

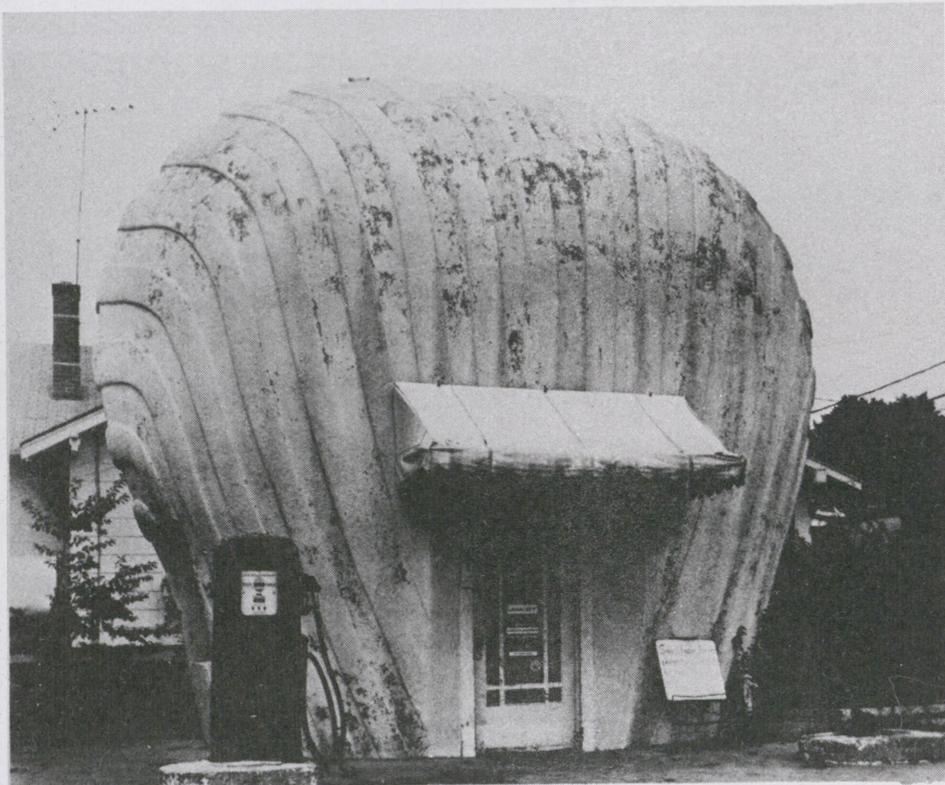
# Shellegram

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## SHELL STATION LISTED AS 'HISTORIC PLACE'



The old Shell service station at the corner of Sprague and Peachtree Streets in Winston-Salem, North Carolina has taken its place alongside such notable monuments as Independence Hall and Mount Vernon.

Yes, it may sound a bit unusual for a service station to be listed with such hallowed structures, but the seashell-shaped station made of concrete on a wire frame has been named to the National Register of Historic Places.

Inclusion in the register means that the old station becomes part of a "national list of distinctive properties worthy of preservation because of their historical and other cultural value."

Not many people in the neighborhood can say exactly what the station's historic or cultural value is, but for years, the small station has been a familiar landmark for people living in the Waughtown section of town. Most agreed with one of the neighbors who said, "It's a landmark. It's the only seashell looking place there is."

Anice Clarke, the station's

across-the-street neighbor, said, "It's funny to be proud of a Shell station, but we are. When you tell people you live near the service station that looks like a shell, they say, 'Oh yeah, I know where that is.'"

Waughtown's big shell is the sole survivor of eight shell-shaped stations built by Quality Oil Company, the largest Shell jobbership in the country, around 1930.

The company tore down the others because they were too small, but somehow this one survived. It no longer serves its original function; today it is a small-engine repair shop.

Hugh Sink, a resident of

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*Familiar landmark and former Shell station listed in the National Register of Historic Places.*

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the area, remembers when the station was built and recalls that it closed down a couple of years ago when gasoline became hard to get.

Sink also remembers the days when the pumps had glass tops and hand cranks. "They talked about wanting to build a super station there, but we kicked like the devil," he says. "We liked our little neighborhood station."

