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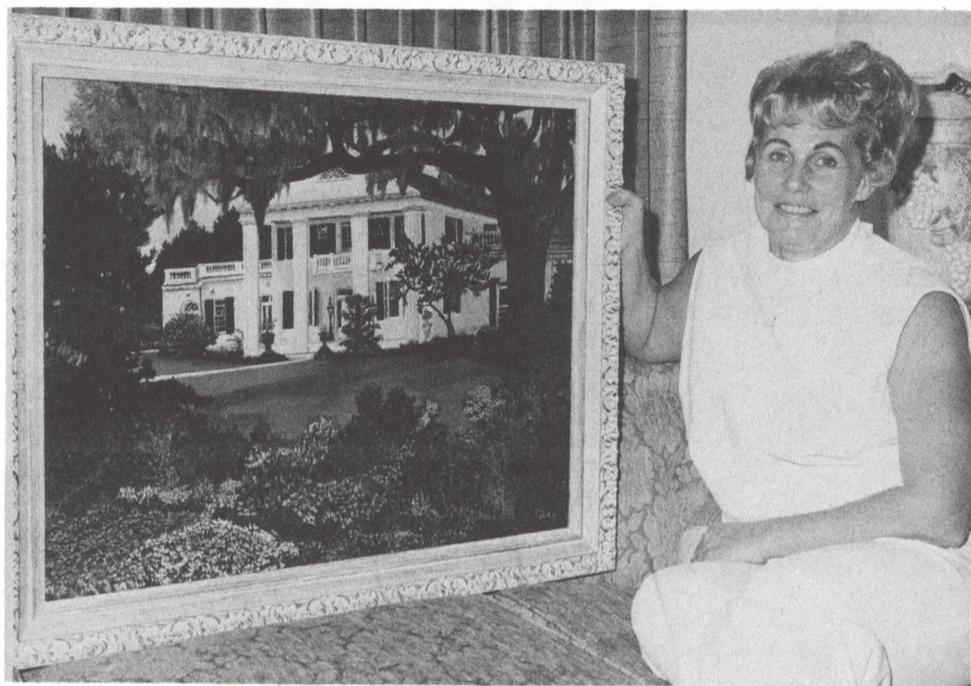
LELA PARNELL: A WOMAN OF MANY INTERESTS AND TALENTS

Lela is a woman of many interests and talents. These interests and talents fill her days and keep her busy. Too busy most of the time, but never too busy to lend a helping hand to a friend in need. For example, it was Lela who made the three-tiered cake for Grandma Shaver's 100th birthday featured by Ron Stone on NBC News. Lela also gave Grandma Shaver a permanent for the occasion.

The cake was a beauty but so are the quilt tops that she has made as gifts for her three children.

So, too, are the oil paintings that Lela has been doing for the past few years. It all started when the children had a group portrait taken and Lela decided she could tint the picture herself, and she did! The tinting experience turned out beautifully. Now she's into oils. Although Lela's oil paintings are copies of the masters, they are skillfully executed and husband Billy Parnell, supervisor, Payroll and Scheduling, enjoys displaying her work in his office. As a matter of fact, he would like for Lela to do another water scene for his office.

Maybe she will after she finishes the Queen Anne chair she is in the process of stripping down. The chair came from the Cameron estate in Waco, and Lela is anxious to finish it for use in her living room. The



Lela sits on the couch she redesigned holding the picture she painted. In the background are the drapes and lamp base she made. The Parnells living room is filled with Lela's creative efforts.

living room also houses several other of her accomplishments. There are the lamps she made, the drapes, the painting (pictured above) and the couches. The couches are almost a story in themselves. One was a wide-armed, out-of-date couch that Lela wanted modernized. Her friends in the upholstery business suggested she buy a new one, but Lela decided to renovate the one she had and out came the hack saw and off came the greater portion of both arms. The Parnells' now have a modern, three-cushion couch from an outdated two-cushion one.

Lela isn't the only Parnell

with creative talent. Husband Billy has a few of his own. His most recent accomplishment was the completion of a cast net. During the two years he spent tying knot after knot, he corresponded with an English professor who aided him in the age old art of making cast nets. Billy is now working on his second cast net, which should go much faster due to his previous experience.

EXAMINATIONS FALL BEHIND

"Over 1,100 examinations were completed during 1975," says Dr. David E. Miller, "but this record must be increased by 20-30 percent during 1976 to keep up with our work load."

