

### Four-Story Dollhouse: Daddy's Gift To Jenifer

Bill Duchie, manager, Environmental Engineering, now understands why builders' estimates of when a home under construction will be completed tend to be overly optimistic.

In October of 1977, Bill began construction of a colonial style dollhouse as a Christmas present for his youngest daughter, Jenifer. And a grand dollhouse it was to be: four stories high including a walk-in attic with dormer windows, a shake roof, clapboard siding, custom windows and door. Its walls were to be papered and its floors carpeted. Pictures would hang upon its walls and curtains cover its windows.

### Webelo Earns Arrow Of Light

Webelo John Walichowski has earned the Arrow of Light award, which is the highest attainable in the Cub Scout program and the only Cub award that may be worn on the Boy Scout uniform.

The first step in earning the Arrow of Light was for John to become a Webelo Cub Scout and learn the meaning of the Boy Scout oath, law, motto, slogan, sign, salute and handclasp, as well as the various parts of the Webelo and Boy Scout uniforms. Also required was planning and leading a flag ceremony. Then John had to learn the outdoor code, water safety and how to handle emergency first-aid cases, such as stopped breathing, serious bleeding and internal poisoning.

When it came time to earn an award in citizenship, plus two of the following: aquanaut, athlete, naturalist or outdoorsman, John chose to earn the athlete and outdoorsman awards.

After a Webelo masters all of the above, he then must appear before a board of five adult Scout leaders and submit himself, as John did, to an hour-long, rugged, question-and-answer period before he can receive the Arrow of Light award.

John is the 10-year-old son of Ed Walichowski, senior E&S analyst. He attends the fifth grade at Webster Elementary where he is a good student and excels in baseball and football.

Well, Christmas came and went with the dollhouse still under construction. The next date set for completion was Jenifer's sixth birthday in January. That, too, passed with Jenifer's daddy still working on the dollhouse.

With more than 120 hours involved to date, they are still awaiting the day when Jenifer's dolls can move in, walk up and down the stairways, make pretend meals in the kitchen, sit in the living room or rest in one of the upstairs bedrooms. Jenifer and her dolls look forward to the time when they can play hide-and-seek in the attic or simply dream an afternoon away pretending they are hunting tigers in the Asian jungle or hiking across the Antarctica's frozen land mass: Things possible only in the daydreams of children and dolls.

Six-year-old Jenifer stands beside the four-story dollhouse under construction by her daddy, Bill Duchie.



### SCORA Elects New Officers



New officers for SCORA's board of directors were elected at the board's March 23 meeting. The officers are: "Chicken" Williams, vice president; Meiba Hall, treasurer; Barbara Moon, secretary; and Fred Sonderegger, president.

# Pre-Retirees Offered Educational Reimbursement

A new Shell pre-retirement program will help employees 55 and older get ready for the hours that lie ahead of them after they receive their last regular paycheck.

The company will reimburse them up to a maximum of \$300 a year for courses taken to prepare for whatever they want to do in retirement. There are virtually no restrictions on the kinds of courses that will be approved under the program. They might be hobby-related or might prepare the individual for a new career in retire-

ment. A few random examples: classes on the use of leisure time, the psychology of retirement, health for the aged, creative writing, ceramics, auto mechanics, home maintenance or real estate sales.

To be eligible for the program, an applicant must: be a regular, full-time employee, age 55 or older; obtain approval from local management before enrolling; make a passing grade; and take courses offered outside normal working hours by a school in good standing.

A related program - which has been in operation for more than two years - offers quarterly informational booklets to any employee thinking of retiring within five years. Some 1,600 senior employees already receive the booklets, they've proved popular and helpful, and they're available on request.

An article concerning both programs - the new and the old - will appear in the upcoming issue of SHELL NEWS, and full details are available from local employee relations representatives: Bobby Garrett on 6533 or Glenn Pardon on 7308.

## If Doing Your Taxes Was Bad, Try This Quiz

Identify the formula below. The correct answer is:

- (1) Einstein's theory of relativity;
- (2) the "simplified" Income Tax 1040; or
- (3) computation required of oil companies to justify an increase in the price of general refinery products.

$$q_t^u = Q^t \left[ \frac{C_t^t - C_t^o}{Q_t^t - Q_t^o} \right] \left[ \frac{R_t^t}{R_t^o} \right] + A_t^s + A_t^r + \left[ C_t^t - C_t^o - Y_t(q_t^t - q_t^o) \right] + B_t^s + B_t^r + E^t \left[ \frac{V_t^u}{V_t^o} \right] + F_t^t + N_t^s + N_t^r - G_t^t = H_t^u$$

If you guessed (3), you're right. And, to make sure that the 15 largest oil companies do their arithmetic correctly, the Department of Energy reports that it will increase the number of auditors it assigns to these companies.

