



DPMC operators play a big role in slide show



R. E. Johnson, right, an operator in MEK, takes a look at the script he read during auditions for a new slide-tape show recently produced at the Complex. Elizabeth Adair, left, conducted the auditions and helped DPMC coordinate the show.

A number of folks from throughout the Complex have passed their auditions, and are preparing to put the final touches on a new DPMC slide show they all helped produce.

The cast of 19 narrators was selected after two weeks of auditions and interviews earlier this month. During the audition, each employee read from a script in a conversational manner, and was graded on his or her voice projection and interpretation. Nearly 40 people were nominated by their depart-

mental managers for the auditions.

The new slide-tape presentation, "Changing Crude into Useful Products," is a 40-minute show tracing the separation and conversion processes crude oil undergoes as it is manufactured into various products. The film will be shown at the Complex as part of the employee orientation program, and to different groups that visit DPMC. It will also be sent to Magnet schools in the Houston area.

Originally produced in 1978,

the show was conceived as a lecture. But the focus changed, and now it's a chance for operators and craftsmen to tell their own story.

"What's unique about the film is that this is the first time people working in the units in the Refinery and the Chemical plant have had a chance to narrate a Complex presentation," said Irv Skaar, the Shell representative who is producing the program along with Elizabeth Adair, an employee communications consultant. "In the past,

managers or studio narrators were used to narrate our films."

The slide show is divided into a number of parts, each focusing on a different segment of the refining process. An engineer or operator from each of these units describes his or her department's role in the manufacturing process.

Linda Sulpacio, an operator in the BEU unit in Aromatics West, said, "I was kind of nervous, but I had a lot of fun. I thought it would be a neat thing to do, so I auditioned."

Sulpacio said she thought it was a good idea to let operators and engineers narrate the show. "The operator knows more about the unit than anyone. It makes it real because it's your job."

Clayton Green, an operator in CR-3 who also auditioned, said there was another plus. "I think it's good experience for our people; we all need the experience of public speaking." Green said he, too, was nervous at first, but he said he enjoyed the audition.

Skaar, staff engineer in Economics and Scheduling North, said everyone who interviewed during the auditions will be used in the slide show. "They may not necessarily narrate, but they all will appear," he said. He added that other people from DPMC will also be featured in the show.

The auditions were held in a

vacant office in the North Administration Building. Adair, who has made films for DPMC before, directed the audition and coached the aspiring narrators.

"I was very impressed with the overall caliber of the employees we auditioned," she said. "I was pleased to see their excitement at participating. It was hard to pick the final narrators."

In many cases, the folks who auditioned added their input to the script. "A number of participants made important contributions to the script," she said. "They added information that will help make the show more understandable."

The group selected to narrate the show recently attended a rehearsal reading with the studio director who told them what to expect at the production studio when the final taping takes place. Skaar said this gave them "a feeling of seeing the whole script and where they each fit in."

The final taping will take place later in March at ACA Recording Studios in southwest Houston. After the DPMC narrators read their scripts, all that will be left to do is edit the show and dub in the music and sound effects.

The film should be released by the middle of April. When you get the chance to see it, keep your eyes peeled for familiar faces, and your ears open for those familiar voices.

Don't let the "silent killer" creep up on you

Imagine a silent killer stalking an unsuspecting victim, someone with no reason to fear danger. But every day he moves closer and closer to his mysterious assassin. Only one thing will save him — a blood pressure check.

The horror movie scenario isn't as improbable as it might seem when discussing high blood pressure. This "silent killer" affects all ages and all races. The only cure is finding the problem in time, and controlling it.

"It's one of those things you think can never happen to me," said Doug Teschendorf, a 24-year-old boilermaker at Maintenance South. A normal, active man, Teschendorf found himself on the wrong end of the blood pressure scale.

