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## EMPLOYEES HAVE COMMON BOND - A FAMOUS ANCESTOR

Have you ever wondered whether you are a descendant of George Washington or Rudolph Valentino?

If you have, you might be interested to know about three DPMC employees who are direct descendants of such notables as William Jennings Bryan, a famous orator and candidate for the U.S. presidency against William McKinley, and William Bradford, second signer of The Compact, the first democratic constitution in America and one of the first pilgrims to land in our new country.

Employee Relations' L. J. Hallmark, a third generation descendant of William Jennings Bryan, has this to say about his scholarly ancestor, "Although I never met him, my Aunt Bill of Austin is very active in restoring the childhood home and birthplace of Bryan, who was very much respected within the community."

Wilbur E. Jensen and Paul Bradford are descendants of William Bradford, who lived some 350 years ago. There exists a book compiled by Ellery Kirke Taylor and published December 1951 entitled, "Welcome Englishmen." The book covers 330 years of the Bradford family history and contains Mayflower lineage charts and a roster of revolutionary soldiers.

Wilbur is a special tester in the Refinery Lab, and Paul was recently transferred from Wood River to process manager of Cat. Cracking.

Wilbur, owner of "Welcome Englishman", enjoys sharing the many stories recorded in the book on his ancestry.

It's real interesting, he notes as it shows we go back to the beginning of this country.

Wilbur is related to William Bradford through his mother, Mary Adeline Bradford, while Paul traces his



*Paul Bradford (left) and Wilbur Jensen share some of their family history. This was the first meeting of the two employees who are both related to William Bradford, one of the first pilgrims to land in our new country.*

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relationship through his father, Bertram Cullen Bradford.

Jimmy Hallmark is re-

lated through his mother, Bertha Viola Bryan Hallmark, to William Jennings Bryan.

## MANY CHANGES AHEAD UNDER METRICATION

When most of us were school children, we learned, by rote, that water freezes at 32 degrees Fahrenheit. In many grade schools today, children are learning - more easily and logically - that the freezing point is zero degrees Celsius.

That's a sign of the times, because the United States is now converting to the metric system of measurement - making millimeters, meters, kilometers, grams and Celsius a reality. On December 23, 1975, President Ford signed the Metric Conversion Act and committed the United States to a voluntary program of increased metric usage.

Gradually, over the years ahead, length will no longer be measured in yards, but in meters. A two-pound bag of

sugar will become one kilogram, which is just under 2¼ pounds. Volume will be measured in liters, not ounces, pints, quarts, and gallons. Speed limit signs will warn of maximum kilometers per hour. Hence, 50 kph will replace 30 mph.

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## PROVIDENT FUND NEWS

The following is the Provident Fund valuation:

Equities Fund

September 30 - \$2.704

Shell Stock Fund

September 16-30 - \$74.803

### Many changes ahead under metrication....

highways are concerned, the age of metrication is already upon us. Ohio erected dual signs as early as 1973. Thirteen other states carry speed limit and distance signs in metrics. North Dakota has passed legislation for the use of metric signs in state parks, and Kansas has passed legislation for metric highway signs. And a resolution passed in Sunrise, Florida, proclaimed the metric system as the official system of weights and measures in the city.

The move to metrication also will mean changes around the home. A cake recipe might call for 100 grams of butter, 100 grams of sugar, 150 grams of flour and an oven temperature of 190 degrees Celsius. When buying sheets for a single bed, you will purchase sheets measuring 175 centimeters by 260 centimeters (175cm x 260cm) or double-bed sheets at 230cm x 260cm.

When buying clothes, a man with a 42-inch chest will need to find a jacket marked 107cm. A women's dimensions of 36-24-36 will become 92cm-61cm-92cm. And if you wear a size-seven shoe, your foot is approximately 250 millimeters long and 92 millimeters wide - try that one on for size.

### RULES FOR SUBMITTING ADS

Readers are reminded of the rules for submitting ads for free publication in the *Shellegram*.

- Ads are published for complex employees, pensioners and families only. Advertiser must be owner and not agent or dealer.

- All ads must be submitted in writing stating item, price, advertiser's name and home telephone number. Forms are available at the receptionist's desk and the *Shellegram* office.

- Deadline for submitting ads is Monday.

- Mail ads to the *Shellegram* or bring them to Room 103, Main Office Annex.

### OPERATORS COMPLETE PHASE IV TRAINING PROGRAM

During the past two and a half months 38 operators have completed Phase IV of the Operators Training Program, a self-development study to increase the operator's understanding of the many varied and responsible aspects of being an operator in the DPMC.