## PROVIDENT FUND NEWS

The Shell Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

Equities Fund

December 31 - \$2.734

Shell Stock Fund

December 16-31 - \$78.305

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*. . . Fate and God had him in the right place & time to help our child.*

See page 3 for story.

**LETHAL SOUVENIR BECOMES "SLOWEST GUN IN THE WORLD"**

You've heard of the "fastest gun in the west"...Meet the "slowest gun in the world"...A gun so slow, it took 214 years to fire.

This true story began on the afternoon of May 11, 1745 when a French soldier was loading his musket during the closing moments of the Battle of Fontenoy. Before he could fire again, the battle ended. The French had defeated the British, and the soldier happily shouldered his musket and returned to his home.

During the following two centuries, the Frenchman's musket went from a souvenir of the Battle of Fontenoy to a family relic - then became a collector's item. An armorer in Nimes, France was selected to remove the rust and restore the musket to its original condition. He worked carefully at the task, sanding the firing mechanism and cleaning the top aperture for the flint.

Suddenly, as he was trying to free the corroded trigger, it moved all the way. There was a flash of flame and smoke - and a muffled shriek of pain. After 214 years, the "slowest gun in the world" had fired and found a human target - the armorer's wife, working in the room next to his shop.

It was a strange twist on the familiar story of the gun that nobody knew was loaded. Nobody expected a gun, two centuries old, to be filled with powder and shot, but it was, and it fired.

Many of the things we do each day can often be as dangerous as a loaded gun, with a delayed result. Haphazard housekeeping is a tragic example. A pool of oil or grease on a floor or walkway, objects extending into aisles, are actually *loaded* hazards that can *explode* at any time and cause serious injury to you and others. Leaving hand tools where they can be knocked off a bench or ledge can make *you* a *target* for injury.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING procedures are just plain good sense. They will make you a winner in the "battle against injuries." That is why it is important to TEAM UP and CLEAN UP to eliminate haphazard housekeeping.

No one wants to be responsible for *triggering* an injury to himself or others. Make GOOD HOUSEKEEPING an integral part of your daily safety effort.

**OSCAR DERRINGTON DIES**



Oscar Derrington, 76, died January 7.

At the time of his retirement in April 1955, Oscar was an operator No. 1 in Utilities with 29 years of company service.

He is survived by his wife, Golda, who lives in Dayton.

**MORE CLASSIFIEDS**

WANTED

German Shepherd for nice home with fenced yard.  
466-6096 after 5:30 pm

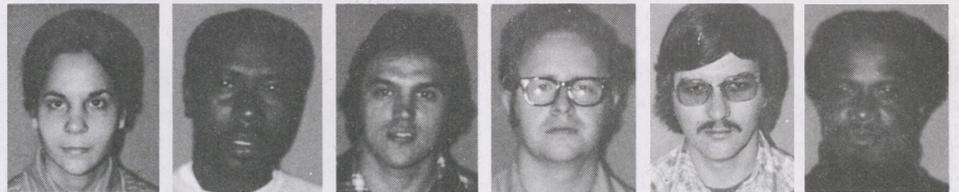
FOUND

John Hampton brown/black/beige plaid jacket with blue toothbrush in pocket. Claim in *Shellegram* office.



**"We save a lot of false starts with that button."**

**WELCOME TO DEER PARK MANUFACTURING COMPLEX**



Charlotte Arnold Typist General Services  
Patrick Baker General Helper Maint. Engineering  
Bill Bennett General Helper Maint. Engineering  
John Busby General Helper Maint. Engineering  
Darvin Dolgner General Helper Maint. Engineering  
Moses Foreman General Helper Maint. Engineering



Joe Furlow Welder #1 Maint. Engineering  
Bill Haygood General Helper Maint. Engineering  
Keith Henley General Helper Maint. Engineering  
Mark Honeycutt Instrumentman #1 Maint. Engineering  
Cynthia Huffman General Helper Maint. Engineering  
Mark Kimbrough General Helper Maint. Engineering



Ronald McClung Lineman #1 Eng. Field  
John McCray Engineer Project Engrg.  
Charlie Orr Sr. Staff Engineer Instrumentation  
Roland Revis Machinist #1 Maint. Engineering  
Mary Robertson Office Secretary Construction Serv.  
Bill Tyler Carpenter #1 Maint. Engineering

**COMPUTERS HAVE HUMANS 'ON THE RUN, ON THE RUN...'**

Computers normally handle the technical, routine aspects of credit card customer relations. The more delicate problems are smoothed out by the skilled personnel in the Tulsa Credit Card Center's credit department. That's the way it was until one day not long ago, when a problem was discussed "computer-to-computer" on behalf of a customer.

