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**Heimlich Maneuver
comes in handy
for Hank Bussman**

"Hank" Bussman, East Line District Terminal Operator at Columbus, Ohio, is especially thankful to Shell for the while safety dinner meetings he attended. Because of something he learned at the meetings, Hank

**Mid-Continent, Central Divisions
'weather' brunt of winter's wrath**

Weathermen across the country say that temperatures and brutal snowstorms will be violent.

Safety reps set goals at annual planning meeting

An eye for last year's employee's safety program was to improve the safety of the company's operations.

accidents and non-disasters. Wayne Kinison, Health & Training Manager, said that the company's safety program was to improve the safety of the company's operations.

Blizzard

**New pipeline
plans revealed**

**Texas-Louisiana System
will stretch 254 miles**

All signals are to go for the first phase of the 4-mile Texas-Louisiana System is slated to be 12 inches in diameter.

Building named in his honor

**City of Deer Park didn't forget
Pipe Line retiree E. M. Maxwell**

Too often, years of dedicated service to a community and just plain good work go unnoticed by the public. That, however, wasn't the case last month when the city of Deer Park turned out to honor E. M. Maxwell.

**Go Devil seeking
graduate pictures
for special issue**

An annual feature special

Go Devil



1978 proved to be another good year for Shell Pipe Line, as evidenced by this miscellaneous selection of leading stories reported by Go Devil. In this issue, SPLC management reviews 1978 and looks ahead to 1979.

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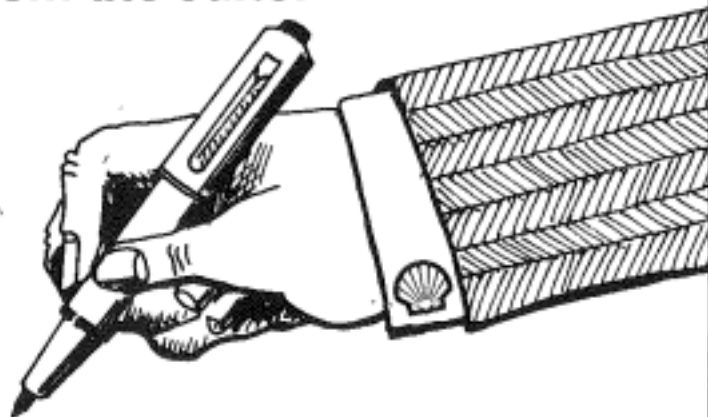
SPLC'S top management reviews 1978, previews '79

Nearly everyone pauses at the end of the year to look back over their accomplishments during that year. They take pride in the good things they have achieved, and they hope they will do more of the same in the new year. Their errors have given them experience with which to meet new challenges, for experience is still the best teacher.

Companies are the same way. Each year they take stock of the previous year, looking for ways and means of improving. Shell Pipe Line, for example, had another good year in 1978, and now is striving for an even better year in 1979. And, as always, it will look to the past for guidance.

Pipe Line's top management recently sat down with Go Devil to review the year just ended and preview the year ahead. Those participating in the informal discussion included Jack Hurley, President; Neil Wilson, Operations Manager; Bill Bledsoe, Treasurer; Bob Armstrong, Director of Pipe Line Interests; and Bob Clark, Employee Relations Manager. — Ed.

a letter from the editor



With the next issue, Billye Lynn Ratliff will become the editor of Go Devil. I have moved to Los Angeles to edit Shell's West Coast publications.

Billye Lynn began her Shell career in the summer of 1972 as an Editorial Assistant to the Manager of Publications. She comes to Pipe Line from Shell's Information Center, where she has edited the CenterReview for the past two and a half years. (Under her guidance, that publication won a number of professional writing and editing awards.) A native of Weimar, Tex., Billye Lynn graduated from the University of Texas in 1972 with a BA in English and history.

I know Billye Lynn considers her new assignment a challenge, and I'm certain she'll enjoy working with Pipe Liners. I know I have.

Thanks for all the help and cooperation.



B.L. Ratliff

Bill Wicker

GO DEVIL: This really makes my job easy, having all you guys together in one room. I've got a lot of questions, but let's start with a look at the year just ended. How would you assess Pipe Line's activity this past year?

HURLEY: I have a feeling that our activities over the past 12 months were sort of a buildup to increasing activities that we'll have in the next year or so. I think Neil is probably more cognizant of that than anybody.

WILSON: Basically, it was a year of building staff for the new projects that are now underway or planned. We've made some pretty significant increases in our staff.

