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Hot times guaranteed at industrial firefighting school

By Paul O'Valle

Fire, one of the earth's four elements, is beautiful but deadly. When under control, it serves one main purpose — to heat. When out of control, it also has a singular purpose — to burn anything in its path. It can be one of man's best friends, or one of his worst enemies.

That's just one of the things I and several other Shell operators learned at Texas A & M's Industrial Fire Training School in June. We were the 34th class to go from Shell. For three days, we fought one fire after another, always under different circumstances.

It's very important that everyone working in a refinery or a chemical plant have some kind of fire fighting training.

You never know when the experience will come in handy; it could even help you save someone's life. That's why we learned many things at fire training school, not just how to fight the fire itself. For instance, did you know that when you have a gasoline fire, it's not the gasoline that is burning, but the vapor the gasoline gives off?

In order to have a fire, you need three things: a source of ignition (a spark), fuel and oxygen. The fire can't burn if any one of these things is missing. As we fought different types of fires, we isolated them from their source and their supply of fuel. If we do that, we can control the blaze.

One day the instructors showed us how to sweep a fire and corner it in order to get to

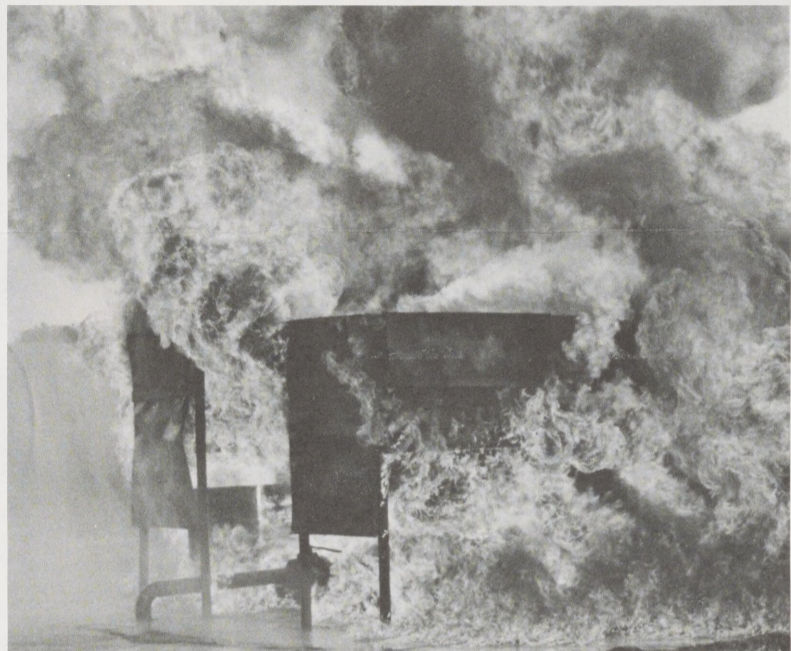
a valve that might need to be blocked off; that valve could be the fire's source of fuel. It took a lot of team work and communication, but those are important in any job.

All the fires we fought were examples of the types of fires that could happen at the Complex, or at any industrial location. There were fires in vessels, tanks and columns; the biggest fire we fought was an entire process unit that was burning. You can't fight all the fires the same way — it depends on what products are involved. Although foam may work on one fire, it might not be the best thing to use for another fire.

During one fire, we had to climb the stairs on a column to fight a fire that was burning from a pipe. We carried fire extinguishers while the rest of the team stayed on the ground and pushed the fire below us back. If they had lost their water for some reason, we all would have had hot feet!

Besides learning how to fight fires, we also learned the proper ways to use the equipment. We studied fire hoses, breathing equipment, fire extinguishers, personal gear and the different types of foam used to control different products that are burning. Foam works better than water in some cases; it "suffocates" the fire by cutting off its supply of oxygen.

One of the most important things we learned was the different settings on the nozzles of fire hoses. Each setting serves a purpose. A power-cone is used for sweeping or pushing a fire back, while a straight stream nozzle is used for reaching the fire from long



HOT STUFF — Brilliant orange flames climb from this burning vessel at the Texas A & M Industrial Fire Training School. This fire was typical of the blazes students were confronted with each day.

distances or for cooling equipment around the fire. Full fog is used to put a wall of water between you and the fire.

It was all very interesting. I thought the instructors were helpful, too. Jim Repp, DPMC North fire chief, and Chuck Vasek, safety inspector, were two of the Shell instructors there. All DPMC safety inspectors participate at A & M at different times during the year.

The techniques I learned at school will help me a lot at DPMC. I'd never had fire training before, except for the short course you take when you

start working here. Now, I know a lot about fires, and about the equipment we use to fight fires. I feel a lot more confident now that I could help make a major fire into a minor fire.

