

DPMC ANNOUNCES CARPOOLING CONTEST

By now everyone should have received Mr. Dillard's letter noting the increased traffic congestion on Highway 225. The letter announced a new matching program for those wishing to carpool and provided a registration card for you to fill out and return to Employee Relations, along with a telephone number (6557), to assist you in locating others in your area who also wish to carpool.

In an effort to encourage carpooling, the company is sponsoring a series of carpool contests. The initial one will recognize carpools existing as of January 1, 1977.

Prizes will be awarded to each member of the winning

carpools in the following categories:

1) longest existing carpool (define carpool formation date as the earliest date at which any two of the current members started riding together),

2) most miles traveled (calculate the miles traveled by adding the distance from the DPMC to each carpooler's home and dividing this figure by the number of carpoolers),

3) most carpool members,

4) least miles traveled, (use same method of calculating as for most miles traveled).

Don't hesitate. Fill out the entry form on page 4 of this week's *Shellegram* today.

List complete names and company numbers (the number on your badge) of all carpool members along with the number of miles carpooled and the date the carpool formed. By doing this, you and your fellow carpoolers may each become a winner of one of the prizes listed below:

a) fillup (up to 20 gallons of gas), carwash, lube job, oil change and filter,

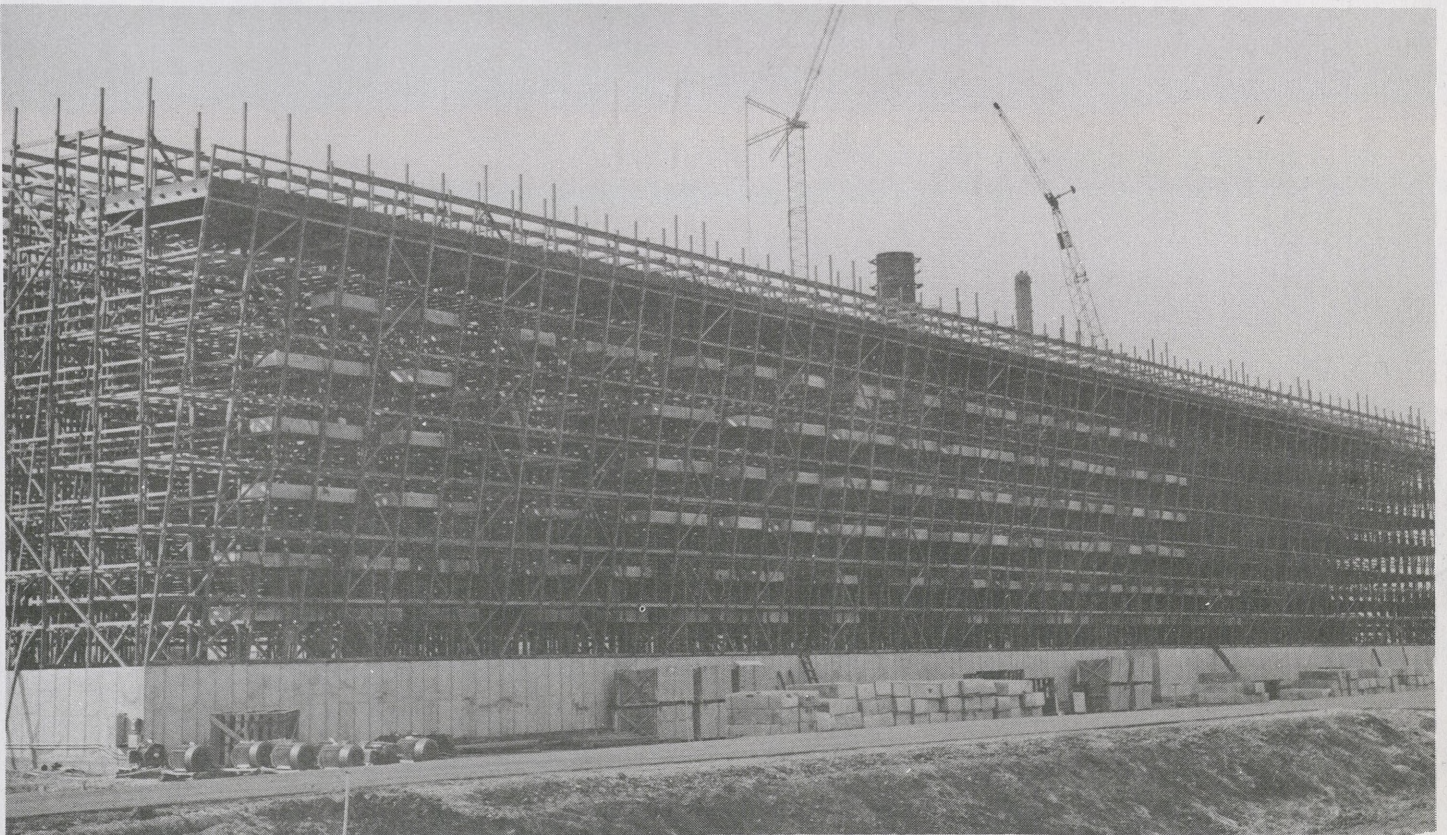
b) engine tune-up.