HURLEY: You have a whole new group for project coordination.

WILSON: Right. Another significant new area of business, though, has to do with federal regulation and the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission). I think Billy is probably best qualified to talk about that.

BLEDSON: I'm not sure anybody is qualified to talk about that at the moment, because this year — and probably for some time to come — will have a lot of uncertainties. We've devoted a lot of effort in attempting to find what the changes in the various regulatory agencies will mean to us. One of the biggest problems we will face is simply trying to effectively plan our business with these uncertainties. It won't be easy.

HURLEY: In assessing our year 1978, I would say that our operating results and financial results were both excellent. I think we did a very good job in those areas, plus beginning to plan for all the future projects which lie ahead.

BLEDSON: Since you've referred to those new projects, I think we should mention the fact that we did complete tentative financing arrangements for them, making 1978 the biggest financing year in Pipe Line's history. The funds will be available to use as these projects get underway.

GO DEVIL: I'd say that that's a fair assessment of 1978, so let's move on to 1979. Looking ahead to this year, what do you feel will be Pipe Line's major objectives and goals.

HURLEY: I think, obviously, safety is always our foremost goal, followed very closely by efficient operations. Those are two goals which go on year after year.



Jack Hurley

"Our operating results and financial results were both excellent"

photos by Lynne Liberato

Over and beyond that, we'll have objectives in the form of several new projects this year. Over the past several years, I have said to several groups of our people that we have been selling off certain pipelines whose day had passed — those that were not really moving oil or providing proper earnings — and that we would be reinvesting all the monies from the sales in new projects down the road. Now we are clearly started in this direction. We'll have a number of new projects going in 1979, some in full swing and others just getting underway.

Neil, do you want to offer any comments on individual projects?

WILSON: In terms of new construction, of course, there is the \$70 million Seacret project. We now have that underway, as well as some new local chemical lines in Louisiana. We expect to continue permitting activities for the offshore California lines, and we are continuing the permitting and other title work for the CO₂ line, which is still some time down the road.

GO DEVIL: Seacret? Is that the same as the Texas-Louisiana Ethylene Line?

WILSON: Yes, the same thing.

GO DEVIL: What do you feel will be the biggest area of interest for Pipe Line this year?

WILSON: That's a little hard to say. They'll be several big areas of interest. One of the major ones will be to make sure we have the organization in place to bring these new lines onstream, and to operate them safely and efficiently.

Continued surveillance of government regulations is another area that we'll be paying close attention to, as well as all the bread-and-butter activities like safety and dependability of the operations of the system we already have.

HURLEY: You are also in the early stages on a crude line from Clovelly to St. James. Tell us a little about that.

WILSON: OK. Shell, as you may know, has been selected to build LOCAP, which is a \$100 million project from Clovelly Dome to St. James. In 1979, we may get started on that.

HURLEY: Bob Armstrong is on the LOCAP Board of Directors. Bob, you might say a word.

ARMSTRONG: Right now, we're pretty much in the formative stage. As for the actual physical work currently underway, they're surveying, delineating the route

of the line and making preliminary studies for the sitings of the tank farm and origin stations. Aside from that, we hope soon to have the paperwork taken care of, namely, the various agreements between the Owner companies and Shell Pipe Line. Neil acts on behalf of LOCAP as the Agent/Operator. That's about where we are right now.

GO DEVIL: How long will LOCAP be?

ARMSTRONG: Fifty-three miles of 48-inch pipe. It's initially designed to handle about 1,250,000 barrels a day, but capable of going up with a single line to some 2.3 million barrels a day.

HURLEY: Big line!

GO DEVIL: I'll say.

HURLEY: Bob, since you're talking, why don't you carry on with a few comments about the activities of our subsidiary companies, and what transpired last year as far as they're concerned.

ARMSTRONG: There are a few things perhaps worthy of mention. Plantation Pipe Line, for one, completed a 73-mile 26-inch loop of the system between Huntersville and Greensboro, N.C. to provide the necessary additional capacity. Additionally, they are now in the process of expanding the capacity of the lateral into Atlanta Airport through the addition of horsepower and replacement of the old 19½-mile 6-inch lateral with 12-inch.

Explorer Pipe Line completed the expansion of the 24-inch mainline between Tulsa and Hammond, Ind. by the addition of intermediate booster stations and commenced work on the horsepower expansion of the 28-inch mainline between Port Arthur and Tulsa. Completion of the 28-inch project is expected by mid-year.



