

FREE TIME RESULTS IN NEW HOBBY: ASTRONOMY

Some men when confined to an outdoor area for long periods of time feel the need to do something. That something for Sonny Waites, BPA shift foreman, was to turn his attention upward and focus on the heavens.

At first Sonny spent most of his time looking with his naked eye. Then as interest grew, he sought more knowledge of what it was he was gazing at in the heavens. He subscribed to three astronomy magazines ranging from general to more technical information.

As Sonny's awareness increased, he wanted to see more than his naked eye permitted, so he ordered a 10-inch Newtonian reflector

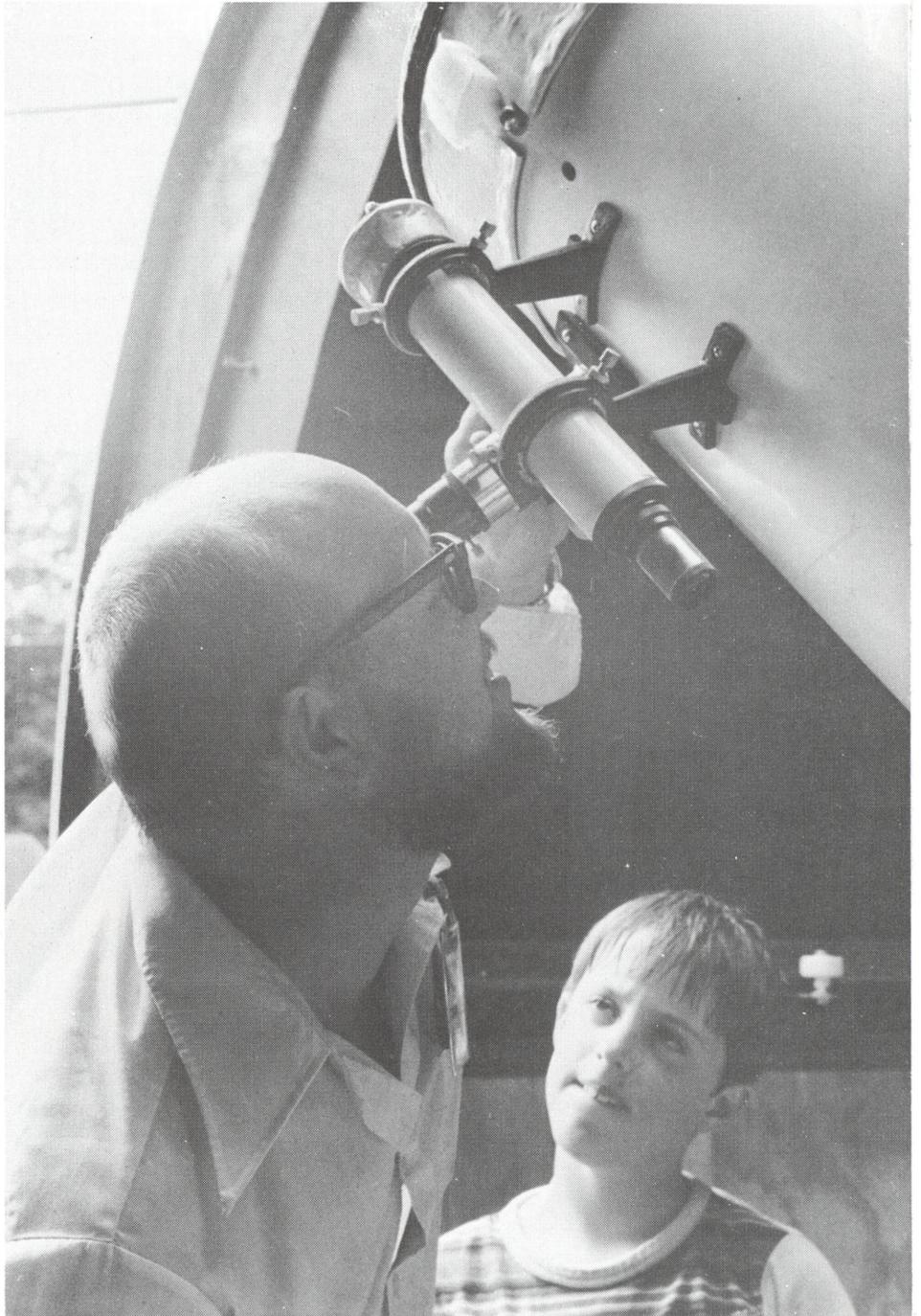
Sonny's eight-year-old son watches intently while his dad adjusts the settings for viewing sunspots.

telescope and a solar screen to assist in his "seeing." During the year delay between placing the order and the delivery, he went to work designing and constructing an observing dome in his Deer Park backyard to house the telescope.

