

Saudi Engineers Train At Complex

Pasadena, Texas, is a long way from Saudi Arabia, home of Ali Abdul-Rahman Al-Subaihin and Ibrahim Abulaziz Al-Salman. Both young men are 25 years old, single, Moslem and graduates of the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran.

Electrician: One Of Parker Clan

It's not every week an employee finds an article in the *Shellegram* dealing with his ancestors. But that's what happened a couple of months ago when Maintenance North electrician James Hall read a June 23 article entitled, "Fort Parker Stirs Frontier Memories." The article reminded him that this is the year of the biennial gathering of the Parker clan in Mexia, Texas. James has yet to attend one of these gatherings, but he remembers how his father went to all of them he could. And, his Aunt Lois (Lois Herron of Houston) goes every chance she gets.

The gathering of the Parker clan brings together the descendants from the union of Cynthia Ann Parker and Comanche Chief Noconne.

Captured, along with her younger brother, by an Indian raiding party when she was nine years old, Cynthia Ann was traded to the Comanches who then raised her. She bore Chief Noconne two sons, Quanah and Pecos, and a daughter, Prairie Flower. Pecos died as a small boy and Prairie Flower was an infant when Cynthia Ann was recaptured.

For 24 years Cynthia Ann had lived
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Provident Fund

The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

EQUITIES FUND
August 15 - \$2,520
SHELL STOCK FUND
August 1-15 - \$32,256

Ali, a systems engineer, and Ibrahim, an electrical engineer, are in this country to obtain on-the-job training so that they can return to Saudi Arabia in mid 1979 and assist in the start-up of the petroleum-chemical complex currently under construction in their country.

At the present time Saudi Arabia has three refineries, the largest being Aramco's Ras Tanura Oil Refinery.

From Deer Park Ali and Ibrahim will journey to another refinery and-or chemical plant within the United States before returning to their homeland.

Although they have found differences between their homeland and the United States, they also have found similarities. Similarities include the hot, humid weather, the petroleum-chemical facilities at Deer Park and the Pasadena apartment complex where they are now living. Differences include religion, family relationships, availability of goods and awareness of what is going on in other parts of the world.

Saudis More Aware

Ali says the people in Saudi Arabia seem to be more aware of what's happening in other parts of the world than the people here. Most people here only seem interested in knowing what is go-

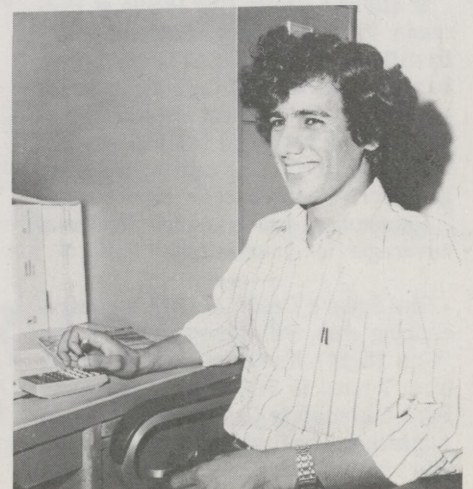
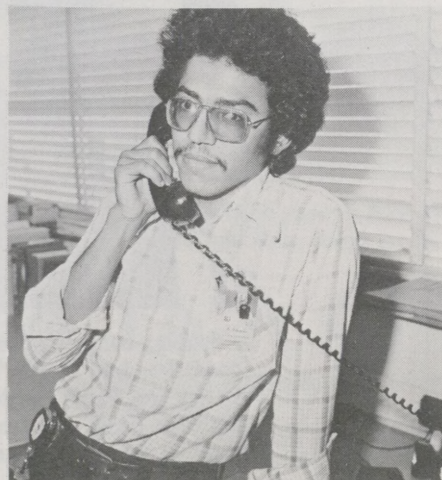
ing on locally - like in Texas. Another difference is taxes. Saudi Arabia has no personal taxes and education is completely free. Here everything is taxed and education is costly.

Closer Family Relations

"Saudis tend to have closer family relationships and divorce is rare," says Ali, as he compares Saudi families to those living in the apartment complex where he and Ibrahim live.

