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Retiree Busy Doing Macrame And Country Carvings

Country carvings are generally found in the mid-western states of Missouri and Arkansas. But, thanks to Melton Fail, retired Maintenance South zone supervisor, some are found in Pasadena, Texas.

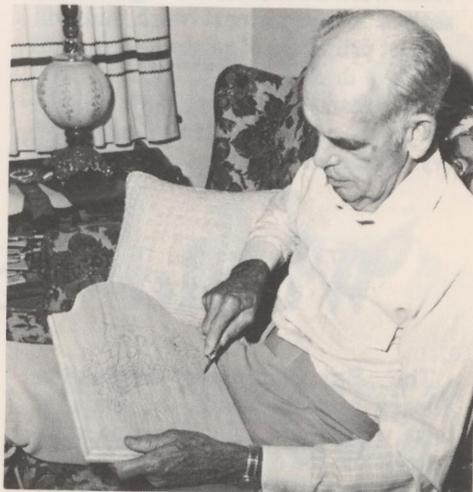
After retiring in May 1972, Melton spent most of his spare time fishing and taking his wife, Lottie, on occasional trips to Missouri to visit their only child, Elizabeth. When Elizabeth moved to the East Coast to pursue a study of the arts and crafts, Melton was left with fishing to fill his spare hours. Being the sort of man who likes keeping

busy and enjoys using his hands, he decided to try macrame. And, in May 1977, he made his first macrame pot hanger. From this inauspicious beginning, Melton went on to macrame necklaces, owl wall hangings, belts, purses and frogs.

Shortly thereafter he discovered country carvings, which also are typical to the Mid-West. Country carvings are drawings outlined with a gouge on a piece of wood, which is then painted with oils or acrylics. When dry, the entire painting is finished with a clear varnish.

Melton prefers doing the outlining with a 1/16th inch gouge as he finds the more popular 3/32nd of an inch and 3/8th inch ones too wide to suit his taste. He does most of his county carvings on yellow poplar from Missouri as he finds it less likely to splinter. Yellow poplar also stains well and is a harder wood than pine.

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A rocking chair isn't Melton Fail's idea of retirement. When he isn't doing an outline for one of his country carvings, he's macraming. One of his pot hangers won the blue ribbon lying on the end table pictured above. The pillow beside him is an example of Lottie's needlepoint work.



Newest Wise Owl

Another DPMC employee has been accepted as a member of the Wise Owl Club of America. He's Frederick J. Kelley, a pipefitter in Maintenance North, who was admitted to the Wise Owl Club for having avoided injury to his eyes by using both safety glasses and goggles. The eye protection equipment protected Frederick from a chemical splash, which occurred as he was cutting into a pipe at the Phenol-Acetone Plant sample station.

Good Year For Matching Gifts

The Shell Foundation's Matching Gifts program has just recorded a very encouraging first year's results. The amount raised for schools and colleges throughout the country totaled more than half a million dollars.

Under the program, Shell matches two-for-one every contribution made by eligible Shell individuals to approved educational institutions.

Contributions are matched twice a year, on April 30 and September 30. In the first match, 608 contributors (employees, directors, pensioners) donated \$75,792 to 313 educational institutions. Add Shell's contribution, at a ratio of two-to-one, and the amount becomes \$227,376.

The second match showed a substantial increase: 405 schools and colleges receiving from 636 contributors and Shell, a sum of \$313,963. The total of the two matches comes to \$541,340.

Those who may contribute include

full-time employees who have at least one year accredited service with Shell Oil, Chemical or Development companies, or Shell Pipe Line Corporation; Shell pensioners who retired directly from active service; and members of the Shell board of directors.

Donations may be made to degree-granting graduate and professional schools and universities; four-and two-year colleges; technical institutes; and private, independent secondary schools located in the United States or its possessions.

Contributions must be made from the donor's personal assets. The minimum donation is \$25 per person per calendar year; the maximum is \$1,000 per calendar year. Donations may be made at any time during the year.

Specific questions concerning the program should be directed to the Shell Companies Foundation, P.O. Box 2099, Houston, Texas 77001.

Highway 225 Frontage Road Construction Progress

With only one section yet to be completed, the north frontage road of Highway 225 is scheduled to open for traffic on December 20.

Still requiring completion is the section of highway between the Deer Park-Pasadena overpass and Shell's dock road. Work is scheduled to begin on this section sometime next week and will consist primarily of raising the road to improve drainage.

Then, early next year, work will begin on the intersections at Center and Ivy. These intersections will be done

half a section at a time to minimize interference to traffic flow. However, employees using these intersections would be well advised to look into alternate routes for commuting to and from work once construction begins.

Once all of the construction on the frontage roads to Highway 225 is completed, the traffic situation should be vastly improved. Not only will the frontage roads feature three lanes for through traffic, longer turnout lanes and traffic signals controlled by a computer, they will also prepare the

way for the completion of Highway 225 itself as the work will include clearing the median where the future highway will be built.

