

# Shellegram

## Deer Park Manufacturing Complex

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### U.S. ADOPTS METRICATION, SHELL REVIEWS SITUATION

When President Ford signed the Metric Conversion Act on December 23, 1975, he committed the United States to a voluntary program of increased metric usage. The familiar mile, yard, quart and ounce will soon become kilometer, meter, liter and gram. Since no time limit was set for the conversion of the imperial system of measurement to the metric system, the changeover will not occur overnight. Conversion will be gradual, like the process of evolution. Even so, it's inter-

esting to note that a recent offshore lease sale was conducted not in acres, but in hectares.

The act establishes a 17-member U.S. Metric Board, to be appointed by the president, to assist in planning and coordinating the changeover. Although Shell has no formal metric committee, the

responsibility for keeping track of metric developments falls with Shell's engineering council.

R. G. Jobe, Construction Relations and Engineering, is Shell's metric expert of sorts. Jobe is responsible for working with inside and outside metric planning or-  
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### U of H ANNOUNCES WEEKEND PROGRAM

A new weekend program for college credit will be offered this fall in the College of Social Sciences at the University of Houston Central Campus. This program, designated as the Saturday Scholar Program, should be an unusual experience in community and family education.

The program will include introductory courses in anthropology, sociology, political science and psychology. High school seniors, their parents, other interested adults and students currently enrolled at the University of Houston are invited to enroll in one of these courses, which will offer academic credit that can be utilized at the University of Houston and other accredited institutions in the country.

Classes will be taught by members of the University of Houston faculty and will be held each Saturday, beginning September 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Tuition and fees will cost \$103. Scholarship funds are available.

More details and registration information can be obtained from Dean David Gottlieb, College of Social Sciences, by calling 749-4171.

### TEN-AND-OVER PLANNING UNDERWAY



Leonard McNeill, Executive Club owner, and L. J. Hallmark, Ten-and-Over Committee Chairman, take a break in their planning of the menu for the Ten-and-Over parties to be held on October 2 (for the refinery) and October 16 (for the chemical plant). The parties will be held in La Porte's air-conditioned Sylvan Beach Pavilion located on Galveston Bay.

Invitations for the upcoming events will be mailed to the homes of all eligible employees and retirees this month.

## 123 OPERATORS COMPLETE PHASE IV OF TRAINING PROGRAM

As of the first of August, 123 operators from throughout the complex had completed Phase IV of the Operators Training Program, notes training supervisor Jack Werner.

Of these 123 operators, 16 were from Utilities and 11 were from Specialties.

Those from Utilities included: R. A. Wood, J. J. Hollis, J. M. Lopez, K. G. Knight, O. H. Boggs, J. T. Corley, H. W. Stepp, E. C. Ashley, E. L. Williams, E. P. Cashat, W. L. Clark, M. E. Parrish, W. I. Dodson, H. Miller, L. J. Scott and F. Billings.

Specialties participants included: C. D. Gallops, A. W. Fink, J. R. Enderli, S. E. Files, A. Rodriguez, R. R. Goode, D. L. Thrapp, L. L. Butler, G. C. Roeder, H. Rivera and D. E. Buster.

Distilling had 11 operators participate, including M. G. Eberhardt, R. D. Elder, W. L. Edwards, J. W. Balch, W. D. Marriott, M. G. Brisco, J. A. Gibson, J. F. Chargois, A. B. Manuel, O. J. Heard and D. W. Garner.

Another department with

11 participants was Olefins/Pyrolysis. They were represented by: G. A. Persons, O. T. Vega, D. F. Netek, M. D. Krouse, R. P. Sanford, J. R. Ramsey, K. D. Yielding, J. C. Carroll, G. W. Schaefer, R. L. Cook and J. T. Blackstock. Hydrocracking operators included: C. O'Gilvie, R. D. Boren, R. J. Falks, G. A. Havens, J. M. McKinney, R. L. Hairgrove, D. W. Mills, W. P. Bourland and W. E. Thumann for a total of nine.

Departments "S" Specialties and Cat. Reforming each had eight operators complete the Phase IV portion of the training. From "S" Specialties were: L. E. O Shea, A. Salinas, L. V. Culbertson, H. Perez, W. A. Sheppard, W. C. Ubersnosky, J. W. Morris and L. V. McQueen.

Cat. Reforming operators included: G. M. Daniel, J. F. Delozier, F. N. Stephens, F. Berg, F. Saucillo, R. P. Haskins, B. Heying and M. Garcia, Jr.

CA "G" and Lube C have had six operators complete the training.

CA "G" operators included: C. S. Kirkland, J. C. McCurdy, R. Wechterhiser, G. L. Roberts, A. E. Brown and C. A. Wesley.

Lube C operators included:

E. Burke, T. R. Byrd, A. K. Carter, J. M. Cathey, E. J. Van Loo and C. W. Weaver.

Other departments were represented as follows:

"A" Department with J. R. Cravey, B. C. Hardy, J. L. Turner, J. E. Terrell and H. B. Brown.

