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Deer Park Manufacturing Complex

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## Oil Money -

## Fact And Fancy

Oil companies are "drowning" in cash. Their profits are tremendous and unjustified. They have more than enough money to solve the nation's energy problems.

### The Facts

Petroleum companies provide the oil and natural gas that supply three-fourths of this country's energy needs. Obviously, such a big job requires the investment of many billions of dollars. The companies take in a lot of money and pay out a lot. The important point is whether they earn unreasonably high profits in relation to the capital invested and the risks involved. Here are the facts:

-The oil companies earn about the same rate of return on stockholders' equity as the average for all U.S. manufacturing industries - higher in some years, lower in others. Studies published by the First National City Bank of New York (Citibank) show that petroleum's rate of return was lower than average in five of the past 10 years, including 1976 and 1977. For the decade 1968-1977, the rate of return for petroleum companies was 13.9 percent, compared to 13.3 percent for all U.S. manufacturing.

-In 1977, petroleum companies earned a 14.2 percent rate of return, as compared to 15 percent for all U.S. manufacturing. Some 16 industrial groups had a higher rate of return than that of petroleum. Among them were companies dealing in soap and cosmetics, drugs and cosmetics, tobacco products, farm and construction equipment, computers, photographic goods, printing and publishing, lumber and wood products, automobiles and trucks, electronic equipment, chemicals, dairy

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## On-The-Job-Scene

Thermal Cracking X breaker trainee Debbie Litchfield is the first female in refinery operations to work as a relief foreman. Debbie is pictured lining up flasher No. 1 for start-up.

## Roxana-Shell Old Timers Association Meets



Former DPMC employees attending the 20th annual reunion-dinner of the Old Timers included: seated, G. F. DeRidder, W. T. Riggs, Doc Harrison, Maurine T. Bishop, Libbie Cassner, Vivian Tucker and Ed Christensen; standing, Rich Richards, J. E. Watts, W. W. Hollifield, W. L. McCarley, A. S. Mitchell, Ralph Miller, E. P. Logan, Vladimir Anastasoff and W. L. "Dutch" McKinnon.

The Roxana - Shell Old Timers Association celebrated their 20th annual reunion-dinner on April 21 at the Briar Club in Houston.

The officers for 1978-79 are: Doc Harrison, president; Iris F. Harmon, vice president; Emily A. Asher, secretary-treasurer; Faye Thomas, assistant secretary-treasurer; and Ermazelle Sikes, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Retiring president Roy B. Siler gave a talk tracing the club's history from its formation in 1959 by former employees of Roxana Petroleum, the first Shell company in the mid-continent and Gulf Coast areas, to its present status.

Recognition was given to the employee who had the earliest employment date with Shell. Prizes also were

given to those who came from the longest distance to attend the event: M. A. Sherwood, Albuquerque, and Vladimir "Wally" Anastasoff, St. Louis.

Anyone wishing to learn of upcoming events for the Old Timers Association may contact Doc Harrison on (713) 668-8744.

### Provident Fund

The Provident Fund valuation is based on the following:

EQUITIES FUND  
May 31 - \$2.603  
SHELL STOCK FUND  
May 16-31 - \$33.610

## Service Anniversaries



30 Years  
L. F. Grove  
Maint. North



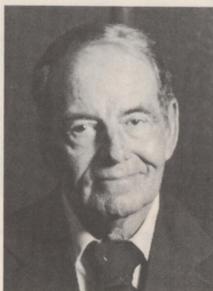
30 Years  
W. L. Hill  
Refinery Lab



30 Years  
O. Holbrook  
Maint. North



30 Years  
W. S. Mora  
Maint. South



30 Years  
O. N. Snell  
"A" Dept.



25 Years  
R. J. Carter  
Thermal Cracking



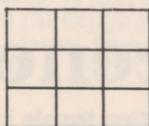
25 Years  
R. V. Gartman  
"A" Dept.



25 Years  
H. H. Peoples  
Dispatching

## Whiz-Quiz

By using the numbers 1 through 9, you can arrange them so that they add up to 15 in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally. Use 9 squares, similar to those below, 3 across and 3 down, and place one number in each square.



See page 4 for answer.

## CPS Personnel Complete Training



Participants in the CPS training program were:

Front row, 1-r, Jim Parker, Loren Brunner, "G.J." Ranft, Mike Cayton, Wayne Hays, Mark DeMark, David Hon, Jim Alexander, Linda Monceaux, John Durand, John Riggs and George Jones.

Middle row, Jaun Gonzalez, Jerry Cohn, Horacio Gonzalez, Gene Parson, Jane Goodwin, Bryant Briscoe, Vickie McClanahan, Fernando Chavez, Duane Marshall, Ray Rackley, Rusty Harrison and Alton Eaton.

Back row, Tommy Burnett, Jake Ross, Gwen Hicks, Lee Smith, Jack Jackson, Keith Austin, Lobo Wolfe, Bo Whiting, John Wilson, Tony Mirenda, Jim Denning, Tom Romig, Wayne Callaway, Wallace Ledet, Ed Cashat and Frank Leonard.

A training program was conducted at the Shell Complex to familiarize operating and supervisory personnel with the equipment and processes of the new installation. Training included classroom and field exercises emphasizing safety, industrial hygiene and environmental protection.

