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## RETIRED NURSE TOURS CONTINENTS

Retired nurse E. C. "Hec" Hechler chose to celebrate retirement with a six-month, around-the-world trip. Leaving Conroe, Texas, in December, she spent Christmas and New Year with her brother and his family in California where she met a niece and her family from Japan. Then it was off to Northern Japan with the niece. Although the temperature was in the 20's and snow abounded, the streets were kept clear and travel continued. "We never wore shoes, always fur-lined boots - even to church or club," commented Hec, as she reminisced about her days and nights in Japan.

### THIS ALONE WORTH TRIP

In February they flew to the Snow Festival in Sapporo the most northern island of Japan. Hec feels that this alone was worth the trip.

Two city blocks were dedicated to America's bicentennial. Replicas of the white

house and the capitol building were as big as Hec's house, and they had a copy of the statue of liberty.

### TOOK TWO DAYS TO SEE

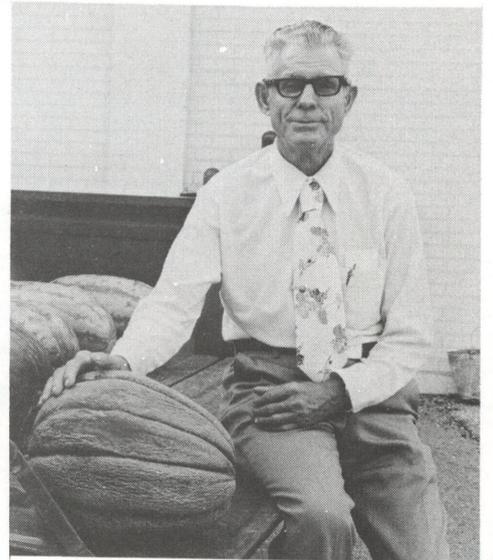
All were made of ice and snow, as were the prehistorical monsters, fairy tale characters and space age creations. "It took us two days to see it all, says Hec, and her nephew had made the hotel reservations two years ago, as it's a crowded place.

"It was still snowing in Tokyo the morning I left for Indonesia in my heaviest overcoat. Eight hours later I was below the equator in Jakarta, a radical change in temperature. Next day my niece in Jakarta and I went shopping for cool tropical clothes and became accustomed to the weather. It's about like our hot summers, but is the same year-around."

There is much to do in Jakarta and food of all

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## RETIREE, VANN, AT IT AGAIN



Retiree W. G. Vann visits the refinery to show off his produce before sharing the 53-, 50-, 49- and 37-pound watermelons with his friends down at the central shops.

The melon he is resting his hand on weighed in at a mere 23 pounds. Not bad when you consider that the ones in the stores weigh in the neighborhood of two to three pounds.

## SHELL DEALERS TAKE STAND ON DIVESTITURE

Much has been written about certain Congressmen's attempts to restructure the oil industry. Call it "divestiture," or call it "dismemberment." What it amounts to is that those Congressmen would like to slice the nation's 18 largest oil companies into an indeterminate number of smaller oil companies - all in the name of "increased competition."

The oil companies, understandably, don't believe that divestiture would do a whole lot of good for anybody. Likewise, editorial opinion expressed in a broad spectrum of both liberal and conservative newspapers across the country has been overwhelmingly *against* breaking up the major oil companies.

But what about the independent service station operator? He's the guy

who represents the industry at the grass-roots level and who has a major personal stake in the divestiture issue. What does he think about the whole business?

One indication of the dealer viewpoint can be found in the recent action of a group of independent businessmen in the Detroit area. They happen to be Shell dealers, but Shell Oil Company itself was not involved; indeed, the company, to assure impartiality, deliberately remained aloof from the whole project.

What the Detroit Shell dealers did was to dig down in their own pockets to pay for three quarter-page advertisements in Detroit newspapers. The dealers wrote the copy for the ads. The project was their own; the opinions were their own.

