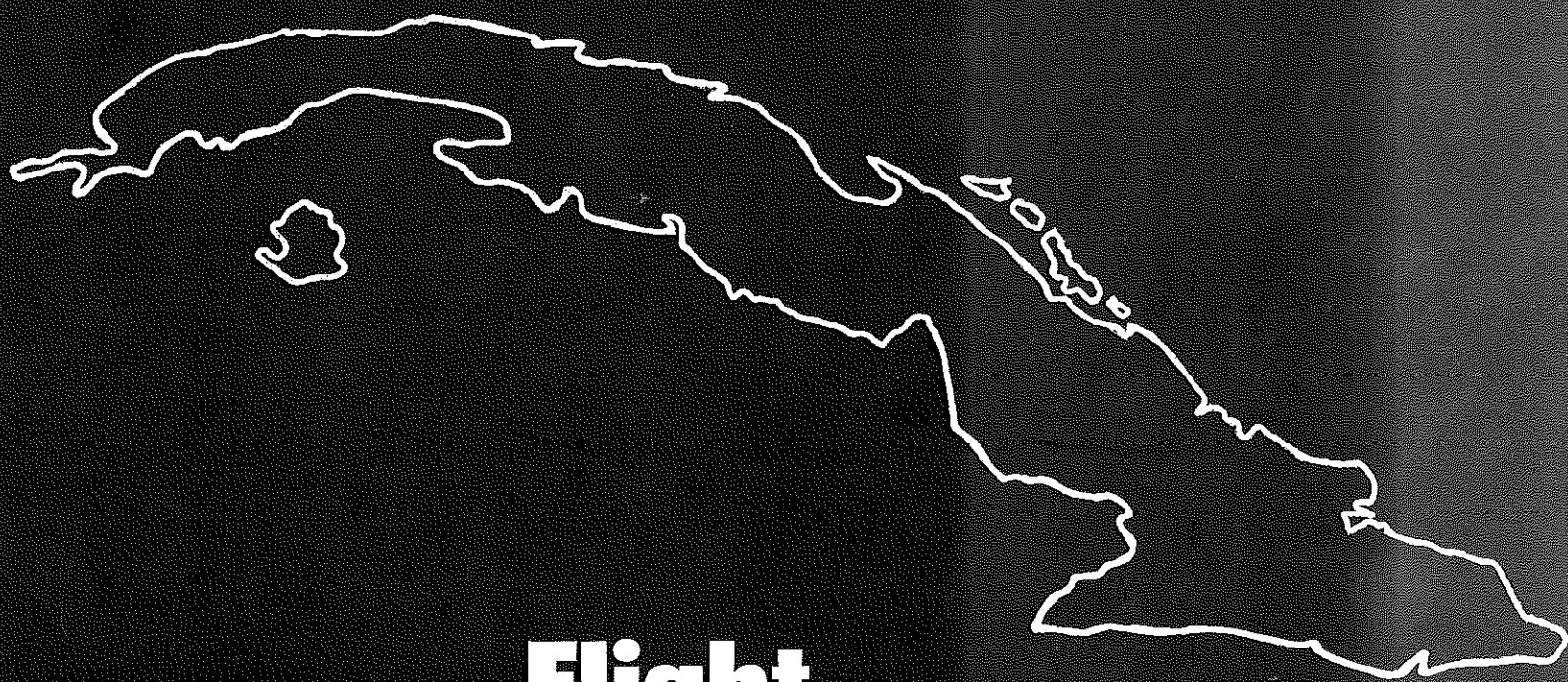
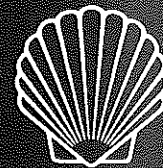


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Twenty Years Ago, The Handwriting Wa

"Everyone in and outside the oil industry has a stake in a decision faced by the current session of Congress.

"Congress has been asked to correct the dangerous and confused situation in which the nation's 4,000 natural gas producers find themselves under Federal regulation, especially as to the price at which they can sell their gas in interstate commerce for resale...."

Without much stretch of the imagination, that statement might have come from yesterday's newspaper. Natural gas supplies and natural gas prices are key factors in today's energy shortage.

Yet the statement quoted above was made almost exactly 20 years ago by Joe T. Dickerson, then president of Shell Pipe Line Corporation. Two decades ago, Joe saw the handwriting on the wall.

