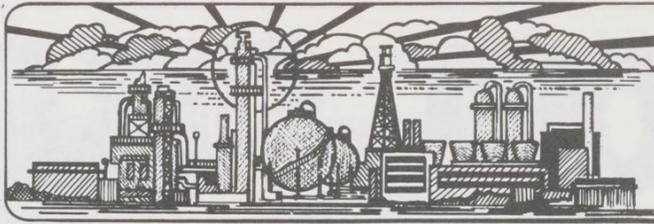




Don't forget

Don't forget to "spring forward" when Daylight savings time begins at 2 a.m., Sunday, April 26. Set your clock ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday, April 25.



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At Deer Park Chamber of Commerce

Wheat finds new career after retiring from Complex

Most people expect their retirement to last for years. But it didn't even last a day for I.D. Wheat, who retired as special tester, North Lab, on April 1.

His retirement had barely become official when he reported for work managing the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce as that group's executive vice president.

How does Wheat feel about this big change in his life? He explained, "I miss the people at Shell. After working out there for 27 years, I had some real good friends at the Complex. But it has been a pleasure to meet so many other people through the chamber—especially the many young community leaders in Deer Park that I had never met before. It has also been very exciting to work with the people in the chamber because they're doers. They make things happen."

He pointed out he didn't make the decision to go into chamber work overnight. "I knew I was going to leave Shell when I got my points. But I spent a lot of time looking around to see what I wanted to do.

"I knew I wanted to be totally involved in a community and with its people. I also wanted to be involved in a career that gave me an opportunity for personal growth and to express a strong belief in the free enterprise system.

"But it was only after talking to a lot of people in many different fields that I came to a decision to work for a chamber. I then spent a lot of time talking to managers of different chambers and going to seminars on chamber work.

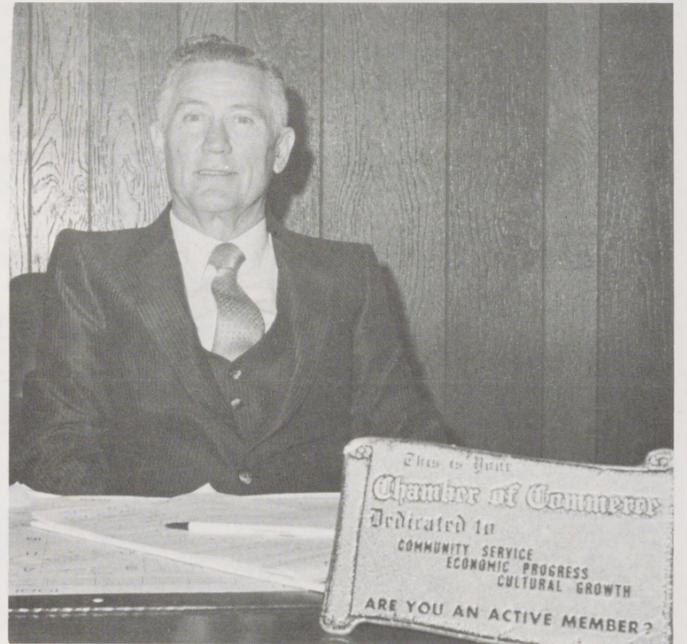
However, it was only a couple of months ago that Wheat found out about the vacancy at the Deer Park chamber—a position he was

chosen for from among several candidates.

He said, "I was very happy to have the opportunity to come to Deer Park and be involved in the chamber work here. It was particularly gratifying for me because I have lived in the Deer Park area since 1954 and have been interested in what happens here for a long time.

"One of my main jobs here is to work with chamber committees. I also want to involve as many chamber members in our activities as possible—new and old members alike. I believe the chamber will be a very strong organization. I know we can get this kind of involvement from our members."

Asked about his plans for the future, Wheat said, "I have an idea I'll be in chamber work for a long time. But I will never retire—not as long as I can still go."



I.D. Wheat retired as a special tester at the North Lab on April 1. But instead of taking it easy, he's seeking new challenges managing the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce as that group's executive vice president.