Another big difference they noticed is that in their country, everyone listens to BBC, Voice of America, Deutsche Welle (or Voice of Germany) among other outside news sources. In this way Saudis keep up with what's going on in other parts of the world. In the United States, the news media deals primarily with local issues. Ali and Ibrahim find very little in-depth information on the world's activities - even in Houston's major newspapers.

Both Ali and Ibrahim are fasting as in the Islamic world this is the month of Ramadan. Ramadan is a 30-day period when those faithful to the teachings of Islam abstain from eating or drinking from sunrise until sunset.



On-the-job training proves enjoyable for Saudi engineers Ali Abdul-Rahman Al-Subaihin and Ibrahim Abulaziz Al-Salman.

Employees In The News

George Cosentini made a trip to California to participate in the 16th Post Mark Collectors' Club convention held August 13 and 14 at the San Diego Royal Coach Inn at the Wharf.

George's primary area of interest in collecting postmarks is the State of Texas. He has collected postmarks from every Texas town ever in existence. Among his Texas collection are postmarks from the now "dead" offices of Cross Cut, Okra, Dollarhide and Loco.

Also included in his substantial display was the following postmark:

"Cancelled on Friday at Friday, Texas, by the Postmaster, Mr. Friday."

Then there's George's pride and joy. It's a Shamrock, Texas, postmark dated March 17, 1958, and stamped in green ink. No doubt the postmaster in Shamrock was sympathetic to the merits of St. Patrick's Day.

This and much more was featured in the August 16 issue of *The San Diego Union* on the postmark collection of George Cosentini, an operator at the docks.

Lt. Jack Oliphant's belief in helping others won for him the distinction of being named "La Porte Firefighter of the Week" by the *Bayshore Sun*.

A 21-year veteran of the La Porte Fire Department, Jack served as fire chief and as an officer in the department. On the job he is a senior safety inspector in Safety-Chemical.

SCORA Events

It will be a Brown Bag Picnic at Hermann Park Saturday, September 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. SCORA "brown baggers" will meet at the Fannin Street pavilion (located next to the playground) for lunch and visiting between trips to the zoo, tennis courts, ball field, golf course, horseback or sight seeing.

Remember, bring enough food and beverages for your family.

The Square Deals, SCORA's square-dancing club, will have an open house "Fun Night" Tuesday, September 20, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Deer Park Community Center, 610 East San Augustine. The first lesson will be free. The class meets every Tuesday night. Come on out and join the fun. For more information, call O. L. Kennedy on 7769.

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among the Comanches. Their ways had become her ways. Then she was recaptured, along with her infant daughter, by a raiding party of Texas Rangers under the command of Captain Sul Ross. Soon after being returned to her Parker relatives, Cynthia Ann's infant daughter died. Four years later, Cynthia, too, died. The Indians say of a broken heart.

In the meantime Quanah became renowned as Chief of the Comanches. Cynthia Ann's capture and recapture, followed by her untimely death, touched both the red and white man's lives. Today, her Indian and Parker descendants (among them James and Lois) meet at biennial gatherings in one of the largest family reunions held anywhere.

Electrician James Hall assists his Aunt Lois in displaying various articles and pictures on their Parker ancestry.



Safe Year Recognized



Smiling couples pictured at the CA safety party reflect the good time had by all. They included: H. W. and Inja Chun, Becky and Terry Harden, Margaret and Bob Timmons talking with Hank Bettencourt, and Elizabeth Scanlon, date of Randell Hawthorne, and Randell.

Shell Booklet Saves Lives

"I always read your booklets, just in case. And today one of them saved my life and the passengers in my car." So wrote a Florida woman about the "Driving Emergencies" issue of the "Come to Shell for Answers" series.

In her letter, she goes on to describe how her accelerator stuck going downhill at 70 miles per hour. "I tried to remember the advice in the Shell book, and shifted to neutral while applying the brake, and finally stopped the car, shaken but safe. I just want you to know that, while we may have to have new brakes, we are eternally grateful for the information you give out."

