

# Shellegram

Deer Park Manufacturing Complex

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## Final Reminder

Tomorrow, June 1, is the last day that the Shellegram will accept material for its July 5 Graduates' Issue.



Lewis Cavaretta (left) stands by as his son, Michael, is congratulated by Larry Price of Pack 102.

*Michael Cavaretta*

## Earns Arrow Of Light

Michael Cavaretta, a fifth grader at Dabbs Elementary in Deer Park, recently received the Arrow of Light, the Cub Scout's highest badge and the only one that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. Michael is the son of Lewis Cavaretta, instrumentman, Maintenance South.

To earn the Arrow of Light, Michael spent many hours of effort. He had to

acquire six to seven badges, including one on citizenship, and master the 12 points of the Boy Scout law.

Michael's accomplishment is a source of pride to his father, who is the Webelo den leader of Pack 102. He will now join the Boy Scout Troop 915 under the leadership of scout master Bill Mabry, senior E-R assistant, Scheduling.

## DPMC To Celebrate 50 Years In Petroleum Field

All DPMC employees will be invited to attend an all-day celebration in recognition of the DPMC's 50th year at Deer Park.

The celebration will feature displays, souvenirs, tours of the complex, refreshments and entertainment. It will be held Saturday, September 29, on the west property. Signs will direct you from Highway 225 at Tenneco Road to "D" Street and the large building where the activities will be conducted.

Plan now to be part of the day's festivities.

Here are some reminders of past milestones reached by the DPMC:

### The Year That Was

1969

L. J. Hallmark, manager, Personnel, was reappointed as Harris County School Chairman for the Oil Information Committee of the Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association. This was his fourth year as OIC's representative in Harris County.

A basic educational program was made available to all refinery hourly employees who were less than fully qualified and assigned to non-qualified, service qualified or semi-qualified jobs. The program consisted of regularly scheduled classroom instruction and was administered by instructors from Lee College. Classes were conducted in

a temporary building located on site and on company time. The program consisted of two hours each day, five days per week for approximately 12 weeks.

In 1969 gasoline, excluding taxes, cost a penny or so less a gallon than it did 50 years earlier. The price in 1969 was almost 23 cents a gallon, excluding taxes.

1959

Tom Stewart was named editor of the Shellegram assuming his new duties with the September issue. He replaced Jake Kobler who accepted a position on the English Department faculty at the University of Houston.

Chemical plant's road was resurfaced with EPON asphalt concrete, which was originally developed as an answer to the problem of maintaining airport pavement for jet traffic. This new product combined the best features of both flexible and rigid pavements. It is not affected as is ordinary asphalt pavement when subjected to intense heat or the solvent action of such things as jet fuels, cleaning solvents or hydraulic fluids. EPON asphalt can withstand tremendous weight and concentrated loads and will not rut or shove. It is an easily laid material that combines great strength with elasticity, flexibility and durability.

Ety Mathews of P&IR returns from European tour of 17 days to find the Houston skyline the most beautiful sight of the entire trip.

1949

The Credit Union declares 4.2 percent dividend and the increase in business activity required the services of three full-time employees in the office and the addition of modernized furniture and fixtures.

Dubbs 9 Unit gets new furnace stacks in a job completed on January 30 during a snowstorm.

Chemical plant safety building construction gets under way. The one story, brick veneer building will be air conditioned throughout, and the interior styling will feature green pastel wall coloring, fluorescent lighting recessed in the ceiling and attractive asphalt tile flooring. The largest room in the building will serve as a first-aid and nurse's office.

The company sets up watch award for 25 years service. The watches will be presented to all employees with 25 or more years of accredited service with Shell. Those who met the service requisite and have retired on pension on or after January 1 of this year are included in the new program.

