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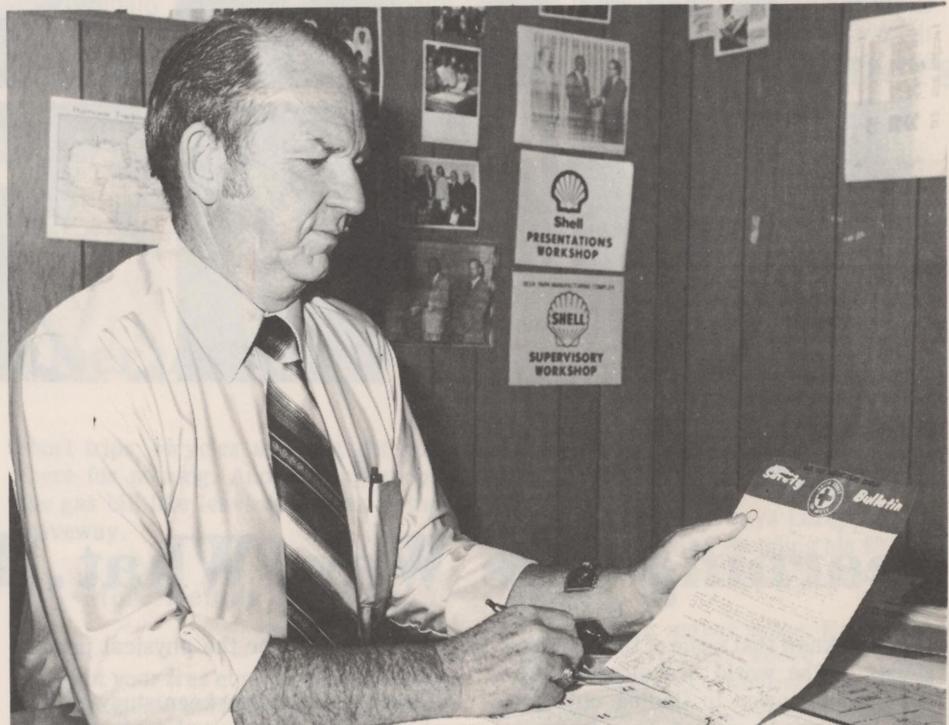
Gas Recovery Operators Endorse Safety

When the Gas Recovery operators saw the December 11 safety bulletin, they wrote their process manager Bob Ingram a note saying, "This is a very good idea." Then 27 Gas Recovery operators and foremen signed the note written atop the safety bulletin notice and sent it to Bob.

The bulletin inspiring such a response dealt with the "Take the Extra Step" campaign initiated by the Safety Departments. The bulletin emphasizes that safety is deliberate, that it doesn't happen by chance as some might think.

Bulletin board posters, outdoor banners, bumper stickers and hard hat decals have been distributed throughout the complex with the intent of encouraging safety awareness. If you would like a bumper sticker or a hard hat decal, contact your Safety Department. They will be glad to supply you with one.

A pleased Bob Ingram looks over the signatures accompanying the note saying that the "Take the Extra Step" safety campaign is a very good idea.



Become Mileage Wiser And Save

Saving gasoline without driving less may be easier than you think.

How you select a car, maintain it and drive it can help you squeeze more miles from a gallon of gas.

Shell's free Answer Book on gasoline mileage shows how to do it. Backed by testing and research, these tips can make you a mileage miser.

Buy Your Car Carefully

After you decide which kind and size car is best for you, consider the "mileage price" of optional equipment.

This price is the gas needed to run this equipment and carry this extra weight for the life of the car. This booklet outlines how options generally affect miles per gallon performance, depending on your type of driving, the make, model and condition of the car, the weather

and other factors. Check your dealer and this booklet to gauge the general mileage cost of optional equipment.

Take Care Of Your Car

If your car's badly out of tune, it could waste five percent of its gas. For an average driver, that would add up to

35 gallons a year. These days, the value of that much gasoline would pay a big chunk of the tune-up costs.

Be sure the tune-up includes precise setting of ignition timing and engine idling. They're critical to top fuel economy. Continued on page 3.

Stop Smoking Seminar Set

Can't kick the smoking habit but would like to try?

Join your co-workers in a three-session seminar designed to help smokers understand why they smoke, the quitting process and life without cigarettes.

The sessions will be held in the Medical Department classroom from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays:

January 10, 17 and 24. Although there is no pressure to force smokers to quit, the sessions are designed to make it easier for those smokers who want to quit to do so.