Time's running out to buy SCORA picnic tickets

There's only about two weeks left to buy tickets for the May 2 SCORA picnic, which will be held at Lenox Ranch off U.S. 90 northeast of Houston.

Starting at 10 a.m., the picnic will have a lot to offer—barbecue, bingo, swimming, horseshoes, volleyball, softball, kiddie rides and dancing and free snow cones, popcorn and cotton candy.

No tickets will be sold at the door. But there are a lot of advance tickets available, which will cost \$2 each for member adults and their children and \$4 apiece for guests.

To buy tickets, contact Barbara Bond, General Services; Pat Dunaway, Inspection North; Betty

Benson, Phenol; Sherri Hartley, Olefins; Vickie Breshears, Engineering Support; Ed Overmeyer, South Machine Shop; and Carol Foster, Financial.

Old Timers set luncheon date

The Roxana-Shell Old Timers Association will start accepting reservations soon for its annual luncheon on May 29. The event will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Marriott Hotel at 2100 South Braeswood Boulevard near the Astrodome.

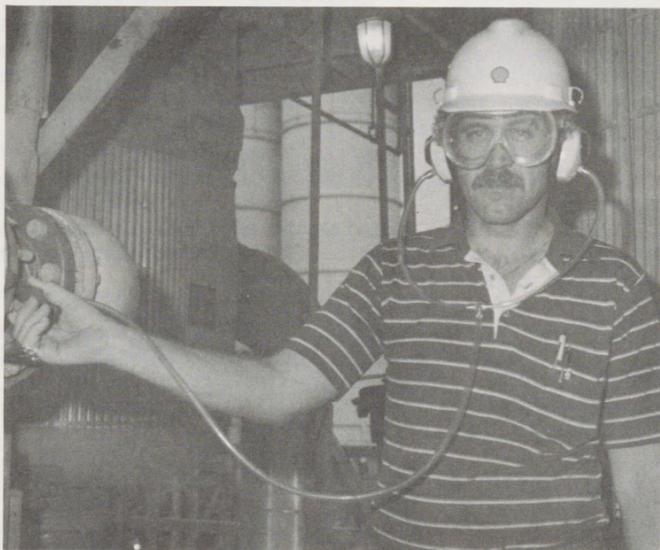
All retirees of Roxana or Shell and their wives or husbands—especially those living in the Houston area—are urged to attend.

If you would like to get on the association's mailing list or if you would like more information on the event, call W.T. Riggs, association president, at 472-2232 or Dick Horrocks, secretary-treasurer of the group, at 782-6912.

More information on the luncheon also will be published in a future issue of the Shellegram.

Participation grows

An overall total of 36 percent of the Complex's employees have now contributed ideas to the BAD (save a Buck-A-Day) program. Fourteen percent of that total contributed ideas last week. Last week also produced new winners of BAD vests—whose names were picked in drawings around the Complex. Those winners were Ed Ratley, engineering foreman, and C.V. Washmon, engineering supervisor, both of Maintenance North; Julia Smith, information analyst, Library Services; and Karl Hansen, staff engineer, Maintenance South.