What does this mean to the employee who has signed up for a free physical? It

means that usually you are scheduled for a physical and notified six weeks prior to your appointment. This provides you with ample time to notify your immediate supervisor and obtain his signature on the form which you are then to sign and

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**DIRTY
FILTERS
LEAVE YOU
BREATHLESS!**



LARRY GRUBER ENJOYS WINTER QUAIL HUNTING



The quail has been discovered hiding in the grass by Whitey and Ginger on point with Vickey and Jackie backing. The dogs belong to Larry's nephew, John Kazmierski, and his neighbor Wayne Allai.

Why does Larry Gruber enjoy winter vacations? One reason is because he enjoys hunting quail in Kansas with his nephew, John Kazmierski. They take along John's dogs to flush out and retrieve the quail.

The amazing thing about the dogs according to Larry is that when one of them discovers a quail hidden in the brush, all of the other dogs immediately honor the discovery by back-

171 SAFE-WORK DAYS ACHIEVED BY REFINERY

Refinery personnel achieved 171 safe-work days, totaling about 1.3 million manhours, without a disabling injury. This represents a safe-work performance that every employee was a part of, and of which every employee should be proud.

"This safe-work record was interrupted on February 3," says John Rivard, manager, Safety and Industrial Hygiene, "when excavation shoring partially collapsed, injuring an employee in the process of reinstalling cross-bracing on the shoring." He further notes that "this accident is being investigated in detail to preclude future incidents of this nature."

Each injury should serve as a very real reminder to us all that there is no substitute for safety.

ing him up.

To show that they've made a find, the dogs point or set depending upon their breed. Pointers set with tail in a vertical position, while a setter points his tail horizontally.

So, Larry will continue taking a winter vacation in Kansas to hunt with his nephew and his dogs. When friends ask him whether or not he had any luck, he will continue to give the dogs the credit for any "luck" he might have had because he feels that the real hunting ability depends upon them - rather than on the hunter's skill.

Examinations fall behind....

return to the Medical Department confirming your intention to have the physical at the appointed time. However, your responsibility doesn't end there. You are expected to be present for your scheduled appointment. If, for any reason, you are unable to make your appointment, you should notify the Medical Department prior to your appointment so that another employee can be scheduled in your place. If you do not notify the Medical Department that you are unable to keep your appointment prior to its scheduled time, you will be dropped to the bottom of the waiting list. This will mean that your next opportunity to avail yourself of a free comprehensive physical will be 9-12 months in the future.

Remember, when you receive your appointment notification slip, read it, sign it and obtain your supervisor's signature, mark your calendar - both the actual date and a reminder two-three days ahead of your appointment, return the slip to the Medical Department, and then make every effort to keep your appointment. If, for any reason, you can't keep it, notify the Medical Department prior to your appointment time for a new one.

SESSION 67 COMPLETES TRAINING



Session 67 of the Operators' Fundamentals training class consisted of the following participants:

Kneeling: Ricky Kelly, Phillip Murphy, Ray Snodgrass, Charlie R. Callaghan, Jesse J. Rodriguez and Michael J. Kriegel.

Standing: Instructor A. P. "Augie" Augustine, Oran McMichael, G. L. Locke, Daniel Rivera, James Webber, James L. Mattox, Jr., William James Holmes, Lawrence O. Secrease and Alan L. Barnes.

DPMC EMPLOYEE AND PARTNER FINISH 38TH IN WORLD BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Bill and Inez Benjamin recently topped all United States entries in the 10th Shell World-Wide Bridge Tournament, scoring 7,571 points for a percentage of 62.3, and finishing 12th world-wide. Benjamin is a staff engineer in Process Engineering, Head Office.

For the Benjamins, it was the second "top-twenty" rating in a row. In 1974 they finished 10th in the world-wide competition.

The 1975 tournament drew a record 436 pairs, representing 33 different Shell locations in 20 countries. It was won by a husband-and-wife pair, the Estoks, from Caracas, Venezuela. Second was a pair from Thailand.

Other United States players who placed in the top 50 were: Bob Duncan and Harry Durham, Biological Sciences Research Center, Modesto, 21st; Stan and Marian Newman, Westhollow Research Center,

37th; Steve Slaymaker, DPMC, and Joe Levine, Bellaire Research Center, 38th; and Marty and Carolyn Silverman, Houston Information Center, 46th.

The top five pairs, incidentally, were from different countries on five different continents. In order, the five leading pairs were from Venezuela, Thailand, Egypt, Australia and the Netherlands.

Americans have won the tournament three times, in 1966, 1968 and 1969. The English took the championship in 1967 and 1973. Pairs from the Netherlands won in 1971 and 1974. A Norwegian pair finished on top in 1972, and a pair from Curacao in 1970.

The bridge players compete in their respective locations by playing predealt duplicated hands. Thus, players in Hong Kong or London, in Norway or in the United States play the same hands.

Scores are then compared with those of all other players around the world.

