

# Shellegram

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## Physicals To Be Performed Here

A long-range plan of the DPMC Medical Department has been a transfer of all return-to-work physicals from the offices of Dr. Norman Hines, 2317 Fannin in Houston, to the DPMC medical facility. This will take place as of January 1, 1980. It is felt this new procedure will be more convenient to employees and will better utilize the extensive facilities available at the complex.

Employees who must be released by a DPMC physician before returning to work will include, as in the past, any employee who has been absent more than one scheduled work day due to an occupational disability; any employee who has been absent more than eight calendar days due to illness; hourly employees who have been absent three or more work days and are not under the care of a doctor; and, any employee released by his or her physician with work restrictions.

An employee falling into any one of the above categories should, after securing a release from his or her personal physician, arrange with the DPMC Medical Department to have an examination by the company physician, preferably between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 12 noon, Monday through Friday.

It is the employee's responsibility to arrange for such examination in a

timely manner in order to be available for work on the date their personal physician has specified on their release.

In addition to having secured a release from their personal doctor, prior to their DPMC examination, employees should come for the DPMC exam prepared to return to work immediately afterwards. In no event will the DPMC examination be substituted for an examination by the employee's personal physician.

Any questions concerning physical

examination arrangements or restriction procedures should be directed to Dr. David Miller on 6303 or Dr. Miles Davis on 6304. Questions regarding disability pay procedures or requirements should continue to be directed to Lori Conover on 6553 for employees on the Shell Oil Company payroll and to Charla Hale on 6422 for employees on the Shell Chemical payroll. Questions regarding employee responsibilities relative to occupational disability should be directed to Sylvia Passmore on 6432 or W. R. Davis on 6430.

## More Production Needed

The need to discover new oil and to increase oil and gas production were stressed recently by Shell's president, John F. Bookout.

Describing the emphasis on synthetic fuels by the current Administration as "too big, and promising more than it can deliver," Bookout told the Executive Club of Chicago that the U.S. faces a possible energy gap 10 to 15 years wide. "Only oil and gas, which now provides about 75 percent of the nation's energy, can get us across it," he said.

Shell estimates the Department of the Interior's current offshore lease schedule could lead to a production rate of about one million barrels of oil a day by 1995, and yield a total of two billion barrels by the same date.

"However, we think things can be done faster," Bookout said. "We propose an accelerated schedule. We believe our approach would yield four times as much daily production in 1995, and twice the cumulative total. And it would still give the government plenty of time to handle environmental studies and other procedures

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## Employees Retire

Lillian Kendrick Brown, 62, has retired as an office assistant in Engineering Support with 32½ years of company service.

Lillian makes her home at 2620 Wroxton in Houston.

Wilbur E. Meyer, 61, has retired as an operator No. 1 in Utilities North with 25½ years of company service.

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Brown



Meyer



Reichardt

## Retirees Die

William C. Townsend died November 30. At the time of his retirement in September 1974, he was a machinist No. 1 in Maintenance South.

He is survived by his wife, Ida Mae, who resides on Route 2 in Pittsburg, Texas.

Woodrow H. Dowdy, 61, died December 3. At the time of his retirement from Maintenance North as a machinist No. 1, he had 29 years of company service.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Forest Park. Dowdy resided at 606 95th Street in Houston.

Harvey J. Rasco, 45, died December 3. At the time of his retirement in January 1975, he was an operator No. 1 in Lubricat-



Townsend

Dowdy

Rasco

ing Oils with 16½ years of company service.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Earthman Funeral Home on the North Freeway.

He is survived by his wife, Irene, who resides at 1814 Lexington in Deer Park.

### We Didn't Say It...

## Ford City Bank & Trust Company Did

The following editorial, reprinted in its entirety, appeared in the October issue of the Ford City Bank Newsletter.

"Memories are short and most of us have nearly forgotten that it wasn't easy to find gas a month ago. Many people believed that the "crisis" was manufactured then; should another shortage develop, nearly everyone will feel we are being deceived about the real situation. In fact, the shortage is manufactured, but we are blaming the wrong culprit.

Over the years — in good times and bad — the best way to balance the supply and demand for a product is the price. Raise the price of gas and two things happen; less is purchased and more is produced. Most of the world (even the "socialist" countries) realize this. Gasoline costs \$2.50 per gallon in Germany — even higher in other countries — and they have no shortages.