Of these 38 operators nine were from Pyrolysis. They included: M. Rodriguez, K. W. Jones, D. M. Hatch, T. E. Allen, V. T. Little, W. L. Wright, T. D. Eaton, J. D. Felix and B. A. Garcia.

Utilities had six including: A. L. Eaton, J. R. Trejo, M. J. Dumesnil, J. C. Peebles, G. T. Brothers and L. W. Williams.

Olefins and Solvents had four complete the training. They included: H. B. Brown, G. Hancock, W. L. Harbuck and W. C. Simmons.

The three from Major Resins were D. Supak, R. S. Bewley and D. O. Norris.

BDU had three: R. W. Hamilton, E. L. Carpenter and W. E. Wade.

The remaining 13 included B. W. McCowen, Aromatics-West; S. P. James, Specialties; G. S. Merritt, "G" Department; B. L. Williams, Aromatics-West; R. D. Wood, Thermal Cracking; M. L. Corron, Light Olefins; S. O.

Cordier, "A" Department; J. H. Milson, Utilities; C. L. Porter, Hydrocracking; L. J. Rawlinson, Lube A; W. J. Holmes, "E" Operations; C. D. Dodson, "G" Department; and S. R. Stephens, Olefins.

### STUDENT NURSES TOUR COMPLEX



*Nurse Madge Arnold explains the responsibilities of and equipment used by industrial nurses at the complex to 20 Saint Thomas nursing students.*

*The sophomores were on a 2-hour tour of the complex as part of their exposure to nursing in industry.*

### SESSION 82 OPERATORS UNDERGO TRAINING



*Session 82 of the Operators' Fundamentals course included the following participants:*

*Kneeling, instructor Pete Fletcher, Darrell Mayfield, James Taylor and Daniel Lopez.*

*Standing, Bob McCracken, Jim Paar, Annetta Searls, Vickie Schmelzle, Tyrone Chenevert and John Calvillo.*

**GET IN SHAPE FOR HUNTING SEASON**

Eleven months of the year the Texas sportsman sits behind a desk, smokes too much, gets very little exercise and battles an ever-expanding waistline.

His only outing is on the deer lease in November where he huffs and puffs all day long and collapses exhausted in the top bunk each night.

The white-tailed deer he pursues has a better chance of survival than an out-of-shape hunter.

Most hunters take better care of their equipment than themselves. And this season will be the last for some sportsmen who are carried home by hunting companions - victims of heart attacks.

The best insurance against a heart attack is to keep physically fit throughout the year.

Slim and trim officials at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recommend bicycling, hiking, jogging and swimming for staying in shape during the year. But someone who works in an office all year should not wait until October to start on a program of exercise.

Anyone over 30 or who has

a history of heart trouble should consult a physician before starting any exercise regimen.

He - or she, women are not immune to heart attacks - should start out with 10 minutes per day of strenuous physical activity to cause the heart to beat faster than normal.

After two or three weeks of exercising, increase the time to 20 minutes per day.

A half hour per day four or five times a week usually is enough to condition the cardiovascular system and keep the average hunter fit enough to handle the combination of physical work and the excitement of the hunt.

**C. U. DECLARES BONUS DIVIDEND**

The Credit Union board of directors has announced a bonus of one-half percent dividend to be paid to Credit Union members' accounts for the fourth quarter of 1976.

The 6½ percent dividend for the fourth quarter will be credited to accounts on January 1, 1977.

The board wishes to remind you that all shares on deposit by the first of any month earn dividends for that month provided they are left on deposit until the end of the month.

The Credit Union has been giving a 6 percent dividend on a quarterly basis.

**IT COULD AND DID HAPPEN**

It happened to Shell and it could happen to you.

It arrived without comment in a bag of "uncollectables" from Shell's accounting department. The "it" was a pair of women's panties with a check form printed on their light blue backside. According to a *Chronicle* news item, the panty-check for \$10.85, drawn on a California bank, was endorsed and made payable to Shell Oil Company.

Although the panties say "100 percent cotton," the check is negotiable if there's enough money in the account.

Bank officials weren't too happy with the irregular check form, but they said the panties will be cashed in California and credited to Shell's account.

If the buttons on H. W. "Duke" Ellington's shirt seem about to pop, there's a good reason. His teenage son, Doug, was judged a winner - not once, but three times at



the Pasadena Rodeo Fat Stock Show held a couple of weeks ago in Harris County.

Not only did Doug win first place in the weight division with his 950-pound steer out of 24 entries, he also took first place in the same division with his 98-pound sheep out of 56 entries. To top it off, he placed first in showmanship in the lamb category.

