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McKNIGHT RENDERS AID TO MOTORBIKE VICTIMS

Purchasing's E. L. "Mac" McKnight considers himself a skeptic when it comes to stopping for anyone on the road.

A skeptic Mac may be, but his skepticism didn't interfere with lending a helping hand to his fellow man on a recent vacation to Big Bend.

"Really, it wasn't that much of a deal," Mac says when recounting his deed of mercy. My wife and I were driving along the river road on the Texas side between Big Bend and Presidio. As we passed a junction in the road, I saw a young man on the side who appeared injured. I slowed down and finally came to a stop. The young man was down on his knees begging me not to leave him."

Mac admits his wife's encouragement to help was a big factor in his stopping to investigate.

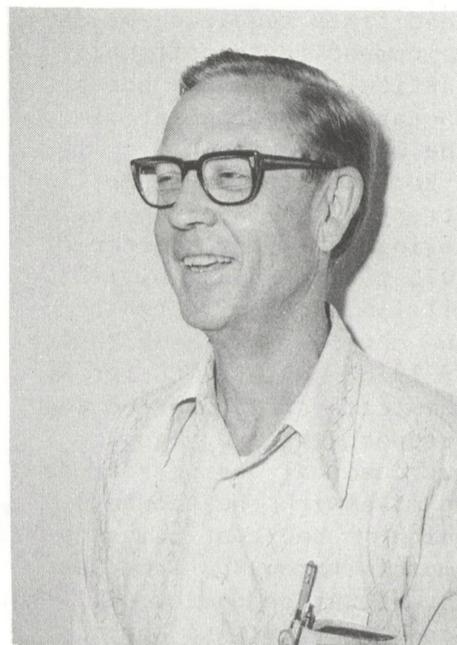
Still, afraid of what might be in store for he and his

wife, Mack put his truck in reverse and backed up to the youth, who appeared bloody. Thinking it might be an act,

E. L. "Mac" McKnight smiles as he reflects on his recent vacation and overcoming his skepticism of hitchhikers to assist two injured motorbike riders.

he tried without success to get the next car to stop. The fourth one to come along did stop, and it contained four nurses aides who immediately began to assist Mac's wife in washing the

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LAST REMINDER FOR GRADUATES' ISSUE

Today is the last day for submitting information and photographs of your graduating sons and daughters for the annual GRADUATES' ISSUE to appear in July.

This special issue of the SHELLEGRAM is limited to complex employees' sons and daughters graduating from high school or college.

ERROR MADE IN NAME

The SHELLEGRAM regrets that one of the youths named in the May 20 article on the 18th Annual Industrial Honor Awards Banquet held in Baytown was incorrectly given as Diane Peace.

It should have been reported as Diane Carroll, daughter of James R. Carroll, carpenter foreman in Engineering Field.

SHELL WORKING HARD TO HALT PRODUCTION DECLINES, SAYS SHELL PRESIDENT

"We have been working very hard to do something about our production declines," Shell Oil Company president John F. Bookout noted.

Addressing the New York oil analysts group, Bookout said of Shell, "We do expect to halt the decline in the next two years and, if the offshore frontier areas prove productive, an increase in production in the 1980's could be within reason."

Bookout explained that while exploratory drilling is in the mature stage in the lower 48 onshore and Gulf of Mexico areas, there are several potentially large reserves in virtually unexplored frontier areas within the domestic boundaries of the U.S.

Citing areas off the Atlantic Coast, off the Pacific Coast and off Alaska, he said that "Shell estimates that over half of the nation's remaining undiscovered potential will be in these offshore frontier areas."

Bookout noted that activity in the unexplored offshore frontier areas had picked up markedly in recent months with lease sales in the Gulf of Alaska and in the southern

California offshore, "We are extremely pleased with our acquisition in both sales," he added. "In the Gulf of Alaska, we and our partners acquired 29 tracts out of a total of 81 bid upon. We were, by far, the most successful bidders, obtaining representation of nine of the 11 structures on which we bid, with good distribution over the entire area. Bonus costs were high - totaling \$276 million, of which our share was \$148 million. Costs of operating in the Gulf of Alaska also will be high - it has some of the worst weather in the world. On the other hand, these tracts lie in a basin ranked by many experts as the most promising area for new reserves in the outer continental shelf. Known potential, of course, will have to await drilling which is scheduled to begin this fall.

