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## EVEN A HOMING PIGEON NEEDS HELP AS DOCK MEN SHOW BY CONCERN



Charlie Stebbins hands over the lame pigeon rescued from the docks to Mrs. Betty Word, Deer Park resident.

Last Thursday afternoon when The Shellegraph deadline was upon us, calls started coming in about a homing pigeon with two broken legs that had been retrieved from our dock area by John Schumacher. "It looks like a racing pigeon and it has a tag on it. What should we do? We've got it in a paper bag and it seems pretty comfortable since we gave it some water."

"Isn't there someone who handles these things?" said another caller.

We called the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and were referred to a homing pigeon club member. After finally contacting the man, we were told that he would have someone look into the matter.

The pigeon spent the night in the paper bag.

Friday morning, Mrs. Betty Word came to the Dock entrance and immediately recognized the bird as belonging to a neighbor who has just started training pigeons. Charlie Stebbins handed over the bird when he was assured that it would receive proper care.

## Says Bridges

### U.S. NOT KEEPING UP IN FINDING NEW RESOURCES, CONSTRUCTING FACILITIES

The United States is simply not "keeping up with the game" in finding new sources of oil and gas, constructing new refineries, deep water terminals, and pipelines, Harry Bridges, Shell Oil Company president, said in a speech last week.

Bridges told a Chicago Rotary Club audience that by 1980, the U.S. will need additional manufacturing capacity equivalent to 58 medium-sized refineries, yet only one is currently under construction.

The Shell President emphasized the long lead-time required to plan and build essential facilities to meet the nation's future fuel needs. "It is extremely difficult," he observed, "to persuade people to act today in order to avoid real trouble five years down the road."

Commenting on the notion held by some that almost any problem "can be solved overnight," Bridges emphasized that this is simply not the case in the oil industry. Developing oil fields, building refineries, tankers and pipelines requires years, not months, he said.

He stressed the need for a resumption of oil lease sale--particularly offshore--to help cope with the dual problem of increased need for oil and gas coupled with a decline in domestic drilling activity. Bridges said, "In this context, if the experience we have recently had with the cancellation of the Louisiana offshore lease sales is not speedily reversed, the outlook is dim indeed." And when new reserves are discover-

ed, "it takes from between two to ten years to fully develop a major oil field."

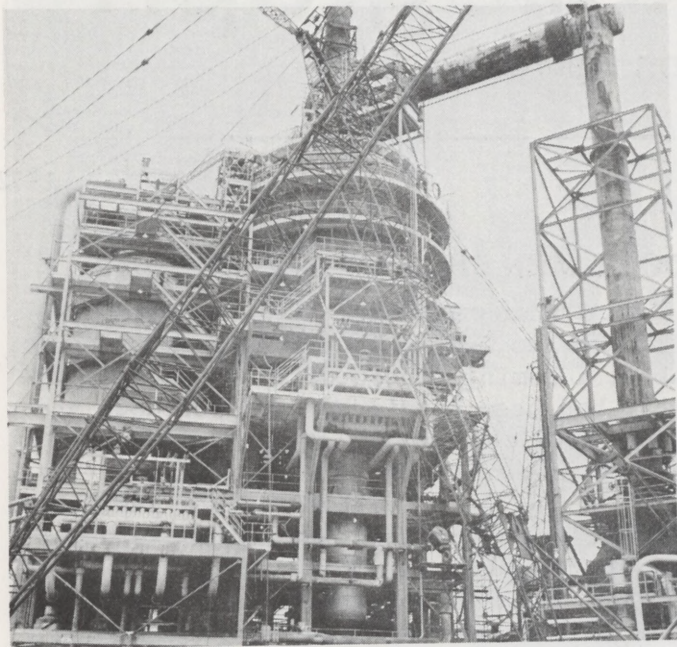
Turning to transportation, Bridges predicted that on the basis of current conditions, more than half of the nation's oil will be imported by 1980. He said that this will call for a tanker fleet to serve the U.S. alone which would be as large as the tanker fleet serving the entire world only five years ago.

