

## He Ain't Nothin' But A Rock Hound

Pete Highnote "ain't nothin' but a rock hound." He and his wife, Barbra, dig rocks. And you would, too, once you saw the hidden beauty of parrot wing agate from Mexico, colony coral from Illinois or green moss agate from the Big Bend area.

### Wait Worth It

Rocks are like diamonds in the rough. Their beauty is revealed to the seeker only after days of polishing. To the Highnotes, the wait is worth it. Barbra proudly wears the jewelry Pete has fashioned for her from rocks they've dug over the past three years.

It's difficult to believe that they dug the many rocks in their collection over a mere three years. But they did. Of course, there are a few rocks in their collection which were gotten by trading or buying. Like the time Barbra decided she wanted some orange rock jewelry. She related her desire to another rock hound who, after a thoughtful moment and a brief search, handed her a colony coral rock from the Mississippi river bed. When polished, colony coral becomes a lovely shade of orange. Out of that gift of colony coral, Pete made Barbra a necklace, bracelet, earrings and a ring.

### Not Always Successful

Not every polishing experience is successful. Take the time Pete put three pounds of obsidian rocks (or Apache tears) into his tumbler. After weeks, then months of tumbling, the rocks still had white marks on them. They were soft. And although the tumbling was polishing them, Pete discovered that it was also chipping them. So, he put cornmeal into the tumbler. The cornmeal fermented and blew the



Pete Highnote, senior inspector, Engineering Services, digs rocks. Some of them are displayed in this converted gun case mounted in the Highnotes' hallway.

end out of his tumbler. It was his one and only attempt at using cornmeal.

And the remaining Apache tears are kept sentimentally in a box.

### Digging Is Work

Digging for rocks is always work. Sometimes, though, it is less work than at other times. For example, the Highnotes got lost on the Dugway Mis-

sle Range. Try as they did they couldn't figure out where to go digging. Finally they spotted a couple digging and stopped to ask where they should dig. The couple offered them their spot as they were about to leave. In a mere one-and-a-half hours, the Highnotes found several large geodes. "It was the easiest dig we ever had," smiled Bar-

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## Total UW Contributions

Chemical - \$44,298

Complex - \$36,468

Refinery - \$55,475



## Employees Retire From Complex

**James L. Bishop**, 65, retired with 31 years of company service. At the time of his retirement, he was a lab assistant in Quality Control.

James and his wife, Billie, make their home at 201 West 7th Street in Deer Park.

**Robert W. Dawson**, 60, retired as an operator No. 1 in Lubricating Oils with 25 years of company service.

He and his wife, Helen, reside at 3115 Hayes in Pasadena.

**Carroll H. Fleming**, 54, retired with 29 years of company service. At the time of his retirement, he was an operator No. 1-shift foreman in Phenol A.

He and his wife, Doris Evelyn, reside at 2121 Chestnut Lane in Pasadena.

**Ken W. Greene**, 52, retired as a zone foreman in Maintenance South with 29 years of company service.

He and his wife, Barbara Ellen, reside at 3110 Abby in Deer Park.

**Milo M. Muscarello**, 63, retired as an instrumentman No. 1 in Maintenance North with 28 years of company service.

Milo and his wife, Margaret, reside at 5509 Bobolink in Houston.

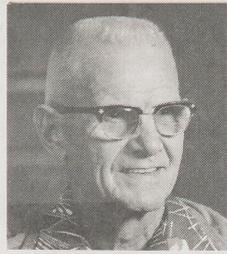
**Adrian E. Stockton**, 60, retired as a sergeant in Security, with 22 years of company service.

He and his wife, Margaret, make their home at 2402 Rosemead in Pasadena.

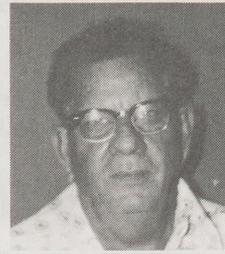
**Eugene J. Vollers**, 64, retired as an operations foreman in Solvents and Treating with 41 years of company service. He makes his home at 6726 Linden in Houston.

**Mike J. Woody**, 62, retired as an operations foreman in Lubricating Oils with 42 years of company service.

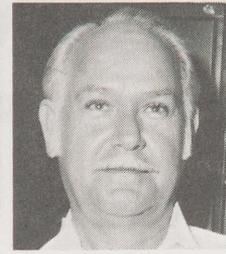
He and his wife, Winnie, make their home at 315 South Spooner in Pasadena.



