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Second-Time Around For Long

Services supervisor Bob Long expresses his appreciation upon being named "Boss of the Year" at the Texas PBX Club's 28th annual state convention held in Midland April 19-22.

This is the second time that Bob has been named "Boss of the Year" by the PBXers. Both times were due to his name being submitted for the honor by Ovidia Lindsey, senior clerk, Maintenance North.

Graduates' Issue Information

Information (along with picture of graduate) must be received by the Shellegram office no later than June 1 for inclusion in the July 5 Graduates' Issue.

New Parking Lots, Gates Relieve Crowded Situation

The new resins and olefins parking lots and gates officially open at 6:40 a.m. on Monday, May 21.

The resins parking lot and entrance are to be used by all operators assigned to: Liquid Resins, Solid Resins, Resins Solutions, BPA, Effluent Treaters, Resins Distribution and Site III Distribution. The olefins parking lot and entrance are to be used by all operators assigned to: LO-II, LO-III, Pyrolysis II, Pyrolysis III, BD-HT and Utilities. All other operating and maintenance employees will continue to use their presently assigned gate.

Hourly employees assigned to the new gates will use a new timekeeping procedure, which eliminates time clocks and clock cards. Time sheets

presently completed by each department will continue to be the source document for payroll purposes. These departmental time sheets, however, will be backed up by "white cards," which will be completed by the hourly employee whenever he or she works other than their full, regularly scheduled hours. This new system of time reporting should improve the company's ability to pay employees properly and on time. And, eventually it will be extended to all hourly-paid employees.

In the meantime, the new parking lots and gates should relieve the present crowded situations in the chemical plant parking lots and at its main gate during shift change.

50 Years At Deer Park

Beginning with this issue, the Shellegram will run items printed in previous issues starting with the first issue of Shell Shock dated December 23, 1932. Shell Shock was a semi-monthly newspaper edited by Cortis Lawrence with the part-time assistance of the following staff:

T. G. Elder, staff advisor
Robert Haldane, news editor

H. M. Jones, sports editor
G. P. Williams, humor editor
W. A. Carnahan, artist
George J. Blanyer, photographer
J. W. Killinger, business manager

Then early in 1933, Irvin H. Brackman was added as advertising manager.

Eleven years after the first issue of Shell Shock, its name was changed to the Shellegram and it covered both the chemical plant and the refinery.

After the 1962-63 strike, it changed format and became two newsletters: the Shellegraph for the refinery and the Shell Bulletin for the chemical plant. Then on September 13, 1974, the Shellegram replaced both the Shellegraph

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Motorists Unaware

The Spokesman Review Says

The following editorial, reprinted in its entirety, appeared in the February 16 issue of *The Spokesman Review*:

It is not hard to find critics of the American oil industry. Motorists look at those big black numbers atop the pump every time they buy gas and scream.

If you asked motorists if it were immoral for oil companies to charge such high prices, most would say "Yes." Their answers might differ if they knew what it cost to get a barrel of oil out of the ground.

Shell Oil Company offers a timely example of the costs and risks involved in drilling for oil. Shell reported the other day that it was ceasing offshore drilling operations in the Baltimore Canyon off New Jersey and Delaware.

After a year of intense drilling, Shell had spent \$90 million as its share of the cost to drill three wells that turned out to be "dusters," dry holes. The episode illustrates vividly the difficulties involved in finding new oil and natural gas.

Critics of the oil companies fail to consider a couple of important facts. The first fact is that the nation has used up all of its "easy" reserves. Oil companies have been forced to drill deeper and in higher-risk, out-of-the-way places like the Atlantic Ocean. Offshore drilling is approximately eight times more expensive than onshore drilling.

The second consideration is inflation. Land, labor and materials have skyrocketed in price over the last decade. Ten years ago an oil company could have drilled about 1,000 average onshore wells for what it cost to drill those three dusters.

Provident Fund News

The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

Equities Fund
April 30 - \$2.845

Shell Stock Fund
April 16-30 - \$40.247

Multiply those costs by the number of oil companies and it is not hard to see why gasoline costs more than it used to. Shell joined with more than two dozen other companies, in various combinations, to drill its three wells. Drilling alone came to \$25 million and the cost to lease 12 underwater tracts came to more than \$183 million. Total expenditures came to \$209 million. Shell paid almost half.

A total of nine dry holes has been drilled in the Baltimore Canyon to date. Houston Oil and Natural Gas drilled two of them and four other companies drilled one apiece. The millions add up fast.

