELL PROVIDENT FUND 1976										
		1	2	4	5	8				
		THRIFT ACCOUNT		EQUITIES ACCOUNT		SHELL STOCK ACCOUNT				
		BALANCE FORWARD	COMPANY	MEMBER	MEMBER	UNITS	CASH RECEIPTS	TEMP. INVEST- INCOME	CASH DISBURSE- MENTS	SHARES
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APPROXIMATE ACCOUNT VALUE										
THRIFT ACCOUNT	217									
EQUITIES ACCOUNT										
@ \$ 2.715	123									
SHELL STOCK ACCOUNT - SHARES										
@ \$ 78.875	133									
- CASH	19									
APPROXIMATE TOTAL YEAR-END VALUE \$	492									
THRIFT FUND EARNINGS RATE 5.115%										
WITHDRAWAL ENTITLEMENT AS OF 12-31-76										
THRIFT \$	107.60									
EQUITIES	107.60									
WITHDRAWAL ELIGIBILITY DATE 07-03-77										
CODES:										
WD - WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBER THRIFT AND/OR EQUITIES ACCOUNT										
TF - TRANSFER FROM EQUITIES AND/OR STOCK ACCOUNT										
SD - STOCK DIVIDEND										
CD - CASH DIVIDEND										
TC - TRANSFER STOCK CASH										
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TEMPORARY INVESTMENT INCOME										
ST - SETTLEMENT TRANSFERS										
E - THRIFT FUND EARNINGS										
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BALANCE		\$	108.72	\$	108.72		45.240	\$	19.12	CASH BALANCE 1.690

## Provident Fund statement detailed

Mixed in with the mail you received at the beginning of 1977 was your Provident Fund Annual Statement for 1976.

Perhaps you fleetingly considered making a withdrawal to pay some post-holiday bills. If so, the amount available for withdrawal, computed in the left-hand column, was a ready reference.

Withdrawal entitlement and eligibility are two items which appeared on the statement for the first time last year. Withdrawal entitlement is the sum of an employee's contributions (since 1959), less previous withdrawals.

"Prior to last year, if an employee wanted to calculate his or her entitlement, the employee would have needed a copy of all previous Provident Fund statements," says Hank Mancini, supervisor, Operations, Provident Fund.

"The total of all contributions actually made by the employee had to be calculated, and then any previous withdrawals subtracted. It was a cumbersome task.

"Now you have that amount available to you in the lower portion of the left-hand column of the statement. And beneath the entitlement amount is printed your withdrawal eligibility date. An employee can make a withdrawal once a year, and only after completing five years of service," he says.

The Provident Fund statement itself got a "facelift" last year, says Mancini. "It's taken on a new form which enables the member to know at a glance the amount he or she has invested in each of the accounts, the total value of the account, and withdrawal information.

"Previously, the member's statement listed only the totals of the various accounts. The multipliers were given at the bottom of the statement, and it was up to the employee to arrive at the total cash value.

"We now compute for the member of the approximate cash value of the individual statement as of year-end. Of

course, the value of the Shell stock fluctuates from day to day, and the Equities unit rate varies semi-monthly.

"To verify the year-end calculations, compare the amounts listed in the left-hand column of the statement with the column totals," he says.

(The accompanying illustration can be used as a reference for the following explanation of accounts.)

"The Thrift Account amount is a total of Company and member deposits (columns one and two of illustration). The earnings rate on the Thrift Account was 5.115 percent for 1976 and is computed on the average semi-monthly balance. This is an increase over 1975's rate of 4.842 percent," Mancini says.

"To find the value of the Equities Account, multiply the balance of the units column (#4 in illustration) by \$2.715. That \$2.715 is the year-end value of one Equities unit for this year, as compared to \$2.406 for 1975.

"Only the member contributes to this account, with the company matching those investments in either the Thrift or Stock Fund, as the member has elected," he says.

"The Shell Stock Account total is reached by taking the balance of shares (column 8) and multiplying that number by the year-end closing value of Shell stock for 1976, \$78.875." (Last year the closing value of the stock was \$49.00).