Schulz's contraption

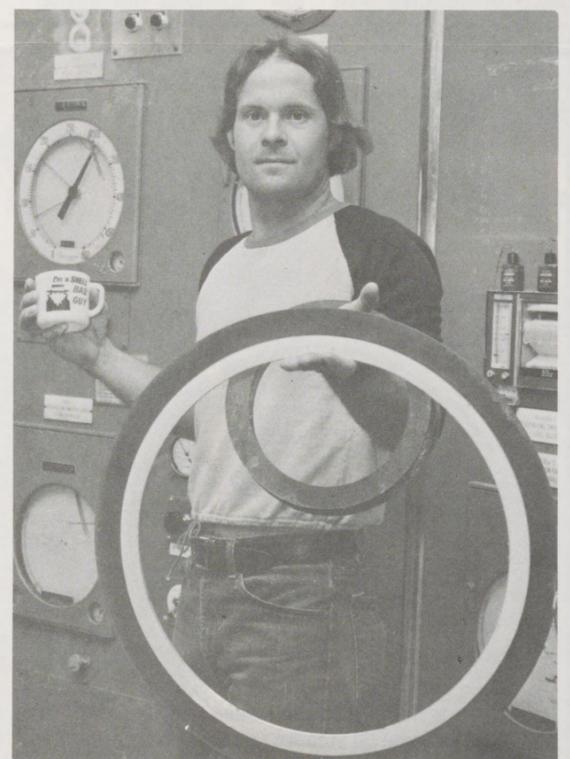
Dennis Schulz, operator, BPA (Bisphenol of Acetone), demonstrates the unique way he devised to find air leaks in the vacuum system which helps control pressure in BPA's Dehydration Column. Noise levels in the area sometimes make it difficult to locate leaks at the column. So, Schulz connected plastic tubing to a set of noise-resistant ear protectors. As a result, Schulz's contraption, which looks like a doctor's stethoscope, keeps him from hearing anything except the sounds coming through the tube—such as the leaks he's looking for. After leaks are located, they're eliminated to improve efficiency at the column.

Happy Easter



What's inside

The Complex's softball season opened last week. See photos, Page 3.



Norbert Pavlu, operator, Lube A, shows off his BAD cup. He received the cup for submitting an idea to prevent waste by devising a system to retrieve for future use unused bolts and gaskets (like the ones he holds) after repair work has been completed in operating areas.



SHORT SUBJECTS

Employees saluted for service by DPVFD

Pat Manley, senior inspector, Safety, recently received a 20-year service award from the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department (DPVFD) in recognition of the two decades he has spent as a fireman. Employed at the Complex since 1948, Manley has served on the DPVFD's executive board.

In addition, Scott Willis, operator, Distilling, and a volunteer fireman since March 1976, was given a departmental five-year service award. Willis, who has worked at

DPMC since 1974, is currently the department's deputy chief at Station No. 1. He also has been a DPVFD assistant secretary, secretary, lieutenant and captain.

Two Complex employees who received awards for three years of service as DPVFD firemen were Don Roach, mechanic, Automotive North, and Allen Brewer, pipefitter, Maintenance South. Roach has been employed at DPMC since 1976, while Brewer came here in 1977.

Mrs. Stebbins chosen to illustrate directory

Southwestern Bell chose Evelyn Stebbins, wife of Charlie Stebbins, analyst, Maintenance South, to illustrate the cover of a Clear Lake telephone directory which was distributed last month.

Mrs. Stebbins, who has been actively painting for about 15 years, used watercolors to decorate the cover with scenes from area communities such as Nassau Bay, Clear Lake, Kemah and Seabrook.

Falks finds his 'dreamboat'

Congratulations to Ron Falks, instrument man, Maintenance North, on realizing his life-long dream of owning a bass boat.

Falk's 15-foot boat, which he shares with a partner, seems to have all the comforts of home and more. It's loaded with a compass, trolling

motor, 85 HP Mercury, bait well, umbrella, two captain's chairs, mirror, ice chest, shark repellent, air horn, CB radio and antenna.

But he still wants to add something to make it stand out in a crowd. So, he plans to paint it purple with a pink pinstripe.

Grads' Issue reminder

June 4 is the last day the Shellegram will accept

material for its July 2 Graduates' Issue.

SCORA to host second bass tournament

Did you miss SCORA's bass tournament last month? Then, keep your eyes on the Shellegram for an an-

nouncement of a second tournament which will be held later this spring.



Dressed for the occasion

How do you say goodbye to someone being transferred to Shell's Saudi petrochemical venture (a cooperative project with the Saudi Arabian government to build a modern petrochemical complex in that nation)? The folks in Accounting solved that problem by presenting the departing Brad Eaton, right, Senior Financial accountant, Product Accounting-Cost Accounting-South, with their version of Arabian attire. Eaton also received a plaque of appreciation for the work he's done at DPMC—which was presented by Gary Hogue, Financial manager, Product Accounting.



