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## Phenol-Acetone shutdown ends

After months of preparation and work, things are getting back to normal at Phenol-Acetone following a shutdown that lasted a month and a half.

No small undertaking, the shutdown—which began last month—involved 14,000 man-days and about 290 craftsmen.

"It was a major shutdown, larger than the one in '78," John Campo, coordinator of the shutdown, said.

But in spite of the large scale of the project, Campo pointed out it was completed on schedule—without a single lost-time injury sustained by either operating personnel or crews that performed the actual maintenance work.

The shutdown—which dealt with practically every section of Phenol-Acetone—resulted in implementing

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Operator John Fowls introduces air to oxidizer reactors in the control room of Phenol-Acetone in preparation for the startup of operations. The startup ends a shutdown that lasted a month and a half.

## Kernridge stock transaction completed

The solicitation of former Belridge shareholders was completed last month, with 16 former owners of the California crude oil producing company offering to purchase 1,236 shares in Kernridge Oil Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Shell Oil Company.

The shares are being sold for \$4,031.50 each—with the total price of the stock transaction amounting to \$4,982,934.

The combined offers, which are being reviewed by Kernridge to ensure compliance with the terms of the solicitation, represent less than one percent of the ownership of Kernridge. Shell will hold more than 99 percent interest in the Kernridge properties.

C.L. Blackburn, executive vice president of exploration and production, said, "We are extremely pleased with the results of the solicitation. It was the final step in the process of making official these significant additions to Shell's domestic proven reserves—an increase of about 37 percent in liquids and 6 percent in natural gas.

"In fact, Kernridge estimates its reserves to be 598 million barrels of

liquids and 364 billion cubic feet of gas—or an increase of 222 million barrels of liquids and 216 billion cubic feet of gas over former estimates by Belridge.

"We already have increased daily liquid production to about 46,000 barrels per day compared to the 1979 average of about 40,000 barrels a day produced by Belridge.

"Kernridge management and most of the planned technical staff are in place.

An accelerated drilling and development program which is intended to significantly increase production, is proceeding on schedule with 12 drilling and workover rigs currently active," Blackburn said.

The solicitation permitted former eligible Belridge shareholders to acquire fractional interests in only the oil and gas properties at 110 percent of the price they had received from Shell for their Belridge stock.

### Watch and see

### Will you be on TV?

If you happen to be watching Channel 2 the evening of Tuesday, April 22, and think you see some familiar faces or places on a show called "Speak Up America" (a one-time television special), your eyes aren't deceiving you.

An NBC-TV film crew visited the complex on Monday, March 31, and took background shots for a segment on the oil industry. They also interviewed

Gene Loveland, Shell vice president, Oil Products, on April 2—in addition to executives at Gulf and Texaco.

We can't say for sure what the TV people will be using since they do their own editing without consulting Shell. But we understand it will cover various aspects of the industry and will also include "man on the street" type interviews.

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improvements recommended by DPMC engineers and a Head Office engineering team after a year-long study.

As a result of these recommendations, extensive engineering

work—some of which was under way as early as last summer—preceded the shutdown.

The engineering work paved the way for many plant revisions and improvements at Phenol-Acetone—with about 25 capital projects and 15 plant

change projects undertaken during the shutdown.

Those improvements are designed to make operation of the plant easier, improve product quality and eliminate some of the problem areas which caused past unscheduled shutdowns.

The shutdown also resulted in completing many routine but very important inspection and maintenance chores.

The subject of inspection and maintenance were:

- About 50 vessels and columns.
- More than 500 piping items.
- About 150 instrument loops.
- About 40 exchangers, coolers and reboilers.
- Three tanks (with one new tank constructed).
- One of the two furnaces at Phenol-Acetone.
- About 25 pumps, compressors and turbines.

Pleased with the outcome of the shutdown, Campo indicated the work performed is expected to eliminate the need for another shutdown for at least two years. Also as a result of this year's shutdown, the next shutdown required at Phenol-Acetone is expected to be less extensive.

Praising DPMC personnel that made the project a success, B.C. Eberhart, superintendent of operations, Lab. Phenol-Acetone, said, "It was a good demonstration of cooperation and teamwork by the operating departments of Phenol A and B, Project Engineering, Plant Engineering, Process Engineering, Inspection, Maintenance, Safety and Industrial Hygiene and Environmental."



Shown here are just a few of the many DPMC employees involved in the startup of Phenol-Acetone. In the top photo, operator Matias Garcia Jr. raises air pressure on an air compressor to prepare for the introduction of air to oxidizers. In the bottom photo, pipe fitters Charlie Lindsey, left, and Stuart Zoch are shown installing a check valve in a cleavage reactor production line.

## Provident Fund news

The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

- Equities Fund
- March 15 - \$3.248
- Shell Stock Fund
- March 1-15 - \$65.609

## Check the EER

When you buy an appliance, check the Energy Efficiency Ratio. Sometimes efficient items sell for more but end up costing less because they use less power.



## Preparing for move

Duplicating operators Stephanie Rhodes, left, and Ina McClure are shown preparing for the move last weekend that took most General Services personnel from the GS&F Building to the former Purchasing Building at DPMC South. Those personnel who moved will retain the same Complex phone numbers. Also moving last weekend were West Operations personnel—while some OP-III employees will be moving this weekend. Moving in the near future will be Auditing, Safety North and UCC.