"Add in the cash balance of the Cash Receipts column (#5 in illustration), and the total is the year-end value of your Provident Fund accounts," says Mancini.

As another service to members, the Provident Fund now computes earnings on Thrift Account balances semi-monthly, on the fifteenth and last day of the month.

"That means an employee who make a withdrawal from the Thrift Account on the 16th will draw earnings through the 15th," says Mancini.



## Making pipe

# A steely situation

Normally, for those in the pipeline industry, the first contact with the major material component of the trade, pipe, is made when it is placed in the ground and starts transporting product. But before pipe can be used for any purpose, a lot of time and effort is put into designing and fabricating it, making it as durable and practical as possible.

Pipes are made of steel. Probably the most useful metal known to man, steel is essentially a combination of iron and carbon. It is the carbon content that gives steel its durability, strength and hardness.

Carbon by itself cannot give to steel all of the special properties, such as rust and corrosion resistance, that are demanded by industrial users. More than twenty different chemical elements, including manganese, phosphorus, silicon

and copper, are used in the manufacture of various grades of steel.

To produce steel, raw materials such as lime flux and steel scrap or iron ore, are placed in large buckets and are charged into electric furnaces. Three electrodes are then lowered into the furnaces and the melting process begins. In about four hours, the furnaces are tilted and the molten steel is poured into a ladle where the strengthening alloys are added. The molten material is then placed on a continuous caster that shapes the steel into slabs for rolling in the mill.

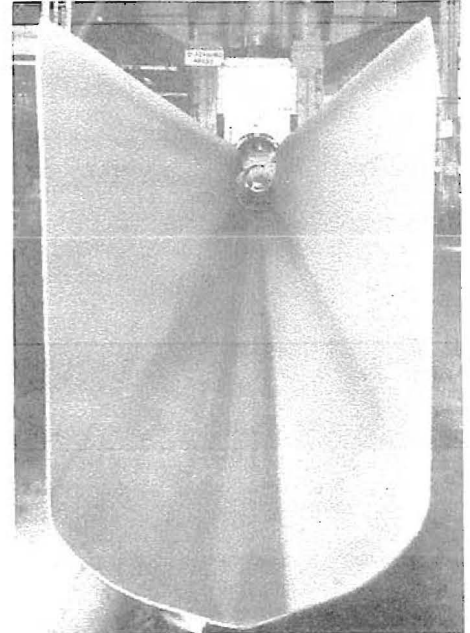
The formation of a shape from these steel slabs occurs in a steel pipe mill. First, the slab is prepared for shaping by a roughing process — heating the steel to 2200 F and reducing its cross-sectional area. Next, the slab is formed to a "U" shape, then squeezed into an "O" shape, at which time it is ready for welding.

The submerged arc welding process is normally used in pipeline fabrication. This welding method is one where coalescence is produced by heating with an electric arc between a bare metal electrode and the pipe. The welding is shielded from the air by a blanket of granular, fusible material. The material melts from the arc heat to form a protective slag layer on the molten steel.

After welding, each length of pipe is checked by a welding inspector, inspected by x-ray and hydrostatically tested before being shipped to the customer.

And that's how pipe is made.

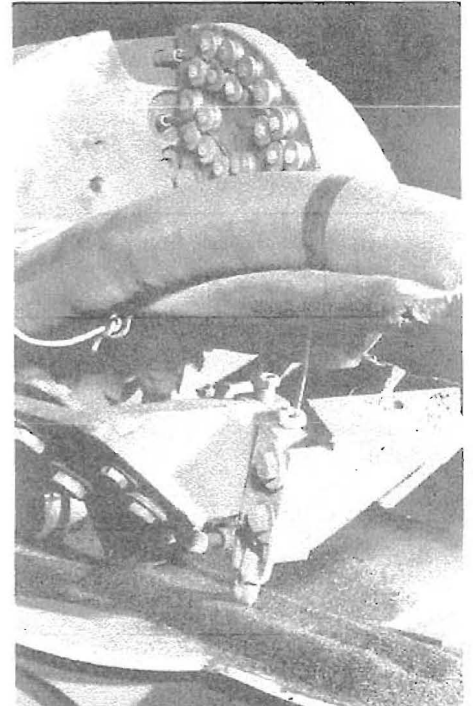
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In one of the first stages in pipe making, this "U" shaped steel plate is squeezed in a matter of seconds into an "O" length of pipe.



