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BART EWELL, CHAMPION SWIMMER, TOP STUDENT, IS NOW STAFF ENGINEER AT HOUSTON REFINERY

"The story of the boy who left home for college with \$5 in his pocket, worked his way through Ohio State in three years to graduate at the top of his class, was voted the outstanding athlete of the Big Ten upon his graduation in 1934, won a four-year fellowship to the University of Wisconsin and became the first man to swim across Lake Erie's 11-mile breadth is the story of Robert Bartlett Ewell," who 30 years later is a Refinery employee.

Bart Ewell, Staff Engineer, Computer Control Applications Department, says he has never been featured in any company newspaper, but he received a lot of coverage from hometown newspapers when he was in college as judged by the above quote from the Washington Evening Star in 1935.

Bart has always had a determination to set records, so he finished college in three years while working to pay for expenses and setting records on the Ohio State swim team. He may also be the only Ph.D. who has driven a cable car in San Francisco. He was also the first 12 year-old Scout to reach Eagle rank.

During his colorful younger days, Bart spent most of his time studying, swimming, and working and earned scholastic honors, including Phi Beta Kappa membership.

"I didn't have much leisure time, but that time I swam across Lake Erie, I did it just for fun," he said.

"A friend and I started out with a little outboard, some soup for me and some sandwiches for him. I smeared coco butter, olive oil and axle grease all over me and we began our 11-mile journey. When we got hungry, we started eating our lunch, but the soup did not agree with me, so I decided to eat the sandwiches instead," he said.

After six hours, he approached Catawba Cliffs Beach club and a reception committee came out in boats to greet him and recognize his effort.

Bart started working for Shell as a Technologist in 1940. After transferring to San Francisco, he felt he should do something for the war effort. As a long-time customer of the cable car company, he decided that he could probably help people get to work on time if he became a gripman. After checking with management, Bart applied for a part-time job. The cable car company hesitated at first because they did not have part-time employees, but later hired him.

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RIBBON CUTTING--The new marketing distribution plant in Pasadena was officially opened recently by Chamber of Commerce representatives and Shell employees. They are, Chamber of Commerce members, far left and far right; L. T. Wilson, Refinery Manager, Gene Alexander, C of C; Orv Lovelady, Plant Superintendent; W. A. Gabig, Chemical Plant Manager; and T. K. Stewart, Public Relations.

J. C. MUYRES NAMED TO NEW POSITION IN TECH, WILL SERVE AS SENIOR ENGINEERING ASSISTANT

J. C. Muyres, Laboratory Technician, Refinery Laboratory, will be promoted to the new position of Senior Engineering Assistant in the Technological Department, effective January 1, as announced by Chief Technologist, M. L. Renquist.

Johnny will be providing technical assistance in a variety of ways to process engineers, so they can more effectively apply their chemical engineering know-how to the problems at hand. One area of involvement, for instance, will be the maintenance, review and evaluation of operating data pertinent to economic studies of plant operations in general, catalyst performance in particular. Other areas of assistance will be developed as experience indicates.

Johnny joined Shell in April 1945 as a Technician Laboratory in the Houston Research Laboratory. He assumed his present post in the Refinery Lab in June 1967.



Muyres



DISTINGUISHED VISITOR--E. G. "Zeke" Travis, who retired from HO Manufacturing Operations in 1966 as Manager of Light Oils, and was known as "Mr. Product Quality," shakes hands with Carl Robertus when he visited with old friends. A. A. Rogers, former Process Superintendent who retired in 1962, also came for the occasion.



WEDDING BELLS--Lewis Adams and his bride Carolyn Hand were feted by Oil Movements employees before Carolyn left Shell. The couple received a silver tray.

PROVIDENT FUND NEWS

The following are the Provident Fund valuations:

- Equities Fund:
 - November 5, 1969--\$2.256
 - November 20, 1969--\$2.224
- Shell Stock Fund:
 - November - \$51.951

PRESENTATION OF TREE OF LIGHT, TUESDAY

The Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Houston has invited Harris County residents to the 51st Annual Tree of Light, Tuesday, December 16 at Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park.

The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. with a band concert followed by the chimes and lantern procession at 7:30 and the pageant and cantata at 8:15.

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SHELL'S WONDERFUL WORLD OF GOLF SHOW BEGINS NINTH YEAR ON TV WITH JANUARY 17 MATCH

Shell's "Wonderful World of Golf" show for 1970 is filmed and ready for viewing, beginning in January.

Following last year's format, in its ninth year on television, the show pits international players in four elimination matches. Initial winners meet in two semi-final matches --one in New Orleans and the other in Canada. Finalists meet in a championship play-off in San Francisco.

