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"Retirement is still OK," Says Hechler

For retired nurse E. C. "Hech" Hechler, "Retirement is still OK." Here's her latest adventure in her own words:

"Just got back from a most interesting study tour of China. Our first stop was Bucharest, Romania - an interesting city, home of Dracula. Saw the Romanian Rhapsody (good music and singing), then left for China. Here I saw Peking's Great Wall and its fabulous palaces before visiting Canton's fog and humidity. Must have been good for the area as everything was green and growing, but our hand-washed clothing never dried.

"We had three stopovers between the two big cities, plus a trip to a farm commune with 4,200 people. Each family had an apartment and garden. Movies and T.V. were available at the

meeting hall. Also available in the commune were doctors, schools, stores, etc. They never have to leave the

commune and seemed very happy and glad to see us.

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Reminder Graduates' Issue

Have you turned in the information on your graduating son or daughter? June 2 is the deadline.

High Blood Pressure The Silent Killer

Do you know what your blood pressure is now? If not, find out by having it checked during the hours of 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the following days,

**Chemical Cafeteria -
May 24 and June 7**

**Refinery Cafeteria -
May 26 and June 9**

Members of your family who would like to have their blood pressure checked without charge may visit the La Porte Health Center, 915 South 8th Street, La Porte, on Mondays or Tuesdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Don't let "The Silent Killer" catch you unaware. Have your blood pressure checked as soon as possible.

On-The-Job-Scene

Discussing necessary maintenance work with operations supervisor Tom Davis is all in a day's work for Clo Laird, process manager, Alkylatlon. Here they review maintenance work for an exchanger.



Emergency Sign Installed

This sign was installed in early March for use in emergency situations. Whenever an emergency that requires the use of the road crossing these tracks occurs and a train is blocking its use, the sign will be activated so that it will light up and flash letting the train crew know an emergency situation exists. When the sign is activated, the crews using these tracks - Port Terminal, Southern Pacific and Shell - have instructions to immediately break the train so that the emergency vehicle can pass.

Shell People In The News

R. Gary Dillard, general manager DPMC, was recently elected 1978-79 vice-president of the Texas Chemical Council.

Dillard joined the DPMC in 1956 as a chemist and his career has included work in quality control, analytical development, process development, process design process operation and management.

Iris Bond, wife of Paul A. Bond (an inspector in Safety-Chemical), has been named 1978 Secretary of the Year by the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce.

Iris works for Wayne Slovacek, a vice-president with Union Equity.

Retirees Burkhalter And Love Die

Retired Dispatching pumper No. 1 Lennis L. Burkhalter died April 1 at the age 75.

At the time of his retirement in October 1960, Lennis had 30½ years of company service.

He is survived by his wife, Lorena, who resides at 2541 Rundolph in Pasadena.

Retiree Edward W. "Buck" Love, 68, died May 4.

At the time of his retirement in June 1970, Buck was a senior draftsman in Engineering Office with 33½ years of

Jerry Puyau To Present Final Workshop

Jerry Puyau, New Orleans EP Region, completes his twentieth and final Communications Workshop for Foremen presentation May 12 at the Flagship in Galveston.

Over the past three-and-a-half years, 478 participating DPMC foremen have been trained by Jerry in the importance

of effective communications.

The names of these foremen, along with those of the 61 workshop coaches, have been inscribed upon a scroll, which will be presented to Jerry during his final workshop. Along with the scroll, he will be given a certificate naming him an "Honorary Texan."

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"Visited ancient tombs and museums, modern factories, hospitals and many schools from nurseries through high schools. I was most impressed by the healthy, well fed, well dressed and well mannered children -

thousands of them and I noted no timidity or inferiority complexes. They made my most colorful slides.

"All grown-ups, from top officials to field workers, wear Chairman Mao style suits."

Heck ended by saying her trip wasn't an easy luxury cruise; and that, in spite of excellent food, she lost 12 pounds. She's decided to rest her travel weary feet by forgoing a trip to Cuba scheduled during May.

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Burkhalter

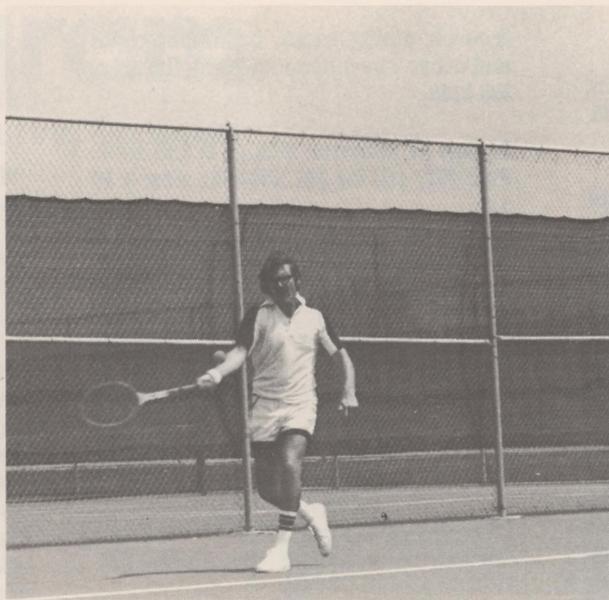
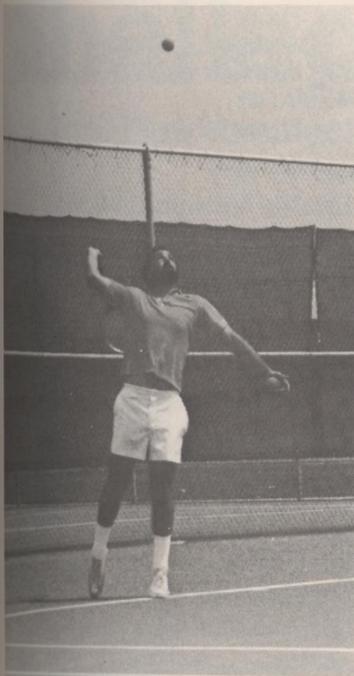


Love

Welcome To The Complex



Rudy Tijerina
Instrument Man No. 1
Maintenance South



SCORA Events

Tennis buffs, who participated in the April 1-2 SCORA Tennis Tournament, included: l-r, Bill Lafield, manager, Community Relations; Sterling Roig, process manager, HT-3; and Sheila

Barron, senior accounting assistant, Product Accounting. Sheila went on to win second place in the Women's Singles.