Our country has been attempting to deny the facts of life for a number of years. True, our gasoline prices are lower than the rest of the world, but what a price we are paying in other ways!

In addition to the shortages, we are supporting a Department of Energy which spends \$3.50 for each barrel of oil produced in this country. Not only do they not produce any oil, but they have hired 25,000 bureaucrats who spend most of their time tormenting those who do.

The gasoline lines were caused solely by the allocation rules of the DOE. Oil companies could not ship oil where it was needed from areas which had excess supplies. As a result, people waited in line in New York while many rural areas had more than enough gas.

What about those greedy oil companies who are "ripping off" the con-

sumer? Many people do not like big business, so it is a handy whipping boy for politicians and the press. The fact remains that someone has to find, produce and distribute petroleum, and no one has yet found a better way than letting the oil companies do it.

If the decisions as to how much to produce, where to sell, how much to charge, etc. are determined by a governmental agency, they will be made on a political basis. In other words, the groups with the most clout or strongest lobby will get preferential treatment. Since most of us taxpayers are not included in these groups, you know who will be last in line.

The synthetic fuels program is another example of misguided good intentions. The President proposes spending \$80 billion to develop new industries to produce petroleum from

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## Service Anniversaries



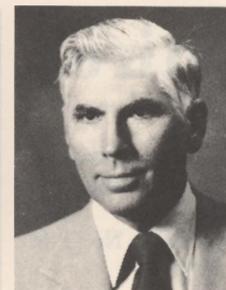
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R. J. Cronk  
"G" Dept.



30 Years  
F. G. Speer  
Maint. South



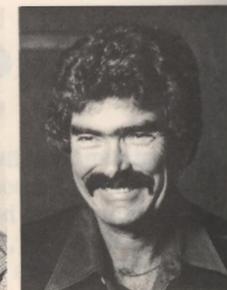
25 Years  
B. J. Essery  
Security



25 Years  
D. D. Koehn  
BPA



25 Years  
D. T. Matheson  
Distribution



25 Years  
C. E. Meriwether  
BA



Guests at the Phenol-Acetone Plant safety parties enjoyed the festive occasions. Standing while visiting were E. L. Griffith and Henry Blunt, while Christy Bourland, Ed Edwards, Ken and Ann Hill take their seats. Linda and Wayne Thumann relax for a moment. Awaiting dinner are Cassie and Joe Balch, James and Ginger McDonald.

## Safety Parties



Guests at the Lube B and Lube C safety parties included: JoAnn and Bill Williamson, Les Penland, Pam Simpson, Syble Garbs, Joe and Claudette Douglas, Esther and B. J. Williams, G. H. Cook and Jerry Morgan.

## Carpool

Faced with long lines and higher prices at the gas pump, more American workers have been leaving their cars at home or joining carpools. But can they be expected to return to their old driving habits once the crunch is over? Well, the Department of Commerce isn't making any predictions, but it did point out that just one year after the gas shortage of 1973-74 two out of every three commuters drove alone to work. In fact, in 1975 nearly 85 percent of all workers traveled to work in a car or truck - 65 percent drove alone and 19 percent in carpools - while only 6 percent used public transportation.

## Retirements...

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He and his wife, Gwyn, make their home on Route 5 in New Braunfels.

Virgil A. Reichardt, 62, has retired as a special tester in the Refinery Laboratory with 40½ years of company service.

He and his wife, Shirley, make their home at 642 Edgebrook in Houston.

## More Production Needed...

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that go before each scale."

Bookout said the government speaks with two voices. "One voice of government says: Produce more energy here at home and fast. The other voice says: But don't count on looking for it any time soon on government lands. The split between government concerns about energy, and government the jealous landlord, has been with us for some time."

Bookout pointed out that some 500 million acres of publicly-owned lands are effectively closed to gas and oil production. And while many Americans favor preserving some lands as wilderness areas, many are even more interested in expanding exploration and production, according to an opinion survey this year.

"The situation offshore is at least as frustrating and has a disquieting international aspect," Bookout said. Other nations of the world have leased more than 35 percent of their Outer Continental Shelf areas for oil and gas exploration. Our government has leased less than four percent of ours. Yet we urge other nations to increase production and reduce imports. This is not reassuring and you wonder what they think of us.