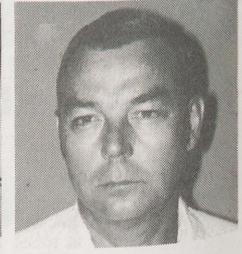
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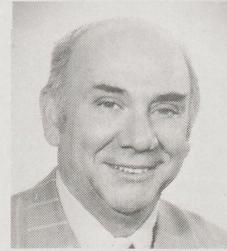
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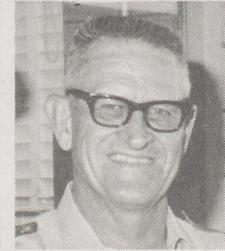
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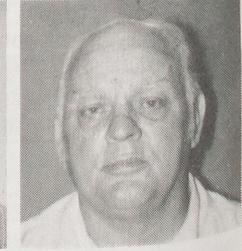
Muscarello



Stockton



Vollers



Woody

## Chappell And Edwards Recognized By Their Peers

Two employees received public recognition for their fire fighting contributions. They are Safety supervisor **Odis Chappell** and mechanical inspector **Fred Edwards**.

Fred was named Firefighter of the Week by the **Bayshore Sun** in recognition of his service to the La Porte Volunteer Firefighters Association. He has served the association for the past seven years and is currently its president.

The **Deer Park Progress** recently paid tribute to Odis Chappell for his outstanding contributions to the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department over the past 25 years.

When Odis became a volunteer fireman in 1952, the department had one truck. It now has 23 units and plans for another fire station to be located near Underwood Road.

Named fire chief in 1964, Odis served his community in that capacity until his recent retirement from the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department.

Over the past 25 years Odis has received numerous commendations and honors and has held the offices of president of the State Firemen's and Fire Marshall's Association, president of the Gulf Coast Firemen's Association, president of the Tri-Rivers Firemen's Association, and vice-president of the Harris County Fire Fighters Association.

Odis feels having a volunteer department is beneficial because volunteers want to learn and do learn every position in the department, where paid firemen only learn the responsibilities of the position for which they were employed.

## Purchasing-Material Control Honored At Safety Party



Visiting with long-time friends during the Purchasing-Material Control safety party were Joe and Barbara Lee, Helen Garrett, Melba Hartman, June McKinney, Debbie and Charlie Stevens, Mary and Toby Essary. Lynette Burks places a name tag on Gene Mechura's jacket while his wife, Ruth, looks on.

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bra. Then Pete related the Big Horn Range dig where they were 26 miles from the nearest road in the Wild Horse Mesa area. Although the mesa is home for herds of wild horses, few people ever see them. Pete and Barbra dug all that first afternoon, ate and decided to spend the night and dig again the next day.

That was a mistake. During the night the rain came. Morning arrived and the rain continued. Concerned that the ledge on which they were camping might give way and fall into the canyon below, Pete decided to head for the road.

As he started up their four-wheel drive truck, he noticed a small wild horse on the precarious path leading to the road. Pete couldn't risk looking for

its herd but told Barbra to look for it. Her efforts were rewarded when she spotted the herd down in the canyon..

Although it took seven trips through a carwash to get the mud off their camper truck, it won't prevent them from making more digs. After all, they're nothin but rock hounds.

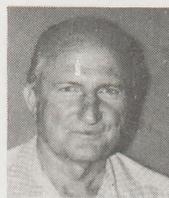


Pete and Barbra Highnote enjoy wearing rock jewelry. Here Barbra wears pieces Pete made for her from rhodochrosite. This particular rock comes from Madagascar. He also made the tie and belt buckle he is wearing.



This is just a sample of the fruits of Pete's love affair with rocks. He enjoys polishing and mounting them for his wife, children and grandchildren. He sometimes sells pieces of his work, but only when asked. He isn't in it for the money, but for the joy of it.

## Retirees Die



DARBY

WINGFIELD

Wade Wingfield, 64, died October 7. Wade retired in April 1973 as a wax helper in Lubricating Oils.

At the time of his retirement, he had 26 years of company service.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Johnson Funeral Home with burial in Paradise South.

Wade is survived by his wife, Martha, who resides at 4134 South Acres Drive in Houston.

Otis L. Darby, 61, died October 15. At the time of his retirement in May 1977, Otis was an operator No. 1 in "C" Operations with 28 years of company service.

Funeral services were held at the Shiro Presbyterian Church with burial in Shiro Cemetery.

Otis is survived by his wife, Geraldine, who resides in Shiro, Texas.

