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Beebe Phillips had given up painting while raising a family, but has gone back to it now that she is a grandmother.

## Returns to Painting After Raising Son **BEEBE PHILLIPS DIDN'T LIKE PIANO SO SHE DEVELOPED ART TALENT**

Because she wasn't very good at piano and she didn't like to study, Louvina Lewis' instructor suggested that she try painting instead.

So, she took art lessons after her grammar school classes while she was in her formative years. Later, after she married W. A. Phillips, Distilling Department, and they had a son, Wendel, she gave up painting and devoted her time to housekeeping, sewing, and an occasional parttime job.

"I don't know, my son did not take up all of my time, but I just wasn't interested in painting while he was growing up," she said.

About 10 years ago after Wendel had grown up, Mrs. Phillips, who signs her paintings as Beebe Phillips, the nickname Wendel gave her, decided to take up painting again. She studied with a Houston Recreation Department group for several months and then was more or less on her own.

She has painted about 40 oils in the past six years, most of which she has given away. There is always someone who wants one of her paintings. "Our teacher in the last class I took told us not to give our works away because they would lose their value," she said. But there are always a lot of family members and friends that she wants to please with her paintings.

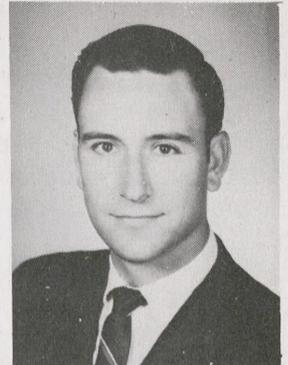
A large winter waterfall scene that she painted from a cover of a company's annual report hangs in the office of a local bank vice president, who is her brother, Leslie.

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## **F. K. BLACKARD TRANSFERS TO GO, D. L. WALLING NAMED HIS SUCCESSOR**



Blackard



Walling

F. K. Blackard, Senior Analyst, Employee Relations Department, will transfer to the Industrial Relations Department, General Offices-Houston, as an Industrial Relations Representative.

The transfer, which is effective April 1, was announced by J. G. Pratt, Refinery Manager.

D. L. Walling, presently an Employee Relations Representative in the Western E&P Regional Office, will replace Blackard.

Kirk holds a B.A. degree in economics from Texas A&M University and an L.L.B. from The University of Texas. He began working for Shell in 1968 as an Analyst in P&IR at the Houston Refinery, becoming a Senior Analyst in June 1969.

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Del Bartay, Research, Bill Murphy, Marketing, and Ray Hornsby, Treasury, attended a Supervisory Orientation & Training Course for two weeks to review supervisory techniques.

**BEEBE PHILLIPS ART TECHNIQUE CHANGES AFTER LONG ABSENCE**



Beebe and Bill chat in the living room decorated with Beebe's pictures as she puts finishing touches on a dress.

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For husband Bill she painted a large oil of a mountain lake which hangs over their mantle. "She has painted some birds and wildlife pictures that I really like. There's a kingfisher piece that I wouldn't take anything for," Bill said.

Beebe has sold a few of her oils as well as some pencil sketches, but she has never exhibited any of her works. Painting is an enjoyable hobby for her.

Each of her works, be they oil, pencil, ink, or watercolor are very detailed. She spends hours painting realism into the pictures. The impressions are so clearly detailed that tiny blades of grass, leaves and reflections on the water are quite visible.

Bill built a studio onto their house in Houston where Beebe paints, sews and does bookkeeping. She makes many of her clothes. She has been working in the tax department of Peden Industries for six years now.

Often when the Phillips go on vacation, they pick out a scenic lake where Bill can fish and Beebe can paint.

"Once we were at a lake in Smokey Mountain National Park and a couple passed by as they returned from a funeral and said we looked so peaceful there," Beebe said.

