

Please fill out the survey.

Don't forget to fill out the survey enclosed in this issue to specify what you like and don't like about the Shellegram. This publication belongs to all DPMC employees and we want to hear from you.

Cumene units' fire extinguished

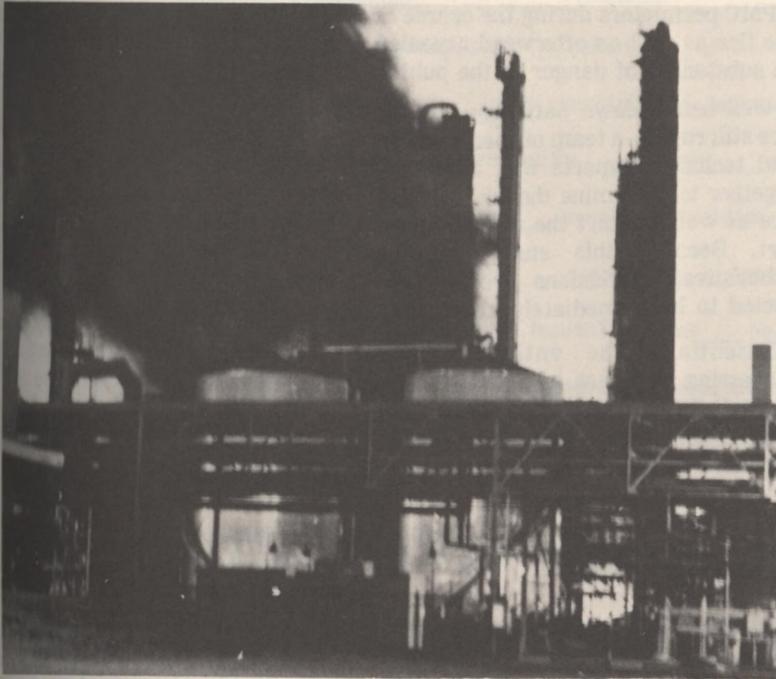


Photo courtesy of Deer Park Progress

Smoke rises into the air as a result of last Saturday's fire at the cumene units. Assisting DPMC firefighters with extinguishing the blaze were volunteers from Channel Industries Mutual Aid and local municipal fire departments.

It was a few minutes before 3 a.m. Saturday, May 17th. Those who heard it said it was more of a rumble than a bang. The description given most often was "it sounded like thunder."

But we had no thunder, lightning or rain over Deer Park at 2:55 a.m. last Saturday. What we did have was a fire of major proportions in the cumene units at Phenol-Acetone.

There were no serious injuries in the explosion or during the fire to any employees or fire fighters.

Cumene is one of the building block chemicals that ultimately go into the production of resins. The site of the fire itself is located along R Street, just north of the cat cracker.

Within a few minutes Shell fire crews had responded and were fighting the flames which at times reached heights of one hundred feet. A call for assistance was put out to the Channel Industries Mutual Aid group (CIMA) and some thirty companies sent men and equipment as did fire departments from Deer Park, Pasadena, Houston and Cloverleaf.

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At Kerrville

Kievit exhibits woodwork this weekend

If you're at the Texas State Arts and Crafts Fair in Kerrville this weekend, don't be surprised if you see a familiar face.

Dave Kievit, manager of E&S North,—whose hobby is woodworking—will be exhibiting many of his creations at the fair which will be held Saturday through Monday. While he will exhibit many small items such as wooden toys, clocks and candy dishes, he also will show some larger creations which include polished tables fashioned from exotic woods.

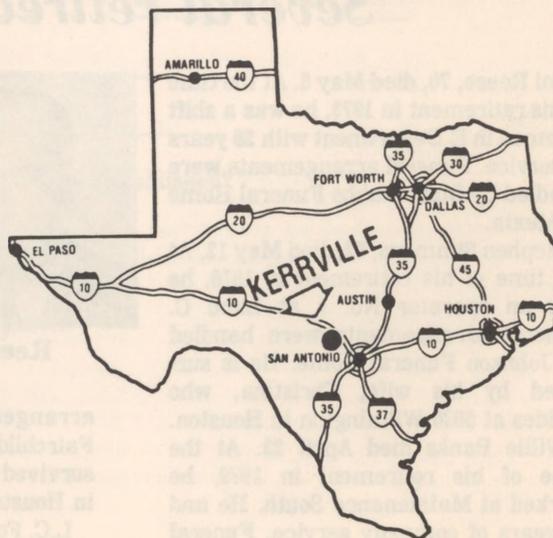
But it's no accident that he'll be one of more than 200 artists featuring work at the event.

