

Remain Calm

Medical Attention Is On The Way

A co-worker collapses unexpectedly. A valve explodes spewing hot liquid on a maintenance crew working nearby. These are emergency situations requiring medical attention.

What should you do?

First of all, remain calm. Dial 6333 for emergency medical assistance. When the nurse answers, give your name and precise location. Provide the number injured and type of injury involved, such as four employees with cuts and burns. Or, two men injured; one with a crushed chest and both with cuts.

**above all,
remain calm**

Be specific. Instead of saying CA or DU, say Caustic Alkaline Plant or Distilling Unit 1. Indicate exact location, such as Cuastic Alkaline Plant control house or north of the Distilling Unit control house.

**don't
hang up**

Don't hang up! Give the nurse a chance to confirm the information.

"Although the ambulance can get anywhere within the complex in a matter of minutes," said head nurse Evelyn Leamons, "it really helps when precise information is provided to the medical staff on duty."

stay on the phone

Don't assume the nurse knows where the G area group eats lunch. Provide them with the precise description of the location and then wait until they confirm that the information is clear.

If someone else is available, ask them to meet the ambulance on the main road near the accident so that the medi-

cal team can be taken immediately to those injured.

"When you remain calm," says Dr. David Miller, "others have a tendency

**medical team
will arrive soon**

to remain calm as well. Make the injured as comfortable as possible without moving them any more than is necessary. The medical team will arrive within minutes of your call and be equipped to handle the situation as you have reported it."

Operators Complete Self-Development Course

In an effort to increase their awareness of the many varied and responsible aspects of being an operator here at the DPMC, the following operators have completed a self-development study:

R. Malveaux, D. M. Vogt, R. Espinosa, E. E. Rogers, G. C. Goff, B. McElroy and I. R. Gallegos of Utilities.

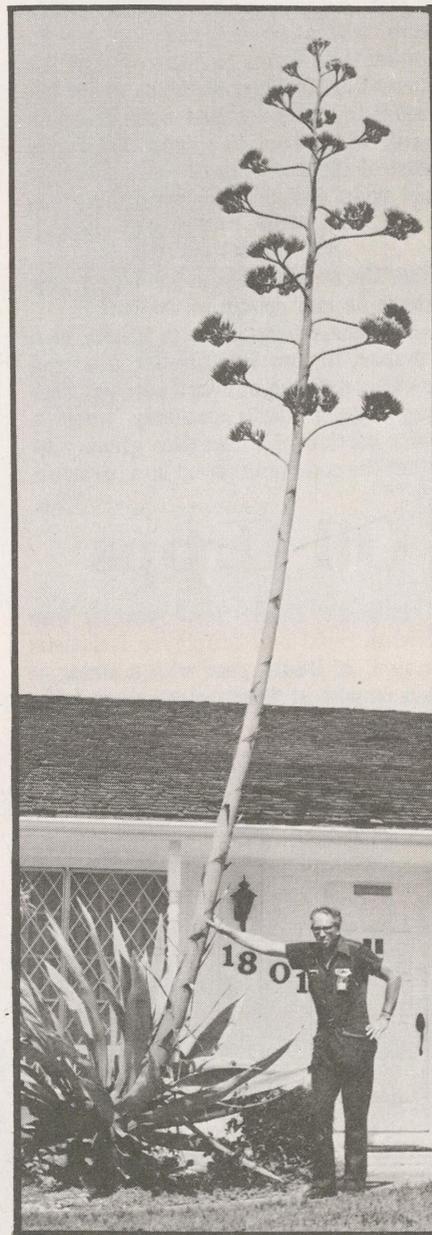
VCM operators, F. E. Jeager, L. W. Clark, G. M. Wike and R. Barraza.

O. H. Campbell, R. D. Crawford and S. H. Oliphant of Major Resins.

P. Poole, C. C. Servance and R. Araiza of Aromatics-East.

J. K. Land and R. E. Hoffman from CA.

Other operators included W. H. Garringer, G Department; E. Tamez, BD; J. W. McKinney, A Department; D. L. Pradia, EP-SR; J. T. Cleveland, Light Olefins; and R. G. Hamilton, BA-EA.



Twenty eight feet tall and still growing, the 12-year-old century plant in front of A. J. "Hoss" Jordan's Baytown home is about to burst forth in bloom.

Its blooming will be Hoss' reward for keeping it intact all these years in spite of wifely encouragement to dig it up.

Hoss is a Maintenance South craft foreman.

Swimmers Should Know About Tides And Currents

A prerequisite to swimming safely in the Gulf surf is an understanding of the water and its movements. Even if it seems still on the surface, there is constant, strong motion beneath.

