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HESTER NAMED MANAGER OF PENSIONER SERVICES

There are some 12,000 Shell retirees scattered across the country—from coast-to-coast, from border-to-border and, in fact, around the world. Among these 12,000 are 800 Deer Park Manufacturing Complex pensioners. They've been retired for periods of time ranging from the late '30s to a-week-ago-Tuesday.

They do, however, have one thing in common. They're people who—almost without exception—retain an interest in Shell. Currently, most of these retirees keep in touch with what's going on in the Company via SHELL NEWS and the local publication, the SHELLEGRAM.

All that's fine. But now Shell has gone one step further. Recently inaugurated in Head Office is a brand new department, aimed at making retirement life a little simpler. The department: Pensioner Services. The manager: Bob Hester, a veteran of more than 34 years of service with the company.

Retirees received word of the new department in a recent letter from Harry Bridges, Shell president. In part, he told them: "As you are probably aware, many changes have taken place within Shell over the past several years. Of particular note has been the consolidation here in Houston of a number of activities previously existing at various locations around the country.

"In the past, many of our pensioners could stay in touch with Shell locally and obtain assistance on questions or problems from Shell offices. This is no longer possible for many of you. In addition, many pensioners have expressed a strong interest in knowing more about what is happening

within Shell.

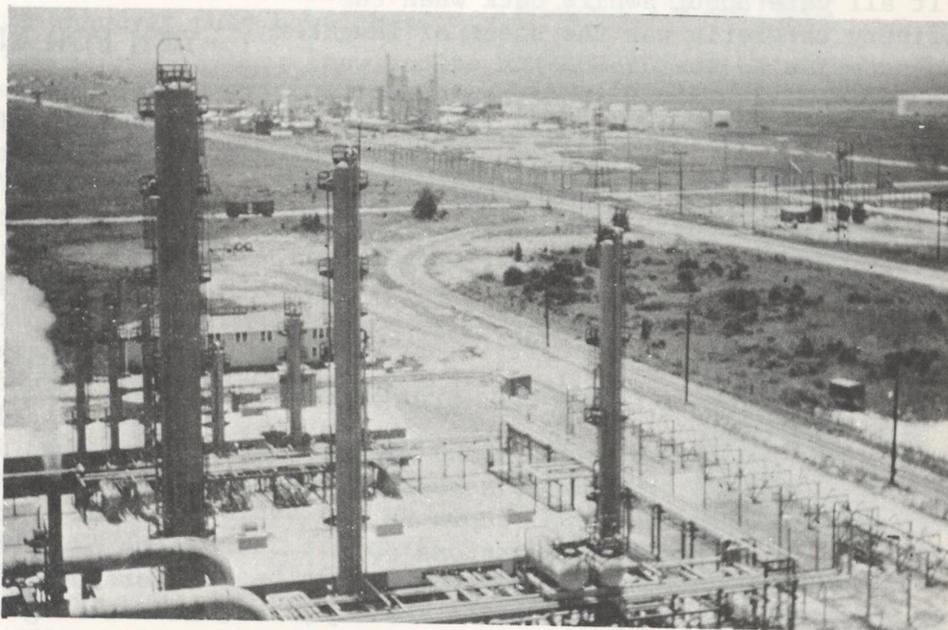
"What this all indicates to me is that a clear need exists for improved communications between the Company and each of its nearly 12,000 pensioners....

"Bob Hester has 34 years of Shell experience, all in Employee Relations. He has had assignments in Los Angeles, Bakersfield, Tulsa, Calgary, Denver, Midland and New York before moving

to Houston in 1970, and, therefore, many of you will already know him. Retired employees should not hesitate to write him in connection with any questions or comments you might have"

In Houston, Hester himself re-emphasized that philosophy: "This new job of mine," he said, "has been created to assist pensioners
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A VIEW FROM THE TOP OF THE CAT. CRACKER



In a bird's eye view from atop the Cat. Cracker in 1946, you would have seen the cat. cracker gas fractionator and the
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On a recent hunting trip to Del Rio, Charlie W. Eddleman, foreman, Engineering Field, successfully bagged an 80-pound doe.

On his return trip to South Houston, he was stopped by the highway patrol between Flatonia and Schulenburg doing 68 mph. Eddleman still doesn't know how much that indiscretion is going to cost him, but he does know that his doe meat is tenderloin quality price-wise if not taste-wise.

The 80-pound doe dressed out to 40 pounds of sausage. The processor's bill was \$62.

Eddleman figures his ticker will be somewhere between \$40 to \$50. So, not counting the gas, food or lodging for his hunting trip, that 40 pounds of sausage should cost him right at \$3 per pound. That's high even at today's inflated prices....

Perhaps several of you have noticed the new hardhat that the *SHELLEGRAM* editor has been sporting lately?