Pipelines must be greatly expanded, he said. In addition to the Alaskan pipeline, there was need for a sizeable expansion to carry supplies from the Gulf Coast to the Midwest and East Coast.

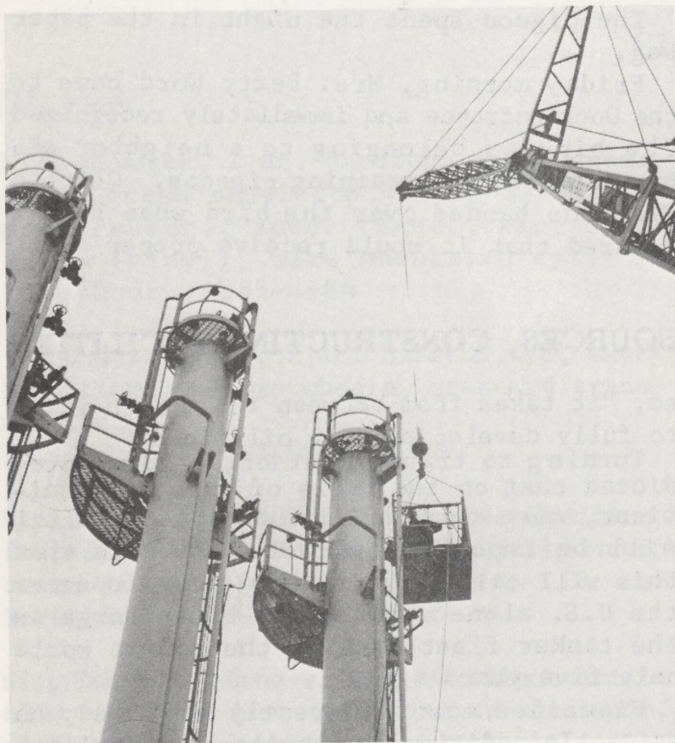
Turning to the financial side, Bridges said that the increasingly large amount of imports would have a significant effect on the balance of payments. The bill last year for imports was \$3 billion, but it might well reach \$18 billion annually by 1980.

Commenting on capital investment needs, Bridges predicted that the cost of new plants and equipment in the 70's would be more than double the amount spent in the 60's and that the total bill would be over \$150 billion. If sums of this magnitude were to be found, there was need for increased return on investment which had fallen below the average for manufacturing in general for three of the last four years. As the Chase Manhattan Bank's 1971 report had said, substantial price increases for all forms of petroleum were necessary.

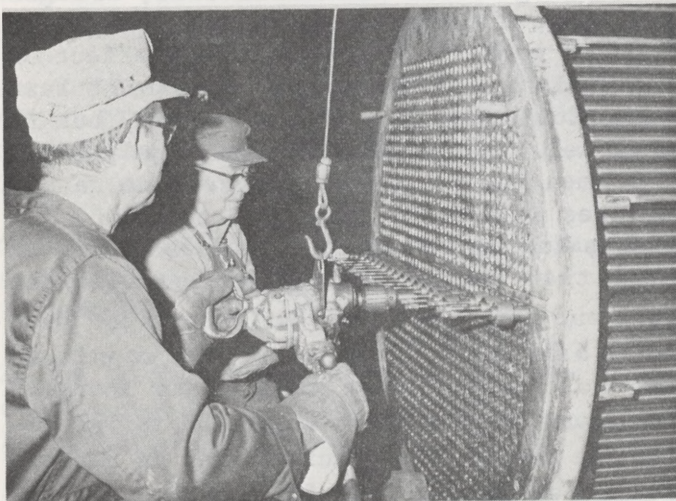
### DEPARTMENTS JOIN FOR 27th SCHEDULED SHUTDOWN OF CAT. CRACKING UNITS