If prices at the pump do not go up accordingly, producers have no incentive to keep exploring. As we have said before, we can have the product or the price, but not both.

Summary: There is a shocking lack of information among otherwise well-informed Americans about the extent and nature of our energy problems.



On The Job

"A" Department operator D. L. Dolgner folds up a string of warning flags for storing until needed for another job.

Employee Tidbits

Senior E-R assistant, Scheduling, **Dudley McCarty** says, "I do." Process Engineering secretary **Pat Baird** given pre-nuptial coffee by co-worker **Pat Reeves**.

Maintenance North pipefitter **E. A. Townsend** credits pipefitter foreman **B. Z. O'Briant** with inspiring his men to wear their vest to look their best while doing their best. **Kerry Nation**, E&S, senior clerk, and Norco engineer **E. R. "Ted" Grover**, check out flight schedules between Houston and Norco. Maintenance North garage mechanic **M. H. Nonenmacher** aids a lady in distress. Senior instrument inspector, Process Control-Electrical, **Wally Lawhon** says it's more than a line.

EP operating assistant **Leonard**

Roberts says they went one step further. Maintenance North painter **J. W. Clary**'s knife slips while being sharpened. Engineering foreman, Special Maintenance, **Robert L. Taylor** discovers it snows in May at Marietta Plant. EP-Sulfur operator **C. L. Nickerson** has special project coming up. Retired technologist **Marx Isaacs** was in New Orleans May 12 to receive Tulane diploma in the 50th commencement exercises for the class of '29, complete with cap and gown. Superintendent **Cliff Brown** leaves with empty box. Engineering Support manager **Hank Lewis** retrieves specs. Services senior clerk **Melba Hall** flashes two-and-a-half carats worth of diamond earrings - a gift for Mother's Day from hubby, **Jim**.

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and the Shell Bulletin as the newsletter for the DPMC.

The Year That Was

1969

Queen of the West, Dale Evans shakes refinery manager Leonard T. Wilson's hand at the opening night performance of the 1969 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on February 19. While at the refinery, a Go-Texan menu featured two barbecued meats, potato

Retiree Dies

Archie D. Richards, 73, died May 2. At the time of his retirement in June 1956, he was an assistant manager in Distilling with 30½ years of company service.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, who resides in Coaldale, Colorado.



Richards

salad, slaw, dessert, relishes, coffee, tea or half a pint of milk for the grand sum of six bits (or 75 cents for you dudes).

Shell's Wonderful World of Golf moved into semifinals competition in its \$164,000 international elimination tournament televised Saturdays over the NBC television network.

Chemical plant manager Bill Gabig and refinery manager Leonard Wilson present checks totaling over \$3 million for 1968 to the Harris County Tax Assessor and Collector, Carl Smith.

Carol Lane attends a Tuesday evening buffet dinner party held for the refinery and chemical plant ladies. Miss Lane spoke about vacationing and presented travel tips. She was introduced by refinery superintendent Tom C. Graham.

1959

Credit Union president John Harkness and E. J. Newton, chairman of the construction committee, shared honors in the ground breaking ceremonies on March 11 for the new Credit Union building in Deer Park. Also present for the occasion were David Williams, field representative, Texas Credit Union League; G. F. Breckenridge, manager; C. H. Welch, chemical plant and member of the board of directors; L. V. Ash, chemical plant and a member of the Credit Committee; Dixon Kirk, chemical plant and board member; B. L. Stanley, chemical plant and Credit Committee member; W. H. Berkley, chemical plant and board

member; Robert Maurice, A.I.A., architect for the building; and Vivian Tucker, Credit Union secretary.

Ed Watson, operator No. 1, Lube, was named one of six charter board members of the newly formed Deer Park Chamber of Commerce. Ann Washburn finished with the highest average among the women bowlers hitting the pins at a 161 pace for the entire year. Reba Dugas, with her 156 mark, and Vi Adams, with a 153 average, were next in order among the ladies. The winners of the winning Risers team and their averages were: Reba Dugas 156, Al Dugas 177, Bill Howell 176, Frank Douma 162, Bill Shrode 152, Fred Szopa 140, W. A. Morgan 139, and Kay Shrode 99.

1949

The refinery gets a new gate ending the separation of the east and west properties by different entrances. The new change house will supplement the one now in use and isn't intended as a replacement.