Major Resins with P. A. Ortiz, M. T. Erving, R. E. Hendricks and M. W. Livanec.

Gas Recovery with L. D. Brunner, J. H. Griffin, N. F. Wolfe and F. D. Dismuke.

Aromatics-East with H. N. Harrell, W. J. Mullen and J. L. Randle.

BPA with V. K. Mabry. Alkylation with K. W. Snipes.

Solvents & Treating with S. D. Willis.

Thermal Cracking with J. L. Batis and B. Manzanales.

EP with J. W. Ashe and Aromatics-West with W. R. Ackerman.

BA/EA with L. D. Howerton, G. R. Villarreal, M. A. Wolters and J. L. Schubert.

"G" VCM operators trained were D. W. Bergeron, L. W. Norman, V. J. Rebeck and D. Buckles.

EP/SR with L. E. Woods and W. R. Bartz.

Lube B with C. R. Allen and Lube A with L. Jackson.

Cat. Cracking with A. J. Colca and L. I. Riley.



Randee Rothman wishes to remind all Oiler and Cowboy fans that the bus will leave the refinery parking lot this Saturday, September 4, at 1:30 p.m.

You are to bring your own sack lunch, but ice and setups will be provided on the bus, according to SCORA flyers.

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The Shell Travel Group invites you on a Christmas shopping spree to Laredo on November 6-7.

The fee will be \$35 per member and a \$10 deposit must be turned in by September 15 with the balance due by October 15.

For more information contact Marlene Romero, Room 3C04 at the Information Center. All deposits should also be sent to Marlene, along with the form on page 3.

## AUGUST 15-20 PRINCIPLES OF SUPERVISION CLASS HELD



The August 15-20 Principles of Supervision class included the following participants:

Kneeling are H. Woodard, L. D. Scarbrough, W. L. Shedelbower, E. M. Ratley, H. J. Farmer, J. B. Whitehead and K. D. Benjamin.

Standing are O. Holbrook, O. L. Wilson, D. D. Jones, C. W. Posern, G. H. Cook, H. M. Theiler, W. V. Hurston, J. C. Barrs, C. L. Lively, G. O. Williams, D. S. Smith and D. W. Stewart.

**U. S. adopts metrication, Shell reviews situation....**

ganizations and considering their impact on Shell's engineering activities.

Jobe says, "There will be a time, not before 1980, when all suppliers of petroleum will be selling gasoline in liters. This means Shell and other industries must prepare to change everything from gasoline pumps to bookkeeping. The whole system will change."

In view of this fact, D. T. Waldo, Retail and Commercial Engineering, made a preliminary draft of the future requirements for Shell. In his report, Waldo noted several reasons why the United States has voluntarily decided to make the change. Among the most important is that by January 1, 1978, all members of the European Common Market will be transacting their business in the metric system. Waldo also notes that the metric system is easier to understand and work with.

The metric system has been adopted as a standard by most of the countries that conduct business with the U.S. In fact, the U.S. is one of only a few countries that has not converted to the metric system. According to the British Metrication Board, only five countries aren't metric or going metric: Brunei, Burma, Liberia, the Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

The American Petroleum Institute (API) fully supports metrication and recommends that a 10-year time period be established for conversion by government and industry. Jobe says that the process will be slow since there is no clear economic incentive to convert. But he notes that metrication can lead to direct savings and marketing opportunities which result from international standardization and interchangeability of parts and components in many industries.

**RETIREE CASAS DIES**

Retired truck driver No. 1 Jose Casas died August 26.

Jose left Engineering Field in December 1972 after some 37 years of company service.

Funeral services were held at the Blessed Sacrament Church in Houston.

Jose is survived by his wife, Beatrice, who resides at 6944 Avenue P in Houston.



**NURSE AVERY SPENDS LONG CHANGE IN HAWAII**

If you're ever at a loss about how to spend a long change, consider Nurse Rita Avery's solution. Take a trip to Hawaii.

True, it's a long way to go to get away from the everyday, run-of-the-mill scenery, but the view in Hawaii is fantastic! While the grass continues to grow

in Houston - even without the aid of rain - you could be flying high over the deep, blue Pacific.

Rita left Friday, August 20, with her sons, Gary and Gene. Gary's wife and two children also made the trip.

They arrived in Hawaii that afternoon and found time during their stay to tour the island of Oahu, visiting Pearl Harbor and most of the beaches. On a visit to a Polynesian village, they found the dancing and dinner very similar to SCORA's recent luau.

Another sight-seeing venture took them to the multi-level Ala Mona Shopping Center, which Rita reports as being one of the biggest in the United States. Then, they visited the International Market with its many shops and restaurants. This is where Rita fell and bruised her knee, requiring a trip to the Queens Medical Center for treatment on her very last day.

Rita returned to Houston August 25 and reported to work on the 4x12 shift that same afternoon.