Bill Bledsoe

"(a big challenge is) the long-term planning aspect, and how we can plan with all the uncertainties regarding governmental regulations"

Butte Pipe Line's outlook is much brighter with the confirmation of additional reserves in the Montana, Dakota areas which should bolster the production tributary to Butte.

Things were fairly normal on our other lines. They all did well from an earnings standpoint.

HURLEY: Billy, do you want to comment on the dividend flow from these subsidiary companies to Shell Pipe Line?

BLED SOE: Perhaps I should (laughter). Particularly in the light of Explorer's turnaround, and the profitable year they've experienced. Bob's area of responsibility is a growing part of our business, enough to contribute about 25 percent of Pipe Line's total net income.

GO DEVIL: I had no idea our subsidiaries made such a significant contribution to Pipe Line's earnings.

HURLEY: Oh yeah, yeah.

GO DEVIL: I'd like to talk now about something both Jack and Neil have already touched upon, safety. This has always been a prime area of interest to Pipe Line. In 1977, our overall safety performance wasn't as good as it might have been. How did we do in 1978?

HURLEY (nodding at Clark): Bob, maybe you want to say a word in this respect?

CLARK: I think '78 was a year of mixed results for our safety effort. We had a fairly sizable reduction in the number of doctor cases. But, the percentages caught up with us. We had an increase in the number of loss time accidents. None of us like to see these things.

In the automotive area, our people can drive a lot better than statistics show they did last year. It was a terrible year, with accidents almost doubling what we had the year before. We're planning this year to have a defensive driving training course for everybody in Pipe Line, and let's hope we can turn this thing around.

ARMSTRONG: Bob, was there any one single reason that automotive plunged so much?

CLARK: We took a look at it, and the biggest number of accidents were attributed to lack of attention.



Neil Wilson

"Basically, it was a year of building staff for the new projects that are now underway or planned"

GO DEVIL: All the bad weather from the early part of last year have anything to do with it?

CLARK: Not even a factor. Just careless accidents. We'll have to do better this year.

GO DEVIL: So, this year, everybody in Pipe Line — all our employees — are going to take a defensive driving course?

CLARK: They'll have the opportunity to take defensive driving.

GO DEVIL: Yes, that would be good. Another important area of interest to our company is research, and I'd like someone to comment on the advances in pipeline technology which helped in 1978, and what we can expect in the year ahead.

HURLEY: Neil, you want to comment on that?

WILSON: Sure, I'll talk about that a minute. Last year, Pipe Line supported about 12 man-years effort on research and development, and our activity for 1979 will be at approximately the same level. This money is spread over a lot of different areas of activity, but the biggest single area is offshore technology. We do part of this work here in the States, and part is done by our associates in Europe. We'll continue to split it up this way in 1979, with some in the U.S. and some abroad.

In pipeline technology, there aren't any really big, new, exciting areas of research that I'm aware of. Basically, we're studying how to construct offshore pipelines for less money, and how to continue to improve our welding techniques and coating systems. It's really all bread-and-butter research.



Bob Armstrong

"All (our lines) did well from an earnings standpoint"

HURLEY: I think, Neil, that in the last year, or maybe even earlier, you have had a good deal of research leading to line integrity programs. Right?

WILSON: Well, in terms of money, not all that much, but, yes, we have done a lot of research on how to accurately measure the flow of compressible fluids, which is directly applicable to chemical pipeline operations.

GO DEVIL: Like the meter measurement device that they're now testing out in the field?

WILSON (nodding): That's part of it.

GO DEVIL: I see. Anyway, I think that will cover research for our purposes; let's move on to my last question. In summation, what would you say is Pipe Line's greatest challenge in the next 12 months?

HURLEY: We've already talked about what our objectives and goals are going to be. As for the biggest challenge, I'll have to say it will be a combination of money and people. We'll need a lot of money to build all these new lines that we've mentioned, and we're going to need to get the organization and people in place to operate them as they come on. Is there anything else ya'll would like to add to those?

WILSON: When you include the people part, you need to also include the people who will supervise the construction as well as operate the lines.



Bob Clark

"It was a terrible year (for safety), with accidents almost doubling what we had the year before"

It might be a real problem for the corporation, meeting the inspector requirements that we foresee for all the new construction. It's going to be really tough.

HURLEY: It will be the heaviest demand we have had for inspectors in years. Ever, probably.

BLEDSE: I think there may be a third area we can add as a challenge this year, and it involves Bob's (Armstrong) area, too. That's the long-term planning aspect, and how we can plan with all the uncertainties regarding governmental regulations, and the impact these laws may have on the subsidiary companies and for projects.