Wind action, pushing waves onto the beach at an angle, causes a current called a set or drift, running parallel to the beach. Sometimes the drift is extremely fast and may carry a swimmer far from where he entered the water. Rather than trying to swim against the current, which is only tiring, swim across it to the beach and walk back, or continue parallel to it and the shore. Most of the currents are only 10 to 20 feet wide and parallel swimming en-

swim across,

not against current

ables the swimmer to reach safe water where he can return to the beach.

In areas where there is a hole in a sandbar, the water will rush seaward creating a strong outward current. This may happen quite suddenly when a weak portion of a sandbar gives way under the constant motion and pressure

of the surf. In such cases, the swimmer can swim parallel or just relax and let the current carry him seaward until it dissipates and he can swim freely back to the beach.

Such currents usually may be spotted from the beach by the surface motion. There may be small, choppy

don't panic

waves in a criss-cross pattern running perpendicular to the beach, or they may be of a different color with bits of grass or other debris flowing toward open water.

Strong rip currents can start very near the beach and normally are caused by land depressions between breaking waves. After the wave breaks, the returning water will rush seaward along the depression. Rip currents may not be very wide nor long, but may easily create panic in a swimmer and carry him quickly to deeper water, if he does not have any knowledge of them.

Some of the stronger rip currents are formed along obstructions that extend into the Gulf from the beach, such as a

jetty, pier or maybe even a beached shrimp boat. The jetty rip is quite dangerous and for this reason swimming usually is prohibited in these areas.

Perhaps the most common current is the undertow. This is created when the surf breaks on beaches, then water rushes rapidly seaward pulled by gravity. The feeling of an undertow can be experienced by standing in the surf's edge at almost any beach.

As the water rushes out in a strong undertow, it washes the sand from around a person's feet and sometimes

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loss of balance**

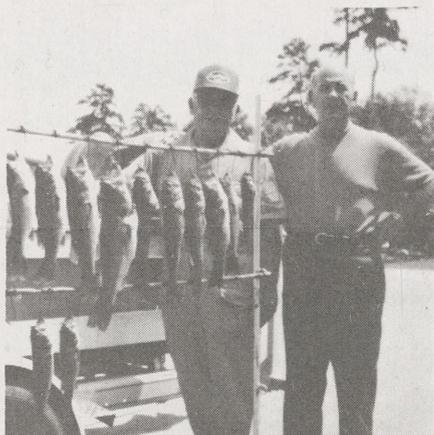
causes loss of balance. If the swimmer or wader is in an area where the surf is breaking, a wave may crash down directly on top of him. The weight of the water is heavy and dangerous.

There are some areas on the South Padre Island beach where breakers and undertow may create frequent problems, but the more gentle beaches of the Texas coast are not consistently hazardous. However, any beach can be dangerous at any time depending on the water conditions and the caution exercised by the swimmer or wader.

Swimmers do not need to be unduly afraid of the currents, but should respect the water and not be careless. It is important to remember not to fight any sudden current nor to swim against it. A swimmer should move with or across it until the pull decreases enough to free him so he can return to the beach.

Oil Drops

Retired G Department operator **Ray Denson** (left) and Employee Relations analyst **Al Dugas** pose with a string of fish caught at Ray's place near Lake Rayburn.



Al says, "Ray would love to have anyone from Shell, especially his old friends in G Department, give him a call or come by his home in Broadus for a visit and to do some real fishing."

Former Purchasing analyst **J. L. Blake** has done a bit of traveling since leaving the complex. He spent two months training in Louisiana and four months in California for the San Pedro Bay drilling startup before being assigned as a storekeeper in Yakutat,

Alaska.

He's done all this and still maintained his home in Pasadena, Texas.

How? By commuting the 4,000-mile trip every other week leaving Pasadena on Wednesday afternoon and arriving in Yakutat 24 hours later.

That is a long commute. Yet J. L. says, "My wife and I figured out that over a comparable two-week period of driving back and forth, and counting waking hours, I actually spend 35 hours more at home now than when I worked downtown."

Jerri Dromgoole, supervisor office support, Services, reports a busy ball season for the Dromgoole household.

Everyone in the family was involved.

Husband, E. W., assisted the Yankees, a T-ball team on which five-year-old John served as bat boy. The Yankees beat the American League team for city champs after placing first in their National League Division.

Thirteen-year-old Lisa played on the Hornets, first-place winners in Deer Park, while 11-year-old Julie's team, the Tigerettes, placed second.

Jerri's role was as team mother for Lisa's team.

The family's total number of trophies for the season was six.

Not bad for a five-member family.