Appearing at the fair is an honor which 800 artists applied for, with most having to subject their work to judging by a panel of experts who determine who can enter the show.

But Kievit was given the honor of appearing without having to compete because his work was judged among the best at the Gulf Coast Regional Texas Arts and Crafts Show held at San Jacinto Junior College last year—only the second competitive crafts show he had ever entered.

He explained judging at the show—which included exhibitions of other forms such as oil painting, jewelry and sculpture—was based on "the design as well as the craftsmanship." Kievit added, "They stress originality. It's

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Not all the firefighters were needed to directly attack the fire - many were deployed at various standby locations.

In total, some 35 pieces of fire fighting equipment were on hand. Five of these were DPMC's.

Thanks not only to the efforts of the fire crews, but also to operating personnel, the major flames were confined to the cumene units, although the fire was not termed "under control" until about 4:30 a.m.

Although no fire in a petrochemical complex such as DPMC is treated lightly, the experts were confident throughout that it could be confined to the cumene area. Operations in neighboring units continued.

Likewise, there was no danger from flames or fumes to the general public. The fire itself was more than a mile from the City of Deer Park and at least half a mile from the Houston Ship Channel.

Because the fire was in an area adjacent to where a release of fumes could have posed serious danger, the standard procedure of requiring breathing equipment for firefighters was followed. Extensive testing of air and water samples throughout the DPMC perimeters during the course of the fire as well as afterward revealed no substances of danger to the public.

Well before dawn Saturday - as the fire still raged - a team of management and technical experts was being put together to determine the cause of the fire as well as start the rebuilding effort. Because this study will be exhaustive, conclusions are not expected to be immediately announced.

Essentially the entire cumene processing area was involved; the 44-foot tall flasher column collapsed and other columns and equipment suffered extensive damage.

DPMC general manager Jim Brau said, "This fire showed the true quality of our fire crews' abilities. It's the sort of test of our training we'd rather not have to experience, but having done it gives one a real sense of assurance to see the skills they possess."

He continued, "Our sincere appreciation goes out as well to our CIMA partners and the local fire departments who responded so readily and made their skills available when it was apparent we needed their help."

"Thirdly, I'd like to assure our neighbors in Deer Park and the other surrounding communities that even though we were busy with the fire itself, deep within the Complex, we never forgot their concerns. Early on we had experts assessing the situation, taking air and water samples, and in general keeping the health and safety of our neighbors in focus. This effort continues."

Fire training pays off at DPMC

Nobody could have predicted last Saturday's fire.

But thanks to an emphasis on advance safety training, the DPMC was prepared to meet the challenge.

A number of the about 60 DPMC firefighters who joined with about 70-80 CIMA volunteers to fight the blaze had just returned from specialized industrial fire training held at Texas A&M - training designed to cope with

just such a fire as Saturday's.

The training session, which was attended by 30 DPMC employees May 12-14, involves fighting simulated fires with a variety of techniques including the use of water, foam and dry chemicals.

Special techniques are emphasized to fight fires at pressure pumps, pipe racks, loading terminals, process units and chemical complexes.

According to Jim Repp, senior safety inspector, the training program is available not only for members of regular DPMC fire crews, but also for volunteer operators and others who want to improve their fire-fighting skills.

Repp said DPMC personnel—a total of about 325 each year — attend the school annually.

Several retired DPMC employees die

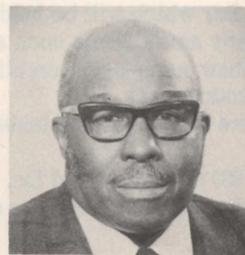
Sol Reese, 70, died May 8. At the time of his retirement in 1973, he was a shift foreman in E Department with 28 years of service. Funeral arrangements were handled by Blair Stubbs Funeral Home in Mexia.

Stephen Simmons, 62, died May 12. At the time of his retirement in 1978, he was an operator No. 1 at Lube C. Funeral arrangements were handled by Johnson Funeral Home. He is survived by his wife, Christina, who resides at 5030 Wilmington in Houston.

Willie Banks died April 23. At the time of his retirement in 1979, he worked at Maintenance South. He had 31 years of company service. Funeral



Reese



Simmons

arrangements were handled by Fairchild-Purnell Funeral Home. He is survived by his wife, Ada, who resides in Houston.

