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Free Plates For POWs

All former prisoners of war and civilians who were interned are eligible to receive free license plates for their vehicles so long as they reside in Texas. This is because a law passed during the last session of the Texas Legislature went into effect recently.

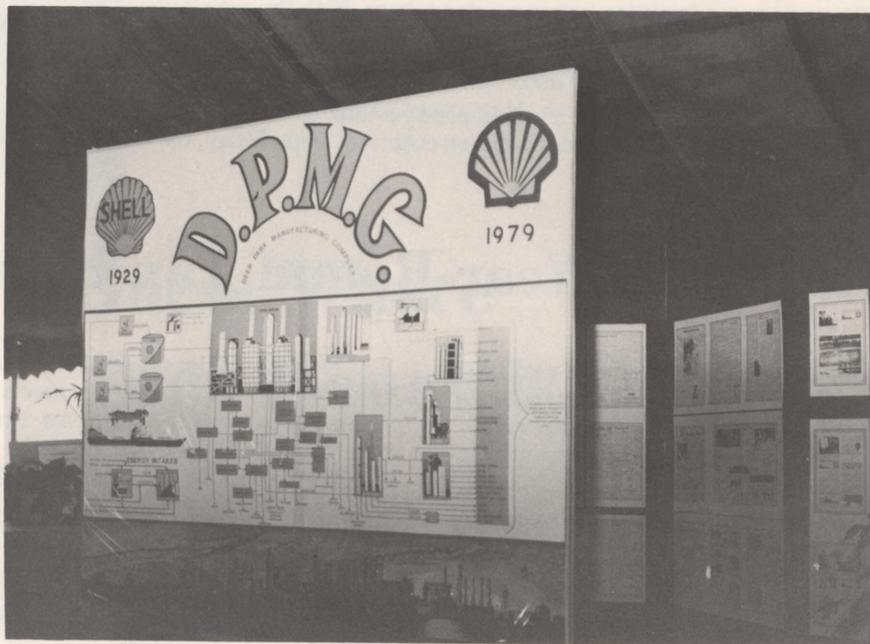
One such former prisoner of war is Layton Tuggle, staff engineer, Engineering-Process Control-Electrical. Layton was captured by the Germans during World War II when, in May 1944, his aircraft was badly damaged over Austria by German flak while on a bombing mission to an ME 109 Messerschmidt factory and repair plant. The crew was forced to abandon their plane near Zara, Yugoslavia. The crew was captured by the Chetniks, who then turned them over to the Germans. Most of Layton's time as a prisoner of war was spent at the Stalag Luft III installation near Sagan, Germany.

When the Soviet armies advanced toward Germany's eastern front, all prisoners of war were moved westward. Layton and his companions were force marched through much of Germany in the dead of winter. They were also transported in boxcars during part of their forced flight.

Stalag Luft III "Kriegies" (as prisoners of war in Germany were called) were interred at Nuremberg before being liberated in Moosburg by General George Patton and his 14th Armored Division of the Third Army on Sunday, April 29, 1945.

If you, like Layton, were a prisoner of war or if you were interned as a civilian, you are eligible for a license plate

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Shell Booth Recognized

This booth took the second place ribbon for industries at the Deer Park Fall Festival held October 25-27. The booth display was designed by Bob Johansen pictured showing it to Gary Dillard, general manager-DPMC. Bob is a design draftsman in Engineering Support.

Shell's booth was one of 146 sold by the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the Fall Festival.

Cognac Production Begins

Shell has begun oil and gas production from the first two of 62 planned wells on the Cognac platform, the world's tallest offshore platform. The \$800 million project is located in the Gulf of Mexico about 15 miles southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi River.

"Bringing Cognac from lease sale to initial production in five and a half years was a monumental task," said Bob Farris, Vice President, Southern E&P region. "This achievement is especially significant in that the technology needed to make this project a success did not exist at the time we began the project. Technological

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innovation is the real achievement in the Cognac story," he added.

Shell will produce oil and natural gas from two producing zones in the wells which have begun production. This oil and gas will go by pipeline to Shell's East Bay processing facilities before coming ashore. With the completion of additional wells, production is expected to increase to an average of about 10,000 barrels of oil and seven million cubic feet of gas per day around the first of the year.

By 1983, Shell expects to have completed a total of 62 wells with production of about 50,000 barrels of oil and 100 million cubic feet of gas a day, the latter rising to 150 million by 1992.

IRS Offers Year-Round Tax Help

No matter what the time of year, it's always in season to think taxes, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Thinking taxes can run the gamut from simply keeping good records for tax purposes to checking any of the various free IRS publications. Both make filing a return at tax time a little easier. For example, good recordkeeping through the year can cut back on the amount of time wasted at tax time hunting up misplaced cancelled checks and trying to reconstruct lost receipts. Taxpayers who keep good records are less apt to overlook deductions. As for checking the free publications, this makes for more efficient planning and fewer surprises, allowing a taxpayer to anticipate how purchases, sales and payments will affect the year's tax return.