"I like to paint scenes of places we've

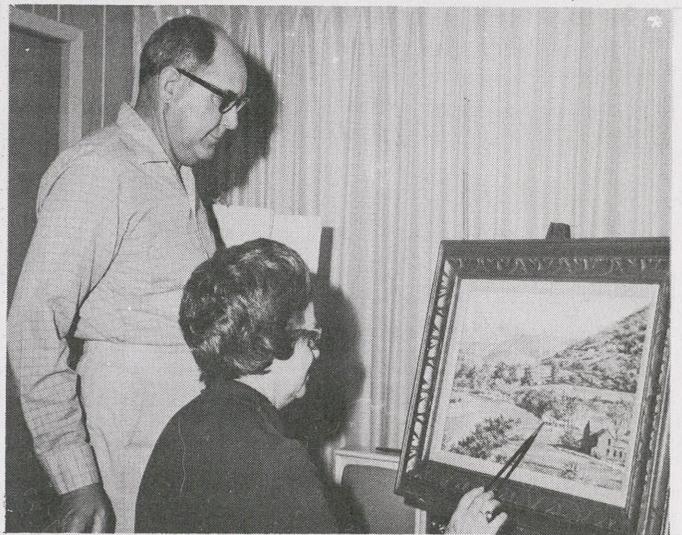


Bill straightens one of his favorite scenes which his wife painted especially for him.

been so that we can remember them better, although it takes a great deal of time to capture the right lighting. You know, you have to paint at the same time everyday so that the lighting will be right. I like to paint from pictures or postcards because it doesn't take as much time," she said.

Bill has taken some pictures that she has painted from, "but she gave those away, too," Bill said.

Even though she spent many years away from the easel, there is a marked difference and improvement in her technique. She has two little paintings hanging in the den which she calls her before and after. The before picture is a seascape, the first oil she ever did, and the after is a very detailed lake scene which she painted recently.

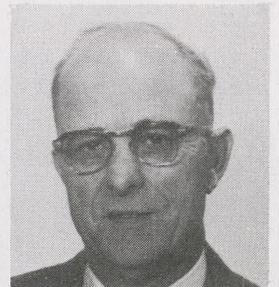


Bill likes to watch Beebe at work although he says he doesn't know much about painting.

**E. C. NEFF DIED MARCH 9 IN ATHENS, SERVICES HELD IN HOUSTON THURSDAY**

E. C. Neff, pensioner, died Tuesday, March 9, in Athens, Texas. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Francis Neff.

Neff retired January 1, 1970, after 26 years of service. Born in Ohio, he attended school in Arkansas and college in Conway, Arkansas. He began working as a Loader at the Houston Refinery in 1943. He retired as a Machinist No. 1 in the Engineering Field Department.

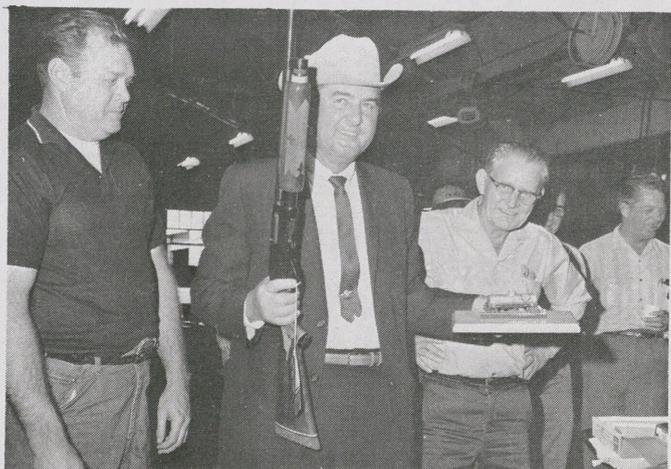


Services were held yesterday and burial was at South Park Cemetery in Houston.

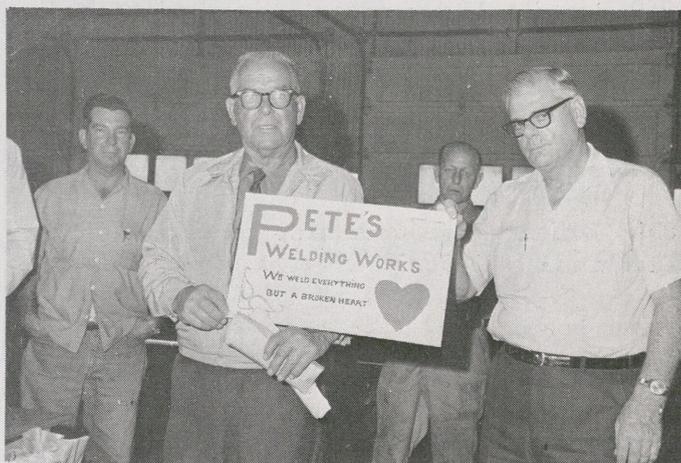
**F. K. BLACKARD TRANSFERS-- (Continued from Page 1.)**