"I didn't know I had a problem until about a year ago. I was working and I got very nauseous, so I went to the Medical Department. They checked my blood pressure, and found it was very high. We checked it regularly after that, and it steadily ran high," he

said. Teschendorf spent three days in the hospital during one stretch. "Most doctors were shocked at my blood pressure. They went into a mild panic when they saw it," he said. But medication has reduced his blood pressure to normal, and he recently donated blood in the Complex blood drive.

"No matter how old you are, it can affect you," Teschendorf said. "You should always keep a check on your blood pressure."

High blood pressure, or hypertension, will be the focus of Health Awareness Week at DPMC, April 19-23. Sponsored by the Shell Companies Foundation, Inc., and a number of health agencies, Health Awareness Week is designed to promote our understanding of preventive medicine — how we can help ourselves to stay healthy.

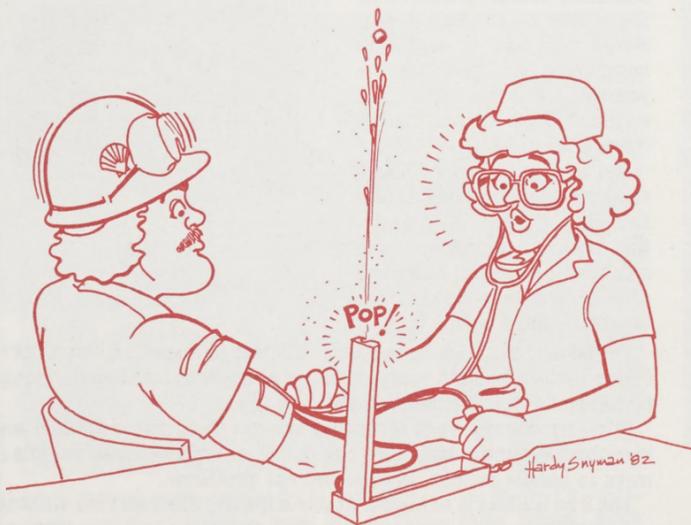
Throughout the week, the DPMC Medical Department will feature special activities, including free blood pressure testing for the families of Complex employees from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. The annual Weight Loss Contest winner will also be announced during Health Awareness Week.

High blood pressure may not receive the notoriety of other

serious diseases, but it can be just as devastating. Since there are no symptoms, you may not know you have a problem; in fact, the first sign of high blood pressure may be

a stroke or a heart attack. The disease doesn't discriminate against age either — people as young as 16 have suffered from high blood pressure.

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Shell opens new plant in Mobile

Despite the sluggish economic climate, Shell recently opened a new chemical plant that will produce an important new insecticide.

In ceremonies earlier this month at Mobile, Alabama, Shell Chemical Company formally announced the start-up of its PYDRIN(R) Insecticide manufacturing facility. PYDRIN, developed by Shell Chemical and Sumitomo Chemical of Japan, is a unique chemical compound structurally related to naturally-occurring chemical compounds called pyrethrins.

The start-up of the PYDRIN Insecticide unit followed the completion and start-up of Shell's BLADDEX(R) Herbicide manufacturing unit in Mobile in 1978. With the start-up of these units, Shell Chemical's employment in the Mobile area rose to more than 350 jobs with an annual payroll of more than \$10 million.

Using state-of-the-art technology, Shell finished designing and began construction of the PYDRIN Insecticide unit and its support facilities in 1980. Start-up of the unit began late last year. The unit's start-up went smoothly, and production of high-quality technical material began.

A substantial portion of the capital and ongoing operating costs for these new facilities are for protection of the Mobile plant environment. The new unit includes facilities specifically designed to treat liquid and gaseous wastes from the manufacture of PYDRIN.

PYDRIN Insecticide has been granted federal registration for use on several important crops, including cotton and potatoes. Shell engineers hope the insecticide will also be granted registration for use on other major crops. Crops that have used PYDRIN have shown improved quality and increased yields.



Hook 'em Horns!

Ina McClure, senior office assistant, Reproduction, was caught without a cowboy hat on Go Texan Day so she sprouted horns. Helen Watson, right, Services supervisor, had a more traditional look with her denim jumpsuit and cowboy hat. Go Texan Day is a DPMC tradition, a celebration of Lone Star culture held annually during the Houston Rodeo.