Pipe is made from steel plate, such as is being rolled here on the 160-inch plate mill at U. S. Steel's Texas Works near Baytown, Tex. Shown here, a steel slab enters the mills' roughing stand while another, already through the roughing stand, moves to the four high finishing stand.



The inside seam of the pipe is electrically welded by the submerged arc process. The welding unit inside the pipe travels the entire length of the pipe for the inside pass.

# The Hague: a different view

Spreek u Nederlands? For most of us, the reply to that question would be, "I don't think so," but for Jerry Engelhardt, Technical Superintendent, West Coast Division, the answer is, "No, but it wasn't as if I didn't try."

Jerry spent two years in Holland, but during that time, his efforts to learn the language were stymied. "The Dutch are very good at languages," Jerry explained, "and whenever I tried to speak to them in Dutch, they would say, 'Speak English. I can understand you better in English than in Dutch.' That and a little laziness on my part prevented me from ever learning to speak Dutch fluently."

### Advisory role

Jerry's "sabbatical" from Shell Pipe Line began in April of 1974 when he accepted a foreign assignment with Royal Dutch Shell in The Hague. He was assigned to the projects and advisory section of The Hague's pipeline department.

"My job," explained Jerry, "involved solving problems that occurred during projects that operating companies of the Shell Group were pursuing. This required me to travel quite extensively, and it also gave me a much better understanding of how each of the individual companies operated."

Jerry's job took him to all parts of the globe — to the Philippines, Australia, South America and the Mideast. Exam-

ining the problems of a hot oil line in the Philippines was one of the first assignments Jerry tackled. "The pipeline was to have crude oil going one way and hot oil going the other through a joint-use agreement between the Shell refinery and a neighboring Caltex refinery involving a new supertanker unloading facility. I did a study of the pipeline sizing and gave technical advice to the company on how to avoid potential problems associated with such a transfer."

From the Philippines, it was on to Australia and a different set of problems. Jerry's previous experience in Midwest city pipelining aided him greatly in the Aussie project, which was to analyze the feasibility of traversing the city of Sydney with two products lines and one crude line from a proposed tanker unloading facility in Botany Bay to a refinery in western Sydney.

### Oman challenging

In Oman, the largest country outside of Saudi Arabia on the Saudi Peninsula, Jerry became involved in two challenging projects. His initial project was to determine whether a pipeline which was to be built in a very remote section of the desert should be buried or left above ground. The pipeline was buried. "The day I got back to The Hague from the first project in Oman," Jerry remembered, "we got word that the government



Currently, Jerry is the West Coast Division's Technical Superintendent.

of Oman wanted to know if Shell was interested in developing a design and management package for a 20-inch gas line. So back to Oman I went, where I met with the government advisors, drew up a design proposal and offered our services in the design of the entire system and in the procurement of additional materials."

Jerry feels he benefited greatly from his international work experience. "Each of the companies must deal with their problems in different ways. Their various modes of operation, their knowledge and experience factors made each project a new and interesting experience. Most countries are in the initial stages of pipeline development. The United States is one of the leaders in pipeline research, and it was a satisfying feeling to see how sharing our knowledge and experience really benefited other countries in developing their pipeline systems."

### Enlightening experience

Although Jerry found his work stimulating, life outside the office was equally interesting and enlightening. "The general atmosphere of The Hague and, indeed, all of Europe, was an interesting change from the States," commented Jerry. "The philosophy of materialism, so prevalent in the United States, is not an overriding concern in the lives of the Dutch."