In an article in the **Go-Devil**, Dickerson

went on to trace the history of the Federal regulation of natural gas — the 1938 Natural Gas Act, the Kerr Bill of 1950, and a key ruling by the Supreme Court of the United States. And he foresaw many of the problems of today:

"The finding and developing of new supplies of gas and oil is a financially risky, competitive business and an expensive one. It is the kind of business which just can't successfully serve the public interest under government control. As a result of Federal regulation of what is essentially a risk industry as if it were a public utility, we are apt to wind up with diminishing supplies of natural gas at a time when demand is rising rapidly. And, since gas and oil frequently come out of the ground together from the same well, there is a good chance this could be the opening wedge for regulation of oil producers, too...."

Dickerson went on to spell out the specific dangers of Federal regulation of natural gas. And he did it in terms which are almost eerily appropriate today:

"Congress now faces the task of setting things straight so that the natural gas industry can continue its record of progress. Natural gas producers contend that progress will be at best doubtful under the regulations that came into effect last summer. Among the points they make are the following:

"1. Federal control of gas production cannot possibly effect any significant savings for consumers since about 90 per cent of consumers' bills represent transportation and local distribution costs which are already being regulated.

"2. Keen competition among thousands of producers has resulted in

Hurley Named President; Papadopoulos to T&D



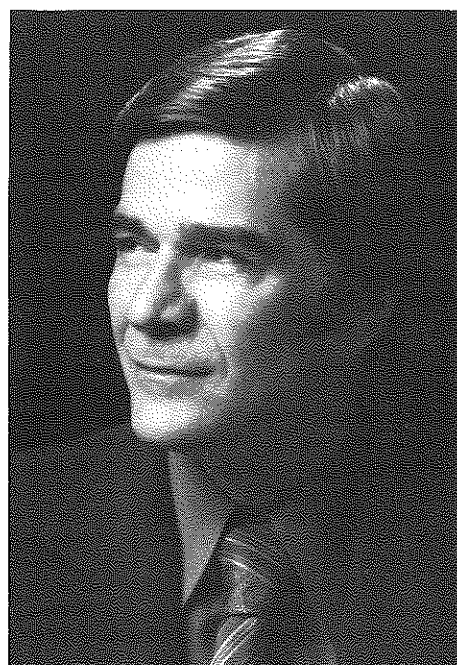
Jack Hurley: president of Shell Pipe Line Corporation.

Mike Papadopoulos, president of Shell Pipe Line, has been named general manager, Transportation and Distribution, an integration of Marketing Distribution with the Transportation and Supplies organizations.

J. R. Hurley, general manager of Transportation, Transportation and Supplies, Shell Oil Company, has replaced Papadopoulos as president, Shell Pipe Line.

Jack Hurley, who holds an A.B. degree from Bowdoin College, joined Shell in 1943 as a clerk in New York. From 1945 to 1968, Hurley held various administrative positions of increasing responsibility in the Transportation and Supplies organization in San Francisco, Calgary, New York and Los Angeles.

He was named general manager of Transportation in 1968, and subsequently held the positions of general manager, T&S Planning and general manager, T&S Operations.



Mike Papadopoulos: general manager of Transportation and Distribution.

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greatly increased supplies of natural gas at a low price to consumers. Why gamble with price regulations which could result in lower supplies and higher prices?

"3. If competitive production of gas is controlled by government, it opens the door for the spread of Federal regulation to any other competitively produced commodity.

"4. Government regulation of the price at which the independent producer sells his gas in interstate commerce will kill the incentives of the independent producers to search for and develop new sources of supplies of natural gas. The resulting shortage of supply can cause a rise in unit costs which would be sharply reflected in the prices paid by the consumer."

Right on, Joe! It's a shame nobody listened.

FPC Report Urges Gas Deregulation

The nation would gain by ending price regulation on natural gas, according to the Federal Power Commission. In a staff report issued in late April, the FPC conceded that deregulation under present conditions could increase the average residential gas bill as much as \$20 for the year.

But the agency said the increase might diminish after 1980 and predicted deregulation would stimulate the natural gas industry to make larger investments and reverse the downward trend in natural gas discoveries and production. The agency analysis also indicated that price increases from deregulation would bring more tax revenues "which may be used

to relieve equity problems, or otherwise reduce consumer costs."

The report noted that "the problem of monopoly and consumer cost are serious concerns that were sufficient to have prevented deregulation until now," but added that a decision on deregulation "cannot, and should not, be based solely on the cost to consumers, but on the net welfare of the nation."

By law, the FPC is required to regulate interstate natural gas prices with the aim of minimizing the cost to consumers, and new legislation would be needed to end the price regulation.

Both the FPC and the Ford administration have been advocating deregulation as a means of increasing production.

