

Smiths Rank Among The Saints

In the eyes of the world's 800 million illiterates, people like Dave and Bernice Smith rank among the saints. The reason? It's simple. The Smiths teach illiterates how to read and write.

It was Bernice who first became involved with the problems of illiterates. Through a Church Women United group, she worked with itinerant farm workers whose inability to read or write was a major handicap to improving their quality of life. In an effort to help them, Bernice learned the Laubach Literacy Each One Teach One method of teaching adults reading and writing. And she's been involved in the program ever since.

Before Dave retired in 1971, he took Bernice to the evening meetings where she taught others the Laubach method. But when Dave retired, Bernice decided to retire, too. She resigned from the board of the Houston Literacy Advance and encouraged Dave to join. He did. Now he serves as its treasurer, while Bernice teaches English as a second language at the Coronado Center in Pasadena.

At these classes non-English speaking adults are taught how to speak, read and write English. The classes meet for one-and-a-half hours twice a week with an average starting enrollment of 10

adults.

What motivates individuals who reach the "golden age of retirement" to take up new careers?

Perhaps it's the satisfaction of teaching people like the deputy sheriff who never had any education. He grew up being bounced from relative to relative. He learned to drive a car, then a big truck. Yet, he couldn't read the road signs or a map! He even managed to become a member of the Scottish Rite. How? His wife read the material to him, and he memorized it. For, he could not read.

Then there's Prisca. Prisca Llamas

has been in the United States 30 years when she went to work for a friend of Bernice's. During those 30 years, she never learned to speak English. Her children, however, went to school, learned English and graduated. Still, Prisca only spoke her native Spanish. She couldn't understand most TV or radio programs. She bought groceries by the pictures on the can or box. She couldn't participate in community activities outside of her circle of Spanish speaking friends.

Prisca's life changed the day she began working for Bernice's friend. She learned about Bernice's classes. Prisca
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Local Historian Needs Your Help

Arrangements have been made with Barbara Weidig, a local historian, to record the history of the Deer Park Manufacturing Complex for use in activity recognizing the 50th anniversary of the complex in 1979.

To assist Barbara, a search is underway for old photographs, magazines, newspaper clippings, etc., many of you may have in your possession. If you should have anything which you feel might be of interest, please share it with her by calling her at home on 479-2596 after 5:00 p.m. or at work on 479-2851, extension 269.

Barbara is the author of the book, *Deer Park, History of a Texas Town.*



Bernice and one of the adults attending the English as a Second Language course review Lesson 4 in the Laubach Literacy program. The classes are held twice a week at the Coronado Center in Pasadena.

George Roe: Fastest Prepared Racer

George Roe, senior engineer, Environmental Engineering, is the "fastest prepared racer in the Southwest." And he won that distinction by being smooth.

Smoothness is the key to winning in autocross or Solo II racing. That and the car's suspension are more impor-

tant than its horsepower, says George, driver of a Datsun 240Z with 78,000 miles on its original engine. George should know. He recently won the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) Class A Prepared title for the Southwest Division, which includes Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

The race held on the runway at Chennault Air Force Base in Lake Charles, Louisiana, the weekend of October 29 and 30, was a close one. For example, George won the minute race by less than one half a second. He says it is typical for the top five or six racers to be within 0.3 seconds of each other. This closeness in racing times undoubtedly accounts for the 1,000th of a second timing of each driver's performance.

Autocross racing involves a timed race of one car at a time over a clearly

marked course. The courses are usually laid out on a shopping center lot or on an airport runway.

Each race consists of three major groupings: Prepared, Stock and Modified. Prepared means the car can have racing tires, special suspension features, but no major changes. Stock racing cars are those in purchased condition. Modified includes open cars, such as dune buggies. Within these three groupings are over 20 separate classifications.

Booklets Available

Display stands featuring eight of the 11 **Come to Shell for Answers** series are now located in the cafeterias. This is your opportunity to obtain answers on how to deal with rush hour traffic, emergency situations and spotting car problems before they become expensive.

