

Winter Energy-Saving Tips Offered

With energy resources dwindling and utility bills soaring, it makes sense to conserve energy at home. According to the National Association of Realtors, energy consumption in a single-family home could be reduced 40 per cent without an appreciable effect on the lifestyle of its occupants.

The association offers the following energy-saving advice to help homeowners conserve energy and save on utility bills:

-More than half the money homeowners spend on energy is for heating

and cooling. The addition of six inches of effective insulation to the attic floor alone could cut your heating bill as much as 25 per cent, according to the association. Of course, actual savings will depend on several factors, including the amount of present insulation, fuel costs, and whether you've weatherized your home in other ways.

-Air leaks around doors and window frames are costly. Plug leaks by caulking and weather-stripping. Caulk around window and door frames, where the chimney and masonry meet siding and around any breaks in the siding, such as outside faucets. Weatherstrip both doors and windows to provide further protection from winter winds.

-If your fireplace is left open during the winter, 20 per cent of the warm air in your home could be going up the chimney. The damper should be kept closed whenever the fireplace is not in use.

-To make certain your heating system works at peak efficiency, it must be

properly maintained. Oil and gas furnaces should be cleaned and adjusted by a qualified serviceman. Coal furnaces can be cleaned without the aid of a service representative. Soot must be cleaned from the heater, flue pipes and chimney.

-Ranked second to the furnace and air conditioning system as an energy consumer in your home is the water heater. Most water heaters have several temperature settings. Save energy by simply turning down the setting one or two notches. To make certain your water heater is working efficiently, drain several gallons from the tank once a month to flush out rust and lime deposits at the bottom.

-Leaky faucets cost you money. One leaky faucet can dribble 600 gallons of water down the drain a year. If it's hot water, money spent to heat that water - as well as the water itself - is wasted. A worn-out washer often causes the leak. Replace it and reduce both your water and heating bills.

Hay There...

Think you've got grass-cutting problems? Bet you've got nothing on Elmer Gronlund, who supervises the 150 acres of landscaping around the Westhollow Research Lab.

Seems the landscapers utilized "native vegetation" when they planted the area. This included putting 100 acres under coastal bermuda grass.

Bermuda-type grass grows to about two feet, in as many months; and, when full-grown, it looks quite fine swaying in the breeze. "Makes you feel you're way out in the country when you look out the office window," said Elmer. "However, if you let it get too long, or too high," he continued, "it tends to quit waving, and just lie down." The grass then gets too tough to make good hay, and all sorts of fungi start to grow on it. So, it has to be harvested regularly.

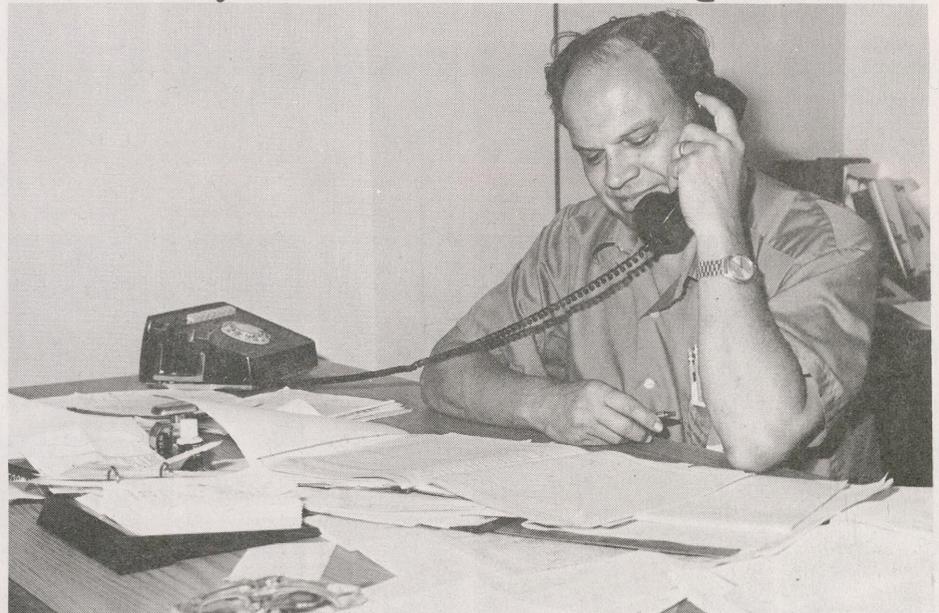
When the time came for the first harvest at Westhollow, inquiries were sent out to the local cutting and baling contractors. They were offered all the hay in return for cutting it. The contractors didn't want the hay, but they did want a couple of thousand dollars for the job.

Elmer then tried the farmers thereabouts, and found one who was ready, willing and apparently able. A date was set, and all seemed settled.

