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## MTM R and D EMPLOYEES' FAMILIES VIEW 40 EXHIBITS AT OPEN HOUSE

Forty exhibits and weeks of work by MTM R&D Lab employees produced an interesting Open House for the 621 employees and families who attended Sunday afternoon.

Popular attractions during the event were the cartoons and refreshments for the younger children, bus tours of the Refinery, and computerized football games.

A committee of Shirley and Debbie Decou, Sheri and Denise Strickler, Vickie and Debbie Bartay and Melanie and Gene Ulmer supervised the children in the cafeteria while parents were free to tour the facilities.

Ten lucky employees won AM/FM digital clock radios and cassette tape recorders given away as door prizes.

They were R. V. Pena, C. D. McMullen, Jr., C. V. Hakansson, A. F. Sartor, and S. J. Kent, radios; E. J. Ulmer, Shirley Strickler, W. L. Ashenbacher, T. L. Higgins, and T. A. Rodgers, cassettes.

Helping at registration and handing out souvenirs were Gene de La Veaga, Lee Scott, Maxine Wallace, Shirley Strickler, Anita Essary, Patsy Bartay and Delma Walters.

Family portraits and candid photos were taken by Gordon Shafer, Greg Langnau, Tom Hammond and Chuck Hakansson. Glassblowing exhibition was manned by Paul Rogers and Del Bartay. Numerous other employees arranged other exhibits around the lab.

## H. C. HOLCOMB NAMED FOREMAN IN ENGINEERING FIELD DEPARTMENT

H. C. Holcomb, Welder No. 1, Engineering Field, has been named Engineering Foreman.

The move, which was effective December 5, was announced by J.G. Pratt, Refinery Manager.

Hal Holcomb joined Shell in April 1948 as a Welder Helper. He later progressed in the craft until he became a Welder No. 1.



Seeing if the "football game" computer lets their plays make yardage are Diana, Delma and Warren Walters and the C. J. Uthoff family.



Small fry were intrigued by the cartoons. Here are Jennifer Stefandakis, Debbie Ely, and Debbie Stefandakis as Rod Decou mans the projector.



Getting balloons from Sheri Strickler are Francis, Joe and Bill Green.



Maxine Wallace registered the Jerry Green family as others waited for souvenirs.



Pete Wilpitz's grandson, Brian, watched earnestly as the computer printed a Snoopy calendar for him.

### ALKYLATION HOLDS SECOND SAFETY DINNER FOR EMPLOYEES



At the Alkylation safety dinner, Ina and D. W. Stewart, Sue and Gerry Buchanan talk



to Peggy Cox. Seated at dinner are Maxine and M. Vallie, Joe Miller and Libbie Cassner.



Guests included Dell and Tobe Williams, Wretha and Eddie Barfoot, Ann and J. D.



Washburn, K. A. and Marge Sims and E. C. and Carrie Ables.



### OIL DROPS: 2 SHELL SONS IN SPORTS CALENDAR: POISONOUS PLANTS LISTED

Two Shell sons Bo Booty and Steven Hester, Jr., members of the Deer Park basketball team, will be pictured in the Sports Calendar being distributed by local merchants.

The 2x2½-foot calendar will have pictures of the team and their coaches, schedule of games and ads purchased by local merchants.

Bo is the son of Milton Booty, Operator No. 1, Gas Recovery, and Steven is the son of Steve Hester, Engineering Supervisor, Engineering Field.

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With winter's first frost many of us try to protect our most vulnerable plants around the house. Potted plants are usually taken inside and others are cut back or covered to keep them from being frostbitten. But these precautions may make it easier for children to poison themselves because many of the plants used in home gardens are very toxic if eaten.

Children should be warned about eating seeds, berries and leaves of plants which may look innocent but contain lethal amounts of poison. The following is a list of plants, their toxic parts, and symptoms that will develop if eaten:

- . Poinsettia--leaves--fatal. One leaf can kill a child.
- . Hyacinth, narcissus, daffodil--bulbs--

nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. May be fatal.