"The Dutch are very family-oriented people, with family birthdays being the most important celebrations of the year. They are a conservative people — frugal, sober, honest and long-living. They are very cognizant of their heritage, and their pride of the past is expressed in



Camels abound in Oman, an Arab country in which Jerry worked during his overseas assignment.

their great interest in artwork, especially in their seventeenth century artists."

Jerry and his wife, Lynda, lived in Scheveningen, an old fishing village located a block from the North Sea and only three miles from work. "A few times, I rode a bike to work," said Jerry, "but most of the time, I took a tram to the office, a commute that took only 15 minutes."

#### Cities compact

One of the unusual aspects of the Dutch cities is their size. "All Dutch cities are very compact," explained Jerry. "But they are also very well organized and managed. Parks abound in the towns, and the Dutch, who enjoy exercise, utilize their recreational spots to the fullest."

Despite the creative organization of the cities, Jerry maintains that the country is going to the dogs — literally. "One of the qualities that set the average Dutchman apart from most other people is his great love and acceptance of dogs, especially big dogs," Jerry explained. "The Dutch own many Great Danes, German Shepherds and Golden Retrievers, a breed popularized by the fact that the Queen owns retrievers. The dogs are an integral part of the family. It

is not at all uncommon to see dogs in restaurants. In fact, often times, the dogs are better behaved than the children in eating establishments, and in some of the restaurants, a bowl of water is provided for the family pet."

Jerry's foreign experiences were not limited to The Hague. "Lynda and I like to travel," said Jerry, "and we utilized our vacation days to the fullest. We traveled in England, Ireland, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and Germany. In Germany, we even found a place where some of my relatives lived."

#### Internationally-minded

Jerry and Lynda found their two years abroad very rewarding. "Europeans are more internationally-minded than Americans are," reflected Jerry. "Their political and economic discussions are on a higher plane, and when you participate in such discussions, you find yourself looking at each country's problems in the perspective of the world, unlike the American point of view, where everything is seen in the context of what is good for the United States. I can honestly say that my two years on foreign assignment not only increased my knowledge and experience in the oil industry, but it also widened my perspective of world and national affairs as well."



The Stonehenge in England was one of several places visited by Jerry and Lynda during their holiday travels.

## Foster parenting

# 'All you need to do is care'

Everyone likes to feel special, and most people are special to someone or at least they possess qualities that make them different from anyone else. There are many ways to be special, but for Ross Scott, Communications Technician

in the Gulf Coast Division, being special is being a foster parent.

Ross and his wife, Barbara, became involved in Houston's foster parent program about two years ago. "We were working on the board of a community swim team for Clear Lake City with another couple," Ross related, "and discovered that they were foster parents. Barbara and I were intrigued with the idea, checked into the program, and decided to pursue it."

#### Not hard

Becoming a foster parent is not hard. The most difficult step is choosing the correct agency for your needs. Ross suggested evaluating individual agencies carefully. "Some agencies respond better to the foster parents' needs and desires than others do," Ross explained. "I have found the smaller agencies easier to work with because there is less bureaucratic red tape."

The Scotts chose a church-sponsored foster agency, the Christian Child Help Foundation. "We went to the agency and expressed our interest in becoming foster parents," Ross said. "They sent a caseworker to our home to interview us and to explain the procedures and some of the things we could expect as foster parents."

"There are certain requirements you must fulfill in order to become a foster

parent. Most people are surprised to discover that marriage is not one of those requirements. A stable, single foster parent could take care of an adolescent. In fact, most agencies would love to have more single foster parents, because these individuals also could be a friend to a teenager.

#### Basic requirements

"However, you must be financially secure, medically healthy and mentally stable to become a foster parent, and your home must pass a safety inspection conducted by a community fire marshal.

"After you meet these basic requirements, the agency places you on the foster parent list, and when a child appears that fills not only the qualifications the agency believes must be met to be placed in your home, but also your own stipulations, then you will be notified."

#### Most preadoptive

Five children have passed through the Scott home in the two years since they have become a foster family. All have been infants. "Most children we care for are preadoptive, so it doesn't take too long to place them with permanent parents. We have the facilities to care for only infants since an older child requires a separate bedroom. We have a

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Baby number four was the first boy the Scotts cared for.