The IRS distributes more than 70 publications which cover various tax topics such as the sale of a home, paying for child care, supporting dependents, and tax benefits for older Americans. These helpful publications can be ordered from any local IRS office.

Taxpayers who need more assistance than that found in a free publication can call or visit IRS taxpayer service offices for assistance any time of the year. After all, getting an answer to a tax question about individual retirement arrangements, sale and purchase of stock, or rental property can be as important in July as in the middle of January. IRS taxpayer assistance is available also for disaster victims - such as those affected by hurricanes or floods - who may qualify for special tax benefits.

Obviously, IRS taxpayer assistance is not foolproof. For taxpayers who contact the IRS more than once and do

not receive satisfactory responses through normal channels, there's a relatively new office called the Problem Resolution Office that can help. To contact the Problem Resolution Office, the IRS advises taxpayers to visit or call their local IRS office and ask for the Problem Resolution Officer.

Remember, IRS taxpayer assistance is available in many forms. It's free and there for the asking.

Lift Properly

This may sound crazy, but one good way to check for proper lifting is to make sure your shirt doesn't touch you back while you are lifting something. If you back is straight (and it should be when you are lifting any object), your shirt will hang loosely from your shoulders. In other words, a loose shirt means a good lift!

Of the 50-plus ways to get a backache, one of the most common is improper lifting. The back cannot tolerate for long the strain caused by lifting from any position in which the back is not straight and erect. Compare your spinal column to a stack of blocks. Any strain on it sideways tends to topple the stack, but it can withstand great pressure from the top straight up and down. So, lift with your legs.

When lifting an object, keep your back straight and erect, bend your knees and push up with your legs. If you can't lift it that way, ask for help.

Remember that light loads can be just as dangerous to the back as heavy ones if you use your back incorrectly.

Service Anniversaries



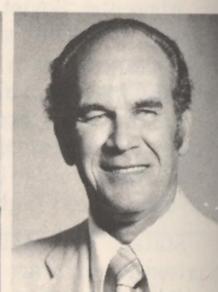
35 Years
S. M. Schultz
Maint. South



35 Years
E. Thomas
Alkylation



30 Years
J. F. Baird
Maint. North



30 Years
C. C. Bridges
Project Engr.



30 Years
F. M. Krupa
Distilling



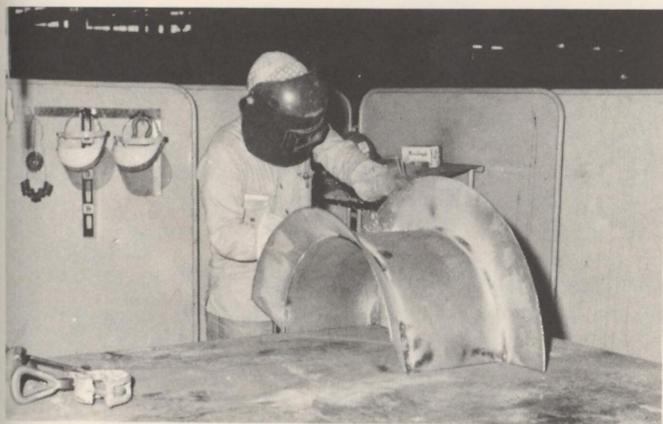
30 Years
H. L. Mize
Maint. North



30 Years
E. R. Smith
Maint. North



30 Years
B. T. Weatherly
Solvents & Treating



On-The-Job Scene

Maintenance North welder Joe Hernandez is caught in action on the job. He's been busy lately with the United Way campaign and his duties for OCAW, Local 4-367.

Guess Where Your Money Is Going

Retiree Dies



Joe Esterak, 65, died November 5. At the time of his retirement in March 1976, he was an operator No. 1 in Distilling.

Burial arrangements were handled by the Pasadena Funeral Home with burial in the Grandview Cemetery.

Joe is survived by his wife, Elsie, who resides at 3326 Westside Drive in Pasadena.

Attention Grandparents

All you grandmas and grandpas, who have grandchildren named Brian, Mark and Susan, take note. A 50th Anniversary box loaded with Christmas gifts, all gaily wrapped and sent by UPS, has been received by CK Distributors. Apparently the grandchildren's address fell off the box and only the CK Distributors' address remained on the side, so UPS delivered it to them.

To claim, please call Clarence Comer of CK Distributors on 488-2149. He will be glad to forward your package via UPS after you describe its contents and provide your grandchildren's address.

Money is tight but bureaucracy hasn't got the message. Items reported in *Congress Today*, magazine of the National Republican Congressional Committee, reveal the same old pattern of waste.

Even top officials in the General Services Administration (GSA) admit that fraud and waste in its operations cost taxpayers \$100 million per year.

GSA spent \$110,000 to build a prefabricated building containing a hydraulic lift designed to help customs officials on the U.S. - Canadian border inspect the underside of vehicles for contraband. Two years later, the building had never been used. Customs officials say they didn't know the building had gone up and they don't need it.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration spent almost \$10,000 to design a safety motorcycle and then found the added safety features made the machine almost impossible to ride.

