



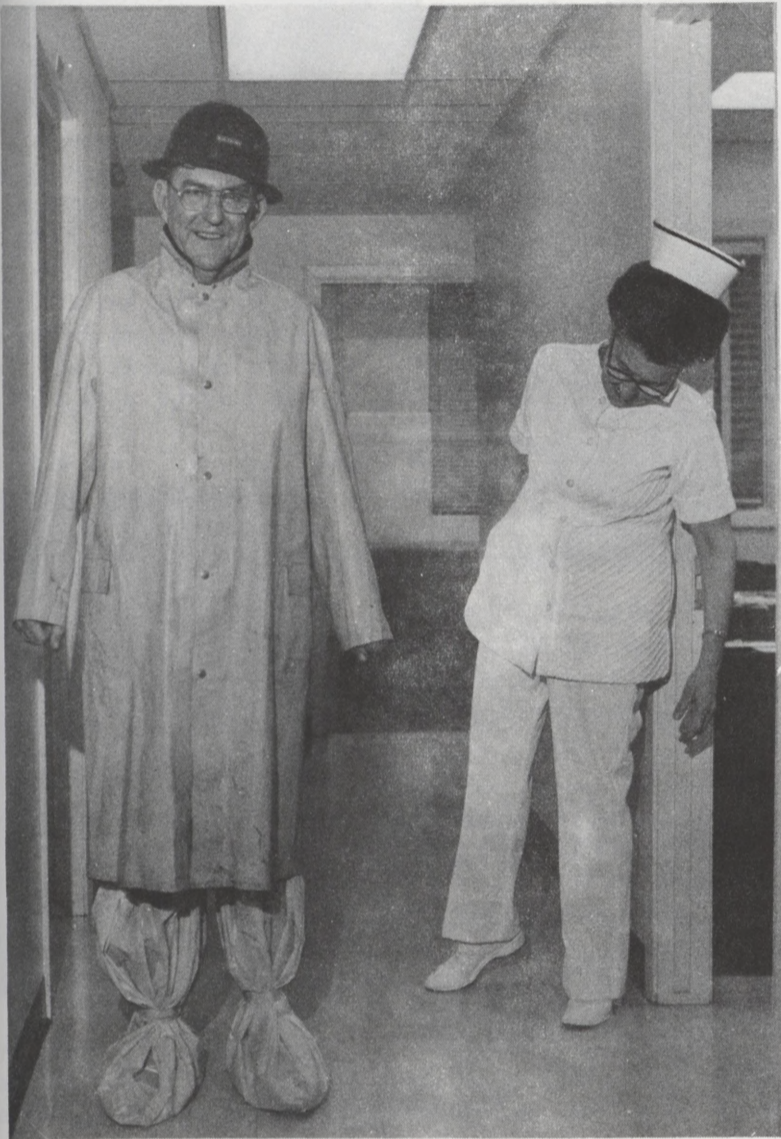
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IT'S RAINING; IT'S POURING



Instrumentman Archie C. Rainey gets a careful once over by Head Nurse Evelyn P. Leamons as he prepared to head for home during the June 9 torrential rains.

It had rained all day and then it continued raining all evening until the streets were flooded preventing many employees from leaving work until the wee hours of the morning; some were forced to spend the night; some spent hours stranded on flooded expressways; and, some employees finally arrived home only to find more water inside.

It was a day not soon to be forgotten by all DPMC employees.

DON LANNING TO REPRESENT DPMC AT OIL SPILL SCHOOL

The warm sun will be a silent observer as students deploying booms and skimmers on a cottonseed spill work up a sweat on Galveston's Pelican Island next week.

They will learn that the physical, hands-on training is hard, but necessary work.

Among the students participating in Texas A&M University's Oil Spill Control School will be Don Lanning, process manager, Docks. Representing oil companies from across the United States and Canada, the students will be in Galveston for five days learning how to prepare for and handle oil spills. In this oil spill demonstration, however, they will use cottonseeds, which spread like oil but do not pollute the water.

The course is planned for people, like Don, who are responsible for training

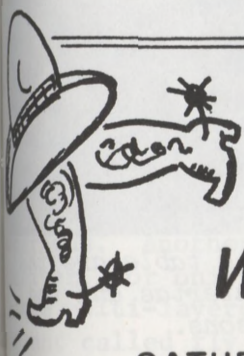
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SESSUMS NAMED "CAJUN FOR THE DAY" AT THE PLANT



David Sessums, instrumentman No. 1, Maintenance Engineering, was presented a large tray of crawfish as he was named "Cajun for the Day" at the plant.