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three-bedroom home and two children of our own, thus eliminating us from being able to care for older children."

The Scott's first child, a 3-day-old girl, stayed the longest — 6 months, but she was adopted by a couple who had been waiting eight years to adopt. "We haven't had one yet that we wouldn't adopt ourselves," commented Ross, "although that is not permitted by the agency. Most of the children foster parents take care of are beautiful children. A lot of people are under the impression that foster children are usually mentally or physically handicapped, or are juveniles who have been in trouble with the law. That is not necessarily true. There are some cases like that, but most are not."

### Child abuse

Child abuse is one of the main reasons children are placed in foster homes, and with an abused child, special care and understanding is necessary. Ross and Barbara have cared for one abused child.

"She was our third baby — 14 months old," remembered Ross. "When we got her, she had a black eye and a bruised cheek and ear. She was undernourished and had been abandoned by her mother. At first, she wouldn't have anything to do with me. She was scared of men and older women. But, after about two weeks, she warmed towards me and for the next five months, we were the best of buddies. It just takes patience and caring."

### Financial support

While foster parents are expected to provide the child with love and security, two priceless commodities, they are not expected to financially support the child. "Most agencies have established a subsidy program which provides moneys according to the age and needs of the child," explained Ross. "We've elected not to take it because we feel we can financially handle the expense on our own."

### Stigma attached

"There is a stigma attached to being a foster parent, that those who participate in the program are only doing it for the money involved. Maybe one percent of the people do it for the money, but you don't spend the time required to care for these very vulnerable children without caring about them, too. You do it because you love them and want to help them."

### Personal rewards

Ross has found that being a foster parent has its own personal rewards as well. "Once you care for a foster child, you realize that not only are you giving



The whole Ross family, including David, 13, and Michelle, 10, worked together to make their first foster baby's stay at their home a happy and secure time in the child's life.

them something, but that they too are sharing themselves with you. In our particular case, becoming a foster home melded our family together. We had a central figure upon which to focus our attention. We all joined together to see that this child, one of 360,000 foster

children nationwide, got what it took for him to be happy. The personal rewards are very great when you see that child happy and healthy, and perhaps emerging from some special problems such as abuse. You see, it's not hard to be a foster parent. All you need to do is care."

## Graduation photos due soon

or mother's name, job classification and job location, student's graduating school and location, high school or college organizations and honors and future plans, whether it be work or college (planned major, if college).

Please tape the name and address on the back of the photograph so that they may be returned to you.

As college and high school graduations are approaching, the **Go-Devil** is planning its annual feature on the graduating sons and daughters of Shell Pipe Line employees.

If you have a graduating son or daughter, please send to the **Go-Devil**, by May 10, a photograph of the graduate, black and white preferably, with the following information: full name of student, father



## Retirement parties

A combined retirement dinner honoring three long-time Pipe Liners — Ray Hames, Dudley Henry and Ralph Wheeler, drew 133 friends, relatives and retirees to the Polvadero Country Club in Coalinga, Calif. on February 11.

Bill Grillos, West Coast Division Manager, attended the festivities and presented the three men and their wives with certificates of appreciation.

**Dudley Henry**, a Shell employee for 40 years, was presented with a filet knife and card table as retirement gifts. He plans to use that filet knife while he pursues his favorite hobbies of camping, hunting and fishing. He and his wife, Nadine, have purchased property in Grass Valley, Calif., where they plan to build their retirement home.

Dudley began his Shell career in 1936 in Tracy, Calif. as a Laborer. He held various positions in those 40 years — Fireman at Mid-Station and Kettleman Station, Station Engineer at Stimba Station and Merval Station and Station Operator at Kettleman Station.

**Ralph Wheeler**, a 36-year veteran, was presented with an electric drill from the numerous friends and relatives who attended the dinner, including his son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Jean Wheeler. He and Helene, his wife, will remain at their home in Los Banos, but plan to travel to the Scandinavian countries in the near future.

