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"An O'Filler And A Miser" Characterizes Philatelist

Don McCants got an early start as a philatelist when, in 1923, his father brought home several stamp-covered boxes in which books had been shipped from inflation-ridden Germany to Rice University.

From this simple beginning, Don's love for collecting and studying stamps grew into drawers and drawers filled with stamps from all over the world.

Now that he's retired (Don retired in February of 1977 as assistant manager of Dispatching), he enjoys filling in the gaps in his neatly organized stamp notebooks set up to correspond with Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, a comprehensive guideline for stamp collectors, which is printed yearly.

"I guess you have to be 'an o'filler and a miser' combined to collect stamps," says Don as he shows you a notebook containing Spanish stamps. "Puttering for me," he continues, "is the fun part of collecting. A lot of people trade, buy and sell stamps; but that's a lot of trouble," says a man who has never sold a stamp in the 55 years he has been collecting.

In the early years of his collecting, he had his father's contributions plus those of an aunt who worked for a jewelry store and another who worked for the Houston Chamber of Commerce. For the next 20 years, they provided him with a constant supply of stamps for his growing collection.

Then during WWII, he contacted one of G. F. DeRidder's (now retired) friends in Rotterdam and another friend's brother who lived in Prague, a Czechoslovakian city in Bohemia,

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Philatelist Don McCants ponders the economics of filling a gap in his Spanish stamp collection.

Second Call For Graduates' Issue

June 2 is the last day for receiving information and pictures of your graduating sons and daughters for the Graduates' Issue which will be issued on July 6.

So, don't delay, get your information in today.



SCORA Events

SCORA's Spring Picnic will be May 6 from 10:00 a.m. until midnight at the Hungry Farmer Picnic and Recreation Complex, 15225 Cullen Blvd.

The picnic will feature barbeque, dancing, dunking booth, pie throw, bingo, swimming, horseshoes, volleyball, softball, croquet, kiddie rides and hayride.

Guest admission and barbeque \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children (12 and under).



Safety Parties It's all smiles for Light Olefins-OP-II safety party guests: Larry Huegatter, Curtis Brown, R. C. and Betty Gentry, Verlyn Mosley, and Claire and Don Netek.



Mechanical Equipment safety party employees and their guests included: Rene and Denny Tiede, Karen and Ted Queener, Camella and Joe Tesoro, Alan Pyle and Jackie Williams.

Moved Lately? Notify Personnel Office

If you have changed your address recently, you have probably told everyone where you are now living. You made a list of all the "important" people you should contact. And, on your list were your creditors, the utility companies, the post office, your family and close friends. But, did you forget to add one important name to your "who to tell we've moved" list?

The Personnel office would also like to know if you've moved and needs your current address in order to keep your employment records up-to-date. Other important changes that you need to report are: change of name, telephone

number, marital status, beneficiary for group insurance, number of dependents for withholding tax or insurance, and the person to be notified in case of an emergency.

If you have recently moved or made any changes that should be noted in your employment record, stop by the Personnel office and give them all the up-to-date information.

Provident Fund

The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

EQUITIES FUND
April 15 - \$2.457

SHELL STOCK FUND
April 1-15 - \$31.202

Dutcher And Hensley Die

Guy R. Dutcher, 55, chemist, Quality Control Laboratory, died April 24 while visiting London.

At the time of his death, Guy had 30 years of company service.

Funeral services were held May 1 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Pasadena.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, who resides at 2025 Vince in Pasadena.

Grady A. Hensley, 71, died April 25, in a Pasadena hospital.

At the time of his retirement in January 1965, he was a craft foreman in Maintenance North (formerly Engineering Field) with 35½ years of company service.

Funeral services were held April 27

at the Art Simpson Memorial Chapel with interment in the Grandview Cemetery.

Grady is survived by his wife, Gloyce, who resides at 412 South 4th Street in La Porte.



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about swapping their stamps for canned goods and tobacco. They agreed and Don's stamp collection grew some more.

