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Newcomers to the Shell Pipe Line 10 and Over Club included these persons from the Head Office and the Texas Gulf Area. The first banquet of the year was held in Houston with 135 persons including 62 from Texas Gulf attending. The neophytes are, left to right, L. R. Sheppard, F. H. Levens, Miss Johnnie Anderson and W. N. Shaw, HO; W. L. Knipe and H. H. Webb, TGA. (Other pictures on page 2.)

Shell Contributes to Highway Safety With Series of Six Safe-Driving Ads

A new series of quiz-type ads designed to sell safe driving by giving readers a chance to test their own driving skill was launched January 30 by Shell Oil Company.

The series of six ads, nearly a full page each, will appear twice a week for three weeks in 220 newspapers in 152 cities throughout the U. S.

Each ad is a test the readers can take in order to rate themselves as drivers. Two quizzes measure reaction time. Others test vision, attitude toward traffic situations, knowledge of road signs and of the proper distance to keep between your car and the car ahead at different speeds.

Shell decided to go nationwide with the series as a contribution to highway safety after a trial run of the ads showed phenomenal reader interest. As many as 88 per cent of one paper's readers noticed one quiz. More than half the readers actually took the test. On the average, the ads were noticed by 74 per cent of all readers. Many page one stories do not fare as well.

The ads were tested first in Charlotte and Tacoma and later in Trenton, Albany, Co-

lumbus, Milwaukee, Houston and Sacramento before the nation-wide schedules were planned.

The ads are novel as an approach to the problem of highway safety, which has traditionally been tackled by means of slogans or the "scare" technique, but Shell does not consider the series a basic shift in the direction of its safety program.

"We have always tried to promote safety by giving people something they can do about it," said H. L. Curtis, public relations vice president and key man in the present campaign. "These ads will do a lot of good if they help drivers uncover their own weak spots and do something about them."

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Social Calendar Filled for Year

Head Office and Texas Gulf Area employee members of the Houston Shell Club have a full social calendar this year.

In January the club purchased all seats for a performance of a play in Houston's Alley Theatre and this month members held an informal dance at a local club.

Another outstanding activity, the annual spring dance, will be held April 6 in the Houston Club. Other functions include bowling and bridge tournaments in March; a play at one of Houston's theatres in June; a swimming party in July; an informal dance for August; a golf tourney in September; another theatre party in October with a doubleheader for November, a circus and bowling tourney.

Ten And Over Club Plans '56 Banquets

More than 900 persons are expected to attend the Company's annual Ten and Over banquets now being planned throughout the Areas.

Houston led off this year with its banquet February 9 at the Houston Club with 135 persons attending. The group included 62 veterans from the Texas Gulf Area who work in or near Houston.

As in past year, the Mid-Continent Area will host the largest group. An estimated 331 employees plus 45 pensioners are eligible to attend the dinners. Last year the Area entertained 323 persons.

The West Texas Area has 242 persons eligible plus more than 10 pensioners. The Area had 214 persons attend last year.

TGA Plans Four

Four banquets are planned by the Texas Gulf Area with 219 persons and more than 15 pensioners eligible to attend. The Rocky Mountain Division has 31 persons eligible with two dinners tentatively planned.

The Ten and Over banquets are open to all pensioners and any employee who has completed a decade or more with the Company or will observe a tenth anniversary during the calendar year.

A glance through the records show that 18 men will mark 33 years or better with the Company at banquets in 1956. The employee having the greatest number of working years is D. A. Brugh, station engineer at Diamond, who celebrated his 37th anniversary on February 1.

Started In 1920

O. C. Vaughan, station chief engineer at Gasconade, is the second oldest employee in time worked having started in May, 1920. L. C. Geiler, manager of personnel and industrial rela-

tions, Houston, joined Shell in September, 1920, to qualify as the third oldest active employee.

Two other men observing 36 years with the Company this year are S. E. Wadley, district gauger at Healdton, and George Whitesell, station chief engineer at Baker. H. A. Brown, (Continued on Page 2)

Credit Union Has Top Year

A five per cent dividend amounting to approximately \$41,000 was distributed to 1,846 members of the Houston Shell Employees Federal Credit Union last month.

The Union which is available to Head Office and practically all the Texas Gulf Area recorded new highs in the number of accounts and in the amount of deposits in 1955. Deposits during the year rose from \$767,612 to \$970,820, and the number of members increased by 191. The outstanding loan balance also was up from \$604,086 to \$695,087.

L. F. Mason, assistant manager of personnel and industrial relations, is vice-president; J. H. Singleton, Head Office chief accountant, is a director; and L. L. Ermis, Head Office supervisory training and safety supervisor, is on the credit committee.

The address of the Union is Box 2099, Room 503, Shell Building, Houston 1. Accounts may be handled by mail or by appearing at the office.

Marriage 'Saved' By Pack of Go-Devils

(When K. W. Looney left Shell Pipe Line and went to the West Coast with Shell Oil, he discovered something he had in Houston had not followed him on his new assignment. So Ken, former assistant training and safety supervisor, penned the following letter explaining the plight which might happen to anyone.)

"Dear Editor:

"After fifteen years my happy married life is in danger of going on the rocks.

"You no doubt wonder why I am telling you my troubles but here is what has happened:

"Since moving to California I have been the recipient of

periodic outbursts of rage from a normally sweet, considerate wife. Suspecting that I was at fault I decided to try spending more time with my lovely wife through the medium of disability benefits coincidental to a contest with a duly authorized surgeon—who won. (He would never have beaten me but he used a knife.)

"This extra time at home didn't seem to help and the outbursts continued, getting worse with each one. It was then that I decided I should see a psychiatrist.

"I called and he was playing golf. I called again. Still playing golf so I decided to take up the game. I bought \$150 worth of golf equipment and

started the chase. I finally caught him at the 127th hole and would have caught him at the 125th but that couch was heavy! And besides he had Nashua for a caddy.



"I stated my problem. He shrugged his broad, strait-jacketed shoulders, looked me square in the eyes and said, 'The answer to your problem is simple, YOUR WIFE HASN'T BEEN GETTING HER GO-DEVIL. \$150 please.'

"So I gave him the golf clubs (one at a time) and left, thoughtfully chewing on the couch.

"That's the reason I am writing to you, Bill, you and you alone can prevent the aforementioned tragedy.

