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GARVER DISPLAYS CREATIVE DESIGN TALENT

Did you ever dream of designing your own home, a special light fixture or beautiful doors that everyone would admire?

Gerald H. Garver, senior engineer, Maintenance, didn't settle for dreams; he put his imagination to work, and the results are manifold.

If you haven't seen the beautiful, walnut-pieced doors gracing the Chemical Plant's lobby for the past six years, you should. They are a work of craftsmanship that only an artist could conceive - let alone execute into reality. The doors consist of walnut pieces in the hundreds arranged and secured in an open and airy manner complimenting the openness of the curved lobby wall with its indirect lighting hidden behind lattice work.

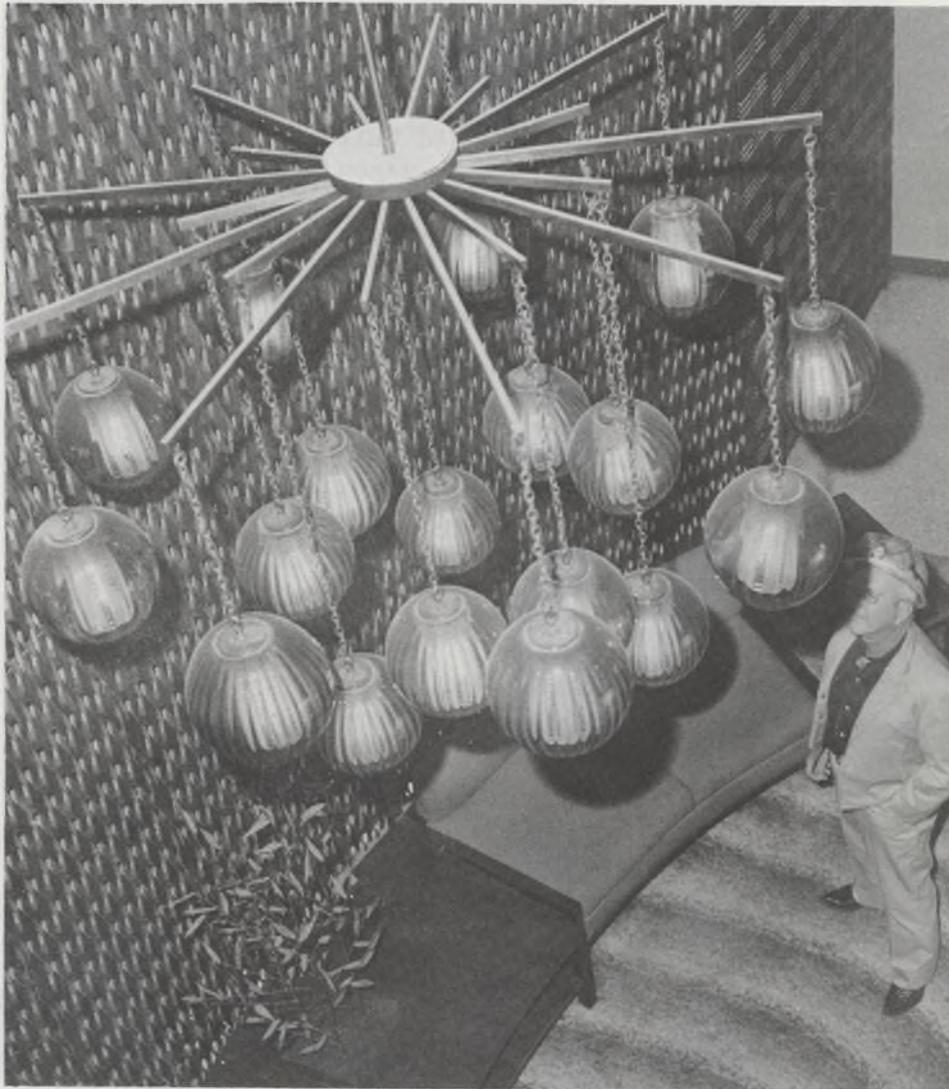
The semi-hourglass shaped door handles are inlaid with mother-of-pearl which catches and passes on reflected light.

The chandelier was made specially for the lobby area from drawings done by Garver. At first the company selected to do the work, Lighting, Inc., said that the drawings couldn't be duplicated, but they did it after Garver insisted that it could be done.

Only the furniture was the doing of another person. An interior decorator was hired by the company to tastefully select the furnishings to compliment the beauty of its architectural surroundings.

The metal doors into the research Lab were also the fruit of Garver's dreams put into reality. It was a must that the doors permit free flow of air and yet act as a security against outsiders walking into the lab when they weren't suppose to be there.

The design decided upon



Gazing up at the hanging light fixture that he designed for the Chemical Plant's lobby some six years ago is Gerald H. Garver. The globes are in the pale colors of amber, gray and turquoise with clear glass cylinders inside.

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was of bank vault quality - only these doors permitted air to circulate. They were opened electrically by a receptionist who merely pushed a button located on her desk.

Also, during this period under plant manager Frank Caddy, who is now retired and living in the Houston area, Garver designed the plans for the conference room, which has several distinctive features.