Here, in part, is what

they had to say:

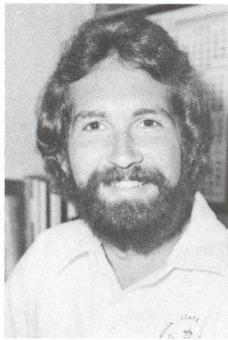
### IMPORTANT CONSUMER ANNOUNCEMENT

This is the first in a series of three important articles presented to you by your Detroit-Area Shell dealers. These articles are intended to inform you of current marketing situations, pending legislation and imposed government regulations that could increase your cost of gasoline from one cent to 10 cents per gallon.

Do we really want to *BREAK UP* the oil companies? Sure, say many. Because "Big means

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BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING  
scheduled from 11 am -  
12:45 pm and from 2:15 pm -  
4:15 pm on August 24 at the  
refinery and on August 25  
at the chemical plant.



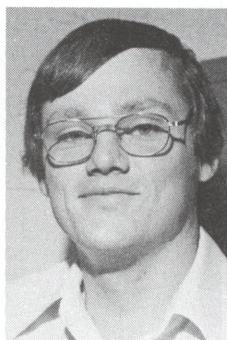
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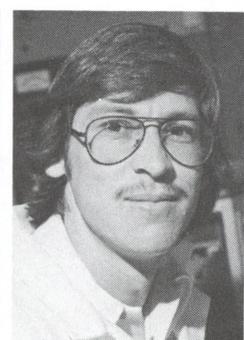
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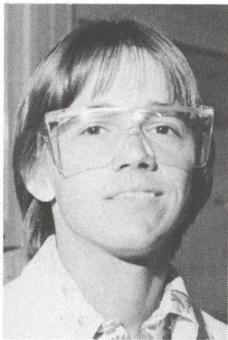
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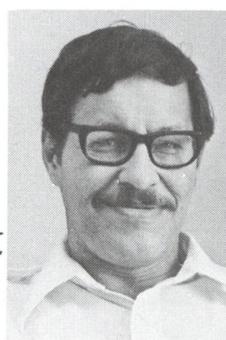


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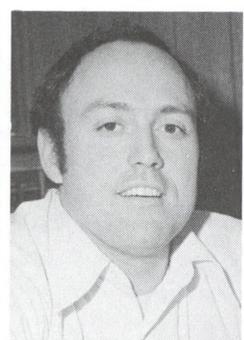


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WELCOME TO DEER PARK  
MANUFACTURING COMPLEX



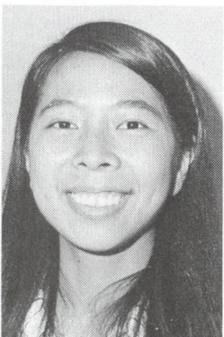
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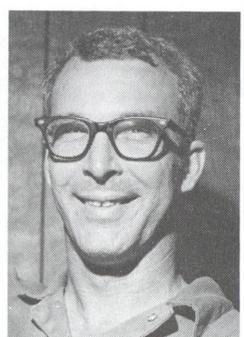
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Const. Services



Kaye A. Norton  
Office Secretary  
Services-UCC



Patsy A. Seidal  
Office Secretary  
Operations-East



W. R. "Bill" Speights  
Engrg. Inspector  
Engrg. Inspection

Shell dealers take stand on divestiture....

Bad," right? With numerous small companies the consumer will get a better break than he is getting right now, right?

NOT NECESSARILY!!!

Look at some of the facts. Some people in Congress propose that no company should control gasoline from its source to your car's fuel tank. A company can explore, refine, transport or retail gasoline... but, they cannot combine two or more of these functions.

Therefore, each separate company would require separate boards of directors, separate data centers, separate staff personnel, separate sales people, separate legal staffs, etc. Any efficiencies gained by multiple use of common facilities and staffs would be eliminated. And,

each separate company would depend upon its own profit requirement or it would fail. A break-up could create new layers of middlemen who will also have to make a profit. An integrated oil company operates with one board of directors, a combined data center, one staff, etc. In so doing, the company can cut overhead costs and deliver the product at the lowest possible price.

We feel that divestiture or the break-up of the oil companies will lead to higher gasoline prices and a decrease in the reliability of assured supply.

These same Congressmen point to the Oil Monopoly as reason for this proposal.

