



*Although a temporary shutdown is under way*

## Mothballing will keep OP-II ready to go back to work

After 11 years of production, Olefins Plant-II (OP-II) is shutting down its operations—for now.

But no layoffs are expected as a result of OP-II's shutdown. Instead, the approximately 30 operations personnel being affected by the shutdown will be reassigned to other duties in DPMC South.

The shutdown at OP-II is related to the recent start-up of OP-V at Shell's NORCO Manufacturing Complex in Louisiana. This new facility has a capacity of 1.5 billion pounds of ethylene—more than the 1.3-billion-pound capacity of OP-II. Ethylene, a building block for manufacturing plastics, is one of the major products made in the olefins plants. Other products include gasoline, propylene and butadiene.

The opening of OP-V makes Shell the nation's largest ethylene producer, with a total of 5.7 billion pounds of ethylene capacity. But this capacity is temporarily out-producing market demand for ethylene, which is remaining steady without any major increase expected soon because of the sluggish economy. As a result, OP-II's capacity is currently not needed to meet Shell's ethylene sales requirements.

However, the shutdown doesn't mean OP-II is going out of business for good. Charlie Mosley, a senior operating specialist, Olefins,



In the left photo, Tom Boartz, left, and Larry Heugatter, both operators, OP-II, check on instruments as personnel at the olefins plant prepare for a temporary shutdown. At right, Mitch Young, left, Bruce Fox, Joe Walker and Curtis Brown, other operators at OP-II, discuss some of the other chores that have to be done to suspend operations.



explained the shutdown will result in "mothballing" OP-II so it can be brought back into production again in the future. Mosely said, "When we say we're mothballing OP-II, we mean we're going to preserve it so we can bring it back up."

One of the main goals of the mothballing is to prevent air from getting into OP-II's equipment. To keep out the air, reactors, columns, vessels and other parts are filled with nitrogen, while preserving oil

is injected into pumps and turbines. All this equipment—and piping and insulation—is also sealed to protect it from corrosion.

Mothball procedures are expected to be completed at the end of the summer. As a result of those procedures, it will be possible to resume operations at OP-II after a preparation time of about four to six months.

While it is not now known when operations will resume at

OP-II, a project is now being studied which will assure that the olefins plant will be much improved when it does come back into service.

This will be accomplished by initiating a massive energy conservation project at the plant while it is down. Sid Grant, senior operations specialist, Olefins, explained the project will result in installing a new steam system that will recycle heat created during the production of ethylene so it can be re-used.

That step will result in significant energy savings because OP-II is now one of the largest energy users within DPMC.

This multimillion dollar project is currently in the engineering phase, and field construction work should start in 1983.

After the conservation project is carried out, it will prove what the folks at OP-II have known all along. The plant's not getting older—it's just getting better.

## Employees' children receive Shell scholarships

The children of three Complex employees have been chosen by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as winners of four-year Shell college scholarships.

Chosen as three of 50 winners from among 562 candidates for the Shell scholarships this year, they are Ted Alpert, a recent graduate of St. John's School; David Eveld, who graduated this year from Strake Jesuit; and Ruth Sorotzkin, a graduate of Stratford High School.

### Ted Alpert

Ted is the son of Leonard S. Alpert, operations superintendent, Resins. The president of his temple youth group at Temple Emanuel, he has been active in the Houston Model United Nations. He plans to study history at McGill University.

### David Eveld

David, the son of R.G. Eveld, analytical chemist, North Lab, was parliamentarian of

the National Honor Society at Strake and played on the varsity basketball and baseball teams. He also was a student council representative and a member of the school's math and Latin clubs.

He won a first place award in the 1978 Houston Metro Math Contest at San Jacinto College and he was named to "Who's Who in American High Schools." He will study engineering and mathematics at Notre Dame. He holds a John and Mary Boyle

To learn how your high school senior can apply for a 1982 Shell Scholarship, read "Three Shell Scholarships received..." Page 2.

Scholarship to Notre Dame and he has been named a Notre Dame Scholar.

### Ruth Sorotzkin

Ruth, the daughter of Josh Sorotzkin, staff engineer, Process Engineering, graduated magna cum laude from Stratford. The vice president of National Honor Society, she was a member of

the school's tennis team, Junior Engineering Club, the art club, Mu Alpha Theta—a math honor club and Senior Girls. A Thomas Jefferson Scholar Award winner, she plans to study medicine at Stanford University.

All winners of the 1981 scholarships from Shell

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Chosen by the 1981 National Merit Scholarship Corporation, the three 1981 DPMC Shell Scholarship winners are shown here with their parents. They are (left photo) Ted Alpert and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Alpert; (center photo) David Eveld and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Eveld; and (right photo) Ruth Sorotzkin and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josh Sorotzkin. Ted's father is operations superintendent, Resins, while David's father is an analytical chemist, North Lab.