Here's how it works. Say you have motor oil and you want to sell, and you think you'd better raise your price a penny because of increased costs. All you have to do is to apply the above formula. Try it, it's easy. Here are the terms: A-crude oil cost; B-purchased product cost; G-over-recovered product cost; H-transferred costs; V-volume of sales (estimated); i-covered product subscript; O-applicable to May 1973; t-month of measurement (of cost); u-month of recovery; C-cost of crude oil; Q-quantity of crude oil; R-

refinery production quantities; c-cost of purchased products; q-quantity of purchased products; y-acquisition cost booked in May 1973; E-increased non-product costs other than Marketing expenses; F-Marketing cost increase; N-unrecovered non-product cost; S-month preceding month of measure-

ment (t); r-two months before (t), after January 1, 1976.

What was that again?????????

## Facts Came Unglued

The March 23 *Shellegram* article **ERU-5 Completion Cements Company's Position** stated: "Construction of ERU-5 began in August 1976 and start-up preparations began in early 1977. Both areas of responsibility were under process manager A. Y. "Gus" Noojin. . . ." The start-up preparations were under Gus and he played a role in its construction; however, the article failed to mention that the Major Projects organization, which included the Inspection and Field Construction groups made the significant effort in the design and construction of the unit.

## Retirees Die



**DOWDY**

**PENNEYWELL**

James A. Dowdy, 82, retired insulator No. 1, Engineering Field (now Maintenance North), died February 18.

At the time of his retirement in March 1959, James had 15 years of company service.

He is survived by his wife, Maye, who resides in Ratcliff, Texas.

Daniel Penneywell, 62, died March 30. Dan was a general helper in Maintenance North.

At the time of his retirement in February 1976, he had 22 years of company service.

He resided at 3902 Kashmere Street in Houston.

## Service Anniversaries



35 Years  
M. H. Ford  
Maint. South



35 Years  
D. A. Lucas  
EP-Sulfur



35 Years  
J. H. Williams  
Gas Recovery



30 Years  
C. A. Davenport  
Dispatching



30 Years  
A. L. Taylor  
Maint. North



30 Years  
E. F. Walzel  
"C" Dept.

## Eight Employees Retire From Complex

**Elton L. Bang**, 65, retired as an instrumentman No. 1 in Maintenance North with 34 years of company service.

Elton and his wife, Lucile, make their home at 1526 Birdsall in Houston.

**Kenneth H. Cook**, 52 retired as an operations foreman in Thermal Cracking with 30½ years of company service.

Kenneth and his wife, Amalita, reside in Frankston, Texas.

**Wilbur E. Gann**, 55, retired as a pipefitter No. 1 in Maintenance North with 24½ years of company service.

Wilbur and his wife, Ruby, make their home at 1813 Peachwood Drive in Pasadena.

**William E. King**, 58, retired as an operator No. 1 in Catalytic Cracking with 24½ years of company service.

He and his wife, Carolyn, reside at 9115 Belfast in La Porte.

**Herman O. B. Kizzee**, 63, retired as a truck driver in Maintenance North with 28½ years of company service.

Herman and his wife, Ora Mae, make their home at 4737 Bricker in Houston.

**George S. Revels**, 54, retired as a welder No. 1 in Maintenance South with 28½ years of company service.

He and his wife, Mary, will make their home in Garrison, Texas.

**Neal G. Tate**, 63, retired as a counterman in Purchasing with 30½ years of company service.

Neal and his wife, Clara, make their home at 606 Elm Street in Pasadena.

**Woodroe W. Williams**, 61, retired as an operator No. 1 in Shipping with 31 years of company service.

Woodroe and his wife, Mabel, make their home at 5835 Phillips in Houston.



Bang



Cook



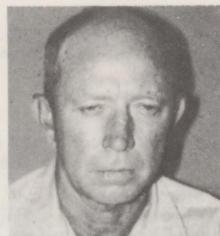
Gann



King



Kizzee



Revels



Tate



Williams

## A Special Person Retires

Among the eight retirees on this page is Neal Tate, a special person by anyone's standards.

That's why several hundred craftsmen, supervisors and friends, including general manager Gary Dillard, turned out for his retirement party March 31 in the Maintenance South shops. They wanted to let Neal know that it was good knowing one of Shell's outstanding employees.

The story of how Neal lost his eyesight when a rotameter used to gauge the amount of liquid going through a line exploded - spewing acrolein into his eyes - appeared in the September 13, 1974, *Shellegram* and *Shell News* edition 1975:1. Both stories dealt with

Neal's losing his sight and then partially regaining it 27 years later. They related how he resumed working at Shell in Purchasing's tool room where he eventually memorized the location and feel of more than 20,000 items.

Yet, if you talk to Neal's co-workers, you'll quickly realize that their biggest impression of Neal wasn't his ability to find the part they needed, but his radiant acquiescence in time of trouble. This attribute of Neal's endeared him to all who had the bounty of working with him. Not only were their hearts touched, but their lives were enriched for having known a man of Neal Tate's character.

Neal retired as a counterman in Purchasing's tool room.