The walls of the room were cut from a single walnut tree in such a manner that there is a continuous flow of the pattern throughout

the room. A 7'x16' boat-shaped table was a pet idea of Garver's and was designed exclusively for this room. It was so massive that its legs had to be removed in order to get it to its ultimate destination.

Garver didn't use up all of his creative talents at (Continued on page 2)

PROVIDENT FUND NEWS

The Provident Fund valuation for the Equities Fund is as follows:

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the Chemical Plant. He saved some for the building of his home in Houston. His family lives in a typical suburban house on the outside, but once inside, you are aware of the spaciousness created by the opening up of the available space. In the living area, which includes the family room, living room and dining area, you can see from one to the other as the space has been freed from walls, which build barriers between

the various areas in most conventional-type homes. Then Garver really decided to try something innovative, and the result was a 25' diameter hexagon summer home containing some 500 sq. ft of living space with glass on all sides, on 30 acres he had bought in Kerrville. The Garvers now have plans to build a 40' diameter hexagon with the kitchen jutting off one side. If everything goes according to

plan, they will pour the foundation next spring. This is destined to become their retirement home, and what a home it will be!!!

TRY FALL AND WINTER FOR CAMPING FUN

What's camping without a nip in the air and a friendly campfire? Unfortunately most Texans miss these joys because they go camping during the spring and summer. Then, a campfire loses its charm when you're in a bathing suit and the temperature's in the 90s.

There are several reasons why Texans should consider fall and winter camping. For one thing, there are ample facilities. The peak-use days are over, and there usually are plenty of campsites available both in state parks and elsewhere.

Then there are the sport mosquitoes. Along with the wasps, redbugs and ticks, they are for the most part gone until next spring.

Fall and winter is the best time for fishing. Warm weather makes fish rather sluggish, but experienced fishermen will tell you that when cold fronts come in the fish start biting.

Of course, fall and winter are the best times to go hunting because that's when the seasons are open. No hunting is permitted in state parks, but many are located near popular hunting areas.

That campfire is no small consideration. There's something about sitting around a fire on a cool evening, sipping hot coffee or chocolate and talking about the day's events, that makes life worthwhile.

When you go to bed, you burrow deep into a warm sleeping bag so that only the tip of your nose gets cold, perhaps recalling last summer, sweltering in your tent, gasping from the heat when you covered up and slapping at the bugs when you threw the covers back to cool off.



Garver points to the lovely mother-of-pearl inlaid handles on the walnut-pieced doors he designed for the lobby. He is shown here showing them to Billie Page, head telephone operator.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES



30 Years
J. T. Cutrer
Safety



25 Years
A. Hebert, Jr.
Polymers



25 Years
G. P. Burk
"E" Department



25 Years
W. J. Miller
"G" Department



25 Years
C. R. French
"G" Department

SEAFOOD, HANDLING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

When it comes to handling seafood, the professionals know their business. They know that seafood, whether it is oysters, shrimp or fish, requires extra special care, and any lapses in this special care can be disastrous.

Careful handling of seafood is just as important to the consumer. Once the consumer leaves the store, he must protect his investment, or all that careful handling leading up to the purchase could be for nothing.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's seafood marketing specialists offer these suggestions to keep (Continued on page 4)

RETIREES, ALLEN AND WELLS, DIE

Johnnie Allen, 76, who retired August 1, 1958, as a gardener in Engineering field, died November 28.

At the time of his retirement, Allen had 38 years of company service.

He is survived by his wife, May Ella, who resides at 5810 Delneath, Houston.



Eveland E. Wells, 61, died December 6.

At the time of his retirement as an insulator No. 1, Engineering field, Wells had some 26 years of company service.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 9, at the Pasadena Funeral Chapel with interment at the Grandview Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Lena M., of 6403 Treavor in Pasadena.



THREE ENG. FIELD EMPLOYEES ELECT TO RETIRE



Loughridge



Henderson



Middleton

November 30 was the last day for three Engineering Field employees who chose to retire effective December 1.

Albert H. Loughridge, engineering foreman, is retiring after some 38 years of company service.

He and his wife, Adeline, plan to make their retirement home at 5629 Harriett in Houston.