The Championship winners were: Rick Erickson, Men's Doubles; and Dave and Jean McClintic, Mixed Doubles.

"The next tennis tournament is scheduled for June 24 and 25," says Ron Matthew, who is heading up the event.

Quote Without Comment

Put into the Congressional Record is a commentary on the new Department of Energy which Rep. Bill Archer (R-Texas) says, "Puts the monies involved in a unique perspective." The report begins by saying that the new department employs 19,767 people and has a fiscal 1978 budget of \$10.6 billion. This sum, the report says, represents, among other things:

- \$500,000 per department employee;
- \$50 for every man, woman and child in the U.S.;
- \$266,871 for each of the 39,763 wells drilled in 1976;
- \$3.59 for each barrel of domestic crude oil produced in 1976;
- 10 cents for every gallon of gasoline consumed in 1976;
- Exceeds 1975's capital and exploration expenditures by the petroleum industry to explore for and produce domestic crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids;
- Exceeds the 1974 profits of the seven largest oil companies - profits some called "obscene."

According to the report, it comes down to this: Billions for bureaucracy, but precious little inducement to find more oil and gas.

Service Anniversaries



35 Years
W. C. Burgess
Dispatching-Docks



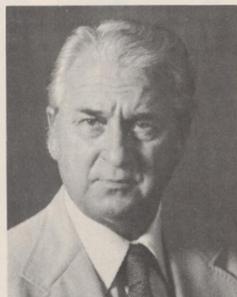
35 Years
R. H. Schultz
Environmental



35 Years
B. R. Starker
Proc. Engrg.



30 Years
C. A. Compton
Dispatching



25 Years
W. R. Crow
BA/EA



25 Years
B. Davis
Employee Relations



25 Years
R. L. Evans
Maint. North



25 Years
H. J. Farmer
Light Olefins

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1971 Shasta trailer, good condition, sleeps 4, Coleman range, ice box. \$875. 472-5646

1976 Malibu Classic, P-S-B-W, tilt wheel, cruise control, p-locks, Rally wheels, AM-FM 8-track stereo, swivel bucket seats. 991-0463

1966 Evinrude 100 hp, tac and controls, runs very good. \$700. 452-1343 after 5 p.m.

Magic Chef gas range, Philco air conditioner 20,000 BTU, Kitchen Aid custom portable dishwasher. 946-4046

2 cemetery lots in Grandview Memorial Cemetery on Spencer Highway. \$300 each. 328-2964

1972 Chevrolet LUV pickup. \$1,375. 472-8493

Spanish dining room, breakfast room and other miscellaneous light fixtures. 333-2188

Square of asbestos siding, brand new. Paid \$37; sell for \$20. 458-2751 after 2:30 p.m.

1975 Honda 750K5 Windjammer III, tour kit, low mileage, adult owner. \$1,500. 477-2483

1976 Jeep Cherokee S, 401 cu. in. 4 bbl., fully loaded, mags, C.B. radio, AM-FM. \$5,000. 479-6759

1957 Ford 800 tractor, 3-point hook up, live lift, 48 hp, good shape. \$1,895. 489-7708

1974 Pontiac Catalina Sportscoop, 45,000 miles, new tires, AM-FM tape, air, power. \$2,150. 479-4239

16' Fiberglass boat, 65 hp Evinrude motor, big wheel trailer and accessories. \$775. 487-1368

WANT TO BUY

14.5 mobile home tires. 489-7708

Beagle puppy, female, brown and white. 458-2751 after 2:30 p.m.

PERSONALS

I want to take this opportunity to thank my many friends at Shell and the Union for their thoughtfulness and gifts on my retirement, and the many other things you contributed to my life while I was at Shell.

-Herschel Graham

Fertilizer From Peanut Shells

Three University of Virginia chemical engineers are working on a method of producing chemical fertilizers by using such renewable resources as peanut shells, trees and corn husks.

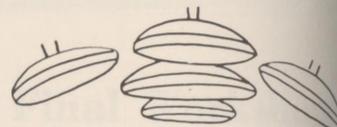
The three engineers are among a group of American scientists picked by the National Science Foundation to participate with the Soviet Union in an attempt to produce essential chemicals through fermentation.

The researchers are trying to combine nitrogen—the most plentiful gas in the atmosphere—with hydrogen released from cellulose to make fertilizer. Most chemical fertilizers are made from

petroleum.

The process, called nitrogen fixation, depends on the ability of certain bacteria to combine the ingredients and produce ammonia, a key ingredient of fertilizer. A possible design is a 25-gallon container through which a stream of water would pass. Cellulose waste, such as peanut shells, corn stalks or tree bark, could be fed to the bacteria to break the material down.

"If a small reactor that can be used on an individual farm could be developed, then we can eliminate transportation, a major component of fertilizer costs."



"Uh oh . . . has anyone seen my contact lens?"

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