L.C. Folly died April 11. At the time of

his retirement in February 1975, he worked at DPMC South.

L.W. Gibbons, 69, died April 17. At the time of his retirement in 1961, he was an assistant manager at Distilling with 22 years of company service. He resided at 7118 Ilex, Houston.

John J. Ford Jr. died April 15. At the time of his retirement in August 1961, he worked at DPMC North. He is survived by his wife, Louise, who resides in Dublin.

E.E. Vogelsang, 69, died April 18. At the time of his retirement in 1970 as a welder No. 1, he had 21 years of company service. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle, of Alleyton.

SHELLEGRAM READERSHIP SURVEY

This survey is designed to study ways the Shellegram can be improved. You, the readers, can be a big help by telling us what you'd like to see - or not see - in it. You do not have to sign your name, but please take a few moments to give your honest feelings and then mail or deliver it to: Room 151, North Admin. Bldg.

1. To aid us in learning how various groups feel about the Shellegram, please indicate your work or job category (mark only one):

- Maintenance-Stores Non-Technical Professional Support Staff
- Operations-Lab Supervisor Pensioner
- Technical Professional Manager Other

2. I read the Shellegram: frequently seldom never.

3. I usually read: everything most everything ads only never.

4. I take my Shellegram home: frequently seldom never.

5. I can believe what I read: always usually seldom never.

6. An issue once a week is: just right not enough too much.

7. Would you rather see fewer, but bigger, issues? yes no.

Would you like to see more, less, or about the same types of articles listed below?

	<u>MORE</u>	<u>LESS</u>	<u>ABOUT THE SAME</u>
8. Departmental Features	_____	_____	_____
9. Employees in the Workplace	_____	_____	_____
10. Employees' Hobbies	_____	_____	_____
11. News of Employees' Families	_____	_____	_____
12. Photographs	_____	_____	_____
13. DPMC News	_____	_____	_____
14. Interviews of DPMC Management	_____	_____	_____
15. Safety News and Tips	_____	_____	_____
16. SCORA Activities	_____	_____	_____
17. Shell's Position on Industry Issues	_____	_____	_____
18. Other Shell Locations	_____	_____	_____
19. Shell Profits, Investments, etc.	_____	_____	_____

Should the following specific items continue to be published?

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	
20.	_____	_____	New Employees-photos
21.	_____	_____	Service Anniversaries-photos
22.	_____	_____	Retirements-photos
23.	_____	_____	Deaths-photos
24.	_____	_____	Safety Parties-photos

Crow Tribal Council signs Shell coal pact

The Crow Tribal Council has signed a contract with Shell Oil Company for the exploration of coal—which Shell obtained a permit for in the area. The agreement calls for a 12 and a half percent royalty on all coal mined, with the royalty to be renegotiated every 10 years. In addition, Shell made a million bonus payment at the time of the signing and will make additional payments over the life of the mine. There are an estimated 75 million tons of low-sulfur bituminous coal in both tracts, recoverable by surface mining. Shell said it will begin pre-development work on the mine as soon as possible, but that it will take from five to seven years before a mine could be opened. Arrangements for the sale of the coal are still to be made.

HELLEGRAM READERSHIP SURVEY

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Not all the firefighters were needed to directly attend your work areas. In fact, they were only needed to assist in the fire.

25. _____ Ten-and-Over Parties-photos

26. _____ Provident Fund News

27. _____ "Tidbits"

28. _____ Classified Ads

29. _____ Special Graduates' Issue

30. How do you feel distribution of the Shellegram should be done?

_____ Gates only

_____ Gates, company mail, and homes on request

_____ Mailed to homes only

_____ Prefer not to get Shellegram

_____ Gates & company mail to depts.

What kind of job does the Shellegram do in its coverage of:

	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>POOR</u>	<u>DO NOT READ IT</u>
31. Employee-pensioner achievements	_____	_____	_____	_____
32. Complex social events	_____	_____	_____	_____
33. Shell company news	_____	_____	_____	_____
34. Departmental features	_____	_____	_____	_____
35. Complex news	_____	_____	_____	_____

36. Please look back over your answers and use this space to make any additional comments you'd like.

Thank you for your cooperation. Results of this survey will be published in a future Shellegram, so let us include your opinions by mail or delivering your survey to Room 151 North Admin. Bldg.

