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Pipefitters All Decked Out For Board Visit

Pipefitters Gary McClure and Walter Clemshaw came to work February 23 all decked out in their finest work attire. Once they arrived on their job site (the Phenol-Acetone Plant), they donned innovative ties to complete their outfits. The reason for this extra attention to their appearance was a visit by Shell's board of directors.

See inside for more pictures and information on the board of directors' visit.

Hazardous Combination:

Drugs, Alcohol, Driving

According to Dr. David Miller, many drugs, some of which are available without a prescription, can interfere with a patient's performance of routine or exacting tasks, including their ability to operate an automobile.

Laboratory studies of the effects of sedatives on diving related skills indicate substantial risk lasting hours after a single dose. One medical journal reported 10 times the expected accident rate over a 90-day period with patients taking daily doses of a sedative.

In another sedative test, the performance of all 20 volunteers was adversely

ly affected. Adverse effects of sedatives tend to be more frequent and more severe in elderly patients.

Recommended doses of a large number of commonly used drugs can cause symptoms such as blurred vision, dizziness, drowsiness and muscle effects, particularly during initial treatment. "Drugs that cause such effects," says Dr. Miller, "include narcotic and non-narcotic analgesics, barbiturates and other sedatives, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents, anticholinergics, antihistamines, anticonvulsants, amphetamines and muscle relaxants."

Alcohol is a major cause of accidents due to impaired driving ability, but various combinations of alcohol with drugs may be much more dangerous than either taken alone. In one study a nerve pill impaired coordination, but not other psychomotor skills; when the drug was taken with alcohol, impairment of psychomotor skills was potentiated. Over-the-counter cough or cold remedies often contain both antihistamines and alcohol.

"Many drugs," says Dr. Miller, "Particularly sedatives and drugs for psychiatric disorders, can interfere with a patient's ability to safely drive a car. Doses of drugs that would not otherwise be hazardous may cause severe psychomotor impairment when combined with even small amounts of alcohol."



101 Happy Birthdays

Family members gathered in Houston February 17 to celebrate Josephine Mitchell's 101st birthday with home-made cake and ice cream. Mrs. Mitchell is the mother of Jack Mitchell, operations foreman in Lube B.

C.U. Annual Meeting

All Credit Union members and their families are invited to the Shell Federal Credit Union's annual meeting on Friday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Gaines Mason Auditorium, Deer Park High School, 201 Ivy.

Cash door prizes of \$2,200 will be given away. All members present are eligible to win.

Operators/Supervisors Complete Olefins Training

Twelve employees recently completed a two-week training program for new assignments at the olefins facility currently under construction at the complex.

Although the overall olefins plant will not be completed until the end of the year, parts of the facility will be finished and put into use prior to that time. This group of auxiliary operators and supervisors, the first of more than 150 employees who will work in the olefins units, will operate support systems for the new plant.

Their training included classroom and field instruction. It involved extensive training on the equipment and emphasized safety, emergency procedures, environmental protection and industrial hygiene.

The auxiliary operators will be responsible for systems to provide fuel, steam, electricity, water, nitrogen and air to the olefins facility. They will also operate the plant's three-phase flare system, a large cooling water tower and an extensive effluent treatment system.



This group of auxiliary operators and supervisors will operate support systems for the new olefins plant currently under construction. They are:

Kneeling, Mike Mouton, Joe Sedtal, Ynes Castaneda and Leonard Dilley. Standing, Richard Sellers, foreman Cecil Bass, Tom Penzi, operating assistant Bruce Dubose, process manager Jim Newlin, Jo Anderson, foreman Don Netek, James Myles, foreman Dave Smith and engineer Bob Heller.

Since completing their training, the operators have begun putting the support systems into operation, a task that will take several months. During that time, they will be steam blowing and labeling pipelines, pressure testing, flushing and checking equipment and gradually putting the various systems into operation.

The olefins facility, the largest element of Shell's expansion program, has been underway for several years. It will be fully operational sometime next year.

Olefins are building block chemicals used in the production of synthetic fibers, synthetic rubber, plastics, vinyl and a wide range of consumer goods from antifreeze to mouthwash.

SCORA Events

Any SCORA member is welcome to attend the March 8 board of directors meeting which will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the chemical cafeteria conference room.

SCORA's annual slow-pitch softball season for men begins in April for a three-month season. Games will be played at Dow Park in Deer Park and all players must be SCORA members.

For information on how to sign up a team or how to join an established one, check the bulletin boards or call Fred Sonderegger on 487-4544 or Chester Guidry on 6566.

Honeybun Of A School Board President Returns To The Classroom

CPS operator David C. Hon is a "honeybun" of a school board president who recently returned to the classroom to train as a No. 1 operator at the Central Power Station (CPS).

Over the years Hon has had several nicknames: "Preacher, Plow Boy" and more recently "Honeybun." He takes the nicknames in stride just as he does



Hon and his wife, Flaudie, enjoy life on their 257 acres located 18 miles out of Livingston.

the many activities that fill his life. Returning to the classroom will prepare Hon and the other operators assigned to the CPS for their operating responsibilities when the CPS goes on-stream.

Outside of Shell, Hon has another view of the classroom: A view gained from 15 years of dedicated service on the Leggett school board. The last eight of those years he served as its presi-

dent. During his presidency, he has guided the school board through the construction of a new high school; and now they're in the process of building a new gymnasium. According to president Hon, there were some rough years finding enough money to survive as an independent school district without increasing taxes. And increasing taxes was the last thing the board wanted to do in a district where many of its residents were retired people on fixed incomes. Somehow the school district managed to survive without a tax increase. Then oil and gas were discovered in the area. The increased tax revenues from the oil and gas companies made the construction of a new high school and now the gymnasium possible.