The frontage road construction was begun after an extensive study conducted by Turner, Collie, Braden, Inc., Consulting Engineers of Houston, and paid for by Shell. The study showed the need for this work and the advisability for doing it now rather than waiting until funds became available for completing Highway 225 as well.

There are no plans for completing Highway 225 at this time.

Would You Believe:

The Environmental Protection Agency recently asked the State of Iowa why it had established no state criteria for the discharge of pollutants into the ocean. A state official patiently responded that it's been a couple million years or so since Iowa last had a seacoast.

Oil wells drilled on this planet throughout history number 3.2 million. Now, guess how many of these 3.2 million oil wells have been drilled right here in the United States. Would you believe 2.4 million? That's right. U.S. drilling accounts for 75 percent of all the drilling ever done, anytime, anywhere.

Even more amazing is the fact that, as recently as 1976, the U.S. and Canada were still accounting for close to 90 percent of all world drilling activity. All of which goes to support the theory that existing reserves in other parts of the world may still hold enormous untapped potential.

Old petroleum basins may hold more energy than the United States has used since the first commercially productive well was drilled in 1859. The petroleum industry believes there is plenty of oil and natural gas yet to be discovered in the U.S., and the sophisticated techniques and equipment of today make it essential that old basins be re-examined.

The cost of first class postage has increased 375 percent in the past 20

years:	
1932	3 cents
1958	4 cents
1963	5 cents
1968	6 cents
1971	8 cents
1974	10 cents
1975	13 cents
1978	15 cents

Provident Fund News

The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

Equities Fund

October 31 - \$2,547

Shell Stock Fund

October 16-31 - \$33,321

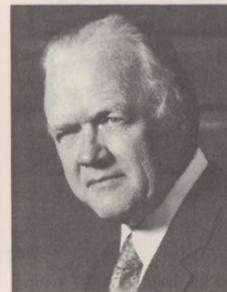
Service Anniversaries



35 Years
R. E. Daniels
Aromatics-East



30 Years
D. M. Bernard
Field Const.



30 Years
P. C. Bradford
Cat. Cracking



30 Years
J. L. Hurry
Solvents/Treating



30 Years
W. E. Strait
Utilities



25 Years
W. E. Carrington
Spec. Maint.



25 Years
J. W. Durand
Utilities



25 Years
J. A. Savage
Refinery Lab

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Subject matter for Melton's country carvings includes a Shell pecten, butterflies, mushrooms and daisies - with daisies the most popular.

Melton also makes nail paintings, another mid-western art form involving

On-The-Job-Scene



Assembling a feed water pump for the 650 boiler house is "old stuff" for veteran machinists M. W. Hambrick and Steve J. Maywald.

such common materials as wood, nails and paint. He sands small pieces of wood, varnishes them and paints in the greenery. Then he hammers nails of various sizes to different levels in the greenery, which, when painted, become the flowers. Finally, half a spool or knob is used for the vase.

The charming results go well in the kitchen, bath or hallway - especially when grouped.

Melton isn't the only craftsman in the Fall household. His wife, Lottie, has a few crafts of her own. She does excellent needlepoint work as is evidenced by the pillows displayed on her living room couch and the seat coverings on her six dining room chairs. She also makes key chains using tri-beads, spice hangers and Christmas ornaments.

Between them and their daughter, the Fall family keeps busy creating crafts for others to buy and enjoy. And, if you press Melton, he'll admit that some of his creations have won blue

ribbons. For example, at the recent Bay Area Senior Citizens Fair, his white nylon macrame hanger took first place and one of his owls took second. Not bad for a man who has been doing macrame for less than two years. Not bad at all.



Melton straightens one of three nail pictures hanging among a selection of his country carvings, including one of the Shell pecten.

Welcome To The DPMC



John Adams
Engineer
OP-III

Ethel Aleman
Junior Clerk
Purchasing

Ross Alford
General Helper
Maintenance South

Bubba Alston
Pipefitter D
Maintenance North

Marilyn Burnham
Office Secretary
Purchasing

Roger De La Rosa
General Helper
Maintenance South

Routine, Until...

Security sergeant Claude Minton came to work the evening of September 28 never suspecting anything other than a routine shift. Routine it was until a driver arrived, with his pregnant wife, to pick up a load of Dutrex from the Lube Plant.

Leaving her in the care of Sgt. Minton at the main gate, the driver went to pick up his load. Before he finished, however, his wife went into labor and only Sgt. Minton's fast thinking spared the DPMC a newborn "clocking in."

He readily admits that he got himself into high gear, located the driver and encouraged him to stop loading and get his wife to a doctor right now. Obediently the driver ceased loading and hurried to the main gate to pick up his wife and rush her to the hospital.