D. L., a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, joined Shell in May 1967 as an Analyst at the Houston Data Service Center. After holding the positions of Safety Representative and Training Representative in the Midland Division, he assumed his present position in the Western Region in September 1969.

## E. SPROUSE, PETE GILLIAM HONORED AT RETIREMENT COFFEE



E. Sprouse, Dispatching Department, received a rifle and a miniature tank car upon his retirement earlier this month. At right



Pete Gilliam, center, Automotive Section, accepts a sign, which he can use when he retires to LaPorte, from Tom Reed.

## FAITH WATSON NAMED TO S. TEXAS ALL STAR GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Faith Watson, whose father Ed Watson is an Operator No. 1 in the Lube Oils Department, was recently selected as the first alternate to the South Texas All Star Girls High School Basketball Team.

Coaches from throughout South Texas selected eight guards (defensive players) and eight forwards (offensive players) to the team. Miss Watson was the ninth guard selected, thus becoming the first alternate. The South Texas team will meet the North Texas All Stars in a game at Brownwood, Texas, July 17.

Miss Watson's selection as an All Star was the climax of a highly successful basketball career at Deer Park High School during which she scored 1,850 points. The attractive six footer averaged 20.2 points a game her senior year during which she was a team captain.

During her four years of varsity competition, Miss Watson played in 113 games and was an important factor in the Deer winning 94 of them. As a junior, she was selected by the Deer Park coaches as the best all around girl athlete. She was named to several All Tournament teams in her junior and senior years and was named to the All District Team last year. Her coach, Bob Brockhoff, hopes that she will be named All District again this year, and firmly confessed that he believes "she deserves it."

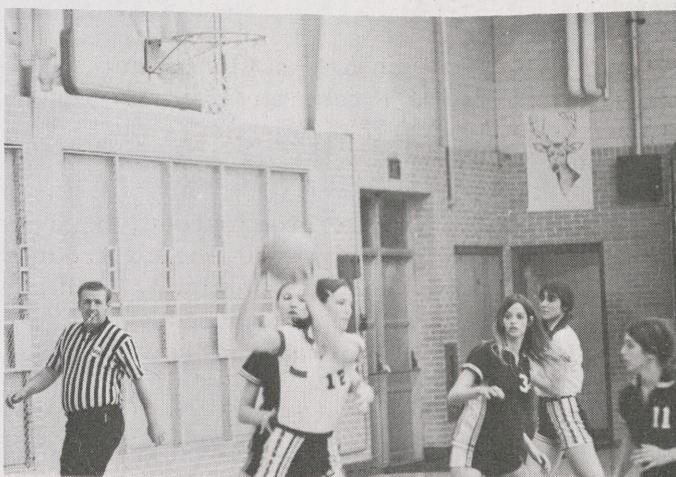
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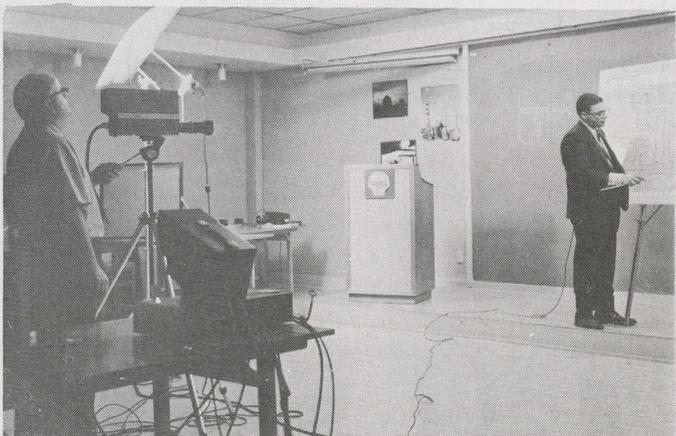
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Deadline for ads--Wednesday Noon



Guard Faith Watson is on her way to scoring some of the 1,000 points of her high school career as a member of the Deer Park girls basketball team.