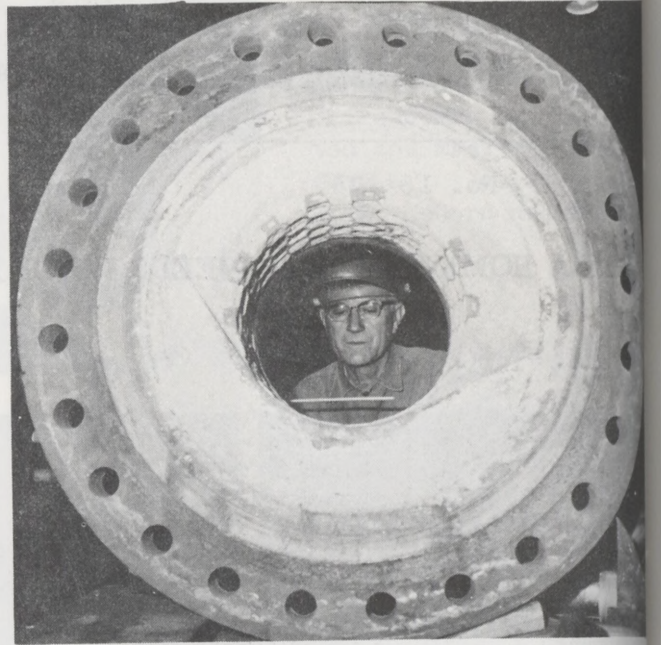
The Cat. Cracker becomes more of a maze when the many cranes, automotive equipment and men moved in to carry out a maintenance shutdown.



300-foot booms on traveling cranes lift workmen to the top of the Refinery as work on vessels gets underway.



Cleaning tubes on a bundle are C. T. Burns and L. C. Moore, Boilermakers No. 1.



C. T. Brandt, Welder No. 1, works on large flange.

Men and machines, put together at the right time, aid in the efforts of the huge general maintenance and repair shutdown of the Catalytic Cracking and Catalytic Cracking units now in progress.

The major jobs in the twenty-seventh scheduled shutdown since 1946 were replacing primary diplegs of the reactor and regenerator and extensive maintenance repairs on the CO heater.

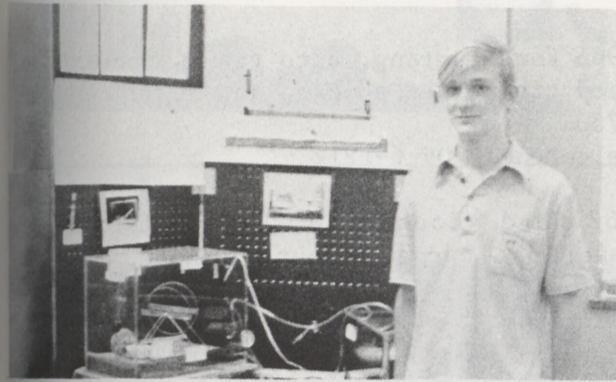
As in a previous shutdown, a video tape has been made of the cyclone diplegs in the reactor and regenerator to visually record the current condition of the equipment. This tape will be compared with a similar tape from a previous shutdown to determine dipleg deterioration rates and current condition.

Planning and coordination have been a major concern in the shutdown. Cat. Cracking, Engineering Field and Services and Safety employees are involved in carrying out each phase of the shutdown safely and efficiently.



I. A. Kirkwood, Instrumentman No. 1, checks out instruments in the CC control room.

**OIL DROPS: Kindla Wins at Science Fair, Black Tech Meet Held, Play Ball...**



Tom Kindla, a 16-year-old freshman at Pasadena High School won the Junior Division Biological Science award at the Houston Post 13th Annual Science and Engineering Fair earlier this month.

Tom, the son of John Kindla, Mechanic No. 1, Automotive, also won an award of excellence from the American Society of Microbiology and the Houston Museum of Natural Science as well as a year's free pass to the museum and Planetarium.