HURLEY: True. Regulations will affect us a great deal. I think we can say in this regard that the atmosphere of ever-increasing regulation and of taxes upon the pipeline industry that are politically inspired will pose a grave challenge to us in the years ahead.

Also, I said earlier that safety is always one of our foremost goals. We know already from our statistics that safety is a real problem with our new young employees, and I'm sure that as we bring organizations and people into place, that you, Bob (Clark), will have to pay ever increasing attention to the new young people that are coming into the company. This is a challenge, too.

CLARK: I think we're going to have to spend a lot more effort in indoctrinating new employees, in teaching them how to do their jobs, and getting them to understand that we're interested in their doing their jobs safely. That's the message we'll be trying to get across.

HURLEY: You must have a tapeful and notebookful of information there. Is there anything else you'd like to ask us?

GO DEVIL: I don't believe so, Jack. Thank you for your time, and that of your top management.

GCD Employees mix business with pleasure



Gary Crackler, Perry Pearson and Earl Grisaffe were chefs par excellence at the safety meeting-turned-picnic. Gary is Station Attendant at Carrollton Station, Perry is Mechanical Technician at Yazoo Station and Earl is Station Attendant at Jackson Station.

Capline personnel turn safety program into a real picnic

Touch football, washer tossing and roping wooden horses were just some of the activities enjoyed by Gulf Coast Division Pipe Liners and their families when employees from "up the line" got together for a company picnic.

More than two dozen Central District employees, spouses and children attended the all-day event, held near Jackson, Miss., at Ross Barnett Reservoir. The picnic was held in conjunction with a safety training program on the proper use of fresh air breathing equipment. Division Safety Representative Jim Prince and Senior Employee Relations Analyst Morris Kohnke conducted the session.

In addition to the fun and games, picnickers dined on a fare which included barbecued chicken and sausage, complete with all the trimmings. The meal was prepared by the employees. □



Isn't that Steve Mangum, Station Attendant at Yazoo Station, behind those Foster Grants?



Eddie Brady polishes off what's left of his barbecued chicken, beans and potato salad as Alice Pearson contemplates what she wants for dessert. Eddie is a Pipeliner at Jackson Station, and Alice is the wife of Perry Pearson.

Director

The Manufacturers Association of East Chicago, Ind., has elected five new directors, and Hal Schaller, Superintendent at the East Chicago Terminal, is one.

Hal, who has been Terminal Superintendent at the Mid-Continent Division location for almost five years, was elected to a three-year term. His position on the board makes him a voting member of the organization.

"Shell has been a member of this association ever since the plant opened up here about 50 years ago," said Hal. "It's a good group, one which provides a valuable medium of exchange between all the manufacturing and operating companies in our area."

Hal said the Manufacturers Association is composed of business people in the East Chicago area who meet periodically to discuss vital public and political issues which may effect businesses in the region. The group also publishes a weekly bulletin assessing the issues and other significant happenings which may have direct bearing on industry in the East Chicago area.

Two new babies

Gerry and Martha Tittle of New Orleans now have three children following the Oct. 16 arrival of a baby boy. The child, named **David Hays**, weighed 8-lbs., 8-ozs.

David has an older brother, Mark, who is 5, and a sister, Janet, 2. His father is a Land Agent assigned to Gulf Coast Division's Technical Section.

In Central Division, **Terry and Larry Belcher** of Hobbs, N.M., became parents for the first time Nov. 15 after the birth of a daughter. The baby weighed 6-lbs., 15½-ozs., and is named Staci Lauren.

Larry is a Pipeliner in the Hobbs Maintenance Crew in CD's Northern District. Paternal great-grandparents of the new baby are **Leon and L. Z. Belcher** of Goldsmith, Tex. Leon, who's "proud to be a great-grandfather," is Operations Foreman at Goldsmith, part of Central Division's Western District.



David Hays Tittle

Deaths

Ernest R. Agnew, retired from Products Pipe Lines on May 1, 1963, died Dec. 11 in Worcester, Mass. He is survived by a cousin, Mildred Reynolds Statuta.

James F. Gales, retired from Products Pipe Lines on Jan. 1, 1952, died Dec. 5 in Quincy, Ill. He has no survivors.

Willis E. Hassell, retired from Pipe Line on Aug. 1, 1952, died Nov. 9 in San Angelo, Tex. He is survived by his widow, Katie.

William J. Mathes, retired from Pipe Line on Jan. 1, 1967, died Oct. 11 in Ardmore, Okla. He is survived by his widow, Ellen.

