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Continually Increasing

S.S. Payments Require Checking Into

When social security came into being in 1937, the rate was one percent on \$3,000 earned or a maximum of \$30 per year.

Today the rate is 6.05 percent on \$17,700 or a maximum of \$1,070.85 per year. That is an increase of 356.95 percent over a 42-year period. And since the employer matches his employee's contribution, dollar for dollar, the social security administration collects \$1,141.70 a year for every employee earning \$17,700 or more. Only government employees are exempt from paying into social security.

That's a lot of money invested in your future. It's money that few check to see whether or not it is properly credited to their account. Yet checking on one's social security account is a simple procedure. It requires obtaining a postcard form, "Request for Statement of Earnings," from your local post office, filling it out, signing it and then mailing it.

Within a short time you should receive your earnings statement from the government showing:

- + Total earnings credited to date.
- + Earnings for each of the last three full calendar years that are posted on the records, plus some of your earnings since then.
- + Total earnings after 1950 and up to the beginning of the three years mentioned above.

Order Americana Calendars Today

Americana calendars for 1979 can be ordered through Faye Maas, Chemical Administration Lobby, extension 7313, or Margaret Holiday, GS&F Lobby, extension 6896.

Calendars are \$2.85 each; cardboard mailers (if desired) are an additional 25 cents. Payment must be made at the time of purchase and checks are preferred.

Deadline for submitting orders is September 26.

+ Total earnings, if any, from 1937 through 1950.

Only the earnings subject to social security tax will appear on the statement. For example: If you earned \$12,000 in 1973, your statement will show only \$10,800, because earnings over \$10,800 weren't taxed in 1973. The maximum amounts subject to social security tax each year are as follows:

1937-1950	\$3,000
1951-1954	3,800
1955-1958	4,200
1959-1965	4,800
1966-1967	6,800
1968-1971	7,800
1972	9,000
1973	10,800

1974	13,200
1975	14,100
1976	15,300
1977	16,500
1978	17,700
1979	22,900

To be sure your earnings have been properly credited, check the figures on the social security statement against your past copies of Form W-2. If you think there's an error, call your local social security office. They can help you receive proper credit for your earnings.

It is advisable to check on your social security credits yearly. Mistakes made are difficult to correct once several years have passed.

DPMC Background For Derrick Dolls



With a background of the DPMC outlined against a Texas sunset, photographer Ron Scott prepares to capture on film five of the Oillers' 34 Derrick Dolls seated atop bright yellow, 55-gallon drums.

The photograph, co-sponsored by KIKK radio and Pizza Hut, will be the group's official poster and will be used as a promotional feature by Pizza Hut. It also will be given away to Oiler fans at an Oiler home game.

Safety Parties At DPMC



Refinery Laboratory employees and their guests included: Joe Anne Berwick, Fred Spraggins, Duffy Goodman and his date, Sue Branch, Ralph and Jerri Graves.

Maintenance North boilermakers had a fun time at their recent safety party. Guests included couples Robert and Regina Bowerman and Frank and Mamie Wetuski.



Pipefitter Models Apron

Ray Roberson's 28th birthday was an occasion that his pipefitter buddies won't forget soon.

Neither will Ray for that matter.

Ray was seen in a hallway modeling the buff-and-cream color apron made for him by operator Angle Flex. Fellow pipefitter Russell Richardson (left) and J. M. Thompson were observed trying to control their laughter.

After all, few men would be caught behind an apron, let alone in the hallways at work. Ray must be an exception.

Oil, Bicycles, Roads

Payment In Oil

A Swedish rock group called ABBA has asked to be paid for some of its performances, not in cash but in oil! That's right, barrels of oil (and some other products, such as grain) are actually shipped to Stockholm following certain ABBA performances in Eastern European countries. Currency fluctuations are thus avoided, and the oil is used to heat some of the buildings which ABBA owns.

Bicycles

More bikes than autos were sold in the U.S. from 1972 through 1977 according to the Bicycle Manufacturers Association of America.

Beware Of The Roads

Did you know that an average of 125 of our nation's bridges collapse each year? In fact, more than 900,000 miles of all local roads urgently need replacement, and about 28,000 miles of older interstates fall far short of today's engineering standards.

If that's not enough to worry you, consider the fact that potholes will cost Americans about \$882 million in vehicle damage and fuel wasted by stops and starts in dodging them. If all the potholes we have (and there's an estimated 116 million of them) were combined into one, we would have a crater 50 feet deep and one-quarter mile across.