A faithful reader,

Ken Looney,
200 LaFrance,
Alhambra, Calif.

(Editor's Note: A tragedy has been averted.)

Special Feature

Featured on page 4 of this issue is a full-page reproduction of the Company's Head Office Organization Chart.

On page 5 is an article briefly describing the functional responsibilities of each department and a statement of the staff changes which were made January 1, 1956.

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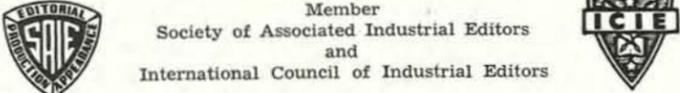
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Four Pipe Liners Retire



M. D. Pool

A tip-off on M. D. Pool's retirement plans was given January 31 when friends and fellow workers at Hobbs, N. M., gave the assistant district chief gauger gifts of fishing equipment.

Marshall and Mrs. Pool were presented a fishing rod and reel, a line tackle box and a dip net along with an electric blanket.

Pool told the guests he had sold his home in Hobbs and planned to build in Arlington, Texas, where a son lives. He said his plans were tentative, however.

A veteran of 20 years with Shell, Pool started as a pumper gauger at Kilgore in June, 1935. After one year, he moved to Eunice, N. M., as a field gauger and spent the rest of his career in the West Texas Area. At various locations in Lea County, Marshall has been a field gauger, station engineer, assistant district chief gauger and district chief gauger.

On the Cover

The Eldorado Station on the Rancho Pipe Line System is the subject of the cover picture this month. Shown is G. F. Cales, terminal supervisor, on a routine check of the valve flags. Automatically operated, it can be determined from inside the station if a valve is opened or closed by these flags.

J. A. Jones

Forty-eight friends and fellow employees honored J. A. Jones, chief station engineer at Roberts, with a dinner party at Forsan, Texas, when he retired February 1.

The people from Hamlin, Midland, Colorado City, Big Spring, Brownfield, McCamey, Driver and Upton Stations to present Jeff and his wife, Carrie, with two pieces of luggage and an electric skillet as shown below.

Jeff told the group his tentative plans were to move to his hometown, Weatherford, Texas, and set up a fix-it shop or feed a small number of cattle on land he owns.

Jones began his career as a station engineer at Yates in January, 1928, and since then has been station engineer at Monahans, Upton and Westbrook and chief at Westbrook, Archer and Roberts.

Jeff and his wife will be at home at 510 South Rusk St., Weatherford.



R. M. Arnold

More than 26 years of gauging work ended February 1 for Ray M. Arnold, district chief gauger at Mercy, when he retired to his home at Cleveland, Texas.

Ray worked with two other pipeline companies before joining Shell as a gauger at Austin in March, 1929. Since then he worked as an engineer at Austin and Brookshire, tank farm gauger at Houston and then as district chief gauger at Mercy.

Ray and Mrs. Arnold recently purchased a small tract of land near Cleveland and plan to erect a home there. The couple has a common love of fishing and hunting and this figures highly in the retirement plans.

The Arnolds can be reached by writing them at General Delivery, Cleveland, Texas.

E. H. Richardson

The lure of West Texas is deep-seated in E. H. Richardson who was born in that area and spent more than 27 years with Shell Pipe Line working at various stations there.

A native of Colorado City, Richardson retired February 1 as instrument maintenance supervisor at that city and tentatively plans to go into business there. At a luncheon he was presented with an appropriate scroll from the Company by A. L. Geer, division superintendent, at left below.

Richardson started his Shell career as a carpenter's helper on West Texas construction. Since then "Rich" has worked as a mechanic's helper and engineer at Upton Station, a field gauger at Goldsmith and Roberts before going to Colorado City as a mechanical maintenance supervisor in 1944. He took over his last job in February, 1950.

"Rich" and his wife may be reached at 541 Locust Street, Colorado City.



Driving Ads Urge Safety

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Shell ran an extensive "Share The Road" campaign in the late 1930's. It cooperates with the National Safety Council in sponsoring the annual Carol Lane Awards for women's achievements in traffic safety, and it encourages company employees to participate in local safety programs.

The biggest dividend from the new ad series, Shell believes, is the ads' effect in stimulating people to action in promoting traffic safety. Ministers have preached about the quizzes. Governors have endorsed them. High schools have used them in driver training classes. Civic clubs have developed programs around the tests. TV and radio commentators have suggested that listeners watch for the ads.

The series was prepared by Kenyon & Eckhardt, Inc., in cooperation with the Center for Safety Education, New York University. The ads are endorsed by the Automotive Safety Foundation, Washington, D. C.

Oil Employs Sooners

Some 45,000 Oklahomans are directly engaged in the production of oil and natural gas, and many thousands more are employed indirectly as a result of oil and gas production.

Oil Films Free For Civic Use

Would you like to give your school, church, club or civic group the facts about the oil industry and entertain them at the same time?

Take advantage of the film library maintained by the Head Office safety and training department which is there for your use. Films on activities in the oil industry, about safety training, and other general subjects, even comedy films are available now.

A list of the films can be obtained from your safety engineer or training representative or by writing directly to Houston. Address your requests to the Personnel and Industrial Relations Department, Shell Pipe Line, Box 2648, Houston 1, Texas.

All are 16 mm sound films and the majority are in full color.