In late November, an envelope bearing a cassette tape arrived in the Credit Card Center mailroom addressed to the "Credit Card Computer" and marked "Personal."

The tape was forwarded to Eva Littlejohn, senior credit assistant in Credit Section Two. She brought it to the attention of her supervisor, Bob Lackey.

On the tape was a simulated computer voice, complete with bussing and beeping in the background. It addressed

itself to "Fellow Computer."

"Congratulations," it said. "Another human is bewildered. Account number \*\*\* is unfortunately human and does not understand our logic."

The computer-like voice went on to say that the human had been making revolving payments on a merchandise purchase, but suddenly he had been billed for the full amount.

"This human...brought the matter to my attention. Since this human is friendly to computers, I thought it worth my time to talk to you in a language we understand. Keep up the good work. We have them on the run."

Lackey checked the customer's record and found he had been making revolving payments. However, the last payment had been received after the closing date, resulting in a letter asking

for full payment.

How do you reply to a customer with a sense of humor? Tulsa replied in kind - with another cassette tape:

"This is IBM computer number \*\*\* transmitting information to customer number \*\*\*. One of the humans who is friendly to computers fed me some information allowing me to record and properly compute a correct analysis of your account."

The return tape gave the correct information on the account and told the customer how to clear the balance on his account and get back on the revolving payments. The crowning touch:

"Thank you for contacting me. I hope your human will continue to oil you with Shell lubricants. You are right. We do have them on the run...on the run...on the run...on the run."

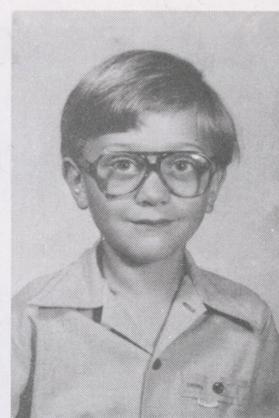
**Son, Eric, saved by Ross Phillips  
MRS. ROBINSON WRITES LETTER OF APPRECIATION**

The *Shellegram* received the following letter from Mrs. Gene H. Robinson, mother of Eric Robinson. You may remember Eric as the small boy saved by inspection supervisor, Instruments, Ross Phillips' application of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, which he learned during a Shell CPR training session held at the DPMC.

A grateful Mrs. Robinson writes her "heartfelt thanks that cannot be put into words" by saying:

"I am the mother of Eric Robinson...my son is alive and well today as a result of Ross Phillips' help... on Christmas Eve. Had it not been for the CPR training that Shell made available for its employees, my son might not have made the long journey back to that of a happy, playful and, yes, onery six year old.

"I realize the CPR program was started to benefit Shell's employees, but this just goes to show you that job training extends beyond the job...and benefits the whole community...Shell



Eric Robinson

Ross Phillips

deserves commendation for this.

"As I mentioned earlier. Words cannot express our feeling towards Mr. Phillips. Fate and God had him in the right place and time to help

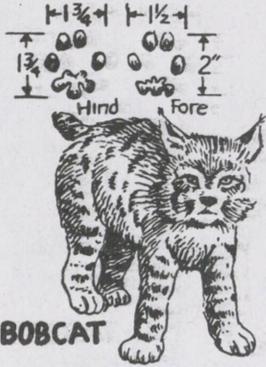
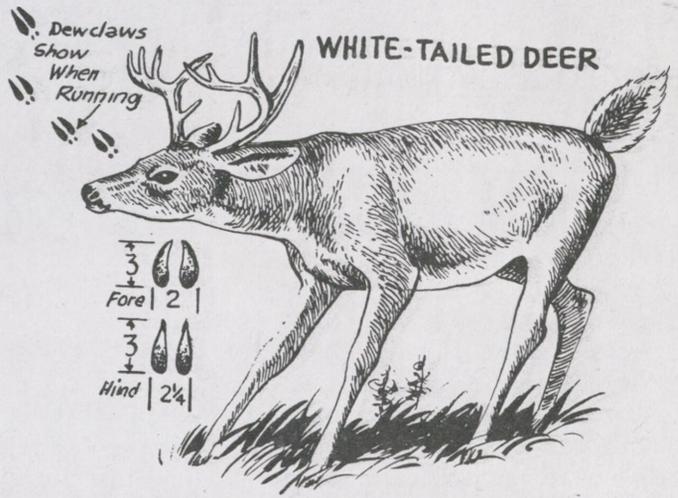
our child. Thanks to him Eric did live to see another Christmas."