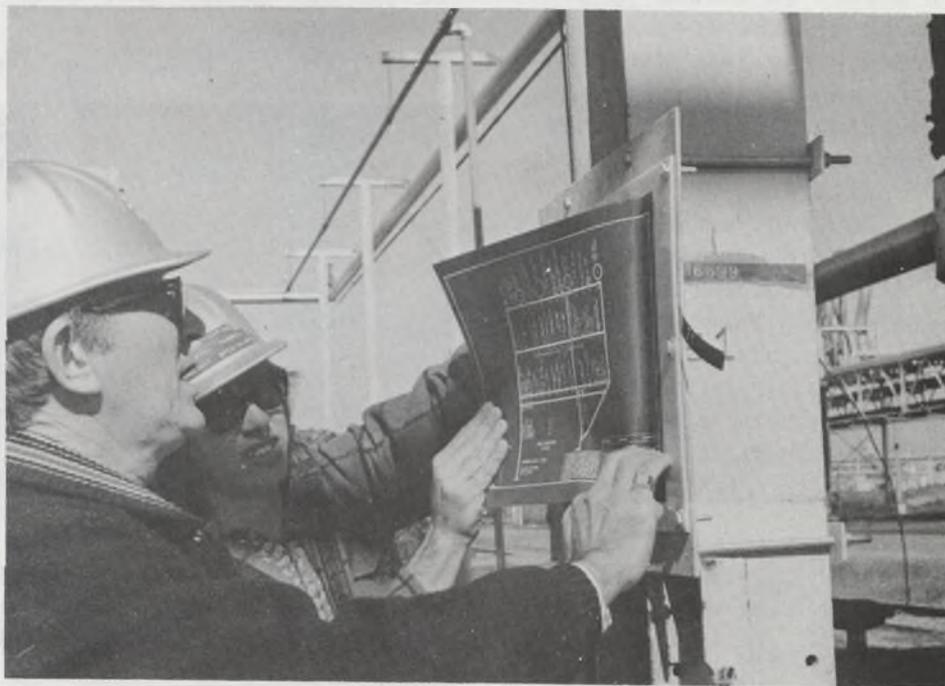
John W. Henderson, tinner No. 1, is retiring after 25 years of company service.

He and his wife, Hazel G., reside at 5106 Berry Creek in Houston.

A. R. "Bill" Middleton, pipefitter No. 1, had 25 years of company service at the time of his retirement.

He and his wife, Lois K., reside at 2012 Lamar Drive in Pasadena.

BLUE, PIPE RACK IDENTIFICATION SIGNS PUT UP



Bob Johansen and Daniel Russell, draftsmen in Engineering Office, put up the deep blue, Scotchcal plastic-coated paper signs which identify what the above pipe rack contains.

This procedure eliminates the need for having an outside concern come in and make up the large signs used in the past. It permits all of the work to be done here in the complex by using the tracings to transfer the information onto the Scotchcal plastic-type paper. Scotchcal is weatherproof (similar to that used for bumper stickers).

The decision to use blue was based on its being an OSHA informational color.

In case of an emergency, these new identification signs will assist the safety people by providing them with a ready reference as to what the lines contain.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Boy's and girl's 26" bicycles, like new. \$40 each. Couch. \$25. Rollaway double bed. \$10. 473-9600

Camper cover, paneled and insulated, for long, wide bed, one year old. \$100. 479-1295 after 4 p.m.

Octagon 3-in-1 table for dining, cards, bumper pool, with all accessories. \$160. 485-5250

1972 Olds Cutlass, 2-door h/t, bucket seats, console, all power and air, new radial tires, tape deck, excellent condition. 472-0800

1966 Corvair, 4-speed, 110 hp, 22 mpg, good work car, needs body work. \$195. 488-2183

One set U.S. Indy Mags with Goodyear tires, FR F-60-15 rear J-60-15, fits GM products. \$250. 675-5666

Poodle puppies, 5 weeks old, registered from champion line, black with discreet white markings. One male and one female. \$50 each. 488-5965 after 6 p.m.

Gas heater, 5 radiant, 28,000 BTU, Catalina Custom, like new. \$40. 946-6273

4'x8' pool table with balls and sticks. New \$279; sell for \$125. 473-8727

Motorcycle boots, size 5, \$80 full bore boots. \$40. 488-3397

seafood, handling makes a difference

consumers satisfied with what they buy.

First, if you buy fresh seafood, serve fresh seafood. Don't try to freeze it, or the premium price you paid to get it fresh will be wasted.

When you do use frozen seafood, proper thawing is important. The best way, say seafood experts, is under cold, running water. It should be thawed just enough for the pieces to separate easily. Warm water should never be used, and thawing at room temperature increases the chances of spoilage.

If you want or need frozen seafood, there are many excellent commercial items available. These products have been quick-frozen by professionals using equipment much more effective than the average home freezer.

If the trip home from the store is to take more than 30 minutes, you should take special precautions to keep the fish cool. A small chest with ice is perfect for this purpose.

Once the seafood is home, it should be kept under refrigeration or on ice. If it is kept in moisture-proof and vapor-proof wrapping, seafood should retain its quality for 24 to 36 hours.

PERSONAL

I want to say thanks to the many friends and coworkers at Shell Refinery. You have made my 25 years very enjoyable. The greatest joy is that I am able to retire with so many wishing me a happy retirement. Hazel joins me in thanking all of you for the nice gifts and well wishes.

- Hazel & John Henderson

INSULATORS HONORED AT SAFETY PARTY



Insulator Andy Darby prepares to join Patricia Clawson (facing camera) and his wife, Carol.



Mrs. Sanford, Jim and Martha Smith, the W. B. Grimes and Johnny Bills enjoy sitting across from Hazel and Butch Butchee.



"Okay, everybody come look. I wanta show you why you should wear safety shoes."

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