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At DPMC North

Thompson assumes superintendent's duties

Bill Thompson, formerly regional business center manager, Oil Products, has assumed his new duties as superintendent, DPMC North. Thompson replaces Ron Swofford, who has been superintendent since July 1978.

Swofford has been assigned to Saudi Petrochemical Company (SPC)—which was created as the result of a joint venture by Pecten Arabian Limited, a wholly owned affiliate of Shell Oil Company, and Saudi Basic Industries Corporation. The SPC will carry out the Saudi Arabia Petrochemical Venture (SAPV)—a project to establish a \$3 billion petrochemical complex at Jubail Industrial City on the east coast of Saudi Arabia.

This will be the second SAPV assignment for Swofford, who was involved from 1974 to 1978 in negotiations with the Saudi Arabian government to develop plans for the venture. Current plans call for him to be responsible for operations and engineering for the project. While he will initially work out of offices at Two Shell Plaza, he will eventually relocate



Swofford
to Jubail.



Thompson

Thompson, who is from Pennsylvania, holds a bachelors degree, masters degree and doctorate, all in chemical engineering from Penn State. He joined Shell in October 1966 at Emeryville, Calif. In 1968, he moved to the Wood River Refinery as a senior engineer in the Technological department. After serving in management positions in other departments at Wood River, he was named operations superintendent, Light Oil Processing, at the refinery in January 1972.

In 1973, he was assigned to Head Office as senior staff engineer, Manufacturing Operations. Other positions he held at Head Office included manager, Refining, Operations; manager, Fuels Logistics; and manager, Gasoline Business Center. He

was named regional business center manager, Oil Products, last July.

Swofford, an Illinois native, holds a bachelors degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois and a masters degree in engineering administration from Washington University in St. Louis. He joined Shell as a junior engineer at the Wood River Refinery in 1954. After working at several other assignments in the refinery's engineering departments, he was named assistant manager, Engineering Office Department, in 1963.

In 1964, he was transferred to Manufacturing Engineering at Head Office in New York City. He was moved again in 1967—to the Houston Refinery—where he became manager,

Construction Offsites. He returned to Head Office in 1970 to become a project manager. Eight months later, he became manager, Economics Manufacturing Operations. After serving in other management posts at Head Office, he was named manager, Manufacturing, for the SAPV.

Ware is first woman foreman to complete program



Vodice Ware, engineering foreman and the first woman to complete a Complex self-study training program for foremen, and Sonny Hammond, insulator, both of Maintenance North, review insulation work at Alkylation.

Vodice Ware, a Maintenance North engineering foreman, is the first woman foreman to complete a Complex self-study training program designed to sharpen foremen's management skills.

The voluntary program, which focuses on business management principles, requires participants to study on their own two hours a day per week for eight weeks. Presented to about 60 people this year, it is just one of many Complex supervisory courses available for foremen.

Discussing the program, Vodice said, "It covered many topics and was very interesting because we were able to have someone answer our questions who was knowledgeable in areas such as safety and employee relations. I also enjoyed discussing everyday problems with other foremen and trying to find

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Tickets on sale for dance



Tickets (which cost \$5 per couple) are on sale for SCORA's Christmas dance, which will be held Friday at Pasadena's American Legion Hall (at the corner of Preston and Pasadena Boulevard).

Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and a live band will play from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. A cash bar will sell beer, mixed drinks (bringing bottles or mixes is prohibited) and soft drinks. Semi-formal dress is encouraged and guests are welcome.

To buy advance tickets, contact Barbara Bond, Pat Dunaway, Betty Benson, Sherri Hartley, Vickie Breshears or Ed Overmeyer. Tickets also will be sold at the door.

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Construction has begun on two Shell coal mines—Buckskin in Wyoming and Elkhart in Illinois.

The Buckskin Mine, located near Gillette, Wyo., will be on 600 acres of federal lease land. Mining operations start in 1981, with plans calling for production of six million tons per year by 1984.

Construction begins at Shell mines

Shell has contracts to deliver coal from Buckskin to Rural Electric Association utilities in Oklahoma, Louisiana and Wyoming.

Coal from Shell's Elkhart Mine in Logan County, Ill., will be sold to the City of Springfield's Water, Light and Power Department. Plans call for delivery of 32 million tons of coal over

25 years, beginning Jan. 1, 1983.