Editor, Shellegram

Sol Reese, 70, died May 3. At the time of his retirement in 1973, he was a shift foreman in a department with 20 years of service. Funeral arrangements were handled by Blair Stables Funeral Home in Mexico. Stephen Lube C. Funeral arrangements were handled by Johnson Funeral Home. He is survived by his wife, Christina, who resides at 8930 Wilmington in Houston. Willie Banks died April 23. At the time of his retirement in 1978, he worked at Maintenance South. He had 11 years of company service. Funeral

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obvious to the judges when people use established plans."

Although he has been a woodcrafters for more than 40 years, Kievit did not enter his work in competition until 1978—when he won a second place award for exhibits in a craft show sponsored by the Clear Creek Art League.

While he concedes he began entering his work in craft shows largely because of the "thrill of competition," he is also seeking to achieve greater recognition for his creations because he wants to spend more time with his hobby after retirement.

Now only 54, he doesn't plan to retire for several years—but he still feels he must look to the future. "I love my job at the DPMC. But I love woodworking too."

He credits his grandfather with introducing him to his hobby when he was about eight in Michigan, helping him build such things as birdhouses and spoon racks.

But Kievit's love for woodworking didn't disappear when his grandfather died about eight years later. He continued to develop his skills by taking a woodworking course in high school and held onto his hobby while serving in the Army in World War II, working for the civil service in the Phillipines after the war and pursuing his chemical engineering degree at Purdue.

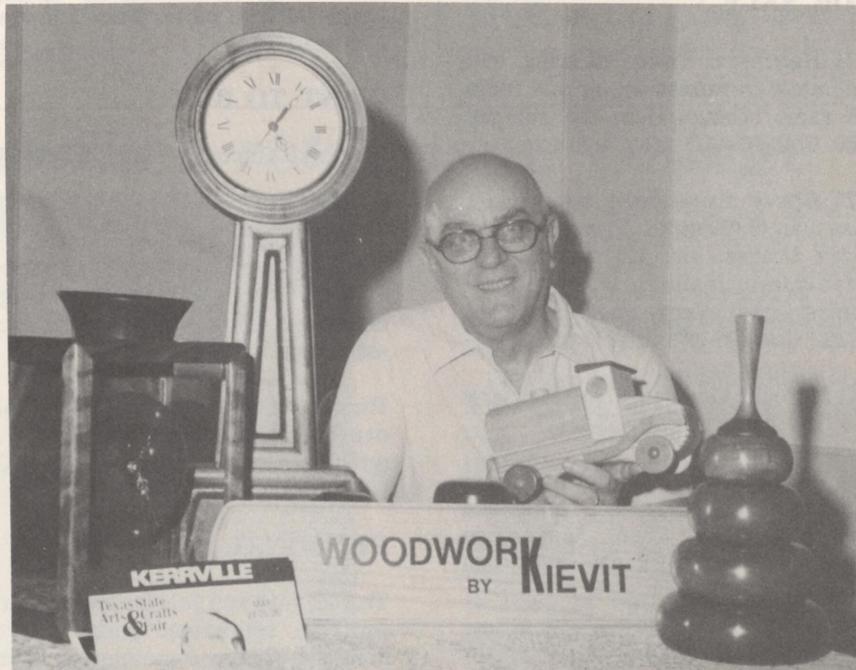
A DPMC employee for 10 years, he now has a well-equipped workshop at his home in Seabrook where he turns out his creations, using both hand tools such as chisels and power tools such as a lathe.

Kievit uses both domestic woods such as walnut, birch, oak, ash and maple and imported exotic woods which include zebra, ebony and rosewood.

Although he has been working with wood for several years, he has been seriously devoting time to his hobby for only about five years. "The house is full of things I've made," he said, adding that he didn't consider selling his creations until about a year ago.

But he expects to frequently sell his work now that he is entering more competitive shows such as Kerrville because they require that everything exhibited also be for sale.

While Kievit says he doesn't mind parting with his work, he has en-



Dave Kievit, manager of E&S North, displays some of the woodwork he plans to exhibit at the Texas State Arts Crafts Fair in Kerrville this weekend, the third such show he has ever competed in. He created each item—including the two clocks on the left, the toy truck in his hand and a unique jewelry box on the right, which also can be used as a candy dish.

countered some resistance to selling his creations from his wife, Aida. "There are many things—such as her favorite piece, a dressing mirror that she won't let me show because she doesn't want to part with them."

But he added she is letting him exhibit enough work in Kerrville to fill a

32-foot motor home—and he may have to pull a trailer behind it in order to carry everything.