Doing the honors is Peggy Cliburn, a Macke employee. Maybe the next time K. C. Walker, instrumentman No. 1, tells you you've won something, you'll believe him.



SCORA

WESTERN DANCE

SATURDAY, JUNE 21 9 pm - 1 am

REFINERY DOCKS LOADED WITH SHIPS

COMPLEX EMPLOYEES HONORED AT SAFETY PARTIES



Aromatics-West



Bob Ingram lends a helping hand to Leroy Jackson.



Homer Benson and date, Elanor Jones, exchange pleasantries at the Aromatics-West safety party. Getting acquainted are (seated) Gwen and Victor Martin, Valda Hill, Wes Ackerman and Charlie Sparks.

Automotive



Retiree Vic Carney relates some news of days gone by to wife of retiree C. A. Vetter, Iola Eddleman and Marie Carney.



Heading up the chow line are Barbara Ross, date of Willie Hall, Hall, Betty and Marvin Meek and Arvel Stanfield of the Automotive Section.

Mary and Ray Evans prepare to put their name tags on each other.



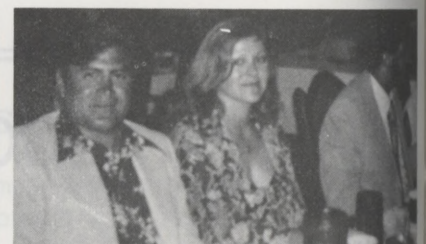
Retiree Tom Reed shakes R. L. Gibson's hand, while in the background Jerry Anderwald, James Coker and Dolores Anderwald become acquainted.

Phenolics

With the bay behind them, Tom and Verna Hogan and Joyce and Ples Ballard are ready to enjoy the salad at the Phenolics safety party.



It was an enjoyable evening for Sonny and Bonnie Waites, Harold and Rose Marsh, and Art and Vicki Clayton.



Sharing a table are the Jake Renterias and the Nat Nelsons.

GOING CAMPING? WATCH OUT FOR POISONOUS PLANTS

Whenever you head for the great out-of-doors, beware of the vegetation - it could be hazardous to your health.

Roasting wieners over a campfire, for instance, calls for a stout twig to use as a skewer. One from an oleander bush could make it your last meal. Even the smoke from burning oleander affects some people and just handling the leaves and branches of this deadly plant can cause dermatitis.

A relative of oleander is hogbane, found in open ground, edges of woods and stream banks. It resembles a milkweed and has a toxic, milky juice.

A single bite of the roots of water hemlock, found in wet, low ground, such as swamps and stream banks, can kill a man by convulsions. It's definitely not the beneficial parsley which it resembles.

Poison hemlock also looks like parsley, but this notorious plant of fields and roadsides lives up to its name by causing fatal paralysis.

Don't add wild hydrangea buds to your outdoor salad, unless you can tolerate cyanide compounds. And don't let your children chew on the acorns of oak trees.

These are edible after much preparation but they have a high tannin content which can cause severe stomach upset. Indians used to remove the outer shell, grind the kernels into meal and leach the meal many times before use.

Horse chestnuts look tempting and Indians also used them for food, but only after leaching to remove the poison. Anyone picking them up for a quick snack can end up with a nervous system affected to the point of paralysis and death.

Young shoots of the horse-tail, a rushlike plant of swamps and stream beds, have been sadly mistaken for wild asparagus. Another toxic deceiver, for onion lovers, is the multi-layered bulb of a plant called fly poison, found in sandy bogs and open

woods. Even handling this plant can cause poisoning, from hands later touching the mouth. Death camass, found in similar areas, also resembles wild onion, yet neither of these plants has an onion smell.

All Texans are fond of bluebonnets, but you should not chew on them. Most lupines, especially the ripe seeds, have some degree of toxic alkaloids which can
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EVERYONE BECAME A WINNER IN ENG. SERVICES



The three winners include John West, Dale Johnson and Jim Moore as they are presented with plaques by Jerry Green.

Late last year there was a failure of 12 percent chrome alloy tubes in the hydro-cracker first-stage heater that caused near panic.

These tubes were not the vanilla type that could be readily purchased; rather, they were made by a special process that involves centrifugal casting.

This meant that a qualified company had to be found which could handle this time-consuming job and deliver them to the DPMC by April 15 - the deadline set.

So, a friendly bet was made in Engineering Services between Jim Moore, manager, and Dale Johnson, senior engineer, as to whether or not the tubes could be delivered in time. Jim bet 10¢ that they wouldn't, and Dale put up 10¢ that they would.

Well, the tubes arrived on April 16, and Jim won the money, but as Dale explains, "The tubes would have made it to the job site by April 15 except a brand new delivery truck broke down enroute and caused the delay."