His exhibit, "Closed Ecological System," was also given an honorable mention in the Post's awards of excellence competition. In the exhibit, Tom showed how a gerbil could live successfully for three days in a closed environment. Waste products were pumped into a tank to algae and oxygen from the algae was returned to support the gerbil.

Last year Tom won the Junior Division award from the American Cancer Society for his study of the effects of cigarette smoking on the respiratory system. None of the 410 exhibits qualified for this award this year, however.

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Morton Boston, Engineering Services, is helping with plans of the Gulf Coast Society of Prairie View Engineers for their first annual conference.

In Conference '72, the group will follow the theme, "Challenge to the Black Technological Community", providing participants a focus on the need for effective development, full utilization, and mature growth of technological capabilities.

Boston says the group feels that Black technical people have achieved a certain economic status and now should contribute something to the community.

The conference will begin with registration from 3-7 p.m., Friday, May 12. A full day of sessions conducted by local technical people will be held Saturday, May 13. The Reverend Zan W. Holmes, State Representative from Dallas will be keynote speaker at the banquet Saturday night.

Seventeen athletic Refinery employees have organized two slow pitch softball teams and are currently involved in the City of Pasadena's Industrial League competition.

Both teams are in first place in their respective divisions. Ed Metzler coaches the team that competes on Monday nights at Mitchell Field in Deer Park. Tom Roberts is in charge of the Wednesday night ball players. This team meets at Reynolds Field in Pasadena.

Leading in hitting to date are G. B. Vernier, .727, S. J. Roig, .692, V. J. Moravec-.615, T. A. Roberts, C. T. Adams and D. L. McNeill, .600.

So far, Ted Sands has had a good season with his .600 record and no errors at first base for both teams.

**CLEPPER, CLERC, REED, STRICKLAND RETIRED APRIL 1 WITH LONG SERVICE**

M. G. Clepper, R. J. Clerc, T. J. Reed, and J. E. Strickland retired April 1 ending long careers with the company.

Clepper, Instrumentman No. 1, Engineering Field, retired with 26½ years of service. He first began working as a General Helper in 1944 and has served as a Boilermaker Helper, Instrument Helper, becoming an Instrument Man No. 1 in 1964. He and his wife, Velma, will reside at Route 5, Box 165 B, Center.

R. J. Clerc, Senior Chemist, MTM Research Lab-Houston, retired with 28½ years of service. Beginning his Shell career as a Junior Research Chemist, Houston Research Lab, he later served as a Chemist and became a Senior Chemist in 1950. He and his wife, Helen, live at 2115 Dorothy, Pasadena.

T. J. Reed, Engineering Supervisor, Engineering Field, had 34½ years of service upon retirement. He began working here as a General Helper, Engineering Field in 1937, later serving as a Field Clerk, Field Automotive Foreman, Craft Foreman and Craft Supervisor. He was named to his last position in 1966. Retirement home for Tom and his wife, Maybell, will be at 5410 N. Braeswood, Apt. 922, Houston.

J. E. Strickland, Counterman No. 1, Purchasing Stores, retired with 27 years of service. He began working at the Refinery as a General Helper, Treating, in 1944 and moved to Stores later that year. He has also served as Material Checker and Counterman No. 1 after moving to Stores in 1946. He and his wife, Imogene, will make their retirement home at 702 N. 13th, LaPorte.



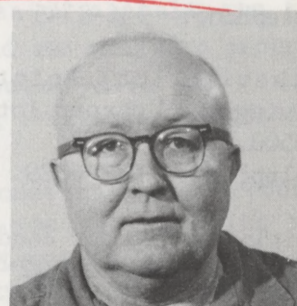
Clepper



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## CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Camping trailer, tent type, 1967 model, Tradewind, like new, \$650.  
Telephone: 472-8667

1966 Buick LeSabre 4 door, air conditioned, power steering, radio and heater, \$695.  
Telephone: 479-1021

10x56' mobile home with built in appliances and refrigerator, unfurnished, like new, no money down, take up payments to Shell Credit Union, owe \$2750, must sell.  
Telephone: 479-7384 after 5 p.m.

