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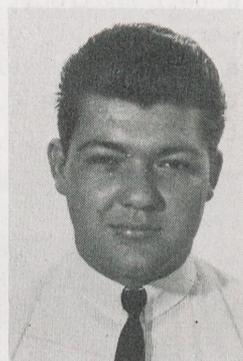


Above, Connie Daugherty receives gift and good wishes from Lee Simmons and Pete Gilliam (1) upon his retirement earlier this month. At bottom, Mike Tiller presents scroll with names of fellow employees to retiring Jim Fairleigh.

R. J. ST. PIERRE TRANSFERS TO G.O. HOUSTON OFFICES OF CHEMICAL

R. J. St. Pierre, Engineer, Hydroprocessing Department, will transfer to Shell Chemical Company, General Offices, Manufacturing, Economics and Planning Department, Petrochemicals Division, effective January 1, as announced by Refinery Manager John G. Pratt.

Richard received his B.S. degree in chemical engineering from Louisiana State University in May 1966. He joined Shell's Houston Refinery in June of the same year as an Engineer in the Technological Department. He was also assigned to the Dispatching and Gas and Thermal Cracking Departments before being plac-



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INTERESTING STORY BEHIND MOVE OF NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS

The massive move of Shell's operating headquarters from New York to Houston is now virtually complete and the decision was recently announced to relocate Shell's Executive Offices in Houston by mid-1971.

The original announcement to move operating headquarters and related employee groups to Houston was made in August of 1969. Prior

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Five Refinery Employees Participated in Business Education Day in Houston

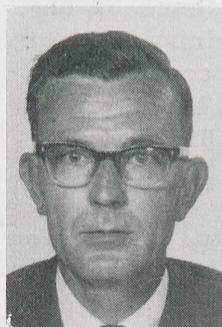
J. D. Davis, R. J. Dudley, A. R. Gatti, R. R. Kienle and R. N. Levitch were the Houston Refinery representatives in Houston's annual Business Education Day.

The five visited high schools in the area on December 8 to tell students about their respective jobs and to give them an insight into the American economic system.

The annual event is sponsored by the Houston Chamber of Commerce and is kicked off with a Get Acquainted Dinner. At the dinner, representatives from the industrial-business-professional world hosted high school teachers.

Each businessman takes over a teacher's classes for a day to attempt to tell the students about the competitive economic system relating his and his company's role to the system. While educating the students, each businessman gains a better understanding of the schools and students.

Some of the other Shell units in Houston were also represented by employees at business-education functions.



Davis



Dudley



Gatti



Kienle



Levitch



Shell Oil Company has received recognition for the "many courtesies and favors extended by the Shell management" in connection with the Treasure Hunters Association of Pasadena Annual Treasure Hunt.

A special note of thanks appears in the Annual Treasure Hunt commemorative newsletter which tells all about the hunt in stories and pictures.

Association president, Leonard Milholland and his wife just returned from a two-week treasure hunting trip to far West Texas where they found the treasures below in an old stage coach station. Among the treasures are churns, a bell, andirons, an auger, sivley stoves which were probably used in cavalry tents, pots and a grinding wheel. They reached the cache by traveling back roads in their 4-wheel drive truck.



William P. Wallace, a senior at Sam Rayburn High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wallace, has been cited as one of the outstanding high school students of English in the country.

The National Council of Teachers of English has named him a 1970 national winner in its annual Achievement Awards competition.

Last spring a committee of English teachers from the high school nominated Billy to represent Sam Rayburn High School in the competition.

Each student submitted samples of his best writing, including an autobiographical sketch; completed two standardized examinations on general English knowledge and skills and on literacy awareness; and wrote a one-hour impromptu essay. These materials were evaluated and scored by state judging teams of highly qualified college and high school teachers directed by state chairmen.

Of the 8,000 juniors nominated across the nation, 872 finalists were chosen representing 600 schools from 50 states, Washington, D.C. and American prep schools abroad.

The NCTE helps these students, now seniors, in seeking college scholarships.