Basically, Texas A & M Fire Training School was just like a job, but I wouldn't want to fight fires seven days a week.

Paul O'Valle, an operator in Lube C, attended Texas A & M's Fire Training School earlier this summer and compiled this report. Photos courtesy of O'Valle and Don Dodd.



DPMC FIREFIGHTERS — A number of folks from the Complex have attended the firefighting school. During one of the recent sessions, some of the Shell participants included, from left to right, Don Dodd, Dispatching; Frank Canas, Lube C; Paul O'Valle, Lube C; and Doug Manning, Lube C.

Don Morrow: the man behind the answers

We can all identify the voice of the Shell Answer Man. After all, advertising professionals tell us he is a highly recognized figure. But could you recognize the face behind the serious, polished voice?

Don Morrow is the latest Shell Answer Man. Unlike some of his predecessors, he was not a popular Hollywood personality. But even though he may be new with the oil

company, his voice has been with us for a long time.

For years, Morrow was the announcer who introduced Walter Cronkite's evening news show. He also worked as the announcer for the legendary Lowell Thomas. More recently, he has been the voice behind Ford and IBM commercials.

Morrow began his career as a newsmen in Syracuse in 1948.

He got his start in announcing when Dizzy Dean, major league baseball pitcher and commentator, tried to get Morrow the job as the play-by-play man for the New York Yankees. The plan fell through, but Morrow did succeed in meeting Thomas and Cronkite, and the rest is history — or show business, depending how you look at it.

How does this figure of credibility feel about being the Shell Answer Man?

"It is good to be a part of a program that has established credibility. Everyone knows the Shell Answer Man — he has a strong identification. That can't hurt me professionally," he said.

"Doing issues advertisement is especially gratifying. It is my favorite kind of commercial because you can get your teeth into the subject. You sway the public as you would to sell the product, but you say something of value.

"There must be companies like Shell that are truly committed to values, such as protecting the environment, or the world wouldn't continue to go around," Morrow said.



FAMILIAR VOICE — Don Morrow, the Shell Answer Man, is taped by a film crew for a recent Shell commercial focusing on the environment. Morrow, who once hoped to broadcast New York Yankee's games, is today identified as the man with all the answers on Shell commercials.

Shell kicks off UW drive with \$1 million donation

The Shell Companies Foundation, Inc., has made sure the 1982 Texas Gulf Coast United Way fund drive doesn't get off to a false start when the campaign begins August 30.

The Shell Foundation contributed \$1.1 million to the organization, the largest contribution the Foundation has ever made to a United Way group. Last year, the Foundation donated \$900,000, the largest corporate contribution to the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast.

The Texas Gulf Coast United Way, which represents the three-county area of Harris, Fort Bend and Montgomery, established a 1982 goal of \$40.5 million, an increase of more than 22 percent over the last year.

DPMC has also increased its goals this year. The Refinery, which drew some \$84,000 last year in contributions, set \$87,000 for its 1982 goal. The Chemical Plant, with more than \$80,000 in donations last year, hopes to raise \$82,000 this year.



United Way

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

Where does all this money go? Your contributions will be used to support a variety of local organizations offering a wide number of services in the Houston area. In the Texas Gulf Coast region alone, the United Way lends its support to 82 different agencies.

For the last 30 years Shell has recognized the tremendous contribution United Way agencies make in communities across the country. Since 1953, the Shell Foundation has committed more than \$20 million to United Way funds in communities where Shell employees live.

Besides lending financial support, Shell also has contributed employee time to help raise funds. This year, six Shell employees have been loaned to the Texas Gulf Coast United Way to help raise corporate and employee contributions. Dennis Koehn, Resins, and John Fox, Automotive North, both of DPMC, will join E.D. Dronberger, L. Grist, W.A. Tuthill and D.J. Cox in the fund-raising effort.

If you'd like more information, call Chuck Briggs or Octavio Romero on extension 7598 at DPMC South, or Paula Littles or Clark Callihan on extension 7119 at DPMC North.

SPECIAL DAYS PICNIC

Special Olympics

Several photos courtesy of Ed Olivier



Pam Olivo braved the threat of getting waterlogged during the aqua games.



There's a mad scramble for the ball, amid twisting limbs and slick inner tubes. This version of water polo was played SOB-style, for sighted or blind players.

A slick snapshot: Sandra Ashley, Ynes Castaneda, Ed Stanfield and Aida Harvison al fresco.