12 safe years for Refinery Lab

The Refinery Lab recently celebrated its 12th consecutive year without a lost-time accident. Some of the folks responsible for the outstanding record are, in the front row, from left to right: Pat Denman, secretary; Nathaniel Perry, sample carrier; N. B. Dorman, technical assistant; and Bob Eveld, chemist. In the back row, from left to right, are: Clarence Welch, special tester; Ernest Walley, special tester; Quinton Berry, senior chemist; and M. H. Muecke, special tester.

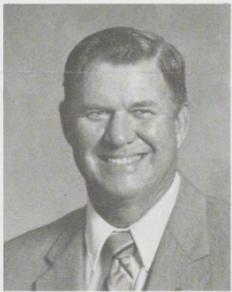
Anniversaries



S. Q. Gentry
Maint. South
35 years



H. A. Arnett
Project Eng.
30 years



D. C. Hon
Gas Recovery
30 years

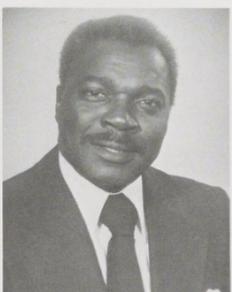


R. C. Wesley
Purchasing
30 years

Retirements



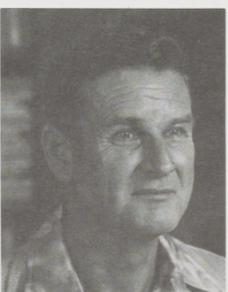
B. C. Gaines
Aromatics E.
32 years



W. E. Hall
Maint. North
37 years



B. B. Relf
Purchasing
36 years



J. L. Turner
A Dept.
35 years

Shell News



The Galveston Streaker

A recent Organizational Effectiveness workshop held in Galveston went according to schedule, although one participant found the seminar more eventful than he would have liked.

On the first night of the workshop, the participant turned in early. About four in the morning he heard someone knocking on his hotel door. He switched on the light, jumped out of bed, and stepped into the hall to see what was going on. Suddenly, he heard a "click" behind him — his door had closed, locking him out of his room on the fourth floor.

He ran to the service elevator; he might have chosen the guest elevator, but wearing only undershorts and a wristwatch, he thought he was too casually dressed. When he reached the lobby, he streaked up to a security guard.

"Officer, I have a problem," he understated.

"Yes sir, I think you do," the guard replied.

A quick explanation cleared up the matter, and the participant was accompanied back to his room. No harm done, but we're sure it made for interesting conversation at the conference table that day.

The Resins Fat-Off Contest

The folks at Resins have some extra incentive to trim those bulging waistlines this spring. The Resins Department, in conjunction with the DPMC Medical Department, is sponsoring its own weight loss contest.

The DPMC Weight Loss Contest is winding up its first month, but there's still plenty of time to start shedding excess baggage. All Resins employees are eligible for the contest, but they must be enrolled in the Complex-wide contest to qualify.

A \$25 Foley's gift certificate will be awarded to the Resins employee who loses the greatest percentage of original weight. Weight loss will be determined from the Medical Department's records.

Both the Complex weight loss contest and the Resins weight loss contest will culminate during Health Awareness Week in April. If you haven't made a move yet, jump on the scales and start losing.

Taft, Geismar celebrate safety records

Hearty congratulations go to two Shell chemical plants for their outstanding safety performances.

Taft Chemical Plant recently completed two years without a disabling injury. The one-third of a million hours safely worked during this period represent a location record.

Geismar Chemical Plant also recently completed two safe years without a disabling injury.

1985: Deeper drilling in the U.S.

Can you imagine how far a million tons of pipe would stretch? Look at it this way. A line-up of trucks bumper-to-bumper would reach from Houston to Los Angeles, to San Francisco, to New York, to Mexico City and from there to Calgary, Canada. That's the amount of drill pipe expected to be laid by 1985 in the United States.