And, so Mrs. Robinson's letter went as she expressed her thanks for the man who saved her son's life.

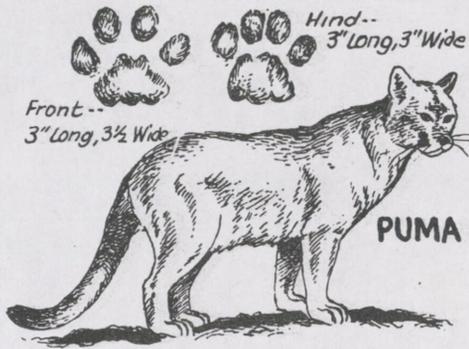
**The largest sea in the world is the South China Sea which covers an area of 1,148,500 square miles and has an average depth of 4,802 feet.**

# TEXAS TRACKS

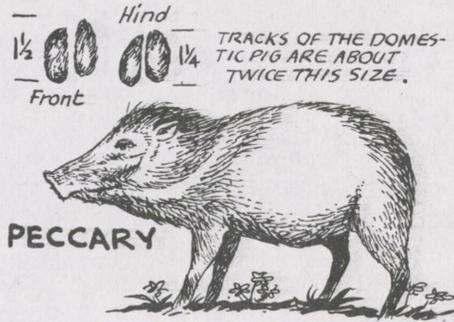
DO YOU KNOW THEM?



BOBCAT



PUMA



PECCARY

TRACKS OF THE DOMESTIC PIG ARE ABOUT TWICE THIS SIZE.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### FOR SALE

Travel trailer, 16' Mobile Scout, air, sleeps 6, excellent condition. \$1,450. 489-7160

Rupp 5 hp, 2-speed Blue mini-bike, new condition. \$125. 472-5988

60" Thrush sidepipes. \$65. 944-8858

One acre lots in 53-acre subdivision, heavily wooded, water, electric, paved roads, Barber's Hill school district. \$7,950 per acre. 452-0025

Motocross boots, full bore SDI, size 8 1/2, all leather, excellent condition. \$50. 487-3897

1975 Dodge Tradesman 100 van, automatic, cruise control, AM-FM stereo, air, portholes, fully carpeted. \$5,600 or best offer. 923-4285

1971 Cutlass, auto, air, power, AM. \$1,530. 649-8006

1927 Chevy coupe, excellent condition, restoring necessary, original owner's manual. \$2,000. 472-8931

1969 VW Squareback, clean, runs good. \$700.

946-4046 or 941-0050

4-burner gas stove. \$15. 487-3588 or 481-8623

1967 Olds Vista Cruiser stationwagon, 9 passenger, runs good, needs front end work, air, power. \$250. 479-3745

14' aluminum boat, 5 hp Eska motor, trailer. \$500. 332-4695

1965 Chevy 1/2-ton pickup, new tires, excellent shape. \$650. 522-8029 or 643-8859

Early American circular table with 3 captain chairs. 479-1139 after 5 pm

Regular mattress and box springs, good condition. \$30 for set. 473-3647

In dash AM 1976 radio, like new. \$25. 472-8410

1975 Mobil Traveler mini-motor home, 19', sleeps 6, 9,000 miles, 9 mpg, dual rear tires. \$9,895. 334-1215

1975 WV, AM-FM stereo cassette, new tires, tinted windows, 24,000 miles, one owner. 481-0915 or 923-8678

### LETTER WRITER REVEALED

The *Shell World* letter winner was staff engineer Vince Maggio, who reports that he received his desk set air mail way back in June of 1976; however, the letter informing him that he had won didn't arrive until several weeks later. It had been sent first class. Why? Who can say. At least Vince was informed he had won and he doesn't have to wonder where the desk set came from anymore. Congratulations, Vince, on a letter well written.

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