It all came about awhile back when the refinery cafeteria was the scene of laughter and surprise as the *SHELLEGRAM* editor was presented with a new hardhat replete with flowers and a miniture camera loaded with a roll of film.

Those responsible for the preparation of the hardhat included: Bob Johansen, J. A. Nepveux, Troy Stacy, C. Bednar, Grover Dunn,

a view from the top of the cat. cracker

treater (in the foreground), along with a portion of the "A" Department's acetone and isopropyl alcohol units (shown in the background). Today, the expansions over the years are obvious: The parking lot, where there was nothing but small bushes; the main substation just south of the parking lot where the complex receives its electrical power; several units built in "A" Department and the building of "G" Department as well as OP-II.



REMEMBER - Don't turn your back on safety.

A surprised SHELLEGRAM editor models her new hardhat - a gift from her co-workers.



Barbara Moon, George Mahlstedt, Room 114 and a bunch of others.

At least that's what the accompanying card read....

The editor, Dotti West, still wonders how that many people could keep such a secret for such a long time!

YEN FOR ADVENTURE FULFILLED

Do you have a yen for adventure on the high seas? If so, you would enjoy sharing the experiences of Alan Dorflinger, son of W. C. "Cliff" Dorflinger, senior employee relations assistant.

Alan isn't seen often at the Dorflinger home, as he is busy working aboard an oceanographic research ship named Moanawave which was given to the University of Hawaii by the United States Navy.

Alan readily admits to being an "ordinary seaman, who is working his way up to being an officer." Aboard ship he serves as a deckhand - collating tests that the scientists perform, doing testing of the current recording the depth of the ocean floor and maintaining the ship's equipment.

The scientists performing the tests come from many different parts of the world: Japan, Russia, the United States, etc. Most of them are professors from the United States, who bring along oceanographic students working towards a master's degree or a Ph.D.

Alan thoroughly enjoys working on the research ship, which offers him "a lot of adventure and lots of money."

As a matter of fact, Alan goes to school so that he can continue working aboard the research ship, Moanawave.

Soon, he will be leaving for the sunny beaches and exciting surfs found in Hawaii, where he will return to the Maritime Academy for four months to study diesel engineering. Successful completion of this course will enable the budding officer to continue working aboard the Moanawave or on any uninspected ship in the world.

In the meantime, according to his father, "His biggest concern is what to do with his money!"

Anybody got any suggestions....

STAMP COLLECTORS PLAN OIL INDUSTRY SOCIETY

Stamp collectors interested in oil, gas, pipeline, refining, geology and other oil industry subjects for "topical" hobby interest are organizing a "Petroleum Philatelic Society International," or "Petrophils," for short.

George J. Yurkas, 2808 Baylor Street, Bakersfield, California 93305, is chairman of an organizing group currently contacting oil topical collectors whose names they have procured from various sources worldwide. Any collector of oil topical stamps interested in details of the society proposal may obtain them from Yurkas directly.

"Petrophils" will be associated with "Les Amis du Petrole," a European oil stamp study group headed by Jean Barbedette, Paris.

"There must be several thousand oil industry people and others who collect this topical subject in addition to their general stamp interests," Yurkas said. "We are producing an oil subject check-list which can easily

be updated to accommodate news issues, and a regular newsletter of facts and information about oil-related subjects on the world's postage stamps. All members will receive copies of both list and newsletters," he said.

Some 109 of the world's oil producing nations have issued more than 1,400 regu-

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in communicating with us. Needless to say, retirees should not hesitate to call their former work locations or another local Shell office if it's more convenient. But we sincerely hope that our pensioners will find this new communication channel helpful and will feel free to write to me whenever they have questions."

Hester also mentioned the possibility of starting a special Shell publication for pensioners. "If retirees have ideas or suggestions which might be appropriate for such a publica-

lar postage, commemorative, airmail, tax-revenue and other varieties of stamps with oil-gas motif of philatelic interest. The United States has issued six such stamps, the latest being the ten cent "Energy Conservation" variety issued last September in connection with the World Energy Conference in Detroit.

tion, I'd be glad to hear about them"

In his new capacity, Hester's address is: R. W. Hester, Manager Pensioner Services, A.M.F. Box 60565, Houston, Texas 77060.

CALHOUN AND THOMPSON ELECT TO RETIRE

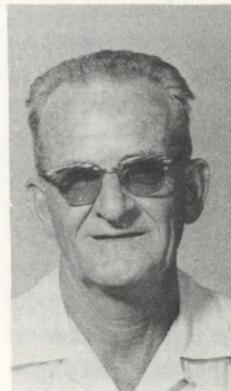
Virgil M. Calhoun, operations foreman, Aromatics-West, is retiring after 30 years of company service.