Cathy Dues
General Helper
Maintenance South

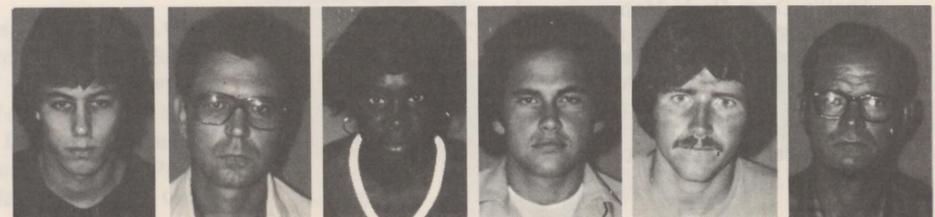
Ernie Ellison
Pipefitter D
Maintenance North

Paul Erickson
Welder No. 1
Maintenance South

Ronnie Fisher
Machinist D
Maintenance North

Holly Harrison
General Helper
Maintenance North

Rick Heiberg
Engineer
Plant Engrg.



Kenneth Hight
General Helper
Maintenance North

Pete Kazmiroski
General Helper
Maintenance North

Lyn Lee
General Helper
Maintenance North

Sammy Marrs
General Helper
Maintenance North

Larry McCrory
Machinist D
Maintenance North

Bobby McCurrin
General Helper
Maintenance North

Classifieds

FOR SALE

3-2-2 brick home on 2½ acres in Pasadena, needs remodeling, 175' street frontage. 334-5010

1974 Toyota Celica 4-speed, 36,000 miles, new tires. 479-8861

6 grave lots in South Park Cemetery. \$250 each. 328-3180

1973 Montego 2-door, 351 Windsor, air, P-S-B, AM-FM 8-track, new tires, very clean. \$1,800. 479-1120

Lake lot, Westwood Shores, Trinity, Texas, Lake Livingston, country club membership, 18-hole golf course. \$600 equity and \$86 monthly payments. Two lots, Indian Lake, Smithville, extras. \$3,500 for both. 487-2083

Modern double bed, triple dresser, chest. \$200. White gas stove. \$50. King-size bed with velvet tufted headboard. \$175. GAF movie camera with Super 8 projector. \$200. Contemporary dining table, 6 chairs, hutch with glass door, server. \$950. Double bed, washer and dryer. \$100 each. 946-5454 after 5 p.m.

1977 Chry. Cordoba, 400 L.B., new WSW-R tires, P-S-B, AM-FM stereo, air, 32,000 miles, excellent condition. \$4,750, 745-2165

1973 TM 250 Suzuki, runs good. \$400 or best offer. 981-4376 after 5 p.m.

3-piece off-white bedroom suite, very good condition. \$175. 334-1460

1964 Gremlin 6, auto, P-S, 35,000 miles. \$1,295. 479-3829

1970 Maverick 2-door, standard, radio, good tires. \$650, 476-5268

1972 Dodge Cornett 4-door, SW, V8, air, auto, P-S-B, very clean. \$1,750 or best offer. 923-6885

1977 Jeep Honcho ½ ton pickup, 4 - wheel drive, auto, air, P-S-B, AM-FM, 23,000 miles. \$4,300. 476-4887

1972 Ford Pinto 2000cc, 4-speed, air. \$700. 645-8052

1978 Chrysler LeBaron, T-top leather interior, AM-FM 8-track, tilt, cruise, 11,700 miles, 318 C.I., auto, P-S, air, \$8,900. 473-2598

1975 VW Rabbit 2-door hatchback, AM-FM, 4-speed, rear defroster, very clean. \$1,995. 477-9176

1972 Datsun 240Z, auto, air, AM-FM, CB, P-B, 62,000 miles, excellent condition, maint. manual. \$3,200. 485-2706

Children's fort, 6'x8', elevated 6' above ground, constructed of prime grade lumber, you dismantle and move. \$75. Sturdy dog house for large dog. \$25. 946-5787

1969 Chevy Impala 4-door sedan. \$600 479-2082

220 volt GE air conditioner, combination cooling 15,000 BTU and heating 11,600 BTU, less than 2 years old. \$150. 479-0117

1974 Ebbtide bass boat, 85hp Mercury and trailer, good mechanical condition, extras. \$1,875. 479-0117

FOR RENT

Roomy 2 bedroom house, Oak Meadows, Houston, stove, dishwasher, W-D Conn., fenced backyard. \$325 plus \$100 deposit. 641-2555 after 5 p.m.

WANT TO BUY

Cruise control for auto, box rails for Ford pickup. 453-0231

FOUND

Ladies bifocal glasses in soft carrying case. Claim in room 151 of refinery administration building.



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"You'll just have time to mow the lawn, put new washers in the bathroom faucets and go down to the corner for a loaf of bread before dinner is ready."

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