The CPS is part of Shell's continuing expansion program. It will use the energy-efficient, co-generation principle to produce steam and electricity for the Compelx's manufacturing processes.

CPS facilities include two one-million-pounds-an-hour, oil fired, steam boilers and 100 megawatts of electrical generating capacity. Environmental protection and energy and water conservation were major considerations in the unit's design.

The first of the two boilers is scheduled to be in operation this fall with the second following later in the year. Operators have already begun to commission various pieces of equipment in the gradual start-up process.

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products, household appliances and others.

—After paying all operating costs, expenses and taxes, oil companies' net profits amount to about two cents for each gallon of oil and refined products sold.

—A Chase Manhattan Bank study of 29 leading oil companies shows that in the decade 1967-76, an average of 90 to 95 cents out of every dollar earned went to cover operating costs, expenses and taxes.

—The Chase study also shows that the 29 leading oil companies' capital expenditures in 1976 were more than twice as large as their net profits, while their tax bills were more than 2½ times higher than their net profits. Capital expenditures represent the costs of finding and developing new oil and gas supplies as well as building, expanding and modernizing refineries, pipelines and other facilities.

—The oil companies are increasing their indebtedness each year as one way to continue to meet their capital needs. The Chase study shows that in

the 10 years 1967-1976 the 29 companies' long-term debt more than tripled. In the same period their operating costs and

expenses increased 4½ times and their total tax burden became more than five times heavier.

## Three Employees Die



Vaughn  
Schoenberg  
Dunagan

**Noel A. Vaughn**, 48, died May 18. At the time of his death, Noel was an inspector in Engineering Inspection with 24 years of company service.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, who resides at 10818 Kirktown Drive in Houston.

**John W. Schoenberg**, 55, died May 24. At the time of his death, John was an operator No. 1 in "G" Department with

23 years of company service.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian, who resides at 8506 Meadville in Houston.

**Tom C. Dunagan**, 61, died June 7. At the time of his death, he was an engineering supervisor in Maintenance North with 34½ years of company service.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, who resides at 3331 Westview in La Porte.

# Classifieds

## FOR SALE

LBW camper cover, repairable. \$100. 473-4293

1978 Sea Ray ski or fishing boat, 165 hp Mercruiser, 2 sets of skis and life jackets, stereo, less than 20 hours. \$7,700. 487-3455 after 5 p.m.

1965 Chevy 6 cyl. \$150. 473-4293

1977 Ford Granada 4-door, vinyl top, 302 V8, air, P-S-B, Ziebart treated, 5,000 miles, like new. \$5,200. 328-2807

750cc Triumph Trident. \$850. 1974 Honda CL450, 3,000 miles. \$650. 479-8664 after 5 p.m.

1966 VW, 10,000 miles on rebuilt 1500cc engine. \$500. 479-8664 after 5 p.m.

1964 Ford van, 6 cyl. \$500 or best offer. 649-6823

17' Larson open-bow trihull boat, 115 hp Johnson with accessories, like new, low hours. \$4,000. 944-6813

1977 Dodge custom van, like new, low mileage, 400 engine, regular gasoline, P-S-B, air, cruise, AM-FM stereo taps, etc. 479-4839

1974 Ford Ranger XLT with camper, runs good, good tires, AM-FM tape, saddle tanks. \$3,200. 452-4984

1971 Dodge Monaco wagon, 63,000 miles, good mileage. \$925. 333-4523

Electric range in good condition. \$100. 479-2500

1977 Pontiac Gran Prix LJ, Like new, loaded, 11,000 miles. \$6,250. 479-2500 after 5 p.m.

1968 Ford pickup, V8. Set of golf irons. \$30. 472-2155

1971 Buick Electra 225, all power, 4-door, air, one owner, vinyl top. \$1,000. 944-3789 after 6 p.m.

1976 Honda CVCC, 27,000 miles, clean, new tires, AM-FM, like new. \$2,600. 448-2493

1973 Yamaha 250. 479-4727

Wards exercise bench, almost new. \$55. 477-1948

4-2-2 Colonial in Parkgate, fenced, close to schools, hospitals, etc. \$54,300. 487-3928

1971 Dart 318 V8, auto, new master cylinder, muffler and tail pipe, clean. \$1,100. 981-4517

## FOUND

Master key found in refinery parking lot. No. 5 Master lock without key. Claim in room 151 of refinery administration building.

## PERSONAL

Your kindness, thoughtfulness and continued prayers for our grandson, Jared, have been greatly appreciated. He is much better and now is in the Shriners Burn Hospital in Galveston.  
—Tommy and Mary Cutrer

## Rules For Submitting Ads

Readers are again reminded of the rules for submitting ads for free publication in the **Shellegram**.

— Ads are published for complex employees, pensioners and families only. Advertiser must be owner and not agent or dealer.

- All ads must be submitted in writing stating item, advertiser's name and home telephone number. Forms are available at the receptionist's desk and the **Shellegram** office. However, ads don't have to be submitted on the forms to be published.

- Deadline for submitting ads is Monday.

- Mail ads to the **Shellegram** office or bring them to room 151 of the refinery administration building.

## Answer To Quiz

8 . . . 1 . . . 6

3 . . . 5 . . . 7

4 . . . 9 . . . 2



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