The appointed day came, but the farmer didn't. A phone call was put through to see what had happened. The farmer's wife took the call and said that her husband was down in the barn with

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He Daily Answers 6,000 Questions



Over the past 21 years Walter Fortune, supervisor in Payroll and Scheduling-Chemical, has spent a lot of working hours on the telephone answering "6,000 questions a day." Answering questions is a natural responsibility when your job includes handling all chemical plant hourly employees' work assignments, job preference and pay.

Walter smiles when he thinks about telling the interviewer that he'd only be here for a year. That was 30 years ago this past August.

Gruber Meets Wonderdog In Fontenac

Environmental operations supervisor Larry Gruber witnessed the following antics of an extra large German Mouser "wonderdog" during a recent visit to his hometown of Fontenac, Kansas.

The scene was a wrecker body shop owned and operated by two brothers, Al and Emil Stefanoni. Wonderdog belongs to Emil, who said to Larry, "See my dog over there?" Larry nodded and Emil addressed his dog, "I want you to

his shoulder. As I attempted to do this, the dog came for me. He didn't hurt me, but then I didn't try to touch Emil's shoulder again either."

The next thing Emil did was put his hat on his head. Then he addressed his dog saying, "It isn't polite to do this inside the house. Remove the hat." The dog went over to Emil, gently put his paws on him and removed the hat, holding it until Emil retrieved it.

Then Emil said, "Before closing the shop you have a chore to do." The dog went to the truck, opened the door for his master, climbed in and sat down on the passenger's side and waited for Emil.

And when asked to get the money bag from Emil's desk drawer, the dog went to his desk, opened the drawer and then looked at him. "I know it's under some papers," said Emil, "And I don't want you to mess them up. They're my personal papers. So be careful." Carefully the dog moved the papers over to the side of the drawer with his nose, got the money bag and brought it to Emil.

Larry still finds it difficult to believe he actually watched this wonderdog perform these amazing feats.

Retiree Dies

L. B. "Red" Race, 66, died November 17. At the time of his retirement in May 1971, Red was a machinist foreman in Maintenance North (formerly known as Engineering Field) with 29 years of company service.

He is survived by his wife, Florence, who resides at 7518 Magnolia in Houston.

go into my pocket and get my private keys." The dog immediately proceeded to do this and then held the keys for his owner.

"See the man on the left here. I want you to show him that you are a good watchdog." The dog approached Larry, looked him in the eye and growled, bearing his teeth.

"Watch that guy; he's behind me," said Emil to his dog.

"Then he told me to put my hand on

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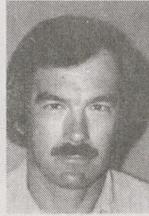
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Almost Impossible

"We represent a very imperfect industry, trying to tell a complex and unpopular story to a confused and suspicious public." So said Bill Daniel, president of Shell Canada Limited, in a recent speech,

He was referring to the energy situation in his own country, but he could have been speaking of the United States.

The story is about "a problem that will occur years from now, but which requires unpopular action today."

The challenge, according to Daniel: "Almost impossible."

Catalog Available

More than 200 consumer booklets - most of them available on request - are listed in the Consumer Information Catalog, published by the federal government. The booklets cover a wide range of subjects, from fixing a leaky faucet to raising tomatoes. Copies of the catalog are available without charge from: Consumer Information Center, Department A, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

Steam Train Winds Up First Year

The chugging engine, the whistle and the "All Aboard" have faded for the year, but a lot of people have happy memories of the first season's operation of the steam train rides at Texas State Railroad Historical Park.

Over 15,000 passengers have taken the 50-mile round trip between Rusk and Palestine since the railroad was opened to the public on May 28.

The ride is approximately 1½ hours

each way through the scenic East Texas pineywoods. It's also a step back in history. The old railroad was started in 1894 as a facility for a state-owned iron works at Rusk. In 1972 it came under jurisdiction of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and was opened as a state park four years later after extensive rehabilitation of track, bridges and equipment.

Venerable locomotives and rolling

stock came from various sources. Restoration was completed on the first engine in time to launch this year's limited schedule on weekends and holidays.

Two additional locomotives, now undergoing restoration, will be ready next year to allow daily operation, seven days a week from Memorial Day through Labor Day. These larger engines will be able to pull more coaches and thus carry more passengers.

Another attraction will be the addition of some open-air coaches, the better to enjoy the summer coolness of the pine forests.

Hay There...

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his favorite horse. It had run into a barbed wire fence, and was feeling none the better for it. But she assured Elmer that the farmer would certainly be in touch.

A week passed, and the only thing certain was that the grass was still growing, and the snakes in it were having a ball.

Another farmer was found and offered the job. Delighted with the deal, he arrived bright and early the next day to start cutting. He sold the bales as he cut them, for \$1 apiece. In a couple of days he had cut and sold almost 3,000 bales.

And the "farm" at Westhollow looked beautiful.

Safety Recognized



Guests at the OP-II Utilities safety party included couples Alene and Ovie Kennedy, Mary and Larry Coxson, Gloria and Charlie Horton.