Flight From C

Gloria Mendez, office secretary for West Coast Division in Los Angeles, agrees with the words of Abraham Lincoln: "America is the last best hope on earth." She and her family came to the United States in 1968, after enduring the hardship of Fidel Castro's Cuba.

And this year, Gloria became an American citizen, which, she says, "is the highest honor I can pay this country for its overwhelming generosity," she explains.

The story of the Mendez family under Castro's government sounds almost like a novel. It is a tale of misery, privation, hope and escape. And because this family, like thousands of other Cuban refugees, chose to follow their beliefs, the Mendez story is one of success.

Before Castro, Gloria recalls, "we had Rafael Batista, another dictator, but nevertheless the country was in full economic development and in most aspects was one of the leaders in Latin America. We Cubans helped Castro to gain power, because we all thought he came to save Cuba from the abuses of Batista. After he gained power, he became a communist. Castro deceived Cuba."

Calling Castro "the master user of fallacies," Gloria says Castro gained power through such half-truths as well as by gaining the support of the Soviet Union.

The Mendez family was considered by Cuban standards to be well-off, and Gloria's husband owned a large grocery and liquor store. "He owned his store for 18 years, and then the government nationalized it, and took him out of the store and put him to work as an employee in another industry."

But not only the well-to-do suffered. "All groups suffered. My definition of communism is that the rich become poor and the poor become poorer, and what is most important is that people are deprived of freedom."

When Castro announced that any Cuban who wished to do so could leave the country, only Cubans knew what such a decision entailed. "Oh, he said we could leave all right," Gloria says, "but he didn't tell the world the procedures we would have to go through."

The Mendez family made their decision in 1965 by making a formal application to leave Cuba. They realized that there was a three-year waiting period before they would be allowed out.

"The first thing that happens is that you lose your job," she points out, "and that means no work for three years. So my father did not apply to leave so that he could support us." Gloria adds that the family took a risk in that her father did not apply, because the chances were good that he would never be able to leave. But the family decided that their goal was worth the risk. (Her father later was able to leave.)

After losing your job, your bank funds are frozen, Gloria says. If you have been withdrawing funds before applying, the authorities keep all the records and will demand the money at the airport before the final departure. "So you have to write off all the money you may have in the bank."

Next, the government, through the use of neighborhood Committees of Defense, makes an inventory of all belongings, and everything has to be accounted for upon departure. (Gloria notes that all you are allowed to leave the country with are the clothes on your back and a suitcase that contains no valuables.)

"The Committees of Defense are the people in every block in town who watch the actions of every individual. They double their vigilance on the people who apply to

"My definition of communism is that the rich become poor and the poor become poorer."

leave. You must not say anything to anybody, because almost anything you say may be considered anti-government," she adds.

The Mendez family faced one problem that could have meant the end to their hopes: they were not allowed to buy airplane tickets (because it was required that the money for transportation had to be sent in dollars from abroad) and had no relatives in the United States who could send the money. "Fortunately, President Johnson's Freedom Flights got us out. We were able to leave Cuba because of the generosity of the United States," she explains.

But Gloria is convinced that the three years of waiting and hardship were worth the problems. "In Cuba, all food is rationed, and you have to stand in food lines. All clothing is rationed. Ham has not been in the public market since 1961. My two daughters (now 15 and 16 years old) never tasted ham or even chewing gum until we came to America. It was a life of misery."

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And the number of political prisoners in Cuba is astounding, Gloria says. "They committed one of two crimes: they believed in freedom for Cubans or they believed in God."

In 1968, the Mendez family, including Gloria, her husband and two daughters and her mother, flew from Havana to Miami. After a few days in Miami, they were flown to Los Angeles, where they knew some friends. "The U.S. government helped us to start a new life, and for that we are very grateful," she says.

After reading the Bill of Rights ("we couldn't believe all the freedoms") the Mendez family decided that America was the country for them. "We had no rights in Cuba. Instead of the 'Paradise of the Caribbean,' I would call it 'Hell on Earth,'" she says.

The two reasons she decided to become a citizen were to express her gratitude to America and to vote. "I never would have voted for anything in Cuba," she says, "but now I will have that privilege. It's important to vote, because that way you can elect the government that runs the country."

The two requirements for citizenship in America are residency for five years and passing a test in American history.

"In this country, you can say what you feel and worship like you want," she says. "There are many opportunities in America if you want to work."

What she likes best about the United States is the private enterprise system. "You can own your own business, and you can work where you choose, as well as have countless other freedoms which most people take for granted. But many Americans don't appreciate what they have, and they won't until they lose it. We must not let propaganda tear down this country, and we must keep America the cradle of liberty," she adds.

