

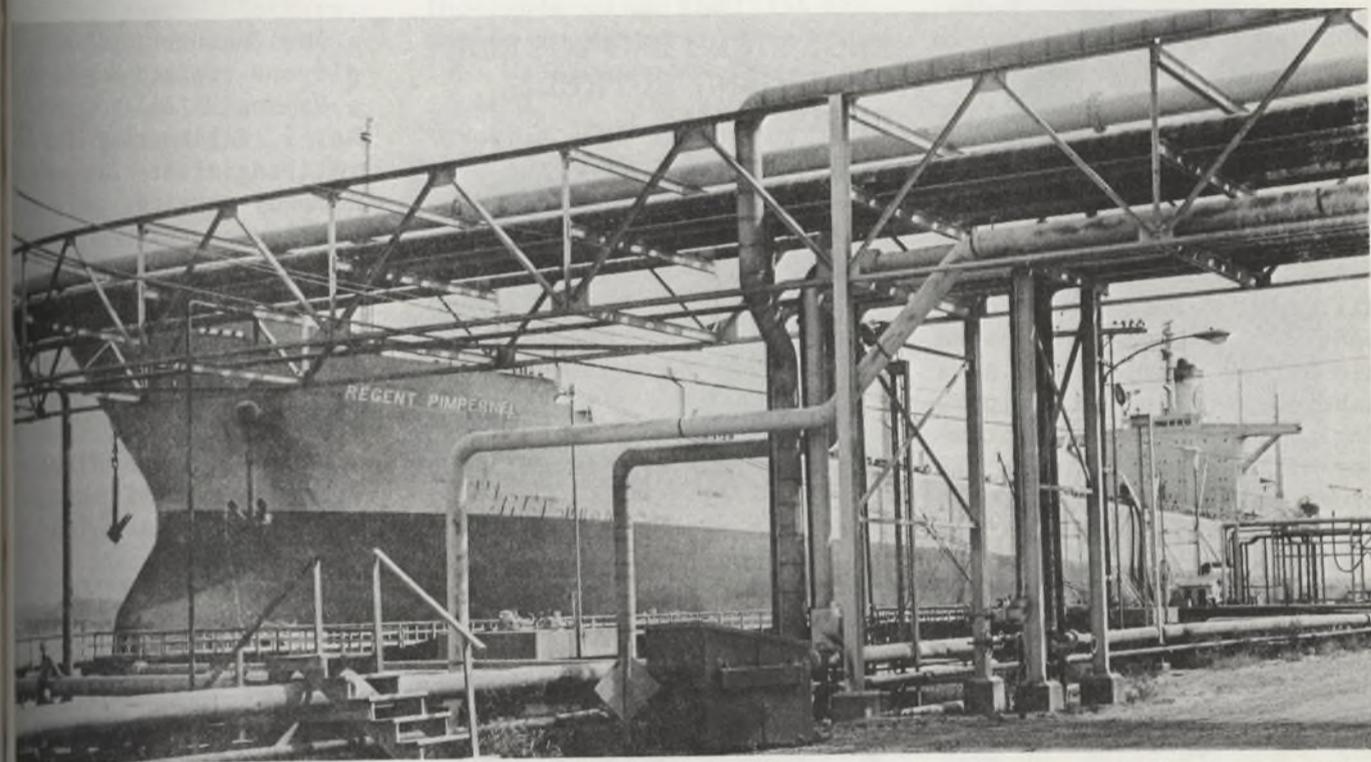
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REGENT PIMPERNEL ARRIVES, FIRST ARABIAN LIGHT CRUDE SHIP SINCE THE ARAB BOYCOTT BEGAN



The Regent Pimpernel docked at the Houston Refinery on May 25. The Japanese ship with its Korean crew unloaded its 308,000 barrel cargo with the assistance of the Dispatching Department personnel in 21 hours and 20 minutes for an average of 14,200 bbl/hr.