The U.S. government spends \$127,000

yearly replacing glassware broken in use at its facilities - and another \$100,000 yearly replacing stolen glassware.

At an air base in Little Rock, Ark., enlisted men are going to bartender's school and taxpayers are paying a third of tuition costs.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) invested \$4 million last year to see what would happen if bus rides were free. Conclusion: More people ride the bus.

The experiments were carried out in Denver, Colorado and Trenton, New Jersey. DOT says the plan worked so well the scene will be reenacted this year in Albany, New York. DOT doesn't point out that more vandals rode the buses, that crowding was increased, that schedules were disrupted. It doesn't admit the plans proved so expensive that neither Denver nor Trenton will continue the program without a federal subsidy.

Jones Retires

Dixie B. Jones, 65, has elected to retire as an operator No. 1 in Lube C. At the time of his retirement, Dixie had 35 years of company service.

He and his wife, Eddie, reside at 1159 Creekmont in Houston.



Classifieds

FOR SALE

1969 Corvette Stingray 350, new paint, 4-speed, mags, new wide tires, chrome side pipes, air, radio, very nice condition. \$5,195. 455-7393 or 328-1407

VW hunting buggy, roll bar, tow bar, high hunting seat, large tires. 991-5803

Polaroid SX-70 land camera model 3. \$35. 479-8714

Hotpoint microwave oven, less than year old. \$450. 10 volumes of creative handbooks on knitting, crocheting, sewing, etc. \$50. 427-2208 after 5 p.m.

16' fiberglass V-hull, 55 hp Chrysler, electric start, tilt trailer, accessories, good condition. \$895. 981-1317

1973 Dodge Cornet, new tires and battery, good working condition. \$800. 487-6351

Portable B&W TVs, 13" and 17", need repair. \$10 each. 488-7370

Yashica Electro 35, 35mm camera and case, excellent condition, built-in electronic exposure control and shutter. \$85. 461-7037

Whirlpool gas stove. \$50. Wards 40 gallon glass tank water heater. \$55. 943-3223

1973 23.6 Newman boat, 302 Ford I-O drive with 1976 Sportsman trailer. \$4,995. 9N Ford tractor 3 point lift with P.T.O. \$1,695. 6' bush hog. \$395. 2 bottom plow. \$295. 5' disc. \$295. Post hole digger. \$150. 5' blade. \$150. 489-7708

1978 Honda 175cc street or dirt. \$650. 645-0214

AM-FM stereo car radio out of 1979 Monte Carlo. \$40. 479-8714

1979 El Camino, low mileage, V6, air, automatic, Ziebarted. 472-1716 or 479-5265

Kenwood KA-7100 AMP, 60 watts per channel, Kenwood KT-5300 tuner, 6 JCP MCS 3-way 60 watt speakers, like new. \$800. 471-4476

3-1 with den at 906 Glenmore in Pasadena, colonial style, 1525 sq. ft., central air and heat, stove, drapes, 10x9x8 storage shed. Mid 40s. 477-6281

Two American Airline half price coupons. \$25 each. 676-1652

FOUND

Eight keys on a flexible ring. Claim in room 151 of refinery administration building.

FOR LEASE

3-2-2 in Middlebrook, draped, fenced, available now. \$475 plus deposit. 488-0418

FREE

Small mixed breed puppies, short hair, 9 weeks old. 944-2156

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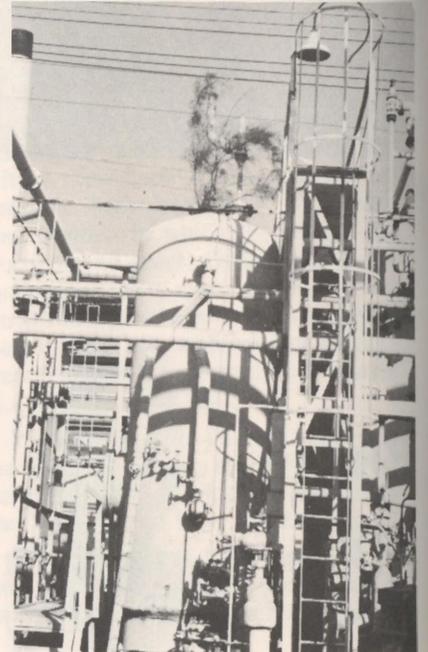
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at no cost for the rest of your life or as long as you reside in Texas.

To obtain an application form, either write or call the Motor Vehicle Division of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation at 2215 Mangum Road in Houston, Texas 77092. Their telephone number is 681-6637.

RETIREMENT PARTY

Lillian Brown, Engineering Support, will be treated to a coffee and cake farewell gathering on November 28 at 9:30 a.m. Contact Vickie Breshears on 6757 for more details.



Tree Tops Column

Unlike senior auditor Bill Glasscock, most pedestrians who pass by this site never see the tree blooming atop this column.

Bill says he has told others, who often pass this way, about the tree and is surprised when they say, "How come I've never seen it?". Perhaps the answer is that they haven't looked up lately.

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