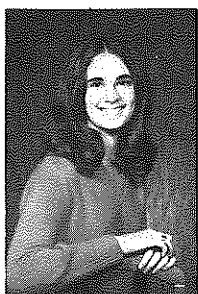
"You can't stay in a place like Cuba when it's against everything you believe."

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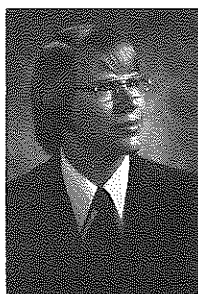


Gloria in West Coast Division's Los Angeles office: "There are many opportunities in America if you want to work."

The Graduates of 1975



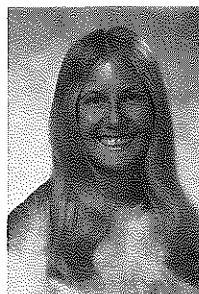
Rena Alexander



Doug Bolon



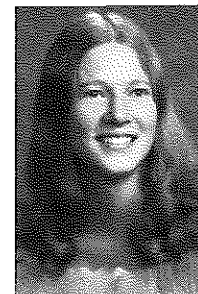
Judith Eaton



Carol Hanson



Jean Homrighausen



Joyce Kelley

Rena Alexander

Rena is a graduate of Baker (Mont.) High School.

She was active in band, choir, piano, twirling, plays, musicals and the Honor Society. She received the Outstanding Junior Music Award, the DAR Good Citizen Award, the National Choral Award and the John Phillips Sousa Band Award. She was also selected as the 1974-75 Homecoming queen.

Rena plans to attend Grand Canyon College in Phoenix, Ariz. She is the daughter of R. S. Alexander, electrical technician at Baker.

Douglas R. Bolon

Doug is a graduate of Kalkaska (Mich.) High School.

He was nominated to Who's Who Among American High School Students, was a member of the National Honor Society and was a member of the Varsity Golf Team his junior and senior years.

He plans to attend Lake Superior State College at Sault St. Marie, Mich., and major in mechanical engineering technology. He is the son of Don Bolon, now on special assignment with the Oil Movements Department in Head Office.

Judith Lorraine Eaton

Judith is a graduate of Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, with a B.S. degree in Business Administration.

She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha social sorority, the Homecoming Committee, Alpha Lambda Delta, Orange and Black Quill, Mu Kappa Tau and the O-Staters. She was also secretary of Wentz Hall (1969) and the Mom's Weekend Committee chairman. She was listed on the President's Honor Roll and the Dean's Honor Roll.

Judith has accepted a position with Shell Oil in Houston as accountant in Exploration and Production, effective Sept. 2. She is the daughter of Glen L. Eaton, pipeliner-welder at Cushing.

Carol L. Hanson

Carol is a graduate of Granada High School in Livermore, Calif.

Her activities have included membership in the California Scholarship Federation, Explorer Scouts, and Girl's Athletic Association (swim and basketball teams). She has been listed throughout her high school years on the principal's honor roll.

Carol plans to attend the University of California at Davis and major in Biological Science. She is the daughter of Jim Hanson, controller Oil Movements, West Coast Division, T&S Pipelines, Northern District at Martinez.

Jean Homrighausen

Jean is a graduate of Michigan State University with a B.S. degree

with honors in nursing.

She is a member of Mortar Board, national women's leadership society; Sigma Theta Tau (Nurses National Honor); and is a Shell Oil Company Merit Scholarship recipient.

Jean will be working at Riley Hospital for Children, a part of the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. She will be assigned to the intensive care unit for open heart and brain surgery. She is the daughter of Bill Homrighausen, safety representative for Mid-Continent Division.

Joyce Ann Kelley

Joyce is a graduate of Big Spring (Tex.) High School.

She was a member of the school orchestra, Odessa All-City Orchestra, Top Ten Students, National Honor Society, Future Homemakers of America and the Astronomy Club.

Joyce plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and major in elementary education. She is the daughter of Vern Kelley, electrical technician for Central Division's Eastern District.

Ronda LaFon

Ronda is a graduate of Permian High School in Odessa, Tex.

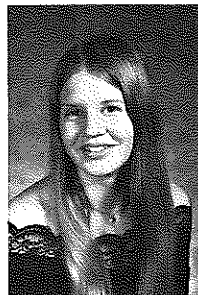
Her high school activities included National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, majorette (two



Ronda LaFon



Vickie Loe



Lou Myrick



Brenda Petty



Linda Petty



Mary Prater

years) and head majorette her senior year. She was voted most outstanding girl in junior high and received the Daughters of the American Revolution Award given by the American Legion. She was an all-region member of the Permian State Honor Band of 1975. She plans to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Tex.