Ideas for the observing dome came from reading various magazines and books. Then the concrete slab was poured and 25 sheets of plywood were used to construct the circular building with its rotating dome and slotted doors.

A gap provided around the top edge of the wall and the overlapping dome permits cool air to enter forcing the warmer air out the gap under the dome's slotted doors. Consequently the building remains cool on the sunniest days.

The slotted doors also permit viewing any portion of the heavens by simply rotating the dome until the doors open on that portion



of sky you wish to view.

Unfortunately for many astronomy buffs like Sonny there's really not a lot you can see in this area due to the lights of the city and surrounding industries. He feels you are lucky if you can see with your naked eye a fourth magnitude star, such as appears in the

Little Dipper.

Still, Sonny can view such wonders as sun spots, granulations, solar flares and prominences in his own backyard with the aid of his telescope and solar screen. To Sonny, granulations and sun spots appear as a big pot of boiling water. Solar flares sometimes extend

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Info and picture due June 3 for GRADUATES' ISSUE.

TWO TRAINING PROGRAMS COMPLETED



Session 71 recently completed its training in Operators' Fundamentals. Those participating included: Kneeling, Oscar Canales, Jay Washington, Felipe Martinez, Wardell Brigham, Al Richards, Joel Cortez and Gary Turner. Standing, instructor F. P. "Augie" Augustine, Christopher White, Dewayne Curry, Jess Senkel, Floyd Porter, Larry Edwards, Grover Goff, Margaret Watts and Eugene Hale.



Session 72 also completed its training and included the following participants: Kneeling, Rob L. Bass, Joe Felix, instructor Pete Fletcher, Walter Griffith and John Guzman. Standing, Alan Muzny, James Parish, Mitch Young, Jr., Genevieve Ashlock, Herbert White, Don Ray, Kelly Koenig, Sharky McInnis, Jake Ross, Jr., and Jim Harvey.

PENSIONERS LIERMAN, GATES, BOARD AND CARPENTER DIE

Four pensioners died within the past few weeks.

Edwin B. Lierman, retired treater No. 1, Treating, died April 1.

At the time of his retirement, he had some 18 years of company service.

Edwin is survived by his wife, Selma, who resides at 7407 Capitol in Houston.



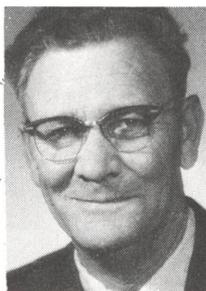
C. Richard Gates, died April 30 at the age of 69.

At the time of his retirement in September 1963 as an operator No. 1 in Thermocracking, he had 32 years of company service.

Funeral services were held at the LaPorte Community Church with burial at Grandview Cemetary.

Richard is survived by his wife, Leola, who resides in LaPorte.

R. V. "Bob" Board, 80,

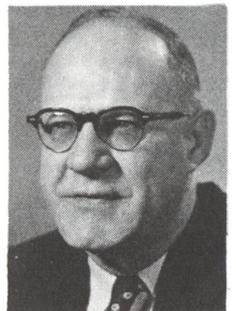


died May 2.

Bob retired in January 1958 after 28 years of company service. At that time he was a materials checker in Stores.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, who resides at 7130 Japonica in Houston.

Funeral and burial arrangements were handled by Forest Park Lawndale.