Although she will graduate this spring, Miss Watson's basketball playing days may not be over. She has been approached by three colleges about basketball scholarships.



Pete Samsury, Engineering Services, right, and Gordon Shafer, Research, produced a videotape to be used to instruct Utilities Department employees on the CI Water Treatment Process. Parts of the course were also taped at the unit.

## CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

1969 Renault 10, 4-speed, air conditioned, radio, heater, one owner, \$1200, new tags  
Telephone: 946-8298

1952 International 1/2 ton pickup truck.  
Telephone: 477-2013

18 hp Evinrude, good running condition, \$90.  
Telephone: 472-7637

Bumper pool table, like new, \$60.  
Telephone: 1-575-1305

New 6 shot single action Falcon revolver, 22L.R.-22 mag., \$36.  
Telephone: 631-0517

1961 V-8 Ford pickup, 2 new tires, long wheel base, completely overhauled, \$400.  
Telephone: MI 5-0504

Shopsmith, \$100.  
Telephone: 923-5795

Antique cane back chair, solid walnut, 70 years old, \$17.50. Stoke-on-Trent antique pitcher & bowl set, \$25.  
Telephone: 473-2268

Hardwood floors, 3¢ per linear foot, hardwood stairs with railing, \$50, solid front door complete with window around, \$100, 8 ft. wooden columns, \$15 each, used bathtub, sink, kitchen sink, commode without tank, \$35.  
Telephone: 472-8445

'69 Volkswagen, air conditioned, radio, 24,000 miles, '71 tags, new muffler, \$1495.  
Telephone: 944-8259 anytime

1969 Riverside made by Bonelli, 260 cc, new paint, \$200.  
Telephone: GR 9-1606

3 cemetery lots in Grandview Cemetery, priced reasonably.  
Telephone: 479-2539.

1970 Bradford, instant-on, black & white, 19" portable with stand, \$55, like new.  
Telephone: 946-8298

Sony Stereo system, HP 460 80 watts, 6½ inch woofer, 3 inch tweeter; 1010 dual turntable. One year old.  
Telephone: 738-3104 after 7 p.m.

1970 Volkswagen with sun roof, red, excellent condition, 20,000 miles, like new, \$1650.  
Telephone: 467-0735

'63 Chevy, 6 cylinder, manual transmission, radio, heater, extra set of tires, can be made good work car.  
Telephone: 488-6981

GARAGE SALE--Moving to new home, Spanish accessories, expensive clothing, odds and

ends. Cheap, many free items. Sat. and Sun., March 13, 14. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 2007 South Palm in Parkview Estates.  
Telephone: 944-8845

PERSONAL

To all my fellow workers: Thanks to all of you for the many years we worked together and for the thoughtful farewell party. Thanks again.  
Pete Gilliam

LOST

Pair of Polaroid sunglasses near MEK.  
Telephone: WA 3-1004

FOUND

All purpose pocket knife with Shell emblem on case. Claim at Shellegraph office.

FCR RENT

House in Deer Park, 3 bedrooms, garage, no pets, \$110 month, \$50 deposit.  
Telephone: 479-2500

**PENSIONER JONES RUNS MILE IN 5:58.7 AT INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP MEET**

L. B. Ikey Jones, retiree from the Distilling Department, placed third in the one mile run in the 40 year and older class in the Astrodome National Indoor Championships last month. His time was 5:58.7

An all around athlete, the 61 plus-year-old pensioner, swam his 500th mile on December 31. It took four years and seven months of regular swimming sessions for him to reach this milestone. He says he was recently defeated by a 34-year-old NASA test pilot in the Y singles handball tournament, although he helped win the doubles title.

He devotes much of his time to athletic endeavors because he runs 12 to 15 miles per week, plays 12 games of handball each week, swims and rides his bicycle (a gift from Shell friends) 10 miles everyday.



J. K. Bagley receives a gift from friends presented by Ben Baldwin at farewell party. Bagley has been transferred to a position with Shell Curacao.