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Offshore Drilling And Fishing Facts

Concern has been expressed by some residents of coastal areas, adjacent to proposed new offshore petroleum leasing tracts, that petroleum operations will adversely affect commercial and sport fishing. Many years of experience in the Gulf of Mexico reveals that the fishing industry has not been adversely affected and that sport fishing in the area around the oil platforms has actually improved.

Large-scale drilling operations in the Gulf of Mexico began 30 years ago. Some petroleum operations in the area took place in the 1930's and early '40's, but ended when World War II began. In 1947, the world's first offshore producing well, not visible from land, was completed 12 miles off Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. To date, more than 21,000 wells have been drilled in U.S. waters; more than 17,000 in the Gulf of Mexico.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Marine Fisheries Service, the commercial fish catch in the Gulf has tripled over the past 27 years. It rose from 571 million pounds in 1950 to 1.8 billion pounds in 1976. The value of the commercial fish catch in the Gulf during that period rose from \$50.4 million to \$389 million - an in-

crease of over 671 percent. During this period, the commercial fish catch in the Gulf rose from 12 percent to 33 percent of the U.S. total. Most of this increase is attributable to the taking of menhaden (formerly a noncommercial fish) and improved fishing techniques and equipment. However, the increase does indi-

cate that petroleum operations there have not adversely affected the commercial fish population.

Sport fishing has actually improved around the platforms in the Gulf. The 3,000 platforms in the area have provided foundations for the growth of sea

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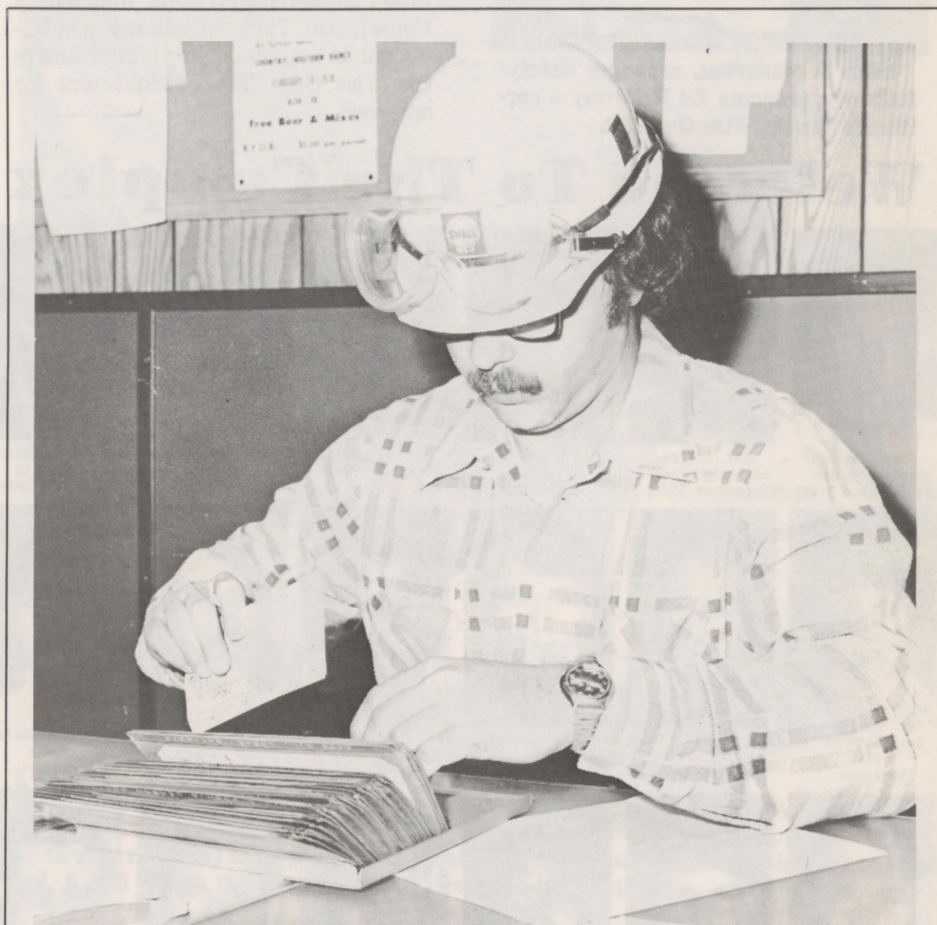
Outdoor Drama In Galveston

"The Lone Star" outdoor drama in Galveston's West Beach area will open April 15 for an expanded season as the result of almost 30,000 attending last year's 59 performances.