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HOUSTON AREA OFFERS ABUNDANCE OF STATE PARKS

You don't have to drive long distances to have a good time.

The close proximity of state parks to urban areas is a good hedge against those energy crises blues. All it takes is readjusting your sights so that you look closer to home for your fun.

One way to do this is to get your drafting compass and road map and draw a circle representing a hundred-mile radius around your home. The circle approximates the distance you will be able to travel on a half-a-tank of gasoline, and if you plan your trip within the perimeter of the circle, you should have enough gas for a return trip.

If you live in a large metropolitan area such as Houston, for example, you may be surprised at what is available to you, especially in the way of state parks.

Seven state parks lie within a 100-mile radius of Houston, offering top-quality recreational opportunities.

To the south of Houston on the Gulf of Mexico is Galveston

Island State Park. This 1,921 acre park boasts of 8,000 feet of Gulf shoreline as well as access to Galveston Bay. Activities include fishing, surfing, swimming and birdwatching. Development is underway.

For a sight-seeing trip, it's hard to beat a tour of the Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Park, located in Brazoria County.

This completely furnished old plantation manor was the home of Governor James S. Hogg. It portrays colonial life in the early days of Texas, 1835-1850, and was established by Martin Varner, member of Stephen F. Austin's "Old Three Hundred." The park is located on Varner Creek, which was used to transport sugar to market from the sugar mill that was located on the site.

Stephen F. Austin State Park just east of Sealy is a popular recreation spot for Houstonites. The park is located on the Brazos River adjoining the old ferry and a part of the Comercio Plaza de San Felipe. This is the site of the town-

ship of San Felipe, seat of government of the Anglo-American colonies in Texas. The conventions of 1832 and 1833 and the Consultation of 1835 were held here, making the town the capital of the provisional government until the Convention of 1836 met at Washington-on-the-Brazos to write the Texas Declaration of Independence.

Activities include picnicking, camping, fishing, swimming, nature study, hiking and golf. The park has a 3,830 square-foot swimming pool and a nine-hole golf course.

Of historical interest within our hundred-mile circle is Monument Hill State Historic Site in Fayette County near La Grange. This is the site

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PROVIDENT FUND NEWS

The following is the Equities Fund valuation:

April 20, 1974 - \$2.514

JOE E. MILLER, PROCESS MANAGER, ALKYLATION DEPARTMENT DIES MAY 9



Joe E. Miller, process manager, Alkylation Department, died May 9.

At the time of his death Miller had worked for the company 37-3/4 years. He began his career with Shell as a laborer and general helper, Engineering Field, in September of 1936. Later he was promoted to shiftforeman/poly in the Gas Department and then

in January 1972 he was promoted to process manager, Alkylation Department.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Niday Funeral Home,

4136 Broadway with burial at South Park Cemetery near Pearland.

He is survived by his wife Irene, who resides at 94 Easthaven in Houston.

ENG. FIELD EMPLOYEES, ALLEN AND FUTRELL, RETIRED MAY 1



Allen



Futrell

Two Engineering Field employees retired May 1.

Raymond F. Allen, pipefitter No. 1, Engineering Field, retiring after 24 1/2 years company service.

Allen and his wife, Ann, reside at 2217 8th Street Galena Park.

J. L. Futrell, mechanic No. 1, Engineering Field, is retiring after 21 1/2 years company service.

He and his wife, Elizabeth, will make their retirement home in Rio Vista, Texas.

FIRST ARABIAN LIGHT CRUDE SHIP SINCE THE ARAB BOYCOTT (Continued from page 1)

The Japanese ship, Regent Pimpnel, with its Korean crew eased up to the Houston Refinery's docks after a short delay due to the sinking of a barge in the Gulf. It was the first Arabian light crude ship to dock at the Houston Refinery since the Arab boycott began.