Welcome To Complex



Damon Armstrong
General Helper
Maintenance South



Bob Bates
Engineer
Olefins & Solvents



Bruce Bird
General Helper
Maintenance North



Leslie Breiner
Corres. Secretary
General Services



Larry Chasey
General Helper
Maintenance South



Dave Davis
General Helper
Maintenance North



Letty Dowell
General Helper
Maint. North



Gwen Duke
General Helper
Maintenance South



Dale Eldredge
Boilermaker D
Maintenance South



Mike Fort
Senior Clerk
Employee Relations



Lin Franklin
Pipefitter No. 1
Maintenance South



Roy Frazar
Pipefitter No. 1
Maintenance South



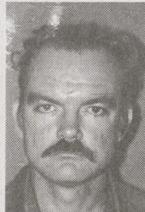
John Gognat
Staff Engineer
Opers. Expansion



Nolan Gregory
General Helper
Maintenance South



Stephen Gresham
General Helper
Maintenance South



Kenneth Gruben
General Helper
Maintenance North



Cathie Hackney
Keypunch Operator
General Accounting



Mike Hahn
Lab Tech
Quality Control Lab



Ollie Williams
General Helper
Maintenance North



Ernie Wilson
General Helper
Maintenance South



Ping Wilson
General Helper
Maintenance South



Frank Wint
Engineer
Pressure Equipment



Larry Wolford
General Helper
Maintenance South



Sandy Womack
Typist
General Services

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went. And now she not only speaks English, but she reads and writes it as well. Then Prisca decided to become an American citizen. And she did.

With loving sensitivity, Prisca wrote Bernice expressing her feelings of gratitude. She wrote that she could never have become a citizen without Bernice. Deeply and profoundly moved by Prisca's letter, Bernice keeps it safely stored among her valuables.

Perhaps this gives you an idea of why the Smiths choose to remain active instead of retiring.



SCORA News

SCORA's Board of Directors meeting will be Wednesday, November 16, at 2 p.m. in the chemical plant cafeteria conference room. All SCORA members are welcome.

SCORA's Night at Busch Bird Park will be held November 16 from 6-10 p.m. There are 200 tickets at \$3.00 each available on a first-come, first-served basis to adult SCORA members only.

SCORA wishes for all softball jerseys furnished to men's softball players be returned to: Sandra Bradbury, Refinery Administration room 158; or Hugh Berry, Scheduling, Chemical MOA.

L. B. Burch would like to thank all the people who participated in the Golf Tournament at Wortham Park on October 29. Everyone had such a good time that he would like to see it done again real soon.

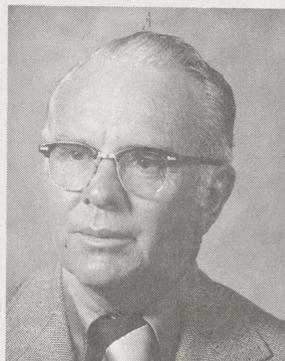
Ad Rules

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

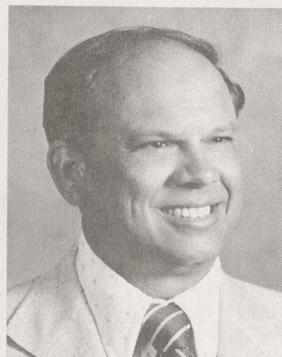
All ads must be submitted in writing stating item, advertiser's name and home telephone number. Deadline for submitting ads is Monday.

Mail ads to the **Shellegram** or bring them to room 151, Refinery Administration.

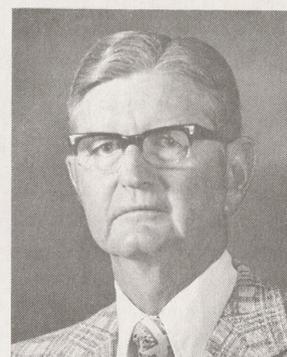
Service Anniversaries



35 Years
J. L. Lemons
Maintenance North



30 Years
W. L. Fortune
Employee Relations



25 Years
D. R. Etie
Utilities

Employees In The News

At one time or another quite a few Shell employees have walked the streets of London. But Process Engineering engineer **Ed Fielder** is one of the few who have managed to photograph the Queen of England waving at them as she sat next to Prince Philip in a chauffeur driven limousine.

Irene Martin Dies



Irene C. Martin, 66, died November 5. At the time of her retirement in December 1972, Irene was a special tester in the Refinery Laboratory with 28 years of company service.

She made her home on Cedar Crest Drive in Pasadena.

The royal couple was leaving Buckingham Palace enroute to Canada for a state visit when Ed got his picture.

Jesse Burns, Security supervisor, has been elected to serve as vice-chairman of CIMA, and **John Rivard**, Safety and Industrial Hygiene manager, was re-appointed as recording secretary.

CIMA, a 58-member organization, is concerned with providing a ready pool of fire fighting, rescue and first aid manpower and equipment that can be quickly put into operation in the event of a major emergency in the Houston Ship Channel.