Drilling Contractor, the magazine for the International Association of Drilling Contractors, estimated 2.4 billion feet of hole will be drilled in the U.S. by the middle of the decade.

New Answer Book has key to common car problems

What would you do if your car didn't start? If your engine quit while you were driving? If your oil light suddenly glowed red?

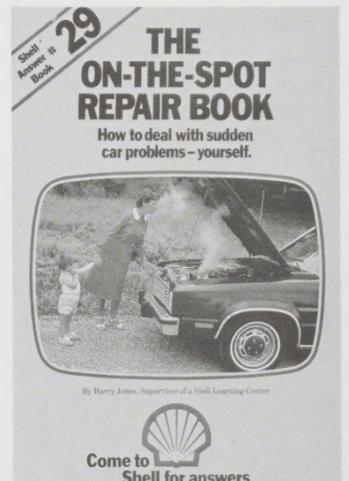
These and other questions are answered in the latest consumer booklet produced by Shell. "The On-the-Spot Repair Book" tells how to deal with unexpected car problems — yourself. It is the 29th in a series of Shell Answer Books, introduced in 1976.

Written by Harry Jones, supervisor of the Shell Retail Learning Center in Atlanta, the booklet addresses nine common problems motorists often encounter — all of which can be handled on the spot.

The booklet includes instructions on how to jump-start a car, a list of tools a motorist should carry in case of emergency, and some ideas for keeping out of trouble in the first place.

"Drivers always want facts that can get them out of trouble and keep them out of trouble," Jones said. "This new book spells out lots of ways to handle sudden, unexpected car problems."

The free booklet is available at participating Shell service stations, or by writing to Shell Answer Books, P.O. Box 61609, P.R. Department, Houston, TX, 77208.



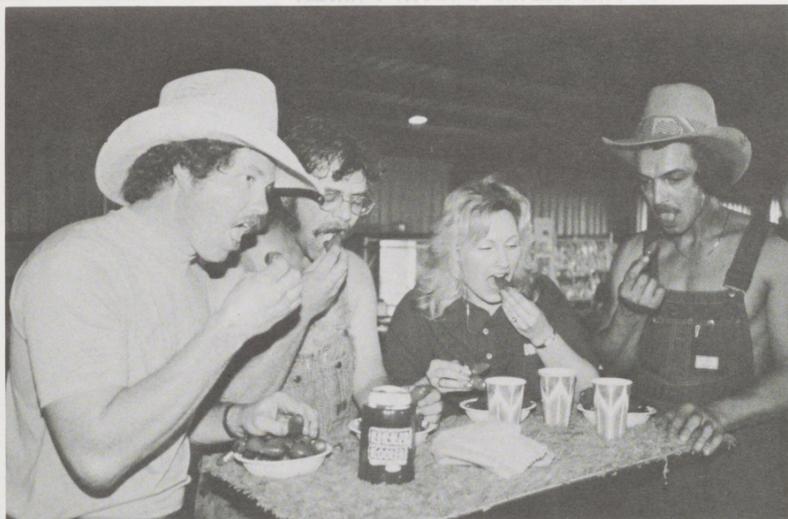
Critter Chili cops cookoff championship



Critter Chili I claimed the five-foot-high first-place trophy in the cookoff, while Critter Chili II placed second. Members of the winning team include, from left to right, Denny Tiede, Diane Peterson, Mike Peterson, Jennifer Houghton, James Touchstone, Wayne Holley, Dean Saunders, Dee Lowery, Toby Houghton and John Houghton. Nikkie Saunders was head cook for Critter Chili I, and Dee Lowery was head cook for Critter Chili II.



Johnnie Martin and the Bluegrass Ramblers provided the music at the cookoff. Some of the folks took to the dance floor, while others relaxed in the audience.



These four brave individuals risked heart burn and bad breath in the jalapeno pepper eating contest. From left to right, are Wayne Morris, Jim Paar, Pam Greenville and Danny Savage. Paar, the defending champ, won the contest again this year.



