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THE RAY BOYDS received a surprise gift on their 33rd wedding anniversary from Mrs. Boyd's Indianapolis cousin.

The surprise was a Shell quart motor oil bottle picked up at a northern flea market. The 18" high and 3" wide motor oil bottle was a common sight during the 1930's.

Old timers may remember buying their oil in containers similar to Ray's from C. P. McMurray's service station in Pasadena during 1931-32 before it was torn down to make way for a new freeway.

Dream Comes True

The dream came first, followed by a decision to turn the dream into a reality, and then came the effort to make it work.

A. P. "Augie" Augustine had the dream (see June 9 Shellegram feature story, "Augie's dream comes true, Operations Training Unit I Comes Onstream) of a hands-on training unit for instructing all new operators. After meeting with top management, the decision was made to dismantle the olefins pilot plant and convert it into a kerosine distillation unit for hands-on training of all new operators.

When the decision was made to convert the pilot plant into a kerosine distillation unit, W. P. "Bill" Bryan of Process Engineering was assigned to work with Augie on the technical aspects of the job. Mark Davis of Project Engineering was named project engineer, and it became his job to do the engineering. "Most jobs are engineered before they're started; this job was started before most of it was engineered," said Mark as he reviewed the successful results of nine months of labor on the part of seven to nine Shell craft trainees per day.

Mark also recognized the special efforts of the following departments in helping do the revisions: Safety, Inspection, Mechanical Equipment, Pressure Equipment, Thermal Design, Instrumentation and Process Engineering.

Mark's counterpart in the cooperative effort between those with engineering know-how and those with practical expertise was Bill Ervin, engineering supervisor over the various crafts involved.

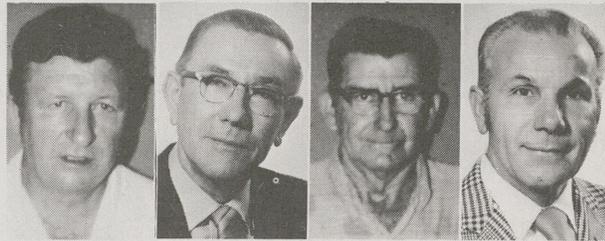
But the man who devoted full time to the project was W. H. "Mac" McGuire. Mac was the one on the job every day from beginning to end coordinating the craft trainees' efforts, guiding them to

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Safety Party



Guests at the Material Control safety party found many enjoyable things to mtle about. Just ask Sue Pettit, Debbie Young, Ted Pettit and Jim Young. Or Rose Mary and Goose Tatum. Or Gene and Melba Hartman.



Dean Foster King Moulder

These photographs were printed out of sequence in last week's issue. here the photographs show retirees: A. I. Dean, R. T. Foster, L. King and J. E. Moulder.

Voluntary Physicals

Is it possible to get something for nothing? You bet it is! Just call Mary Jane Bradbery on 6431. She'll gladly schedule you for a free physical provided you are over 40 years and haven't had a Shell paid-for physical during the last two years.

If you are under 40, three years will need to lapse before you are entitled to another free Shell physical.

Now you know where to get something for nothing and find out your physical status at the same time.

Give Mary Jane a call today and set up your appointment for a free physical.

Americana Calendars

September 19 is the deadline for ordering Americana Calendars. Priced at \$2.50 each, the calendars may be ordered through Diane Thomas, Chemical Administration, room 254; or Margaret Holiday, GS&F lobby.

Payment must be made at time of purchase and checks are preferred.

SCORA News

SCORA will have a Board of Directors meeting Wednesday, August 24, 1977, 2:00 p.m., in the Refinery Conference Room. Any SCORA member is welcome to attend.

Service Anniversaries



30 Years
Q. L. Berry
Refinery Lab



30 Years
W. P. Stricklin
Electrical



25 Years
L. H. Case
Env. Eng.



25 Years
P. Lanchak
Distilling

Deaths

Retiree Robert L. Smith died July 16. At the time of his retirement in April 1966, Robert was a shiftforeman in Polymers and Resins.

He is survived by his Dorothy L., who resides at 5803 West Bellfort in Houston.

Dream Comes True

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completion of the job in April 1977, which was ahead of schedule.

Not only did the craft trainees gain valuable experience building the distillation unit, but they assisted in saving money as well. Some of the savings resulted through the recycling of existing equipment and using Shell salvage. A heat exchanger, control valves, gate valves, meter runs and pumps were some of the items salvaged. Bill Ervin saved a lot of money by convincing management to permit an idled furnace to remain rather than having it dismantled. The decision to let the furnace remain also saved considerable manhours and provides some protection from those cold northern winds.