Thanks to you
it works...
FOR ALL OF US



United Way

New Role In Life For Retirees

Will J. Akers, 65, has retired with 32 years of company service. At the time of his retirement, he was a senior purchasing analyst in Purchasing.

Will makes his home at 5607 San Jacinto in Houston.

Isalah Loyd, 56, has elected to retire with 31 years of company service. At the time of his retirement, he was an operator No. 1 in Environmental Conservation.

He and his wife, Gracie, make their home at 912 East 32½ Street in Houston.

James Sidney Parker, 55, has retired with 24½ years of company service. At the time of his retirement, he was a pipefitter No. 1 in Maintenance North.

He and his wife, Marion, make their home at 6017 Wenlock Drive in Houston.

Charles Robert Shenton, 63, has retired as a welder No. 1. At the time of

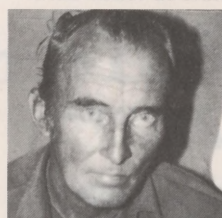
his retirement, he had 40 years of company service.



Akers



Loyd



Parker



Shenton

Charles and his wife, Helen, make their home at 6713 Sherman in Houston.

Angelo Pulido Granted H & S Certificate

Maintenance North pipefitter trainee Angelo Pulido was granted a certificate of occupational safety and health technology from San Jacinto Junior Col-

lege.

Angelo plans to pursue his studies in the area of occupational safety and health at the University of Houston.

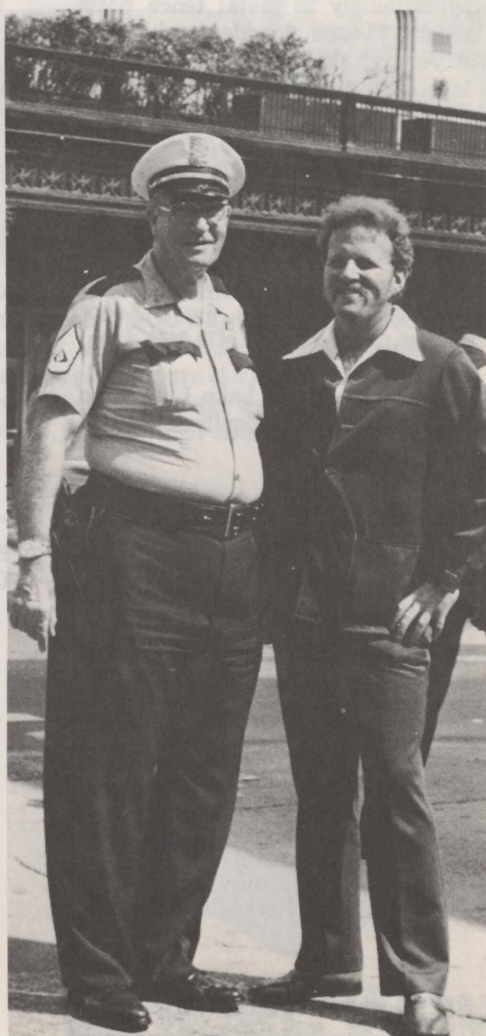
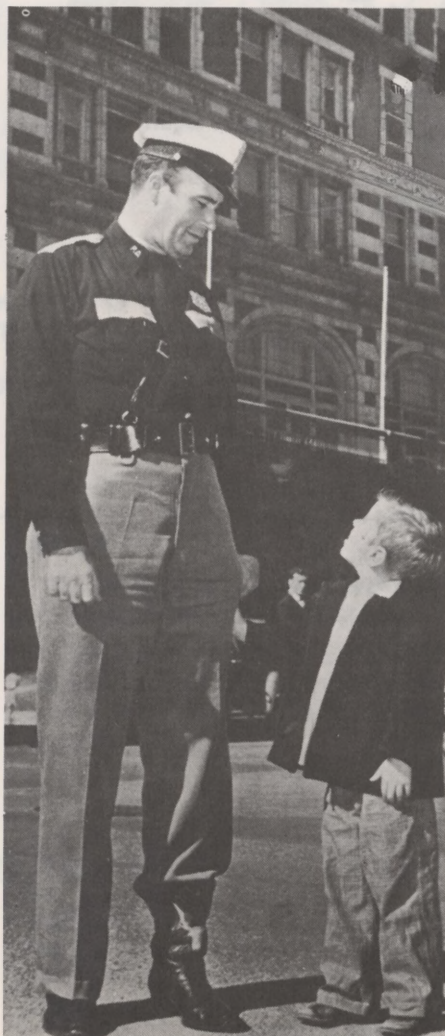
Then And Now

Five-year-old Dudley Allen Dale, now a DPMC lineman, probably had no thought of working for Shell when the photograph on the left was taken in 1960. The photograph appeared in Progress, Shell's publication for jobbers and dealers.