Photo courtesy of Doyle Hale

Hale wins photo contest

Doyle Hale, mechanic, Maintenance North, won this "Best of Show" ribbon in the Third Annual Amateur Photography Contest sponsored by the Pasadena Public Library for the photo at right. Reproduced here in black and white, this view of

the ship channel and Houston skyline at sunset was originally photographed in color off Loop 610. Although Hale has been a serious amateur photographer for about 10 years, this is the first time he has ever entered a photography contest.

Ex-treater's reunion planned on April 30

Ex-Treating Department employees will gather at an April 30 reunion at 6 p.m. at Mitch's Steak House, 414 Spencer Highway, South

Houston.

Please make reservations for the reunion dinner, which will cost \$10 per person (for steak and all the trimmings),

by April 27. You should turn in your reservations to Bailey Gunn at 946-7235 or Abie Brossette at 924-3017.

Medical weight game continues

You've still got two weeks to participate in the Medical Department's weight loss contest, which ends May 4.

Prizes for the top three biggest losers include two free pairs of tickets to either Astroworld, Six Flags over Texas, Astros' games or selected movies, with the first prize winner getting first choice. Runners-up will get a choice of four tickets from remaining prizes.

Losers of three pounds or more receive a decal and persons shedding 10 or more pounds get a free pair of SCORA movie tickets.

Just weigh in at least twice on your own time during the next two weeks (if you haven't already done so) under Medical Department supervision.

Weigh-ins are at the following times and places:
—Monday, 2:30-3:15 p.m.,

South Main Gate.

—Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., South Cafeteria. 2:30-3:15 p.m., Resins Main Gate.

—Wednesday, Noon-12:30 p.m., North Shop. 2:30-3:15 p.m., Olefins West Gate.

—Thursday, Noon-12:30 p.m., South Shop. 2:30-3:15 p.m., North Main Gate.

—Friday, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., North Cafeteria. 2:30-3:15 p.m., North Main Gate.

Newest 'Answer' book introduced

The "Come to Shell for Answers" series of booklets is introducing its 25th issue, "The Energy Independence Book."

This booklet will differ from its predecessors, which primarily advised motorists about car care, because it concerns how America can regain control of its energy future.

Author S.M. Lambert, manager, Energy Planning and Economics, states, "The actions America takes on the energy front in the months and years to come will have a

profound effect on jobs, the economy, national security, and even your standard of living...knowing more about America's energy problems will make it easier for you to support the solutions you believe in."

Unless the U.S. does something about its dangerous dependence on other countries for oil, "we'll have to continue to take what they choose to give us, at their price, and whether we like it or not," writes Lambert.

The booklet concludes with

the statement, "Shell believes the solution to America's energy problem is to find more and use less."

About 40 million copies of "The energy Independence Book" will be distributed through national magazines and participating Shell dealers.

Additional copies may be obtained by writing to Shell Oil Company, P.O. Box 61609, Department PR, Houston, Texas, 77208.

Good news from the choo-choos

Do you ever get the choo-choo blues when you're coming to work or going home and you have to wait on long, long, long lines of railroad cars?

Well, we have good news for you. To give employees a dose of relief at these critical times, Dispatching Operations has rescheduled its rail car switching times.

That means there will be no rail cars moving in the Com-

plex from 7:10 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. or from 3:50 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. each day—the times when

many people are coming into or leaving the Complex.