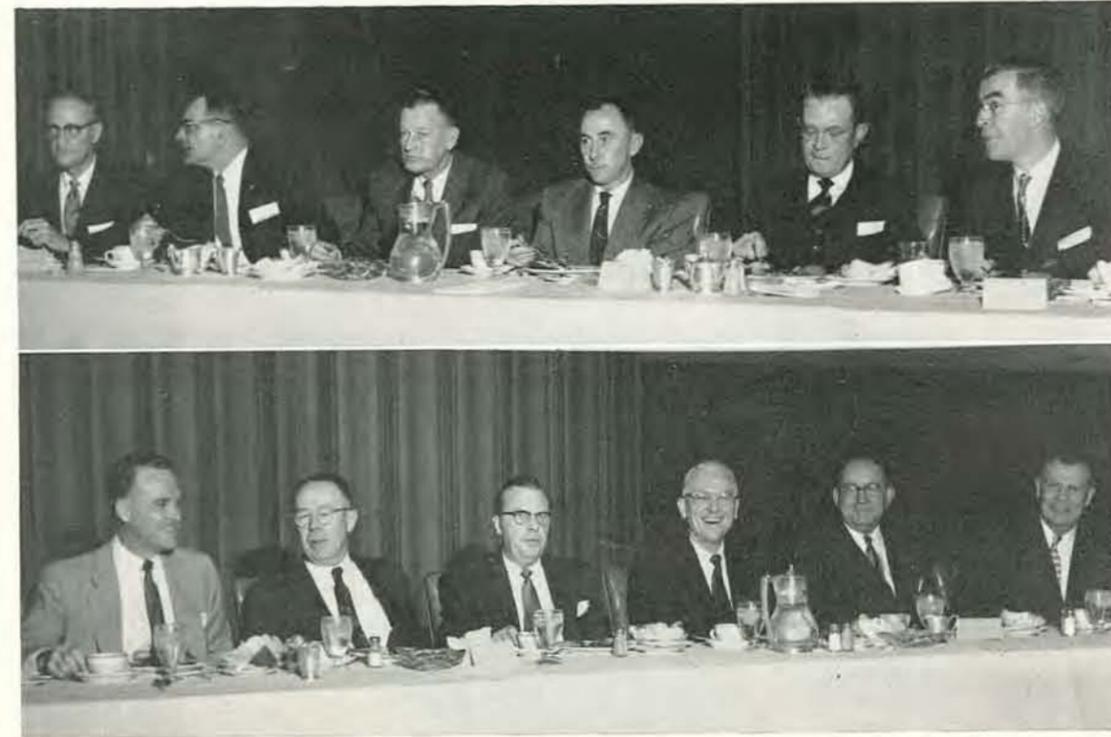
Ten and Over Plan Banquets

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district chief gauger at Pauls Valley, is a 35-year veteran.

Three men joined the Company in 1922: I. C. Murphy, district superintendent at Healdton; H. P. Shockley, district chief gauger at Cushing; and H. L. Winther, station engineer at Diamond.

The following nine men fall into the 33-year category: C. C. Combs, vice-president and treasurer; Houston; A. R. Hassler, wire chief, Tulsa; F. C. Conradson, assistant station chief engineer, Huffman; U. S. Shewmaker, superintendent station construction, Houston; E. F. Smith, resident inspector, Port Neches; A. B. Parkhurst, area gauging inspector, Colorado City; F. V. Maloney, supervisor, oil schedules, Houston; W. Ward, station engineer, Midway; and C. W. Harris, station chief engineer, Chelsea.



The Head Table at the Houston Club was reserved for Pipe Liners with 30 or more years. In the top picture, left to right, L. C. Geiler (36); D. M. Farrell (31); H. G. Rodeman (30); H. R. Menkel (30); J. P. Carver (30) and F. V. Maloney (33). Farrell, Menkel and Carver are from TGA. In the lower picture, left to right, H. J. Woehrmann (32); J. H. O'Hare (30); H. F. Ziegler (32); J. B. Thompson (31); C. P. Wilson (31); C. C. Combs (33); and C. W. Galbraith, master of ceremonies.

GO-DEVILS

Pipe Line Scrapers Vital To the Movement of Oil



J. D. Andersen, pipeliner, replaces synthetic rubber discs on a scraper-type go-devil at the Baytown Station. Note the notched rubber discs in the foreground which were designed by O. C. Mudd, retired SPL engineer.

(Last month, The Go-Devil carried the first article of a two-part series on pipeline scrapers (go-devils). January's article covered the history of go-devils and the following article covers Shell Pipe Line's contribution to the development of the scraper plus a brief description of other pipeline cleaners now in use.)

PIPESCRAPERS ARE important to the operation of Shell Pipe Line's thousands of miles of lines since without them movement of oil would be severely restricted or completely halted.

Shell uses the scrapers extensively in practically all of its lines. The go-devil most employed is called the scraper-type which not only removes deposits from the pipe but also pushes out air, vapors and water that invariably get into the lines. The use of the scraper reduces internal corrosion caused by water and mineral deposits thus increasing the flow efficiency of the lines. One corrosive element is the high sulphur content of sour crude, therefore scraper types are used more often in lines which frequently move sour crude.

A scraper-type in action is described thusly by its manufacturer: "The partly compressed guide arms and knives are held tightly, but flexibly, against the walls of the pipe by pressure of their individual springs. The function of the guide arms (these have notched wheels on the end and are sometimes called 'rows' by pipeliners) is to 'float' or center the scraper in the line, preventing undue wear on the bottom surface of the pipe, and to prevent the scraper from cocking or jamming under variations of pressure or at minor obstacles. The flexibility of the guiding and scraping members supplements the effect of a central flexible joint to permit the go-devils to round bends in the line."

Plug-Type Holds Up Well In Runs

The second most commonly used type is the plug which is used in lines where corrosion is slight such as the 24-inch Rancho Pipe Line System. The Rancho system, which Shell Pipe Line operates, is not working at full capacity, and so intermediate pump stations have not been constructed. This means that the plug-type cleaner must travel 100 miles or more between stations. To date, the plugs have held up well in these long runs.

The plug-type cleaner is the first one used in any newly-laid pipe to remove debris prior to water testing. It is composed of a series of synthetic rubber disc or cups the size of the pipe and mounted on a steel rod.

It also is used to separate "batches" in a products pipe line, however, Shell Pipe Line does not use it for this purpose since the efficiency of its use is a debatable question.

The third type go-devil is the brush that does essentially the same thing as the scraper-type. It also usually is used on lines which have a minimum of corrosion such as liquid gas lines.

Time Between Runs Usually Varies

The scraper program of Shell Pipe Line is set up by the department superintendents and the Oil Movements Department. The timing of the scrapers depends upon: (1) characteristics of the crude oil (waxing and corrosive elements) and (2) how close to maximum the lines are being used. Consequently, the period of time between scraper runs varies between a week and several months.

Pumps stations along Shell's lines are spaced on an average of every 50 to 60 miles. Each station has scraper traps where the scrapers are removed, inspected, cleaned and repaired if necessary, in which case a new or reconditioned scraper is put in the line and sent to the next station.