## Service Anniversaries



40 Years  
E. R. Johnson  
Maintenance North



40 Years  
P. E. Williams  
Dispatching



35 Years  
W. H. Berkley  
Maintenance South



35 Years  
R. R. Crawford  
Maintenance North



35 Years  
C. H. Rogers  
Maintenance South



30 Years  
J. P. Batton  
General Acctg.



30 Years  
L. E. Bigham  
Recovery



30 Years  
P. E. Carter  
Dispatching



30 Years  
J. Ford  
Lube C



30 Years  
E. C. Fowler  
Maintenance North



30 Years  
B. J. Glasscock  
Auditing



30 Years  
W. H. Probst  
Maintenance South



30 Years  
W. E. Sherman  
Maintenance South



30 Years  
L. R. Villenez  
Instrumentation



25 Years  
W. Chamblee  
Thermal Cracking



25 Years  
M. B. Milburn  
Dispatching



25 Years  
R. L. Wege  
Process Engrg.-East



## SCORA Events

SCORA winner of the Cowboy-Redskin raffle drawing was V. Joyce Butler, operator A, Phenol. Joyce received two free tickets to the October game which will be played in Dallas.

Winner of the last raffle drawing, Sandra Bradbury, Employee Relations assistant, drew the winning raffle ticket out of a hardhat held by Tony Pyer, senior accounting assistant, E&S.

# Classifieds

## FOR SALE

1976 Charger S.E. 360 V-8, 2 bbl., Landau vinyl top, wire wheels, console, bucket seats. 645-7119

1969 Plymouth 4-door, air, auto, radio, new battery, good tires. 472-7054

1975 Mustang Ghia, auto, V-8, 302, air, P-S-B, AM-FM 8-track, vinyl roof. \$3,395. 471-7588

1975 Mercury Monarch 4-door, 18,000 miles, 360V, very clean. \$2,600. 464-5716

1972 Buick Riviera, full power, cruise control, auto, air, AM-FM stereo, mint condition. 692-1698 or 694-6704

17' classic Chris Craft mahogany run-about, 283 Chevy V-8, Sportsman trailer. 424-4345

1976 Chrysler Cordova, loaded, 26,000 miles, \$4,800 firm. 481-4352

1975 Chevy van, mag wheels, side pipes, carpet and insulation, Craig stereo, P-S-B, air. 783-6245

1967 Chevy Impala 2-door, air, auto. \$550. 487-4430

1975 Yamaha RD350, like new, 4,400 miles. \$700. 472-4976

1976 GMC 3/4 ton Fleet side long bed, V-8, 250, 18,000 miles, 4WD, 4-speed, air, radio, P-B. \$4,300. 643-2930

1976 Suzuki 380 A, sissy bar, windshield, highway bar with segs, excellent running condition, low mileage. \$1,195 or make offer. 458-2299

1976 15' trihull, Del Magic, 50 hp Mercury, less than 20 hours running time, Deluxe interior, walk-thru windshield, 2 6-gallon tanks, drive on pads, big wheel tilt trailer, plus other accessories. \$2,500 minimum or best offer. 479-6527

Electric oven, new, excellent condition. 488-3314

Antique high back, claw foot piano stool, good condition. \$125. 479-7603 evenings.

10" radial arm saw, Sears Craftsman. \$150. 455-0056

Rolleiflex 2 1/4" x 2 1/4", 3.5, 75 mm coupled meter. \$200. 487-0546

Pine bunk beds and mattresses, like new. \$160. Double bed and mattress, Spanish. \$75. Green recliner, vinyl. \$35. 2 Spanish end tables. \$20. Color TV, Silvertone console, doesn't work. \$25. 479-8955 after 5 p.m.

1976 Aspen stationwagon, special edition, air, P-S-B, cruise control, tilt wheel, AM-FM stereo. 452-0768 after 5 p.m.

3-2-2 house on corner lot at 6327 Bramley in Pasadena. \$37,500. 487-0977

## GARAGE SALE

Sofas, chairs, dining room set, color TV's, Schwinn 10-speed man's bike, bicycle built for 2, antiques and lots more. 726 Columbia Lane in College Park. 479-2700

## FOR LEASE

3-2-2 home with 20' x 21' game room up. Option to buy in Kirkwood South. 473-6503

## WANTED

35 or 40 sheets of used corrugated iron. 453-7439

## FOUND

Eyeglasses, light brown frame in Resins trailer. Call Susan on 7537.

Glasses in brown TSO case. Claim in room 151 Refinery Administration.

## PERSONALS

I want to thank you for the gifts and lunch which you gave me. I shall always cherish the years of fellowship I enjoyed at Shell. Drop by anytime for a visit.

-J. W. "Jake" Williams

Thanks for memories of 30 years of association with Shell employees. Thanks for the presents and plaque from close associates. Thanks to those who came to see me off to retirement.

- Jim Bishop

My sincere thanks to each and everyone for your sympathy after the death of my father. The flowers and cards were deeply appreciated by every member of the family. Thanks again to a wonderful group of people.

-Annie Reed



"You and those assembly line ideas you picked up at the plant!"



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