# Employee Tidbits

Maintenance North Supervisor **Bob Staton** receives heated massage. Maintenance South rigger **Mike Copeland's** safety recommendation pays off and brings him a letter of praise. Employee Relations' **Jimmy Hallmark** makes Marge Grumbacher's **Houston Post** column. **Mary Breaker**, office assistant, Process Control-Electrical, couldn't resist the calorie-laden, custard-filled, cream-and-strawberry dessert available at the cafeteria, and her co-workers couldn't resist teasing her about her splurge.

A Dallas patrolman will never be the same since the weekend visit of **Teresa**

**Sandles**, senior clerk, Affirmative Action & Files, **Rhonda Johnson**, E-R assistant, Scheduling, and **Rhonda's** two sisters. Hydrocracking's hourly relief foreman, **Rick Kelly**, spends a lot of time stirring up the dust at various race tracks.

Upon hearing the name, "Blackie," Maintenance South painter **O. T. Hester** quotes the classics. Senior clerk, Personnel, **Lori Conover**, was surprised recently when a job applicant dropped into her office seeking employment information. Process manager, **Phenol B**, **John Henry** shows **Ovidia Lindsey**, senior clerk, Maintenance North, how to tie her knots.

Maintenance North electrician **A. J. Norrix** demonstrates how to beat the gasoline problem: pedal a bicycle to work.

Plant Engineering engineer **Wayne Holley** finds reference in the May 1979 Mechanical Engineering magazine to "a log splitter, Beaver 2," which he, along with two other North Carolina State ASME students, designed to split wood that could be used as fuel by families in need. Engineering senior staff engineer **J. F. Moore** learns the difference between an air conditioner vent noise and a low beeper battery. National Secretaries Week luncheon wins **Patty Mayes**, OP-III secretary, special consideration.

## Retiree Dies

**George W. Harlan**, 66, died May 19. At the time of his retirement in July 1977, he was chief draftsman in Engineering Support with 33 years of company service.

Funeral services were conducted at the Broadway Chapel with interment in the Oak Knoll Cemetery, Bellville, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, **Winnie**, who resides at 5438 Apple Creek in Houston.



Harlan

## Make Every Gallon Count

Now that gasoline is becoming more expensive, here are a few suggestions to help cut down those expenses:

- Leave your car at home whenever possible. Walk to work or to the store. Bicycle. Use available public transportation. Combine errands. Join or form a carpool or vanpool.

- If you must drive, drive conservatively. As a general rule, for every five miles per hour over 50, your mileage drops one mile to the gallon. Speed is a gasoline hog.

- Avoid jackrabbit starts. Turn off the engine if you stop for more than a minute. Avoid using the car air conditioner; open a window instead.

- You can get up to 20 percent better mileage by properly maintaining your car. Check your owner's manual for recommended maintenance and follow the instructions.

- Keep your car tires properly inflated. Underinflated tires drop your gas mileage about 10 percent. Are your tires properly balanced and wheels properly aligned? If not, they can create a drag, forcing the engine to use more power.

- If you are planning a summer trip, consider the difficulties you may encounter obtaining gasoline. Take a train or bus instead of the family car, and stay in one place. Try vacationing at home this year and discover nearby attractions.

- Record your gasoline use to determine whether or not you are getting the mileage you should from your make and model of car.

## BP Testing

The Medical Department will be taking employees' blood pressure readings in the cafeterias from 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the following dates:

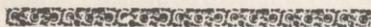
Chemical - Tuesdays, June 5 and 12

Refinery - Mondays, June 4 and 11



### JUNE 1979 UP COMING EVENTS

- \* GOLF TOURNAMENT \_\_\_\_\_ 6/3
- \* MEN'S SOFTBALL \_\_\_\_\_ EACH MON & WED.
- \* SQUARE DANCING \_\_\_\_\_ EACH TUES
- \* SCUBA DIVING \_\_\_\_\_ 6/9 & 6/10
- \* TENNIS TOURNAMENT \_\_\_\_\_ 6/9 & 6/10
- \* SYLVAN BEACH DANCE \_\_\_\_\_ 6/15
- \* BOARD MEETING \_\_\_\_\_ 6/27