"We also did well in the offshore California sale. We and partners were bidders, obtaining nine tracts of the 51 leased, at a total cost of \$123 million. Our net share was \$63 million and we hope to commence drilling

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Shell working hard....

these prospects this summer. Of course, even if we find oil in these new offshore areas, it will be in the early 80's before production begins because of the long lead-times required for development in the offshore, particularly in the harsh operating environment of the Gulf of Alaska."

Bookout also noted Shell's strong financial recovery during the first quarter of 1976 with earnings of \$202 million, and reflected on the outlook for the balance of 1976, saying, "So far as chemicals are concerned the prospects are very good. Our chemical business tends to move with the economy, which we see continuing to improve throughout the year. The situation on the oil products side also looks somewhat better."

However, he cautioned that "future performance will depend upon conditions in the marketplace."

He further explained, "Our strength is in basic and intermediate chemicals and polymers and we propose to grow with the demands of the nation. For example, we are now building another world-scale olefin plant at our Deer Park chemical facility.

"This plant will provide feedstocks for our own expansion in intermediate chemicals and polymers in addition to supplying feed requirements of other companies. The cost is high - we will spend about a half billion dollars for the olefin plant, and the combined derivative plant expenditures we and our customer make will total about another half billion.

"The total draw on resources - people, technology and money - is demanding, and the time from early planning to on-stream operations is four to five years. It takes a large-scale organization to marshal these resources. We have that capability and believe this significant commitment provides the basis for a balanced and, we think, profitable growth in chemicals."

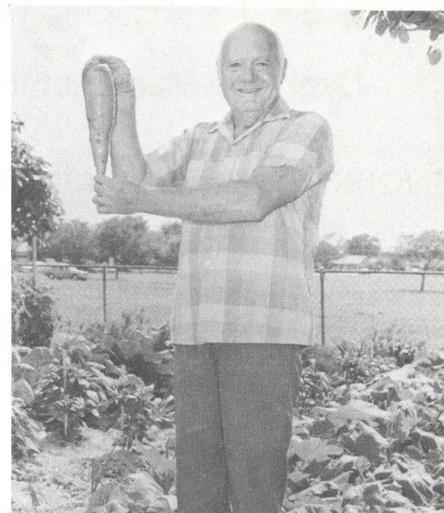
HIGH FOOD PRICES NO PROBLEM FOR RETIREE

One Shell retiree has found an answer to high food prices - turn half your backyard into a garden and take up fishing.

Utilities retiree Herbert Laake's garden provides he and his wife, Margaret, all the fresh vegetables they can eat and enough for their friends and neighbors to enjoy as well.

A carrot pulled out a couple of Sundays ago weighed in at three pounds and two ounces. It was big enough to make a carrot cake and still have some left over for a salad or two.

Their beans have been so prolific that after canning 20 gallons, the Laakes still have plenty to give away. Their tomato plants are beauties, each having



70-80 blooms and fruit already visible.

After 38 years of company service, Herbert retired in July 1972, and so far he's enjoyed every minute of it as it gives him the time to indulge in his love of fishing and gardening.

SESSION 73 COMPLETES TRAINING COURSE



Session 73 of the Operators' Fundamentals course included the following participants:

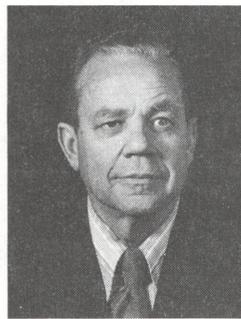
Kneeling: Tommy Parten, E. W. Mike, Amos Francis, Joe Perez and John Cantu.