Chemical plant safety record of 1,542,825 manhours was broken on January 11 at 11 p.m. when a pipefitter was hospitalized after being injured by a stream of water, which hit him in the right side, when an adapter coupling blew off from a plug while he and his helper were working on it.

The Refinery Laboratory began testing over 35 different products under the direction of manager J. B. Harkness. The laboratory is air conditioned and houses some 125 employees.



Safety Party Held

Pier 8 was the scene of the Pressure Equipment safety party which included guests: Leroy Abrahamson, Wally Lin, Bob and Joye Eden. Vivian Brassale and Jim Steller. Suzette and Ed Blanc, Rick and Jacque Allsup.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1976 Ford F-150 pickup, custom deluxe 352, P-S-B, air, radio, low mileage, like new. 472-2777

AKC black Lab, 7 months old, all shots, on heart worm prevention, good hips, no over or under bite. \$100. 944-2823

4 lots in South Park Cemetery. \$200 each. 20'x30' cabin on Lake Sam Rayburn, all electric, furnished, two 70'x100' lots, back lot under cultivation, lots of trees. Shown by appointment. 479-2792

Saratoga tops for Corvette. 487-7107

1972 Ford Torino, V8, auto, air, P-S-B. 471-7232

1975 Monte Carlo Chevy, clean, new tires and battery. \$3,000. 946-2770

1976 Winner, open bow trihull, 1977 140 hp Johnson SS prop, speedometer, tach, galv. trailer. \$4,500. 471-7232

Two 15x8.5 U.S. Indy mags with new tires for Dodge or Chevrolet. \$100. 482-5011

½ acre in Goodrich, north Polk Co. \$4,995. Acre in Waller Co., black top street, 248' frontage. \$8,500. Acre in Montgomery Co., black top street. \$9,600. 477-8467

Antique wood and glass pay phone booth, A-1 shape. 643-4883

1978 Chevy Blazer, P-W-L, AM-FM tape, tilt wheel, cruise, 20,500 miles, excellent condition. \$8,500. 258-5011

1964 MGB convertible, mint condition. \$2,500 or best offer. 941-6996

25'' console color TV, Early American wooden cabinet, shutter-type doors, excellent condition. \$285. 644-0133

Orange daylilies. 20 cents each. 471-5365

1975 Chevrolet Caprice Classic, loaded, all electric, cruise. 1971 VW sedan, new tires, clean. 941-0108

1977 LTD Ford, Landau roof, P-S-B, air, AM-FM radio, 351 V-8, 26,000 miles. \$4,000. 488-8972 after 5 p.m.

1966 4-door Chevrolet, good tires. \$350. 476-4828

1978 Travel Trailer 20' Prowler, used 4 times, features added, fully self-contained, full bath, outside awning, large L.P. tanks. \$5,000. 476-4828

1977 Buick Century stationwagon, Firethorn metallic paint, stereo, cruise, 21,000 miles. \$4,500. 333-2041

1973 Ford Custom 500, power, air, radio, burns regular, good condition. 981-7793 or 776-3886

1966 Chevy Nova SS, 283 CID, auto, new duals, good condition. \$1,200. 479-4979

1971 Super Beetle VW, newly rebuilt engine, excellent condition. \$4,000. 479-3058

1975 Plymouth Valiant Custom, air, auto, 42,000 miles, excellent condition. 923-4921

15½' Low Boy trailer, electric brakes and springs. \$725. 1938 John Deere tractor, runs but needs work. \$425. 471-1527

1975 Ford PU, V8 390 Ranger XLT. \$3,200. 487-3704

15' Hilton Chapparral, 13'' wheel galvanized trailer, 1977 model. \$1,000. 472-5988

1975 Ford Granada 4-door, 6 cyl., standard, air. \$1,700. 944-2295

New Fiat stationwagon shocks. \$10 each. 13'' window wipers. \$1.00. 471-5365

WANT TO BUY

Wicker chair with ottoman or rocker with loose cushions suitable for reupholstering. 482-5011

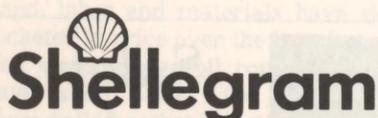
Hide-a-bed, traditional style suitable for reupholstering. 471-5365

FREE

2½ year old Pomeranian male, excellent companionship. 475-8770 after 5 p.m.

FOUND

Master key. Claim in room 151 of refinery administration building.



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