c) gift certificate to Foleys, or

d) dinner for two at either The Foundry, Looks "Sir Loin" House or the Gallery Steak House.

Deadline for submitting (Continued on page 3)

COOLING WATER TOWER BEING BUILT OUT OF DOUGLAS FIR



Miles and miles of Douglas Fir are being used to construct the cooling water tower (pictured above) for OP-III.

The 433-foot long, 57-foot wide and 71-foot high induced draft crossflow cooling water tower has over five miles of treated Douglas Fir from the Pacific Northwest in its construction.

The tower consists of 12 cells with a 30-foot fan in each cell. The fir is treated with acid copper chromate to a retention of 0.75 lb/cu ft, making it as rot resistant

as redwood, which was formerly used in the building of cooling water towers.

"One big plus with fir," according to Barry Brupbacher, Engineering Services, "is its strength; it is 20 percent stronger than redwood as well as cheaper and in more consistent supply."

"The smaller cooling towers will continue to use redwood, but we're going to fir for the new, bigger towers," says Barry.

Miles and miles of it.

McKINNIS IS FLYING HIGH THESE DAYS



Last year the *Shellegram* pictured W. C. "Mac" McKinnis, Engineering Support, flat on his back while building a Skybolt from a popular do-it-yourself plan for a two-seater aerobatic sports plane.

Now Mac's plane is finished, and he can be found most sunny evenings flying high in the sky making loops and dives with any daring passenger around.



On this sunny evening the photographer/passenger was co-worker Tom Martin, who caught pilot Mac in a serious mood. Another view from the sky shows the Clear Lake-Mud Lake area northeast of NASA.

According to Mac, that's Red Bluff Road with all of the traffic on it.

The next time you look sky-ward and see an orange and yellow biplane with a black stripe on its side, think of Mac. It just might be Mac flying high in his Skybolt.



SCORA's Family Day Picnic will be held Saturday, May 14, at the Pasadena Rodeo Grounds.

Sandra Bradbury reports there will be some real adult entertainment at the picnic, as the response for participants in the dunking booth has been overwhelming.

The following people have volunteered to be dunked: Dave Andrews, Augie Augustine, Ken Baird, Claudia Blackburn, Mike Brown, Martha Browning, Betty Chambers, Larry Csengery, Don Deister, Jane Dickerson, Johnny Garrison, Chester Guidry, Clo Laird, Jim Long, Ray Lopez, Dave McClintic, David Miller (that's Doctor David Miller), Barbara Moon, Jim Newlin, Randee Rothman and Winnie White.

If you've been thinking about joining SCORA, now might be the time to do it. To make joining easy, SCORA will soon be sending out information on how to join or rejoin. Sandra says, "Join now and come to the picnic - this might be your only chance to get a shot at one of those listed above."

Sounds like it should be a lot of good clean fun.

SCORA TENNIS TOURNAMENT

ENTRY FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

DEPT _____ SCORA MEMBER NO. _____

EVENTS (Circle events to be entered)

FEES

SINGLES (\$2.00 per entry. Enter only one.)

\$ _____

MEN'S A MEN'S C
MEN'S B WOMEN'S

DOUBLES (\$2.00 per team.)

\$ _____

MEN'S WOMEN'S

PARTNER'S NAME _____

MIXED DOUBLES (\$2.00 per team.)