Bringing its cargo of some 308,000 barrels of Arabian light crude, the Regent Pimpnel docked at 22:45 (Navy time) on the 25th of April. The cargo, which originated in Ras Tannura, Arabia, took 21 hours and 20 minutes to unload - an average of 1,200 bbl/hr. 32 hours and 2 minutes after arriving at the Houston Refinery docks, the 784-foot Regent Pimpnel was on its way to pick up another load, according to Homer C. Blaylock, dockmaster, Dispatching Department.

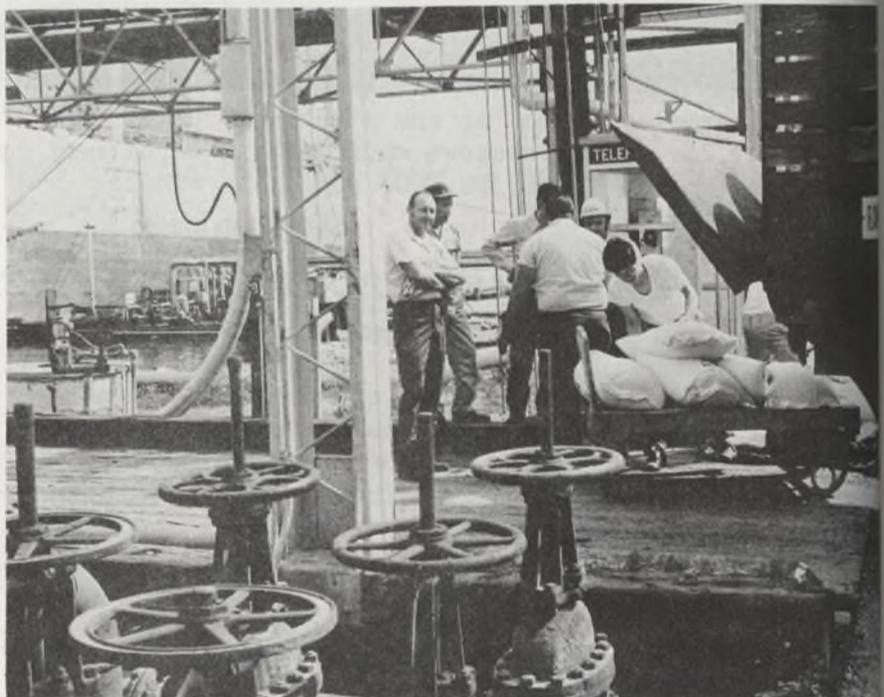
HR FAMILY DAY - SATURDAY, JUNE 1

The invitations for Houston Refinery's Family Day were mailed today to all active employees.

This is your opportunity to bring your family for a visit to the refinery and the site where you spend 40-plus hours per week.

Guided bus tours will be available - both within the refinery and the Chemical Plant.

See YOU on the 1st!



With the Regent Pimpnel in the background, the Korean crew members load up 100-pound bags of rice for their return home. Also waiting to be unloaded from the truck and onto the ship are drums of lubricating oil for the ship's engines.

ANACORTES ADDS SULFUR REMOVAL FACILITIES

Shell announced it has begun engineering studies for additional sulfur removal facilities at its Anacortes Refinery. The new additions will permit the refinery to process crude oil containing higher quantities of sulfur while continuing to meet air and water quality regulations.

A. R. Williams, refinery manager, said cutbacks in deliveries of low-sulfur crude oil from Canada and other producing countries have made it increasingly difficult to

operate the refinery at capacity levels.

Detailed engineering design will begin shortly and construction is scheduled to start in mid-1975. It is not known at this time when construction will be finished. The project is estimated to cost more than \$40 million.

The new installation will consist of four separate units, Williams said. These include a cat feed hydrotreater, fuel gas treater, sour water stripper and a sulfur recovery unit.

HOUSTON AREA OFFERS ABUNDANCE OF STATE PARKS

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of a tomb and memorial to mar-
tyred Texans. The park honors
Captain Nicholas Dawson's vol-
unteers who were killed at
Salado Creek, September 18,
1842, and victims of the Mier
Expedition death lottery,
March 24, 1842, in the famous
black bean incident.

