Cameron names 5 VPs. The Cameron Division of Cooper Cameron Corp has named 5 vice presidents to new positions. The officers will have primary responsibility for implementing several new strategic initiatives involving technology and market development for Cameron’s surface, subsea and drilling systems businesses. The 5 are Hal J Goldie, Vice President, Subsea Systems; Edward E Will, Vice President, Marketing; Mark E Crews, Vice President, Technology; J Gilbert Nance, Vice President, Drilling and Harold E Conway, Vice President and General Manager, Eastern Hemisphere.

Paradigm acquires Sysdrrl. Paradigm Geophysical Ltd has acquired Sysdrrl Ltd, after experience with a strategic alliance between the two companies indicated a closer integration would provide benefits to both companies and their customers. Sysdrrl’s current drilling products portfolio will be enhanced through integration with Paradigm’s geoscience software applications and the first of these new products is planned for release during 2001.

Roland joins WRCA. Stan Roland has joined Wire Rope Corporation of America as District Sales Manager responsible for selling WRCA’s line of wire rope and lifting products in the Houston area.

Unit names new VP. Scott D Gordon has been appointed Vice President-Division Manager of the Gulf Coast Division for Unit Drilling Co in Houston. He has served Unit in various capacities, most recently as Vice President-Division Manager of the Arkoma Division.

Trico Marine forms JV. Trico Marine Services has entered into a joint venture with Chuan Hup Holdings Ltd, Singapore, to jointly acquire, build and operate platform supply and anchor handling vessels in Southeast Asia and other international markets. The new company, CHH-Trico, is 51% owned by Chuan Hup and 49% by Trico.

New version of Maintainer. Main-Tech Maintenance Inc has released Maintainer, version 2.002. The Maintainer software is used to provide information and record-keeping for equipment inspection, maintenance and repair. Version 2002 has several new modules to manage government compliance efforts. The latest modules are MMS 30 CFR (API-RP14C) for safety system compliance and USCG Streamlined Inspection Program (SIP).

New casing slip systems. Den-Con Tool Co has developed 2 additions to the Den-Con Power Slip product line. Both power slips use a hydraulically actuated slip lifting mechanism and multi-segment casing slip modified to work with the lifting mechanism.

Casing centralizers. A unique spring steel casing centralizer is available from Centek Ltd to overcome problems faced in horizontal and extended reach wells. Made from a single piece of special steel using a new cutting and heat treatment process, the centralizer is able to withstand the extreme forces in highly deviated wells.

New ester-based fluid. Halliburton Energy Services’ new low viscosity ester-based PetrofreeL V fluid has 2 rheological control agents for deepwater conditions. The Coldtrol additive can thin in the 40 degree F and lower temperature range without adversely affecting the higher temperature rheology. The ATC additive can reduce rheologies in all temperatures quickly.

Shelton Holloway dies
Shelton Holloway, who had a varied and distinguished career with Penrod Drilling Co, died 20 June in Sarepta, La.

Mr Holloway served Penrod in positions of increasing responsibility and in several locations around the world during a career that spanned 30 years. He began as a floor hand in 1958 and held his first toolpusher position in 1965. He and his crews drilled in a record water depth of 300 ft in 1971. In 1973 he was tapped to oversee the construction of Penrod’s first semi-submersible drilling rigs.

Mr Holloway was named Assistant Marine Superintendent in 1972 and Drilling Superintendent in 1973.

In 1985, he became Drilling Manager and held that position until his retirement in 1988.

Shelton Holloway 1933-2001