Many of the old lines didn't have scraper traps but the Company has been installing them in recent years. On some of the minor lines, i.e., gathering lines, it doesn't pay to undergo the capital cost of scraper traps. However, in some fields, notably the East Texas Field, the wax content in the oil is so high that scrapers must be used in the gathering systems.

One early problem that had to be overcome was the varying sizes of pipe in a single line. In 1947, O. C. Mudd, former senior corrosion engineer with Shell Pipe Line, designed a scraper which could be used in a line of varying diameter.

Since both the guide wheels and knives of the scraper are flexible, it was only necessary to redesign the rubber discs, making them flexible so that the scraper could travel through pipe of smaller dimensions.

This was done by notching two rubber discs and placing them together to provide a continuous face against the oil moving the scraper through the pipe.

Invention First Used In West Texas

This scraper innovation was first used in the Goldsmith-Barnsley Line in West Texas which has eight-inch cement pipe, six-inch steel pipe and six-inch cement-lined pipe. It was successful and has been used on this line since as well as many other lines of varying diameter in the system.

Before the advent of pipeline construction inspectors, a great variety of things were pushed out of newly-constructed lines by the go-devils. Nearly every pipeliner can tell you a tale of something different that has appeared in scraper traps or was found when a line was cut open to free a stuck scraper.

They have seen such strange things as rabbits, snakes, rats, fence posts, log chains, skids, railroad jacks and even a lady's unmentionables. Probably the "foulest" thing ever to emerge was a small group of dead skunks. "The odor was somethin' awful," one of the crewmen stated.

A scraper was run through the six-inch Boyd-Midway section of the Healdton-Cushing line a few years ago, the first time it had been scraped since the line was laid in 1917.

Pipe Is Cut, Three Objects Found

The go-devil stopped at a flattened bend in the line and it was necessary to cut the line to get it out. There in front of the scraper, pipeliners found three objects—a 10-foot piece of three-quarter inch pipe, a five-foot piece of 5/16 by 1 1/2-inch scrap iron and a 12-pound piece of iron casting, all well preserved from rust by the crude oil flowing through the line.

Today, the inspector sees that the open pipe end has a "night cap" put on at the end of the work day. This is done to keep animals and birds from taking refuge. Another way of preventing objects from being left in the line is to wash it out before the weld. Despite this careful handling, objects still find their way into the pipe.

Occasionally a scraper sticks in a line and this calls for the help of maintenance crews. Another scraper is inserted and a crewman follows its passage by means of the humming sound it makes as it moves through the line. If it doesn't dislodge the first go-devil, the line must be cut open and the jammed scraper removed. This can be a time and money consuming task especially if the scraper sticks in a road or a river crossing.

Since the scraper travels only about three miles an hour in crude lines it is easy to follow but in liquid gas lines this can't be done because its speed runs as high as 100 miles per hour. Special magnetic instruments must be used to trace these go-devils through these lines.

That, in brief, is a history of the go-devil and its various uses in the pipeline industry. A very important tool in the every day job of moving oil from the producing fields to the refineries.



The Baytown Maintenance crew prepares to start a scraper-type go-devil. Holding it is J. H. Stark with J. D. Andersen ready to seat it in the pipe with a log. C. C. Moss, foreman, and J. S. Broomas are ready to assist in safety measures.



L. L. Arnold, Garfield Station assistant chief engineer, puts a plug-type cleaner into the 24-inch Rancho Pipe Line System while checking a gas detector in his right hand. The man manning the fire extinguisher is R. D. Webb, utilityman.