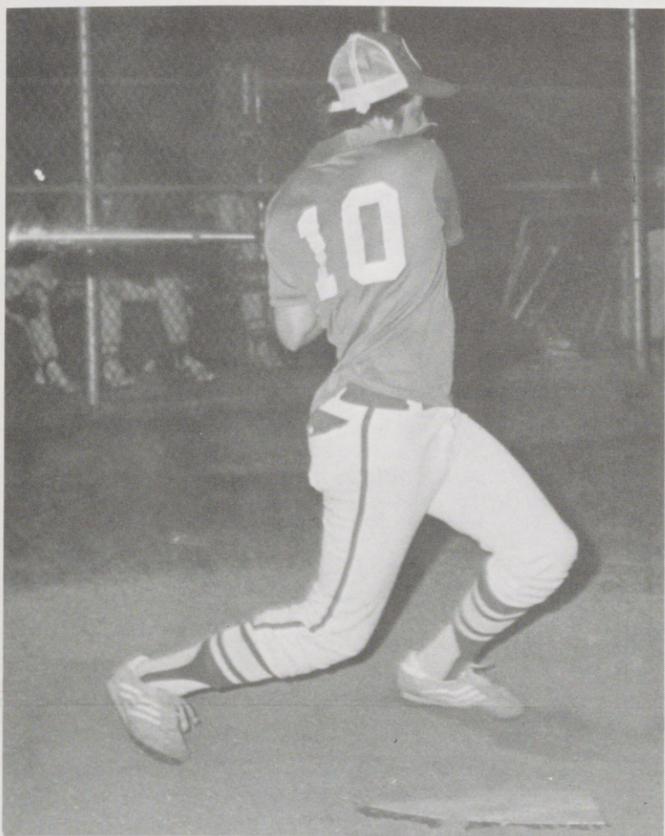
Payroll deductions for SCORA dues gain popularity

About 800 employees have already signed up this year to have their annual \$12 (per family) SCORA membership dues paid by payroll deduction. That's a hefty increase over

the 600 employees who chose to go the deduction route last year.

But time's running out to pay your dues by payroll deduction before the April 30 deadline.

Softball fever arrives at DPMC



Steve Nelson, Cat Cracker, takes a swing for the Jokers.

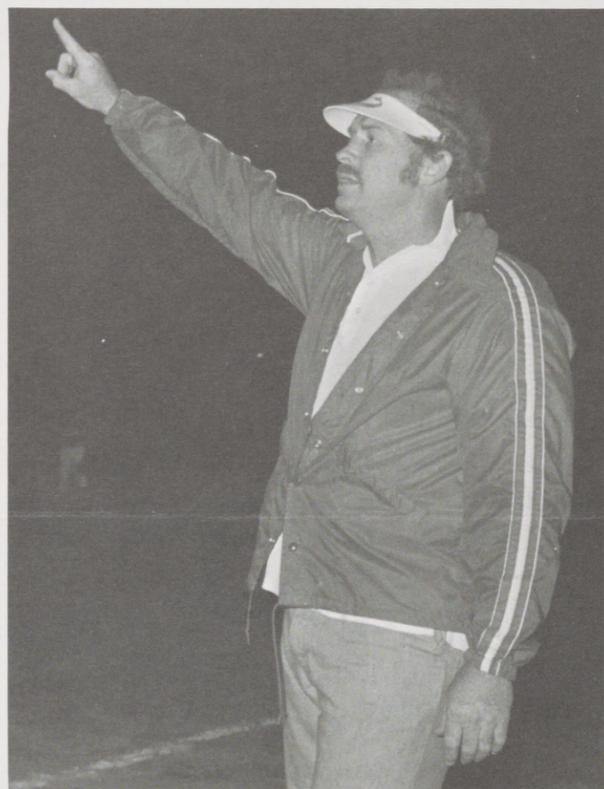


Rick Connors, Industrial Relations, makes a run for the Misfits.

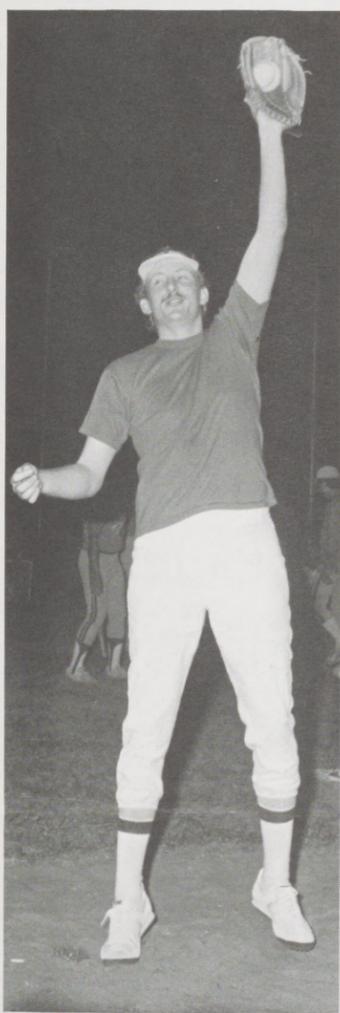


Kenneth Yielding, Pyrolysis-II, catches for the Pain Killers.

