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BEWARE OF NEAR ACCIDENTS

Think about accidents that almost happened. Think about those near-accidents, those close shaves that made you think for a minute your number was up.

Near-accidents don't cause injury or damage, but they do serve notice of trouble and call for some quick action.

Do you know what usually causes a near-accident from being a serious accident? It's usually a split-second of time or a fraction of an inch of space. In less than a second, or less than an inch, it might have been injury or death. Is that difference due to luck?

Suppose on your way home from work you almost run over a boy who dashes out in the street on a motor scooter. Was it just luck that you swerved and missed him at the last second? No! Another driver may have hit him. Your reflexes may be faster; you may be more cautious; your car may have better brakes, headlights, and tires.

A near-accident is a warning. A condition that almost causes an accident can easily cause a major accident the next time when you are not so alert, or when your reflexes aren't working so well.

Remember, near-accidents are signs that something is wrong. They usually indicate inefficient or unsafe habits, practices or conditions.

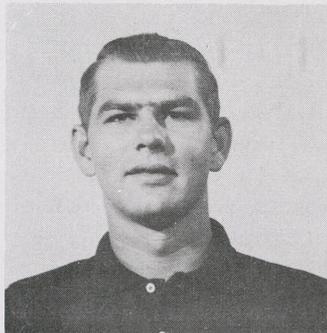
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REFINERY PEOPLE IN ACTION

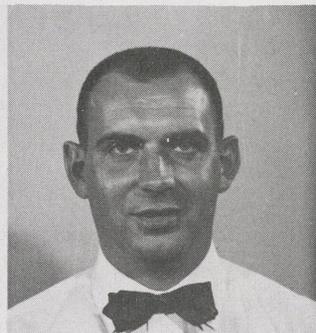


Earl Stevens and Ed Adams at the Lube Oil's Greer unit wax packaging conveyor.

PROMOTIONS



L. R. DURRETT



D. E. HARDESTY

The following promotions have been announced, effective September 1, 1965:

L. R. Durrett was promoted to Group Leader of the Process Development Group in the Research Laboratory, and D. E. Hardesty was promoted to Sr. Research Engineer in the Research Laboratory. T. J. Davis was promoted to Shift Foreman in the Thermal Cracking Department.

Larry Durrett graduated from the University of Texas in 1957 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and joined the Houston Refinery as a Chemist in the Refinery Laboratory. In 1960, he was transferred to the Research Laboratory.



T. J. DAVIS

Don Hardesty graduated from West Virginia University with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering in 1956, and then began work with Shell at the Research Laboratory. The majority of Don's career has been spent in the Process Development Group.

Tom Davis is a native Houstonian. He graduated from Jeff Davis High School in 1943 and joined Shell in July of 1944 as a Tester in the Refinery Laboratory. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

PROVIDENT FUND NEWS

Here are the latest Provident Fund valuations:

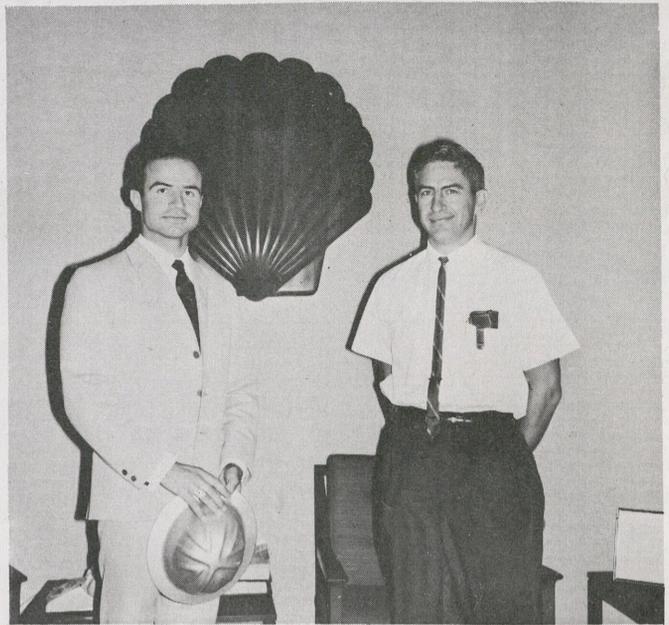
Equities Fund: August 5 - \$1.622
August 20 - \$1.652