Roy J. Mickelberry, retired from Pipe Line on Aug. 1, 1968, died Jan. 16 in Kilgore, Tex. He is survived by his widow, Bessie.

Norman H. Olson, retired from Pipe Line on Dec. 1, 1976, died Oct. 16 in Lima, Ohio. He has no survivors.

Mary Jane Williams, retired from Pipe Line on Oct. 1, 1963, died Oct. 28 in Sapulpa, Okla. She is survived by a niece, Alma Martin of Sapulpa.



Mark Hunsucker

Parade

If you watched this year's Tournament of Roses Parade on television, chances are you might have seen **Mark Hunsucker**. He was there, along with the rest of the Aurora (Mo.) High School Houn' Dawg Marching Band.

Two people you can bet were glued to the tube are **Ralph and Gladys Hunsucker**, Mark's grandparents. Ralph is a Pipe Line pensioner who worked in Sarcos, Mo., until he retired in 1959. He and Gladys still live in Sarcos.

Although Mark, 13, is in eighth grade, he won the right to accompany the 150-piece high school band to California after trying out for a baritone chair. It was his first trip to the Golden State, and his most vivid memory is that "it was a lot warmer out there than in Missouri!"

The 7½-mile parade "was long and hard," Mark conceded, "but it was a lot of fun." Other highlights of the week-long trip, he said, were two performances the band gave at Disneyland and a visit to Universal Studios.

Gifts

The Shell Companies Foundation, Inc., has announced that the Shell Matching Gifts program's maximum contribution per person per calendar year has increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500. The minimum contribution made each time remains \$25 per person per calendar year.

The Foundation will match 2-for-1 all eligible contributions to approved colleges, universities and private, independent secondary schools. Contributions are matched semi-annually, and the next match will be April 30.

Through the Shell Matching Gifts program, Shell employees, pensioners and members of the Shell Oil Board contributed more than \$540,000 to education during the program's first year.

Pipe Liners wanting additional information about the program should contact Employee Relations.

Retirement party

More than 50 friends, relatives, pensioners and fellow Central Division employees turned out not long ago for a retirement party honoring **Charlie Rackham**. Charlie, a Field Gauger at Hobbs, retired Sept. 1 after a 27-year career with Pipe Line.

Paul Wilson, Gauger Foreman at Hobbs, served as master of ceremonies for the event. Forrest Underwood, Northern District Superintendent in Central Division, also was on hand to present Charlie with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of the Pipe Liner's years of service to Shell.

Prior to serving coffee and cake at the Shell Oil Conference Room in Hobbs, the guests presented Charlie and his wife, Evelyn, with a plaque and a mantel clock.

The Rackhams plan to make their retirement home in Hobbs, where Evelyn still works and Charlie "keeps plenty busy" with an assortment of odd jobs around the house and yard. One thing he says he is looking forward to is building up his model train set.

"But most of all," he added, "I'm just looking forward to taking it easy. There's nothing like it!"



Evelyn and Charlie Rackham

A Pipe Line tradition

Safety Chapter Dinner Meetings

To most Pipe Liners, safety dinners are as traditional as turkey at Thanksgiving. Nevertheless, only those employees with a four-diamond service award are likely to remember the "feed" pictured below.

Safety dinners have long been a part of Pipe Line's safety program, and SPLC pensioner Chris Thom of Buffalo, Mo., had to flip way back in his photo album to come up with this picture of the first such meeting held in Springfield, Mo., in 1939. The chapter included those who worked in the old Missouri Division of the Cushing-Wood River 10-Inch system.

The concept of a dinner meeting followed by a discussion of safety practices was first proposed in 1938 at a division-wide supervisors' meeting in Midland, Tex. The suggestion was a good one, and the supervisors voted unanimously to adopt the idea. That marked the beginning of Pipe Line's safety dinner program.