The 1978 schedule calls for performances on Wednesday through Saturday until May 15 when the nightly except Monday performances start. The schedule will then revert back to Wednesday through Saturday in September.

General admission will be \$3.00 (\$2.00 for those 12 and under). Reserved tickets will be \$4.00 and \$5.00 and group rates will be made available for parties of 20 or larger.

For more information write: Sue Collier, Lone Star Drama, P.O. Box 5253, Galveston, TX 77551.



Alkylation refrigeration operator Herman Osborne still has a few months to go before he reaches his second anniversary with Shell - all of which has been spent in the Alkylation Department.

These past months have brought the Mississippi raised Herman from the general helper classification to that of operator No. 1; and on February 21, he began a half-day program to train as an hourly shift foreman.

How did a young operator with less than two years' seniority manage to get trained as an hourly shift foreman? Although Herman might hesitate to say, several things are apparent in his case: He is qualified on all operating jobs under the hourly shift foreman position; he is making an effort to learn as much as he can about the Alkylation Department; and he has the ability to assume the responsibility for his unit. In addition, three foremen are retiring within the next year and replacements for them, plus backup hourly foremen, are needed.

Holloway Joins Ranks Of Wise Owls

Another DPMC employee has been accepted into the nationally known Wise Owl Club of America. He is Ed D. Holloway, a painter in Maintenance North, whose enthusiasm for wearing



Mike T. Anderson, manager Safety-Refinery, presents Ed Holloway a certificate into the Wise Owl Club.

safety glasses was reported in the February 23, 1978, issue of the *Shellegram*.

At that time Ed's experience with being struck across the face with sand blasted from a malfunctioning sand blaster was shared. It was noted then that Ed was "convinced that the safety glasses he was wearing saved his eyes."

Since then Ed has been accepted into the Wise Owl Club membership. Membership in the Wise Owls is open to any employee whose sight in one or both eyes is saved due to the wearing of eye protective equipment.

If an accident should occur and you think you might qualify for Wise Owl Club membership, contact your Safety Department. They will assist you in filling out an application for forwarding to the Wise Owl Club headquarters for approval.

Once your application is approved you become a life member and receive a Wise Owl Club certificate, a gold lapel pin and a hard hat decal.

SCORA Events

March 17 is the deadline for turning in your ballot for SCORA's new board of directors. All ballots must be accompanied by a completed membership application and your membership dues or a signed payroll deduction authorization.

March 17 is also the date for SCORA's St. Patrick's Day Dance at the K.C. Hall, 2600 West Main in Baytown. From 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. the Ghost Riders will provide a little bit of country, a little bit of rock'n roll and a few "oldies" in an effort to tempt everyone out on the dance floor at least once.

Price is \$3.00 a couple for members and \$3.50 a couple for guests.

Randee Rabbit will make her annual appearance at the Easter Egg Hunt March 18. This event for children of SCORA members only will be from 2:00 p.m. at the Deer Park Junior High School.

See bulletin boards for maps detailing how to get to the dance and Easter Egg Hunt.

SCORA's 1978 Tennis Tournament will begin the weekend of April 1 and 2 at the Deer Park High School - South Campus. The tournament will feature singles, doubles and mixed doubles for men and women of all skill levels. Consolation matches will be played for all first-round losers.

An entry fee of \$2 per event is required for SCORA members and \$4 per event for any DPMC employee who isn't a member.

Approximately 35 trophies will be awarded. Details and entry forms are on bulletin boards or call Dan McNeill on 6790.

Reminder ...

The Shell Federal Credit Union annual meeting will be Friday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Gaines Mason Auditorium, 201 Ivy, Deer Park.

Cash door prizes of \$2,200 will be given away.

Welcome To The Complex



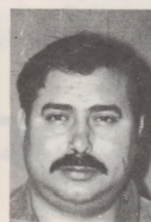
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Maintenance South

Sign Painter Applies Final Brush Strokes

Between now and September, Maintenance North sign painter Grover Dunn will apply the final brush stroke to the last sign he will paint for Shell. That final stroke will be followed by his carefully putting away any unused paint and meticulously cleaning the brushes he used.

Then, after a farewell to his many friends, he will clean out his locker and leave the job he has been doing since May 28, 1951.

Grover has a very clear memory of that day. It climaxed a period of disappointment with his former employer. So unhappy was he that one Friday he decided he wasn't going to go back. When he told his wife, she was sure he was kidding. After all, who would leave a company when they had 14 years of service with them. Luckily for Grover, one of his former co-workers believed he was serious and called that very weekend about a Shell ad for a sign painter between the ages of 21-35.

