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BOBBY SCHROEDER RECALLS THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF SHELL BASEBALL



The Shell Oilers of 1950 included Johnny Campo, Bob Schroeder, Duke Ellington, Al Starfield, Hilbert Boer, Dixon Kirk, Si Gault and Al Pustejovsky.

In the course of a conversation with Bobby Schroeder, you might mention baseball, and he might tell you that he is a fan, but you would probably never know that he was a starting pitcher for the old Shell Oilers semi pro team back in 1947-'51; or that he played some pro and amateur ball before becoming an umpire.

Back when baseball was king at Shell, Bobby and a lot of other employees participated in the semi-pro team which played area teams in the evenings and on Sundays.

"We played 500 baseball then and we won the Post tournament in 1948, beating Victoria and Baytown who were the defending champions," Bobby said.

A lot of his fellow players are still around including Billy Amason, Duke Ellington, Si Gault, Johnny Campo, Hilbert Boer and Malcolm Alston. The team also had Shell Chemical employees as members who were Alan Thurmon, Bill Teleschow, Grover Noonan, Dixon Kirk and Billy Rister. Claude Cassidy and Cleve O'Toole were business managers for several years and the late Sam Costa, Automotive Foreman, managed the team.

"Sam Costa was the driving force behind the team and he even managed to have our ball diamond built," Bobby said. "The diamond used to be on the east side of the Chemical Plant near the highway. There are some spherical tanks there now.

Reminiscing on the 20th year since the demise of the team, Bobby said baseball had been good to him and the team members had enjoyed their activities. "The other teams in our league had an advantage over us, though, because they had lighted stadiums and we had to travel to play them at night. One year we participated in the Brenham tournament and we had to drive 85 miles every night just to play. We made the trips five

times in one week in 1950 and came in second.

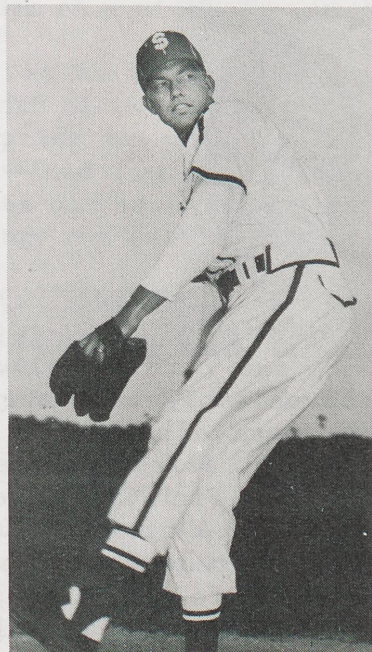
"We even used to play the Norco Refinery team. There was a little competition each year when the host team rolled out the red carpet and treated the other team royally," he said.

Bobby, who signed a pro baseball contract when he was 16 and a student at Stephen F. Austin High School in Houston, played with the New York Giants' farm club team in Bristol, Virginia when he was 17. After he joined the Navy he played some service ball, too. In all the years he played, he usually had a 300 batting average.

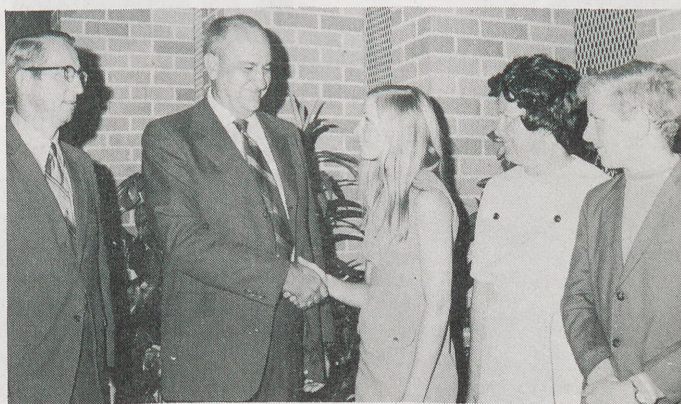
"After our Shell Oilers were disbursed, I went back to amateur ball, My schedule was just as busy," Bobby said.

