

Humane Society revived

For some years a Humane Society was active in and around Simcoe in the work of relaying reports of alleged cruelty to animals, and procuring investigation of such cases; of pressing for, at least, adequate facilities in pound conditions and humane ways of disposing of animals therein; and in various ways of helping animals in distress.

The Society dwindled over the years until now there are just a handful of members left. An attempt is now being made to revive the Society and to have it cover the whole of the new Region.

On Wednesday, April 23,

Mr. Tom Hughes, Executive Vice-President of the Ontario Humane Society is coming to speak on how a Humane Society could function in this area. A meeting has been arranged to take place at the Lynnwood Arts Centre at 8 p.m. where, appropriately enough, an exhibition of bird painting and bird sculptures is being shown.

It is hoped that all animal and bird lovers will try to get out to this meeting to find out what we might be doing to prevent abuse to animals. For any further information or suggestions, get in touch with Mrs. V. Harker - 426-3571.



The crude storage tanks at the Texaco Refinery are nearing the final stages of completion. Inside each tank is a floating deck, which rides on top of the oil and prevents hydro-carbons from escaping into the air. (Photo by Richard Houghton)

Texaco pours main foundation

By Trisha Banks

Texaco has reached its first milestone. Last Thursday they poured the main foundation for the fluid catalytic cracking unit, using over 900 cubic yards of cement.

One yard of concrete weighs one and a half tons.

The present cost of concrete is about \$25 a ton.

Total work force on the Texaco site is approximately 300-400 workers, including sub-contractors.

Three crude storage tanks are nearing completion. Each tank will hold approximately 300,000 barrels of crude oil which will come to Texaco via the inter-provincial pipeline. The three storage tanks will hold only about a week's supply of crude.

All of the tanks are equipped with internal floating decks, which means that the roof goes up and down in proportion to the amount of liquid in the tank.

Ministry of Environment regulations request that floating decks be installed in order to keep hydro-carbon vapours from escaping into the atmosphere.

The Nanticoke Texaco operation will be using Alberta crude, as the pipeline runs only about 25

miles away from the work site.

All three of the crude storage tanks will be tested with water before being filled with crude oil because, "it is a much tougher test than oil, because water weighs more," says G.F. Webster, assistant project manager.

Texaco is aiming at a production target date of early 1977. The plant will be processing 3½ million gallons of crude oil per day.

The Texaco plant will make three grades of gasoline, along with a full range of bunker oil, and will ultimately sell propane.

The plant will employ between 225-250 people when the operation is finished. That number includes management and supervision personnel.

In order to separate gas

and oil products, crude oil is subjected to heat and pressure, which changes the molecule structure and separates it into gas and oil.

Mr. Webster explained that if "you took a handful of marbles all different sizes, the big ones would be bunker oil, the small ones would be gas, and the medium-sized marbles would be furnace fuel. That's what the molecular structure looks like."

Sixty per cent of the products will be shipped by the Trans Northern Pipeline (which Texaco owns shares in), 20 per cent will move by truck and tank car, and another 20 per cent will move by water from the Ontario Hydro shipping dock.

This Texaco plant, the former site of World War II gunnery and bombing school, is the biggest plant Texaco has ever built in Canada.

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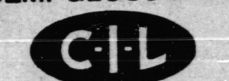
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