. Oleander--leaves, branches--extremely poisonous. Affects the heart, produces severe digestive upset and has caused death.

. Mistletoe--berries--fatal. Both children and adults have died from eating the berries.

. Lily-of-the-valley--leaves, flowers--irregular heart beat and pulse, usually accompanied by digestive upset and mental confusion.

. Rhubarb--leaf blade--fatal. Large amounts of raw or cooked leaves can cause convulsions, coma, followed rapidly by death.

. Wisteria--seeds, pods--mild to severe digestive upset. Many children are poisoned by this plant.

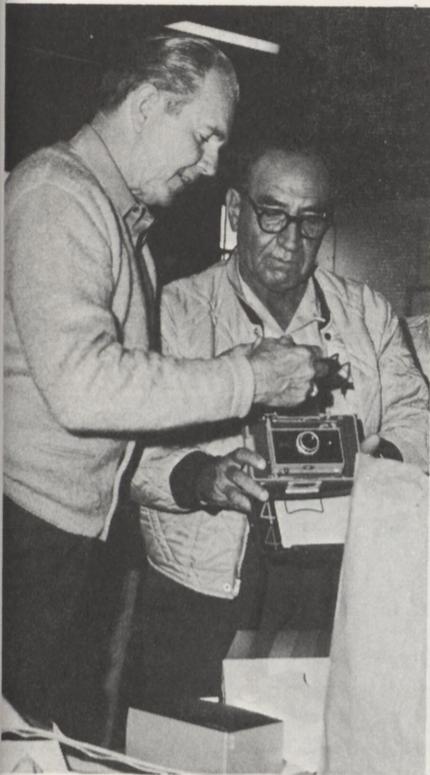
. Laurels, rhododendron, azaleas--all parts--fatal. Produce nausea and vomiting, depression, difficult breathing, prostration and coma.

. Jessamine--berries--fatal. Digestive disturbance and nervous symptoms.

. Yew--berries, foliage--fatal. Foliage more toxic than berries. Death is usually sudden without warning symptoms.

. Oaks--foliage, acorns--affects kidneys gradually. Symptoms appear only after several days or weeks. Takes a large amount for poisoning. Children should not be allowed to chew on acorns.

### RETIREES FETED AT FESTIVITIES UPON DEPARTURES



Jack Frye, r, gets instructions on how to work his new Polaroid from Herb Wagoner.



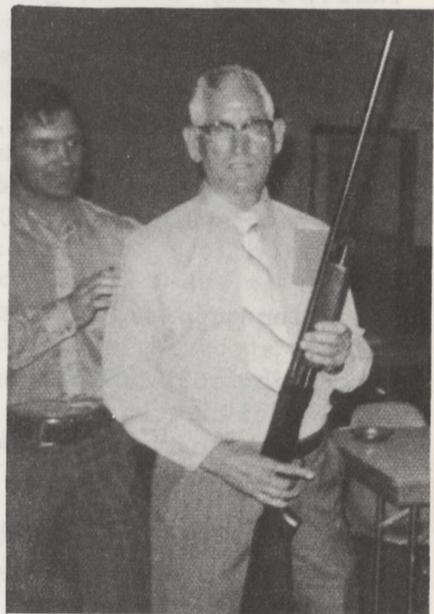
Joe Casas received a rifle and H. M. Wallace received a router.



"Senator A. C. Buckley received a specially equipped tool kit from M. L. Eason.



Left, J. C. Johnson showed off his plaque and rifle. Center. T. P. Hopkins sported a fishing rod. Right, E. W. Scott was presented a rifle.



Above, Arthur Gross shows Herb Wagoner a "fully equipped" wallet. Right, with Irene Martin on her day are Jane Dickerson, Roberta Reeves and Hallie Pyle.