Retired Expansion-Construction employee **E. J. "Newt" Newton** underwent a triple bypass operation November 1 and is now in intensive care at St. Luke's in Houston.

Unfortunately for Newt, retirees are not covered by the Blood Services Drive of Houston which is held each year at the complex. This means St. Luke's must be repaid for the 77 units of blood required during his surgery.

If you can donate blood, please give in Newt's name at the St. Luke's Blood Bank, located on the third floor and opened Monday through Friday until 9:30 p.m. and from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

No Tours Due To Construction

As the Major Projects program enters its later stages, there has been some interest in tours of the new facilities.

Because of the continued high level of construction activity, no general tours are planned. Complex employees and their families will, however, be invited to an open house for the new olefins plant in late 1978 just prior to the start

up of the olefins section.

The complex also plans to observe the 50th anniversary of Shell's operations at Deer Park with a special program in the later part 1979. The first products were manufactured at what was then known as the Houston Refinery in August 1929.

Boilermaker Considered One Of The Best



Boilermaker **Bill Ervin** is recognized as "one of the best" by foreman **Frank Bergeron**. Bill is shown cutting a tube for use in making an exchanger in the Maintenance North shops.

Classifieds

FOR SALE

1969 Chevy Nova, 1 owner. \$600. 455-6163

21 cu ft Philco coppertone side-by-side refrigerator-freezer. \$200. 472-4265

Accordion, 12 bass, beginner instrument, excellent condition. \$50. 487-0334

Brittany Spaniel bird dog puppies, AK-C, Towsey lineage, complete vet clearance, white with orange males and female choose at 6 weeks. \$100. 358-3991

Nikko Solo stereo receiver 22 watts RMS-channel, AR-4XA speakers, Pioneer turntable and Shure cartridge, perfect condition. \$275. 668-9062

1972 Capri, auto, radio, tape deck, air, new paint, 52,000 miles, motor in excellent shape. \$1,395. 686-1212 after 5 p.m.

1976 Thunderbird 2-door, vinyl top, AM-FM 8-track stereo, P-B-S-W, 18,000 miles. \$7,950. 664-9095

1973 Honda 450, double overhead cam twin, 14,000 miles. \$550. 926-9786

1970 International Scout, 4-wheel drive, 4 cylinder, factory dual gas tanks with electric gauges, new mud tires, low mileage. \$1,995. 473-3203 after 8 p.m.

Full size, double keyboard, electric M-1 Hammond organ, bench with compartment, mahogany, excellent condition. \$545 or make offer. 643-9027 after 5:30 p.m.

1972 Ford Sport Custom LWB 1/2-ton, P-S, air. \$1,600. Four 15" Ford rims, new. \$40. 1978 Ford van seat. \$25. 472-8327

3-1-2 house in Deer Park, 2 window units, fenced, quick transaction because of transfer. \$5,500 equity and assume \$149 monthly notes. 479-8238

1966 Olds 455 engine, very good shape. Four 14" wheel covers for Olds. 944-7126

1976 Ford E150 custom van, 351 engine, auto, AM-FM 8-track, 9" TV with ant., bar, ref., bed, table, captain chairs, side pipes, ET mags, trailer hitch. \$6,600. 479-2343

1976 Yamaha 175cc Enduro, 500 miles, like new. \$595; will consider lower offer. 473-2365

1977 Yamaha 500cc Enduro 4 cycle, low mileage, perfect condition. \$1,095. 473-2365

1976 Datsun F-10, air, 5-speed, AM-FM radio clock, radial tires, 32 mpg, 7,500 miles, still in warranty. \$3,400. 437-6166 or 475-0290

14' x 60' mobile home on 2 large lots, central air and heat, 10' x 25' porch and 20' x 20' carport, 15 minutes from Shell. 479-2217

3-1-2 frame house on slab, fenced, dishwasher, stove, carpet. \$31,500. 477-6205

1976 Chrysler Cordova, leather seats, air, cruise control, AM-FM 8-track stereo, sport wheels, loaded. \$4,600. 481-4352

WANT TO BUY

Gasoline or electric powered cement mixer. 337-4355

Child's barbell set (bar, weights, dumbbells), also iron (non-coated) weights any size. 448-9397

HOUSE FOR RENT

3-1-1 Gulfgate Loop 610 area, central air and heat, big fenced yard. \$250 per month. 664-9095

WANTED

Female roommate to share house in Clear Lake beginning next March. Prefer non-smoker, fairly quiet, responsible young woman. 472-2901 weekends

FOUND

Cream color clip earring. Claim in Refinery Administration room 151.



"They're doing that all wrong."

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