\$ _____

PARTNER'S NAME _____

TOTAL FEE \$ _____

The SCORA tennis tournament will be held March 19-20 at the Deer Park High School South Campus courts. Entries must be returned to Bob Heller, Room 201, Chemical Administration Building, by 4:00 P.M. March 11. Questions can be directed to Bob Heller at X7684. Checks for entry fees should be made payable to SCORA. Only SCORA members may participate.

PROVIDENT FUND NEWS

The Shell Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

Equities Fund

January 31 - \$2,551

Shell Stock Fund

January 16-31 - \$75.068

VIRGINIA ROBERSON RECEIVES SWEDISH EMBROIDERED AFGHAN



A Swedish embroidered afghan is proudly displayed on the living room couch of

M. W. "Robbie" and Virginia Roberson's Deer Park home.

The afghan was a Christmas gift from Robbie's daughter, Carol Wilson, who lives on a 140-acre tobacco farm in North Carolina with her husband and three children. In spite of her busy life, Carol managed to spend 103 hours of her time making the afghan for Virginia, who was quite surprised when it arrived.

"Carol had written us about making three quilts," remarked Virginia, "and I was hoping to get one. But when the package arrived, I knew by its size that it wasn't a quilt."

Instead it was, as Robbie puts it, "a beautiful afghan!"

Displayed in their living room, the afghan picks up Virginia's soft color scheme of lavender, gold and blue.

OPERATORS COMPLETE PHASE IV TRAINING

Twenty eight operators have recently completed Phase IV of the Operators Training Program, a self-development study to increase the operator's understanding of the many varied and responsible aspects of working in operations.

Of these 28 operators, eight were from Utilities. The eight included: R. J. Musmanno, P. R. Aboud, L. P. Cavaretta, S. H. Maywald, D. C. Brooks, J. V. McCall, J. Perez and L. H. Trammell.

BPA had five operators complete Phase IV including: J. L. Mattox, M. B. Allemang, A. T. Clayton, O. C. Rodriguez and D. W. Dominy

There were four from CA completing the program. They included: M. Malveaux, W. R. Whitehead, F. L. Humphrey and G. J. Martinez.

BA/EA operators included: T. C. Jackson, J. J. Watson and C. J. Carter.

Operators J. L. Martinez and T. A. Clanton work in VCM.

Others completing the program included: P. Marx, EP/SR; J. G. Newman, Pyrolysis; P. D. Zafereo, "S" Department; L. O. Secrease, Dispatching tank farm; J. E. Brewer, Light Olefins; and S. J. Broussard, Major Resins.

"MIRACLE" TUNNEL DESIGNATED A LANDMARK

If you built tunnels in the sand as a child, you may remember digging on one side while your friend dug on the other and you both hoped your hands would meet in the center.

Well, Virginia's Crozet Tunnel, completed in 1858, was built something like that but on a much larger scale - the tunnel is 4,273 feet long. Designed and built by Claude Crozet, a French born civil engineer, the tunnel, located in Rockfish Gap, Virginia was considered something of a minor miracle and it has been recently designated a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.

The tunnel was built during a period of ridicule and insult for Crozet with people betting large amounts of money that the workmen digging from east to west, almost a mile apart on a curved path, would not meet in the middle. Yet, during a period when tunnel building was no routine matter, Crozet's engineers and workmen steadily and laboriously bored ahead.

It was almost entirely a handwork job. Crozet had no high-speed rock drills nor mucking equipment essential to modern tunnel building. Dynamite was yet to be discovered (in 1866 by Alfred Nobel). Added to the problems of tunneling without the benefit of compressed air, mechanical shovels or pumps, dump cars or adequate explosives were rising costs, unsettled land damages and the financial crisis of 1855.

Not only did Crozet meet these difficulties with characteristic patience and ingenuity, but also with precision - for when the workers holed through the 4,273 distance, the two shafts met squarely.

It's no wonder that Rockfish Gap considers its 120-year-old Crozet Tunnel a minor miracle.

NO SHELLEGRAM NEXT WEEK

The *Shellegram* stands will be empty next Thursday. All ads received too late for this week's edition will appear in the March 3 *Shellegram*.