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Prakes, 5 con, 240.  
Telephone: 478-7252

## CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

"72" blue Honda CL 350, 3,500 mi., excellent condition, runs great, sissy bar, 2 helmets included, \$670 or \$200 and take up \$36 monthly payments.  
Telephone: 479-3736

Console "Estey" electric organ, numbered keyboard (both sharps & flats). Chords, vibrato and balance. Very good condition, \$50.  
Telephone: 472-0982

"70" 13 ft. fiberglass hull, 35 Chrysler motor, Shoreline trailer, was used only twice, sell for half price, \$1,000.  
Telephone: 479-3736

2-1972 Honda Trail 70's, like new, 250 actual miles, helmets, luggage racks, \$300 each. Custom built big wheel trailer for two Hondas or utility trailer, \$100.  
Telephone: 485-2706

1965 VW (blue), 642 Edgebrook. \$350.  
Telephone: 946-4669

VW Super Beetle, excellent condition, special Sony car radio with dual speakers, \$1395.  
Telephone: 472-0800

1971 Chevy Vega hatchback, automatic, air, radio, rally wheels, good condition, must sell. Asking \$1595.  
Telephone: 485-4943 after 6

**GARAGE SALE:** Antiques, toys, clothes, depression glass, carnival glass, silver, old books, old mantel clocks, insulators, old & new jewelry. 3318 Cedarcrest, Pasadena.

4 terrier puppies, 6 weeks old, reasonable price.  
Telephone: 631-3671 after 5 p.m.

10-speed bike, very good condition, \$40.  
Telephone: 477-7451

Dunebuggy, purple metalflake body, '68 engine, '66 transaxle, tape deck, highway equipped, many extras, \$1200.  
Telephone: 333-3439

Golfview Manor, near 610 West, House--3-2-2 brick, central heat, fenced, 220, built-in stove, disposal, carpeted & draped, new paint, new loan or equity. See to appreciate, \$18,900.  
Telephone: 649-1033

Boy's Schwinn bicycle (sting-ray), excellent condition, \$25.  
Telephone: 644-0623

'68 Pontiac Catalina S.W., nine pass., top rack & trailer hitch, loaded, 55,000 actual miles, new insp. sticker, \$1,500.  
Telephone: 649-1033

1965 Chevrolet pickup, V8, automatic, power brakes, ½ ton, \$400.  
Telephone: 479-7255

Frigidaire refrigerator, real good condition & running order, \$35 for quick sale.  
Telephone: 645-6934, 1211 Oak Meadows

Pontiac Catalina, 4 dr. 1969, power and air.  
Telephone: 474-3662

WANT TO BUY

Fairly late model American made economy car, Mustang, Dart, Nova, etc.  
Telephone: 473-4324

Boy's bicycle, size 26", must be in good condition and reasonably priced.  
Telephone: 946-4759

FREE

The Purr-fect Christmas gift, free pure white-long-haired kittens.  
Telephone: 479-6896

LOST

30-year Shell tie tack.  
Telephone: 472-0816

THANK YOU

I would like to take this means of showing my appreciation to my fellow employees for their many kindnesses and their friendship through the years. Thanks also for the great party and the gifts, cake and scroll. My wife and I anticipate many pleasant hours with the fishing equipment.  
T. P. Hopkins

**ROBIN ETIE AMONG 10 FINALISTS IN MISS RAVEN BEAUTY PAGEANT**

Robin Etie was in the "fairy-tale" world of beauty pageants recently when she was one of 10 finalists in the Twelfth Annual Miss Raven Beauty Pageant at San Jacinto College.

The daughter of D. R. Etie, Operator No. 1, Utilities, Robin appeared in a pink swimsuit and a long black evening gown, then presented a piano solo of "Theme from Summer of '42". She is a sophomore majoring in nutrition and Spanish and is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society and in San Jans. She plans to work toward a bachelor's degree next year at Southwest Texas State University.

Twenty-eight local beauties entered the contest and the 10 finalists were announced at the pageant, December 2. After talent renditions, the field was narrowed down to four contestants and finally to Miss Raven beauty.

This pageant is a preliminary contest for the Miss Texas and Miss America titles.

**PROVIDENT FUND NEWS**

The following is the Equities Fund valuation:

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\$2.973