Shell Stock Fund: July - \$63.455

Last year when you were asked to contribute to your United Fund or Community Chest, did you wonder what would happen to your contribution? Seems every year campaign time comes right around on schedule, but where did your money go?

In case you didn't realize it, you have helped a sick person to get well, you have helped a homeless child find love and security, you have helped cut down on juvenile delinquency through constructive youth guidance programs, you have helped keep a family on the verge of breaking up find domestic tranquility through counseling, you have helped the aged find comfort and care, you have helped members of the Armed Forces find wholesome recreation, you have helped people find relief who are caught in disaster; these and many more services you have helped provide through your contribution.

Your contribution, along with thousands of others, worked hard for you all year long. The sum total is what gave strength to what each of us gave. By itself it could have done little. But when added together it became a mighty force working hard to help people. Aren't you glad you gave? That you could do so many wonderful things with your one gift?



Roger Mouner (left), a Mechanical/Electrical Engineering graduate of the University of Paris, France, visited the Refinery last week. He is touring the United States on a two-month visit sponsored by the Rotary Club of Paris. He was guided on his Refinery tour by M. B. Milburn (right).

BOATING CLASSES START IN SEPTEMBER

Those desiring to improve their knowledge of small boat handling will have the opportunity in September.

A 13-week course in piloting, seamanship, aids to navigation, rules of the road, the compass, charts, and government regulations -- all designed to help pleasure craft owners handle their boats properly and safely -- will begin at 7:30 p.m., September 15, in the auditorium of the Great Southern Life Building at Buffalo Speedway and West Alabama in Houston.

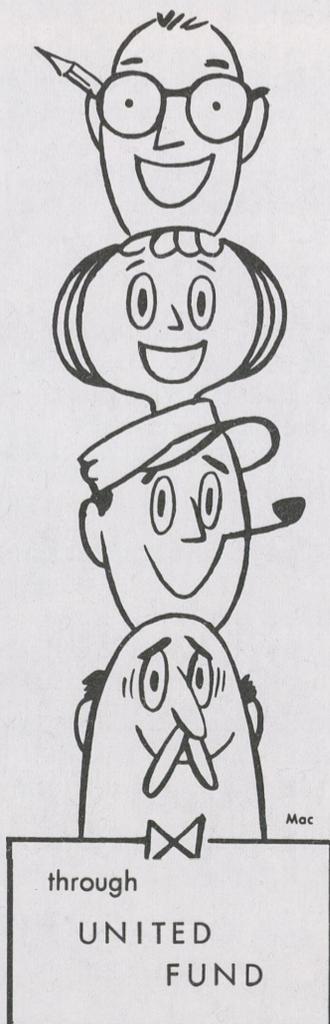
The course will be conducted by the Houston Power Squadron, a non-profit organization of boatmen dedicated to safe boating through education. The course is open to the public, will be free of charge, and will be conducted by 15 instructors and 60 proctors, all experienced boatmen, under the direction of Ross Comiskey, who has been chairman of this annual course each year since 1959.