Although safety dinner meetings have been held annually (except during World War II) since the concept was accepted that day in Midland 40 years ago, the program has continued to change over the years. The first safety dinners — like the one shown here — were for employees only and held each quarter of the year. Now, safety dinners are held twice yearly and include employee spouses with pensioners invited to the dinners held each fall. In addition, weekly on-the-job safety meetings are held by pipeline

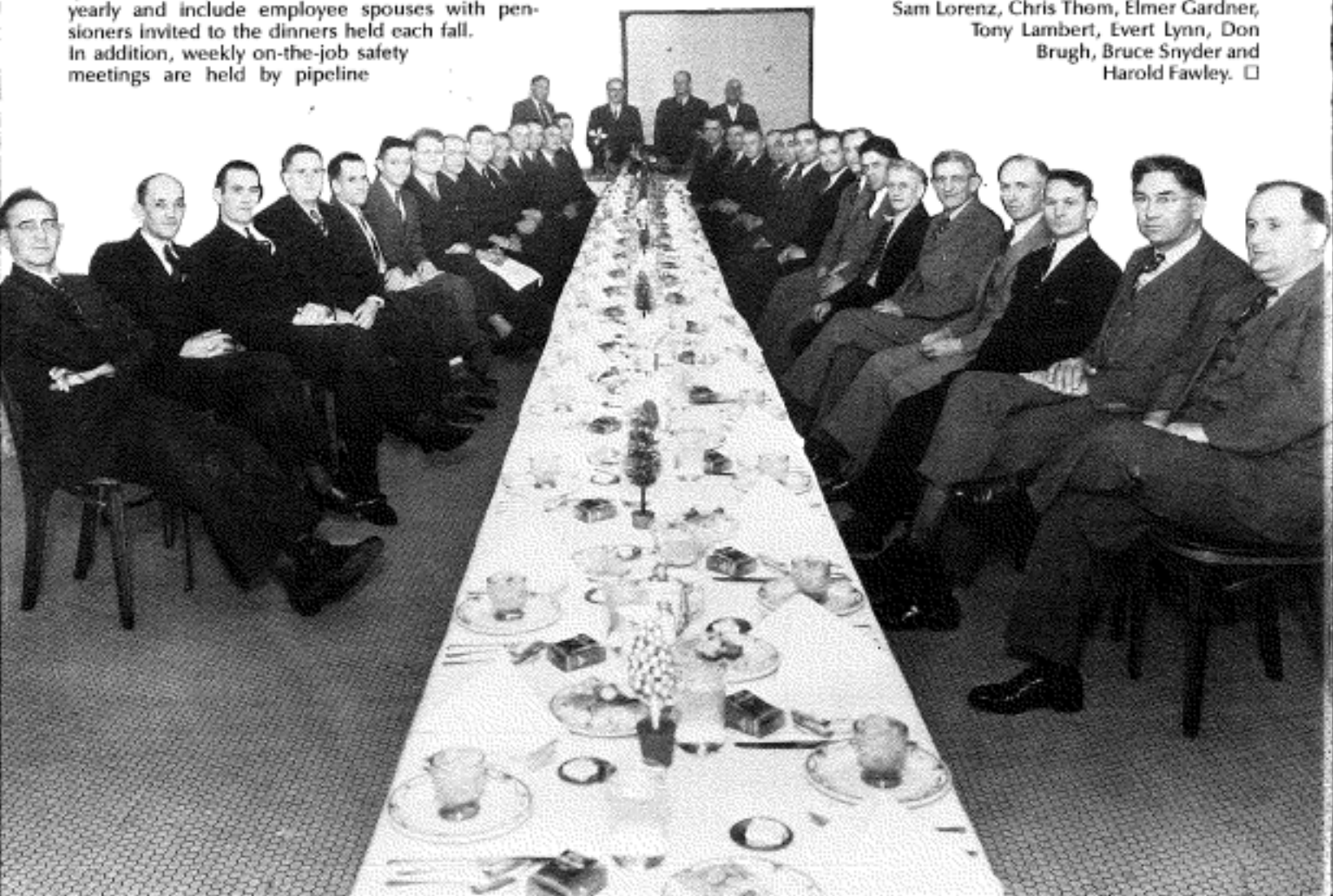
and gauger crews and station personnel.

(Another change in the safety dinner program is evidenced in this photograph, although only those with keen eyes are likely to notice it. Give up? Each employee has a complimentary pack of cigarettes at his place setting, a practice long since discontinued, according to Safety Supervisor Wayne Kinison.)

The photographer who took this photo did an admirable job of getting everybody into the picture, not an easy assignment with a group as large as this Springfield bunch. They include, seated from the left, Claude Mynatt, Gilbert Smith, Bennie Fracker, S.B. Elenburg, Clark Wilson, Judd Whisenhunt, Frank Whittington, Ira Pinnell, Walter Williams, Charlie Sharon, J.D. McClinton, Wilson Woods, Earl Gatewood and Hurley Nelson.

J.L. Mooney, L.F. Young, P.J. Williams and R.L. Richesin are standing near the movie screen at the rear of the room. Yes, movies played a big part in Pipe Line's safety program, even in 1939.