Construction of the mine—which is requiring employment of about 300 workers—began in September, with completion expected in about two years. When it reaches full production, more than 500 full-time employees could be employed.

Ware completes course . . .

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solutions."

Vodice came to the Complex five years ago after being a Houston housewife. She had been dividing her time between her chores at home, her three children, her husband, Lionel, and an occasional job as a nurse's aide.

A native of Tyler (in East Texas), Vodice wanted more than that. She explained, "I'm not cut out to stay home all the time. I like being with people."

After working as an operator at SR-5, she moved to Maintenance North in 1976, becoming the Complex's only woman insulator at that time. Vodice recalled, "I became an insulator because I wanted to work with my hands. It's not always clean. But I enjoyed it and I miss it."

She also enjoys being an engineering foreman in insulating—a position she received last summer.

According to her supervisors, "Vodice prepared herself for the staff foreman position by working through the craft training program, then as an insulator No. 1 and by performing well as an hourly foreman."

Modest about her promotion to staff, Vodice said, "I never really thought much about being a foreman until it happened. But I can see a lot of young foremen (she's 35) at the Complex now compared to when I first came out here. I guess it's because we've had so many people retire during these past few years."

Discussing her job, she explained she supervises eight Complex insulators. "They're great guys and good craftsmen. They don't seem to mind working for a woman, I guess, because we've worked together for so long."

When Vodice isn't at the Complex, she spends much of her time working as assistant Girl Scout leader of Troop 524 in Houston.

But most of her spare time is spent with her two daughters, LaMetrica, 14, and Diangela, 11, and her son, Michael, 9. She said, "I'm a firm believer that if you keep your children busy, there's a better chance they'll stay out of trouble. And they're keeping themselves and me busy. I spend much of my time running them here and there.

"Last year Diangela was taking tap dance lessons and LaMetrica was involved in school clubs. Also, Michael has been in a gifted and talented program in school. With one child each in elementary school, junior high and high school next year, I expect to be busy juggling football game schedules."



Neal dies

Harold R. Neal, 64, died Nov. 21. At the time of his retirement last March, he was a process manager at Utilities with 40 years of company service. Funeral arrangements were handled by Pasadena Funeral Chapel.

He is survived by his wife, Geneva, who resides at Point Blank.

Welcome to the Deer Park Manufacturing Complex



Bunny Beal
Clerk
Purchasing
Hired in Oct.



Inez Burton
Technician
Lab
Hired in Oct.



Patricia Creel
Senior Clerk
Financial
Trans. in Oct.



Willa Evans
Emp. Sup.
Emp. Rels.
Trans. in Oct.



Allen Farley
Financial Mgr.
Auditing
Trans. in Oct.



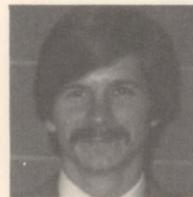
George Harding
Painter
Maint. North
Hired in Oct.



Jim Hines
Boilermaker
Maint. North
Hired in Oct.



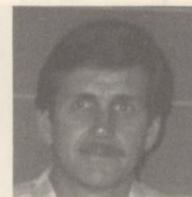
Jackie Holt
Nurse
Medical
Hired in Oct.



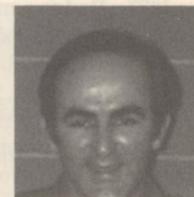
Billy King
Sr. Analyst
Services
Trans. in Oct.



Sandra Needham
Clerk
Services
Hired in Oct.



Jack Sanders
Process Mgr.
Dispatch. Ops.
Trans. in Oct.



Tom Stringer
Electrician
Maint. North
Hired in Sept.



South Fire Crew appreciation dinner

A dinner was recently held at Bud Hill's to express the Complex's appreciation for the services of South Fire Crew members. Those

attending included (left photo) Mr. and Mrs. Randy Sapp and (at right) Mr. and Mrs. Lee Christian.



Lube A safety dinner

Lube A employees recently marked three years without a lost time accident at a safety party at Captain Leon's. Those attending included (left photo) Mr. and Mrs. Ladis Skrivanek and Mrs. B.D.

Munson and (right photo, foreground) Paul Dickerson, Leroy Holy and P.V. Womack.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1972 Buick LeSabre Custom. Two-door hardtop. 57,000 miles, new tires, very clean. \$1,175. Call 472-5753.