Do you know that four domestic auto companies supply over 80 percent of

the market and that eight tobacco companies supply 100 percent of the market?

There are 10,000 oil companies that are involved in exploration and production for crude oil and natural gas. No single company accounts for more than 11 percent of exploration and production, nine percent of the refining capacity or eight percent of gasoline sales.

This hardly represents a monopoly.

So, if the oil companies are broken up, who will be next, the auto companies and who after that?

If you're concerned about this situation, sign this article and sent it to your legislature in Washington.

A GROUP OF CONCERNED INDEPENDENT SHELL DEALERS.

**Retired nurse tours continents....**

nations - Indonesian and Indian food are pepper hot and spicy. "I took ulcer pills before meals and Gel-usil afterwards and got by OK," says Shell's former nurse, who preferred Chinese and Japanese food. American and European food were available but expensive.

"Our out-of-town trips were to Jogjakarta on the South Coast of Java, Surabaya on the East Coast and Bali," continued Hec. "It was on the South Coast at Borabadour where I sat in the shade while my family, including a three-year-old nephew, climbed 350 steps to the top of the Borabadour Temple built about 700 AD."

**CITY OF JOGJA VERY OLD AND HAS FEW CARS**

The city of Jogja is very old and ox carts still go down main street along with bicycles and bechaks (like the old rickshaws, but more modern - the driver has a bicycle attached to back of seat and pushes passenger). The city has few cars.

**BALI UNSPOILED BY CIVILIZATION**

Surabaya is an industrial seaport city with many antique shops. Bali, as the literature states, is still unspoiled by civilization. "I agree," Hec is quick to

say, "except for the beautifully terraced rice fields up the mountain sides." It was at Bali they attended a cremation, which is a big occasion. One night they went to a dance by natives at one of the villages. First, there was the monkey dance with about a hundred men dancing around and acting like monkeys, then there was the trance dance with two Balinese dancing girls in very ornate dress and head-dress dancing until they went into a trance and fell. Last came the fire dance with a man dancing on red hot coals for about 15 minutes barefoot. "When we left, he was by the door showing his feet with no blisters."

It was here that Hec got what she considered her best bargain - the biggest lobster she'd ever eaten for \$5, along with a big salad and three to four vegetables.

**MOST UNIQUE PLACE WAS KATHMANDU VALLEY IN NEPAL**

"The most unique place we visited was the Kathmandu Valley in Nepal. It was here," she noted, "that Buddha was born and most natives are Buddhist and apparently abide by their religion as there were no thieves or murderers there. The people seemed happy and many spoke English, even the kids on the streets."

**TAJ MAHAL WAS FABULOUS**

The next stop was Taj Mahal. "It is fabulous! Nothing written about it could ever be exaggerated!"

"After an uneventful night in Paris, we went to Lourdes - not as unique as Kathmandu or fabulous as Taj Mahal, but a nice place." It was here that she watched a candlelight procession and heard singing from her hotel balcony. The singing included songs from various nations with everyone joining in when their nation was represented. "The Germans sang the songs I knew as a child."

"Our stay in Copenhagen was not long enough," says Hec, but it did permit seeing a beautiful fire-cracker show at Tivoli Park across from their hotel.

Most of their return trip was over ice or snow with an occasional glimpse of blue water. It was a grand trip, but she was glad to get home. "I'm still resting," Hec says, "and hope to see all of you at the Ten-and-Over party in October."

**CAT. CRACKING DEPT. ACHIEVES SAFE YEAR**



*Retirees Lyman Witt and Hunter Francis McFall chat with Earl Childs at the Cat. Cracking safety party.*



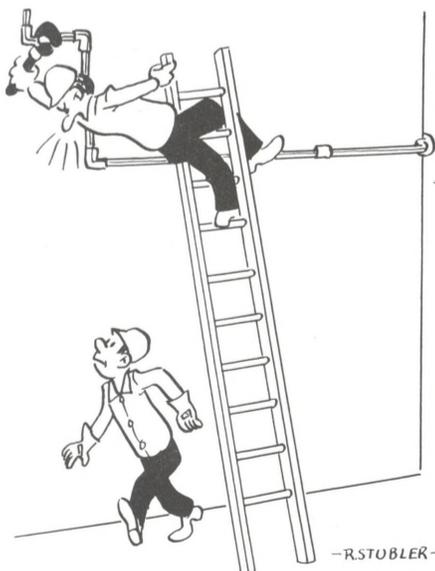
*Retiree George Cansler tells John Tomfohrde how it used to be in "his" day.*