For years Don was an accumulator, not a collector. And although he still has drawers of envelopes containing loose stamps, many of them have been organized by country into notebooks, with the more valuable ones safely stored in a downtown Houston bank vault. Eventually a rainy day will come

Striking Oil-In Tires

Disposing of old tires has become an environmental problem, but Paul White says you can get oil, and a number of other things, from them.

White is project director for a pilot plant in Colorado, which is now getting 45 barrels of oil a day from scrap tires. He believes the process could become commercially feasible within three or four months.

According to White, a ton of tires yields about \$100 worth of material, including \$38 worth of oil, \$60 worth of carbon black and \$2 worth of scrap steel. The pilot plant now is capable of shredding 15 tons of scrap tires every day.

along, and he'll get around to neatly organizing the rest of his stamps. In the meantime he keeps his eyes open for additional ones to fill any gaps in the notebooks he's already organized and any other stamp that strikes his fancy.

Although particularly fond of German, Swiss, Dutch and Czech stamps, Don admits to collecting any stamp that is reasonably priced. Sometimes the German and Swiss stamps aren't as reasonable as he would like. According to Don, the German and the Swiss are very good businessmen, and they only issue a limited number of each kind of stamp. Consequently, this makes their stamps rarer and hence more valuable.

Philately isn't Don's only collecting interest. Cigar bands are another. Don doubts if his collection of 1,500 different cigar bands is of any value, but he says

they were fun to collect. Just how much fun can be gleaned from his recounting of how mad it used to make his mother when he and his brother would retrieve cigar butts from the gutters of Houston in order to remove their bands. Then, he recalls, at the age of 10, he wrote a lithography company telling them his age and that he collected cigar bands. The company just happened to be one that printed cigar bands for a very large area.

Several days later a package the size of a good-size briefcase arrived loaded with all kinds of brand new cigar bands. What a thrill for a 10-year-old boy! Now he had dozens of cigar bands for his collection and plenty to trade.

But Don's the first to admit that stamps appeal the most to "an o'filler and a miser" like himself.

Chemical Safety Awards Packaged

Mainland Industries, sponsored by the Gulf Coast Regional Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center, recently completed packaging the million-safe-man-hour-safety awards for chemical employees.

Among the choices available to the

employees was a fire extinguisher; and, if you selected one of these, you

may purchase refills from several

sources. Among them are: Arthur Doo-ley & Sons of Houston and Peairson Fire & Safety of Pasadena.

Employees Elect To Retire From Complex

Leslie Campbell, 62, retired as a wax helper, Lubricating Oils, with 31 years of company service.

He and his wife, Dorothy Lee, reside at 4817 Brinkley in Houston.

Barzella J. Faulkner, 57, retired as a maintenance manager, Maintenance North, with 37½ years of company service.

He and his wife, Audrey, reside at 302 South Iowa in La Porte.

F. P. Fitzgerald, 62, retired as an operator No. 1 in "A" Department with 26 years of company service.

He and his wife, Delora, reside at 5534 Timbercreek Drive in Houston.

Herschel P. Graham, 58, retired with 28½ years of company service as a boilermaker No. 1 Maintenance South.

He and his wife, Pat, make their home at 2301 Redwinn in Pasadena.

Delbert A. Hampton, 57, retired as an operator No. 1, Hydroprocessing, with 24 years of company service.

He and his wife, Gretna, reside at 16823 Mathis Church Road in Houston.

William N. McKnight, 57, retired as a pipefitter No. 1, Maintenance North, with 30½ years of company service.

He and his wife, Mable, reside at 803 Blue Bird Lane in Pasadena.

Arthur C. Preiss, 65, retired as a machinist No. 1 in Maintenance North with 33 years of company service.

He and his wife, Callie, reside at 9208 Avenue P in Houston.

Stephen Simmons, 60, retired as an

operator No. 1 in Lubricating Oils, with 30 years of company service.

He and his wife, Christine, reside at 5030 Wilmington in Houston.

W. H. "Bill" Telschow, 58, retired as a purchasing analyst, Purchasing, with 36½ years of company service.

He and his wife, Marie, reside at 1019 Bay Oaks in Houston.