Although Grover was 37 years old, he decided to discuss the job with a neighbor who was a Shell hand. The neighbor persuaded Grover to give it a try.

So that following Monday morning he applied for the sign painter's job at Shell and was told the job was his if he wanted it.

"I was at Shell Tuesday," says Grover. "The following day I was asked by my new boss to return to my former company and do whatever was necessary to properly resign. Shell didn't want them to think that they had hired away one of their employees."

Grover found his job with Shell to be a busy one. In the early years he spent several months preparing overall perspective oxalid transparencies for use during turnarounds. He also drew cartoons, such as the one below, for the

paper when it was known as the **Shellegraph**. But the main thrust of his job was and still is painting the myriad

of signs necessary to identify equipment, provide instructions and state rules and regulations.



Grover routinely hand paints another sign for the Central Power Station. When finished, it will match the two completed circles to its right.

JOE & MOE

By G. B. DUNN, Paint Shop



Classifieds

FOR SALE

1976 Ford Elite 2-door H-T, auto, power, air, vinyl top, wire wheels, all extras, 28,000 miles. 472-6296

23-channel Courier Gladiator CB, extra channels, 3 mobile linears, new Wilson Laser Beams. 944-1072 after 4 p.m.

Dune buggy, no motor, tube frame, California style. Make offer. 944-1072 after 4 p.m.

14'x68' mobile home, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, central air and heat, located in Lomax. \$1,500 equity; assume \$125 monthly notes. 477-9192

Sears 10 hp riding lawnmower, like new. \$650. 351-5241

1970 Mobile home 12'x68', Park Avenue, 3 bedroom, stove and refrigerator, unfurnished, very good shape. \$7,500. 1977 Yamaha XT500 street-dirt bike, runs great, never raced. \$1,000. 487-0584 or 487-3058

LWB camper shell. \$75. 477-2844

1976 AM radio off LTD, excellent condition. \$30. 473-3647

1975 Corvette T-top 350, 38,000 miles. \$6,600. 473-1137 after 5 p.m.

1968 Plymouth Fury III 4-door, vinyl top, 383 V8, P-S-B, air, AM radio, new muffler, alternator, battery. \$600. 476-0074

1976 Yamaha Enduro 175cc, low mileage, like new. \$550. 473-2365

70'x14' 2-bedroom, 2-bath trailer, central heat and air, many extras. \$9,000. 472-4533

Sears Lady Kenmore washer and dryer, automatic compacts, yellow, excellent condition. \$275 for both. 473-8727

1974 Pontiac Ventura 2-door coupe, 350 V8, auto, console shift, air, P-S bucket seats, AM-FM stereo, like new steel belted radial tires. \$2,195. 946-6273

GARAGE SALES

808 Trimm (off Merle), Monday and Tuesday, March 20-21.

Freeway Manor, 655 East Lake, Friday, Saturday and Monday.

LOST

Prescription glasses in black case, vicinity refinery pool parking lot on March 7. Contact Art Janszen on 6524.

FOUND

Single key on rubber band. Claim in room 151 of refinery administration building.

PERSONALS

To my friends at DPMC South: It has been a privilege for me to have worked with you over these past 30 odd years, and for that I am thankful to each of you. Thank you for my nice retirement gifts. I will miss you. Sincerely,
- Dick Dickerson

Rules For Submitting Ads

Readers are again reminded of the rules for submitting ads for free publication in the **Shellegram**.

- Ads are published 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. Forms are available at the receptionist's desk and the **Shellegram** office. However, ads don't have to be submitted on the forms to be published.

- Deadline for submitting ads is Monday.

- Mail ads to the **Shellegram** office or bring them to room 151 of the refinery administration building.

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plants and invertebrates, creating the first step in the marine food chain. About a dozen or more species of fish virtually unknown in the area prior to drilling operations can now be found near the platforms. Many of these fish are believed to have migrated there because of the favorable conditions created by the manmade structures, which serve as havens for fish, providing both food and shelter.

Oil spills from platforms in the Gulf have had little harmful and only temporary effect on marine life. Dr. John

G. Mackin, professor emeritus of biology, Texas A&M University, has studied the inshore and nearshore Gulf of Mexico ecology and marine communities extensively since 1947. He has stated that platform operations there have had little adverse affect on the marine life. This view is supported by Dr. Lyle St. Amant, assistant director, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, who said in reference to offshore operations in Louisiana Gulf waters, "We cannot detect any harmful effects on fish."

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