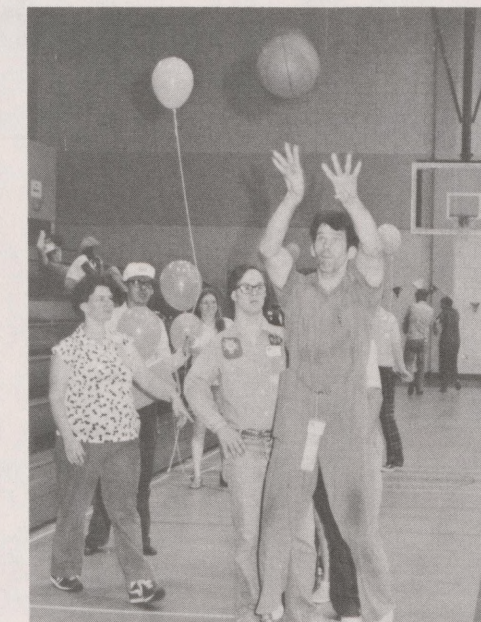
S.O.B. Aquatics



Once the SOB Aquatics ended, two young swimmers cooled off in the pool.



Henry Crawford packed in the barbecue dinner and gave the high sign.



The basketball toss was just one of the games featured during the Olympics.



This fellow carefully lined up his next putt during the golf competition at the Special Olympics.



Doyle Hale homes in on the beeping bag during one of the day's contests.



Vince Morvillo, left, accepted a \$500 check from Shell presented by Randy Jones, center, and Bill Thompson, right. The money will help finance the Bayou Bombers' trip to the Beepball World Series in Minneapolis.

Beepball



Superman zoomed in from Metropolis to show his superform on the beepball field.



Sonny Hammond listens carefully for Mark Parris' next pitch.



The Deer Park clown, anchoring a bevy of balloons, greeted everyone with a smile and an autographed poster.

Dunking booth



Mark Berens had a flair for the dramatic as he descended on the inevitable plunge into the dunking booth.



Dean Zurkammer couldn't resist a wet wine during his tour of duty in the dunking booth.



A large crowd of youngsters was spellbound during this clown's magic show. Besides dinner, she drew the largest crowd of the day.



Donna Caves, left, a local artist, chatted with Maxine Wallace, right, while browsers admired her paintings.

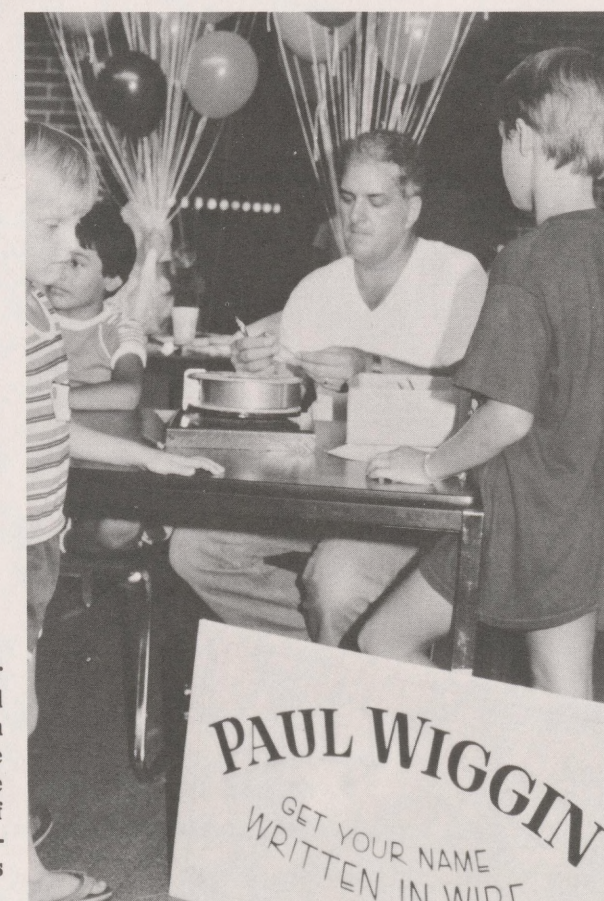


The Ryan family — young Cristy, Kathie and Chris — got some sun while they watched the action at the dunking booth from a safe distance.



No mistaking the star of this family. Clockwise from left are Erica, Lisa, Bill, Angela and Brian Entekin.

DPMC inspector Paul Wiggin stayed busy. Wiggin fashioned wire nameplates before the startled eyes of the young spectators around his table.



Editor's Notebook



I went to the Special Days Picnic primarily out of a sense of duty, but also out of curiosity to see what the event was all about. I was pleasantly surprised. Both myself and my wife, who accompanies me to many Shell events, agreed the picnic was a successful blend of recreation, community interaction, and unadulterated fun.

