Desk, Derrick Club Observes Anniversary

The Desk and Derrick Club of Lafayette is observing its eleventh anniversary this year. Organized in 1952 by 17 oil women, it is one of 115 clubs in the United States and Canada, and is affiliated with the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs of North America. Six of the original charter members of the Desk and Derrick Club of Lafayette are still active, five of whom served on the first board of directors. They are: Dorothy Wallis as president, Violet Beadle as vice-president; Midge Wallis as corresponding secretary; Florence Rosenthal as treasurer; and Margie Boutte as director.

The idea of Desk and Derrick was conceived by Mrs. Inez Awt-y Shaefer of New Orleans, in 1949. Mrs. Shaefer felt the need of women employed in the industry for more information about the industry and its women's activities. At the Spindletop Golden Anniversary in January, 1951, Mrs. Sahefer received the award of "Outstanding Woman in the Oil Industry" for founding Desk and Derrick. Those who organized the first club, and all who followed, felt that it would be of inestimable value to them in their jobs to learn as much as possible about the oil fields of petroleum exploration, production, refining and marketing. Through the years Desk and Derrick has fulfilled its purpose of promoting among women employed in the petroleum and allied industries, through informative and educational programs, a clearer understanding of the industry which they serve, to the end that enlightenment may increase their interest and enlarge their scope of service.

The association is divided into eight regions, each represented by a regional director. Opal Oneale, who twice has served as president of the Lafayette club, has also served as regional director of Region III, composed of clubs in Memphis, Tennessee, Atlanta, Georgia, Tampa, Florida, Jackson and Laurel, Mississippi and Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, New Orleans and Shreveport.

Once each year a regional meeting or seminar is held, designed to review individual club and association activities and plans. In 1962, the Lafayette club was host at the regional meeting and seminar, which was attended by representa-

tives of all clubs in the region. In 1963, the local club will again host the regional meeting.

On November 3 the Association sponsored one - da sem- inar was held in Shreveport and New Orleans. The theme of this seminar was "Look at Petroleum" and some of the industries outstanding speakers were on this program.

Lafayette has been represented by two or more of its members at every annual convention of the association. Association convention this year was held in Denver, Colorado, in September and attended by Johnsey Goodson, president, Dorothy Seigel, vice-president, and Opal Oneale. During the past ten years conventions have been held in Denver, Banff, Alberta, Canada, New York City, New Orleans, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Antonio, Detroit, Houston and Denver, and have hosted two ADDC conventions.

Regular meetings of the local club are held on the first Monday of each month at the Petroleum Club. The house committee of which Earline LeBlanc is chairman, is responsible for arrangements and reservations for these meetings. Once each year a meet-
ing is held in Opelousas with members Dorothy Seigel of that city serving as hostess and arrange-
ments chairman. The luncheon is held in November, and the newly elected officers are installed at the December meeting. The installation ceremony is usually conducted by an association officer or the regional director. It is an opportunity for all members to learn more about the association's aims and purposes.

An informal Christmas party is held each year. The past several years the American Petroleum Institute has honored the club and invited the Lafayette and Derrick Club at its February meeting.

Programs at the regular meetings consist of speakers representing various phases of the industry and occasional movies depicting oil field operations. During this latest year, Opal Oneale, chairman of the program committee, has brought speakers before the club featuring the history of petroleum oil industry taxation, and educational films on exploration and production of oil. In order to gain greater knowledge of all phases of the industry, the best informed men in their fields are invited to speak at the monthly meetings. These speakers, cover a wide range of topics and bring the petroleum industry into sharper focus. In 1963 Appreciation Night each year serves to acquaint employers and their wives with the purpose of Desk and Derrick, and gives the club an opportunity to express its thanks to the speakers and others.

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Industry Appreciation Night this past year was held in May. The guest speaker was Miss Paulamae, president of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs of North America, the "Second Decade," chosen because Desk and Derrick Clubs have completed their tenth year of existence. She explained to the executive present as guests, the importance of Desk and Derrick to the oil industry.

To become a member of Desk and Derrick, comprising of 110 clubs and 6,515 members, one must be employed in the petroleum or an allied industry. Prospective members are required to attend an orientation session to be conducted at the club background and the association. Bylaws, policies, procedure and the purpose of Desk and Derrick are stressed. Prospective members may attend field trips and weekly luncheons held every Wednesday, to become better acquainted with other members.

Field trips are planned to acquaint the members with the working operations of the oil industry. The vivid oil field terminology is explained, and members actually see equipment in operation. Several field trips have been made and more are planned for the near future. Ione McMannis, editor of the club's bulletin, 'DESTRICK,' which is printed monthly. Copies of the bulletin are furnished other clubs in the association and it is widely read by others in the petroleum industry besides members of Desk and Derrick. The bulletin contains feature articles on future guest speakers and gives an account of the events and activities of the club. Blake is our only geologist, writes research articles on special events in the industry. The "President's Page" is used to give members news from other clubs, notices and events of interest. The bulletin is printed by the association and the members actually see equipment in operation. In the association and the members are informed of what is happening in the association.

Serving on the board of directors with the officers are directors, Bobbie Pruhome, Mubie Price, Ma-

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