Ronda is the daughter of W. L. LaFon, maintenance foreman for Central Division.

Vickie Loe

Vickie is a graduate of Stanford University with distinction, with a B.A. degree in English and biology. She completed part of her degree work at Harvard University.

She was a National Merit Scholar (Shell), and a Bank of America Achievement scholar.

Vickie is the daughter of F. B. Loe, manager Employee Relations for Shell Pipe.

Lou Myrick

Lou is a graduate of McCamey (Tex.) High School.

She was a member of the Honor Society; basketball team (lettered two years); Pep Squad (four years); a member of the staff of the Scrapper, school newspaper; a junior historian for two years; and was elected Best-All-Around her freshman year.

Lou plans to attend Central Texas College in Killeen, Tex., to study nursing. She is the daughter of David Myrick, oil controller at McCamey.

Brenda Lee Petty

Brenda is a graduate of Salem (Ill.) Community High School.

She was a member of the Speech Team for four years, participated in the All School Play for four years, a Candy Striper, and a member of the Spanish, French and Drama clubs. She was a member of the National Honor Society, an Illinois State Scholar and listed in Who's Who in American High Schools. She plans to attend the University of Illinois.

Brenda is the daughter of D. K. Petty, electrical technician at Patoka for Mid-Continent Division.

Linda Dee Petty

Linda is a graduate of Salem (Ill.) Community High School.

She was a member of the Speech Team for three years, participated in the All School Play for four years, a Candy Striper, and a member of the Drama, French and Spanish clubs. She was an Illinois State Scholar, listed in Who's Who in

American High Schools, a member of the National Honor Society and received the Bausch and Lomb Science Award. She plans to attend the University of Illinois.

Linda is the daughter of D. K. Petty, electrical technician at Patoka for Mid-Continent Division.

Mary Louise Prater

Mary is a graduate of Tarleton State University at Stephenville, Tex., with a B.S. degree in elementary education.

She was a member of the ETERNAS social club and the Purple Poo spirit organization.

Mary was married May 31 and will reside in Houston. She is the daughter of Charles Prater, storekeeper at Odessa.

Linda L. Remele

Linda is a graduate of Noblesville (Ind.) High School.

She plans to attend Ball State University at Muncie, Ind. Linda is the daughter of Carl Remele Jr., storekeeper for Mid-Continent Division.

Charles Edward Sconiers

Ed is a graduate of Newcastle (Wyo.) High School.

He participated in football and

wrestling throughout his high school years, was a member of the High School Choral Group, and participated in several plays, including being given a leading role in a musical.

Ed plans to attend Casper Junior College at Casper, Wyo., and study mechanical engineering. He is the son of Ansel Sconiers, mechanical technician at Newcastle.

Marjorie Sue Shaw

Marjorie is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a B.S. degree in secondary education. She had a double major in English and history.

She is the daughter of A. J. Shaw, supervisor Oil Movements at Pasadena.

Joe Shoemaker

Joe is a graduate of Centralia (Ill.) High School.

His future plans include continuing his education. His father is Boyd Shoemaker, assistant operations foreman at Patoka.

Kim Jane Springer

Kim is a graduate of White Oak (Tex.) High School.

She has been a member of the high school band and stage band; has participated in the U.I.L. competition in prose, poetry, band solo and ensemble; a member of scholastic and honor rolls; and was nominated for Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Kim plans to attend Kilgore Junior College School of Nursing. She is the daughter of Jim Springer, pipeliner-welder 1 for Gulf Coast Division.

Eric Wayne Tabb

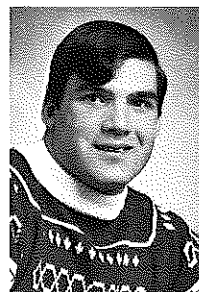
Eric is a graduate of McCamey (Tex.) High School.

His high school activities included National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, Student Council, Spanish Club, Speech Club, and Teen Council. He served as president of his freshman class and was named most popular his senior year. His sports activities included football, basketball, and track, with numerous honors won in these areas. He won first place in the American Legion Essay Contest. Eric, working this summer as a temporary laborer in the Hamlin maintenance crew, plans to attend Texas Tech University to study law.

His father is Monroe Tabb, lead pipeliner at McCamey for Central Division.