Guests enjoying the Lubricating Oils safety party included Lena and Bo Whiting, Wally Groda, Pam Hahn, Bob Garbs and Pat Mitchell.



SCORA Events

SCORA is planning a "Breakfast with Santa" for SCORA children on Saturday, December 17, from 9:30 a.m. until noon at the Ramada Inn, 3110 Pasadena Freeway, room 108-110. Meals are \$1.50 each and all SCORA children are invited to come see Santa.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and are on sale now.

There will be a Board of Directors meeting December 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the Refinery Upstairs Conference Room. Any SCORA member is welcome to attend.

Interested in playing on SCORA's basketball team for girls? Contact Peggy Cahill on 6498 or Sheila Barron on 6741.

Provident Fund

The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

EQUITIES FUND
November 15 - \$2,478
SHELL STOCK FUND
November 1-15 - \$32,374

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1975 Kawasaki 350 dirt or street bike, excellent condition, low mileage. \$550. 476-0156 after 4:30 p.m.

334 acres between Sylamore and Calico Rock, Arkansas, 90 acres improved pasture, beautiful scenery. \$500 per acre. 944-3758

Dr. Pepper drink machine for home use, will not take coins. \$50. 479-2500

TV Unisonic 2000 Tournament, 6 games plus rifle and pistol game. \$55. 357 Colt Trooper Mark III, still in box. \$275. 472-5988

AT2 Yamaha 125cc '72, needs work, Enduro type (no lights). \$50. 487-2522

19½' Dolphin Senior immaculate sailboat, 2 month old trailer. \$600. 1971 3½ hp outboard, new ignition and tune up. \$125. 487-2522

60' x 100' wooded lot in Wild Wood at Village Mills, Texas. \$3,600. 479-1135

1974 Toyota Celica, 5 speed, A-C, AM-FM, new paint and tires, low mileage. 481-6085 after 5 p.m.

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40 channel CB antenna, magnetic mount, 12' cable, like new. \$12.50. 334-1215

Seasoned oak firewood delivered. 479-1177

1970 Chevy Impala 400 series, P-B-S, new battery, good tires, air, good condition. \$850. 339-1656 after 6 p.m.

1974 Datsun 260Z, engine in excellent condition, new tires and brakes, AM-FM, mags, air. Best offer. 482-0887

7' x 3½' pool table with ¾" slate bed, good condition, accessories. \$275. 383-2080

1976 Gremlin with Levi trim, air, stand-ard, 24,300 miles, excellent condition. \$2,795. 669-0694

20 gallon and 10 gallon aquariums on one stand, accessories and pumps. \$60. 2 table lamps. \$5 and \$15. 487-3588

1977 Festival mobile home 14' x 72', 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, under warranty, excellent condition, 10' x 10' storage building included. \$2,000 down, assume \$164 notes. 383-2779 or 472-6476 after 4:45 p.m.

1975 Buick LaSabre 4-door sedan, AM-FM, 350 cu in 4-bbl, cruise, power door locks, excellent condition. \$3,450. 475-2576 or 472-2609

Set of gas logs, and irons, screen. \$25. 479-2792

Six string Epiphone wood guitar. New \$160. 487-0917

Magnovox Imperial cabinet model stereo, cherry wood finish, AM-FM radio, turntable, needs work. Make offer. 479-1392

1976 Chrysler Cordova, loaded, excellent condition. 481-4352

1974 AMC Hornet, 6 cyl., 258 cu in 4-door, air, radio, P-S, new valves and lifters, good tires, 74,000 miles. \$1,250. 465-1338

1973 Yamaha 100cc Enduro, runs good, new sprockets and chain. \$220. 334-1215

Like new wheel chair. \$100. Rick of fire-wood. \$35. 472-4203

(2) Pony of America - Appaloosas-Shetland, both good for kids. \$175 each. Suzuki 50, good condition. \$175. 479-4719

WANTED

Small cement or mortar mixer. 472-3052

Refrigerator and electric stove in working condition for camp. 422-5824

FREE

Part poodle puppies available week before Christmas. 488-7517

FOUND

Set of house keys on 36th Street. Claim on G Maint. Bldg. or call 7256. Dodge key and glasses in brown clip case. Claim in room 151 of Refinery Administration.

PERSONALS

The family of Chester J. "Stroke" Sundstrom would like to thank all the friends and co-workers, especially the boiler-makers, who did so many kind, thoughtful things for us after the loss of our husband and father. We know he will be missed at Shell as he is at home. Thank you all!

—Dorothy Sundstrom and sons

To all those who contributed to my retirement I wish to say that I've enjoyed the past 30 years working with you. I'm dividing my time between Deer Park, Centerville and Lake Sam Rayburn. Stop at the fire house and visit.

—K.W. "Snake" Greene

I would like to thank all my friends for their cards, visits, calls, gifts, thoughtfulness and concern for myself and my family following our automobile accident.

—Shelton Rawlings



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