**APRIL 1980**



**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

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- \* BOWLING \_\_\_\_\_ EVERY THURS.
- \* SQUARE DANCING \_\_\_\_\_ EVERY TUES.
- \* BIRD PARK FUN NITE \_\_\_\_\_ 4/22
- \* BOARD MEETING \_\_\_\_\_ 4/30

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OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS & ALSO  
FOR TIMES, DATES, ETC.--FOR  
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OF SCORA EVENTS, CONTACT  
ELLA MAE YOUNG--6433.

## Shellegram will honor 1980 graduates

Once again, the Shellegram wishes to honor the graduating sons and daughters of DPMC employees and pensioners in the annual Graduates' Issue—which will appear the first Thursday in July.

If you have a son or daughter graduating from high school or college,

send a photograph (with the student's name printed lightly on the back) along with the form shown below to the Shellegram Office by June 5.

Using the form, list the high school or college, major degree, school activities (please be brief), honors and future plans.

Don't forget to include your return

address as pictures will be returned shortly after the Graduates' Issue is published in July.

Mail photograph and information to the Shellegram Office, send it through company mail or deliver it to the Shellegram Office, Room 151, DPMC North Administration Building.

**Please Type Or Print Clearly**

Graduate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Employee-Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Plant  
 Refinery  
 Retired

Parent's Address \_\_\_\_\_

School Graduated From \_\_\_\_\_

College-University Degree \_\_\_\_\_ In Field Of \_\_\_\_\_

School Activities-Honors \_\_\_\_\_

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Future Plans \_\_\_\_\_

Attach photograph of graduate with name on back. Mail to **SHELLEGRAM**, P.O. Box 100, Deer Park, Texas 77536. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING MATERIALS IS JUNE 5.**

# Classifieds

## FOR SALE

1977 Chevy pickup. Half-ton. Power steering, air, automatic transmission. Like new. Rust-proofed. \$3,800. Call 649-3486.

1975 Olds Starfire. Automatic transmission, air, power steering, power brakes. AM-FM. V-6. Good condition. \$2,400. Call 776-3886 or 981-7793.

1978 Volkswagon Dasher. Four-door, automatic transmission. Craig AM-FM cassette. 16,000 miles. 30 miles per gallon highway on regular. Immaculate. \$6,195. Call 479-0188.

1974 Gran Prix. Loaded. Very good condition. Super-clean. \$1,295. Call 427-3383.

1979 Plymouth Volare station wagon. Power steering, power brakes, air, AM-FM stereo, six-cylinder, poly-gly coat and rust-proofed. Intermittent wipers. 13,500 miles. 20 miles per gallon. \$5,600. Call 947-2695.

1977 Buick station wagon. Power windows, locks and seats. Cruise control, air, AM-FM, 350 V-8. 39,000 miles. \$3,300. Call 424-1152.

1974 Oldsmobile. AM-FM radio, cruise control, electric windows, power brakes, power steering, air, four-door sedan, digital clock, vinyl top, good tires and good paint. 50,000 miles. \$1,795. Call 479-1328.

1975 Chevy Malibu Classic. Power steering, power brakes, automatic transmission, air. \$1,800. Call 479-4491.

1972 Ford LTD Brougham. New parts, power brakes, power steering, air. \$800. Clean. Electric range. Double oven. Avocado. Like new. \$150. 1966 Chevy parts. Call 476-4542.

New pickup bed for 1980 Dodge Ram, half-ton, short wheel base truck. Tailgate and lights included. \$400. Call 643-2275.

350 turbo transmission. \$150. Call 471-1760.

Several dirt bikes. From 100 cc to 250 cc. One street bike, 175 cc. Call 424-4470 after 4:30 p.m.

Mobile home with swimming pool. Two rent houses also for sale. Owner will finance. Call 487-0904.

Six and a half acres. Restricted subdivision in Tyler, Tex., on Texas 31 outside the loop. Half clear, half wooded. \$12,000. Call 476-6178.

Three-bedroom brick home. Attached double garage. 1.6 acres. Four miles from DPMC. \$10,000 down payment. Balance at 10 percent interest. Owner-financed. \$70,000. Call 479-8023.

Round butcher block dinette table. \$50. Traditional sofa. \$125. High-back chair. \$50. Magnavox console stereo with eight track tapes. \$100. Call 481-6773.

Ebony Fischer console piano. \$625. Mediterranean love seat. Like new. \$115. Call 487-3588.

Beautiful Herculon tweed sofa and chair combo. Immaculate. \$175. Call 482-5278.

German short-hair pointers. AKC registered puppies. Shots, wormed. \$100. Call 484-3509.

## WANT TO BUY

Forties or Fifties model half-ton pickup truck. No rust. Negotiable. Call 477-5732.

Spotting scope. Call 473-5892.

## FOR RENT

New Braunfels. Two-bedroom Guadalupe river-front on River Road. Now taking reservations. Weekend rates. \$150. Call 488-1035.

Lovely 3-2-2. Central air and heat. Garage opener, built-ins, nice yard, wood fence, near Deer Park Elementary. 1,630 square feet. \$585 per month. Call 479-7925.

Large four-bedroom custom home. Large den with fireplace. Covered patio, fenced yard and many extras. Two years old. \$550 per month plus deposit. Will consider lease with option to buy. Call 471-0559 after 4 p.m.

## WANTED

Persons interested in learning polka dancing. Need 30 polka students to set up SCORA-sponsored dance class. Call Glenn Ogden at 946-7946.

## FOUND

Prescription safety sunglasses last week. Call Les Cole at 6301, describe and claim.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have reservations for the 22nd anniversary celebration of the Roxana-Shell Old Timers Association, don't forget it begins at 11 a.m. Friday. The event is being held at the Marriott Hotel at 2100 South Braeswood Blvd. near the Astrodome.



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