Was the OTU-I worth the effort and funds spent on it? "You bet!" says Mark as he relates how two-to-three-year veteran operators have expressed to him their wish that they could have had the opportunity to be trained on the hands-on training unit before taking on their first unit.

Now, all new operators are trained on the OTU-I and go to their new operating assignments more confident about what they are expected to do and how to go about doing it. It's a dream come true.

Provident Fund

The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

EQUITIES FUND
July 31 - \$2.519
SHELL STOCK FUND
July 16-31 - \$34.040

Oil Drops

It wasn't difficult for those planning Maintenance North pipefitter R. T. "Gooper" Foster's recent retirement party to decide on the theme. Known by many co-workers for his mimicry of dogs over the past 30 years or so, Gooper was given his very own, bright red, shiny new fire hydrant, a leash that squirted warm water, a flea collar and a few other items essential to living the life of a dog.

Gooper had his guests howling with laughter and disbelief at his dog-gone antics.

His friends enjoy telling of the time Gooper chased away a door-to-door salesman with his howling skills and, as a result, almost got carried away to an institution for frustrated mandogs.

Retired Maintenance South dispatcher Frank J. Lewis recently took a 10-day cruise with his cousin, Shelley Forbes.

Frank and Shelley's July cruise out of Miami took them to such places as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

A seasoned cruiser, Frank says it's a great way to meet people and have a good time.

Former chief technologist Mel Renquist writes from his retirement home in Odis, Oregon, that he is still editing slides taken on a European trip last May to Amsterdam, Nice, Grenoble, Paris and London. The Renquists'

Operators Complete Study

The following operators have completed a self-development study aimed at increasing their awareness of the many varied and responsible aspects of their job:

Dispatching — R. B. Youngblood, D. E. Lopez and B. W. Farmer.

VCM — M. I. Turner and B. K. Russell.

EP-SR — P. J. Nicar and D. I. Lewis.
Light Oelfins — M. E. Miller and M. M. Young.

G — C. B. Stone and R. A. Carrell.
Thermal Cracking — J. A. Romero and C. T. German.

Other operators included: R. R. Ortiz, Utilities-Chemical; R. A. Lozano, Hydrocracking; K. D. Kaup, Utilities-Refinery; R. E. Wilson, A Department; E. Sanchez, Alkylation; R. W. Penland, BD-HT; G. G. Duckworth, Major Resins; M. L. Cunningham, Distilling; and E. J. Nelson, Catalytic Cracking.

motor bus tour offered them many opportunities to visit small villages along the route.

Good buddie Vern "snapshot" Burnett of Data Processing was on the way to work last Thursday at 3:00 a.m. from his home in Cold Springs when the alternator on his 1977 MGB went out near the Aldine-Bender exit on Highway 59.

Poor Vern, what to do. No lights; no power; nothing. "I pulled off the highway," he said, "and my CB buddie, Dinner Bell, seeing my dilemma pulled over behind me. She gave me a ride to her workplace so I could use the phone. When we arrived, she handed me the keys to her brand new car and said, 'Be sure to pick me up at 3:30 p.m.'"

Vern was astonished. After all, he and Dinner Bell had been good buddies for a mere month. Needless to say, he doesn't do much travelling without his CB in the car.

Sick Pay Exclusion

Did you receive sick pay last year while absent from work due to illness or injury? If so, the Internal Revenue Service may have some good news for you.

Congress has reinstated "excludable sick pay" for the 1976 tax year, and that could mean a significant tax refund for some people. The revision enables individuals who qualified for the exemption in 1976 to refile their returns and claim the exclusion.

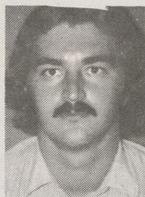
The rules for determining sick pay exclusion for 1976 are the same as for the previous year. However, elimination of the sick pay exclusion became effective January 1, 1977.

If you feel that you might have a sick pay claim for the 1976 tax year, contact your local IRS office for the proper forms (1040X and 2440) and for full information.

Welcome To The Complex



Freddie Lomax
General Helper
Maintenance South



Roger Luther
General Helper
Maintenance South



Tom Mac Elwee
Accountant
Product Accounting



Laddie Macha
Process Manager
Lube A



Henry Martinez
General Helper
Maintenance South



Royce Mayfield
General Helper
Maintenance South



David McDowell
Engineer
Resins



Nancy Miller
General Helper
Maintenance South



Willie Mills
Inspector
Eng. Services



Gary Nolen
Instrumentman #1
Maintenance North



Gene Novosad
Pipefitter D
Maintenance South



Lupe Palacios
General Helper
Maintenance South



Phil Perkins
General Helper
Maintenance South



Jeff Pharis
Info. Technologist
General Services



Delmer Presley
General Helper
Maintenance South



Carlos Rodriguez
General Helper
Maintenance South



M. A. Rodriguez
Pipefitter D
Maintenance South



Linda Scott
General Helper
Maintenance South



Irv Skaar
Staff Engineer
Planning



Alan Smith
General Helper
Maintenance South



Gary Smith
General Helper
Maintenance South



Stew Stewart
Electrician #1
Maintenance South



M. R. Stewart
Pipefitter D
Maintenance South



John Swift
Electrician #1
Maintenance North

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1969 Ford pickup, air, auto, AM-FM 8-track, 360 V8, 643-9122