Standing: instructor F. P. "Augie" Augustine, Gary Duckworth, Sam Robinson, Gale Skelly, Jack Johns, John Beasley, Mario Hernandez, Bob Hollingsworth, Joe Martinez, Robert Ashlock and Horacio Gonzalez.

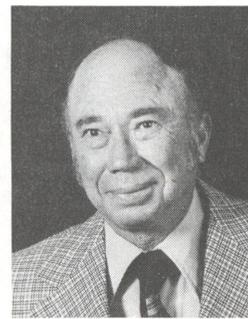
SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES



35 Years
W. A. Stabs
Eng. Field



35 Years
R. C. Whitley
Eng. Field



30 Years
D. H. Wheeler
Major Projects

SHELL EMPLOYEES AND FRIENDS ORGANIZE DAY OF GOLF AT BROCK PARK

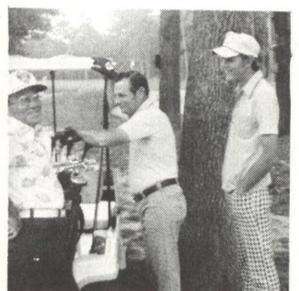
"When are we going to have another one?" These words ended the April 16 Four Man Best Ball golf tournament at Brock Park.

"The successful tournament was organized," says committee chairman J. S. Smith, "to give employees an opportunity to get to know each other better."

And what better opportunity than gathering on a windy and overcast Friday morning to tee off in an all-day tournament.

Eleven teams participated and tallied scores revealed the first place winners to be Donald Pogue, Special Projects foreman; Noel Smith and Elmer Moon, pipefitters in "G" Maintenance; and Rodney L. Smith, son of "D" Maintenance pipefitter Noel Smith.

Second place went to J. S. "Buddy" Smith, Safety inspector; H. E. "Foots" Barfoot, operator in Alkylation; Bill Vinson, Tenneco; and Steve



Up, up, and away goes the ball as Richard Cribbs, OP-II, swings his club. Holding the flag pole erect, Ed Stanley, Special Projects, watches a team member putt. Fellow golfers, H. E. "Foots" Barfoot, operator in Alkylation; Bill Vinson, Tenneco; and Steve Smith, son of Safety's J. S. Smith.

Smith, son of Buddy Smith. Low scorer for the day was A. J. "Bull" Arrington of the Sulfur Plant.

Committee members responsible for making the tournament arrangements were Buddy Smith as chairman, A. J. Arrington, Noel Smith, Jack Minter and Ed Stanley, both of Special Projects.

Needless to say, these fellows are looking forward to another tournament in the near future.

McKnight renders aid....

youth's seriously injured friend.

Then another fellow stopped and said he couldn't be of any assistance, but he offered to stop at the next town and notify the rangers of the accident.

The young victims were riding a borrowed motorbike when they hit a rock and lost control. The youth who begged for help turned out to have only scratches and cuts, but his friend had an apparent broken collarbone and a large gash in his stomach area.

"I was scared; I didn't want to stop," Mac says ever so softly.

Yet, Mac overcame his fear and stopped to assist two strangers in their hour of need.

At last the rangers arrived on the scene and took over the care of the young victims. They rushed both boys to the nearest hospital in Alpine some 80 miles away.

"I don't know who they boys were or where they were from, and I guess they don't know me, but the rangers got all of our names and the necessary information," concluded Mac as he related the day's events.

One thing is for sure. It was a day Mac and his wife won't soon forget.

EDWARDS, KELLY AND CULPEPPER DIE

Norman Edwards, 61, died May 19.

At the time of his death, he was a truck driver No. 1, Engineering Field with 24½ years of company service.



Funeral services were held at the North Side Baptist Church with burial in the Paradise North Cemetery in Houston.

John M. Kelly, 83, died May 21.

John retired in November 1951 as a machinist No. 1, Engineering Field, with 22 years of company service.



Funeral services were held at Earthman's Chapel

with burial in Fairview Cemetery in League City.

Harold M. Culpepper, 30, died May 23.



At the time of his death, he had 10 years of company service as an instrumentman No. 1, Engineering Field.