The wins brought young Doug \$6,537.50 of which \$6,237.50 was for his steer and the remaining

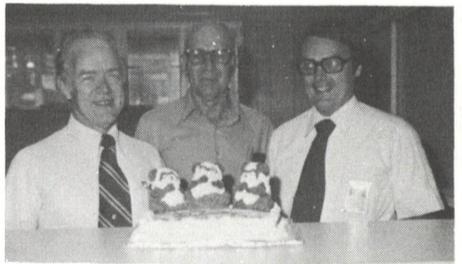
\$300 for his sheep.

Since Doug wasn't one of the six to catch a calf in this year's calf scramble, he will concentrate his efforts on raising a hog, a sheep, some rabbits and a turkey for next year's Pasadena Rodeo Fat Stock Show.

Proud papa Duke works in Engineering Field.

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In East Operations a party was held to wish a Happy



Birthday to Paul Bradford, Lester Havard and Arthur Washburn (pictured above).

The orange cake, baked and decorated by Imogene Byrd, was a delight to behold. It featured Paul, Lester and Arthur as three little bears.

The little bear cakes were set aside for the fellows to take home, but the sheetcake beneath them was shared by all those present.

It was yummy good, too....



## CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

1957 Chevrolet, original owner, excellent condition. 487-0361

Two overhead garage doors with rails and hardware, good condition. \$30 each. 452-0768

Astro Craft camper shell, fits mini trucks. \$125. 487-2522

35mm single reflex camera by Ricon, 50mm and 200mm lens, carrying case and lens cover. \$200. 771-9692

Crescent 10-speed racing bicycle with book rack, water bottle, racing gears, like new. \$75. 771-9692

16' Skamper camper trailer, sleeps 4 adults, 2 children, air conditioned. \$1,650. 479-2948

1971 Honda, new tires and battery, saddle bags, many extras. \$850. 479-6195 (8 am-4 pm only)

New Caney lot, 1½ acre on creek, in Tanglewood Manor subdivision. \$4,500. 479-6195 (8 am-4 pm only)

16' Lone Star fiberglass boat, 65 hp Mercury motor, big wheel trailer. \$750. 487-3574

Pinto 23 channel citizen's band radio with PA system, side mount, antenna, flip-flop mount for antenna, PA speaker, 4 months old. \$135. 645-1206 before 9 pm

Two 12" tires for Toyota, etc., good tread. 473-3249

Federal PA-15 siren, horn and 4 grill lights. \$100. 427-5971

AKC registered, silver and apricot miniature 8-week poodles, have shots, wormed. \$100. 946-2990

1973 Plymouth stationwagon, 9-passengers, P/S, P/B, radial tires, A/C. \$1,200. 487-1469 after 7 pm

1972 Dodge Tradesman van, V-8, LWB, A/A, AM/FM w/tape deck, mags, side pipes, custom interior. \$2,175 balance with payments of \$89.68. 472-0145

4-2-2 house in College Park (Deer Park), living room, cathedral ceiling in panelled den, carpeted, covered patio, fenced yard, drapes, new central heating unit, clean. 479-7015

3-2-2 house in Deer Park, dining and living rooms, den with fireplace, all built-ins. Equity or new loan. 479-6066 or 479-2071

1975 Buick Century, blue and white 4-door, low mileage, P/B, tilt steering wheel, AM radio, 3 speakers, hide-away antenna and radial tires. \$3,650. 523-5969

Two unmatched overhead garage doors. \$35 and \$25. Apt. couch. \$15. 479-1338

Kenmore 2-cycle clothes dryer, 110-120 volts, like new. \$75. 479-1135

Unisonic stereo systems, AM/FM FM-MPX, BSR turntable, 8-track stereo, 2 speakers, digital alarm clock, one year old. 645-1206 before 9 pm

Custom tuxedo chair, almost new, soft grey velvet with spring seat and down back cushion. \$175. 645-1206 before 9 pm

1973 Chevy Caprice, all power and air, new tires and battery, 47,000 miles. 944-9064

750 Honda '74 model, 7,000 miles, customized paint and other extras. Make offer. 643-3041

WANTED

Riders to join carpool from Nassau Bay to the complex. 333-3439

Ride or carpool from Spring Branch area to refinery. 468-1304

FOUND

Tan/grey soft leather glove for man's left hand. Claim in *Shellegram* office or call 6301.

PERSONALS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my friends and co-workers at Shell Chemical for their kind thoughts in our time of sorrow.

- B. H. McAdams family

**DID YOU KNOW THAT...**

Every man, woman and child in the United States - some 215 million people, uses more than three gallons of oil and nearly 250 cubic feet of natural gas daily, the American Petroleum Institute reports.

Profits on the sale of a gallon of petroleum products are probably lower than the average American thinks. The American Institute says that so far this year, the nation's 25 largest oil companies reported that they earned between 1.4 cents and three cents per gallon.

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