However when Centrifugal Products, the maker of the tubes, heard about the bet and Dale's bad luck, they de-

cidied to present Dale and the winner with a plaque.

It was John West, engineer, Engineering Services, who sent the two original dimes to Jerry N. Green, sales manager of Centrifugal Products, for putting on the winner's plaque.

As it turned out, everyone became a winner - even John, the sender in of the original dimes - when they were each presented with a plaque.

Don Lanning

others in oil spill procedures. The most important point of the school is that immediate response is necessary to prevent a spill from spreading, and the key to being able to clean up is to have trained personnel pre-selected to do the job immediately.

The course will use Shell materials and acquaint others with the fact that Shell already has the expertise, technology and concern to prevent and clean up oil spills. Two Shell produced movies will be viewed during the course and OIL HERDER^(R), an oil collecting agent, will be used in a demonstration.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

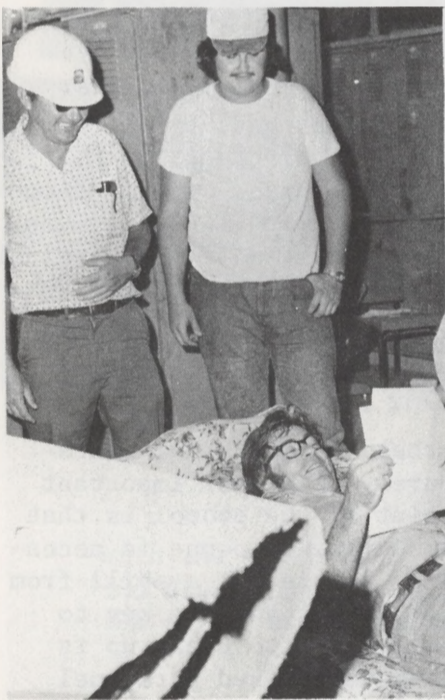
3 bedroom house, central air/heat, aluminum siding, carpet, den, carport, 2-car garage, utility/storage area, large backyard, in Pasadena, \$23,500
472-7009

4 acres on hilltop with water well and large school house (2,736 sq. ft.) on paved highway, beautiful view, located in Praha, Texas, 9 miles west of Schulenburg.
643-0474

8mm camera and projector, Bell and Howell in good condition. \$65 for both. 1969 Plymouth H/T, loaded, good condition. \$895.
455-7393

Wizard 12 hp outboard motor with tank. Needs minor repairs. \$35.
471-0868

AH, JUST WHAT I NEED



"Ah, perfect for a rest," seems to be the thoughts of this employee as he checks out one of the items available to the highest bidder. Fellow employees look on as they contemplate, "How much is it worth?". At any rate, Friday, June 20, is the last day to look items over. All bids must be in Purchasing by June 23 at 1 pm.

1963 Buick Special, 4-door, radio and heater. \$495.
472-8994

Hoover upright vacuum, works fine. \$20. Brass lamp with candle sticks under shade. \$20. Queen floral bedspread in green, gold and beige. \$15. Calico checked curtains, fits 72"x36" window. \$5.
485-5819

Line camper, insulated and paneled, 42" high. \$150.
452-4598

1970 Chrysler 16' boat, 70 hp outboard with electric start, good condition for skiing or fishing.
474-2310

going camping....

cause fatal convulsions. Juices of the common buttercup can injure the digestive system and cause temporary blindness.

Of course, you don't have to step outside your own backyard to encounter dangerous plants. Lilies-of-the-valley, daffodils, mountain laurel, iris and morning glories are just a few of the familiar beauties that can kill. Even in the kitchen, that popular standby the potato has its pitfalls. The "eyes" and sprouts should always be carefully removed.

For those going out in the field, it's especially important to be able to identify which plants can safely be added to the menu. There are many nutritious wild plants, but to prevent much discomfort and possible tragedy, study which is which ahead of time.

1969 Mercedes Benz, 250, 4-door sedan in excellent condition. \$4,500.
488-1627

SUNGLASSES: TO WEAR OR NOT TO WEAR

Do you have trouble seeing when the sun is shining? If you do, wear sunglasses. If you don't, you may seriously impair your ability to see at night.

In fact, three or four hours without good sunglasses on a bright day is likely to reduce by half and possibly by as much as 90 percent your normal night vision. And you can't tell how much less you're seeing. What's worse the effect is relatively long lasting. It takes one week without additional exposure to recover full night vision after a single day in the sun. The effect of a week's exposure lingers for a month.

We shouldn't have to point out how much of a hazard the phenomenon presents to people who work outdoors during the day and drive at night.

Who's the chancetaker?

¿Cuál de estos arriesga un accidente?

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