Sears Kenmore Model 1401 Dial zig zag sewing machine, mediterranean cabinet and attachments, 25 yr. head guarantee, 1½ years old, \$150.  
Telephone: 224-5936

16' '58 fiberglass "Hurricane" boat, windshield, live well, accessories, 45 hp "Merc." electric start, single lever control, big wheel galvanized trailer, "just good ole fishing rig." \$400.  
Telephone: 485-3064 after 6 & weekends

'69 Ford pickup with camper, 16,350 mi. air auto, radio, custom double bed couch, extra clean, \$2395.  
Telephone: 473-6443

Black miniature poodle puppies, AKC registered, \$50.  
Telephone: 723-8588

'69 Skeeter bass boat, 16 ft., drive on trailer, 55 hp Evinrude with power tilt, elec. trolling motor, fish locator, 3 swivel seats, running lights, accessories, \$1600.  
Telephone: 473-6443

1969 3/4 ton Chevrolet pickup, LWB-Fleetside, w/aluminum cover, automatic transmission--v8 engine, 23,000 miles, big wheels, new tires, excellent for big camper, \$1950 or make offer.  
Telephone: 485-3064 after 6 & weekends

16' tunnel race boat - 125 Mercury - trailer, power trim, all racing equipment including props. Worth \$3500, selling at \$1500 or best offer.  
Telephone: 472-7288

1970 Dodge Challenger, blue with white vinyl top, blue interior, air conditioned, power steering, automatic on the floor, mag wheels, 4 new wide oval tires, \$2295.  
Telephone: 946-8745

Lakeview lot, Point Lookout Estate-Lake Livingston, corner lot, leveled & water tap. \$3500.  
Telephone: 473-6529

Whirlpool, 220 air conditioner, reconditioned, & cleaned, \$125. 42" attic fan with grill & cover, \$25.  
Telephone: 473-2170

1966 Ford Mustang, auto trans., power, air, good tires, new shocks, new U joints, blue, \$750.

Telephone: OV 6-1212

'62 Ford "Econoline" Van, interior wood panelling, carpets, four speakers, good condition, runs well, \$450.

Telephone: 333-2620 after 5

1971 Honda K3 CB 350, 3100 miles, showroom condition, extras windshield, luggage rack, 2 helmets, \$700 firm.

Telephone: 941-5463

'64 Chevrolet 4 door hardtop, radio-heater, air, auto, power steering, \$450.

Telephone: 393-1089

Apache camp trailer with add on room, sleeps 6, \$350.

Telephone: 578-2384

House-5525 Nightingale, 3 bedroom, GI or FHA.

Telephone: 393-1089

Toledo Bend Lake lot, approx. 80x210 ft., nicely wooded, 150 yds. to boat ramp. \$275 equity, \$470 balance at \$25 a month.

Telephone: 473-9075

Slant six engine for Plymouth or Dodge--no oil burner, \$45. '62 Thunderbird bucket seats, \$10 ea.

Telephone: GL 5-0056

WANT TO BUY

Canvas army cots to use when camping.  
Telephone: 681-3779

**DEQUINCY SMITH WILL CADDY AGAIN AT THE ANNUAL HOUSTON OPEN**

When DeQuincy Smith leaves on the beginning of his vacation this afternoon, he will be making sure that he will be available for the Houston Open, May 4-7 so he can caddy.

"Some of the best pros always come and I make it a point to be on vacation during this time every year." he said.

DeQuincy, who is also known as Uptown and Frenchy, has been a caddy at the Houston Open for 17 years and says he always shares in his client's excitement. Besides, some golfers pay a percentage of their prize at the tournament.

The open will be at Westwood Country Club.

