

Only complaint: "It wasn't long enough."

TEXAS A&M FIRE TRAINING SCHOOL INSTILLS CONFIDENCE IN PARTICIPANTS

The fire training school conducted by Texas A&M in College Station has recently trained some 260 employees from the DPMC.

Some of these employees have served on fire crews; some are serving on them; and some have never served on one.

The *Shellegram* editor decided to take off a day to find out just what these employees expected to find at A&M and what they actually did find out during their two-and-a-half days in College Station.

Going up in the chartered bus with the last group of refinery employees to undergo the training this year, various questions were asked and various comments were received. Here are some of those comments:

J. H. Milson in Utilities said he volunteered, "I thought it would be something that would be helpful at home and at work. From what I've heard, I expect to learn how to use high pressure hoses. I've always been off shift when a simulated fire drill was held at the refinery so I don't really know how to use one."

C. W. Weaver in Lube C volunteered to go in place of a co-worker as he felt it would be a real good experience.

E. R. Evans also of Lube C received a letter saying, "you have been selected..."

H. Carr of Engineering Field was hoping to find a big fire and entertainment. As it turned out, he found plenty of both.

J. M. Gault, Aromatics-West, serves on a fire crew as part of his job as a gauger.

P. C. Moore, Cat. Cracking, requested to go and he was looking forward to it.

W. E. Kleiber of Engineering Field felt that the school was a good thing and that it would be bene-

ficial away from the job as well as on it.

Billy Roper of Environmental attended his last fire training school some 25 years ago, and he felt he needed his confidence built up, as "fires look pretty bad these days."

L. J. Kelly and A. L. Munzy of the TFCH in Dispatching serve on the fire crew. All they've heard are a lot of rumors about what to expect, but it sounded exciting to Munzy.

And exciting it was for the 33 employees who attended the last fire training session. According to senior safety inspector Jim Repp, the fires were the biggest ever as there was a strong (30 mph) wind coming from the north and the training field was designed for a southern wind.

The trip back with those returning from the chemical training session found a consistent theme in their response to the questions

asked about what they had learned and about whether or not they found the experience worthwhile.

John Carroll of OP-II admitted that this was his second time up. "I enjoyed it so much the first time, I didn't tell them I'd been before. I know enough (now) that I know I don't want to be a fireman."

Jerry Walker of "E" Department and Barry Baker of Specialties felt that they had gained confidence in their ability to fight a fire. And Ronnie Lewis, an electrician, said that, "It gives you the confidence to know that you could at least attempt to control a fire until the fire crew got on the scene."

Benny Box, CA, said, "I hope that's the last fire I have to put out, but if there is one, I think I'm better prepared to help put it out."

Larry Edwards of "A" Department
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FALL DANCE

(INFORMAL)

TICKETS

SHARON PALMER (WOB)	6752
CHESTER GUIDRY (ADM)	6433
LARRY CSENGERY (OP-II)	7750
NORM NEWTON (G MAINT)	7775

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:30PM ~ 11:30PM

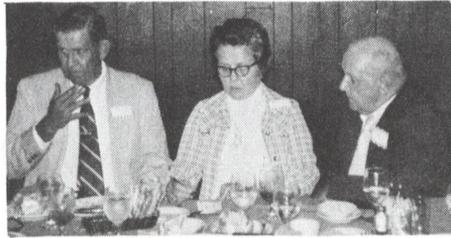
SYLVAN BEACH

LA PORTE

MEMBERS - \$ 8⁰⁰/CPL
GUESTS - \$ 10⁰⁰/CPL



DOCKS, SURVEYORS AND MAJOR PROJECTS HOLD SAFETY PARTIES



A crowd showed up at the Docks' safety party including: The E. O. Goodsons, the G. W. Gabriels, Lisa and Harold Dishough and Oscar Rodriguez; L. Copeland and the B. S. Christs; C. G. Anderson, Ken Williams, the Allen Rectors, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Anderson.



Retiree Joe Morris and his wife attended the Surveyors' safety party, along with

N. A. Vaughn and his spouse.



Deen and Alene Morris visit with Janet and Ray Franklin at the Major Projects' safety party.



Hoss Bergeron and Barbara Moon pose for the photographer, while John Veith (far right) introduces his date, Charla Erickson, to Glenn and Dorothy Wells.