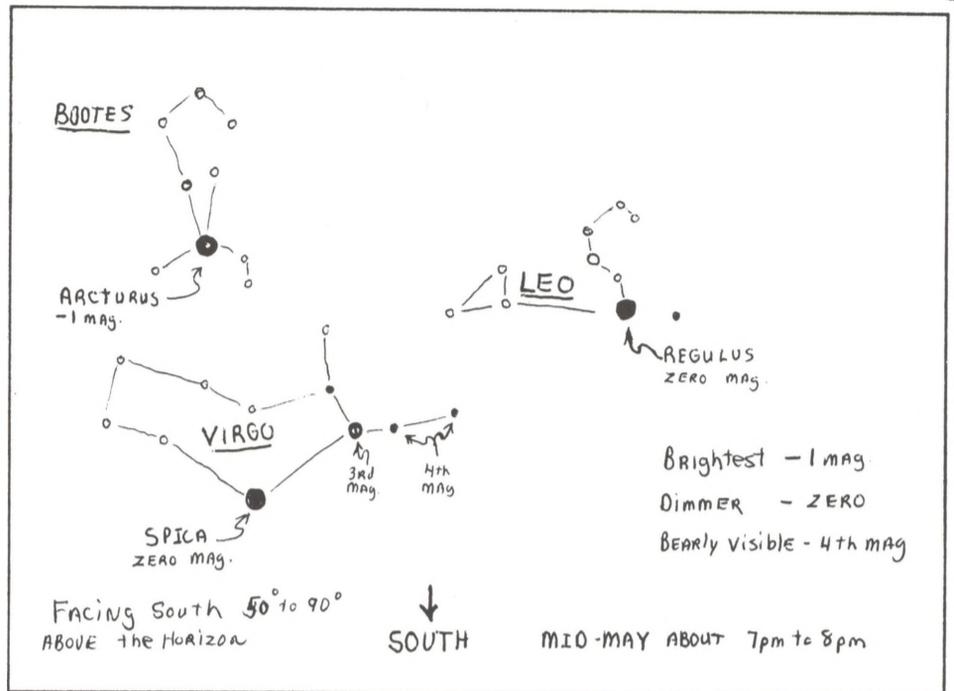
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thousands of miles from the sun's surface while prominences stay fairly close. Both can contribute to interference with TV and radio reception. Many of these wonders are easily viewed with a solar screen.

"A solar screen," says Sonny, "permits daytime viewing without fear of damaging your eyes." The screen reflects 99.999 percent of the light, yet Sonny is quick to note that one shouldn't attempt to look at the sun without the proper equipment or knowledge of what you are doing.

"I still feel like I'm a beginner at it. I'm still feeling my way around, so I don't have any definite program for looking," explains Sonny. But, give him time, and he will have a program for looking all lined out.



Here Sonny has drawn a chart of the heavens showing what to look for during mid-May at 7-8 pm. Note that the smaller the magnitude, the brighter the star.

COMPANY-WIDE HBP SCREENING PROGRAM PLANNED

A company-wide screening program to detect high blood pressure will be carried out during the last two weeks of May. All employees will be offered an opportunity to a blood pressure evaluation without cost.

Although participation in the program is voluntary, employees should recognize that high blood pressure is a common and devastating problem. It afflicts some 15 to 20 percent of the adult population and is a contributing factor in as many as 250,000 deaths

annually.

High blood pressure usually doesn't cause symp-

charge referred Ike to his physician.

A couple of days later

HAVE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE TAKEN IN CAFETERIAS	
<u>Chemical</u>	<u>Refinery</u>
2:15 pm - 4:30 pm May 17, 19, 21, 27	2:15 pm - 4:30 pm May 24, 26, 28, June 3
11:15 am - 12:30 pm May 20, 21	11:15 am - 12:30 pm May 17, 18

Pensioners die....

W. A. "Bill" Carpenter, retired Distilling Department manager, died May 2.

At the time of his retirement in November 1960, he had 38 years of company service.



Services were held at the Forest Park Chapel with burial in Forest Park Cemetery.

Bill is survived by his wife, Pauline, who resides at 4834 McDermed Drive in Houston.

toms, so it offers no warning until a serious complication occurs. What the Medical Department hopes to accomplish with its screening program is to identify those employees whose blood pressure is elevated and advise them to seek further evaluation from their physician.

Just ask I. C. "Ike" White. He was feeling fine. He'd had his blood pressure taken in March of '75, and it was an acceptable 144/88. When the company held its first regular screening in October of 1975, Ike dropped by and discovered it was 190/120. The nurse in

Ike's blood pressure still read 190/112. With medication prescribed by his physician, Ike's high blood pressure has dropped steadily to a current reading of 160/94.

