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AN EXCITING DAY AT THE HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO

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It was an exciting day at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo when 24 boys vied against one another to catch one of the 12 calves running about the Astrodome arena. Each of these boys was a member of a 4-H club, in the upper one-fourth of his class, and had exhibited the qualities of leadership and citizenship. So, they were well matched.

In a mad scramble of boys, calves, and officials, the calves were caught, holstered and led into the winner's circle. David Lindsey, 15, caught Shell Oil Company's

sponsored calf and proudly brought it into the winner's circle where he turned it over to Jack Cox, former Houston Refinery superintendent operations, and W. L. McCarley, retiree.

This is just the beginning for David, who is a sophomore at Jacksboro High School in Jack County, Texas.

Now, he must raise, show, and make regular progress reports to Shell's sponsor, Don F. Knowlton, administrative manager, Public Affairs, Head Office.

Hopefully, David will finish the coming year with a few blue ribbons under his belt from showing his calf at various county and state fairs.

David is no newcomer around cattle. According to his father, John Lindsey, David keeps busy working on his grandmother's farm in Jacksboro and has been an active member of 4-H for the past seven years. He showed cattle in the Jack County Fair last year and placed 4th in the Fat Steer Class. David is active in high school sports, playing tackle on the football team which placed second in the district last year.

TIME TO PUT BOAT IN SHAPE FOR SUMMER

Spring seems to be starting a bit early this year, and it has probably caught a lot of boat owners with their boats in the same shape they were in last fall.

If you and your boat had an active season, this might not be too good.

There are a few things a boat owner should take care of before he sets out to sea for another season of fun in the sun. These things range from minor checks to avoid inconveniences to very important matters which could make your day in the sun not so much fun.

Starting with your boat, you might take this opportunity to...

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SHELL REDUCES PRICES TO RESELLERS

Effective March 1, 1974, Shell Oil Company reduced the price of propane 4¢/gal, motor gasoline to resellers and consumers 0.5¢/gal and heating oil and diesel fuel 2.5¢/gal, in addition to price reductions of several other products.

The refinery balance incentive program instituted January 1 by FEO and designed to encourage increased production of home heating oil ended March 1. The termination of that incentive program is largely responsible for the price reduction in the furnace oil-diesel range products.

The complete range of price decreases per product:

PRODUCT	CPG AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
Automotive Gasoline	0.5
Range/Stove Oil	2.5
Furnace Oil	2.5
Diesel Fuel	2.5
Kerosene	2.0
Premium Diesel	2.0
L.P. Gas	4.0

OFF-SEASON ANTELOPE NETS LARGE FINE

Off-season antelope hunting has netted a Hudspeth County man the largest individual fine assessed in the Trans-Pecos in recent years.

Parks and Wildlife Department game warden Royce Wells of Fort Hancock filed the case during the latter part of January after becoming suspicious because of a "green" antelope hide he had found in the area.

Wells later noted blood and hair in the back of the poacher's truck and found three antelope in his barn.

The individual was charged with three counts of possessing an antelope during a closed season and assessed \$607.50 in fines.



"Here comes another dreamer."

MAN WITH AN IDEA



Col. Edwin L. Drake

who drilled the first successful oil well, was one of the many men whose ideas sparked oil's first century of progress.



A former railroad conductor hired by James M. Townsend, a New Haven, Conn., banker, to find oil at Titusville, Pa., Drake had to combat financial worries and constant hostility. People called him "crazy." No one had ever drilled for oil before.



At 69½ feet, Drake finally ran out of credit. On August 27, 1859, his backers sent one last remittance to Titusville, plus orders to abandon drilling. But that very day the well struck oil!

Since 1859, men with ideas have worked to provide Americans with this abundant, low-cost source of energy—energy that has meant more human progress in the last century than in the previous 6,000 years.

RETIREES CARTER AND MATSON RECENTLY DIED



Carter

Roy B. Carter, retired material checker, Purchasing Stores, died February 27. Carter retired in January 1957 after 23½ years of service.

Funeral was held March 5 at the Jack Rowe Funeral Home in League City with interment in Forest Park East.

He is survived by his wife Mamie Bell.

G. L. Matson, who retired in August 1973 after 30 years of company service, died March 3.

Funeral services were held at the Niday Funeral Home Tuesday, March 5, at 1:30 pm with burial in South Park.

He is survived by a son, George Lee Matson.



Matson

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It's all ears for David Lindsey, No. 10, as he watches and listens to the advice of a Calf Scramble Committeeman explain how to catch and harness a calf according to the rules. Below we find David as he caught the Shell Oil Company sponsored calf by the tail. After some effort he was able to get the harness over its head and drag it to the winner's circle where he was aided by W. L. McCarley, retiree, a committeeman, and J. R. Cox, former Houston Refinery superintendent operations.