Calhoun was known to his many friends at Shell as "Cal."

He and his wife, Dorothy L., will make their retirement home at 811 North 11th Street in La Porte.



Cuyler Thompson, shift foreman, "E" Department, is retiring after some 33 years of company service.



Thompson was known to his many friends at Shell as "Tommie", and spent the last 26 years of his career in the "E" Department as shift foreman.

He and his wife, Pearl, will make 209 West Jackson in Pasadena their retirement home.

Will save state \$8.5 million over five years TEXAS TO ISSUE NEW FIVE-YEAR LICENSE PLATES

Beginning February 1, the majority of motor vehicles operating in Texas may be eligible to use the new "multi-year" license plate, renewable annually for five years of driving. According to Bob Townsley, director of the Highway Department's Motor Vehicle Division, approximately 9.2 million renewal notices are already in the mail to vehicle owners announcing the fact.

"Motorists will notice no change in the registration procedure this year," said Townsley. "Only the license plate to be issued will be different."

Instead of the usual metal plate, a heavier, non-corrosive steel will be used for greater endurance. Also the plate will be reflectorized and will feature black letters and numerals on a white field, considered by experts to be the most easily readable color combination.

"The real change in registration procedure will come in 1976," explained the Highway Department official. Next year, instead of buying a new license plate, owners will purchase a 1- by 2-inch adhesive-type validation tag that will be placed in the debossed upper left corner of the plate. In 1977, the tag will be stuck in the upper right corner to cover the debossed "75," and alternated for the ensuing years. Townsley said the tags cannot be easily removed without deterioration, a part of the plan to discourage vandalism or theft.

The 1975 Texas "version" is expected to cost the state 44 cents per plate to produce, almost double the manufacturing cost for the '74 plate. The difference in costs being attributed to different materials and plate design. However, the validation tags to be used

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Texas to issue new license plates

beginning in 1976 will run some three cents apiece. According to Townsley, the state will realize an \$8.5 million savings in additional revenue from using the semi-permanent plates for the five-year period.

Some motorists will recall this is not the first time "multi-year" license plates have been used in Texas. During the war years 1943 and 1944, small metal tabs were issued to renew the 1942 plate. Then again in 1947, when there was a shortage of metal plates, windshield stickers were issued as evidence of the payment of registration fees.

Certain classes of motor vehicles will still require annual purchase of plates. These include radio operators, dealers, state officials and those passenger cars displaying "personalized" plates.

For the first time, a new five-year travel trailer plate will be available. This classification includes all camper trailers and house trailer-type vehicles.

Annual registration fees for motor vehicle owners will remain the same as in the past - \$12.30 for vehicles weighing up to 3,500 pounds; \$22.30 for vehicles weighing 3,501 to 4,500 pounds; \$30.30 for vehicles weighing 4,501 to 6,000 pounds; vehicles weighing 6,001 pounds or more are charged at the rate of 55 cents per hundred pounds of weight.

Motorists are encouraged to register their vehicles early and avoid the "last minute" rush. Registrants may apply by mail immediately, or "in person" at their county tax office and substations beginning February 1. Mail applicants are reminded to return the entire renewal notice along with their payment and one dollar per vehicle to cover postage and handling. Allow at least 30 days for delivery of plates. The registration deadline is midnight, April 1.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

1970 Williams Craft 17' self-contained travel trailer. Like new. \$1,275. 472-4203

14' flat bottom aluminum boat with 9 hp motor and gas tank. \$185. 473-1274

AM-FM radio with record player, 4 speakers and crossover with good cabinet \$60. 473-0476 after 5 pm

10-speed bicycle, 27", needs brake repair. \$40. 479-1295 after 4 pm

Set of golf clubs with six irons, four woods. \$25. 479-1295 after 4 pm

Electric mini dryer, needs belt. \$25. 487-3716

WANTED

White chest of drawers for nursery in good condition. Will pay up to \$25. 471-3493 after 5 pm

RULES FOR SUBMITTING ADS

Readers are reminded of the rules for submitting ads for free publication in the *SHELLEGRAM*.

- Ads are published for complex employees, pensioners and families only. Advertiser must be owner and not agent or dealer.

- All ads must be submitted in writing stating item, price, advertiser's name and home telephone number. Forms are available at the receptionist's desk and the *SHELLEGRAM* office.

- Deadline for submitting ads is *Monday*.

- Mail ads to the *SHELLEGRAM* or bring them to Room 103, Main Office Annex.



Seymor says now is the time to STOP WASTE....

Stop the wasting of good heads by wearing your hardhat. Hardhats have been known to save many a head from serious injury. So, begin now to practice safe work habits all of the time - not part time.

Reminder - Have your furnace checked at least every three years.....

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Mrs. Dotti West - Editor

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