According to Rita, Hawaii is paradise and everything seems to grow there. "It looks like paradise," says Rita, "It really does."

A trip to paradise over a long change could be beneficial to most of us - especially if we had a son, like Rita's Gary, working for one of the major airlines servicing the island.

**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.



SINCE CAR POOLING I'VE BEEN ABLE TO BUY A FEW THINGS I WANTED AND SAVE TOO

RESERVATIONS TO LAREDO

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER OF \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT REMITTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYEE # \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM OCCUPANTS \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM REQUIREMENTS: Twin \_\_\_\_\_ Double \_\_\_\_\_ Twin Double \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASSIFIEDS**FOR SALE

1975 Oldsmobile Starfire GT,  
231 V6 engine, A/C, AM-FM  
stereo, mag wheels, 4 new  
steel belted radials, excel-  
lent condition.  
479-7436 after 4 pm

1968 Chevy Malibu, auto, air,  
stereo-tape, new tires and  
paint.  
333-2533

1966 Pontiac Catalina Ventura  
4-door sedan, all power.  
radio, A/C, vinyl interior,  
389 engine, good work car.  
472-0018

1969 Fire-engine red VW.  
excellent condition. \$800.  
473-5169

1971 Chevy 6 van, LWB, new  
6-ply radial tires, new  
paint inside and out.  
\$1,350 firm.  
941-0349

1974 Gremlin, 6 cyl 258,  
A/C, radio, new tires, shocks,  
brakes, battery and starter.  
\$1,600.  
944-3545

1976 Harley Davidson Electra  
Glide, full dress, red, trim-  
med in white, less than 1,500  
miles, some extras.  
477-2978

1974 15' Eldo-Craft bass boat  
with 45 hp Chrysler troll  
motor and depth finder,  
excellent condition. \$1,800.  
473-5030

Small furnished cabin on  $\frac{1}{2}$   
acre in Porter area. \$5,000.  
473-4616 after 4:30 pm

Waterfront lot with 30'  
mobile home, all electric,  
air, carport and all-weather  
cover over mobile home, 20'  
lighted pier, storage build-  
ing, easy access to Intra-  
coastal canal at Sargent,  
Texas. \$3,750.  
477-1878

Apache tent trailer, sleeps  
4, table and storage com-  
partments. \$350.  
452-0768

25-volume Encyclopedia,  
excellent condition. \$80.  
472-1862

Six spaces in South Memorial  
Park Resurrection Cemetery.  
479-2082

Silver male toy poodle, 1  
year old, needs grooming.  
\$30.  
474-3910

3-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2, 1427 Kappa, Pasadena,  
4 years old, carpet, central  
air and heat, brick, fence.  
\$30,000 or \$12,500 equity and  
payments of \$168. By appoint-  
ment.  
487-0638

Honda 350-4, luggage rack,  
Hooker pipes, other extras,  
low mileage, very clean.  
\$695 or best offer.  
479-8370

Beef for your freezer, fed  
120 days on Purina grain,  
cattle complete.  
921-1338

Custom made surfboard, like  
new. \$120.  
333-2533

1973 Bultaco 125cc motor-  
cycle, Motor Cross Pursang,  
better than new, raced once,  
stored last 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  years, see at  
902 Norwood Street, Deer  
Park. \$800 firm.  
479-4764

2 acres north of Cleveland on  
FM-1725, road on 2 sides,  
fence on other 2 sides.  
\$6,000 or best offer.  
476-5142

Cobra 89 base station with  
super scanner, 50' telepole  
and coax.  
485-5250

Lortone lapidary saw and  
polisher, 6" model LU6 with  
motor and table, used once.  
665-0323

Reynolds trumpet, 1 year  
old. \$100.  
479-7078

WANTED

German Shephard for good  
home with fenced yard  
466-6096

WANT TO RENT

3-bedroom house, prefer Deer  
Park school district.  
487-3649 after 4:30 pm  
433-3872

PERSONALS

I want to express my deepest  
appreciation to my fellow  
workers and friends for their  
donations, calls, flowers in  
our time of need. We are  
deeply grateful. God bless  
you

- Paul & Carolyn Graham

I would like to take this  
opportunity to thank all of  
you for the wonderful gifts  
presented to me and Dien at  
my recent retirement party.  
Imagine us gently rocking on  
our new gliding lawn bench,  
I with my beautiful wrist-  
watch and Dien with her  
lovely new earrings! With  
these much appreciated  
gifts, we will forever re-  
member our many good friends  
at Shell. In particular  
those in "good old" A De-  
partment. I am very happy  
that another gift for Dien  
got misplaced somewhere.  
Really, a work order ticket  
book, to put me to work on  
all kinds of high priority  
chores around our new home  
in LaGrange, would have  
been too much for me emo-  
tionally. From now on I  
can only accept No. 4 prior-  
ity jobs, except where it  
concerns putting out the  
the welcome mat. So please  
come to see us soon in our  
new "mountain home!!"  
- Jan & Dien Talen

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