TIME TO PUT BOAT IN SHAPE FOR SUMMER

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unity while it is still up on the trailer to give the hull a good cleaning. On wooden boats, old paint should be stripped off and some new paint applied. This is not only good for the hull, it is good for the boater's morale.

While you're down there chipping away at that old paint, check the caulking to see if it is still smooth and doing its job. If it's cracked, replace it with fresh caulking before you repaint.

Fiberglass hulls should be cleaned thoroughly and then given a luxuriant coating of wax. Wax helps the boat slip through the water, producing both speed and fuel economy, something which can't be discounted in these days of gas shortages.

The next items on your checklist should be your safety equipment. Take a look at your personal flotation devices, for example. By law, they must be serviceable. This means the straps should

be firmly attached and the kapok bags unruptured. If your PFDs suffer from these deficiencies, they should be replaced.

It will take just a minute to see if your running lights and horn work. Replace any bulbs which don't shine. If they all shine but seem dim, your battery probably needs charging. Consider yourself lucky you found this out before you drove all the way out to the lake.

Your fire extinguisher also needs a check for cracked or broken hoses or obstructed nozzles. Check the pressure gauge, locking pins and sealing wires. Recharge if your gauge indicates extinguisher pressure is low.

One of the most important jobs is still ahead of you, tuning the engine. It can spoil your day to have the thing cough and sputter to the middle of the lake and then quit completely.

Boat checked out? Then you are ready to go, right? Not quite. Your boat trailer

may need some attention. There's nothing like a burned-out trailer wheel bearing on a Sunday afternoon to cause a grown man to cry.

Wheel bearings should be replaced at the first of the season. Check the bearing for pits and rust. If there is any doubt in your mind about the bearing, replace it.

There are some other moving parts on your trailer which need some attention. Lubricate all working parts of the couplers, winch, tilting mechanism, moving brackets and oil rollers.

Check the tires for proper pressure and wear, and see that the hitch on your car is tight. Hook your trailer to the car and test the lights.

Each trailer is different, so it is up to the owner to deal with specific problems.

These precautions will take a little time, but it is more convenient to find problems while you are still in your own yard than to find them 100 miles from home and 50 miles from your destination.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Sony tape recorder, model 255, deck only. Sound with sound, 3 speeds, 2 heads, 1 motor, take up reel and 4 patch cords supplied. Telephone: 471-1431 after 6

Utah speakers, one pair, 2-way system, 3" tweeter, 8" woofer, RCA and screw terminals on back with crossover. Telephone: 471-1431 after 6

3-1/2-2 brick house, central air, built-in oven and range, near Highway 59 and Farm Road 525. Equity and \$110/month. Telephone: 473-6503

9'x11' umbrella tent. \$30. Telephone: 472-3018

1966 Chevy Impala 396 with balanced race engine coupled through 3500 no-stall 400 hydro trans. to 3.31 rear end. AM-FM stereo tape; new wide tires on aluminum spoke wheels and decorative paint. 1974 license. \$1,250. Telephone: 472-5988

Dune buggy, 1968 VW engine, highway equipped, many extras. \$995. Telephone: 333-3439

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1968 Ford 4D Country Sedan. 302 engine; good tires, and power; good condition. \$850. Telephone: 472-4203

CLASSROOM TRAINING AND REFINERY TOUR



The Pipefitters' Training Class poses during their classroom period. Seated: R. S. Leach and I. Harlan. Standing: B. F. Cochran, H. L. Shorts, J. D. Maples, and H. Carr.



The Student Chapter of AICHE at the University of Texas recently toured the refinery. One of the points of interest was the Utilities Control Center (UCC). Some 40 students made the tour.

16' Fabuglas, 75 hp Chrysler, galv. top, convertible top, ski equip. \$1,400. Telephone: 334-1684

1969 3/4-ton Chevrolet pickup. Power steering, air condition, automatic, positive traction, 8-ply tires. Good condition. \$1,400. Telephone: 473-1510

Brand new tent; 10'x16'. Sleeps ten people. \$75. Telephone: 472-4203

Fender electric guitar with Fender (Princeton Re-verb). Cost \$250; sell \$175. Telephone: 946-6273

5 1/2 month old refrigerator. Wood grain finish. Two doors. Delmonteco. \$110. Telephone: 477-7097

PERSONALS

My sincere thanks to each of you who were responsible for making my retirement party such an outstanding event. I am proud of my gun and the scroll. Lucille appreciated being remembered with the most gift also. My years with you made lasting friendships that are cherished and you will be hearing from me often. I intend to "keep in touch." Good health and good luck to all of you. Thanks again!

- Raleigh Bis

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