1973 Mercury Marquis Brougham 4-door, PS, PB, PW, AM-FM stereo, speed control, air, power seats, excellent condition. 497-6934

1968 Plymouth Satellite 2-door, 273 V8, A-T, 54,000 miles. 472-5071

1968 Nova 327ci, 3/4 cam, hi performance pistons with pop ups, low ratio 4-floor trans., Hurst shifter, super stock mags, 411 posi track rear end. \$800 or best offer. 479-6228

1973 Monte Carlo, loaded, clean. 488-5725

1974 Honda 550 four extras. \$800. 645-4442 or 643-7397

1973 Mercury Montego Brougham, air, auto, PS, PB, AM-FM stereo, new tires, vinyl top, sharp. See at Shell Credit Union. \$1,900. 474-3370

1970 GMC, standard, PB, air, AM radio, good work truck. 471-7942 after 6 p.m.

16' Arrowglass tri-hull walk-thru, 85 Mercury big wheel trailer, red interior, white exterior, 35 hours, excellent condition, one year old. \$3,500. 427-9078

1970 Sportcraft, 18' deep-V bay boat, 120 hp Mercruiser I-0 completely rebuilt, \$2,000 invested, galvanized big wheel trailer, extras, ready to go. \$2,700. 479-0498

1971 Starcraft 16' boat, 80 hp Mercury, galvanized trailer. \$2,200. 476-4849

40 acres of land, Cibolla range of Rocky's in Western New Mexico, high elev. 8015 ft., low 7700 ft., warranty deed available. \$4,500. 448-7127

3-1/2-2 large den, fenced in large backyard, wooden storage house, covered patio, near schools. 472-1145 after 5 p.m.

Weatherly Vanguard 300 win. mag-sling 3 x 9 Leupold scope, scratch resistant stock, new. 946-4402 or 455-6686

Stoller-chair brand baby furniture, converts to stroller, coach carriage, hi-chair and many other pieces, best quality and construction, like new. 473-3709

Signature washing machine, washes perfect, rough spin cycle. \$37.50. 487-3588

4-14" wheels and tires. \$40. 427-4886 after 5 p.m.

Miniature Schnauzer AKC female, 2 years old, must sell, reasonable. 427-8391

Cocker Spaniel pups, AKC, 6 weeks old, show quality. \$125. 487-1302

1974 Gremlin X-package, air, auto, radio, bucket seats, console, etc., excellent condition, one owner. 497-6934

1971 Gremlin, air, radio, automatic, good work car. \$500. 475-0290

Offset printing press, A.B. Dick 326, very versatile press in good condition. \$1,095. 524-0521 or 641-4374 after 6 p.m.

1970 Olds 88, PB, PS, air, 455 cu. in. engine. 472-8795

Acre at Ivanhoe near Woodville, huge

pine and magnolia trees, four bass fishing lakes and one water skiing lake, electric and water available. \$3,300 cash or terms. 479-1891

1977 Honda 750 K with Windjammer III, crash bars, luggage rack, back rest, 2,000 miles, immaculate. \$2,100 firm. 424-1036

1972 Winnebago 22', sleeps 8, excellent condition, CB, cruise control. \$7,900. 476-5837 after 4:30 p.m.

1968 Plymouth 2-door, 273 V8, automatic, 53,000 miles. 472-5071.

Bayou Vista lot on canal, one street from bird sanctuary. 471-1671

Spinet piano, Baldwin, good condition. \$500. 471-1671

FREE

Four year old, thoroughbred Irish Setter female, no papers. 485-5472

Kittens, 475-0290

FOR RENT

House in Deer Park close to Shell and junior high, 3 bedrooms, bath, kitchen, fenced. \$250 per month; one month's deposit. 479-8238

WANTED

Carpool from Almeda-Genoa and Mykawa or Telephone Road area, flexible hours. 991-3274

Engine for Renault R-10. 471-5029

Stake bed truck with or without engine, prefer truck with dump bed. 446-9211

LOST

Seiko watch between P&R and Inst. Shop in chemical. \$5 reward. 474-3556

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