Ralph started in Shell as a Laborer in 1941 at Meganos Station near Byron, Calif. He served as a Fireman and Station Operator at Merval Station. In 1968, he



**Ray Hames watches intently as Dick Dickson, Caliola Maintenance Foreman, explains the intricacies of the thingamajig he is holding. Helene and Ralph Wheeler watch the proceedings.**

was transferred to Kettleman Station as Station Operator, where he remained until his retirement.

Two brothers, two sons, a daughter and their respective families were on hand when **Ray Hames** was presented with a Buck fishing knife, an insulated jacket and a fluorescent camp lantern. Louise, his wife, along with Helene Wheeler and Nadine Henry, was given a corsage.

Ray and Louise will remain at their pre-retirement home in Coalinga, but they do plan a summer in Europe, with a special stop in Switzerland to visit some of Louise's relatives.

Ray shared 35 years of his life with Shell, beginning in 1941 when he was hired as a Roustabout in the oilfields near Coalinga. From there, he became a Refinery Worker, Rotary Helper and Stock Gauger, finally becoming a District Gauger in 1964, a position he held until retirement.

Many retirees attended the joint retirement celebration. Among those attending were Browne and Jeannette Hildreth — '73, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvain Bordes — '68, Elmo Carter — '76, E. W. Fink — '63, Dutch Helman — '68, Mr. and Mrs. Spec Haslam — '73, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Halstead — '68, Olin Knapp — '68, Mr. and Mrs. Hank Lamothe — '70, John Olive — '68, Mr. and Mrs. John Pilakowski — '63, Mr. and Mrs.

Charles Peterson — '68, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rogers — '68, and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Russell — '68.

**Ed Spengeman**, Senior Engineering Assistant at the Mid-Continent Division's Indianapolis office, retired March 1 after more than 35 years with Shell.

A steak dinner and "roast a la Dean Martin" was attended by 25 Mid-Continent employees. Those taking their digs at Ed included Lee Ferrari, Jim Smith, Laurie Burch, Bill Homrighausen, Bill Walker, Steve Shepard, John Green, Dave Daupert and Mary Davis. Ed won the war of words, though, when his turn came and he toasted everybody in the room.

Ed was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation, Memory Book, fishing rod and reel and a Shell pecten carved by John Green.

Ed and his wife, Ruth, plan to remain in Indianapolis, with side trips to Florida. Ed plans to keep himself busy with fishing, gardening and woodworking.

**E. G. "Buster" Sewell** was honored recently with a retirement dinner held at the Steak House in Crane, Tex. after more than 40 years of service to Shell Pipe Line.

O. D. Dolan, Supervisor Oil Movements, McCamey, was master of ceremonies at the dinner and made the presentation of a wall clock to Buster and his wife, Sybil, as a retirement gift from their friends and fellow workers.



**Caliola head pipeliner John Roll (L) looks on after presenting honoree Ralph Wheeler with a gag gift at the recent retirement party in Coalinga, Calif.**

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Buster began his Shell career as a Laborer at McCamey. All of his service has been in the Central Division, with assignments at Monahans, Kermit, Eunice, Hobbs, Wasson and Goldsmith. Following military leave of absence from March 1944 to July 1946, he was assigned to various jobs at Iraan, Odessa, Colorado City and Wheeler Station, and in 1951, he went as Station Engineer to Barnsley Station near Crane, where he was still located at the time of his retirement February 1. He assumed his final classification of Station Attendant "A" in 1965.

The Sewells plan to travel and settle down eventually in Crane and Muskogee, Ok.

A joint retirement dinner was held at Garrett's Cafeteria in Vinita January 14 honoring four Mid-Continent retiring employees, K. A. "Red" Atkins, H. O. "Chuck" Bengston, W. W. "Joe" Dunn—Cushing District, and Lloyd Smith—Wood River District. More than 40 friends and family attended the celebration.