Several groups benefitted from the picnic — the Lighthouse for the Blind, the Pasadena Center for the Retarded, and the Big Brothers and Big Sisters. However, the United Way supports numerous organizations in the Houston area. Chatting with the youngsters at the picnic revealed a genuine appreciation of our interest in them as well as an exuberance many of us take for granted. Those responsible for the annual picnic deserve a round of applause.

My enthusiastic endorsement of the Special Days Picnic is mildly tempered by a conversation I overheard between a young girl and her father, who deserves a dip in the dunking booth. When she asked to go throw at the other booth — their's was crowded — her father sternly refused; "No, that's another group," he said. It seems the difference between North and South — the Refinery and the Chemical Plant — extends beyond the geographical boundaries.

Why this hard-boiled attitude had to prevail at a social event designed to generate interest for the upcoming fund drive is beyond this observer. I've been at DPMC less than a year, but I've seen too many examples of this type of divisive behavior. The outstanding efforts of many dedicated individuals are disrupted by these sentiments. We all should be working hand-in-hand towards a common cause instead of perpetuating long-standing rivalries. After all, it IS the United Way.

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Classifieds

FOR SALE

1973 Porsche 914. 2.0 engine, five-speed, good condition. \$3,600 or best offer. Call 363-4347 evenings.

1982 280ZX. Automatic, black, T-top — loaded. \$14,000 or trade. Call 328-3426.

1981 Fleetwood Brogham Cadillac diesel. Four-door, loaded. 20,000 miles. \$15,500. Call 664-6751 after 6 p.m.

1980 Ford Mustang. Six-cylinder with AM-FM tape cassette, air, power steering and brakes. \$4,495. Premier gas range. \$145. Sears portable dishwasher. \$145 — both for \$250. Call 452-5171.

1980 brown Mazda 626. Four-door with 36,000 miles. \$5,700. Call 664-6751 after 6 p.m.

1978 Ford Fiesta. Rebuilt engine, good condition. \$2,800. Call 445-9981 or 644-9747.

1969 Chevelle Malibu. Two-door with new tires. Good work or carpool car. \$500. Call 456-8749.

1980 Honda. 1,800 miles, 85 mpg. \$750 or best offer. Call 428-1820.

1980 GL1100 Honda. 7,000 miles. \$2,500. Call 479-6596 after 4:30 p.m.

1970 Suzuki T250-2. New front tire. \$200. Call 479-7573.

Ford 8N tractor with 5-foot mower. Clean — runs good. \$1,800. Call 473-3089 or 476-4065.

Four LR-7815 steelbelted radials. Cadillac whitewalls. \$100. Call 944-2165.

Home in Latexo, Texas. Three bedrooms, one bathroom, cyclone fence, garden, garage, large shade trees, city water, well with pumps, natural gas. Lot 88 x 110 feet. \$27,000. Call 713-687-4711 or 713-544-2780.

20-inch girl's bike with basket. \$25. Call 476-4471 after 4:30 p.m.

Sears dishwasher. Reasonable price. Call 479-3373.

Green couch, two gold chairs, coffee table, two end tables — all \$300. Early American chair \$50. Call 998-9717.

Blue floral Early American couch, two Spanish end tables, coffee table. \$150. Call 479-7573 after 5 p.m.

Attic and wall insulation. Call 476-4934.

King trombone. Excellent condition. \$175. Call 479-4333.

Hand-crafted ceramic dolls by certified artist. Many kinds to choose; now taking Christmas orders. Call 328-6760.

WANTED

Disk for 10-horse garden tractor. Call 473-2170.

FOUND

Pair of dark sunglasses found in parking lot south of North Cafeteria. Claim in person at Shellegram office, North Cafeteria.

Watch found at Refinery Main Gate Aug. 13. Claim in person at Shellegram office, North Cafeteria.

PERSONAL

I want to take this opportunity to thank all my friends for the lovely retirement party and gifts. The scroll will always bring back warm memories of my friends and coworkers throughout the years. Times change, but friends remain the same.

Chester Bailey

The truth about tanning

When you arrive at the beach, are you embarrassed to get out of your car because you have the complexion of a polar bear? Do you envy the slinky golden sun-worshippers in skimpy bikinis who seem to taunt you with their sun-drenched vitality?

"Common myth number one. Tanning doesn't make you healthier. A suntan doesn't protect you from the sun. In fact, there is no evidence to show a person can tan without damaging his skin."

Dr. Jim Gross, DPMC Medical supervisor, wants to debunk the exaggerated notions of status and virility we attribute to bronzed sun-seekers.

