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## SPRING HAS SPRUNG - PURPLE MARTINS ARE A'COMING



*Spring has sprung, as is evidenced by the spreading oak tree at Chemical Plant. Now is the time to clean out your purple martin house or put a new one up.*

*For story, see page 3.*

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### C. U. TO HOST MEETING

The Shell Refinery Employees Credit Union members will be hosted at a meeting on March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gaines Mason Auditorium of the Deer Park High School on 6th and Ivy.

There will be gifts totaling \$1,000 plus a real-live Indian to entertain you.

So, if you haven't already made plans for the 21st, make it a point to attend the annual meeting.

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### PROVIDENT FUND NEWS

The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

Equities Fund

February 28 - \$2.242

Shell Stock Fund

February 16-28 - \$41.633

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### SHELLEGRAM EDITOR TO TAKE VACATION

Don't look for the SHELLEGRAM next Thursday as it won't be available.

The editor is taking a week off for skiing in Colorado.

The next issue will be published on April 3 and will contain all ads received after March 17.

### SALARY STATIONS UPHELD BY U.S. JUDGE IN FLORIDA

The right of petroleum producers and refineries to operate salary service stations was upheld in late January in a decision rendered in Tallahassee, Florida, by U.S. Circuit Court Judge Ben C. Willis. In so doing, Judge Willis declared a 1974 Florida statute unconstitutional and void and enjoined Florida state officials from taking any action against Shell, Exxon, Phillips and other oil company plaintiffs which had sought a ruling on the statute.

In his review of the statute, Judge Willis ruled

that the retail sale of petroleum products is a legitimate business and that limiting the number of company-operated service stations is in no way related to public safety, health or morals.

He also ruled that legislation discriminatory to one segment of business and beneficial to another segment is not a valid exercise of police power. The state should not arbitrarily interfere in private business nor impose unreasonable and unnecessary restrictions under the guise of protecting the public, he said.

### SLAYMAKER-LEVINE TEAM TOPPED ALL U.S. BRIDGE ENTRIES TO FINISH FIFTH WORLDWIDE

The team of Steve Slaymaker, Refinery Lab, and Joe Levine, Bellaire Research Center, recently topped all United States entries in the Ninth Shell Worldwide Bridge Tournament, scoring 6,454 points to finish fifth.

The Slaymaker-Levine pair had finished second in the Houston tournament, behind Jim Kennell and Al Gaither of Western E&P, who did not

place in the top 50 worldwide. Another Complex employee Oran Wylie, Technical, and his wife finished 29th.

The tournament was won by a pair from Rotterdam, Touset and De Vries. This is the second championship for a Dutch pair, the first coming in 1971.

This year's tournament was played in 26 locations with a record 350 teams competing.



Ovidia Lindsey was bubbling over with joy last week. She had a new crown, a plaque with her name on it and lots of enthusiasm for the upcoming PBX state convention to be held in Galveston next month.



All of this was the result of her being named "Operator of the Year" by the PBX Club of Houston at its 22nd Annual Bosses' Banquet held at the Warwick Hotel on March 7.

An added honor was the presence of her boss E. J. Ulmer, manager, Services.

Ovidia is one of the pleasant voices you hear when calling the Chemical Plant where she has worked for the past three years.

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Dalton R. Smith, pumper in the Dispatching tank farm, recently had one of those "unforgettable vacations."



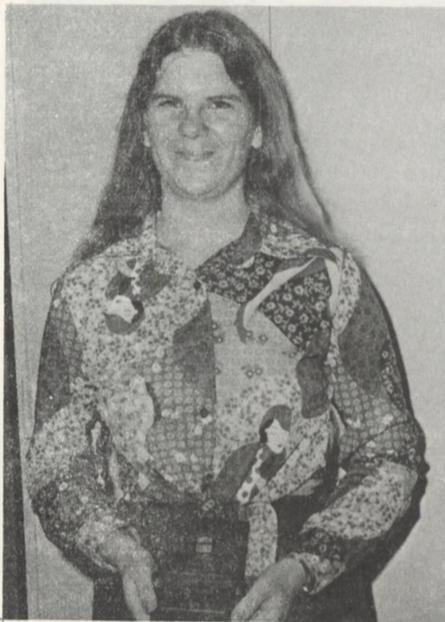
The reason he won't forget is because of the state-record catch he made in Lake Livingston where he "fishes all the time."