"We at Shell are especially concerned about the Alaska offshore. We estimate it may contain more than 20 billion barrels of oil. It takes from seven to 10 years from the time of a lease sale until first production, and leasing has been alarmingly slow. The average lease sale delay is 56 months," Bookout said.

# Classifieds

## FOR SALE

1977 Dodge ¾ ton van LWB, P-S-B, air, custom interior. \$4,500. 481-4699

1978 Pinto, 16,000 miles, 4 cyl., air, P-S-B. \$2,995. 472-1967

1971 Torino 500, 351 Cleveland motor, Holley 500 2-barrel, auto, Lear Jet AM-FM 8-track, Jensen speakers, Keystone rim. \$895. 481-8943

Bundy trombone, used one year, school approved. \$175. 444-5437

Water softener-conditioner, 32,000 grain, fully automatic. 40-channel CB radio with aerial. \$50. 479-0116

Red vinyl seat from 1979 Ford Courier. \$100. 472-1967

Professional quality amplifier-speakers for electric guitar, Road 220 LEAD with cabinets, graphic equalizer, perfect. 644-4212

4-speed manual transmission for Ford Courier pickup, 1973-78, like new. \$150. Staffer back exerciser, reclining type, good condition. \$45. 471-2961

1974 Jeep Wagonaire, good tire, new battery and water pump, excellent condition. 473-0116

Exercycle, new. 422-9015

6½ acres, Tyler, Texas, restricted subdivision off Hwy. 31, corner lot, half wooded, half clear. \$11,000. 473-3576

1972 Ford, new battery, starter celluloid, voltage regulator and alternator. \$650. 479-0996

1978 Trans AM T-top, auto, fully loaded with all options, low mileage, excellent condition. 426-3181

3 mud-tread truck tires, Goodyear Tracker, A.T. with raised white letters, 1000x15". \$20 each or all for \$50. 631-1618

4-2-2, 4½ years old, does not flood, 2219 sq. ft. \$73,500; \$41,000 equity. 479-0996

Double oven-broiler, excellent condition. 476-4542

1976 Mercury Marque 4-door HT, P-S-B, AM-FM, low mileage, good condition. 479-3628

2 chrome spoke wheels, 15x8, 6-lug pattern. 458-3235

GE washer, good working condition. \$60. Set of Rally rims for Chevy pickup, 15". \$125. 641-4717

1974 Cutlass Supreme, Tudor vinyl top, excellent running condition. \$1,200. 433-8723 after 6 p.m.

## FOR LEASE

2-1 townhouse in Pasadena, all bills paid. \$375 per month with option to buy. 479-8684

3-2 fenced, schools, shopping center and park. 334-2009 after 5 p.m.

## FOR RENT

Partially furnished 2 bedroom house in Lomax, carpeted. \$295 per month. 471-2961

## FREE

Year old male and female Irish Setters. Boston Terrier and neighborhood Romeo puppies. 487-1468

## FOUND

Tan case for glasses and cowboy boot lighter. Claim in room 151 of refinery administration building.

## PERSONAL

I wish to express my deep appreciation for your kindness during my 32+ years

as a Shell employee and for the touching tribute honoring my retirement. Thank you, too, for the numerous gifts. The luggage is perfect for my needs. The scroll is beautiful and will provide lasting memories of all of you. Thank you again for making my transition into retirement such a wonderful experience.

- Lillian Brown

Anyone who may have seen accident involving 1966 blue Chevy at 50th Anniversary Celebration parking lot between 3:00-5:00 p.m. 476-4542

- Richard Cervi

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coal and other materials. Based on past experience with government programs, the cost will be many times more.

In reality, it is unnecessary, and unadvisable for the government to get involved at all. If we let supply and demand take care of things, the cost of petroleum will rise to the level where it will be profitable to develop other forms of energy and there are plenty of companies ready and willing to do this without any incentive from government.

Our much maligned free enterprise system has served us well over the years. Despite attacks from many groups — the government action which hinders its efficient performance — it is still our best hope for resuming our progress toward a better living for everyone. Government solutions often look attractive, but — without exception — they end up causing more harm than good, while costing us plenty."



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