Red, who was the Wildhorse Station Attendant, retired with more than 41 years of service with Shell. Chuck, who was the Station Attendant for Grand Lake, had served Shell for 36 years, and Joe, the Communications Technician in Cushing District, retired with 32 years.

Harry G. Dunbar was honored with a retirement dinner on March 2 at the Marion Motel in Marion, Ill. Harry was presented with a fishing rod and reel as a retirement gift from his friends and fellow workers.

A 29-year veteran of Shell, he began his career in Cushing, Ok. as a Telephone Lineman. Harry plans to move to Wagoner, Ok. where he is originally from. He has some land there, and plans on raising some cattle, as well as utilizing the rod and reel he received as a retirement gift.



Dudley Henry, recent retiree, (L) receives congratulations and signature book from Howard Wissner, Northern District Superintendent, as Dudley's wife, Nadine, looks up, catching every word.

## Births

Tom and Marianne Davis are first-time parents of a baby girl, Melina Brigott. Melina was born February 25 and weighed 8 lbs., 4 ozs.

Tom is a Delivery Gauger at Wood River, Mid-Continent Division.

Joe and Jill Deaton's third child, Cully Yates, was born February 22, weighing 8 lbs., ½ oz. Cully joins siblings Maranna, 5, and Duffy, 3.

Joe is Pipeline Foreman at Newcastle, Central Division.

## New reporter

Emily Smith, East Chicago, is the new Go-Devil reporter for the North Line District, Mid-Continent Division. North Line employees should contact Emily for items to be placed in the Go-Devil.



Ed was presented with a hand-carved Shell pecten plaque made by John Green, Senior Pipeline Analyst. In the background, is another one of Ed's gifts, a poster of his favorite child, the Oscar Mayer bologna boy.



(L to R) Red Atkins, Lloyd Smith, Chuck Bengston and Joe Dunn were honored with a joint retirement party at Vinita.



**Dick Van Laere (R), Eastern District Superintendent, presents Buster Sewell with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of more than 40 years of service to Shell Pipe Line.**

## In memoriam

**Ova Avery Vanzant**, 63, died February 21 in Wasco, Calif. A Shell employee for 23 years, he retired in 1968 as Station Engineer of the Wasco Pump Station, Northern District, West Coast Division.

Survivors include his widow, Audrey, two sons, Karol and Ted; a daughter, Donna Calver; a stepdaughter, Minta Coble; a brother, Oda; a sister, Anny May Shields; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**F. E. Wirtz** died January 12 in Shreveport, La. He was 80 years old. He retired from Shell Pipe Line in 1961 as a Field Gauger at Livingston, Tex. after a long career that began as a Pumper in 1933 at Kilgore.

His wife, Evelyn, survives him.

**Floyd C. Cox**, 84, died in Longview, Tex. on February 3. Floyd began his Pipe Line career as a Laborer in 1941. He retired in 1957 in Kilgore as a Linewalker.

Floyd is survived by his widow, Rhoda, and two sons, A. B. and Ray.

**Ivan "Blackie" Cotner** died February 9 in Schererville, Ind. at the age of 76. Blackie worked for Shell for 33 years, retiring as a Painter at the East Chicago Terminal in 1961.

He is survived by two sons, Clyde and Chester.

**Harold J. LeBlanc** died February 15. He retired from Shell Pipe Line in 1971. Survivors include his widow, Gladys, and a son, Harold.

**Ralph Peters**, 68, who retired from Shell Pipe Line in 1970, died in Cushing, Ok. on March 6.

Ralph worked for Shell Pipe Line for 37 years. His last position had been Dispatcher in Cushing.