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## BPA reaches safety record

The Shellegram salutes employees of BPA (Bisphenol of Acetone)—like those shown here—for reaching four years without a lost time accident on May 30. Standing are Dennis Koehn, left, operating supervisor; Jack McGuigan, operator; Doug Hobbs, process manager; Marvin Hood, operator; Bob Chepulis, technical support-operations; and Sonny Waites, shift foreman. On the bottom row are Archie Parks, left, shift foreman; Dave Wilson and Linda Daniel, both operators; Axel Muzerie, technical support-operations; and Frank Yarbrough, operations supervisor. See story on Quality Control Lab-South's safety record in Short Subjects, this page.

## Matching gift forms due Sept. 1

A new round is under way in the Shell Matching Gifts Program, which is sponsored by Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated.

The next two-for-one match of contributions to approved colleges, universities and private, independent second-

dary schools takes place Sept. 30. That means completed forms from the schools must reach the Foundation by Sept. 1 to be eligible for this match.

Those who may contribute include full-time employees with at least one year accredited service with Shell Oil Company (including Shell Chemical Company and Shell Development Company) and Shell Pipe Line Corporation; Shell pensioners who retired directly from active service; and members of Shell's board of directors.

Gifts of cash, checks or

marketable securities will be matched. The minimum contribution made each time must be \$25 per person and the maximum is \$2,500 per person per calendar year.

Brochures describing the program, which include the forms, are available from field employee relations offices and from Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated, Two Shell Plaza, P.O. Box 2099, Houston, Tex., 77001.

Forms received by the Foundation after Sept. 1, will be eligible for the April 1982 match.

## Calendars are available

Americana Calendar fans, the 1982 model awaits you.

Once again, this popular calendar features nostalgic scenes from America's past in full color.

Special price for Shell employees and pensioners is \$4.20. Orders of 12 or more, delivered

to one address, reduce the price to \$3.70 each (suggested retail price is \$8).

To order, make check payable to Amcal, Inc. Add \$1.50 per order for postage and handling. And for shipments within California, add 6 percent (6.5 percent in BART area) for sales tax.

Send check and order information to Amcal, Inc., 1050 Shary Court, Concord, Calif., 94518.

near the administration building.

## Three Shell scholarships received . . .

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Companies Foundation, Inc., are from families having connections with Shell Oil Company, including Shell Chemical Company, Shell Development Company and Shell Pipeline Corporation.

This is the 13th year of the scholarship program, which issues four-year awards ranging from \$750 to \$2,000 a year. The 1980 winners were selected by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, headquartered in Evanston, Ill.

### Who's eligible?

Do you have a youngster who will complete high school and enter college next year? Such students are eligible to compete for a Shell college scholarship if they are sons

and daughters of regular full-time employees and retired or deceased employees of Shell Oil Company (including the companies named earlier).

Students who wish to compete must submit completed 1983 entry forms by Nov. 1, 1981, to Scholarship Competition, Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated, Two Shell Plaza, P.O. Box 2099, Houston, 77001. They must also take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test-National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which will be given in high schools on Oct. 27 or Oct. 31 of this year.

Booklets describing the program and 1983 entry forms may be obtained after Aug. 1 from the Employee Relations Office or the address above.



# SHORT SUBJECTS

### Nikki Saunder's chili recipe nets a trophy

Thanks to the innovative recipe of Nikki Saunders, clerk, Mechanical Equipment, Nikki's chili team, the Coyote Brand Chili Company, walked away from Gilley's Chili Cookoff on May 30 with a seventh place trophy.

Nikki had some help from other members of her team—her husband, Dean; Dot Honeycutt, Employee Relations assistant, Industrial Relations; and Dot's husband, B.J.

But it was no accident that Nikki's recipe did so well. It was also responsible for a third place win for the Bypass Chili Company at the Shell clubs' chili cookoff in Deer Park back in March.

What's in the prize-winning recipe? Sorry, that's a secret.

### Cab Calloway solves the riddle

If you're like your editor, you probably never figured out what kind of bird produced the eggs featured on the front cover of the May 28 issue of the Shellegram. You may recall that the eggs were discovered on the banks of the Environmental South impoundment pond near the Resins area.

But the bird has now been identified—by Cab Calloway, operator, Light Olefins-II. According to Calloway, the bird is known as a common night hawk or bull bat. Colored gray and brown, it likes to nest close to water so it can catch grasshoppers and other insects. Thanks, Cab.

### Production milestones reached in May

Personnel at both Solid Resins and Chloride Alky (CA) established new one-month production records last month.