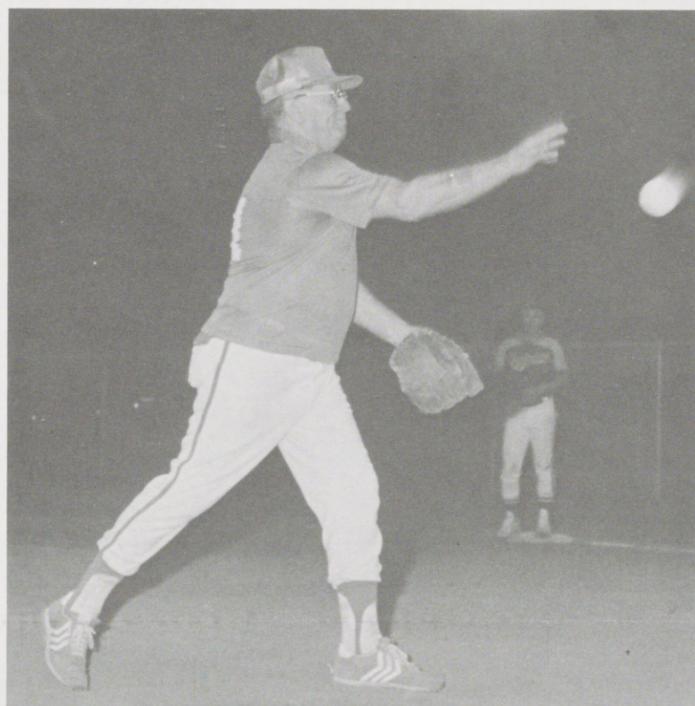
SCORA softball teams kicked off a new season last week with the fast-paced action shown here. Did you miss those games? Don't worry because you've got lots of time to watch the fun. The teams will play through early July at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Deer Park Softball Complex.



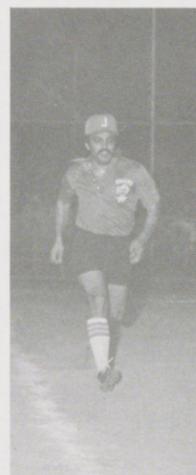
Ray Buffington, OP-II, urges his team, the Pain Killers, on to victory.



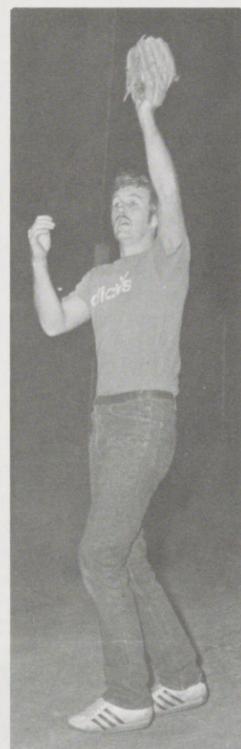
Bob Berger, Resins, jumps up to catch one for the Mongrels.



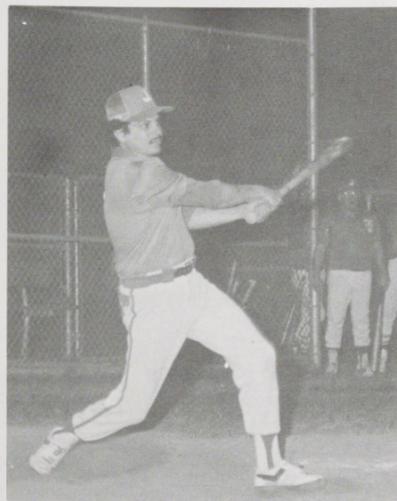
Red Daniels, Aromatics East, pitches for the Jokers.