He pitched about 20 winning games a season. "As I said before, baseball has been good to me. I've played ball all over the country. Everytime we had a championship team we would get more or less of a paid vacation to the site of the playoffs. My wife and I went to games in South Dakota, Battle Creek, Michigan, Wichita, Kansas, and Cushing Oklahoma," he said.

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Schroeder

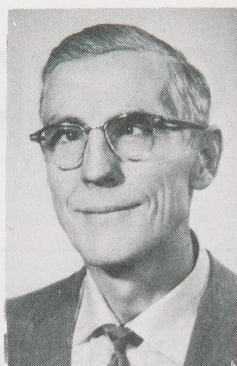


Marilyn Olson, winner of a Shell scholarship is congratulated by M. J. O'Neal, Manager of Chemistry and Physics, Houston Research Laboratory, after he presented the scholarship. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Olson, and Marilyn's younger brother, Eric, were present at the South Houston High School Senior Day. Older brother John won a Shell scholarship in 1969. Marilyn will attend Stanford.

SEVEN EMPLOYEES RETIRE AFTER LONG YEARS OF SERVICE



Clark



Hiett



Macy



Morris



Pearsey



Royall



Tighe

Seven employees retired June 1 after many years of service.

Elmer D. Clark, Engineering Foreman, Engineering Field, retired with 23 years of service. A native of Grapeland, Texas, he had served as a Foreman since 1958. He and his wife Stella Mae, will make their retirement home at 911 Michigan, South Houston.

Thomas "Al" Hiett, Chemist, Refinery Lab, retired with 26 years of company service. He first began working as a Junior Chemist, Research Lab, in 1945. Al, who plans to do

CCU EMPLOYEES HONORED AT PARTY



At the first Cat. Cracking safety dinner were Sharon Oakes, Lynda and Joe Cruz.



Enjoying the evening were Mildred and Earl Childs, Katherine Levy, Travis Archer, retiree Lyman Witt, Nelson King, Tommy Hopkins,



Floyd English, Julie Kuebler, Mildred Childs, D. J. Erickson, Lyman Witt, Larry Durrett and retiree Hunter McFall.

some gardening, and his wife, Zelphia, live at 125 E. T Street, Deer Park.

Frederick D. Macy, Staff Engineer, Industrial Engineering, retired with 36 years of service. He first began working as a Laborer & General Helper at the Refinery in 1935. After serving in operating positions, he became an Engineer in 1945. Fred and his wife, Maurine, will make their retirement home at 661 N. Post Oak Lane, Houston.

Joe J. Morris, Engineering Foreman, Engineering Field retired with 28½ years service to the company. He first became a party chief in 1965 in Engineering Construction moving to Engineering Field in 1966. Joe and his wife, Edna, plan to continue residing at 7634 Azalea, Houston, and later will retire to their farm near Brenham.

Lewis W. Pearsey, Chemist, Refinery Lab, had 40 years of service upon his retirement. He began working as a Trainee at Arkansas City, Kansas, in 1930. In 1938, he transferred to the Houston Refinery as an Analytical Chemist. He and Geraldine, his wife, live at 2505 Broadway, Houston.

Retiring with 26 years service, B. J. Royall, Machinist #1, Engineering Field, bid farewell to his friends last week. He began working at the Refinery in 1944 as a General Helper and Truck Driver, becoming a Machinist #1 in 1949. He and his wife, Vera, will move to their farm at Marble Falls.

Harold F. Tighe, Staff Engineer, Tech, had 27 years of service upon retirement. A native of Martins Ferry, Ohio, he began his career at Wood River and served in Technical positions in Head Office and the Houston Refinery before becoming Manager of Gas and later Thermal Cracking. After several special assignments, he moved to Staff Engineer in 1966. Harold and his wife, Lois, reside at 18100 Nassau Bay Drive, Houston.

GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR DISTINGUISHES FACT FROM FICTION ABOUT OIL

(This continues from last week the comments on fact and fiction about the oil industry by Senior Managing Director of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group, L.E.J. Brouwer.)

"Thirty-three percent of the Royal Dutch shares are held in the Netherlands, 28 percent in the United States, 17 percent in Switzerland and 15 percent in France.

"In the case of 'Shell' Transport and Trading, the UK, as might be expected, preponderates with 94 percent of the shares.

Why Sterling?

"I am sometimes asked? 'Why does Shell continue to keep its central cash reserves in sterling with all the obvious risks and difficulties attached?

"At the end of World War II, when the over-riding Group problem was to find foreign currency, mainly dollars, for rehabilitation, it was plain that while the UK economy was badly knocked, the Dutch economy was shattered.

"An arrangement was therefore made between the UK and the Dutch holding companies within the Group, with the approval of the two governments, whereby the UK Government provided Group companies with the foreign currencies they needed, on the understanding that the Group cash resources would, in the main, be held in London in sterling.

"Under this arrangement we have enjoyed a reasonable degree of freedom."

What Does Balance Sheet Hide?

"I pass on to what is perhaps a more frivolous assertion: that 'the balance sheet hides more than it tells.' It is generally accepted in professional accounting circles that oil companies are traditionally among the frankest in their financial reporting.

"They know they gain considerably by giving full information about their company's affairs so that shareholders and other interested parties can understand and form a balanced judgment on the worth of the investment.

"As far as our own Group is concerned, we are rather proud of the fact that for the third year running Royal Dutch and 'Shell' Transport have won the American Financial Analysts Federation's Awards of Excellence in recognition of our sustained effort to keep the financial community informed."

Political Risks

Brouwer commented that a most respectable progressive economist had professed that, "The excessive power of oil companies enabled them to make their investments with a guaranteed pay-out and no risk." He gave examples to test this statement.

"After 70 years in Indonesia we found it in the early sixties impossible to continue to do business with Sukarno. We left recent investment of several scores of millions of pounds behind, cutting short a pay-out which should have run on for years.

"Yet we returned recently and signed a new exploration agreement; we believe conditions are now such that we can resume where we left off nearly five years ago. Nevertheless such an exploration venture could hardly be called 'an investment with guaranteed pay-out and no risk.'

"One could talk about the loss of our investment in Cuba; or one could point out that a chemical plant in India had a delayed construction and cost us 50 percent more than originally budgeted because of arbitrary changes in agreed local conditions.

"But Nigeria is perhaps the most topical example of the risks inherent in oil investment. It took more than a quarter of a century to develop a major oil province at immense cost. Then, just as the investment was beginning to earn a return for ourselves and income for the government, it was frustrated by the outbreak of a civil war which has not long ended."

Brouwer added that he would like to see a wider recognition of the key role that multinational enterprise can play in world economic development--"and a gradual loosening of the restraints on the free movement of capital, technology and people that impede its progress."

FROM PITCHER TO UMPIRE--

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"Jeannette, my wife, has sat out more ball games than any one I know. She has missed very few of the games I played in, and she never misses any games our sons play," Bobby said.

The Schroeder's oldest son, Russell, 19, is attending the University of Houston on a baseball scholarship.

Schroeder, who admits to being over 40, but who looks 30 or so, has been an umpire in the Houston Baseball Umpires Association for the past 13 years. The group calls games for high school, college, teenage and little league competition.

This week Bobby was calling the Bellaire-Galveston series. "I almost had to spend the night Tuesday because the game went 11 innings," he said. "I still call them as I see them."