During that month, Solid Resins produced 3.3 million pounds of solid epoxy resins—up from the old one-month production record of 2.7 million, which was set in the summer of 1980.

Larry Stanford, process manager, Solid Resins, said, "This record is due to the fine work of operations and maintenance personnel at Epon 6. Credit should also go to BPA (Bisphenol of Acetone) and Liquid Resins, which provided us with good quality feedstocks, and Resins Distribution, which was responsible for the timely and efficient packaging of solid resins."

CA produced 17.15 million pounds of caustic in May—up from the old departmental record of 17.1 million pounds, which was set in March.

J.D. Washburn, process manager, CA, said, "Congratulations are in order for all the CA operations people who made this record possible. But part of the credit should also go to the maintenance personnel who have done such good work for us."

### Quality Control Lab-South attains safety record

Congratulations to personnel at Quality Control Lab-South for achieving a million safe hours on May 22. That department has worked nearly 10 years without a single lost time accident.

### DPMC cited for 1980's 2.5 million safe hours

The National Petroleum Refiners Association (NPRA) recently presented a special award to DPMC for exceeding 2.5 million safe hours in 1980. The NPRA presents several safety awards each year to promote accident prevention in the refining and petrochemical industry.

### NORCO exceeds four million safe hours

The folks over at NORCO Manufacturing Complex deserve a pat on the back for a safety performance that goes above and beyond the call of duty. They exceeded four million safe hours on June 13.

### Shell Foundation donates to Pasadena group

The Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated, has given a \$1,000 check to a group located near the DPMC—the Pasadena Interfaith Housing Foundation. The awarding of the donation was recommended earlier this year by DPMC management.

The project manager of Interfaith Manor, a retirement home operated by the housing foundation in Pasadena, is Pat Pesl, wife of Bob Pesl, senior engineer, Environmental Engineering.

### Wanted: Early Shellegram classified ads

Because we are receiving many ads every week, it is often difficult to get late-comers in. Please get your ads in as early as possible each Friday morning—or earlier—so we can get them in.

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**Happy  
4th of  
July**

## New signs go up on Refinery Road

In conjunction with the new striping on Refinery Road, new traffic signs are being installed there this weekend.

Among these will be two announcing new speed limits. The speed limit between Texas 225 and the first curve on the road is being changed from 40 miles an hour to 35 mph, while the speed limit on the north side of the railroad tracks is being changed from 20 to 25 miles an hour. Remember actual driving speeds should be adjusted depending on conditions such as traffic congestion and weather.

Other new signs will remind motorists and motorcyclists to watch for traffic lights at the intersection with 19th Street, to slow down on the sharp curves on the road, to reduce speed in front of the North Administration Building and to expect congested traffic conditions around parking lots

# Four departmental safety parties held



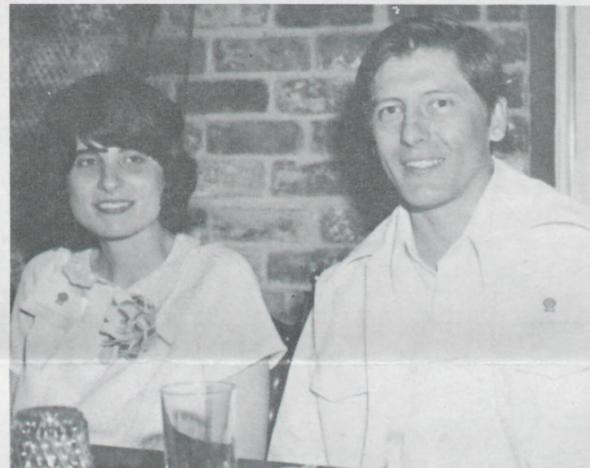
## Lube B

Among those gathering recently for a Lube B safety party at Monument Inn were (left to right) Lois and A.D. Dorsey, Charles and Dottie Martin and J.S. Laramore.



## North Lab

Turning out for a North Lab safety party at Monument Inn were (left to right) Ralph Buono and Sandi Hogue, Jan and Cornelia Samson and F.L. Robinson and Ray and Lazelle Flynn.



## Project Engineering

Showing up for a Project Engineering safety party at Angelo's Fisherman's Wharf were (left to right) Dee and Frank Hruska, Marianna and O.N. Eggers and Melvin and Carolyn Eubanks.



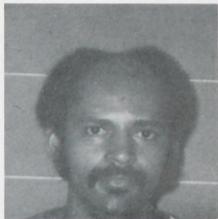
## Chloride Alky (CA)

Attending the Chloride Alky safety party at Monument In were (left to right) Jack and Pam Moncrief and Margaret Timmons, Dianne and Terry Hornsby and Kenny and Marion Rouse.