Joker Angelo Melendez, Cat Cracker, heads for home.



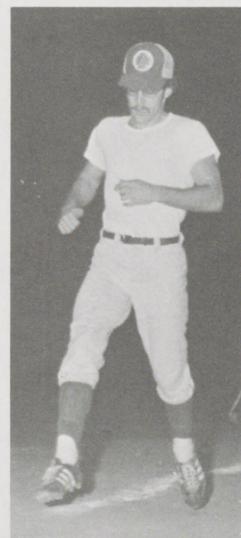
Paul Johnson, Resins, practices his fielding for the Mongrels.



Charlie Guerrero, Aromatics East, bats for the Jokers.



The ball (see arrow) is belted skyward for the Assassins.



Bruce Lyon, West Operations, picks up speed as he rounds bases for the Misfits.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1974 AMC Hornet Hatchback. Power steering and air. Averages 20 miles per gallon. 66,000 miles. Good condition. \$1,500. Call 946-4893.

1975 Lemans. Four doors, V-8 sedan, AM-FM, power brakes and steering, air. Good work car. \$950. Call 482-3521 after 6 p.m.

1980 Ford Mustang. Air, power steering and brakes, AM-FM tape cassette, 2,800 miles. Call 426-7380.

1977 Mercury Monarch Ghia. Two-door sedan, V-8, luggage rack, vinyl top, AM-FM stereo with tape, speed control, air. \$2,900, \$300 above loan value. Call 476-7385 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

35-foot trailer house. Two bedrooms, all-electric, completely furnished, private pier and storage building. Located on Downey's Caney Creek at Sargent. \$8,500. Call 477-1878.

Holley 850 carburetor. Edlebrock Manifold for Chevy. 350 small block. High-performance heads for small block. Call 921-5637.

1976 Kawasaki 400. Excellent condition except for motor. Call 479-6613.

15-foot boat. Walk-through windshield, 55 HP Johnson motor, small-wheel trailer, extra prop, new battery, two gas tanks, one pair skis. \$1,000. Antique oak table. Five legs, square, one leaf, refinished. \$300. Call 472-8425.

40 HP Johnson outboard motor. Less than 10 hours running time. \$500. Call 470-1076.

New Shakespeare troll motor. Twelve volts, foot control or manual operation. \$125. Call 476-0011 after 5 p.m.

Two and a half acres. On P Street, Lomax. Can be used for commercial or residential purposes, good potential for either. Reasonable down payment. Owner will finance the balance. Call 1-713-544-2912 (no collect calls please).

3-2-2 Brick home. Meadowcreek. Perfect condition. Burglar alarm system. Breakfast table and four chairs. Magnavox stereo. Barca Lounger. Brass bakers' rack. Oriental cabinet. Walnut dresser and mirror. Inlaid coffee table. Price for furniture negotiable. Pacer mat. Exercise indoors. Originally \$189. Will sell for \$100. Call 946-4051.

3-2-2 home. Pine Trails Suidivision, 1,450 square feet. Eight percent non-escalating loan. \$16,500 equity. Call 458-7705.

Retiree and former manager die

Alton M. Isbell died March 25. He retired on Feb. 1, 1970, as a pipefitter with 24 years of company service. He is survived by his wife, Mary, who resides at 5525 Truett, Houston.

B.A. (Bink) Lang died April 1. Assigned to General Services, West E&P Operations, he was formerly manager, General Services, at DPMC. He had 23 years of company service. Funeral arrangements were handled by Jack Rowe Funeral Home, League City. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, who lives at Seabrook.

Get Results With Classifieds

Five-acre trailer park and campground. Toledo Bend, waterfront property. As low as 10 percent down. Owner will finance. \$80,000. Call 946-9047.

Betamax video recorder. One year old, tapes included. \$500. Call 438-4084.

Antique player piano. Excellent condition. Call 946-2957 or 472-5446. Spanish coffee table and hexagon end table. \$50 each. Traditional style velvet sofa. Clean. \$95. Call 476-4655.