Smith was fishing in the Penwaugh Slough area (shown in the background of the above picture) in an alligator bass boat late one afternoon. Just as dusk was approaching, he caught a 22-inch, 10 pound 2 ounce

bass and made Texas Parks and Wildlife history using a chartreuse spinner for bait.

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VOE student Carol Benner is a Deer Park high school senior working at Research as part of the Vocational Office Education program.



Carol's skill in shorthand became evident when she

entered the Area VOE Competition and came out in first place over participants from 24 area high schools.

According to her sponsor Mrs. Steveann Smallwood "It is a very high honor to win in this district and to advance to area competition."

As for Carol, she plans to continue working for Shell after completing high school and looks forward to making the move with Research.

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The Shell sponsored Junior Achievement group that meets in Pasadena was recently named the No. 1 company in the area.

According to Greg Langner, one of the advisors, "This is the first time that a Shell sponsored JA Company in Pasadena has become the No. 1 company in the area."

Other Shell employees serving as advisors include: Bernie Caracena, Accounting and Researchers Thor Hanson, Charlie Bitner, Richard Montgomery and Don Mattern.

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES



40 Years  
L. A. Gruber  
Env. Utilities



25 Years  
L. D. Heinz, Jr.  
Polymers



25 Years  
G. J. Kuntz  
Eng. Field



25 Years  
B. M. Nelson  
"A" Department



25 Years  
B. D. Simpson  
Eng. Services

spring has sprung - purple martins are a'coming

Purple martins are ideal tenants who pay their rent in an unusual way - each bird eats thousands of mosquitos.

Ideally, martin houses should be put up or cleaned in the fall, but if you didn't find the time then, it's not too late to make your preparations now.

The birds are presently winging their way back from South America to look for honeymoon cottages. Some may have already arrived. Their requirements are rigid, so any old bird house won't do.

If you already have a martin house, give it a good cleaning with soap and water, and make sure it is securely fastened to the pole.

If you don't have a martin house and would like one, they are available commercially, or you can build one yourself.

Although some bird lovers have had good success attracting martins with hallowed, long-necked gourds and plastic milk cartons, a house with at least six compartments for nests seems to be the best bet.

Each compartment should be at least 6x6x6 inches, and the openings should be round and not more than 2 1/2 inches in diameter.

The house should be placed in an open area at least 15 feet above the ground. Martins like lots of wide, open spaces free from obstructions such as trees and buildings, and many times failure to attract martins can be attributed to the tight conditions around the house.

Once the nesting season is over, the house should be taken down and cleaned to prevent its use by sparrows or starlings.

In the fall the house should be put back up with the openings closed with tape. The tape should be taken off around the first of March.

Avoid using pesticides in the area since poisoned bugs will poison the martins.

KATHY BEMUS IS DISPATCHING'S NEWEST SWITCHMAN



*Kathy keeps a close watch while giving the signal to pull out.*



*Here she is shown cutting a tank car out so that it can be put on another track.*



*A smiling Kathy prepares to hop aboard for her next assignment in the tank farm.*

"I just wish there was some way I could keep her all the time," says U. M. "Toots" Tomlinson, operating shift foreman in the Dispatching Department about his newest "switchman No. 2" Kathy Bemus.

The praise doesn't stop there. After all, when you have a good worker who isn't afraid of getting their hands dirty, you can easily find lots of nice things to say about them. And, Tomlinson

feels that Kathy is one of the best workers the railroad crew has gotten in years.