Couples at the party included Theresa and John Devereux and Sally and John Henry.



Also attending were Donna and Jerry Murray and Linda and Kent McCargar.

WHO SHOULD BE ASHAMED?

Editor's note: The following article is reprinted from the Chevron Public Affairs Digest, August 1976.

"There have been so many charges of excessive profits by oil companies that I decided to find out the truth. This is what I learned. In 1975, Exxon earned 2¢ per gallon; Texaco, 1¢; Mobil, 1.4¢; Socal, 1.5¢; and Phillips, 1¢. In contrast, the federal government took 4¢

per gallon, directly off the top, twice as much as the biggest 'ripoff' by the oil companies and four times as much as some. State and local governments took an average of 8¢ per gallon off the top. Is 1¢ to 2¢ per gallon really a ripoff? If these profits are really obscene, governments should really be ashamed of their share."

- From a letter to Sen. Birch Bayh (D. Ind.) from Leo Gill, Chevron employee.

Texas A&M Fire Training School instills confidence in participants....

ment, not only gained a little confidence in handling fires, but he found it to be a team-work job.

James Ward of "A" Department found it amazing what you can do with a little bit of water when you know how to use it. "Maybe," he noted, "we won't get so excited the next time we see a fire."

P. I. Hebert of Maint. Engineering discovered that you don't have as much to fear about fire itself and that there is no reason to panic.

Peggy Nicar of EP was really impressed. "This was my first trip over, and I think that this will take some of the fear out of it if we should have a fire. We did learn what to do with the hoses, and we didn't know that before."

Doug Hatch of OP-II felt it was definitely beneficial to the individual to attend the school. "You learn to work with each other."

D. Scott of VCM feels you can never learn too much about fighting fires or safety.

A. R. McGrew III of BPA says, "You learn how to put fires out. I'm not a fire chief, but I could help."

FIVE WAYS TO BETTER HEALTH

If the American public would do five things, their overall health and well-being would improve significantly, notes Dr. David Miller, as he discusses the reasoning behind the formation of SNAFU (Shell Nibblers and Fatties Unanimous).

Those five things are: 1) lose excessive weight, 2) eat a well balanced diet, 3) increase amount of exercise, 4) stop smoking, and 5) decrease alcohol consumption.

"The SNAFUs are going to address themselves to the first three items," says Dr. Miller, and plans are underway to co-sponsor, with the Cancer Society, a stop smoking clinic later this year.

Dr. Miller feels many peo-
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Although Tom Clanton of VCM is never ready to fight a fire, he now feels that if he had to, he could handle it. "Now," Tom says, "we have a 100 percent better chance of fighting a fire."

H. B. Butler of "R" Department said, "I learned to use a water hose, and I didn't know how to before. This will make a lot of difference in how I would fight a fire now."

Shirley Cordier of MSH says that fires look spookier from a distance than they really are when you're in there fighting them.

Fred Taylor of "G" Department says, "I wasn't too crazy about going up there to begin with, but I liked it."

Robert Hamilton of BA felt it very worthwhile and necessary but he felt it wasn't long enough. And his

saying it wasn't long enough was the only - even slightly - negative remark made about the fire training school. And, I'm not sure that was negative. Are you?

Steve Oliphant of Resins discovered a new respect for firemen. "I used to think they sat around playing ping pong all the time."

This is just a glimpse of what 260 employees at the complex anticipated and then experienced during their two-and-a-half days learning various methods of fighting fires and overcoming any fears they might have previously felt.

Everyone, like Benny Box, hopes in their heart that those will be the last fires that they ever have to put out, but like Benny they now feel better prepared to help put a fire out should one occur.

PROVIDENT FUND NEWS

Since the inception of the Equities Fund in 1959, Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company has been the sole investment manager of the fund which now totals over \$140 million. The trustees of the Shell Provident Fund have resolved that effective October 1, 1976, and subject to negotiation of agreements with new investment managers, \$40 million of Equities Fund assets will be transferred from Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company to Crocker Investment Management Corp., San Francisco, who will act as investment manager of these assets, and an additional \$40 million will be transferred to the Wells Fargo Bank N.A., San Fran-

cisco, for management in an "index" fund designed to duplicate the "market" as represented by the Standard & Poor's 500 Index.