He hopes his work attracts enough buyers to allow him to return home with less than he is taking to Kerrville. "I hope to come back empty."

Crow Tribal Council signs Shell coal pact

The Crow Tribal Council has signed a contract with Shell Oil Company for the mining of coal—which Shell obtained a federal exploration permit for in the late 1960s—on Crow Indian reservation land in Montana.

The terms of the contract will allow development of the 2,560-acre Youngs Creek Mine in the Crow reservation in Big Horn County, Mont., about 15 miles north of Sheridan, Wyo., just inside the southern Montana border. If certain development obligations are met, Shell may elect to develop an additional 5,120 acres, with the tribe having an option to become a 25 percent joint-venture partner on the additional acreage.

The agreement calls for a 12 and a half percent royalty on all coal mined, with the royalty to be renegotiated every 10 years. In addition, Shell made a \$5 million bonus payment at the time of the signing and will make additional advance payments prior to the time mining begins.

There are an estimated 670 million tons of low sulfur coal reserves in both tracts, recoverable by surface mining.

Shell said it will begin pre-development work on the mine as soon as possible, but that it will take from five to seven years before a mine could be opened. Arrangements for the sale of the coal are still to be made.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1974 Ranchero. Power steering with automatic transmission, air and radio. CB radio hookup. Gem top camper. \$900. Call 473-4616 after 4:30 p.m.

1976 Chevy five-eighths ton pickup. Less than 40,000 miles. Power steering, power brakes, air, 350 engine, with three-speed manual transmission. Camper top. Very good condition. \$3,250. Call 486-1999 after 6 p.m.

1973 Mercury Montego. \$750. Good tires and new battery. Call 453-8643.

1965 Mercury. Air with power brakes and power steering, radio, heater and four new tires. Front suspension reworked. Good work car. \$700. Call 947-2959.

1972 six-cylinder Ford Maverick. 76,000 miles. New brakes, shocks, muffler, good engine, fair body. \$750. Call 729-3384.

Dual shock absorber kit for front wheels of four-wheel drive Chevy or GMC. Shocks not included. \$20. Call 251-0928.

Nine-inch Ford rear end. Nodular steel case. Includes brakes and leaf springs. \$100. Call 534-4218.

Washing machine, two-speed, perfect condition. \$125. Call 473-5898.

Idylwood home. Convenient to DPMC, excellent condition. Austin stone construction, hardwood floors, central

heating and air, lifetime aluminum roof, well insulated, low-cost heating and cooling, low taxes. Double garage. Large lot with patio, fence and trees. Call 921-1338.

WANT TO BUY

Mini-bike. Running or not. Call 479-7573.

WANTED

Tractor work jobs. Will mow and level dirt on large and small acreages, commercial or residential. Free estimates. Call 446-9211.

Persons interested in learning polka dancing. Need 30 polka students to set up SCORA-sponsored dance class. Call Glenn Ogden at 946-7946.

PERSONAL

Thanks guys and gals for the wonderful April 29 retirement party and the money. I will buy something for myself from you and cherish it always. I do appreciate your giving Mr. D.L. Perry and me a party together. Dixie Lee and I go back a long ways.
—Bill Matthews

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the gifts and party on my retirement, May 1. Retirement is great.
—Dixie Lee Perry

A big thanks to all my friends at Resins-Distribution and the Complex for the lovely going-away party and the beautiful clock. If you're ever passing through Newton, drop by to say howdy. It's been a pleasure working with such

a nice group of people as you all.
—Sharon Herrington

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date of the Treater Old Times Reunion has been changed from May 20 to May 28. However, the event still will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Mitch's Steak House at a cost of \$10 per person. The event is open to anyone who formerly worked in the Treating Department or their friends. To make reservations, please call 921-1577, 946-7235 or 946-3077 by May 26.

A retirement party for Dave Davernport and John Williams of Gas Recovery will be held at 2:00 p.m., May 29 at the DPMC North Cafeteria. For more information about the meal and the gifts, call 476-6875 or 476-6827.

A retirement party for Dick Hunt of the DPMC North lab will be held at 2 p.m. May 30, at the DPMC North lab conference room. If you wish to donate for a gift, contact Pat Denman at 6808.



Wooley to retire

Glenn Wooley, a shift foreman at A Operations, will retire June 1 after more than 36 years of service. He resides at 803 Mobile Drive, Pasadena.

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