Still, there are others with high blood pressure who attempt to treat themselves instead of seeking professional advice. These employees and those who aren't aware they have high blood pressure are taking an unnecessary risk.

All employees are encouraged to have their blood pressure taken in the cafeteria at the times specified above before it's too late.

CLASSIFIEDSFOR SALE

40 hp Wizard control and electric start. \$100.
455-6838.

1974 Model Charter travel trailer 8'x30', fully self-contained, like new. \$4,000.
864-5370 after 5:30 pm

24' Wellcraft, airsnot, VHF radio, depth finder, compass. \$9,500.
332-2687

1½ acre in Pearland. \$5,500.
332-2687.

17' molded mahogany Sea Fly 40 hp motor, McClain big wheel trailer. \$1,595.
471-0263.

1971 Mercury Marquis, auto, P/S, disk brakes, AM-FM stereo radio, heater, new tires, vinyl top.
643-7123

8' over-cab camper, 3 burner stove, oven, butane refrigerator, sleeps 4. 1972 Chevrolet pickup half-ton, Cheyenne, radio, air, power, automatic, needs work camper and truck. \$1,000.
479-1491

1968 Plymouth Fury, 4-door, automatic, P/S and brakes, good condition. \$400.
458-1494

Deep water canal lot at Jamaica Beach in Galveston two blocks from bay, 70' on water, lot above highest tides. Low down payment; easy terms.
472-6101

1962 Pontiac 4-door H/T, new brakes and tires, excellent condition.
479-1891

15' Dingo Catamaran, main sail, galvanized trailer. \$1,200 or best offer.
476-5142

1971 Honda CT 90cc, 584 miles. \$250.
477-4397

125 cc Montesa dirt bike. \$325. Yamaha 60cc mini Enduro. \$125.
488-3397

25" Magnavox color TV console, wooden cabinet with sliding doors, plays, but needs some work. \$100.
479-0479

Suzuki RM100 motorcrosser, Wiseco piston, FMF pipe, D.G. head, extras. \$400.
944-2883

1974 Hornet Sportabout stationwagon, V-8, AC, P/S, AM-FM stereo radio, steel belted radials. \$2,995.
479-4239 after 5 pm

1966 Norton 750cc with 1971 engine, needs some assembly work. Will trade for smaller street bike with electric start.
383-2080 after 5 pm

1969 Renault, needs engine work. Will trade on 18+ hp outboard or motorcycle.
383-2080 after 5 pm

Gas stove. \$25. Electric range. \$50. Fender precision bass and Bassman amp. \$500 or trade. Peavy bass amp (250 watt). \$400 or trade.
477-7602 or 479-2915.

FREE

4 puppies.
477-7602 or 479-2915

Firewood for hauling away.
488-8658 after 5 pm

WANTED

Garden tractor or riding lawnmower.
471-2961

FOR RENT

Summer vacation rental, condominium in Dillon, Colorado, 2 bedrooms and 2 baths, completely furnished. \$150/week.
777-6768 after 6 pm

LOST & FOUND

Man's gold ring with 9 diamond chips lost in refinery garage area. Reward.
672-7302

Silver ladies' watch with 6 diamond chips found near refinery cafeteria. Claim in SHELLEGRAM office.

Black rimmed prescription safety glasses found near EC #2 control room. Claim by calling chemical 3309.

PERSONALS

I would like to thank my many friends at Shell for the nice retirement party and very useful gifts. I shall always remember you. Retirement is "great" - life begins at sixty.
- Ellis J. Rusk

I would like to take this method of extending greetings to all of you Shell employees. I retired in August 1, 1961, and enjoy receiving regular issues of the SHELLEGRAM. It gives me much pleasure when I every now and then run across a name of one of my co-workers.
- J. G. Matthews



SCORA wishes to announce a golf tournament for all interested members.

So, if you are interested in participating in a golf tournament, please turn in your name and two recent scores no later than May 31.

Just fill out a slip of paper and drop it in the SCORA boxes at the clock alleys.

Do it today!!!

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SATURDAY MAY 22 ~ 10AM to 11PM
GALVESTON COUNTY PARK

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GAMES



BAR-B-Q
11:00 to 6:00 PM



GUEST TICKETS
\$ 3.00 / PERSON

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