What would a chili cookoff be without the Lone Star State mascot? This armadillo flew in from Los Angeles, where he played seven straight sell-outs at the Hollywood Bowl. Since he was in town, he decided to try the chili. When he sang, his voice sounded suspiciously like that of Junior Guillot's, a painter in Maintenance North.



Can you recognize a drenched B.T. Waggoner, process manager, Solvents and Treating? He wore the wet look in the dunking booth.



Piney Woods Chili won the showmanship competition, and took sixth place in the chili cookoff. Team members in the front row, from left to right, include Larry Noble, Ryan Stone, Gregg Stone and Ella Mae Young. In the back row, from left to right, are Mike Bush, Doug Stone, Warren Stone, Ed Overmyer and Tyra Young.



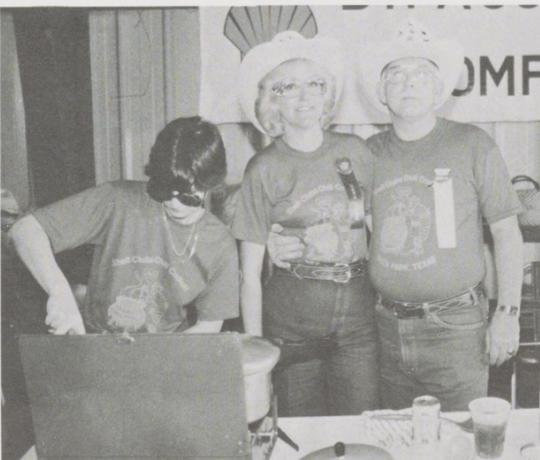
Hillbilly Chili No. 1 came to the cookoff dressed for the occasion. Team members include, from left to right, Jim Paar, Dan Hollins, Danny Savage, Chicken Williams and Randy Jones.



Dilla-Chili kept their secret ingredient a mystery. Team members include, from left to right, Junior Guillot, Rick Witt, Gary Fenton and George Harding.



Each man played a role — from cook to taster — on the Fat Cats. Team members include, from left to right, Doug Kiefer, Mike Willis, Bubba Grant and Ed Holloway.



The Bypass Chili Company did wonders for employee relations with its tasty chili. Team members include, from left to right, Rebecca Cherry, Dot Honeycutt and B.J. Honeycutt.



The Chili Kings prepared a pot the royal chef would have been proud of. Team members include, from left to right, Tom Dickey, Doc Laskie, Arllie Elliot and Ed Olivier.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1974 Chevrolet Caprice. Fully loaded, good condition. \$775 or best offer. Call 437-3117.

1967 Volkswagen Bug. Rebuilt engine. Mechanically good, only needs clutch. Good work car. \$600. Call 941-6241 after 5 p.m.

1967 Chevrolet Pick-up Truck. 327 engine, automatic transmission. 100,000 miles. Four new tires and new muffler. Factory air conditioning, radio and heater. \$800. Call 474-3958 after 6 p.m.

1977 Toyota Celica GT Hatchback. Excellent condition. AM-FM stereo, air conditioning, rear window defroster. Silver gray with black vinyl top. \$3,800 or best offer. Must see and drive to appreciate. call 944-4457.

1981 Honda Passport. Excellent condition. 100 miles to the gallon. Three-speed automatic. 70 cc windshield included. \$600. Insurance only \$79 a year. Call 479-3784.

1980 Honda 750 Custom. Excellent condition with many extras. Never dropped. \$2,200. Call 997-2268.

1979 Yamaha XS-750. Custom seat, fairing, crash bars, back rest and luggage rack. Travel trunk, dual horns, special tools, spare parts and much more. Includes cover. \$1,900. Call 495-1811 or 476-6588.

1973 Honda 500-4. Windjammer IV Fairing, saddle bags, travel trunk. Running boards, toe-heel shifter, cruise and more. 52,000 miles. \$900. Call 482-6003.