#### MAY EVENTS

LOTS OF WINNERS  
AT GOLF TOURNAMENT

HAPPY CROWD AT SPRING PICNIC

SWINGING SEASON  
FOR MEN'S SOFTBALL



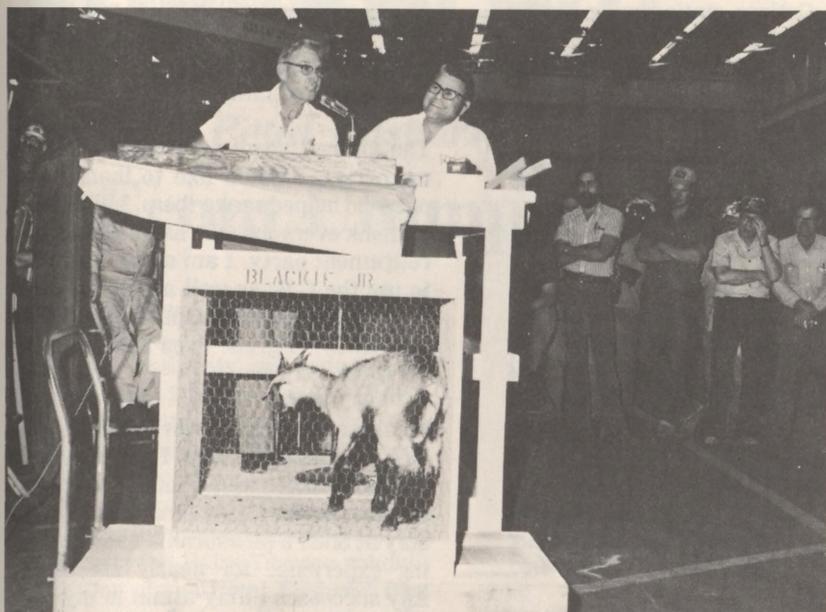
JOIN **SCORA** AND JOIN THE FUN

WATCH BULLETIN BOARDS FOR  
OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS & ALSO

FOR TIMES, DATES, ETC.-FOR  
INFORMATION ON PUBLICATION

OF **SCORA** EVENTS, CONTACT

BOB JOHANSEN-6433



## Ready To Barbecue

Upon receiving the kid pictured above, a surprised Red Dillard (left) exclaimed, "That's going to be the first goat I barbecue!" to co-worker Bob Lopez.

Red retired last month as a Maintenance South painter. His many friends and co-workers lavished money on him, and several gifts were purchased for him. Still, there was money left, so they decided to buy Red's wife the kid, since she raised goats. Then they were motivated to name the kid, "Blackie Jr." It was, no doubt, the name that provoked the mild mannered Red to declare his intentions of barbecuing it first.

But until Blackie Jr. reaches barbecuing size, Red will be busy putting finishing touches on the new home he built on some 60 acres in East Texas near Crockett where, besides his wife's goats, he raises chickens and rabbits.

## Exotic Fuels

Against the backdrop of the Iranian oil cutoff, efforts continue to mount to stretch our petroleum supplies at home and to develop exotic forms of energy. More states are looking into the feasibility of promoting gasohol - a mixture of 10 percent alcohol and 90 percent gasoline. Nineteen states, mostly in the farm belt, are considering legislation to exempt or reduce the tax on gasohol. Advantages cited are a market for surplus grain, increased use of idle farmland, and a reduction in our petroleum imports. Major disadvantages: Gasohol is more expensive than gasoline and it takes more energy to make a gallon of ethanol (alcohol) from grain than the resulting gallon gives back when used as fuel.

## Powerful Plants

Poinsettias are comely. Milkweed and quackgrass are not. Yet all three plants have a unifying theme. They can help replace the dwindling supplies of oil and natural gas in making products such as rubber and plastics.