Together, these Texas heroes
were reburied with full mili-
tary honors on September 18,
1848, in the same tomb on
Monument Hill, a river bluff
overlooking the Colorado River
and the City of La Grange. In
La Grange, the old tree under
which Captain Dawson reportedly
recruited his ill-famed expe-
dition still stands.

Facilities at the four-acre
site include 17 picnic tables,
two rest rooms, a playground
and the historical monument
and tomb.

One of Texas' newest state
recreation parks, located on
Lake Somerville in Burleson
and Lee Counties, also lies
within the 100-mile circle.
The park, which totals 940
acres, is divided into two
parts, the Birch Creek Unit
and the Nails Creek Unit.

Both units are equipped with
picnicking and camping facili-
ties, snack vending machines,
boat launching ramps and rest
room facilities. Activities
include camping, picnicking,
boating, water skiing, fishing,
swimming and nature study.

Thick undergrowth of lush
native yaupon lends unusual
beauty to the Lake Somerville
scene. Many species of wild
game may be observed at both
park areas. Whitetailed deer,
fox, coyote, raccoon, rabbit
and quail are abundant and
can be observed on a casual
drive through the parks. Some
of the beach along the lake is
sandy or grassy, and shallow
shorelines are ideal for wading
and swimming.

Just east of Lake Somerville
near the little community of
Washington is Washington-on-
the-Brazos State Historic Park.
The park includes the site
where Texas' Declaration of
Independence and the first Re-
public Constitution were writ-
ten. Washington was the first
capitol of the Republic of
Texas in 1836 and again from
1842 to 1844.

The park boasts 25 picnic
sites, an auditorium which
seats 300 persons, several
historical structures, and
amphitheater and museum
operated by Blinn College. One
of the most popular parks
for Houston residents is only
about 70 miles north of the
city. It is Huntsville State
Recreation Park, 2,122 wooded
acres within the boundaries
of Sam Houston National For-
est. The park offers complete
recreational facilities such
as campsites, picnic sites,
rest rooms, fishing piers
and travel trailer sites.

Lake Raven, the park's 210-
acre lake, was renovated
within the last three years
and offers good fishing.

It is easy to see that ur-
ban dwellers need not feel

"shut in" just because there
is not enough gas to go a-
round. They will, however,
have to change their travel-
ing patterns, opting for
parks which are close at hand
rather than driving long
distances for their recreation.

SALMON, RETIREE, DIED APRIL 24



A. B. "Sam" Salmon, retired
shiftforeman, Thermal Cracking,
died on April 24. At the
time of his retirement, he
had some 23 years of company
service.

Funeral arrangements were
held at the Art Simpson Funeral
Home Chapel on Friday, April
26. Burial was in the Grand-
view Cemetery.

Salmon is survived by three
daughters and a son.

OPERATORS PROMOTED TO SAFETY INSPECTORS



Eilers

Choate

Two operators were recently
promoted to safety inspectors
in the Safety Department.

Recently promoted were
Walter H. Eilers, Jr., opera-
tor No. 2, Aromatics-West,
and Norman G. Choate, opera-
tor No. 1, Hydrocracking.

Eilers worked at the Torrance
Plant prior to coming to the
Houston Refinery in July 1972.

He and his wife, Ione Lerche,
reside in Friendswood.

Choate began his employment
with Shell in March 1957.

He and his wife, Janice,
reside in Baytown.



Three Houston-based companies
are among 31 national award
winners for environmental
achievement in a judging spon-
sored by the Environment Mon-
thly newsletter.

The Shell Oil Company won a
double award for air pollution
abatement as well as adver-
tising and public service.
Other winners were Woodlands
Development Corp. for land
use, and Houston Lighting and
Power Company for water pol-
lution abatement.