Linda Remele



Ed Sconiers



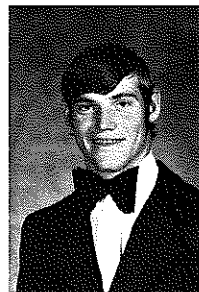
Marjorie Shaw



Joe Shoemaker



Kim Springer



Eric Tabb

Glances Backward

30 Years Ago

The reconditioning of the two parallel six-inch lines between Tonkawa and Cushing, laid in 1922, will be completed this month. Corrosion damage has been repaired and the relaid lines have been given a heavy coat of bituminous pipe line enamel, insulated from the soil by an outer wrapping of asbestos felt.

25 Years Ago

The Ozark Pipeline System will be one year old on July 12. During its first year of operation, the system will have delivered 53,800,000 barrels of crude into Wood River. The Ozark is living up to everybody's expectations.

And Wayne Kinison has been named safety instructor to teach the First Aid Classes in the Mid-Continent Area.

20 Years Ago

Contracts for the construction of the Butte Pipe Line have been awarded to three contractors by Shell Pipe acting as agent for the owning company during the construction phase. Two of the successful bidders are companies with home offices in Houston and the other is a Tulsa firm. Bids were requested on May 25 and contracts let on May 31.

15 Years Ago

Construction will begin during the third quarter of this year on two buildings to house the Technical Development Laboratory and the Texas-Gulf Division's Service Center. Completion of the project is scheduled for the first quarter of 1961. The two buildings will be constructed on a 17.88-acre tract, which Shell Pipe purchased in January. The tract is located on Gasmer Drive between Post Oak and Chimney Rock roads.



Oliver Heyden and Pipeliners Club president-elect Bob David display the plaque (5 years ago).

10 Years Ago

Construction on an approximately 50-mile long offshore pipeline, to be constructed by the Blue Dolphin Pipe Line Company, is to begin July 1. The pipeline will link Shell Oil Company's tract in the Buccaneer area in the Gulf of Mexico with gas plants in Freeport. The pipeline is estimated to cost about \$7.4 million and will consist of 40.6 miles of 20-inch pipe and 9.2 miles of 16-inch pipe. Shell Pipe Line will supervise construction and will maintain the line for Blue Dolphin.

5 Years Ago

Oliver W. Heyden, senior staff engineer on special assignment reporting to the corporation's manager Technology, has been named "1970 Pipeliner of the Year" by the Pipeliners Club of Houston, an organization which annually recognizes one of its members for distinguished contributions to the cause of pipelining.



Wayne Kinison (25 years ago).



These travelers to the Butte Pipe line area include H. C. Stevens, J. K. Alfred, Tim McGregor and pilot Walter Hedrick (20 years ago).

A Modern Pipeliner-Soldier

Vern Johnson, assistant supervisor of Oil Movements at McCamey, Texas, celebrated two anniversaries this spring: 10 years with Shell Pipe Line and 15 years with the Army National Guard.

"Because of the company's excellent military policy, I have been able to develop a strong avocation," Vern says. Developing a career and an avocation at once is difficult under normal circumstances, but Vern's story may well be recorded as the ultimate in conquering geography.

Vern joined the National Guard while in high school. He served seven years as an enlisted man reaching the rank of sergeant, but eventually left the Guard. "Initially, I disliked the Guard," he says. "I guess when you have to do something, you just don't enjoy it as much as when you do it voluntarily." And Vern, after being out four years, decided to return to the service, and was admitted to Officers' Candidate School.

He graduated from OCS as a second lieutenant, ranking first in

his class and winning the Erickson Trophy for leadership and academic achievement. Vern later moved to Baker, Montana, where he worked as a mechanical trainee, meter measurement technician and mechanical technician on the Butte Pipe Line System. During this time he was promoted to first lieutenant in the Guard and assigned as a Detachment commander of an artillery unit in Gillette, Wyo., the closest artillery unit to Baker (only 270 miles by highway).

The distance, Vern laughs, called for some ingenuity. Driving would cost the loss of too much valuable time and was hazardous due to icy roads. So he bought an airplane in partnership with a flight instructor and obtained a pilot's license. So at least his transportation problem was solved.

But Vern, in addition to his Guard duties, decided to return to college to take courses during the summer. However, the nearest accredited four-year school was about 220 air miles round trip from Baker. He used the plane to solve this problem and attended for three summers, taking such courses as chemistry, economics and political science.

In July of 1973, Vern was assigned as station foreman at Osage Station (Wyoming) and almost simultaneously was promoted to the rank of captain as the Battery Commander of an artillery battery in Newcastle, Wyo. (A battery commander supervises approximately 100 men.) He has also attended several military schools, including Officers Artillery School and Officers Advanced Artillery School, both at Fort Sill, Okla.