Researchers at the Agricultural Department's Northern Regional Research Center say they have found nearly three dozen types of weeds and plants which are potential sources for the hydrocarbon needed to manufacture rubber and plastics, now made with petrochemicals.



30 Years  
G. H. Cook  
Lube C



30 Years  
R. L. Gibson  
Maint. North



30 Years  
W. H. Holley  
Maint. South



30 Years  
M. M. Stratton  
Proc. Control/Electr.



30 Years  
L. R. Turlington  
Maint. South



25 Years  
B. C. Allen  
Maint. North



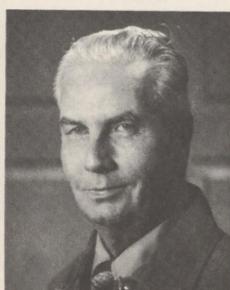
25 Years  
G. W. Anderwald  
Maint. North



25 Years  
B. A. Benson  
BPA



25 Years  
J. H. Kindla  
Maint. North



25 Years  
A. C. Murphy  
Specialities

## Service

## Anniversaries

# Classifieds

## FOR SALE

1976 Grand Prix, excellent condition. \$3,500. 479-5582

Double bed with Sealy box springs and mattress, new. \$75. 941-3704

1976 Harley Davidson XLCH 1000, custom, low miles, great shape. 479-5710

Midland 4-channel 12-volt scanner, 2 Pasadena police crystals and Park Place crystal. \$50. 476-0857

1978 GMC Sierra pickup, P-B-S, air, low mileage, excellent condition. \$5,500. 783-5182

Matching Spanish sofa and chair in beige and blue plus small amount of green velvet. \$200. Early American over-stuffed chair in beige and orange. \$15. Antique iron, fancy white and gold metal. Bed headboard and frame. \$55. Antique cut glass water pitcher. \$150. 422-5801

1978 Datsun 280Z, like new, in warranty. \$9,000. 479-5453

AKC Great Dane, 4 years old, male, black with white markings, for studing or pet. \$75. 488-7370

1974 Ford Maverick, mag wheels, P-S-B, automatic, 48,000 miles, air, radio, 305 V8. 643-4883

1975 SWB Chevy pickup, 350, automatic. 944-7435

1971 Olds Cutlass stationwagon, auto, air, P-S-B, radio. \$800. 339-1069 or 339-1184

## WANTED

Jogging treadmill. Small oxi-acetelene rig. 479-7393

## FOUND

Safety glasses, key on homemade safety pin and split key. Claim in room 151 of refinery administration building.

## FREE

Gas powered lawn edger, needs minor adjustments. 488-7370

Male and female, mixed breed, 6 weeks old puppies. 458-1494

## PERSONALS

Thank you for the lovely spray of roses. We appreciate your remembering us. - Paul White family

Thank you for the beautiful red roses. Your sympathy, visits and expressions of love were greatly appreciated. - Ed Parker family

The years I spent at Shell hold great memories. I would like to thank each one who helped make them. I also want to thank everyone who had a part in my retirement party. I am slowly learning to use the C.B. as well as the R.V. We have had some nice trips already. This retirement is great - you should try it. - G. C. Emery

To all my friends, co-workers, foreman and supervisors whom I have worked with and for, I would like to extend a special thanks for helping to make my stay at Shell a pleasurable and rewarding experience for nearly six years. Any successes I may attain in my new career will be largely attributable to my learning processes at the DPMC from each of you. On behalf of my wife and family, and for myself, I would like to especially thank the welding group, Maintenance North, for their gift and bid each of you a safe, rewarding career and very fond farewell. - Jim Hart and family

# Welcome To The DPMC



Bruce Heying  
General Helper  
Maintenance North



Ann Hill  
General Helper  
Maintenance North



Janet Lawson  
Engrg. Assistant  
Safety & Ind. Hyg.



Conrad Lopez  
General Helper  
Maintenance North



Marvin Martin  
General Helper  
Maintenance North



Doug Meaden  
Manager  
Purchg. & Gen. Serv.

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