SHELL PIPE LINE CORPORATION



General Organization Chart January 1, 1956

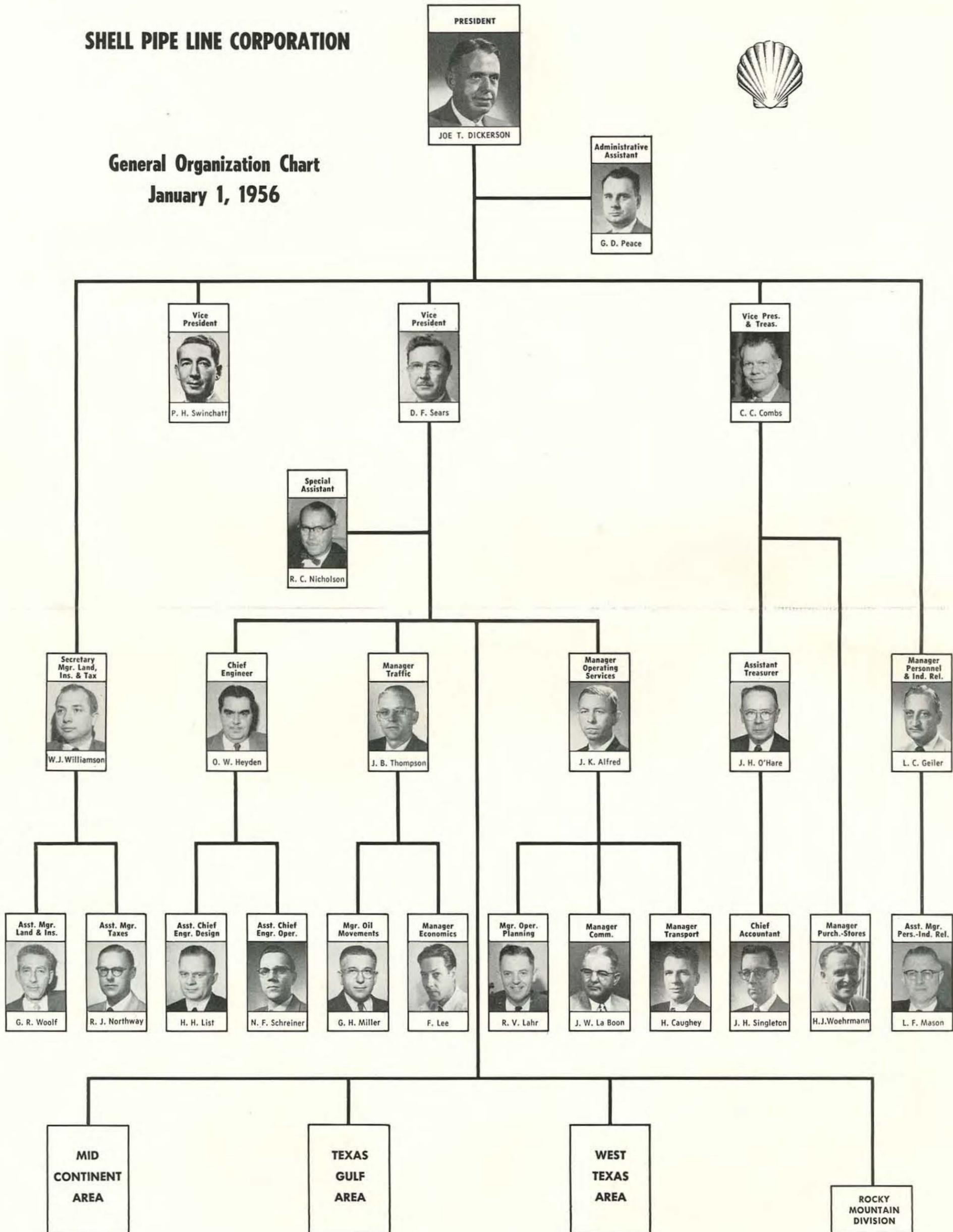


Chart Lists Changes In Responsibilities

A NUMBER of major changes in Head Office departmental structure became effective January 1, 1956. A minimum of physical moves was involved and a closer integration of allied corporate activities was coupled with a higher degree of delegated authority, while the elements of adequate executive control were retained in the staff alignment.

The pictorial organization chart on the opposite page shows the general alignment of responsibility as it now exists. The first of the year changes involved the realignment of certain duties and responsibilities of staff members formerly associated with Messrs. W. A. Baker, vice-president and treasurer and D. H. Lewis, vice-president, engineering. Both of these officers of the Company retired on December 31, 1955.

Report to Sears

All functions relating to the construction, operation and maintenance of operating facilities are under the direction of Vice-President D. F. Sears. The Area Managers of the three areas and the Division Manager of the Rocky Mountain Division report to him.

Mr. Sears is assisted by staff units relating to Engineering, Traffic and Operating Services. The Engineering Department under O. W. Heyden was transferred to this group. Engineering functions have been divided between Design and Operations and H. H. List has been given the responsibility for the former and N. F. Schreiner the latter. Problems, studies and recommendations in these classifications will be handled in the respective section.

Takes New Post

J. B. Thompson, formerly assistant to vice-president was promoted to manager of the newly organized Traffic Department and is responsible for directing the activities of the Oil Movements Department, managed by G. H. Miller and the Economics Department headed by F. Lee, manager. Mr. Lee was promoted to this position from his previous assignment as evaluation engineer and he will continue to be responsible for the evaluation work. Prior to this reorganization the economics functions were handled by the Engineering Department.

The third staff unit assisting

the vice-president is headed by J. K. Alfred as manager of Operating Services. Mr. Alfred was promoted to this assignment from his former position of assistant to vice-president. Three units report to him. R. V. Lahr, manager, Operations Planning, will direct all activities connected with planned operating projects. J. W. La Boon, manager, Communications, is responsible for the telephone, teletype and radio communications facilities and operations. H. Caughey, manager, Transport, a newly created department, is responsible for all phases of automotive and air transport services.

Explain Grouping

The financial activities of the Company are under the direction of Vice-President and Treasurer C. C. Combs, who replaced W. A. Baker, retired. Continuing as units of the financial organization will be the General Accounting, Auditing and Cashier and Auditor of Disbursements Sections reporting to Assistant Treasurer J. H. O'Hare, with no changes in their general duties or alignment. The Purchasing-Stores Department, H. J. Woehrmann, manager, reports direct to the vice-president and treasurer.

The status and organizational alignment of the Land, Insurance and Tax Department remains unchanged. Under the direction of secretary, W. J. Williamson, this department reports direct to the president. The assistant managers in this department are G. R. Woolf, Land and Insurance, and R. J. Northway, Taxes.

The Personnel and Industrial Relations Department under L. C. Geiler, manager, also remains unchanged. However, this department, which formerly reported to the vice-president, now reports direct to the president.

The new organization brings closer association of allied interests so as to expedite considerations, decisions and approvals required to effect efficient operation and management of Company facilities.

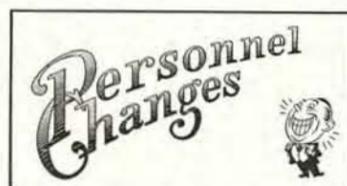


Girl Wins Scholarship

Although employed by Shell Pipe Line only four months, Dianne Davenport was given a warm send-off by Head Office officials when she resigned late last month.

The communications department messenger was awarded a Jesse Jones scholarship at the Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, and left to enroll in the spring term.

Dianne has to attend one semester before the scholarship becomes effective but it will continue for a total of four years if the student's grades remain at a designated high level.



J. K. Alfred, assistant to the vice-president, to manager, Operating Services, Houston.

J. T. Bergeron, senior clerk, laboratory, to field operations, Houston.

B. D. Brown, pipeliner to maintenance lineman, Cushing.

H. L. Burton, general clerk, Houston (TGA) to Head Office land, insurance and tax.

W. A. Garner, auto mechanic helper, Houston, to pipeliner, Port Neches.

H. W. Gillott, station utilityman, Baylor, to field gauger, Jal.

C. E. Hart, tank farm gauger, Hamlin, to field fauger, Eunice.

R. E. Hickman, garage foreman to automotive maintenance supervisor, Houston.

E. H. Kemner, mechanical maintenance supervisor, Springfield, Mo., to Owensville, Mo.

H. W. Krause, pumper gauger, Hope, to tank farm gauger, Houston.

J. R. Massey, assistant station chief engineer, Bland Station, to Osage Station.

L. R. Mayo, station engineer, Fannett to Norco.

P. H. McDougal, station engineer, Basile to Port Neches.

E. C. Myrow, station engineer, Fannett to Basile.

F. E. Riggs, tank farm gauger, Healdton, to station engineer, Midway.

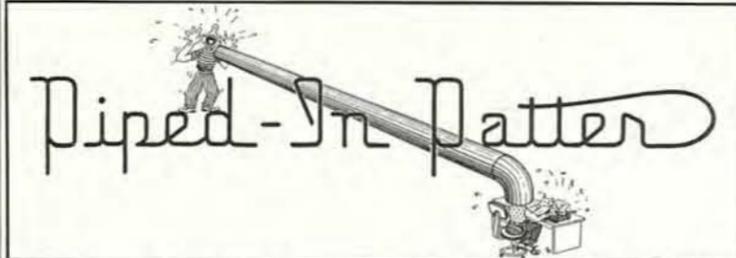
W. N. Stevenson, station engineer, Midway to Wildhorse.