All courses played will be seen for the first time on the program. Locales include Sao Paulo, Brazil; Buenos Aires; Tobago, West Indies; and Mexico City.

Filming of the Emmy Award-winning series began in April and concluded in June.

In the first match, Canadian George Knudson meets Lee Elder and Master's champion George Archer in Sao Paulo. In succeeding matches, Roberto De Vincenzo of Argentina plays at the Ranelagh Golf Club in Buenos Aires with Tom Weiskopf and Dave Stockton of the United States.

Julius Boros, Lee Trevino, and last year's "Shell Wonderful World of Golf" champion, Frank Beard, meet at the Bella Vista Country Club course in Mexico City. Bob Murphy, Miller Barber and Dan Sikes compete over the Tobago Country Club course, Mount Irvine.

Opening-round prizes are \$7,000, \$5,000, and \$3,000 for first, second and third place, respectively. Semi-final awards are \$10,000 and \$7,000 and championship prizes will be \$20,000 for the winner and \$10,000 for the loser. A \$10,000 bonus will be paid for a hole-in-one.

The following schedule for the program has been confirmed by NBC:

- January 17.....Buenos Aires
- January 24.....Tobago
- January 31.....Brazil
- February 7.....Mexico
- February 14.....Canada
- February 21.....New Orleans
- February 28.....San Francisco



CANADIAN BLUE GOOSE VISITS--Charlie Stebbins, Docks, tries to befriend a blue goose which has made his home in the area just west of the docks. The goose seems to like the grasses and insects here, for he has stayed more than a week. The goose seems to be traveling alone although geese usually mate for life.

BART EWELL--

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With his gripman's instructions memorized, Bart began training on one of the cable routes on a Saturday. The gripman's job is strenuous because he must control the car with a wheel brake, track brake, emergency brake, the grip which attaches to the cable, and must be able to stop the car by applying sand to the rails.

After 12 hours of training, Bart was disappointed when his bad kidney started acting up again and he had to give up his career as a cable car gripman.

He no longer swims much, but he has many mementoes of days gone by including numerous clippings and a large picture of a cable car which hangs in his office.

OIL FACT

Except for taxes, gasoline is still about five cents a gallon cheaper than it was 45 or 50 years ago.

STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE SAYS IMPORT QUOTAS MAY SAVE NATION MONEY BY LOWERING EXPENDITURES

A new view dampens the ammunition of forces seeking to nullify the Mandatory Oil Import Control Program. Opponents argue that import quotas cost the American consumer money. Not so, says the Stanford Research Institute.

In a recently issued report, the prestigious research group says, "There is no net economic cost to the United States from the oil import quota program." Indeed, the report continues, the nation's expenditures for fuel and energy may be lower as a result of the program.

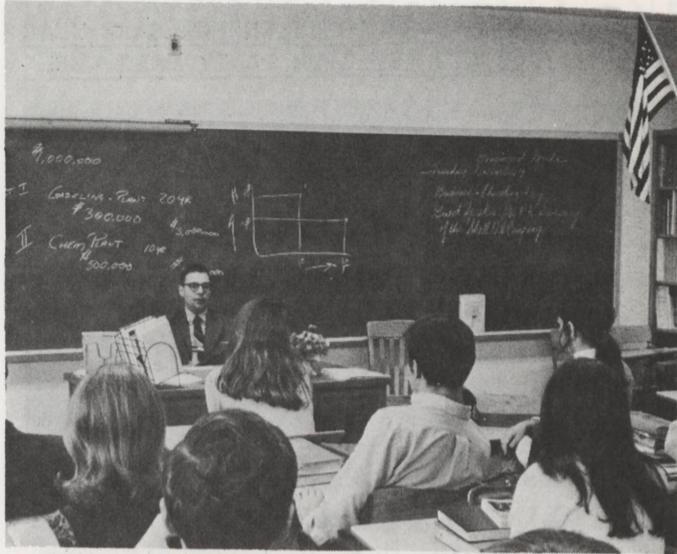
Another report, which anti-quota forces consider a major justification for their position, alleges that oil import restrictions cost the consumer billions of dollars a year. This report was prepared for the President's Office of Science and Technology by Charles River Associates of Cambridge, Mass.

"The Stanford Research Report is being widely circulated in Washington, where the Institute's prestige makes the study a counter to the Charles River survey," The New York Times commented.

Commissioned by the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company, the Stanford survey is a reply to a questionnaire issued by the Task Force on Oil Import Control. President Nixon set up the task force to review the oil import control program, under which he may establish quotas. The President is expected to announce his decision on the future of the program this year. Congress is also studying the program, established in 1959 by Presidential proclamation after federal officials determined that the high levels of oil imports threatened to impair national security.