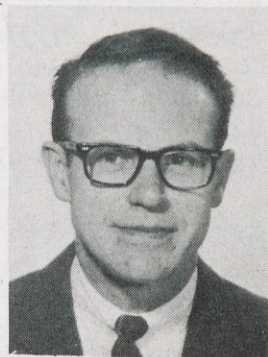
Bobby is an Engineering Foreman, Engineering Field.

M. J. CALLAGHAN ACCEPTS POST AS STAFF RESEARCH ENGINEER

M. J. Callaghan has been named to Staff Research Engineer, Houston Research Laboratory, as announced by J. G. Pratt, Refinery Manager.

The move was effective June 1.

Mike was employed by Shell at the Wilmington Refinery in June 1952 after graduating from Caltech with a BS in chemical engineering. After military leave of absence and completion of graduate work leading to the Ph.D. at Stanford University, he was assigned to Shell Development. He transferred to Head Office in 1966 and moved to Houston Research as a Senior Engineer in 1968. He was on a temporary assignment in Head Office Technological from March to October 1969. Then in June 1970 he was named Research Supervisor at the Houston Research Laboratory at the Houston Refinery.



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4 tires, 8.25x14 whitewall, \$3 ea., 4 for \$10.
Telephone: 479-2241

Registered pointer, good bird dog, male, 2½ months old, good in yard, \$40.
Telephone: 644-6361 after 4:30.

Garage Sale, Sat., June 5, 3515 Cedarcrest, small ornate wood burning stove with hearts on it, \$20; bicycles, \$5 ea.; stage coach trunk, suitable for coffee table, \$25, 4-6' antique shutters, \$3 ea.; child's picnic table, \$15; much miscellaneous.
Telephone: 473-8720

Ossa Stiletto 1971 motorcycle, never raced, must sell, \$725.
Telephone: 747-2146 days, 477-1697 after 4:30

Antique (walnut) four poster bedroom suite, \$100. 1910 RCA record player with original records, \$50. Cut glass bowl, \$30.
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Surfboard, Dave Boyce, 6'3", good condition, \$35.
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PERSONALS

On my retirement, I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to my many friends with Shell Oil Co. for their friendship, cooperation, and courtesies through the years. Thanks for the thoughtful gifts which will always be remembered. Best wishes & good luck to all of you. J. J. "Joe" Morris

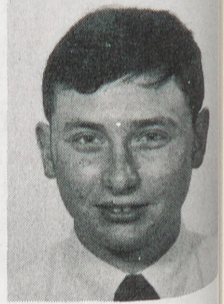
My wife and I wish to thank all of our friends for the nice gifts on my retirement.

1919 West Lake Ben & Lois Royall
R. A. KLEIN MOVES TO WOOD RIVER AS RESEARCH ENGINEER IN LAB

R. A. Klein, presently Research Engineer, Houston Research Laboratory, will be transferred to Wood River Research Laboratory on July 1.

The transfer was announced by J. G. Pratt, Refinery Manager.

Bob obtained his B.S. in chemical engineering at Clarkson College of Technology in June 1969 and joined the Houston Research Laboratory following graduation. He worked awhile in Catalytic Cracking, and has recently been engaged in modeling and calculating cases for processes choice in gasoline of the future.



2703 Oak Dr, Pasadena
NORWOOD ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT, WOOD RIVER MAN TO SUCCEED HIM

B. E. Norwood, Manager Effluent Control, has elected to retire effective September 1, 1971, after 38 years of Shell service.

G. J. Reno, Manager Aromatics, Wood River Refinery, will transfer to the Refinery as Manager, Environmental Conservation, on August 1.

The moves were announced by J. D. Ramsey, Refinery Superintendent.

Ben, who first began working as a Laborer in Engineering Field in 1933, served in operational positions until he became Shift Foreman in the Gas Department in 1942. Later he was assigned to the Tech department in charge of effluent improvement and was made Manager of the new Effluent Control Department in June 1946.

A native of Henderson, Texas, Ben holds a B.A. degree in chemistry from Southwestern University.