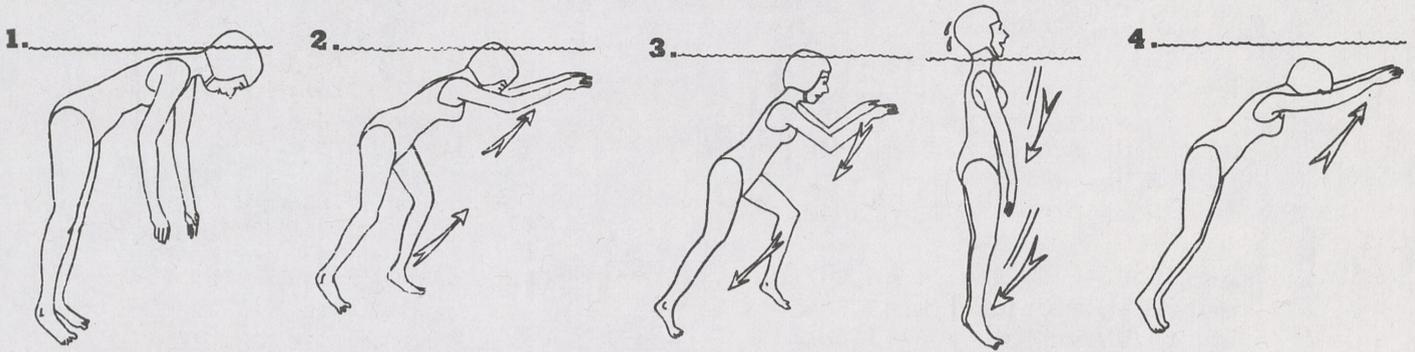
The classes will be held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The first evening will be devoted to registration. The final session will be an examination and those passing will be awarded a United States Power Squadron certificate.

Commander William H. Badger of the Houston Squadron pointed out that for the past five years applicants for the course have exceeded capacity.

"Last January we turned away about 100 people after we had registered the seating capacity limit of 504 students", he said. "We are starting a plan to conduct the course twice yearly in the hope of accommodating all who desire to learn the techniques and procedures involved in safe boat handling".

EVERYBODY'S GIVING





STEP BY STEP: (1) Take a lung full of air and let your body slide beneath the surface, completely relaxed. You'll come back to the surface floating like this. (2) Bring your arms--and a leg, too, if you wish -- forward slowly and easily to this position. Don't hurry -- there's no rush. Be completely relaxed and lazy about it. (3) Give a slow, easy, downward push with the arms and legs. At the same time, raise your head just high enough to get your nose and mouth out of the water. Keep your shoulders under; stay as low in the water as possible. With a little practice, you can learn to start letting your breath out through your nose on the way up. As your head comes above the surface, a slightly stronger push with your hands will hold it there long enough to inhale slowly through your mouth. Take your time inhaling; don't gulp. (4) Hold your breath, relax, and let your body slide back beneath the surface. As your body slides back down, let the natural resistance of the water raise your arms effortlessly into position for the next push.

TEXAS TOURIST TIPS

A UNIQUE ANTIQUE outlaw gun collection consisting of 350 items is now on exhibit at the Southwestern Historical Wax Museum in Dallas.

LAGUNA GARDENS, a 20-acre garden and lagoon, will open next April on the north shore of Town Lake in Austin. A private enterprise, it will feature an aquatic stage where various types of water entertainment--similar to that in Cypress Gardens, Florida--will be produced.

THE KATHRYN O'CONNOR FOUNDATION is restoring the Presidio La Bahia at Goliad. Restoration work is underway and the Presidio will be returned to its 1836 appearance. This will be a "must" historically.

TEXAS SAFETY ASSN. SAFETY TIPS

With the Labor Day holiday weekend coming up, the Texas Safety Assn. has issued a special advisory on how to get killed in holiday traffic:

- Fail to yield right-of-way.
- Drive too fast for existing conditions.
- Drive faster than posted speed limit.
- Drive while drunk.
- Drive on wrong side of road.

J. O. Musick, TSA general manager, said the list of rules was formulated "for those drivers who feel they have a built-in personal immunity to accidents and therefore can disregard any or all warnings..."

WHY DROWN? WHEN DROWNPROOFING IS SO EASY

Fighting to "keep your head above water" can be a serious mistake...especially when your life hangs in the balance.