1979 Venture Travel Trailer. 12-foot box, swing-out stove and sink. Sleeps six. Like new. Only \$2,500. Call Frank at 479-5612.

1980 Mirage 20-foot Sailboat. With trailer, six horsepower Evinrude motor. Sleeps four, very good condition. \$6,500. Call 471-4217.

Oceanic 18-foot Fiberglass Boat. Practically new Chrysler outboard motor and trailer. Moving — must sell. \$875. Call 458-9911.

McKee 16-foot. Unsinkable hull. Center console on McClain Trailer with Mercury 80. Power trim-tilt. Many extras. Excellent bay fisher and some offshore. \$5,200. Call 997-2268.

Camper Insert for LWB. Makes into full bed storage. All cushions in excellent condition. Table. \$225. Call 997-2268.

Camper for LWB. Paneled, insulated, all windows open and screened. Vent on top, lights, 110 plug-in. Booted for sliding window. Excellent condition. \$700 new — on sale for \$500. Call 997-2268.

Four wheels and tires for house trailer. Tire size 7-14.5 8-ply nylon Goodyear. \$100. Call 472-3516.

G.E. Dishwasher. \$75. 12 horsepower Evinrude outboard motor. \$65. Call 471-4420.

Wards 19-foot side-by-side Refrigerator. Coppertone. \$250. Twin canopy bed. Complete set includes drapes, canopy cover and bedspread. \$125. Call 479-0006 after 5 p.m.

Cortley 12-string Concert Guitar. Excellent condition. \$75. Call 470-1533 evenings.

Miniature Schnauzer Puppies. Two females eight weeks old. AKC registered. Have had shots. \$150 each. Call 479-4123.

Home in Middlebrook, Clear Lake City. 4-2-2. Available April 15. Fenced, draped, with fireplace. \$725 per month. First and last plus deposit. Call evenings 488-0418.

Home in Sage Meadow. 4-2-2. Low 70's. \$28,500 equity and can assume original loan — interest rate escalates to 12 percent. Five years old. Fenced, large corner lot, energy conservation extras. Call 481-8797.

Home, 3-2-2. Brick, Central heat and air, fireplace. Equity assume nine and seven-eighths loan. \$78,000. call 479-0609.

FOUND

Pocket knife found March 18 in Refinery parking lot. Initialed and dated. Claim in person at Shellegram office, North Cafeteria.

WANTED

Carpooler needed for Friendswood area. Non-smoker please. Call Larry at extension 7561.

PERSONALS

I want to thank my co-workers for the gifts and thoughtful covered dish luncheon to mark my retirement. I have been associated with a great number of fine people that have contributed to a pleasant work environment for

the many years I have spent at DPMC. Many thanks and I wish all of you the best.

Horace L. Butler

I enjoyed working with everyone during the past 33 years. Thanks a lot for the gift, and I am certainly enjoying my retirement.

Billy Mack Nelson

Thanks to our many friends for the wonderful retirement party on Feb. 25, 1982. We will get much pleasure using the camera and accessories in our

"Silent killer ..."

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Michael Strickler, a pipefitter in Maintenance North, discovered his high blood pressure in much the same way as Teschendorf. "I was sick one day, so I decided to go home. When I saw the nurse, she checked my blood pressure and found it very high. I started on medication, and I started losing weight," he added.

That was in 1977, and today Strickler's blood pressure is just above normal. "My blood pressure is still higher than the doctors like to see it, but I don't consider it a problem anymore," he said.

Hypertension, the medical term for high blood pressure, refers to the stress on the walls of the blood vessels that can't expand and contract as easily as they should. This means the heart must work harder when it pumps blood throughout the body. When the heart fails to meet the challenge, disaster can occur. High blood pressure is one of the leading contributors to cardiovascular diseases, and a prime cause of heart and kidney failure.

Recent studies indicate the disease is more common than we like to think. About 10 to 15 percent of us suffer from sustained high blood pressure. A recent test by the DPMC Medical Department showed 15 percent of Complex employees had high blood pressure.