The United States coordinator is Gregor Riesser, Westhollow Research Center.

HIGH COST OF GOVERNMENT

Did you know that Shell Oil Company provides data in at least 30 separate ways to the federal government on its reserves, production rates, reservoir information and projected planning?

Company-wide, it's estimated that routine and special reporting, including data gathering and associated compliance activities, require about 475 man-years annually at a cost of nearly \$17 million.

WESTHOLLOW DEDICATION HELD LAST WEEKEND

During the weekend of January 30 to February 1, people came by the carload to see the new Westhollow Research Center. The event was the official dedication.

There were speeches, a two-day open house, tours, displays and souvenirs.

Congressman Bill Archer spoke on free enterprise at the noon dedication on Fri-

day. Other speakers at the podium in the large rented tent were Harry Bridges, president, Shell Oil Company, and Tom Baron, president, Shell Development Company.

The dedication reaffirms Shell's research commitment to the world and assures Westhollow's neighbors in the Alief-Houston area of its commitment to the community.

The most important reason for the dedication and open house was to provide research employees' families a chance to see where mom or dad works.

Approximately, 4,400 guests - research employees, families, retirees and dignitaries - were invited to each session of the dedication and open house. In the words of Tom Baron, they saw "one of the finest research centers of its kind in the country."

The invitation list also included university people, state and local officials, Shell's board of directors and the press.



The Theme Building is the architectural focus of the Westhollow Research Center. Shading fins and special glass were used to reduce energy loads and to break up the sense of size. Ponds and landscaping were used to help the facility blend into its environment, provide for paths for relaxation and as part of the facilities drainage system.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

1970 Opel Kadett, 1900 cc engine, 4-speed. 472-0440

1974 Ford pickup. \$2,800. 473-4293

1965 El Camino 283, V-8, radio, heater, air, 3-speed, needs paint, runs good. \$650 or best offer. AM-FM radio in-dash. \$40. 695-5407

1973 Harley-Davidson chopper, customized, excellen condition. \$2,850. 328-1469

26' Twilight Bungalow travel trailer, fully self-contained with many extras. Better than new. Large corner lot in restricted subdivision, 4 miles east of Bastrop, TX. 473-6989

1972 Triumph 650, rigid tail, molded, Springer front end, Posa fuel carbs. \$2,500 or best offer. 477-5275

1975 Suzuki RMI25 dirt bike, super tricked for racing. \$650 or best offer. 944-2883

Refrigerator. \$65. 473-6503

1974 Yamaha RD-350-A, like new, 1,900 miles, perfect condition. \$795. 946-6273

Minolta SR-7 camera with lens Rokkor 1.4, tele lens Rokkor 2.8, Coastar M-2 flash, filters, sun reflector and carrying case. 926-2743

12' semi-V Ouachita boat and Delhi trailer, Sea King motor, 7½ hp. \$300 cash. 487-1367

1970 AMC Hornet 6, standard. \$300. 487-0278

Two center orchestra seats Houston Grand Opera, "Bilby's Doll," Tuesday, March 2. \$22. 474-3910

WANTED

Caretaker for small country club, live on premise, preferably man and wife. 946-4051

Used mini bike. 479-3961 after 5 pm

Maple dining table with 4 or 6 chairs. 946-2040

PERSONALS

I wish to thank my friends at the complex for your many expressions of sympathy at the death of my father. It's loving support from dear friends that helps through such sad times.

- Peggy Shelburne

I would like to thank all of my friends for the wonderful gifts you gave me on my retirement. Your friendship and kindness will always be remembered.

- J. M. Downey

GALVESTON GETS NEW STATE PARK

Whether you are a fisherman or an outdoor theater-goer or both, there will be a treat in store for you in Galveston after February 14.

That's the date set for dedication ceremonies for one of the newest Texas state parks, Galveston Island State Park, located near the center of Galveston Island. The 1,935-acre park will include fresh and saltwater fishing facilities, along with 1,000 acres of marshland.

Of special interest to bird watchers will be the extensive facilities and special opportunities to view a large variety of birds in their native habitat.

The park site will be a unique recreational area not just for bird enthusiasts but for historical and theater fans as well, since it will also be the site of the Lone Star Drama Theater. Ground has been broken for the \$1 million, 1,700 seat-capacity structure, and tentative completion date has been set for August 15, 1976.



"Better not hold out on Uncle Sam like you do on me."

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Mrs. Dotti West - Editor

Tomorrow's the night of SCORA's Western Dance at the SPJST Hall. The BYOB dance will begin at eight o'clock and dancing will continue until midnight. The cost will be \$5 per couple for members and \$7.50 per couple for guests.