Kathy hired in about six months ago and worked as a rackman before going to the Dispatching Department to train for the switchman's job. She finished her three-week break-in Friday, February 28, and now you will spot her somewhere along the railroad tracks lining up tank cars for loading the following day.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

1972 Bonneville Pontiac, very good condition, new steel belted tires, new battery. \$2,495. 339-1656

Winch truck, oil field type Chevy, C-50 with 24' bed, 6-wheel trailer, goose neck type. \$4,250. 339-1656

1972 Yamaha 650, extras. \$850 cash. 477-5562

1967 Ford Ranchero, 6 cyl., standard trans. \$495. 458-2217

1974 Mercury Cougar, 5,500 miles, fully loaded. 472-8143

1965 Pontiac GTO in good condition. \$450. 472-4991

23" console maple TV, b/w, very nice. \$40. 2 1/2 squares of wood shingles, #1. \$60. 473-0707

Whirlpool air conditioner, 1970 model, 23,000 BTU window unit. \$125. 471-5197

Child's GM love seat, like new. \$20. 6-year crib with mattress. \$25. Kenmore automatic sterilizer with bottles. \$5. 474-3892

AKC German shepherd, 7 weeks, female. \$45. 358-3213

1958 Chevy Biscayne 4-door, 6 cylinder. \$100. 644-7173

Equity in 2-bedroom townhouse in Pasadena area, Deer Park schools. Can buy either furnished or unfurnished. 479-7254

12' deep freeze. \$25. 644-7173

Suzuki 750, orange, water-cooled engine, 9,000 miles, new tires, lots of extras. A real bargain at \$1,595. 481-3237

C.B. mobile radio, 3 channel, 8 months old. \$50. 479-2263

Water front lot, 70' on deep water canal at Jamaica Beach in Galveston, easy terms, nothing down if desired. 472-6101

Two large wooded water front lots with a red cedar cabin between Livingston and Woodville. 328-2436 after 6 pm

1973 Honda CT70 trail bike \$200 479-2263

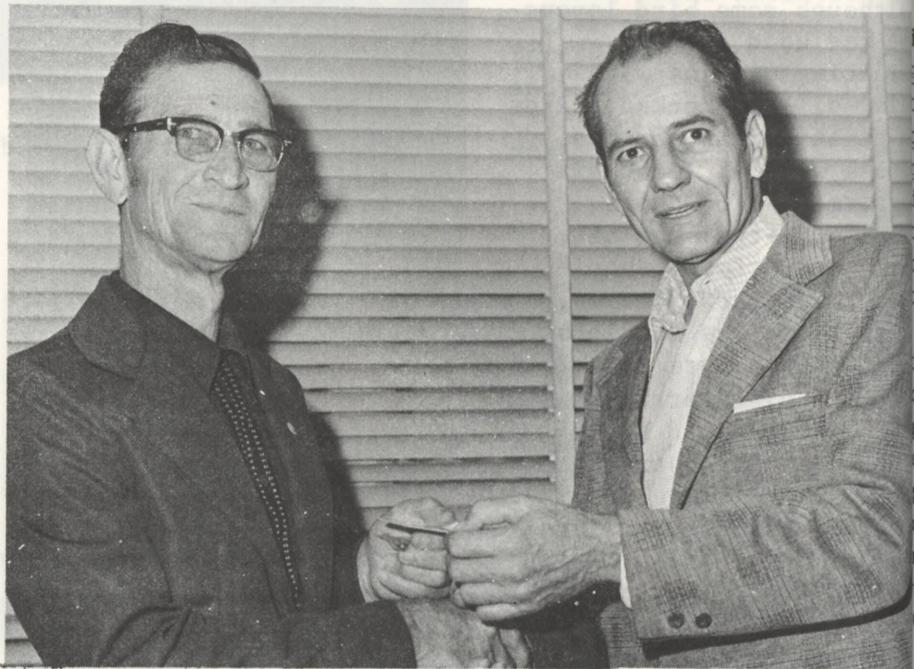
WANTED

9.9 hp Evinrude or Johnson motor. 946-3435

PERSONALS

I want to express my deep appreciation to all Shell employees for my retirement party and gifts. I will certainly miss the great fellowship we shared over the years. We will meet again at various functions throughout the years. - Ray McKenzie

HALL RECEIVES 30-YEAR SAFETY AWARD



A. L. Hall, machinist in Maintenance Engineering, is shown as he receives a 30-year safety award from his supervisor Vic Ashe.



-R. STUBLER-

"I see you got a haircut, Hank?"

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