It is important, however, for those who begin the sessions to attend all three as they reinforce each other.

Shell Safety Records Recognized

Guests at the Material Control-Refinery safety party included: Joyce and Marvin Adams, "Mac" and June McKinney. Sal Ayala standing as he talks with Grant and Barbara Leneud. Then there were Oran and Clara Clark and Walt Mitchell.



Having fun was just part of the evening's activities at the Engineering Support safety party. Just ask any of the following: John and Mickey Carroll, Katherine and Charlie Whiteman or Vicki Breshears.

Learning The Way, What, How Of Things

Do you know that some of the top physicists of the world are directing all their brain power to finding out just why ice turns to water? They know it has something to do with the movement of the atoms; but scientifically speaking, they cannot adequately explain what happens when a solid turns into a liquid.

The real reasons why glue can stick two materials together is also a scientific mystery. There are hundreds of glue products on the market, many using different ingredients and based upon different reactions. Laboratories are

still searching for the physical principles involved.

Medical men have been studying the ear for centuries, but they do not yet know the exact principle behind hearing. Within the ear, a tiny membrane - less than an inch and a half long, with five thousand separate fibers - is believed to be the seat of our hearing. Only continued study and thought will provide the final answer.

We can be thankful that scientists never take anything for granted. Thinking about common, everyday items is the way they have developed the theories

and principles that give us television, atomic power, transistors and all modern miracles of science.

Putting brain power to work has also been the key to progress in safety. Safety engineers have continually probed in the why, the what and the how of injuries on the job. They probe to find why they happen, what causes them and how they can be prevented.

They turned safety into an effective and useful science. Goggles, hard hats, protective clothing, special tools, guards, fire drills, first aid, etc. All safety equipment, rules and procedures have been researched, developed and put into practice for your protection. Think about it!

Hebert And Stewart Retire

Retiring the first of the year are two long-time employees.

Paul I. Hebert, 65, retired as shift foreman in Maintenance South with 36 years of company service.

He and his wife, Virginia, make their home at 3215 Edmonton in Pasadena.

Dewey W. Stewart, 65, retired as an operations foreman in Alkylation with 42 years of company service.

Dowey and his wife, Audra, reside at 11635 Bourgeois Forest Drive in Pasadena.



Stewart



Hebert

Provident Fund News

The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

Equities Fund
December 15 - \$2.641
Shell Stock Fund
December 1-15 - \$33.559

Shell Has No Plans To Make, Sell DBCP

Shell Chemical Company has no plans to resume manufacture or sale of the chemical soil fumigant DBCP, J. S. Oostermeyer, general manager of Shell's agribusiness operations, told members of the Southern Agricultural Chemicals Association recently.

Oostermeyer said it would be extremely difficult and expensive to meet the strict manufacturing standards set by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Earlier this year, OSHA adopted regulations that set a maximum employee exposure level of one part DBCP per billion parts of air. "We don't believe such a strict stan-

dard could be achieved in a large scale manufacturing operation." Oostermeyer told the group.

He said DBCP could be made in the U.S. under the OSHA standards, "but it would have to be produced by a drug manufacturer or a specialized chemical company accustomed to making small runs of high-priced, fine chemicals with a great deal of care and precision."

Oostermeyer made some predictions about future government decisions on product safety. "I think we can look for tighter manufacturing regulations and more strict application controls for

pesticides in the field," he said. "On the other hand, I believe we've begun to see a more rational approach in considering risk-benefit judgments." In the future, Oostermeyer said, government will probably allow limited use of potentially toxic products with strict controls to ensure they are used safely.

Carpool Winners Announced

Winners of the third carpool drawing have been announced by Bobby Garrett, coordinator of the carpool activities within the complex. The three winners are Maintenance North employees: E. Cleve Fowler, boilermaker foreman; Dwayne E. Kornele, welder; and A. Leroy Taylor, painter.

All three winners live in Galena Park within seven to eight blocks of each other and have been riding together for at least two years, says Leroy, who is looking forward to spending his \$30 Foley's gift certificate on some hunting equipment.

Carpooling makes sense. For example, the carpoolers above drive one week out of three. That makes for some savings on gasoline, not to mention the wear and tear on your nerves.

Maybe you should consider carpooling.

Become Mileage Wiser And Save

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nomy.

Then, check tire pressure and wheel alignment. Driving on radial tires, which are slightly more expensive than bias plies, can be a good investment. Radials usually wear much longer than bias plies under normal conditions, which lowers their cost per mile. And their radial construction itself gives better gas mileage than most bias ply tires for extra savings every mile.