Seated on the right side of the table, from front to rear, are Oliver Hendrickson, Porter Skinner, Leonard Johnson, Earl Ginn, Jim Cline, Scottie Gilbert, Willard Scroggs, Sam Lorenz, Chris Thom, Elmer Gardner, Tony Lambert, Evert Lynn, Don Brugh, Bruce Snyder and Harold Fawley. □



Personnel changes

J. D. Andrew Jr.
Field Gauger
from CD — McCamey
to CD — Eunice

M. E. Bales
from Laborer
to Pipeliner (6-12)
CD — Hobbs

M. D. Biddle
from Laborer
to Pipeliner (6 mo.)
GCD — Pasadena

R. A. Black
from Laborer
to Pipeliner (6 mo.)
MCD — Patoka

J. L. Demin
from Pipeliner (6 mo.)
to Pipeliner (12 mo.)
MCD — Kalkaska

J. E. Diller
from Corrosion C
to Corrosion B
CD — Midland

P. A. Draffen
from Pipeliner
to Terminal Operator
MCD — Zionsville to Lima

K. F. Dufresne
from Utility Pipeliner
to Pipeliner
GCD — Sorrento to Norco

D. L. Eldridge
from Laborer
to Utility Pipeliner
GCD — St. James

J. D. Faulkner
from Tank Farm Gauger
to Field Gauger
CD — McCamey

D. B. Fontenot
from Utility Pipeliner
to Transfer Attendant
GCD — St. James

N. R. Franklin
from Electrician A
to Electrical Tech.
CD — Odessa

G. E. Grobe
from Laborer
to Pipeliner (6 mo.)
GCD — Gibson

J. W. Haley
from Laborer
to Pipeliner (6 mo.)
GCD — St. James

R. W. Higgins
Operations Foreman
from GCD — Gibson
to GCD — Pasadena

R. R. Kennedy
from Elect. C Tr.
to Electrician C
CD — McCamey

M. A. McGuire
from Pipeliner
to Pipeliner Tr. Dr.
CD — Hendrick

G. A. Melton
from Office Secretary
to Emp. Rel. Asst.
GCD — New Orleans

E. L. Mitchell
from Pipeliner
to Lead Pipeliner
GCD — Jackson to St. James

D. K. Riddle
from Pipeliner Welder 2
to Pipeliner Welder 1
CD — Odessa to Hendrick

C. N. Robinson
from Utility Pipeliner
to Tank Farm Gauger
CD — McCamey

O. Salinas
from Pipeliner
to Station Operator
WCD — Fremont to Kettleman

R. T. Showalter
from Pipeliner
to Operations Asst.
MCD — Neosho to Wood River

R. D. Winegeart
from Mechanic C
to Mechanic B
CD — Goldsmith

T. M. Wood
from Pipeliner (6 mo.)
to Pipeliner (12 mo.)
MCD — Dyersburg

Service anniversaries

J. D. Madding
GCD — Pasadena
40 years (Feb.)

R. M. DeLozier
GCD — St. James
35 years (Jan.)

R. W. Guthrie Jr.
CD — Midland
30 years (Feb.)

N. M. McFarland
WCD — Anaheim
30 years (Jan.)

S. A. McKinney
WCD — Bakersfield
30 years (Jan.)

R. L. Mitchell
CD — Denver City
30 years (Feb.)

D. P. Macke
MCD — Argo
25 years (Feb.)

C. L. Manning Jr.
WCD — Anaheim
25 years (Feb.)

R. A. Baker
GCD — Oakland Station
15 years (Feb.)

M. E. Dauenhauer
GCD — New Orleans
15 years (Jan.)

M. E. Maxwell
HO — Houston
15 years (Jan.)

R. S. Clark
HO — Houston
10 years (Jan.)

L. P. Gautreau
GCD — St. James
10 years (Feb.)

B. A. Griffin
HO — Houston
10 years (Jan.)

E. A. Grisaffe
GCD — Jackson Station
10 years (Jan.)

L. B. Henderson
CD — Midland
10 years (Jan.)

J. A. Niemeyer
HO — Houston
10 years (Jan.)

C. R. Orrell
MCD — Patoka
10 years (Jan.)

M. P. Patrick
MCD — Bland Station
10 years (Feb.)

J. D. Rachal
GCD — Sorrento
10 years (Feb.)

G. G. Ratcliff
GCD — Sorrento
10 years (Feb.)

T. C. Spradling
WCD — Calioia
10 years (Feb.)

D. G. Tullis
GCD — Goodrich
10 years (Jan.)

R. J. Van Laere
MCD — Indianapolis
10 years (Feb.)

J. W. Wilson
MCD — Healdton
10 years (Jan.)

Shell welcomes

P. D. Aultman
Purchasing Analyst
HO — Purchasing

R. Baesler
Purchasing Analyst
HO — Purchasing

D. R. Busby
Laborer
CD — Hendrick

J. M. Corley
Laborer
CD — Eunice

S. M. Cummings
Laborer
CD — Newcastle

W. H. McInroy
Laborer
GCD — Sorrento

J. K. Mansell Jr.
Communications B
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CD — Odessa

C. H. Stevens
Buyer
CD — Midland

G. T. Whittington
Engineer
GCD — New Orleans

L. L. Wineteer
Laborer
CD — Newcastle

D. G. Wolter
Mgr., Measurement
HO — Oil Movmnts.
M. R. Yearra
Laborer
CD — McCamey



J. D. Madding
40 years — Feb.



R. M. DeLozier
35 years — Jan.



B. D. Brown
25 years — Nov.



C. L. Manning
25 years — Feb.



J. M. Smith
25 years — Nov.