As if attending school by day and conducting the school board's activities on the weekends weren't enough for one man, Hon also maintains 90 head of cattle on 257 acres of land located 18 miles out of Livingston. His involvement in raising cattle had its beginnings during the 1962-63 strike. Things were tight for the Hons, so they decided to move to Hon's old homesite located over a hundred miles from the DPMC. The home hadn't been occupied since his father's death some five years earlier at which time his mother moved into Livingston to stay with her widowed mother. But, at least in Livingston, Hon could earn a living working in his brother-in-law's garage until the strike ended.

Then when the strike did end, his wife, Flaudie, didn't want to return to their Houston home. She told Hon, "I'll

stick it out up here if you will down there."

"Well, that's what we did," said Hon. "We sold our Houston home and stayed in the country where we'd both been raised."

That was 15 years ago and the Hons are satisfied with their decision - even though Hon admits to wishing that his



Hon's return to the classroom blackboard was a necessary part of his training as a CPS operator.

wife and family were down here when he's alone in the room he rents during the week. But when he's in the country - on his own land - he knows it's worth the hassle.

Gloria Williams Dies



Gloria E. Williams, 26, died February 21, 1978.

At the time of her death, Gloria was a specialty typist in General Services.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Pasadena Funeral Home.

She is survived by her parents, Johnny H. Williams, operations foreman in Gas Recovery, of Pasadena and Crystal Conner of Deer Park.

Gloria resided at 4211 Benard in Pasadena.



Dick de Bruyne, chairman of Shell's board of directors, and John B. St. Clair, president, partake of the refreshments in the Phenol-Acetone Plant control room.

Board Directors VPMC

Shell's board of directors usually in Houston, New York or New Orleans. Their February meetings. The visit consisted of a tour of the complex with stops at OP-10 North and the new Phenol-Acetone Plant control room where the operators and shift foremen for refreshments.

Executive vice president-Products Jack B. St. Clair chats with Phenol B operator Bob G. Webster during the board's February 23 visit.



Classifieds

FOR SALE

A. B. Dick 326 offset press, good condition. \$1,000. 524-0521 or 641-4374

Automobile AM-FM radio, GM brand from 1977 Buick, excellent condition. \$50. Jensen auto speakers, 10 oz. Magnet. \$30 each. 641-4374

Contemporary 90" sofa and 60" love-seat in champagne crushed velvet, 3 years old, good condition. \$300. 482-5567 after 5 p.m.

1965 Mustang convertible, V8 289, 3/4 cam, solid lifters, aluminum intake with 4-barrel, 4-speed, overhauled front end. \$1,000 or best offer. 472-2373 evenings.

1967 VW, runs good, needs front end work. \$200. 488-3397

Underwood electric typewriter. \$125. 472-7865 after 4 p.m.

Male Cocker Spaniel, 6 months old, fully immunized. Best offer. 488-5352

1974 Mayflower travel trailer, 36' x 8', furnished, 2 axle, 4 wheel, 5,840 pounds. \$3,500. 472-1605

3-2-3CP house in Friendswood, both formals, large den on 1/2 acre. \$51,500. 331-4608

1975 Honda CB360T, windjammer 3, luggage rack, 5,200 miles, great condition. 941-7853

1975 Honda XL125, new tires, runs good. \$350. 479-5018

4-2-2, 1 1/2-story, 2100 sq. ft. home, 4 years old, both formals, drapes. \$68,500. 479-5018

Sears best gas dryer, Frigidaire electric double oven range, both in good working condition. Make offer. 946-2040

Farmall model H tractor, new tires on back, late fifty in very good shape. \$1,500 firm. 453-4237

1971 VW, good condition, rebuilt motor and transmission, AM-FM cassette, clean. 477-9141

1965 Cadillac. 472-9141

Jenny Lind Lullaby baby bed, pale yellow, hardly used. \$85. 473-3249

1977 Plymouth Volare Premier 4-door, V8, AM-FM stereo, auto, air plush interior. \$4,200. 527-0886

1974 Pontiac Ventura 2-door CPE, 350 V8, 2 barrel, A-T, P-S, console shift, bucket seats, AM-FM 8-track stereo, like new, WSW steel belted radials, 59,000 miles. \$2,195. 946-6273

1972 Pontiac Catalina 2-door hard top, original owner. \$1,250. 471-4574

Valley Two-Rite trailer hitch, 500,000 lb capacity as weight carrier hitch, 10,000 lb capacity as load distributing, used sparingly. 977-0954

1976 Corvette 350, auto, air, P-S-B-W. \$8,000. 1978 Blazer Cheyenne package, 4,500 miles, air, tilt, cruise, stereo. \$7,300. 479-5018

FREE

Mixed male miniature poodle, 4 years old. 488-8845

FOUND

Ladies brown gloves, black rim sunglasses in black clip case, 2 keys with red disc. Claim in room 151 of Refinery Administration building.

LOST

Black horn rim bifocal sun glasses. Contact M.A. Wood on 6749.

PERSONALS

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my many friends for the lovely dinner party and gifts they gave me on my retirement. My years at Shell with all of you were happy years that I shall always cherish and remember. My wife Thelma and I plan to continue to make our home in Pasadena. Sincerely,
—Leroy Coddington

I want to thank all my many friends at the Shell Chemical Plant for the gifts that were presented to me upon my retirement. "Fishin" will be better than ever. My best to each of you.
—V. X. Berg

Provident Fund News

The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

- EQUITIES FUND
January 31 - \$2.331
- SHELL STOCK FUND
January 16-31 - \$28.947

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