Carpooling contest. . . .

carpool contest entry forms is March 9. Winners will be announced in the March 17 *Shellegram*.

Mail your entry forms to the *Shellegram* office today.

For those who aren't currently carpooling, you still have a chance to win one of the above mentioned prizes. How? By forming or joining a carpool. This will enable you, along with those already carpooling, to participate in a monthly drawing for carpoolers.

Details on the monthly drawings will be announced in a future issue of the *Shellegram*.

SNAFU'ers TO MEET

The SNAFU'ers will have a luncheon meeting Tuesday, February 22, at 11:30-11:50 a.m. in the refinery main office conference room.

If this time and location is inconvenient for any interested persons at the chemical plant, please call Mary Jane Bradbery on 6431 for further arrangements.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Solid core entry door, 41"x84"x1-3/4" and four pane door, 37"x78 1/2"x2-1/8". \$35 each.
472-6768

4 year old AQHA Reg. Quarter horse gelding, gentle. \$500.
472-5720

Full blood black female Doberman, ears clipped, all shots, no papers, 6 months. \$100.
471-2592

1969 Ford pickup SWB with Williamscraft camper, good condition. \$1,595.
427-4886 after 5 pm

One acre lots in 53-acre subdivision, heavily wooded, water, electric, paved roads, Barber's Hill school district. \$7,950 per acre.
452-0025

Schwinn heavy duty men's bicycle, good condition. \$35.
479-6220 after 4 pm

Forest Park Lawndale 6-space lot. Call or write: Dixon Kirk, Box 154, Fayetteville, Tx 78940, 1-378-2591

1973 Johnson outboard 65 hp motor with less than 50 hours running time, controls, all like new. \$1,000.
485-2320 after 6 pm

6-drawer solid oak dresser with large mirror 54". \$50.
472-5988

1965 Yamaha 90cc, new Knobby tires, fenders and lights. \$75.
944-0547

Two 700x15, GPR, Xtra Miler truck tires suitable for recapping. \$2 each.
643-9802

12 hp Sea King outboard motor and gas tank (OMC), old but runs perfectly. \$125.
472-0120

1973 Honda CL350, low mileage, good condition. \$500.
645-8797

1968 Triumph Spitfire Mark III. \$595.
471-0916

White German Shepherd puppies, AKC. \$50-80.
487-5050

5 week old male Irish Setter puppy, best offer.
472-6635 or 941-6557

Ward's Western Field Vacationer fold-down camper, sleeps four, all steel body, new tires, excellent condition. \$500
941-7352

1973 Chevy van, 38,000 miles, 350 V-8, A/T, P/S, P/B, dual air, positraction, tilt steering wheel, AM radio.
1-255-6200

1974 Gremlin X package, 6 cyl., auto, air, P/S, radio, bucket seats with console, excellent condition.
497-6934

WANTED TO BUY

6'8 1/2"x24" interior door.
479-2182

Interested in assuming loan on house, prefer older home needing work.
479-2182

FOUND

Silver color twisted arm bracelet in GS&F Bldg. Pocket knife with 2 blades found in parking lot. Claim these items as well as several pairs of glasses and other items at the *Shellegram* office.

PERSONALS

I would like to thank my friends for the retirement present which I received on December 30. I appreciate everything that all of you did for me.
- Dempsey Shelton

I would like to show my appreciation to the friends who contributed to my retirement gifts and party. It has been a real pleasure working with you all of these years and I always will retain pleasant memories of my days at old "Joe Shell." When any of you are in the vicinity of 5118 Sleepy Creek Drive, Houston, how about dropping in to visit the old Ridge Runner. Again, thanks for everything.
- W. H. "Ridgey" and Bobbie Jean Steil

CARPOOL CONTEST ENTRY FORM	
I would like to enter my carpool which consists of the following individuals:	
_____	Co. # _____
_____	" _____
_____	" _____
_____	" _____
_____	" _____
_____	" _____
We formed our carpool _____ (month/year) and travel _____ miles.	
MAIL ENTRY FORM TO: SHELLEGRAM - MOA 103	

PRELIMINARY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

A copy of Shell's Preliminary Report for 1976 is now available. If you would like to have a copy, drop by the *Shellegram* office or call 6301 and a copy will be sent to you.

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