The Stanford report claims that import restrictions are justified both by considerations of national security and economics.

The report says in summary: Although refinery purchases of crude oil cost more un-



BE DAY TEACHER--Pete Samsury, Utilities Department, took over a government class for a day at Lee High School in Houston to instruct students on the American economic system as part of the Chamber of Commerce sponsored Business-Education Day.

der the quota program, which is largely reflected in a higher cost to the nation for transportation fuels, there are offsetting benefits in the thermal fuel sector. (Natural gas accounts for 70 percent of the nation's thermal fuel requirements. Thus, the nation's total expenditures for fuel and energy are no higher, and may even be lower, as a result of the oil import control program. The benefits of the program to national security are not even essential to the justification of the program.

"However, security considerations are very real. Oil is essential for defense, as well as for the maintenance of stable growth in Gross National Product. The tremendous concentration of the world's oil reserves in the Middle East creates considerable vulnerability. Short term interruptions have already occurred; longer term interruptions are a real threat."

The petroleum industry maintains that the importation of large supplies of cheaper, foreign crude would discourage domestic exploration and make uneconomical the development of marginally profitable wells, and secondary recovery operations in marginal oil fields. The net effect would be to diminish U.S. reserves in the face of a galloping increase in demand for crude, and force dependence on overseas sources in an emergency.

"Reduced exploratory activity for crude oil will also have a profound effect on the discovery of additional reserves of natural gas and natural gas liquids," the Stanford report points out, adding that imported gas would cost more than domestic.

Although elimination of import quotas would be reflected initially in lower prices for crude, after a honeymoon, prices would probably increase or become so volatile that savings expected to flow from elimination of import controls would be eroded, Stanford economists observe.



CRANES AT WORK--Above, crane lifts column, which has been inspected and repaired, back into place. At right, workmen pulled tubes out of primary reboil and secondary preheat furnace convection section and lowered them with cranes.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

12 ft. MFG fiberglass boat, tri-hull, 54-inches wide, extras with practically new galvanized tilt trailer, \$275. 1968 Johnson 6 hp motor, 5 hours, \$250.
Telephone: 667-6096

3½ hp Sears outboard motor with fuel tank. Approximately 10 hours running time, \$75. Two Brunswick bowling balls--1-16 lb. and 1-12 lb. with carrying cases, \$20 each.
Telephone: OV 6-1212

Crosley chest type deep freeze, 6 foot, \$35. Swivel rocker, aqua color, \$40. RCA record player, portable, \$30. Yashieca camera, new, \$70. Singer vacuum cleaner, \$10.
Telephone: GR 9-1927

7x50 wide range binoculars, good condition, \$15.
Telephone: 471-4220

Saddle, \$45.
Telephone: 473-1274

Simmons hideabed sofa, \$25. Two contemporary lamps, \$15 for both.
Telephone: 488-3974

FOR SALE OR TRADE

4 plot cemetery lot, lot 34--sec. 2, Brookside Memorial Park, \$500 value for \$400.
Telephone: 479-4217

FREE

4 Siamese kittens, 6 weeks old.
Telephone: 645-5836

4 puppies, part border collie and shepherd.
Telephone: HU 7-1368



DISTILLING SHUTDOWN--

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tricians and Instrumentmen from the East District have also been involved.

In a joint effort, each departmental section has tried to carry out shutdown work in an efficient and prompt manner. The automotive section has provided five large cranes, two smaller cranes, five boom trucks and travelloaders, three fork lifts and the drivers.

The Automotive segment of the work was directed by Pete Gilliam.

#1 Distilling which generally has an intake capacity of 75 - 80,000 barrels of crude a day, fractionates crude into various components which are fed into other units. #3 Distilling unit will be shutdown sometime next year after the new #2 unit starts up. The new unit will be capable of running about 160,000 barrels a day of crude.

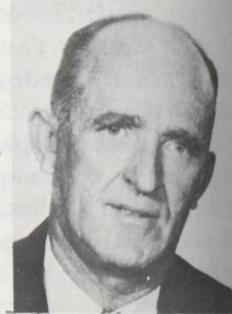
J. W. NORTON RETIRES AFTER 27 YEARS SERVICE

J. W. Norton, Welder #1, retired December 1 after more than 27 years of company service.

He began working for the Refinery in 1942 as a General Helper.

Norton was born in Springfield, Illinois, and attended school in Plano, Texas.

He and his wife, Doris Louise, live at 1208 Sunset Drive in Pasadena.



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