Spanish dinette. With six chairs and leaf. \$150. Call 487-3593. Spanish bedroom suite. Chest, triple dresser, nightstand, queen-size headboard and frame. \$350. Call 479-5688.

Dining table, chairs and china cabinet. One year old. Cost \$1,100. Sale price, \$600. Call 437-3117.

78-inch Early American sofa. Brown-tan-white. In good condition. \$100. Call 645-3181.

12-gauge Browning over and under shotgun. Improved, like new. \$425. Call 475-2502.

26-inch men's bicycle. Mid-size, unispeed, coaster brakes. Good condition. \$35. Call 487-2769.

Left-handed softball glove. George A. Reach M-89. Only used for one tournament. Call 476-4681.

FOR LEASE

3-2-2 home. On large, fenced, wooded lot in Clear Lake City. All appliances, formal living room and dining room. Located on cul-de-sac. Call 488-1843 after 5 p.m.

WANT TO BUY

Big-wheel boat trailer. For 18-foot or 19-foot boat. Call 479-2261. Used washer and dryer. In working condition. Call 438-4084.

PERSONAL

I would like to thank you for the retirement party and beautiful gift. I appreciate the compliments expressed by my friends and co-workers. It was a pleasure working with you.

—E. Thomas

Thank you for coming to my party and thank you all for the watch and necklace. I treasure everyone's friendship. It has been a pleasure working with all and I'll miss everyone at Shell. Please come see me at 609 Janet Street, Brenham, Tex., 77833.

—Dorothy Rothermel

DPMC service anniversaries



30 Years
L.H. Ammons
General Services



30 Years
W.D. Krouse
Project Engineering

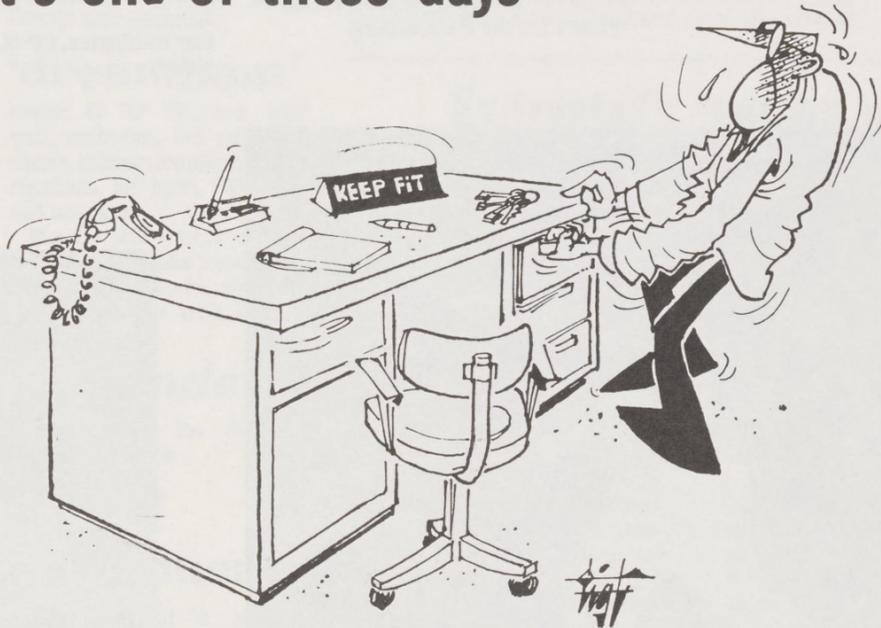


30 Years
D.R. Robison
Gas Recovery

Lee's party set

A retirement party for J.F. (Jimmy) Lee, a North Lab special tester, will be hosted by the North Lab on April 27. For more party information, call Pat Denman, Extension 6808.

It's one of those days



The Shellegram is published weekly for pensioners and employees like Russell Utsey, left, and Jerry Murphy, both operators, Alkylatlon. Both have been employed at DPMC since 1979.

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