Those who survive Ralph include his wife, Jessie; two step-sons, Joe Riley and Henry McClure; a sister, Vickey Grant; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## Retirements

W. W. Dunn, Communications Technician, Mid-Continent Division, Vinita

E. J. Spengeman, Sr., Engineering Assistant, Mid-Continent Division, Indianapolis

H. O. Bengston, Station Attendant "A," Mid-Continent Division, Grand Lake

## Personnel changes

W. R. Coburn, Jr., Corrosion Technician, Gulf Coast Division, Gibson

J. R. Tucker, Terminal Agent, Gulf Coast Division, St. James

O. H. Smith, Meter Measurement Technician, Central Division, Kermit

T. D. McCoy, Communications Technician, Mid-Continent Division, Cushing

G. J. Pater, Maintenance "B," Mid-Continent Division, East Chicago

M. D. Supernaw, District Gauger, West Coast Division, Caliola

K. C. Morris, Maintenance Foreman, Gulf Coast Division, Norco

## Anniversaries

K. L. Davis, Mid-Continent Division, Indianapolis, 40 years

R. W. Huwieler, Gulf Coast Division, Pasadena, 35 years

J. E. Mims, Head Office, 35 years

E. R. Collier, Mid-Continent Division, Toledo, 30 years

J. W. Stewart, Central Division, Odessa, 30 years

R. W. Holman, West Coast Division, Bakersfield, 20 years

J. T. Kee, Central Division, Midland, 20 years

D. W. Barry, Gulf Coast Division, New Orleans, 15 years

W. H. King, Mid-Continent Division, Zionsville, 10 years

D. G. Kinnaird, Mid-Continent Division, Vinita, 10 years

G. L. Moynier, Gulf Coast Division, New Orleans, 10 years

T. F. Sawyer, Jr., Head Office, 10 years

M. E. Tabb, Central Division, McCamey, 10 years

J. C. Westcott, Gulf Coast Division, Pasadena, 10 years

R. L. Willadson, Central Division, Osage, 10 years

## Shell welcomes

P. S. Huntoon, Land Agent, Head Office, Land and Insurance

F. W. Hill, Senior Pipeline Analyst, Head Office, Operations and Maintenance Control

E. J. Braddy, Pipeliner, Gulf Coast Division, Jackson

## signposts



**K. L. Davis—40 years**



**E. R. Collier—30 years**



**J. W. Stewart—30 years**





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## glances backwards

### 25 years ago

Construction of the \$35 million Rancho Pipe Line System, running 455 miles between McCamey and Houston, began on April 1 at McCamey. Shell Pipe Line was responsible for the design, construction and operation of the 24-inch, multiple-owner system.

Contractor for the west end of the line was Anderson Bros. Construction Co., which laid 267 miles of the line from McCamey to Cedar Valley. Houston Contracting Co. worked on the easterly section to Houston, a distance of 188 miles.

### 15 years ago

Shell Pipe Line's second bridge crossing was placed in operation after a three-month construction project relocated

and rerouted the Ozark Pipe Line System's mainline 22-inch Missouri River crossing.

The system's mainline crossing, 2800 feet of pipe, was suspended eight feet below the Daniel Boone Highway Bridge, 22 miles west of St. Louis. The relocation was necessitated by the 1961 spring flooding conditions, which scoured the river bed, breaking the mainline crossing.

In addition to suspending the mainline pipe, existing pipe was rerouted, a new line was installed for the approach to the south end of the bridge and a valve box was moved on the north end of the bridge.



**20 years ago:** Admiring his new wrist watch are C. R. Graham and Agnes Smith, Clerk in the Kilgore office. The watch was Graham's award for being named the safest pipeline truck driver in Gregg County in 1956, an award presented by the Truck Safety Association.

### 5 years ago

The first stage of the planned \$16.3 million expansion project of the Wolverine Line began on April 17. Construction crews began laying 23 miles of 16-inch diameter pipe from Joliet to Lockport, Ill.

Dean Henney was the project engineer, assisted by Jim Englehardt and C. L. Jarrett. Inspectors included D. P. Macke, E. L. Meyer, and G. C. Skinner, North Line; P. E. Krueger and E. V. Rector, East Line and J. Russell, S. L. Sparks, C. G. Kersch and F. S. Walczeski, Wolverine Line.



**Severe winter weather challenged the working abilities of the men who were relocating the Ozark System's mainline Missouri River crossing. Despite the severe cold, little more than three months were needed to complete the job.**