Campbell

Faulkner

Fitzgerald

Graham

Hampton



McKnight

Preiss

Simmons

Telschow

Classifieds

FOR SALE

3-2-den, enclosed patio, carport, carpet, drapes, 1550 sq ft, new loan. 472-1605

Wood screen door 32"x80" in excellent condition. \$5. 479-3598

1977 Pontiac Grand Prix, excellent condition. \$5,400. 487-1406

1973 Buick Apollo 2-door, vinyl top, 350 V8, air, power, radio, 41,000 miles. \$2,050. 472-6075

8' cabover camper, stove, refrigerator, sleeps 4, very nice. \$900. 479-4515

15 older Avon dolls. Galvanized boat wench, cable and hook. \$25. Colt 357 Magnum Mark III pistol. \$280. 472-5988

1974 Pinto hatchback 4-speed. \$700. 437-5806

1975 Chevy Impala, air, P-S-B, vinyl top, 44,500 miles. \$2,900. 471-7563

1976 Ford LTC Country Squire Wagon, all optional equipment, 18,000 miles. \$5,400. 485-2237 after 5 p.m.

Pioneer Stereo SX-1250, 2 HPM 100 speakers, excellent condition, still under warranty. \$800. 479-4525

1974 Datsun 260Z 2+2, excellent condition, low mileage. 479-4525

30" Tappan gas range with oven and microwave, Harvest Gold, 1 year old, new condition, under warranty. \$600. 472-4118

1972 Chevrolet Impala 4-door, 350, good condition. \$950. 468-2214

1977 Ventura Pontiac, P-S-B, air, AM-FM 8-track, Landau top, Rally wheels, 20,000 miles, clean. \$3,495. 433-2728

1977 Dodge custom van, in warranty, 3/4 ton 400 CID, LWB, air, auto, cruise, P-S-B, AM-FM tape 4-speaker stereo, CB, electric sunroof, 4 captains chairs, convertible couch, ice box, sink, bar and table, mags, custom alarm system, 36 gallon tank, like new. 479-4839

1972 Johnson 50 hp outboard motor and controls, perfection condition, fresh water only. \$750. 479-4213

Aluminum camper shell, SWB-wide spread bed, 80", fits Chevy or GMC, bubble windows. \$125. 479-6228

40" GE electric range with large and small oven, excellent condition. \$95. 479-4726

110' of 6' chain link fencing and gate. Buyer must remove, no rust. \$35. 645-7418

1977 CJ7 Renegade, P-S-B, automatic, air, Quadra Trac, 304 V8, low mileage, low range reduction unit, emergency drive equipment, cooling recovery system, new shocks, dual exhaust. 452-7022

1977 Pontiac Lemans Sport 2-door, air, P-S-B, AM-FM stereo 8-track. \$4,500. 471-6258

1974 Glastron boat V-174, 130 Volvo, 270 Penta inboard out, exceptionally clean, low hours. 644-6751 after 6 p.m.

1975 Dodge van, excellent condition, V8, auto, air, P-S-B, cruise, AM-FM stereo, radials. 666-1765 after 6 p.m. 781-5991

1973 Ford LTD, all power, cruise, AM-FM stereo, tape deck, air, excellent condition. \$3,100. 479-2268

1972 4-door Toyota Corona, air, recently overhauled, automatic. \$995. 479-1772

FOR RENT

Duplex corner of Beanna and 300 Streets, Austin, Texas. Two blocks north of U.T. campus law school, one half block from Eastwood Park. Partially furnished, quiet neighborhood. 333-2923

WANTED

Amateur photographers interested in displaying and selling your work. 479-1137 after 6 p.m.

PERSONALS

We've moved and want all of our friends at Shell to know our new address and telephone number. The address is: Rte. R, Box 1586, Livingston, TX 77351; and the telephone number is 566-4059. All of you are welcome to drop by and visit with us and do some fishing.

- Billie Page



"If you want me to tell you about my golf game, you'll have to shut that thing off!"

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