Vern is presently academically qualified for promotion to major, but since being transferred to McCamey is not sure what his future Guard plans will be. "There's an artillery unit in Odessa, but Newcastle is only about 850 air miles away," he

smiles. Vern's unit in Newcastle has won the Superior Unit Award for the last two years.

Why did Vern choose to continue his interest with the Guard? "It gives me much pleasure working with the young people who cycle through the National Guard," he explains. "The Guard has become the backbone of the Nation's Strategic Reserve Forces and the volunteer soldiers in the Guard are better trained and more professionally qualified than in the past."

"What is sometimes said about young people today, I find to be untrue," he adds. "The people I have supervised and associated with in the Guard are better educated, and can perform well under emergency conditions. There is still much patriotism alive in young people today."

And his career in the Guard has helped him with his career with Shell. "I hope it has better prepared me to work with people, and I believe anyone is capable of learning if they are given good and meaningful training."

It also seems he has learned how to be the ultimate commuter.



Vern while on special assignment in Houston.



Vern in military uniform.

VIEWS

Two Insecticides Discontinued . . . Is Shell a Foreign Company? . . . Spiral Slowing

Insecticides Halted

The manufacture of aldrin and diel-drin insecticides has been discontinued by Shell Chemical Company as a result of a recent decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, upholding an order of the Environmental Protection Agency. "We were very disappointed with the court's decision," said R. G. Yapp Jr., manager of Shell Chemical's agricultural chemicals business. "The fact that these valuable insecticides could continue to be used for termite control and certain minor uses was carefully weighed prior to our decision to go out of this business."

"We continue to believe that these insecticides do not pose a carcinogenic risk to man," Yapp said.



Energy Tips

Here are a few tips for the householder in helping to conserve energy, not to mention money:

—A quarter-inch gap under an outside door lets as much air in or out as a nine-inch hole in the wall. Draft-proof your doors and windows.

—Insulate your roof. The biggest single heat loss — 20 per cent or more — in a house is through the roof. The cost of insulating an ordinary three-bedroom home should be recovered in less than two years by reducing heating bills.

—Switch off all lights when you leave a room. Overall economy and efficiency are better served by turning off lights — even fluorescent ones — when not in use.

—Operate electrical equipment, clothes washers for instance, at full capacity whenever possible. The motor uses the same amount of energy whatever its load.

A Foreign Company?

Increasingly in recent months, some members of the press have been reporting — erroneously — that Shell is a foreign company. To set the record straight, here are some facts concerning Shell and its relation to the Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Companies:

—Shell is a U.S. company chartered in Delaware and operated mainly in the United States.

—Of Shell's 67,548,621 shares of common stock outstanding, 69.42 per cent are beneficially owned by Shell Petroleum N.V., a Netherlands holding company. The voting shares of that company are 60 per cent owned by Royal Dutch Petroleum Company and 40 per cent owned by the Shell Transport and Trading Company of the United Kingdom.

—The remaining shares of Shell Oil stock are held by 31,917 stockholders in the United States and elsewhere. They are traded on the New York and other stock exchanges.

—Shell Oil Company is managed by its board of directors, seven of whom are from outside the company and who have no business affiliation with any other company in the Royal Dutch/Shell Group. The board establishes the company's overall business objectives and policies and reviews and appraises its operations.



Arbor Day Award

Shell was one of the top winners in the National Arbor Day awards competition recently, gaining recognition for an extensive educational program to create a better understanding and appreciation of trees and other renewable natural resources. The award, one of four given in the "Companies and Corporations"

category, was presented during the Arbor Day Foundation's annual awards banquet in Nebraska City, Neb., in late April. It resulted from the Company's sponsorship of a series of regional leader-training environmental education workshops held in cooperation with the National Council of State Garden Clubs and the U.S. Forest Service.



Spiral Slowing

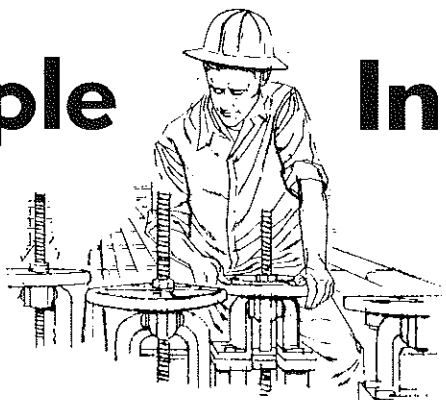
A slowing of the inflationary spiral of construction costs for petroleum-liquids projects is indicated in a study conducted by S. O. Crichfield, senior staff specialist, Shell Oil Company. Crichfield told the Houston Pipe Liner's Club recently that the slowing rate of inflation could be resulting partially from the depressing effects of the current recession. However, costs due to inflation can be expected to increase. Crichfield based his forecast on reports from several companies in the industry and on government projections. He cautioned that periodic updating of his and other reports is necessary due to rapid changes in the economy.