Scora News

It's a Roller Skating Party for the whole family on Wednesday, August 10, from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., at Skateworld, 410 South Pasadena Blvd. in Deer Park.

Cost per member is \$1.00; per guest, \$1.25.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Halloween Fun-for-All to be held October 8 at the Community Center in Deer Park. Anyone willing to help with the talent show, games, booths, baking cupcakes or cookies should call R. G. Dewey on 476-7303.

Provident Fund News

The Provident Fund valuation is as follows:

EQUITIES FUND

July 15 - \$2.553

SHELL STOCK FUND

July 1-15 - \$35.682

Phenol-Acetone operators trained

Fifty-five DPMC employees recently completed a special six-week Operator Training Course in preparation for their assignments as operators in the new Phenol-Acetone Plant.

The training involved classroom and

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complete 6-week
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on-the-unit instruction. The operators studied the plant's process and equipment, safety, emergency procedures, environmental protection and industrial hygiene.

The operators continue to enhance their familiarity with the equipment while preparing the plant for operation. They have been performing tasks, such as pressure testing equipment, putting

**one of the largest
plants of its kind**

utility systems into operation and commissioning certain parts of the plant which have been completed.

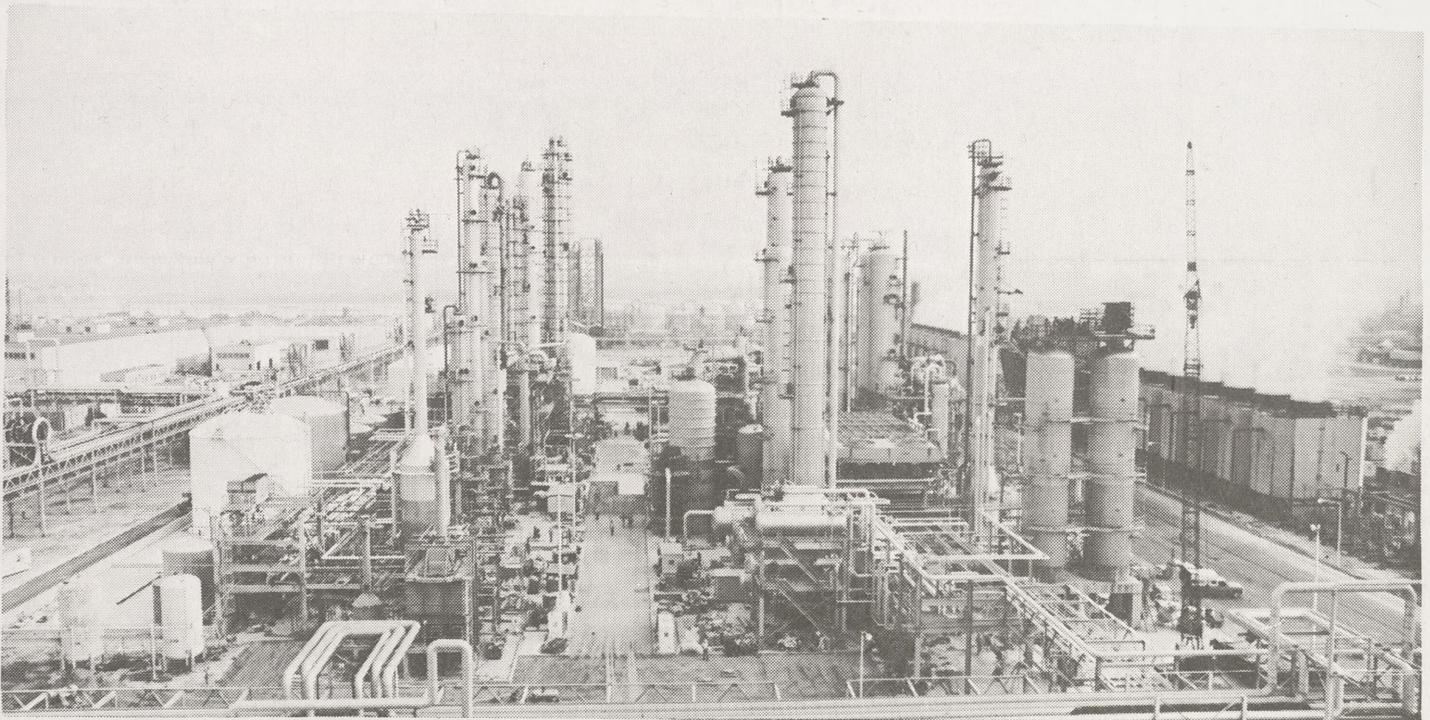
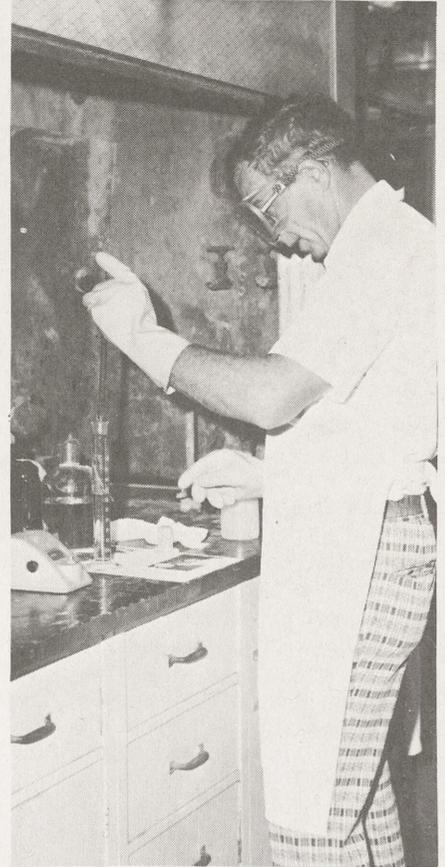
The Phenol-Acetone Plant will be the