By using multigrade oil, such as 10W-40 motor oil instead of 30-weight, you can cut engine drag. The multigrade will flow more easily and cut drag when the engine is warming up.

Drive Right

Driving tricks really can save gasoline.

Accelerate gently. You don't have to creep away from a stop. Just take it easy. Anticipate stops. Take your foot off the gas and let the car coast to the intersection. (Keep it in gear, though, for safety.) Don't drive too fast or too slow. Most cars get their best mileage around 35 mph. Get into high gear quickly. If you have an automatic, lift your foot off the accelerator to make it shift easier.

If you must make short trips, group them together so the engine doesn't cool down in between.

And don't drive unnecessarily. Carpool. Use public transportation. For

short trips, bicycles and feet get you there for nothing. And nothing chops the gas bill like leaving the car in the driveway.

More Details . . . Free

To get your free copy of **The Gasoline Mileage Book**, write to Answer Books, P. O. Box 4315, Dept. A-4, Houston, Texas 77001.

Retiree Whittle Reaps Harvest



*A good harvest
many thanks,
will miss
all of you
Whittle*

H. G. "Glenn" Whittle, retired OP-III operating assistant, reaps the harvest from the money tree planted in a jalapeno pepper can. According to former co-workers Bill White and Patsy Seidel, Glenn dearly loves jalapeno peppers. And, since everyone can find ways to spend money, his friends and co-workers decided to combine the two for Glenn's retirement gift.

You can imagine Glenn's delight when his money tree grew and grew and grew into the Texas-size one pictured here.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1972 Lincoln Continental, P-S-B-W, air, AM-FM stereo, cruise, excellent shape. \$1,350. 534-6160 or 334-5659

1973 Subaru Coupe GL, new tires, very clean, air, 4-speed manual. 479-8637

1977 Buick Regal, P-S-B, tilt, cruise, AM-FM, loaded. \$4,500. 943-1106

1975 Cordoba, P-B-S-W, AM-FM, 8-track, low mileage, custom interior. \$3,365. 645-3331

1976 Pinto stationwagon, air, auto, P-S, FM radio, new steel belted tires and brakes. \$1,850. 947-1931 or 947-2993

Antique Kellogg wall telephone, solid oak, wiring modified for current use, excellent condition. \$200. Norwegian silver fox stole, worn twice. \$150. 471-8292 or 487-4820

Three adjoining lots, unimproved, corner, commercial area, one block off Tidwell at Eastex Freeway. \$10,000. 471-8292 or 487-4820

Two loads of oak firewood. 643-1940

1955 Chevy 2-door Belaire, 283 engine, bucket seats, runs great, is used every day. \$2,000 487-4820

FOR RENT

3-1/2-1 house in Pasadena, central air-heat, carpet, fenced. \$375 per month with lease and deposit. 472-3018

FREE

Tiny Toy Poodle, white female, loves people. 474-3910

LOST

Woman's ring, gold setting with orange coral center. Reward. 486-1999 after 6 p.m.

Rules For Submitting Ads

Readers are again reminded of the rules for submitting ads for free publication in the *Shellegram*.

+Ads are published for complex employees, pensioners and families only. Advertiser must be owner and not agent or dealer.

+All ads must be submitted in writing stating item, advertiser's name and home telephone number. Forms are available at the receptionist's desk and the *Shellegram* office. However, ads don't have to be submitted on the forms to be published.

+Deadline for submitting ads is Monday.

+Mail ads to the *Shellegram* office or bring them to room 151 of the refinery administration building.

Please do not attempt to call in ads; they must be submitted in writing.

Reloading Requires Precautions

Hunters who decide to reload ammunition themselves should use special safety precautions.

The Parks and Wildlife Department offers the following safety tips:

-Use care and common sense at all times, and do not become distracted. Allow plenty of time for the project, and never load in haste.

-Use equipment and components as the manufacturer recommends; never take shortcuts.

-Store powder in a cool, dry place at all times. Keep powder away from heat and open flames.

-Never use a powder unless you are positive of its identity.

-Never smoke while handling powder. -Keep powder out of reach of children.

-Don't mix powders.

-Don't keep more powder in an open container than you need.

-Observe all maximum load warnings in handbooks.

-Work up all new loads starting 10 percent below the recommended charge weight.

-Examine every case before loading to insure it is in good condition.

-Watch for indications of high pressure in establishing a new load.

-Develop a routine for reloading to guard against mistakes.



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