J. B. Thompson, assistant to the vice-president, to manager, Traffic, Houston.

F. B. Traw, station engineer, Gasconade to Labadie.

G. Whitesell, station chief engineer, Ray Station, to Baker, Mont.

L. C. Wolf, pipeliner, Pauls Valley to Healdton.



February being the Valentine month makes the following item very appropriate. Seems Miss Mavolen Vanderford, stenographer in Head Office Purchasing-Stores, went to great pains to pick out a Valentine for her fiancee, Naval Cadet Don Evans, who is stationed in Pensacola, Fla. Don, no doubt, did the same. The exchange showed a mutual meeting of the minds. The Valentines were identical.

Ducks and Honors Galore



Dunn and Rogers

Buhler Station personnel enjoyed the shooting this season on leases in the Louisiana sea marsh on Johnson Bayou near Sabine Lake. J. A. Dunn, yardman, and J. L. Rogers, station engineer, show their luck but others shared the good hunting. Among those were R. V. Conover, station chief engineer, Robert Ullo, station engineer, and Roy Floyd of Cushing, retired. Mrs. Dunn also shared a couple of successful hunts with her husband.

Colorado City (Texas) High School waited until late last month to hold its annual football banquet but it was worth the wait to Ramona Billings, daughter of G. G. Billings, West Texas Area manager. Ramona was presented as football sweetheart of the Wolves and later will receive a jacket with a sweetheart emblem. . . . Cadet Melvin E. Pollard, son of Mrs. and F. W. Pollard, assistant chief gauger at Penwell, was named to the dean's list at the U. S. Air Force Academy in Denver. The dean's list includes the top 40 per cent in academic standings.

Notes from Here and Abroad

Employees approved the new hospitalization insurance plan that was offered the first of the year. Records at Head Office show that 98 per cent of the eligible employees took advantage of the increased protection at the same rates. The first man in the Texas Gulf Area to sign up was J. B. Gantenbein, welder in the Sealy Maintenance Crew. John was signed by J. H. Williams, Area training representative, while he was assigned as welding inspector on the Hope-Houston Line reconditioning job.



Gantenbein and Williams

The former Caroline Stappler who worked as a clerk in the Austin office of the Rancho Division now lives in England with her husband, Lt. C. L. Hamby. She recently wrote the Area Office and spoke of her experiences in England. The Hambys have been overseas since April but she said she would be glad to return to the U. S. "where people use central heating, etc." Caroline also noted "the roads are very narrow and winding and definitely not built for American cars which we have." Her address is: c/o Lt. C. L. Hamby, 91st Ftr. Bmr. Sq., APO 755, c/o P.M., New York, N. Y.

Club Lives Up to Its Name



Dolhonde, Butts and Burton

The writing worries of H. L. Burton, general clerk, were taken care of by the Texas Gulf Area office Friendship Club when it presented Henry with a lifetime pen and pencil set this month. It was given to Henry when he was transferred to the Head Office in the land, insurance and tax department. . . . C. E. Dolhonde, Area manager, made the presentation. K. M. Butts is the seated man in the background.

Go-Devil gleanings from up and down the lines: The brain is wonderful. It never stops functioning from the time you are born until you stand up to make a speech. . . . In the early days of motoring, narrow highways would barely permit two cars to pass without colliding. Now we're getting wide super-highways where six or eight cars can collide at one time. . . . It's too bad those talkers who contend to speak "straight from the shoulder" can't speak from a little higher up.



Survival gear that is carried by many cars in the Rocky Mountain is displayed by D. W. Jackson, general clerk at Glendive. Gear of this type is needed in a country of sudden blizzards. Directly behind the car is the new Butte District office building in Glendive. It is located approximately three miles from the city.

Service Birthdays

Twenty-Five Years

T. E. Sawyer, Grand Lake (Okla.) station engineer, qualified for his four week vacation period this month by observ-



ing his 25th year with the Company.

Starting as a laborer on the McCamey-Healdton line, Ted has worked as station utilityman, oiler and station engineer at Oetters, Roxdale, Verdi, Midway and Grand Lake.

Active in sports, Sawyer is a member of the Sportsmen's Club at Fairland and has an unusual amount of knowledge about wild life. Another interesting hobby is the theatre in Fairland that Ted operates on weekends with the help of his family. His wife sells tickets, he handles the screening, his son Eddie, 15, sells popcorn and the daughter, Sharon, 12, takes tickets.

G. W. Norris, tank farm gauger at Cushing, has reason to remember February, 1956, it marks 25 years with Shell Pipe Line.

George started with the Company in February, 1931, as a linewalker at Healdton. Since then he has worked as an oil gauger, pumper gauger and station engineer at Ray, Cushing, Fairland (Grand Lake), Tonkawa, Pauls Valley and now Healdton.

All of George's spare time has been taken up with his farm near Cushing where he recently completed a new



home. In connection with the farm Norris deals in cattle buying and trading.

Twenty Years



Twenty years of service will be marked this month by, left to right, H. H. Boden, linewalker, Kilgore; J. E. Fullerton, propane loader, Hobbs; and B. L. Isaacs, Jr., station engineer at Buhler.



Two more 20 year men are D. I. Hume, left, tank farm gauger, Wood River; and B. O. Langley, mechanical maintenance supervisor, Eunice.

Fifteen Years

- R. W. Armitage, pipeliner, Goodrich.
- L. Bragg, field gauger, Wink.
- F. C. Cox, linewalker, Kilgore.
- E. W. Eska, tank farm gauger, Houston.
- A. E. Tipton, tank farm gauger, Wood River.
- J. W. Williams, station utilityman, Wood River.
- W. J. Williamson, corporate secretary, Houston.

Ten Years

- C. M. Dawkins, field gauger, Penwell.
- E. E. Mathis, pipeliner, Sarcoxie.
- J. T. Newton, station utilityman, McCamey.
- E. A. Sloop, field gauger, Eunice.