first major production unit to be completed in Shell's multi-million dollar expansion program. The new facility is scheduled to be completed this summer and be in full operation this fall. It will be one of the largest plants of its kind in the world with a capacity to produce 500 million pounds of phenol and 300 million pounds of acetone yearly.

Bob Webster, operator in the Phenol B Department of the soon-to-come-on-stream Phenol-Acetone Plant, performs the Mesityl Oxide purity test for finished phenol.

Bob's instructor was **Kent Gillum**, a senior lab technician in the Refinery Laboratory.

Phenol is an intermediate chemical used in the production of epoxy resins. It is used also to manufacture products, such as wood preservatives, photographic developers dyes and a variety of antiseptic items. Acetone is widely used as an individual solvent and chemical intermediate.



The almost completed Phenol-Acetone Plant will be the first major production unit in Shell's multi-million dollar expansion program at the DPMC to go onstream.



CELEBRANTS at the Automotive safety party were: Standing, John Kindla and Jerry Davis; seated, clockwise, are Jerry and Delores Anderwald, Peggy Davis, Allen Livanec, Roselie and Milton Nonenmacher. Iola and Charlie Eddleman join Virgil Smith and his daughter. In the background is Ralph Cawfield.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

Tota II portable toilet, like new. \$55. 944-2623

3-piece Early American bedroom set with box springs and mattress. \$500. Beige tweed Herculon living room set. \$300. Patio sliding door. \$25. 476-4297

Two green swag lamps, new. \$20 each. Heavy Spanish triple dresser with two mirrors, fruitwood, excellent condition. \$200. 472-0762

1975 Shasta 18½' travel trailer, self-contained, sleeps 6, roof air, awning, very good condition. \$4,300 or best offer. 458-2217

1968 VW, radio, good condition. \$500 or make offer. 479-3961

50 acres in East Texas. \$450 per acre. 487-2634

1970 Pontiac LeMans 2-door, auto, air, power, great shape. \$850. 944-1853

1962 4-door Chevrolet 6 cylinder, new paint. \$375. 944-6556

First Flight irons, 2 to 9, plus Bristol sand wedge, 1970 model, good shape \$75. 643-0361

1970 Dodge pickup, excellent condition, FM-tape player and 6 channel C.B. \$1,000. 476-5142

1974 Corvette 350, automatic, power windows, air, tilt and telescopic steering wheel, T-top, leather interior, AM-FM stereo, new engine. 328-2719

Spanish style double bed, chest, dresser and night stand, excellent condition. \$250. 479-1139

1973 Mercury Marquis Brougham 4-door, AM-FM stereo, P-S, P-B, air, speed control, power windows, power seats, excellent condition. 497-6934

1972 Yamaha 350cc, good condition, low mileage. 477-3994 or 473-2694

289 V-8 needs overhaul. \$50. 66-69 VW trunk and hood covers. \$15 each. VW to Chevy wheel adapters complete set, new. \$20. 921-0943 after 5 p.m.

9½' cabover camper, self-contained, bathrooms, 3 burner range with oven, gas or electric refrig, sleeps 4, jacks, tie downs, extension for rear bumper included, \$1,500. 472-4991.

1970 Chevelle Malibu, mag wheels, P-S, air, AM-FM-8-track, perfect condition. \$1,350. 427-4886 after 5 p.m.

FREE

Two black, three striped kittens. 475-0290

LOST

Softball glove, left at Dow Park on July 30 after SCORA tournament. 482-3113



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