One of the basic elements of "drown-proofing"--a technique for staying alive in deep water for long periods of time--is that you DO NOT try to keep your head above water all the time.

Instead, you relax, floating just beneath the surface. Then every few seconds, when you need a fresh breath of air, you do a gentle stroke and raise your head out of the water to breathe.

A beginning swimmer, or a non-swimmer, fights to keep his head above water so he can breathe. In so doing he is holding up a weight of about 15 pounds. This is tiring, even for a strong swimmer.

"Drownproofing" was pioneered by Fred R. Lanoue, who teaches swimming at Georgia Tech. The Navy was so impressed with the method that they asked Lanoue to teach it to swimming instructors at the Bainbridge, Maryland Naval Training School.

One sailor--a non-swimmer who had taken Lanoue's course, stayed afloat for five hours with one arm badly burned and the other broken after his ship had been torpedoed.

Drownproof yourself and your family. The technique isn't hard to learn...and it could easily save your life.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Sacrifice Equity -
 1965 Chevrolet BelAir
 4-Dr. 11,000 miles.
 One owner. White and
 red interior, air con-
 ditioned, radio, and
 heater.
 Telephone - HO 4-0493

FOR SALE: 1963 Corvair Monza Convertible.
 Clean.
 \$1395.00
 1960 Triumph, TR-10; 4-Dr.
 Sedan - Clean.
 \$275.00
 Telephone - GR 9-2886

FOR SALE: Lakefront property. Lake Belton -
 167 miles from Houston. Lake-
 front 80' x 110'. 36' x 40'
 asbestos shingle house, large
 wood-burning fireplace; built-
 in table top and oven; com-
 plete bath; own deep well;
 large butane tank with house;
 electricity served by Texas
 Power and Light.
 \$6500.00
 Telephone - Belton: WE 9-5685
 or Credit Union: GR 9-2886

FOR SALE: 1964 Ford 1/2-Ton Pickup;
 custom cab V-8; radio.
 10,000 miles.
 \$1425.00
 1959 Ford Galaxie. Automatic
 transmission, radio, and heater.
 \$550.00
 Telephone - MI 5-5693

FOR SALE: Garage and Furniture Sale -
 September 11 and 12 at 339
 Kirby Road. 2 Blacks off FM
 528 or NASA Road - Clear Lake.
 Turn left at Texaco Station on
 528 and Kirby Road.
 Mr. & Mrs. H. M. Baines.

FOR SALE: New - One Firestone and One
 Goodyear tire with tubes,
 7.00 - 15, 8 ply rating -
 \$30 each. Will consider
 trade on good typewriter.
 Telephone - GR 2-3018

WANTED TO BUY: Fender Electric Guitar - Mustang
 or Duo-Sonic; in good condition.
 Telephone - GR 9-1338

FOR SALE: House in Glenbrook Valley -
 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, attached
 two-car garage; central air-
 conditioning, new carpeting
 and drapes. Convenient to
 schools and shopping center.
 \$525 cash will handle.
 Telephone - MI 9-5902

FOUND: Assorted Keys. Contact
 H. D. Smith, Room 139 - Admin.
 Bldg.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Name	FROM		TO	
	Classification	Department	Classification	Department
J. T. Wilkerson	Rackman/Pumper- Gauger	Dispatching	Pumper-Gauger	Dispatching
J. Denley	Operator No. 2	Cat. Cracking	Operator No. 2	Aromatics

BEWARE OF NEAR ACCIDENTS (CONT'D.)

So let's keep our eyes open for the little things that go wrong. Let's not just shrug them off as "close ones". Let's do something about them. Correct them or report them to responsible parties. Treat near-accidents as if they were serious accidents. Root out the causes while we have a chance.

So fine the line between a near accident and a serious accident!

WELCOME

James H. Gross Laboratory Assistant Research Laboratory	Gyula J. Lovasz Jr. Laboratory Assistant Research Laboratory
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