1976 Chevy three-quarter ton pickup. Air, power, dual tanks. \$2,500. Call 944-9245.

1978 Dodge Aspen station wagon. \$3,700. Call 471-1760.

1965 Chevy pickup. Six-cylinder. Best offer. Call 479-1092.

1977 Dodge mobile home. 20,000 miles. Call 479-4053 after 6 p.m.

14-inch by eight-inch spoked Chevy wheels. \$20 each. Call 487-2522.

K-Mart 350 Series maintenance-free car battery. Top posts. Three-year battery, used two weeks. \$27.50. Call 485-2141.

1976 Honda Gold Wing. With AM-FM radio, tour box. Excellent shape. Time Out camping trailer. Sell with or without motorcycle. 750 Honda rebuilt engine and other parts. Call 337-2086 after 6 p.m. or 337-3900 any time.

1980 Honda 750 Custom. Less than 4,000 miles. Immaculate. Midnight blue. \$2,550. Call 643-1939.

Seventeen-foot Pro Line boat. Modified V-hull. Mercury motor, CB. Power trim. Shoreline easy roller trailer. \$5,000 firm. Call 861-3636.

1979 Glastron HPV-154 boat. 85 HP Evinrude, drive-on trailer, two batteries, Hummingbird depth finder, trolling motor. \$5,800. Call 471-0507.

Two-story chateau dream house. On two lots, 100 feet by 110 feet. Two bedrooms, one and a half baths. Central heat, air conditioning. Lomax area. \$39,000, \$8,000 down. Owner will finance at 10 percent. Call 471-5366.

Condominium for sale or lease. Westwood Mall area. Two bedrooms and baths, washer-dryer, microwave, frost-free refrigerator with ice maker. Cathedral ceiling, wood-burning fireplace, tennis courts. Buyer assumes nine and seven-eighths percent loan. Call 778-0764 after 5 p.m.

O'Keefe & Merritt gas range. Good shape. \$150. Call 946-1366.

Sofa. \$75. Matching chair. \$25. Recliner. \$30. Coffee table. \$10. Two end tables. \$5 each. All for \$125. Call 476-0796.

Living room set. Sofa and chair. Both for \$100. Call 479-4947.

S & W Model 19 .357 Magnum. Four-inch barrel. Still in box. Excellent shape \$250. Sears Man's 10-speed touring bike. Good condition. \$550. Call 488-3719.

Thompson Contender (single shot pistol). .357 Magnum. Ten-inch bull barrel. With box and papers. \$125. Sears pool table. Four feet by eight feet. Needs felt and some repair. \$25. Call 476-5321.

Steam iron. New electric egg poacher. Never used. Large new glass salad or pudding bowl on attached stand. Makes nice Christmas present. Women's dresses. Sizes 9 to 12.

Reasonable prices. Cash only please. Call 480-1063 after 6 p.m.

Kids' pony. Gentle enough for four-year-old, big enough for 13-year-old. Buckskin, 750 pounds. Shown often, never out of trophies. \$350. Call 455-7393 or 324-1169.

WANT TO BUY

Electric winch. Approximately 9,000-pound rating. Call 336-9169.

VHS recorder for tapes, blanks or movies. Will consider any reasonable offer. Call 451-3698.

Flute. Call 427-4886 after 5 p.m.

WANTED

Two or three-bedroom house to rent, in Pasadena or Deer Park area. \$275 to \$325 per month. Prefer fenced yard, one or two-car garage. We have outside pet (small dog). Guarantee no damages to your property. Good references. Call 475-0605 after 4 p.m.

FREE

Very large dog. Friendly, needs large area. About a year old. Call 334-2887.

FOUND

Lady's umbrella. Discovered at Refinery Ten-and-Over Party. Call Les Cole at 6301, describe and claim.

PERSONAL

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for all acts of kindness in the loss of our loved one.

—The Family of Harold Neal

DECEMBER 1980



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * SQUARE DANCING _ EVERY TUES.
- * BOWLING _____ EVERY THURS.
- * BOARD MEETING _____ 12/10
- * CHILDREN'S XMAS PARTY 12/13
- * HOLIDAY _____ 12/25



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Shell announces stock dividend

Shell Oil Company's directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 40 cents a share on common stock. The dividend will be payable Dec. 15 to persons who are shareholders of record on Dec. 8.