"The golden boy-golden girl tan we associate with good health damages skin cells, even if you tan slowly. Medically, it is not a good idea

to have a tan." That sweeping indictment throws out everything we've ever been told about the Beach Boys, surfing and suntan lotion.

"Skin cancer results from constant sun exposure," Gross said. "Tanning can also give you an old man's skin due to premature wrinkling; your skin simply loses its resilience and elasticity. Constant exposure to the sun dramatically ages your skin."

"Damage can still be done even if you don't feel burned," he emphasized. "There's often a delayed reaction; you may not feel the pain until six to 12 hours later."

Is there no escape? What do you do if you must be Bronzed and Beautiful?

"If you're bound to tan, you should do so by gradually increasing your exposure to the sun until you're comfortable. You also should use a

sunscreen, which absorbs some of the sun's harmful ultra-violet rays. Those containing paba — para-aminobenzoic acid — seem to be the most effective," he said.

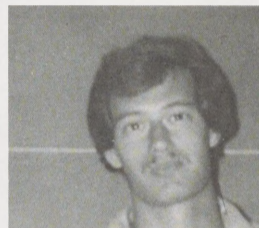
"Each sunscreen has a protective factor rating," Gross explained. "Five is terrible while 15 is excellent. You should choose a sunscreen based on your skin sensitivity and the amount of time you plan to spend in the sun. Light-skinned blondes, for instance, tend to burn quicker and easier than others." He added that races with dark skin pigmentation, although much less susceptible to the sun's damaging ultra-violet rays, can burn too.

Sunscreens should be applied 45 minutes before sun exposure, and they should be reapplied frequently because they wash off. "No sunscreen is 100 percent effective," he said. If you're sensitive, you should use sunblockers, which shield the sun's rays."

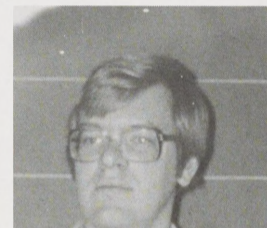
Welcome to DPMC



Kathy Chapa
Sr. Clerk
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Hired in June



Eric Perry
Accountant
Financial
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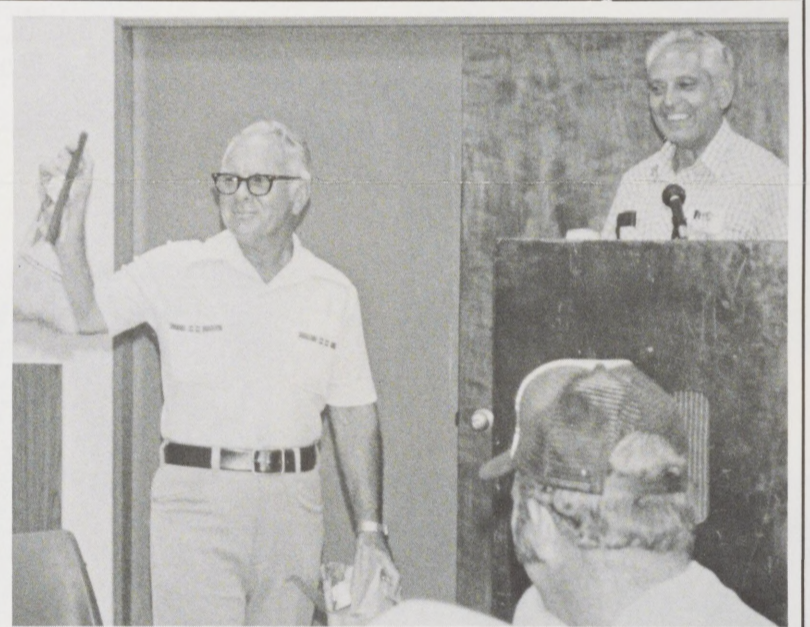
Richard Sanborn
Engineer
Comp. Applic.
Trans. from Head Office



Lisa Smith
Secretary II
Gen. Services
Hired in June

UNDER-SIZED SWEEPER

While Johnny Lemons worked at DPMC, he took a lot of ribbing from his friends about his size. When he retired recently, they couldn't resist presenting him this small broom. But the former DPMC automotive supervisor can put it to good use on his farm near Buffalo, Texas. G.W. Anderwald, behind the podium, presented Lemons with some more practical gifts on behalf of his friends, including a battery charger and hardware for his fireplace. Lemons ended his Shell career with 39 years of service at DPMC.



Provident Fund

The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

Equities Fund
July 15 - \$3.760

Shell Stock Fund
July 1-15 - \$34.514

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July 1-15 - \$33.948



Fran Haydar

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