The police officer in the photograph is Sergeant Reno Kirby who directed traffic near the old Shell building in downtown Houston between 1946 and 1955. Reno said that he got to know a lot of Shell people during the nine years he stood on the corner down the street from the old Shell Houston offices.

Dale recently returned to the site of the original photograph to wish Sergeant Reno a happy retirement and pose for a recreation of the 28-year-old photograph.

Reno retired last month after 39 years with the Houston Police Department. He is a familiar sight to many DPMC employees who attend the annual Ten-and-Over Parties, since he has provided security at those affairs for many years.



Classifieds

FOR SALE

Size 12 slip on work boots, steel toe. \$15. 472-1967

1973 Volvo 145 SW, good condition. \$2,000 or best offer. 748-4053

Fresh honey, will deliver to Shell. \$9.50-gallon; \$2.50-quart; \$1.85-2 lbs. 485-5472

1976 Dodge van custom, 36 gallon gas tank, AM-FM tape, air, new tires and mags, side pipes, captain chairs. 649-2896

1978 Harley Davidson Sportster, 1,700 miles, oil cooler, road pegs, back rest, perfect condition. \$3,100. 476-0331

1973 Chevy Nova V8, auto, P-S, air, 51,000 miles, recently overhauled. \$1,550. 332-3358

Approximately 25 metal fence posts, like new. \$2 each. 6 ladder-back chairs. \$50. Very ornate, 100 year old table with 6 legs. \$95. 471-2961

1977 Kawasaki 900Z1 chopper, electric starter, 3,100 miles, excellent condition. \$2,400. 487-1285

1975 Toyota Corolla stationwagon, air, 4-speed, new tires, radio, rear window defogger. 1972 Gremlin, 6 cyl, 2-door, air, new tires, 3-speed. 479-2886 days

Canyon Park lot off Lake Livingston, 60'x166' with water. Equity. 452-4984

Camper and 1974 Ford Ranger XLT, perfect condition. 452-4984

3.698 acres 15 miles from Lake Somerville, 20 miles from Bryan, all weather roads, 4 fishing ponds, swimming pool, camper hookup. \$11,000. 471-1563

1972 Pontiac Grandville, P-S-B, good condition. \$800. 733-0965 after 5 p.m.

1976 Olds Cutlass Supreme 350 V8, 27,000 miles, excellent condition, Landau roof, auto, tilt wheel, P-S-B, air, AM-FM stereo tape, Rally wheels, tinted glass, CB, one owner. \$4,995. 455-7393

1973 T-Bird, loaded, leather interior, new vinyl top, good condition. \$2,495. 649-1843

Remington 700 BDL 30-06 with Leupold 3x9 Vari-X II scope, excellent condition. \$195. 1-251-0420

Highly restricted lot on Lake Sam Rayburn, all utilities underground, paved streets, recreational facilities, approximately one third acre. Equity. 479-6329

3 tickets for September 30 LSU-Rice football game. 358-1722

1978 Star Craft camper Starflite 6 with extras, used once. 472-5646

1978 Nomad 26' travel trailer, sky lounge with rear bunks, self-contained, air, heat, 12-volt power pack, 16' Atlas awning, used 3 times. \$7,495. 479-5688

15.3 cu.ft. Coldspot frostless upright freezer. \$225. 479-5688

14' fiberglass 20 horse Sea King boat, motor, trailer. \$400. 471-4788 or see at 9807 Bluebird, La Porte.

19 cu.ft. Sears Coldspot white refrigerator, 2 years old, like new, under warranty. \$350. Sears Kenmore gas range, 4 burner, oven, broiler, white, clean. \$99. Sears Kenmore room air conditioner, 17,000 BTU, 220 V, 2 years old, system warranty. \$250. 474-2238

GARAGE SALE

Clothes and furniture, tiller. Friday and Saturday. 9806 Bluebird, La Porte. 471-4768

WANT TO BUY

Cook stove that uses propane gas. 473-6624

PERSONALS

We would like to thank all our friends for their many expressions of sympathy and kind deeds done for us in the death of our brother, David Cummins.

- Wayne F. Cummins and Kerry A. Nation

FOUND

Ladies prescription safety glasses in refinery machine shop area. Tan cigarette case. Claim in room 151 of refinery administration building.



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