This was one of the over 210,000 letters received as a result of the campaign. Out of all those, only 11 were negative.

During the campaign's first year, which ended April 30, Shell published seven booklets and distributed a total of 225 million copies. They were inserted in national magazines such as *Time*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Newsweek*, *Reader's Digest*, *Sports Illustrated*, *People*, *McCalls*, *Ebony*, *Family Circle*, and *Good Housekeeping*. The booklets were available at Shell service stations and were sent to individuals and organizations that wrote in for them.

Booklet requests have come from city, state and federal agencies, schools, colleges, libraries, churches, businesses, and professional and social groups, as well as from individuals. Many organizations have asked for large quantities of booklets to distribute among their employees, customers, students, or members.

During 1977, the Come to Shell for Answers campaign will feature six booklets and continued television advertisements that depict situations covered in the booklets.

On-The-Job Scene



Employee Relations analyst Mary Faye Sherman is shown researching a grievance: Something she has been doing for 35 of her 36 years with Shell.

Assigned To A CPR Class?

Those of you fortunate enough to have been assigned to a CPR class conducted by the Medical Department nurses should make every possible effort to attend the classes.

Of the 14 employees scheduled for

each CPR training session, only five or six are showing up.

This makes it difficult to justify the nurses taking time away from their other responsibilities to conduct classes for less than half of the scheduled parti-

cipants.

So, if you're scheduled to attend a CPR class, make sure you do just that. Attend.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

Washer-dryer, Penney's, Harvest Gold, 8 months old, excellent. \$400. Refrigerator-freezer with ice maker, 8 months old, Harvest Gold, excellent condition. \$400. Lawnmower, Penny's Toro, cust. alum. base, used 3 times. \$245 new with grass catcher. Best offer. 334-5903

1949 Chevy Deluxe. \$1,350. 1969 Buick Electra 225 Fordor. \$800. 946-9105

1973 Oldsmobile Custom Cruiser stationwagon, clean, low mileage, luggage rack, new tires, battery, starter, shocks and tuneup. \$1,995 or best offer. 479-2182

Electric AM-FM CB antenna, Sears model. \$15. 10 x 12 Coleman tent. \$65. Both items like new. 665-0321

1973 Oldsmobile 88, air, power, new brakes, tires, battery and tune-up. \$1,775. 1972 Winnebago, sleeps 8, cruise control, CB, excellent condition, 35,000 miles, \$7,500. 476-5837

Electric edger. \$10. 4' CO2 bottle. \$15. 477-8905

Vivitar 200mm-f3.5 telephoto lens with Minolta mount, skylight filter and collapsible rubber lens hood, Soligor 52mm closeup lens set (3), Kako Hi-beam II AC-DC electronic flash with rechargeable nickel-cadmium batteries. 488-3595

1975 Kawasaki 350, excellent condition, 6,100 miles, helmet, tie-downs and loading ramp included. \$775. 476-0156 after 4:30 p.m.

Poodle, miniature, chocolate male, 4

months old, excellent breeding, AKC registered. \$125. 783-5182

50 acres between Center and Joaquin, Texas, heavily wooded, small creek, black top frontage. \$450 per acre. 487-2634 after 5 p.m.

3-2-2 brick, Psadena Parkview Estates, immaculate, superior. \$54,000 new loan. 941-0087

1976 ¾ ton GMC pickup 4WD, AC. 643-2930

FREE

Female Norwegian Elkhound, house broken. 456-9103

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Braun flash attachment and case. VW key on circle. 6 keys on Virgo chain. Uncle Charlie 3½" knife. Clain in room 151 Refinery Administration.

Welcome To The Complex



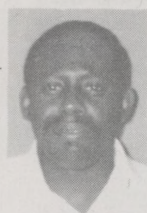
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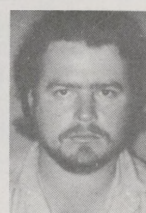
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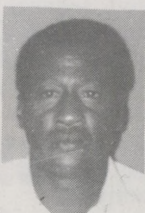
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