Facilities Cited

The safe operation of six Shell facilities were recognized by the National Petroleum Refiners Association during the trade group's 73rd annual meeting in San Antonio. Receiving NPRA award plaques in recognition of exceptional safety records during various time-periods were the Mobile plant, five years without a disabling injury; Geismar plant, two years; Wood River refinery, 1,060,900 man-hours; and Odessa refinery and Princeton and Dominguez plants, 365 consecutive days each.

People In Pipeline



Pensioner Dies

Judson Hopple, 70, Products Pipe Line pensioner, died May 11 at his home in Indiana.

He is survived by his wife, Iris; and a sister, Mrs. Solon Emery of Culver, Ind. Burial was in Friends Cemetery, Wabash, Ind. Hopple retired from Shell after more than 35 years of service.

Safety Award

National honors for outstanding safe driver performance were won by Shell Pipe in the Petroleum Division of the 44th National Fleet Safety contest conducted by the National Safety Council. The Pipeline Pick-up and Truck Drivers unit, consisting of about 300 vehicles and drivers, was awarded a Certificate of Achievement in the contest. The award is based on the company's safety performance from January, 1974 through December, 1974. During this period, Shell Pipe's drivers drove 6,676,799 miles and had 3.14 accidents per 1,000,000 miles of operation.

Weddings

Patty Otsuka, secretary, Land and Insurance — Head Office, married Daniel Kenji Okabayashi March 22 at Evangelistic Temple in Houston. And Donna Smallwood, office assistant, Land and Insurance — Head Office, married William Clifford Hull at St. Edwards Church in Spring, Texas, on April 26.

Birth

A son, Roger Jr., to Roger and Susan Ryman, in Houston April 20. He weighed 7 pounds, 13½ ounces, and was 19½ inches long. Ryman is manager, Land and Insurance — Head Office.

Pipeliners Dies

William Mazur, Mechanic 1st at the East Chicago Terminal for Mid-Continent Division, died suddenly on May 4. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie; a daughter, Joan; and a son, Ray. Mazur had almost 30 years of service with Shell.

Shell Welcomes

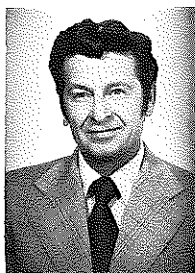
B. M. Yesland, Senior Clerk, Employee Relations — Head Office

Anniversaries

C. B. Shell, 40 years, Head Office
H. D. Burton, 35 years, Head Office
C. H. Dawes, 35 years, Mid-Continent Division
K. L. Willman, 25 years, Mid-Continent Division
R. H. Cook, 10 years, Mid-Continent Division
M. A. Cummings, 10 years, Head Office
R. D. Fischer, 10 years, Central Division
R. M. Porterfield, 10 years, Mid-Continent Division



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Burton



Dawes



Willman

Personnel Changes

C. J. Mitchell, Oil Movement Controller, Gulf Coast Division
D. R. Smith, Oil Movement Controller, Gulf Coast Division
A. Dennis, Mechanic C, Gulf Coast Division
W. J. Pollard, Mechanic C, Gulf Coast Division
J. G. Upton, Asst. Gauger Foreman, Northern District — Central Division
S. D. Hurley, Asst. Terminal Foreman, Rocky Mtn. District — Central Division
D. L. Berryhill, Field Gauger, Northern District — Central Division
D. J. Palmer, Oil Movement Controller, Northern District — Central Division
J. W. Limmer, Safety Representative, Central Division
W. L. Peace, Corrosion B, Gulf Coast Division
C. H. Kerby, Meter Measurement Technician, Northern District — Central Division
L. W. Farris, Field Gauger, Northern District — Central Division
B. J. Rush, Lead Pipeliner, Northern District — Central Division
S. W. Moses, Utility Pipeliner, Gulf Coast Division
C. D. Hubbell, Gauger Operator A, Wood River District — Mid-Continent Division
G. A. Rose, Maintenance C, North Line District — Mid-Continent Division

Retirements

G. L. Stunkard, Chemist, Mid-Continent Division
H. E. McNabey, Laboratory Tester, Mid-Continent Division

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