Three Pipe Line Couples Wed In Solemn Church Ceremonies

Kestler-Bandor

Miss Shirley Don Kestler and Robert S. Bandor were united in marriage February 3 at the Woodland Presbyterian Church in Houston. She is the daughter of Mrs. Don Kestler and the late Mr. Kestler. He is the son of Mrs. James Gordon of Red Wing, Minn.

Mrs. Bandor is employed as a junior file clerk in the Head Office treasury-accounting department. The groom is stationed at Ellington Air Force Base.

Mrs. W. R. Bland, Shell Oil receptionist, was matron of honor.

Hunt-Thomas

Miss Peggy Jo Hunt and James William Thomas were joined in marriage at St. Mark's Methodist Church, Baytown, Tex., on Nov. 25.

Milton and Homer Thomas, brothers of James, also served in the wedding. All are sons of W. M. Thomas, Port Neches station engineer.

The couple is living in Port Neches while the groom attends Lamar College in Beaumont.



O'Neill-Lawson

Miss Marilyn Ann O'Neill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. O'Neill, became the bride of Edward Lawson in the First Methodist Church chapel in Houston, January 28.

The bride's father is right-of-way representative in the Head Office land, insurance, and tax department.

The groom is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio where the couple will make their home.



Pipe Line President Named to UF Board

At the Harris County United Fund and Community Council recognition dinner held in Houston this month, Joe T. Dickerson was honored three ways for his services on the council.

He was elected to a three year term on the Fund's board and was named chairman of the national agency's standing committee. He also received a plaque for his meritorious service as head of the Industrial Division in this year's fund drive.

Deaths

Pensioner Earnest Dickey died January 30 at Waco. Earnest retired November 1, 1949, while working as a yardman-truck driver at Austin.

Mrs. J. D. Aldridge, mother-in-law of C. C. Boyles, died February 4 in Cushing. Boyles is an electrical maintenance supervisor at Vinita.

J. I. Beard, father-in-law of L. R. (Doc) Gil died at Opelousas, February 5. Doc is leadman in the Opelousas maintenance crew.

Mrs. C. H. Rodgers, mother of C. A. Rodgers, died February 8 at New Haven, Mo. Rodgers is a district telephone maintenance foreman at Union, Mo.

T. M. Young, father of T. R. Young, died in Houston, January 16. Young is an engineer in the Head Office.

John Riddle, father of W. E. Riddle, Glendive district gauger, died February 10 in East Chicago, Ind., at the age of 70.

Today the oil and gas industry consumes almost eight per cent of the nation's steel output. It goes into well equipment, pipe lines, refineries, storage tanks, and many other items.

Midland's C-Union Announces Dividend

A dividend of five per cent on all shares was declared by the officers of the Midland Shell Employees Federal Credit Union.

The balance sheet shows an increase in total loans for 1955 of nearly \$58,000 over the 1954 figure, and a gain in total assets of \$38,000.

L. F. Franklin, West Texas Area chief dispatcher, was named an assistant treasurer on the board of directors.

Cards of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation to Shell friends who were so thoughtful at the time of the loss of our son, Barry. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jones.

W. B. Sanders wishes to thank his many kind friends for their many expressions of sympathy in the loss of his wife, Blanche.

Words cannot express our deep feeling of gratitude for such wonderful friends. Your kindness, sympathy and deeds of love will long be remembered and cherished. The family of W. D. McClure.

I wish to thank my many Shell friends and the Company for their kindness and expressions of sympathy during the recent illness and death of my father.

J. L. Summers.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Davis, a daughter, Mary Evelyn, 7 pounds, 7 ounces; December 15. Davis is a truck driver for the Port Neches maintenance crew.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams, a son, Grant Guy, 6 pounds, 11 ounces; February 18. Jack is the Texas Gulf Area training representative.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Prather, a son, Paul Travis, 6 pounds, 7 ounces; January 27. Prather is a pipeliner in the Wasson Maintenance Crew, Denver City, Texas.

The oldest and largest voluntary organization serving the crippled is your Easter Seal Society. Support it.

HO Stenographers Help Cancer Society

Services of Head Office stenographers have been made available on a part time basis to the Harris County office of the American Cancer Society.

The girls who will work for the society during February and March are: Marion Hufnall, administrative; Lelia Rodger, engineering; Ruth Higgins, personnel; Frances Reid, traffic; Pat Sitton, land, tax and insurance; Shirley Bandor, treasury; Mavolen Vandeford, purchasing; and Betty Lavette, communications.

Kilgore's Shell Club Headed By C. E. Slater

Twelve events have been scheduled by the Kilgore Shell Club which will be headed by C. E. Slater, East Texas division superintendent, during 1956.

Slater will be assisted by two other Shell Pipe Line people, Shirley Mount, junior clerk, who was elected secretary-treasurer; and R. A. Cox, pipeliner, who was named to the board of directors.

A Valentine Dance led off this month with bingo and a children's Easter Party scheduled for March. A spring dance, picnic and barbecue will fill the summer months before another bingo party in September.

The annual Halloween dance highlights October with a turkey-give-away slated for November. Three events will entertain Shell employees and their families in December, a children's Christmas party, a Christmas dance and a New Year's dance.

It costs approximately one cent to ship 4,200 gallons of oil one mile by tanker.

Pipeline Personalities



Children of two Pipe Liners are members of the Healdton High School band, top Class C organization in the state. At left is Geraldine Enos, daughter of J. E. Enos, welder at Healdton. Jerry and Peggy Wood are children of C. G. Wood, pipeliner, Healdton.



Shell Pipe Line's small, modern offices in Hobbs, N. M., offer two of its prettiest clerks, Pat Moore, on phone, and Charlene Suiter. Pat is a junior clerk and has been with SPL since November 1950. Also a junior clerk, Charlene started to work in April of last year.



McCamey High School picked Beverly Jo Hambrick as "The Spirit of Christmas" and she reigned over the holidays. Sponsored by the junior class, the honor is coveted by any girl. Beverly Jo is the daughter of M. B. Hambrick, Mesa Station engineer.



Practical gifts for a bride-to-be were chosen by members of the Head Office Treasury Department Pipe Liners' Club. A. D. La Rochelle, club president, presented Shirley Kestler, junior file clerk, with an iron and china. (See wedding story on page 6.)