Process Engineering employees and guests Louise Meier, Doris and Bert Starker, Charles Keith, Barbara and Murl Milburn and Susan Keith had a good time at the department's recent safety party. Unfortunately the food ran out before the Lennie Lambins and the Steve Slaymakers got served. Being gentlemen with extra cash in pocket, they took their wives, Betty and Della, out for dinner.

# Classifieds

**FOR SALE**

12 sheets of 1/2"x4"x8' sheetrock. \$30. 473-7165

Pro Line golf bag. \$25. 2-wheel golf cart. \$10. New set of junior golf clubs. \$15. 472-4203

1977 Festival Mobile home 14'x72', central air and heat, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, washer-dryer connections, bar. Small equity. 487-4234

3-1/2-2 house at 526 Heidrich Avenue, Houston, excellent condition, brick, central air and heat, new roof, patio, large trees. 695-5507

Large 3-2-2D in Friendswood, brick veneer, Colonial, fully landscaped and fenced. 482-3564 after 5 p.m.

Lake Livingston lot near Summerlin Marina, utilities available. \$950 equity, plus \$34 per month payments. 487-2269

12'x68' mobile home, Park Avenue, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, central heat and air, stove and refrigerator, to be moved. \$7,500. 487-0584 or 487-3058

8' x 20' patio cover. \$100. 464-5037 after 5 p.m.

1977 14'x72' Festival mobile home, central air and heat, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, washer and dryer connections. Small equity. 487-4234

Gas range. \$75. Sears freezer. \$200. 649-8619

1975 Honda, GL 1000, wind jammer, luggage rack, sissy bar, cruise control, good condition, looks like new, 5,500 miles. \$2,000. 477-4762 after 6 p.m.

1973 Gran Torino Squire stationwagon, air, power, stereo tape, wood grain sides. \$2,000. 485-2706

1964 Pontiac Catalina 4-door sedan, air, power, radio, one owner. \$600 or best offer. 422-9015

1976 Dodge customized maxivan, 318, auto, P-S-B, cruise, FM 8-track, air, refrigerator, toilet, queen bed, electric water, aux. battery, etc., \$8,500 or best offer. 433-1988

1974 Toyota wagon, new tires, air. \$1,500. 1974 Capri, mag wheels. \$1,350. Sears refrigerator with ice maker, Harvest Gold. \$225. 383-2080

1972 Opel. \$650. 869-9650

1969 Ford Galaxie 500 ranchwagon, 9 passenger, P-B-S, auto, air. \$375. 479-1772

1972 Chevrolet Impala custom hardtop, no rust, excellent paint, good tires, all power, air. \$1,095. 472-5906

1976 Chevette, air, standard, 16,000 miles, like new. \$2,695. 472-2564

1977 Camaro V-8, auto, air, P-B-S, cruise, loaded, 8,500 miles. Take up payments. 479-4727

1974 Pinto stationwagon, air, radio, 2300cc 4-speed, 55,000 miles, very good condition. \$1,500. 424-1303

1971 Volvo 145S wagon, air, 4-speed. \$1,595. 497-7749

1966 Mustang 6 cyl., good paint, no dents, no rust. \$795. 472-6430

Afghan puppies, 8 weeks old, no papers. \$100. 472-3018

**FREE**

Year old thoroughbred Irish Sitter male, no papers. 485-5472

**FOUND**

Rust color neck scarf. U.S. Govt. key near refinery automotive. Claim in room 151 of refinery administration.

**LOST**

Beat up and well worn Marine Corps signet ring. Call Norrix on 6354, 6355 or 6281.

**PERSONALS**

I would like to express my deep appreciation to my friends at DPMC for the many wonderful years that we spent together. Also for my gifts, well wishes and retirement party. For these, my wife, Billie, and I thank you very much. Come by and visit us at 8219 Mattby in Houston. Sincerely,

—Walter Cannon

I would like to thank my friends for my retirement gift and scroll. I am grateful for the opportunity of having you as friends and working with you. Come by and see us.

—Forrest and Pauline Lee



## SCORA Events

The deadline for payroll deductions of SCORA membership dues for 1978-79 has been extended to April 21. Dues cannot be automatically deducted if check-off authorization is received after April 21.

Dan McNeill reports that SCORA has used tennis balls for sale at \$3.00 a dozen and that proceeds will go to the association. He also has a man's warm-up top which was left at SCORA's recent tennis tournament. Claim by giving Dan a call on 6790.

# Welcome To The Complex



Mike Miller  
General Helper  
Maintenance South



Rae Miller  
General Helper  
Maintenance South



Ron Moreno  
General Helper  
Maintenance South



Bromley Oliver  
Technician  
QC Laboratory



Mike Poole  
General Helper  
Maintenance South



Marshall Risinger  
Pipefitter #1  
Maintenance South



A. T. Robinson  
General Helper  
Maintenance South



Tom Shaw  
Pipefitter #1  
Maintenance South



Regina Stephenson  
General Helper  
Maintenance South



Cliff Thomas  
Pipefitter #1  
Maintenance South



Leon Tittle  
General Helper  
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