Billy's mother, Maxine, is a Steno-Secretary in Research.

2-YEAR STUDY MADE BEFORE MOVE (Continued from Page 1.)

to this announcement though, was 24 months of extensive study and evaluation which eventually led up to the Houston move decision. Why did Shell decide to move their headquarters, and why to Houston? The "behind the scenes" action which led to these major decisions is an interesting corporate story.

Back in late 1967 Shell was faced with a need for more office space in New York to house the growing staff there. Additional mid-town New York office space was at a premium, costs were rising rapidly, and the possibility of improved working conditions elsewhere was recognized. The move of Shell headquarters to nearby suburbs was first investigated. The conclusion reached was that the suburbs did not offer sufficient operating advantages to warrant a move from New York.

Where to Move

The next step, which eventually resulted in the relocation to Houston, was the management decision to evaluate the shift of operating headquarters away from the New York area. The immediate problem created was then, Where? Where was the best possible site to relocate this large and critical segment of the company?

After much study, Shell narrowed the field to seven possible locations. Despite the presence of some 5,500 Shell employees, Houston was not the automatic choice. Once the field had been reduced to these seven cities, Shell called upon Stanford Research Institute to act as a consultant. The Institute gathered exhaustive data on all of the cities, covering such critical areas as cost of living, housing availability, transportation and communication networks, and many other areas.

Narrowing the List

After some months of study, Stanford and Shell narrowed the list to four in the South and Southwest. After continued study and research on these cities and their abilities to meet Shell's needs, a final decision was at last agreed upon--Shell headquarters would move to Houston.

One immediate advantage Houston offered was the availability of prime office space. Consolidation plans had already begun in Houston with the construction of the 50-story One Shell Plaza and Two Shell Plaza was under construction and available for additional needed office space. Both of the buildings were ideal for Shell's complex office needs.

ST. PIERRE TO HOUSTON-- (Continued from Page 1.)

ed on special assignment in New York in November 1969. Richard returned to the Houston Refinery's Expansion-Operations Department in August 1970, and transferred to the Hydroprocessing Department in September 1970.

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BOB STATON LEARNS MORE ABOUT POLITICS BY BECOMING COUNCILMAN IN DP

"When I realized that it is easier to complain than to do something, I decided I would try to do something to help Deer Park, so I ran for the City Council," said the newly elected Councilman, Bob Staton, Instrument Inspector, Expansion.

Staton decided to run in the October special election to fill a vacancy on the Council. "I didn't know much about politics. I even had to ask the City Secretary how I would find out if I had won," he said.

The beginning politician staged a poorboy campaign, spending about \$147 in the first election and the runoff. He got backing from a group of men and their wives, who helped out with coffee and cookies whenever he was campaigning and some of his backers worked the polls during the elections.

Even his wife, Bea, and their two teenaged daughters painted signs and distributed them throughout Deer Park, and worked the polls.

In the first election, Staton lacked about 16 votes for a majority of the total, so he ran again in the runoff against the closest of the two opponents and won about 60% of the votes.

"I guess I won because I based my campaign on something I believe in strongly. I don't think there should be too many more apartments built in Deer Park than those that we already have zoning for," he said. It is Staton's belief that people who live in apartments are not usually interested in the city.

"Homeowners invest more money in their homes than apartment dwellers, therefore, they take a bigger interest in the community," he said. He bases this theory on his own personal experience while living in apartments across the country during his 21 years with the Navy.

Staton, who was raised in Deer Park, joined the Navy after high school and retired in 1967 when he moved back to Deer Park and began working for Shell.

"I had bought a house in the city and the area was a residential zone. What really got me started complaining and then running for office was the fear that the zone might be changed," he said.

GEORGE ROBINSON DIES AT AGE 76, HE RETIRED IN 1958 AS TRUCK DRIVER

George Robinson, 76, pensioner, died December 10 after an extended illness. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Willie Pearl Robinson, 4120 Lumber Lane, Houston.