# Welcome to the Deer Park Manufacturing Complex



**Anthony Gaston**  
General Helper  
Maint. South  
Hired in April



**J.E. Hawkins**  
General Helper  
Maint. South  
Hired in April



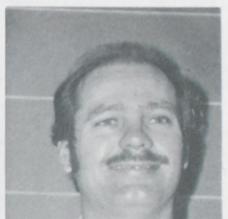
**E.T. Hunter**  
General Helper  
Maint. South  
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**Doug Manning**  
General Helper  
Maint. South  
Hired in April



**Bonnie Walker**  
General Helper  
Maint. South  
Hired in April



**Ken Ward**  
Pipefitter  
Maint. North  
Hired in April

## Classifieds

### FOR SALE

1978 Ford Courier. Five-speed transmission, 1,800 cc engine, whitespoke wheels and white letter tires, camper top, air shocks, 38,600 miles. \$3,450. Call 477-9182 after 4 p.m.

1957 Chevy Belair. Two-door sedan, candy apple red, new tires, four-speed transmission, new 350 motor, two-barrel carburetor, extra chrome. Have to see to appreciate. Call 479-8955 after 5 p.m.

1969 MGB. Restored, excellent condition. New brakes, ties, paint. \$2,850. Little girl's 16-inch bike. Very good condition. \$30. Call 479-0229.

1965 International Cub tractor. 42-inch Belly-Moore, cultivators, planters, turning

### deRidder dies



deRidder

Gijsbert F. deRidder died June 8. He retired in January 1962 as chief technologist after more than 30 years of company service. He is survived by his wife, Juanita, who resides at 27116 Sunset, Houston.

plow, discs and blades, new tires and battery. Recent overhaul. Good condition. \$2,600. Call 474-3422.

Six-cylinder 292 engine for Chevy truck. \$100. Call 944-5139 after 5 p.m.

1979 750 Honda Limited Edition. Low mileage, adult owner. Immaculate condition. \$2,400. Call 471-1059.

Zenith 23-inch console color TV. Good condition. \$165. Call 476-5633.

Bunk beds. Like new. \$100. Call 470-1411.

Spanish bedroom set, blue chair. Heavy furniture. \$500 or best offer. Call 635-1781 or 635-2678.

Registered German shepherd puppy. Seven weeks old, has shots. \$150. Call 479-0473.

### WANT TO RENT

Inexpensive efficiency or garage apartment. Call 473-7473 after 5 p.m.

### WANTED

Grandmotherly type for live-in child care. Free room, board, transportation, health care, phone and small salary in exchange for cooking, housekeeping and care of one child. Call 526-4021.

### FOUND

Pair of contact lenses. Found

in front of Resins Distribution Office. Two pairs of sunglasses. One was found in an Environmental pool car. The other was left in Room 102 of the Environmental Conservation Building. 52 mm and 55 mm camera lens caps. Found in bunker coat at Texas A&M Fire School. Several sets of keys. Call Les Cole at Extension 6301, describe and claim.

### PERSONAL

I would like to express my appreciation for the nice retirement party you gave me and to give you a special "thank you" for the gift. It was a pleasure working with you all.

—Joe Tesoro

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Because the Graduate's

### Woods retires



Woods

S. Woods, 64, medium equipment operator, Maintenance North, retired June 1 after 33 years of service. He will reside at 4634 Knoxville Road, Houston.

Issue is being published July 2, no more classified ads will

appear in the Shellegram until July 9.

## Short subjects...

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### Don't miss the Shell Clubs' bowling tournament

Are you interested in participating in the Shell Clubs' Mixed Bowling Tournament on July 12? It will be held at Brunswick Sharpstown Lanes at 6121 Tarnef.

The only requirements for participation are that you:

—Be a Shell employee.  
—Pay an entry fee of \$4 if you are a member of SCORA and \$5 if you are not.

—Have a five-person team (including at least one member of the opposite sex per team).

For entry blanks or more information, contact Ed Overmeyer, Extension 7220 or Extension 7290.

### Men's SCORA softball standings

The division standings of the men's SCORA softball teams last week were as follows:

#### Division I

1. Sonics
2. Honky Tonks
3. Hot Dogs
4. Outlaws
5. (Tie) Oreos
5. (Tie) Jocks
6. Rookies
7. Big Dogs
8. Resin Rats
9. Power Houses

#### Division II

1. (Tie) U.S. Mongrels
1. (Tie) VCM Gang
1. (Tie) Prowlers
2. Jokers
3. Bad Aces
4. Bullets
5. (Tie) Misfits
5. (Tie) Mean Machine
6. Mullets
7. Assassins
8. Chumps



The Shellegram is published weekly to inform and entertain pensioners and employees like David Ferguson, lab technician, Quality Control Lab-South. Ferguson has been employed at DPMC since 1980.

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