The balance of the Equities Fund will continue to be managed by Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, New York. Based upon the market value of the entire Equities Fund, a single unit value will continue to be computed semi-monthly.

The following is the Provident Fund valuation:

Equities Fund
September 15 - \$2.653
Shell Stock Fund
September 1-15 - \$71.198

NO SHELLEGRAM NEXT WEEK

There won't be a *Shellegram* next week as the editor will be vacationing in Big Ben National Park.

All ads submitted too late for this issue will appear in the October 28 issue.

DON'T FORGET
OCTOBER 16
CHEMICAL EMPLOYEES
TEN-AND-OVER PARTY
SYLVAN BEACH PAVILION

CLASSIFIEDSFOR SALE

Kimball piano, good condition.
\$125.
472-0901

3/4" slate top pool table,
standard size, accessories,
one year old. \$400.
488-7138

1973 GMC 23" motor home,
fully loaded, ready to
travel.
455-0157

1949 Ford Club Coupe, flat-
head V-8 smooth running,
perfect body, 24,500 miles,
all original. \$1,100.
477-6683

8" camper cover. \$100.
472-3052

FREE

Four kittens, 5 weeks old,
need good homes.
334-4642 after 5 pm

LOST

Men's jade ring in Cat.
Cracker control room. Call
Chuck Vasek on 6235

WANTED

24" wide apartment size gas
kitchen range in working
condition.
473-4293

Air compressor, 1/2-1 hp, 110V.
471-2961

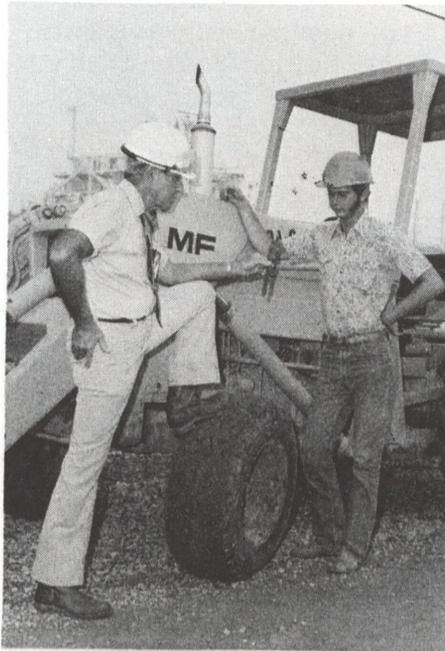
PERSONALS

I want to express my sincere
gratitude and thanks to my
fellow Shell employees and
families who have contribu-
ted so generously to my
family and me after our
house burned. If it had
not been for your help, we
would not have been able to
recover as well as we have.
Our grateful thanks again.

- Al Massey and family

To all my friends. Thank
you for the very fine party
and gifts. The plaque pre-
sented to me with well over
200 names hangs proudly in
my den. Bonnie and I will
continue to live on Natchez
Street in Pasadena. Good
luck to everyone and come
see us. Sincerely,

- J. C. "Joe" Allen

MODEL T WRENCH DISCOVERED IN DOCK AREA

Homer Blaylock poses with Mike Norris, who found an old Model T Ford wrench while digging the GP-4 Jet Fuel line up for relocation. The line is being moved four feet to make room for the new pipe rack support pilings, which is part of the Major Projects restoration.

The above pictures show Homer holding the wrench and the dock area where it was found.

RULES FOR SUBMITTING ADS

Readers are 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, price, advertiser's name and home telephone number. Forms are available at the receptionist's desk and the *Shellegram* office.

- Deadline for submitting ads is *Monday*.

- Mail ads to the *Shellegram* or bring them to Room 103, Main Office Annex.

Five ways to better health....

ple are passive. They want to lose weight by taking pills, eating dietetic foods or visiting spas. They want, but don't wish to exert any effort to obtain their objective. "Everyone wants an easy way out. They don't want to take the responsibility for their own well-being," he says.

The SNAFUs will meet outside of working hours and will have their organizational meeting Tuesday, October 19, at 4:30 p.m. in the refinery cafeteria.

Losing excess weight will benefit you by feeling better, looking better and being better physically.

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Dotti West, Editor

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