Weight, stress and excitement can all affect your blood pressure — it may even vary from your right arm to your left. But the most important point is finding out you have blood pressure problems.

travels and at home in the Hill Country. The retirement book with its pictures and notes will recall the pleasant associations of the past 30 years. Be sure to remember you all are welcome at 30 Coventry in Windermere on Lake Travis. Y'all come!

Vic and Rosellen Utterback

To my many Shell friends: Thanks very much for a wonderful retirement party. The rifle, fishing rod, knife and belt all fit in my future plans. I will shortly relocate north of

Huntsville on old Highway 75 (Crabbs Prairie). The door will be open if you are up that way. Once again thanks very much for everything.

Henry Sims

SOFTBALL DEADLINE

The deadline for registering for the annual SCORA Softball League is April 2, 1981. If you haven't done so, fill out an application form and send it to General Services, in care of Melba Hall. The season opens April 21. Batter up!

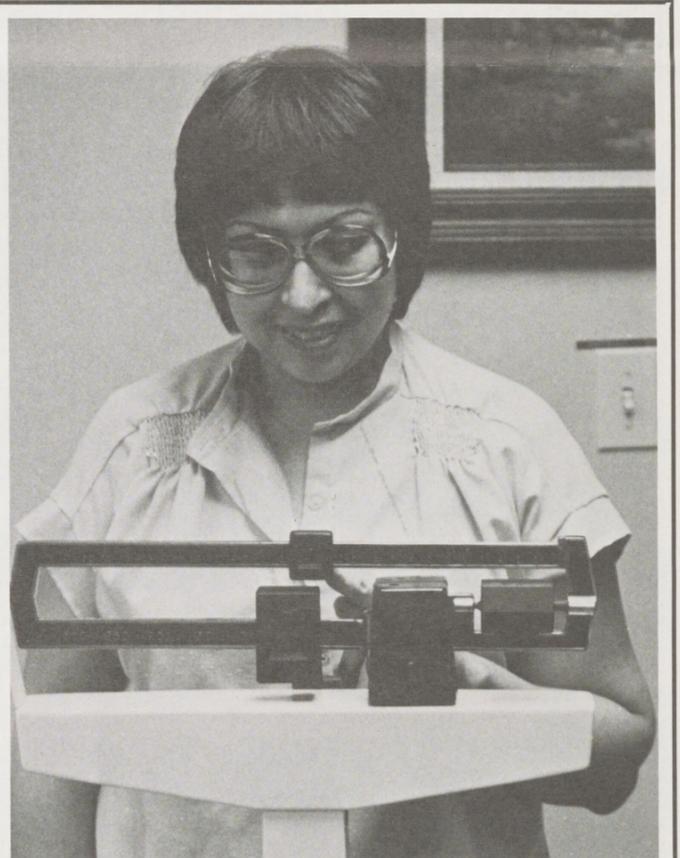
Credit Union sets meeting

The Shell Federal Credit Union will hold its 45th annual meeting Friday, March 26, 1982, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Mason Auditorium of the Deer Park High School, 201 Ivy St.

More than \$2,000 in cash prizes will be awarded during the night, and there's a free

gift for everyone at the door. The meeting is open only to Credit Union members and their families.

During the meeting, four new members will be elected to the Credit Union's Board of Directors. Four new members also will be elected to the Credit Committee.



Mary Hamilton, a clerk in Safety North, checks her progress for the DPMC Weight Loss Contest. Mary, who has worked at the Complex one year, said she weighs in every day. She is just one of the many folks at the Complex trying to trim a few pounds during the annual contest, which culminates during Health Awareness Week, April 19-23.

The Shellegram is published each week for the purpose of informing and recognizing pensioners and employees like Clark Callihan, Supervisor of Oil Movements in Product Accounting. Clark has worked at the Complex since June of 1950. He recently celebrated his 50th birthday, which explains the balloons surrounding him.



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