Robinson, who retired in 1958 as a Truck Driver #2 in Engineering Field, Automotive, had 20½ years of service. He was first employed as a Laborer in August 1936. He worked as a Yardman and Janitor before becoming a Truck Driver #2 in 1955.



Staton thinks getting on the Council is quite an honor and a privilege and hopes to be able also to reach other goals including street paving, parks improvement, a swimming pool for the College Park area, to encourage developers to build more homes there, and to see that Center Street paving is finished promptly.

Staton has started attending the two called meetings and the two workshop sessions the Council holds each month. During recent meetings the Council has approved a hospital authority.

"I have to do a lot of reading at home to prepare for the Council meetings. I don't want to interrupt proceedings by asking questions on rules and laws governing the Council. As I said, I don't know too much about politics but I'm learning," he said. He is studying the ordinances, home rule regulations and the State Constitution.

"I guess the best way to find out what's going on in local government and how it works is to get involved," he concluded.

PROVIDENT FUND NEWS

The following are the Provident Fund valuations:

Shell Stock Fund

\$43.868 - November 1970

Equities Fund

\$1.914 - November 5, 1970

\$1.882 - November 20, 1970

BEWARE OF BURGLARS--THEY LIKE PLAIN VANILLA RESIDENTIAL HOMES

by M. Robert Beasley

In preparing this article the author interviewed over 300 convicted burglars behind the walls of the world's largest prison at Jackson, Michigan. Their reasonings and methods of operation are presented to help protect you and your home.

According to FBI statistics, more than one burglary is committed in the United States every minute of each day and night. Thousands of people each year discover that this crime doesn't always happen to the "other fellow", but can befall anyone.

First, you must recognize that it can happen to you. Actually, the fact that you are an average citizen, with modest income and living habits, makes you a more desirable target than a wealthy person in a plush mansion. As one burglar of 30 years experience put it: "I'd rather hit two or three little 'scores' each night and be reasonably safe, than try a bigger place that is probably 'bugged', (alarm system) and wind up with empty pockets and tangled with the law."

(To be continued next week.)



RESEARCH EMPLOYEES HOLD SAFETY DINNER



Honorees at annual Research Safety dinner included Deborah and Bill Eschenbacher, Murray and Anne McAndrew (in left picture), Helen O'Sullivan, Rachelle and Jim Gross and Bill O'Sullivan.



Steve Slaymaker, Jean Parker, Georgia and Paul Peurifoy, Bob and Susan Mosely, Russ

and Carole Hodgson, Willa and Ben Charba, and Asa and Bonnie Skipper were among guests.

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Ventura electric guitar with case, 100 watt amplifier & 2-12 in. speakers, \$295.

Telephone: GR 7-1697 after 5:30 p.m.

2 open arm occasional chairs, \$4 each or \$7 for both. 3/4 width hollywood bed with 2" foam mattress.

Telephone: 946-6273

8-year old gentle, but spirited mare, bareback saddle and bridle - \$135. Horse only - \$100. See at 4107 Wallisville Road, Highlands, or

Telephone: 575-1223 after 5:30 & Saturdays

'61 Chevrolet station wagon, V8, good work car, \$100.

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'67 Pontiac GTO, all power, a/c, a/t, console, Hurst dual-gate shifter, bucket seats, gold, black vinyl interior, 36,000 miles.

Telephone: 946-6273

1959 Chev. Impala Sport Coupe, V8, radio, automatic transmission, good, dependable work car- \$125.

Telephone: 668-7385 after 5:30 weekdays

Clean used lumber, 5¢ a square foot.

Telephone: GR 9-3556

GE upright vacuum cleaner, \$30.

Telephone: 946-7991

'66 Ford Galaxie 500, 352 motor, 4 dr., tinted glass, air, power, very clean, 1 owner, \$995.

Telephone: 487-1236 after 6

New German made .22 LR magnum revolver, \$35. Black leather gun belt with cartridge holder, \$7.

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New small saddle--pony size--\$39.

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Hand crocheted Barbie doll clothes, bathtub, doors, hardwood floors, 2 wooden columns, cast iron pipes, 5 ft. fan, loose insulation.

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