D. L. Carter
Retired — Oct.



C. D. Smith
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Glances backward



1st Lt. Eldon Plumlee

35 years ago

Pipe Line's first casualty in World War II was recorded 35 years ago when 1st Lt. Eldon Plumlee of Pioneer, Tex., was killed in North Africa. Eldon had been an extra-help laborer in West Texas prior to enlisting in the Army Air Forces.

The Pipe Liner had worked for Shell from June 3, 1941, until three days before he entered the Air Forces on Dec. 19, 1941. Eldon received two citations for bravery during his 16 months of active service as a bomber pilot, and, at the time of his accident, was commander of his squadron.

30 years ago

Wicked ice storms in Missouri, Oklahoma and West

Texas played havoc with Pipe Line operations in the early part of 1949. Crude was backed up at the McCamey Tank Farm because public service power lines failed at several stations between McCamey and the Red River. Ice from 1/4- to 2 1/2-inches thick formed on the telephone wires, snapping many and disrupting communications.

On the Cushing-Wood River line, stations operated "blind" (without communications) for several hours. Neither Cushing nor St. Louis were able to communicate during the down period, although the lines were kept operational via a leased teletype circuit.

25 years ago

In 1954, a detailed study of cost and economics of building a pipeline outlet from the Williston Basin area of Montana was undertaken by Pipe Line at the request of 12 interested companies.

In early 1953, the Williston Basin Committee was formed to consider ways and means of building an outlet. In September, Pipe Line staff members, together with the operators' committee representatives, developed a preliminary report on a pipeline outlet. Soon afterward, the operators commissioned Pipe Line to

begin the far more comprehensive study, which was started in early 1954.

20 years ago

Work neared an end in January, 1959, on the Delta Pipe Line in southern Louisiana, with indications pointing to completion of a major section of the project by late February or early March.

By January, welding had been finished on all four sections, and testing had been successfully completed on two of the sections. Final tie-in work on the remaining sections was expected to be finished by about the middle of the month, and all river crossings had been tested successfully. Southwest Pass was in the final stages of construction, and only miscellaneous electrical work and painting remained to be done at the Norco Terminal and Ostrica injection station.

10 years ago

A Belle Fourche, S.D., man is lucky he met two Pipe Line employees one cold January morning in 1969 near Rocky Mountain Division's Alzada facilities. In fact, he may owe his life to the men.

As Gibb Barclay, Pipeline Foreman at Baker, and Bill Riddle, Gauger at Glendive,

were driving along a lonely, snow-covered road near Alzada, they came across the man pinned in an overturned jeep. At first the two had trouble getting near the jeep because of the man's large white shepherd, but, after winning the dog's confidence, were able to jack up the truck and free the injured driver.

Gibb and Bill climbed onto the side of the overturned vehicle and helped the man to the ground. They then drove him 15 miles to his home.

5 years ago

Operation of the Michigan natural gas liquids pipeline had barely begun before plans were revealed for expanding the system. The 8-inch line stretches 224 miles from Kalkaska to Marysville, and, when it came onstream, had a capacity of 20,000 barrels a day.

The first expansion announced was the addition of a 1400-horsepower pumping station scheduled to be built at Nelson. Engineering design for the new station was well underway in early 1974, and materials were already ordered.

The addition of the proposed Nelson station eventually would boost the line's daily capacity to 30,000 barrels.