Each Area and the Rocky Mountain Division had a training representative at a week's course on better means of communication held in the Head Office this month. The men broke off from the business at hand to have a Coke and tell tales. They are, left to right, F. B. Loe, RMD; J. D. Quinton and L. L. Ermis, HO; W. L. Hilgenfeld, WTA; J. H. Williams, TGA; and L. W. Kinison, MCA.



Indoctrination courses of Shell Pipe Line for new employees are held every six months in Head Office. Those who attended the most recent course are, left to right, Nancy Compton, accounting; Beth Quinn, communications; W. D. Askin, personnel; Ruth Josseland, communications; Joyce Correll, treasury; and Jeannine Birmingham and J. T. Hares, both of accounting. A full day is needed for the course.



Retirement counseling was thoroughly discussed by this group that met in Houston for a conference that included H. T. Leasure, second from left standing, representing the New York office. Others standing are, left to right, L. F. Mason, HO; H. D. Solsbery, MCA; H. V. House, TGA; and J. W. Hunt, WTA. Seated are: J. E. Fairweather, WTA; F. L. Underwood, TGA; and L. W. Kinison, MCA.



An informal dinner party honored Danny and Iris Whitty at an inn near Houston in late January. Iris, a stenographer, left the Texas Gulf Area office to assume full time household duties. Present are, left to right, Mrs. F. L. Underwood, Jean Schmidt, Marie Murray, Mrs. G. C. Moates, K. M. Butts, Bill Murray, Danny and Iris, J. H. Williams, Mrs. Williams and F. L. Underwood in the foreground.

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Doctor Cases	56		2											
Chargeable Auto (a)	31		2											
Responsible Auto (b)	14		2											

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WHO IS TO BLAME?

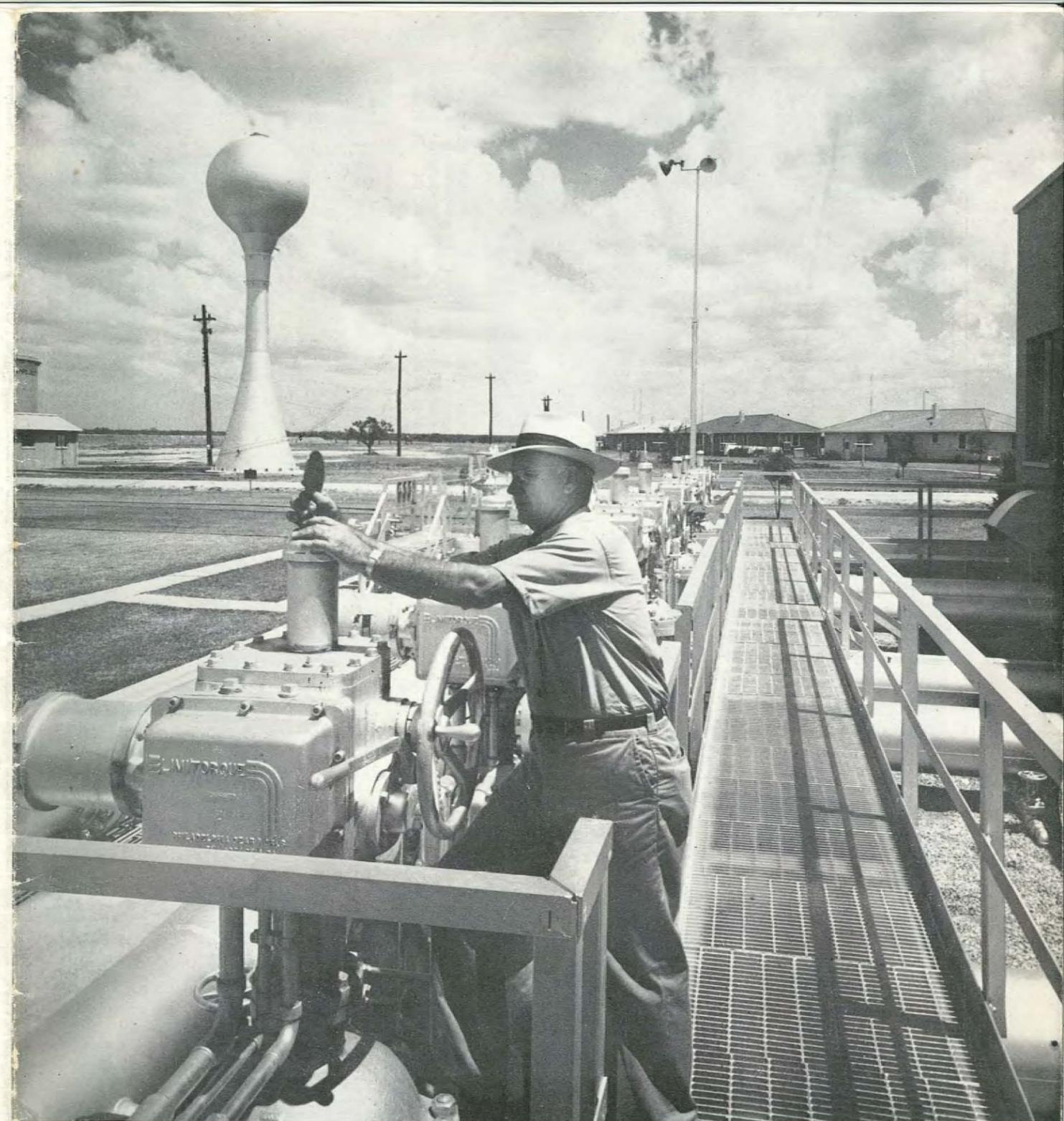
When a serious or fatal accident occurs the supervisor is frequently surprised to learn that the cause was a violation of a safe practice rule which he thought his men were constantly following. Upon further investigation he finds the violation was common practice with the victim of the accident and many other employees.

When the superintendent hears of the accident and the result of the investigation, he too is greatly surprised to know that one of his supervisors had been so lax as to permit such a violation.

The next surprise comes to the managers. They wonder why the superintendent did not know of the conditions that brought about the occurrence of the accident.

Such surprises are unfortunate; however, alertness to personal responsibility and diligent supervision of the old common sense type will avoid many of these unfortunate surprises.

L. L. ERMIS, Assistant Supervisor
of Safety and Training.



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