*Guests included J. D. Kuebler, L. D. Levy and Roy Wegenhoft.*



*Others present were Bill Heidrick and date, Barbara, and D. J. Erickson*



*"Hey buddy, aren't you taking a big chance walking under a ladder?"*

## CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Lone Star 15' Triton fiberglass boat with 65 hp Mercury electric start motor and galvanized large wheel trailer  
944-4347

1964 Chevy 4-door Impala, original owner, new tires, 8-track tape deck. \$450.  
472-6648

1968 Chevelle Malibu, air, stereo-tape. \$900.  
333-2533

1975 VW bug, blue, air, AM-FM stereo, low mileage. \$3,100.  
868-3831 after 5 pm

Modern hygiene tank type vacuum cleaner, all attachments, good condition. \$20.  
472-1862

Small standard red Dachshund puppy. \$50.  
487-0508

1971 Yamaha R-5, 350, low mileage. \$600.  
482-3201

1971 Buick Skylark 2-door, new tires, good work car. \$795  
481-3237 after 6 pm

3-bike, Big Wheel motorcycle trailer. \$125.  
479-7491 or 479-2740

15½' Sportscraft boat, Chrysler 55, electric starter and ignition and trailer.  
453-4872

Bay mare, 15 hands, pleasure/hunter class, good horse for experienced rider.  
1-255-6200 after 5 pm

Hurst competition plus shifter for Muncie. \$35. Holley carb (550 CFM). \$15. Yamaha 125 ATL, needs work. \$75. Alum high rise man. for sm. block Chevy. \$30. 2 slotted alum mags to fit Vega. \$30.  
487-2522

1973 Torino, auto, air, P/S, P/B, 46,000 miles. \$1,795 or \$800 and assume \$80.75 monthly notes.  
481-4673 after 6 pm

1973 Dodge Dart Sport, P/S P/B, A/C, auto, radio, excellent condition.  
479-7260

1956 Ford Fairlane, std. A/C, good transportation.  
479-7260

Baby walker and swing, like new. \$10.  
477-7200

1965 Pontiac Tempest, R-H A/C-P/S-P/B. \$200.  
946-3631

Speed Queen washer and Kenmore dishwasher, both in good condition. \$35 each.  
941-2088

1969 VW beetle. \$900.  
473-5169

## SHELL AGAIN CONTRIBUTES TO JA

Fred Gerbode, Purchasing, and Stan Stocks, Head Office Public Relations, made a visit to the Junior Achievement site in Pasadena to present Shell's check for \$13,803 in partial payment for the eight-week, small apprentice program designed for teenagers.

In talking about priorities to the young men, Fred mentioned safety, environment and production. He said that anything could be in fourth place but the first three must be safety-environment-production and in that order.

Stan emphasized dependability by saying that he felt "it was important to be on time and not to have too many days off."

Ranging in age from 15-18

WANTED

Form or join ride pool from South Braeswood and Hillcroft area.  
774-2224

PERSONALS

I would like to thank my friends for the money and plaque for my retirement. We appreciated it so much. You all come.

- James & Jo McIlroy

The family of J. H. Leach wishes to express their deep-felt appreciation to the many Shell employees who gave so freely of themselves during his illness. We will always remember your thoughtfulness.

- Gail Lang

years, the boys worked eight-hour days building 75 to 110 pallets a day for use at the complex. Last year the youth worked four-hour days, but they indicated preference for the longer day, as they could make more money.

Some 125 young people were active in the Houston area Junior Achievement program.

## PROVIDENT FUND NEWS

The following is the Provident Fund valuation:

Equities Fund

July 31 - \$2.677

Shell Stock Fund

July 16-31 - \$67.503

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