Marshall A. Wood, heavy
equipment operator, Engineer-
ing Field-Automotive, is par-
ticipating in the Houston
Civic Arts Association Show
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"With this diet you can eat
all you want—just don't swallow
anything."

FUTRELL AND ALLEN RETIREMENT PARTIES HELD



OIL DROPS (Continued from page 3)

in Alameda Mall from May 2 through May 11. Wood does his sculpture pieces by welding together various metals, including bronze, copper, mild steel, old coffee and asparagus cans.

Evelyn Stebbins, wife of Houston Refinery's Charlie Stebbins, senior office assistant, Dispatching Department, is having a one-artist show at The Alfred Lee Gallery, 2602 Montrose in Houston, from May 7 through May 24.

Evelyn's paintings deal almost exclusively with landscapes executed in various mediums - acrylic, oil, collage and watercolor.

On April 19 the SHELEGRAPH published a picture of a new training class. The young man pictured third from the left in the second row identified himself as "Sid Skid".

Well, Personnel read about him and tried they did to find the name "Sid Skid" among their new employees' files. But, no "Sid Skid" could they find. So, a search of sorts ensued and it was discovered that "Sid Skid" is an alias for Troy D. Cayton.

Can it be that Troy has always wanted to be called "Sid Skid"????

Missing in the new employees' picture was Ms. Evelyn Wolfe, who was absent on the day of the picture taking. We wish to take this opportunity to welcome Evelyn to the Houston Refinery.



J. L. Futrell, left, models the apron given to him by his friends upon his recent retirement. It's Raymond F. Allen, right, saying farewell to his numerous well-wishers.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

1970 VW yellow bug, air, auto stick shift, radio, new battery, very clean, 38,000 miles.

Telephone: 729-0788

11' Angelfish sailboat. \$275.
Telephone: 729-1406

Montesa 250 cc Trials Motor Bike; woods and dirt bike, 18 months old, never raced. \$525.

Telephone: 488-3397

Heavy duty power winch, 12-volt take off. \$75.
Telephone: 771-9692

Tail gate for 1971 Ford pickup. New condition with attachment hardware. Best offer.
Telephone: 771-9692

New Firestone Champion, belted whitewall, tubeless tire. G78-15. \$25.
Telephone: 771-9692

Victorian sofa, cut velvet. Cost \$499; sell \$300. Antique cane back sofa in silk tapestry, wood trim. \$300. Two avacodo, tufted-velvet, cane-side chairs. \$115. Matching cane tray lamp. \$35. Six-chair steel frame, formica top extension dinnette, oval or round, off white and gold. \$50. Floral painted 2-globe 28" table lamp. \$25. All in excellent condition. Antique oak box wall mount telephone with light and radio

\$50. 1966 Airstream 26' travel trailer, fully self contained, sleeps 4. 27,000 miles. \$5,200. 1969 Ford Ranger 360, heavy springs, cover camper, welded hitch, power hookup, new tires; \$2,200. 2, 11 mi/gal, 27,000 miles. \$2,200. Both for \$6,500. Telephone: 453-5154 or 7564, 7-11 am or 8-11 pm

Lafayette HE-30 communication receiver. Gray crinkle finish. Separate matching speaker. AM and short wave to 30 MHz. Calibrated bandspread on ham bands. \$30.
Telephone: 649-1337

Two 8.75x15 Uniroyal belted tires, 5,000 miles. \$20 each.
Telephone: 488-3926

AM-FM auto radio still in box. \$60. Ply. V8 engine (273) transmission. Free. Utility trailer in poor condition. bearing froze on one wheel. Free.
Telephone: 479-1338

25 hp marine engine, Gray Power 4-75 with starter, generator and reverse gear. \$250.
Telephone: 427-4552

WANTED TO BUY

3-bike motorcycle trailer.
Telephone: 946-9389

Used 2x6's at least 5' to 10'.
Used 2x8's at least 8' to 10'.
Telephone: 479-5561

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