Funeral services were held at the Second Baptist Church of Pasadena. Burial was in Grandview Memorial Park in Deer Park.

Harold is survived by his wife, Lena, who resides at 201 Lincoln in Deer Park.

Info and picture due June 3 for GRADUATES' ISSUE.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

1972 Honda 350CB, 5,700 miles. \$495. 466-7365

Sears Briarwood pool table with accessories, excellent condition. \$200. 479-4979

Panasonic Quadrophonic stereo system. \$300. Three 15"x7" wheels, 5-lug. \$10. Vinyl bucket-type seat, new. \$25. 479-8155

1972 Suzuki 750 fully dressed, new condition. \$1,250. 644-0133

LWB pickup camper top, sealed and insulated, all aluminum, 8 months old. 479-2432

I.H. 1971 Travelall, 1010, automatic, air, P/S, P/B, roof rack, hitch, excellent condition. \$2,100. 488-6803 after 6 pm

16' custom built by Holmes, plywood boat with top and 50 hp Evinrude, 14 hours running time, Big Wheel tilt trailer, excellent condition. \$1,195. 472-3187

26' Twilight Bungalow travel trailer, 2 years old, new condition, sleeps 6, fully self-contained, AM-FM 8-track tape, A/C, 16' roll-out awning, heavy duty stabilizing jacks, TV antenna, undercoated. \$6,250. 473-6989

1974 Gremlin 258, 6 cyl., A/C, new tires, shocks and brakes. \$100 equity and assume 29 notes at \$83/mo. 944-3545

Cushman golf buggy, electric, perfect condition. \$500. 864-8315 after 6 pm

100 acres, house, feed barn, corral and shute, cow barn, 2 water tanks, 5-acre pear orchard, deer, quail, 25 minutes from Lake Somerville near Milano. \$595 per acre; will finance. 864-8315 after 6 pm

1975 Dodge Coronet stationwagon 360, V-8, auto, air, P/S, P/B (disc), tinted glass, roof rack. \$4,000. 938-8855

1972 Chevrolet Malibu 350, V-8, auto, air, all power. 471-1376/748-5997 after 5

Four 13"x5½" mounted mag wheels, one piece, will fit Honda Civic and Mazda cars. 485-5250

1974 3/4-Dodge truck with camper cover, auto, P/S, air, radio, aux. gas tank, cruise control, trailer hitch, 29,000 miles. \$4,400. 946-8740

1962 Pontiac 4-door H/T, very good condition, new tires, brakes. \$650. 479-1891

1975 Olds Cutlass Supreme, 10,000 miles, show room condition. \$4,500. 472-7114

Registered Doberman puppies. \$100. 452-2127

1974 Honda 250MT Elsenore, excellent condition. 1973 Honda 125MT, excellent condition. 1973 Honda XR75, good condition. 1974 Yamaha 125 dirt. 1973 Suzuki 100MT. Also 3 bike trailer, excellent condition. 472-6396

Pasadena Burke Meadow home, Spanish 3-2-2, wood fence, patio cover. Equity or new loan. 487-4430

AKC Beagle puppies, full blood, no papers, great hunting lines, 10 weeks, 2 female. \$25. 943-0232

1966 Chevy stationwagon 327, auto, P/S, P/B, runs good, new tires. \$350. 943-0232

WANTED TO BUY

Good used trombone, Conn, Cleveland or Holton. 479-2700

Pair of water skis. 479-4979

6' sliding glass patio door. 453-7927

FOUND

Men's gold rimmed sunglasses at Dow Park week of May 17. Claim at SHELLEGRAM office.

Set of GM car keys and a house key with Jay Marks tag on key chain. Claim at SHELLEGRAM office.



June 15 is the evening for all the pizza and beer you can consume for a \$1 donation. The event is for SCORA members only and you must buy your ticket in advance.

The 7-9 pm event will be held at the Deer Park Fireman's Hall on June 15.

See you there!

L. B. Burch wishes to remind SCORA members interested in a golf tournament to turn their names and two recent scores in by June 9 by dropping the information into the box located at the clock alleys.

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